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**Banking & Finance**

- **Bandhan Bank** has opened its **first currency chest** in **Deedargunj** in **Patna, Bihar**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed several restrictions, including on fund withdrawals, on **two Uttar Pradesh-based cooperative banks Lucknow Urban Co-operative Bank and Urban Co-operative Bank Limited, Sitapur** because of their deteriorating financial position.
- **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL)**, **the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)**, & **non-bank financial company Policybazaar.com** has **launched 'OPD Add-on' for customers to address their health & wellness needs**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed another window for **payment aggregators (PAs)** existing as of **March 2020** to apply to the central bank for a license by **September 30, 2022**, & should have a **minimum net worth of Rs 15 crore as on March 31, 2022**.
- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited** has launched its **credit card servicing mobile application, 'bob card'**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **temporarily permitted merchants or their payment aggregators (PAs)** involved in the settlement of transactions where cardholders decide to enter the card details manually to save the **Card-on-File (CoF) data** for a maximum period of



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“**Transaction Date + 4 days**” or till the settlement date, whichever is earlier.

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed several restrictions, including on the withdrawal of funds, on **three Urban cooperative banks (UCBs)** namely
  1. Jaiprakash Narayan Nagari Sahakari Bank, Basmatnagar, Maharashtra
  2. The Karmala Urban Co-operative Bank, Solapur, Maharashtra
  3. Durga Co-operative Urban Bank, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh.
- Capital market regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has postponed the **implementation of new rules on the nomination for mutual fund investors till October 1, 2022.**
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** imposed a **penalty of Rs 3 lakh on BSE Ltd** for indirectly engaging in works that were unrelated to its activities as a stock exchange without the regulator's approval.
- The **Union Bank of India (UBI)** has set “**RACE**” as the goal for the year.
- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** released a framework for **automated deactivation of trading and demat accounts of investors** in case of inadequate **Know Your Client (KYC) details.**
- **Union Bank of India** launched an **Industry-first, dedicated, men-focused Committee 'EmpowerHim'** as part of its flagship HR initiative 'Prerna'.



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- **Infosys Finacle, part of EdgeVerve Systems**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Infosys has been inducted into **International Financial Services Centres Authority's (IFSCA) Regulatory Sandbox framework** to pilot its blockchain-based trade finance solution.
- The **Government of India (GOI)** has announced the **sale (re-issue)** of **four dated securities** for a **notified amount of ₹33,000 crores**.
- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** announced that the **Reserve Bank of India** had allowed it to invest **₹500 crores** in the **upcoming ₹2,500 crore rights issue** of **PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL)**.
- **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd. (SVC Bank)**, one of India's leading co-operative banks, and **Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI)**, the country's apex financial institution for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), entered into a partnership through an Agreement.
- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index)** in **March 2022** **increased to 56.4** indicating that growth has been witnessed across all parameters.
- The **goods and services tax (GST) e-invoicing** will be **mandatory** for firms with a turnover of over **Rs 10 crore from October 1, 2022** down from the **current threshold of Rs 20 crore** to further plug leakages and ensure better compliance.
- **Federal Bank** has become **India's first bank** to list its **Payment Gateway platform** on the **TIN 2.0 platform** of the Income Tax Department.



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- **Karnataka Bank** has entered into an arrangement with **Yubi** (formerly known as **CredAvenue Pvt Ltd**) for **co-lending** via the **Yubi Co.Lend**, India's co-lending platform.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **restructured** its **advisory committee on market data** that **recommends policy measures** for securities market data access and privacy.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has allowed **insurers** to **buy more perpetual bonds** issued by banks and allowed them to participate in **high-yield public listings**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** with **SCHWING Stetter India Pvt Ltd** one of India's major construction equipment manufacturers for **financing construction equipment**.
- Insurance start-up **InsuranceDekho** has partnered with **Future Generali India Insurance Company** to **offer dog health covers**.
- **Yubi** has agreed with **U GRO Capital**, a new generation Lending-as-a-Service (LaaS) business that leverages technology to deliver last-mile credit to **MSMEs** with the financing of **more than INR 2000 crore by March 2023** in India.
- **IndusInd Bank** has announced a **strategic partnership** with **Rupyy**, a new-age digital lending platform offering **100% paperless loan processing for used cars**.



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- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has granted **in-principle approval** for a change in control of **HDFC Asset Management Company (AMC)**, a subsidiary of HDFC, and the asset management company of **HDFC Mutual Fund**, due to a change in co-sponsor of HDFC Mutual Fund, on account of proposed amalgamation of HDFC with and into HDFC Bank.
- The market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a **15-member advisory committee, FPI (Foreign Portfolio Investment) Advisory Committee' FAC.**
- **American Express, a Small Business Card issuer** in the **U.S** has launched a cross-border payment solution **Global Pay**, that will let U.S. businesses make secure domestic and international B2B (Business to Business) payments.
- **HDFC Bank** raised **\$300 million** in **Non-Resident External (NRE) deposits**, offering up to **50 basis points** higher than the current rates.
- **Dhanlaxmi Bank Limited** has agreed with its **first fintech partner, New Street Technologies Private Limited**, for **Micro Lending, Operations Management, and Technology Services** under **priority sector lending.**
- **Indian Bank** has collaborated with **Hatchlab Research Centre, Technology Business Incubator (TBI)** of **SRM University-Andhra Pradesh** to launch **'IND SpringBoard'**, an initiative for financing start-ups and **Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).**



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- **Axis Bank** becomes the **first Indian bank** to launch **Axis Receivables Suite (ARS)**-an innovative **Cash Management** proposition.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** and **India's leading early-stage platform for investors and founders, LetsVenture Technologies Pvt. Ltd** has partnered to **explore synergies** and support the startup ecosystem by offering curated products and solutions to startups, founders and investors.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that **small finance banks** which have completed **two years** of operations and have a **minimum net worth of Rs 500 crore** can deal in foreign exchange.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, has permitted **non-financial institutions** and **unregulated entities** to own more than **40 percent stake** in **IDBI Bank**
- **Paytm Payments Bank Limited** has Partnered with **Piramal Capital & Housing Finance** to offer **merchant loans** to small cities and towns across India.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** is the **first Indian lender** to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds which come across as replicas of natural diamond stones.
- **HDFC Bank** has partnered with the **Trade receivables discounting platform, M1xchange** promoted by **Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd** to make a **debut** in the **Trade receivables Discounting System (TReDs)** platform.





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- **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, a first-of-its-kind initiative to democratize the country's e-commerce ecosystem has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, for the coordination of capabilities of establishments engaged in related actions.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited** launched **Kotak Crème**, a lifestyle-focused corporate salary **account**, offering an upgraded banking experience to new-age professionals working with eminent corporations.
- **Yes Bank** and **IBSFINTech**, the **leading TreasuryTech Solution provider**, have partnered to explore untapped opportunities emerging out of the digitization of corporate finance.
- Mortgage lender **HDFC Ltd** **has raised** USD 1.1 billion (around Rs 8,700 crore) **from a clutch of investors under the** 'Syndicated Social Loan Facility' **at about a** 3.3 percent rate **for** financing housing projects in India.
- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.** has launched **Max Life Smart Secure Easy Solution**, a comprehensive **three-in-one protection solution** offering benefits of **life, critical illness & disability**, and **accidental cover**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has canceled the **license of Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd** as the lender **does not have adequate capital and earning prospects** following an order from the **Bombay High Court**.



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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued a **regulatory framework** to make **digital lending safe** for members of the public.
- **Navi Mutual Fund** has introduced the launch of its **sixth fund** for this year, the **Navi Nifty India Manufacturing Index Fund**.
- **Airtel Africa** has signed up for a **USD 125 million revolving facilities** from American banking major **Citi**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty** of **Rs 2.33 crore** on **Spandana Sphoorty Financial Limited**, based in **Hyderabad**.
- On the occasion of **India's 76th year of Independence**, celebrated as **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, introduced a **unique term deposit program** called '**Utsav Deposit**'.
- **Build Your Dreams (BYD) India Private Limited**, a subsidiary of the **Warren Buffett-backed world's leading New Energy Vehicle manufacturer BYD**, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **HDFC Bank** towards a stock financing solution to its pan India dealer network.
- **Yes, Bank** has partnered with **SellerApp**, a **seller-centric intelligence platform**, to **encourage** the seller segment of its client base to adopt **Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC)** and help them expand their **digital commerce footprint**.



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- On the occasion of **75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, the **Karnataka Bank** has introduced a **new Term Deposit Scheme, KBL Amrit Samridhi under Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC) and Fixed Deposit (FD)** for a **tenure of 75 weeks (525 days)**.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched its **first branch dedicated to start-ups** in **Koramangala, Bengaluru, and Karnataka**.
- **Axis Bank, India's third largest private sector bank**, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to provide **"Ultima Salary Package"**, a best-in-class **salary account** with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Mr. Shaktikanta Das** announced **Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS)** to facilitate inward gross payments for **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)** to pay bills in India.
- **Mirae Asset Mutual Fund** has launched **2 new funds - Mirae Asset Global Electric & Autonomous Vehicles ETFs Fund of Fund (FoF) and Mirae Asset Global X Artificial Intelligence and Technology ETF Fund of Fund**.
- The asset management company (AMC) **Edelweiss Mutual Fund** is **scheduled** to launch **India's first scheme Edelweiss Gold and Silver Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) Fund of Fund (FoF)** that offers exposure to **gold and silver** via a **single fund on 24 August 2022**.



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- The **J&K Regional Office National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on the **promotion and financing** of **700 Joint Liability Groups (JLGs)** in the **conference hall of NABARD, J&K Regional Office**.
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has launched the '**Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme**' – a special retail **fixed deposit product** offering interest rates of **5.75% for 444 days** and **6% for 555 days** is open till **December 31, 2022**.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Shri. Partha Pratim Sengupta** has launched a **special variant of debit card IOB Rupay Select Card** that can be used for **domestic and international payments**.
- **Paytm**, a digital financial services company has partnered with **Samsung** stores across India to **enable smart payments** and its **loan service Paytm Post-paid** through the **deployment of point-of-sale devices**.
- **ReNew Power has raised a \$1-billion project loan through** external commercial borrowings (ECB), **collaborating with 12 international banks for the finance**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** canceled the **license of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Vijayapur, Karnataka** due to inadequate capital and no earning prospects.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty of ₹5,93,000** on **Obopay Mobile Technology India Private Limited** for non-compliance with certain provisions of the



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Master Directions on **Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)** dated August 27, 2021, & the **Know Your Customer (KYC)**.

- **Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has allowed new guidelines for **Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)** and **Venture Capital Funds (VCFs)** for investing abroad, under which overseas investment firms won't need to have an Indian connection.
- For the **welfare of its troops**, the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** signed **MoUs** with **8 banks** to get **customized banking services** for its personnel deployed across India.
- To celebrate 75 years of India's independence, **Aegon Life Insurance Company (ALIC)**, **digital India's life insurance company**, has launched '#PlayForOurHeroes'.
- State-owned Central Bank of India, a Public Sector Bank (PSB) **has entered into a** co-lending partnership **with** Protium Finance and Incred Financial Services Limited (IFSL) **to offer loans to** Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) borrowers.
- As per the latest **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data**, the **remittance** by **Indians** under the **liberalized remittance scheme (LRS)** increased **64.75%** in the **first quarter(Q1)** of **FY23** to over **\$6.04 billion** from **\$3.67 billion** in **Q1FY22**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty** of **Rs 32 Lakh** on the **Indian Bank**, for **failing to submit** a Flash Report for fraud involving amounts of at least **Rs. 5.00 crore** to the RBI as required by Section 47A(1)(c) of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.



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- **The market regulator** Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI), **has joined the** Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Account Aggregator framework, which **will allow** customers **to** share information **about their** mutual fund **and** stock holdings **with financial service providers**.
- The **Reserve Bank Of India (RBI)** has issued **fresh instructions** barring recovery agents from **resorting to intimidation of borrowers** as well as calling them **before 8 am** and **after 7 pm**.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** is set to roll out an upgraded version of the **Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS)**, a revamped **grievance redressal mechanism** as **Bima Bharosa**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** emerged as the **net seller of the United States (US) dollar** in **June 2022** after selling **3.719 billion USD** on a net basis.
- **KreditBee**, one of India's leading fintech platforms, has partnered with **Cashfree Payments**, India's leading payments and API banking solutions company, to offer customers an option to convert their online purchases into **Equated Monthly Installment (EMIs)** for its non-credit card holders.
- **Rajasthan** accounted for the **highest share** in the **total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in 2021-22**, retaining the **top place** for **two consecutive years**.
- **Non-life Insurer Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited** has partnered with **Repco Home Finance Ltd** to offer insurance against home loans.



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- Edelweiss General Insurance **has partnered with the** Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) **to help create** digital health IDs Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission **for all in India.**
- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has launched a **new pre-qualified credit card** along with an **overdraft facility of fixed deposit (FD).**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released a **discussion paper on payment charges** that has dissatisfied the trade and analysts alike, because it raises several questions however it doesn't provide options or take any stance on them, resulting in continued uncertainty.
- **BASIX Social Enterprise Group** launched **BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM)**, an agritech platform, in partnership with **Mastercard.**
- In the exercise of powers vested in it under sub-section (1) of Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has issued **directions to Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Kerala for six months.**
- **India's first super app** of the **Tata Group, Tata Neu** and **HDFC Bank** partnered to launch **co-branded credit cards** in two variants: **Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card** and **Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** lifted business restrictions imposed on **American Express Banking Corp (AEBC)** citing satisfactory compliance demonstrated by the entity to RBI rules.



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- According to the data collated by PGA Labs, State Bank of India (SBI) remained the top player with a 30% market share of debit cards as of June 2022, despite a 6% decline in year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth
- BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB) and the Indian Army has launched a co-branded RuPay credit card for the Indian Army personnel, in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
- Tata Power's wholly owned subsidiary TP Renewable Microgrid (TPRMG) has partnered with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to set up 1,000 green energy enterprises across India under a joint innovative program to support rural entrepreneurs.
- Bangladesh country head of operations Mr. Amit Kumar represented the State Bank of India (SBI) & the Deputy High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh Dr. Binoy George represented the High Commission of India signed the agreement to would manage the Indian Visa Application Center (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years at the functioning of the IVAC center in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 2.33 crore on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd for non-compliance with the guidelines on pricing loans for non-banking financial companies – microfinance institutions (NBFC-MFIs).





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- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited**, a leading private sector general insurance company, has launched '**All Things EV,**' India's first one-stop-solution portal for **Electric Vehicles (EV)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty on eight banks & non-banking finance companies (NBFC)**.
- Private sector bank major **HDFC** has opened its **first all-women branch on Cherooty Road, Kozhikode, north Kerala region**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India** signed a **USD 96.3-million loan agreement** to provide **safe drinking water** and **improve water supply** and **sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Muthoot Finance Limited** has launched **Milligram Reward Programme** for its customers wherein transactions with the company will be rewarded with a certain amount of milligram reward points.

## **National News**

- The "**India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)**" has been established by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** in the **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)**, which is close to Gandhinagar.



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- **The Lok Sabha has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill** that seeks to prohibit athletes, support personnel, and other people from engaging in doping **in sports**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has launched the ministry of power's flagship **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)**.
- To mark the completion of **two years of the launch of National Education Policy 2020**, the **Union Home Minister** recently launched a slew of initiatives related to education and skill development.
- The **Election Commission of India** recently announced that those **over the age of 17 can now apply in advance to be enrolled in the voters' list**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** addressed the inaugural session of the **first All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet in New Delhi**.
- **Union Shipping Minister Sarbanand Sonowal and Minister of State for Shipping Shripad Naik** inaugurated the **Chabahar Day conference in Mumbai**
- The **Central government** will release a **special commemorative postage stamp in memory of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of the national flag**.
- Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu** inaugurated a **Har Ghar Tiranga Bike Rally** by Members of Parliament **in Delhi from the iconic Red Fort**.



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- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari** lay the foundation stone for six National Highway projects totaling 119 kilometers and costing Rs. 2300 crore in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- To create a "comprehensive legal framework" for policing the online world, the government withdrew the **Personal Data Protection Bill from Parliament**.
- The **Ministry of Textiles** has approved **Pashmina Wool Development Scheme** under **Integrated Wool Development Programme (IWDP)** with a budget allocation of **Rs.29.25 Cr.** for implementation during FY from **2021-22 to 2025-26**.
- **India** has achieved an important **milestone by recognizing more than 75,000 start-ups**.
- **India now has 64 Ramsar sites** altogether after adding **10 wetlands to the list**.
- The **Lok Sabha passes the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** attended the **seventh NITI Aayog governing council meeting** at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan's cultural center in New Delhi**.
- **Since 2009–10, "Mission Vatsalya,"** formerly known as **the Child Protection Services (CPS) project**, has been carried out by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** for the **welfare and rehabilitation of children**.
- The **Government has started a short-term course** namely **'Drone Service Technician'** in 126 Industrial Training Institutes.



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- With **Assam** being the newest state to join the effort in June 2022, the program has now been implemented nationwide.
- A Bill to modify the Electricity Act to provide **non-discriminatory open access to power suppliers' distribution networks** was submitted in Lok Sabha, prompting concerns from the Opposition, who said it sought to take away certain powers from the state governments.
- The **International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania** was held in **New Delhi**, and **Devusinh Chauhan**, the state minister for communications, spoke at the inaugural ceremony.
- The **12th edition of the Defense Expo**, India's biggest exhibition on land, naval, and homeland security systems, will take place in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**, according to the Ministry of Defense.
- The **22nd "Bharat Rang Mahotsav"** was officially launched at **Rabindra Natya Mandir** in Mumbai by **Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari**.
- In **Panipat, Haryana**, the **second generation (2G) ethanol plant**—built at an estimated cost of **Rs 900 crore**—will be dedicated to the country by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** via video conference.
- The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** approved the signing of an **audio-visual co-production treaty between India and Australia** with the view to promoting the co-production of films.



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- Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah e-launched the onboarding of cooperatives on the GeM portal.
- The Centre has decided to offer the use of the Indigenous 5G Test Bed free of cost to the Government recognized start-ups and MSMEs for the next six months up to January 2023.
- At the Srinagar International Airport in Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Mr. Manoj Sinha unveiled the UMEED Market Place as a component of the Airport Authority of India's AVSAR Scheme.
- The Center has shortlisted six merchant bankers to assist the government in offloading its 29.5 percent residual stake in Hindustan Zinc in tranches.
- Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) - Housing for All Mission up to 31st December 2024.
- Election Commission will host a virtual Asian Regional Forum meeting in August.
- Shri Narendra Singh Tomar launched the indigenous vaccine Lumpi-ProVacInd to protect livestock from Lumpy Skin disease.
- In the spirit of AzadikaAmritMahotsav, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under “SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise” named as “SMILE-75 Initiative”.



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- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, Minister of Electronics and IT kicked off a daylong event to celebrate “8 Years of MyGov” in New Delhi.
- **The Centre has formed a task force** in the wake of **Monkeypox cases in India** to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the **expansion of diagnostic facilities** and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.
- **Tata Group** is planning to spend **Rs 3,000 crore on R&D by FY26** and is set to roll out the 'First in India' seating system for **Vande Bharat Express trains** from September 2022.
- **Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav** inaugurated the country's **largest online herbarium database**, the 'Indian Virtual Herbarium' web portal.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has issued **Operational Guidelines** regarding the implementation of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'.
- **The Government** announced the **Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP)** of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October-September).
- The **National Statistical Office**, the proportion of **employed persons working part-time** in the **46-59 years age group at all India levels** was more than 10% between 2017-20 while in the age group above 60 years, **the proportion of employed persons working part-time was more than 15%**.



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- The **Cabinet has approved** the ratification of amendments to **the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)** as contained in the **Eleventh Additional Protocol to the Constitution**.
- **Income taxpayers** will not be eligible for the **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, a universal social security scheme, from **1 October**.
- The **government is aiming at reducing import** dependence on **palm oil by 25 to 30%** through the **production of 2.8 million tonnes (MT) of oil by 2030** under the **National Edible Oil Mission**.
- The **Government of India's Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has **identified 75 Municipal Corporations** to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of people engaged in begging under **the "SMILE: Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" initiative, known as the "SMILE-75 Initiative."**
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has launched **India's first Saline Water Lantern** which uses seawater as the electrolyte between specially **designed electrodes to power the LED lamps**.
- To harness the **export potential of honey** in line with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'sweet revolution'** through the promotion of beekeeping and allied activities, the Government has planned to organize a series of events across the country in collaboration with state governments and farmers.



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- **The Department of Expenditure** has released an **additional ₹807 crore** as a **one-time settlement** for the **Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM)** to pay for all the works that were **sanctioned before March 31**.
- **The Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI)** and the **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** will collaborate to host the **23rd India International Seafood Show (IISS)** in **Kolkata, the City of Joy**.
- The **highest railway bridge** in the **world across the Chenab River** was officially opened at its **golden junction**.
- **India has added 11 more wetlands** to the list of **Ramsar sites**, bringing the total number of such sites in the nation to **75**, **spanning an area of 13,26,677 hectares**.
- Under the **Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan**, the **first Tiranga park** has been set up in the **Gurugram** by the district administration.
- The **first artificial cornea to be 3D printed** in **India** was successfully implanted in a **rabbit eye** by researchers in **Hyderabad**.
- **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** has removed **4.33 lakh companies** from the **Register of Companies** in the last five years.
- **Bharti Pravin Pawar**, the **Union Minister of State for Health**, introduced the **Parenting App** and the **Paalan 1000** national campaign in **Mumbai**.





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- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** addressed the country for **the ninth time straight from the Red Fort**.
- The **Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva** has announced that **India has contributed \$400,000 (more than Rs 3 crore) to as many as four Voluntary Trust Funds**.
- The **"Manthan" platform** was announced by the **Indian government** to promote collaboration between **businesses and academic institutions** in the implementation of innovations and solutions with a social impact based on technology.
- **NTPC Limited**, India's largest integrated energy company **achieved 69454 MW of group installed and commercial capacity** with the commissioning of **56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project at NTPC Kawas, Gujarat**
- First-of-its-kind database of **arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational** for use by **various central and state prosecution** agencies tasked to enforce **anti-drugs laws in the country**.
- **The government has raised** the thresholds for prosecutions and arrests under the **Customs Act to ₹50 lakh from ₹20 lakh for smuggling and illegal imports of goods in baggage and ₹1 crore to ₹2 crores for cases involving commercial fraud**.
- The event **"Yamuna Par Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav"** was organized at **the water sports club in New Delhi** by the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)**, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation.



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- A draft to amend the Indian Ports Act, of 1908, has been made public by the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways**.
- **Solar capacity installations** in the country **rose by 59 percent** to a record **7.2 gigawatts (GW)** during the first half of 2022, **according to Mercom India Research**.
- In Himachal Pradesh, the **10th National Conference of Women Police** will begin in Shimla.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched **India's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus** developed by **KPIT-CSIR in Pune**.
- **Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G)**, the flagship program of the Government of **India** recorded another milestone – of **101462 villages** declaring themselves as **ODF (open defecation free) Plus**.
- To augment skill training in tribal communities for their inclusive and sustainable growth, **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** in partnership with **Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society** launched the second phase of the **Grameen Udyami Project**.
- **Shri Parshottam Rupala**, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy presented the **"Aqua Bazar" online marketplace** feature in the **"MatsyaSetu" mobile app** during the 9th general body meeting of the **National Fisheries Development Board**.
- The **17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023** will take place in **Indore in January of next year**, according to **Arindam Bagchi**, a spokeswoman for the Ministry of External Affairs.
- The **Super Vasuki**, the **Indian Railways' newest train**, underwent a test run.



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- The **first RT-PCR kit for monkeypox** illness testing to be **created locally** was in **India**.
- **The government** has announced it has **set a target to raise the share of natural gas in the energy mix to 15%, from 6.3% currently, in 2030**.
- **Mr. Darshana Jardosh, the Union Minister of State for Textiles**, formally inaugurated the **Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi**.
- **Amos Masondo**, the head of the **National Council of Provinces (NCOP)**, and a distinguished group of MPs will serve as the **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference's (CPC) leaders**.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Representative) for Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Representative) for Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr. Jitendra Singh approved an initial loan of Rs 1.15 crore to M/s TGP Bioplastics** for commercialization of **'compostable' plastics** and thereby reduce the use of **single-use plastics (SUP)**.
- **Anurag Thakur, a Union Minister**, has unveiled "**Azadi Quest**," a collection of **online instructional games** themed on **India's liberation movement** and created in **partnership with Zynga India**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** formally opened the **2,600-bed Amrita hospital** in **Faridabad**, which is the largest hospital in Asia.



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- The **23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting** was presided over by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** in Bhopal.
- The **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)** will be expanded to include transgender people, according to the Indian government
- In 2025, India plans to build new **trains and highways**.
- The **Government of Telangana** will host the **20th edition of BioAsia 2023**, the major event of BioAsia 2023 for life sciences and health tech, on February 24-26, 2023.
- A **300-bed Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Center** have been inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** at Mullanpur, Mohali, Chandigarh.
- The **Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100** will be unveiled in **New Delhi** by the **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)**.
- The **first 3D-printed post office** in India is **expected to open in Bengaluru**, Karnataka, and it will only **cost around one-fourth as much as a conventional facility**.
- The **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** and the **Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** have now **decided on 75 tribal districts** where targeted interventions will be run over the next few months **to make them TB-free** after having run an active case-finding campaign to detect instances of TB among tribal populations over the past six months.



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- On the occasion of the **Hareli Tihaar festival**, **Chhattisgarh Shri Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** flagged off the **'Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath'** from **Raipur, Chhattisgarh**.
- **The Government of Kerala is set to launch its** online taxi service **called "Kerala Savari"**.
- The **Tamil Nadu government** formally launched the **first phase** of the **'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme'** at **1,545 government primary schools** for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in **Classes 1 to 5** during 2022-23.
- The **Arunachal Pradesh government** inked a **tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog** and an organization for a **large-scale transformation in school education**.
- **Shri Mamata Banerjee**, the **chief minister of West Bengal** decided to **carve out 7 new districts** out of the **existing 23 districts** by redrawing their boundaries for better administration and development.
- **Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched **'Mission Bhumi Putra'**, a digital way to issue digitized caste certificates to students.
- The **West Bengal government** has inked a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the **Maharashtra government** to **prevent migration and trafficking of women** since a lot of movement of people takes place between the two states.



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- The **World's largest floating Solar Power Plant** will be constructed in **Omkareshwar Dam** in the **Narmada river** in **Khandwa district, Madhya Pradesh**.
- **Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath** launched the '**Panchamrut Yojana**' which will help to achieve the goal of **doubling farmers' income** through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures and promotion of co-cropping methods.
- The **Tripura** government has signed an **MoU** with the **North Eastern Space Application Center (NESAC), Shillong**, for **21 projects** including **disaster management and resource mapping**.
- The **Punjab** government has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for becoming a **member** of the global network called **Under2 Coalition to address climate change**.
- For the **first time in India, Telangana Government** has launched the '**Nethanna Ku Bima**' **Scheme**, which **extends insurance coverage** to **handloom and power loom weavers** in **Telangana**.
- The **Andhra Pradesh cabinet meeting** chaired by **Chief Minister Shri YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** approved the **renaming of Konaseema as Dr. BR Ambedkar Konaseema district**.
- The **Arunachal Pradesh government** has approved the naming of the under-construction **Hollongi greenfield airport** near **Itanagar** as "**Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar**" which will start operations in **August 15, 2022**.



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- **Delhi Lieutenant Governor Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena** launched the “**One Road-One Week**” initiative of the **New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC)**.
- The **Assam and Mizoram governments** signed a **joint statement** after a **ministerial-level discussion** in Aizawl in Mizoram to take **forward the process of resolution** of the **boundary dispute** between the two states.
- **Public sector power generator NLC India Limited (NLCIL)** has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL)** to develop **1,000 MW solar power projects** in Assam.
- In **Jammu and Kashmir**, **Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha** inaugurated “**UMEED Market Place**” under the **AVSAR (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region) Scheme of the Airport Authority of India** at **Srinagar International airport**.
- The **Kerala government** will launch a **mobile app** named **Lucky Bill App** to **curb Goods and Services Tax (GST) evasion**.
- **Tamil Nadu Forest Department** has set up the **first of its kind Urban animal rescue center** located inside the **Guindy National Park, Chennai, Tamil Nadu**.
- **Flipkart**, India’s homegrown e-commerce marketplace, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **District Administration of Varanasi, Government of Uttar Pradesh**, to **enable national market access** for artisans, weavers, and people with disabilities.



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- Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar launched the “Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance, and Grant (Cheerag)” scheme.
- The Odisha government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute of Ocean Technology for the protection of its coasts.
- Meghalaya will host the 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games 2022, in Shillong which will be held from October 30 to November 6, 2022.
- On the Occasion of World Elephant Day 2022 (Aug 12), Tamil Nadu Government has notified its 5th Elephant Reserve at Agathiyamalai in Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu.
- Under the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, the first Tiranga Park was set up in Gurugram, Haryana by the district administration.
- Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant has been commissioned in the Sangrur district of Punjab, in a step to generate clear and inexperienced power.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs sanctioned approval for the creation of the Village Defense Guard Scheme (VDGS) 2022 in Jammu and Kashmir.
- The Rajasthan government has approved signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (SJVN Ltd) for developing 10,000 MW renewable energy projects.





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- On the **75th anniversary of India's independence**, Karnataka Chief Minister **Shri Basavaraj Bommai** has launched **new schemes on sanitation, nutrition, and the well-being of farmers, laborers, and brave soldiers.**
- In a **first of its kind**, the **Border Road Organization (BRO)** is planning to construct a pilot road stretch on the **Arunachal Pradesh border** using **steel slag.**
- **Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region** has become the **first fully "functionally literate" district** in India.
- **Union Minister of Road, Transport and Highway Shri Nitin Gadkari** launched **India's first electric double-decker bus named Switch EiV 22** at **YB Center** in **south Mumbai, Maharashtra.**
- The **Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand** & global blockchain technology company, **SettleMint, India** jointly announced the launch of **seed distribution** to **farmers** based on **blockchain technology.**
- **Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D)** became the **first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State & first 'Har Ghar Jal' Certified UT** in **India** respectively.
- The **Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Chhattisgarh** to set up **Central India's largest regional testing laboratory** in **Raipur district, Chhattisgarh.**



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- Engineering major Larsen & Toubro (L&T) commissioned a **new green hydrogen plant** at Hazira in Gujarat.
- The **Central government** has planned to **collaborate** with the **Government of Arunachal Pradesh** to develop a “**district good governance portal**”.
- **Punjab** and **Haryana governments** agreed to **name** the **Chandigarh international airport** after freedom fighter **Bhagat Singh**.
- **Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** has launched a **project ‘Vidya Rath-School on Wheels’** at a function held at the premises of Gauhati High Court in Assam.
- **Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang** announced **schemes** for the **welfare of women** at **Bhaichung Stadium** in **Namchi, Sikkim**.
- As part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebrations, **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath** launched '**Radio Jaighosh**' to mark the **anniversary of Kakori Train Action**.
- **Delhi chief minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Shri Arvind Kejriwal** launched a “**mission to make India No. 1**” at the **Talkatora stadium, New Delhi, Delhi**.
- **Chhattisgarh Government** will set up **300 rural industrial parks** in the state to create a source of additional income for **rural poor families**
- The **government** has awarded a **geographical indication (GI) tag** to ‘**Mithila Makhana**’, from **Bihar** in a bid to **help farmers** get the **maximum price** for their **premium produce**.



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- First, the **Government of Uttar Pradesh** is set to build an **education township** that will be developed on the idea of '**Single Entry, Multiple Exit**'.
- The **Union Territory (UT) of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** has become the **first amongst States/UTs** to establish an **Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL)** in partnership with the government think tank **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog**.

### **International News**

- A rare **pink rough diamond** has been discovered by the **miners at Lulo alluvial diamond mine**, in **Angola**, and is claimed to be the **largest pink diamond** discovered in the **last 300 years**.
- The diamond has been called '**The Lulo Rose**'.
- **The Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further cooperation between the two organizations to promote the usage of palm oil.**
- The **World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Mr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** declared the **monkeypox outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted a historic resolution declaring access to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, a universal human right.



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- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** has added a **106-year-old astronomical observatory** at **Langat Singh College** in **Bihar's Muzaffarpur** to its list of important endangered heritage observatories of the world.
- According to a **United Nations (UN)** report, **84 percent** of nearly **\$1 trillion** of global investment in energy transition technologies in 2021 was deployed in **China, India, Japan, the US, and Europe.**
- The **Russian enterprise Scientific and Production Corporation "Radio technical Systems" (RTS)** of **Russia** has signed a **large-scale contract** with the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** for the **supply of radio equipment.**
- **India** has adopted the **United States Joint Statement on Cooperation on Global Supply Chains** which was released by the **USA** Government & the **17 partner economies** during the **Virtual 2022 Supply Chain Ministerial Forum.**
- **Nepal** approved **India's hydropower board** to study and develop **1,200MW hydropower projects** in **western Nepal.**
- The **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** in **partnership** with the government of **Cuba** has floated a tender for setting up an **1150 MW solar project** in **Cuba.**
- The **Government of Singapore** has declared the **iconic green site Padang**, from where **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose** gave the **slogan of 'Delhi Chalo'** in **July 1943**, as its **75th national monument** as the city-state celebrates its **57th National Day.**



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- The **British government** stated that **parts of southern, central, and eastern England** had officially moved into **drought status** after a **prolonged period** of **hot and dry weather**.
- The **United Kingdom (UK)** has become the **first country** to approve **Moderna's "bivalent"** **COVID-19 vaccine** that targets both the **original strain of COVID-19** and the **newer Omicron variant**.
- **Scotland** has become the **first** in the world to **legally protect** the **right to access free period products** with a new law, the **Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act** in **November 2020**.
- The **Government of India (GoI)** has nominated the **dance form Garba** to be inscribed on **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO)** intangible cultural heritage list.
- **India Meteorological Department (IMD)**, the **Government of Japan**, and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** announced a **new initiative** to **accelerate climate action** in **10 states** and **Union Territories (UT)** across India.
- The **3rd Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) 2022** between the **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)**, **Government of India (GoI)**, and **Ministry of Business, Enterprises, and Cooperatives of the Republic of Mauritius** for cooperation in the field of **MSMEs** were held in **New Delhi, Delhi**.



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- The **Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, laid the **foundation stone** of the **Indo-Israel Center of Excellence (CoE) for Vegetables in Chandauli Uttar Pradesh** through video conferencing.

## **Ranks and Indices**

- According to **Kantar India's annual Brand Footprint research**, locally created biscuit brand **Parle remained the most popular fast-moving consumer goods brand** in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the **eleventh consecutive year**.
- **Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)** released a report titled '**Internet in India**'.
- **The combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) increased by 12.7%** as compared to the Index of **June 2021**.
- According to the real-time **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, **Savitri Jindal**, the **Chairperson Emeritus of the OP Jindal Group**, has surpassed **Yang Huiyan of China to become Asia's richest woman**.
- **The Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)**, an Indian statutory insurance and investment corporation has risen to **the top 500 in the most recent Fortune Global 500 list**.
- **India ranks globally 3rd in the Start-Up ecosystem** and also in terms of the **number of Unicorns**.



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- The **University of Hyderabad (UoH)** continues to be in the **top position in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking**.
- **Razorpay**, India's leading full-stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses have become the **first Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List**, the definitive ranking of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world.
- Full-service With a **10.4% share of the domestic market** last month, **Vistara overtook IndiGo**, the market leader with **58.8%**, as the **second-largest airline**.
- **Health Effects Institute (HEI)** released “**Air Quality and Health in Cities**” on air quality.
- In the medal standings of the **15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics**, the **Indian team placed third (IOAA)**.

## Appointments

Name of the person	Appointment	Key points
Mr. Pranay Kumar Verma	New Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh	Mr. Verma will succeed incumbent Mr. Vikram Doraiswami.



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Mr. Sandeep Arya	Next Ambassador of India to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.	Currently, Mr. Arya is posted as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs
Mr. Auguste Tano Kouame	World Bank Country Director for India	He replaces Mr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad of Bangladesh.
Mr. Sanjay Arora	Delhi Police Commissioner	He succeeded Mr. Rakesh Asthana (Gujarat cadre IPS officer)
Mr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen	Additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in New Delhi.	He is already working as Director General (DG) of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Mr. Thaosen has replaced former ITBP DG Mr. Sanjay Arora





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Mr. Satyendra Prakash	Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).	He will succeed Mr. Jaideep Bhatnagar
Mr. Manish Desai	Director General of the West zone of the PIB	He will succeed Prakash in the Central Bureau of Communication.
Mr. Suresh N Patel	Central Vigilance Commissioner	He is replacing Sanjay Kothari.
Vaani Kapoor	Brand ambassador of the Upcoming Noise X-Fit 2 Smartwatch	Noise rolled out a campaign titled #KeepGoing, featuring her across its digital assets.
Ms. Shweta Singh	Director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO)	The ACC has canceled the appointment of Mr. Aniket Govind Mandavgane, a 2009-batch IFS officer, as the Deputy Secretary in the PMO.



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Mr. Nalin Negi	New chief financial officer (CFO) of Fintech platform BharatPe.	Earlier he was the CFO of credit cards issuer SBI Card (earlier known as GE Capital SBI Card)
Ms. Smriti Handa	Chief Human Resources Officer of Fintech platform BharatPe.	Handa was HR Head at Reckitt Hygiene-SoA before taking over as the Global Talent Acquisition Director.
Mr. Rajiv Gauba	cabinet secretary	This is his second extension as Cabinet Secretary & he will continue in the same position till August 30, 2023.
Mr. Ranjit Rath	Chairman and MD of Oil India Limited	He replaces Mr. Sushil Chandra Mishra who superannuated on June 30, 2022.



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Mr. Ravinder Takkar	New chairman of Vodafone Idea Limited	He will replace Mr. Himanshu Kapania.
Justice Shri Uday Umesh Lalit	Hon'ble Minister for Law and Justice	Shri Justice Lalit will have a short tenure as the CJI as he is set to retire on November 8, 2022.
Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar	14th Vice-President of India	He will replace incumbent Vice-President Shri M Venkaiah Naidu
Mr. Inderjit Camotra	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank)	He has already been serving as interim CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank since November 2021.



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Mr. Viswanathan Anand	deputy president of the International Chess Federation (FIDE)	-
Mr. Ranganath	Chairman of Catamaran Ventures	Mr. Ranganath served as the Chief Financial Officer at Infosys for 18 years till 2018
Mr. Deepak Padaki	President	Padaki will be responsible for driving the firm's investment management strategy.
Mr. Gustavo Petro	First leftist president of Colombia.	He succeeds Mr. Ivan Duque
Ms. Nallathamby Kalaiselvi	First woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	Ms. Kalaiselvi succeeds Mr. Shekhar Mande, who superannuated in April 2022.



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Mr. James Marape	Papua New Guinea PM	He was sworn in for a second term
Mr. Pramod Kumar	Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Powergrid Corporation of India Limited	Before this, he served as the Executive Director (Finance) of Power Grid Corporation
Shri Nitish Kumar	Chief Minister of Bihar	He was elected for 8th time in 22 years
Shri Tejashwi Yadav	Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar	-
Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	49th Chief Justice of India	He will be taking over from incumbent Shri CJI N V Ramana.
Prof Ramadhar Singh	1st Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame	-
Mr. Rishabh Pant	Brand ambassador of Uttarakhand	The move will help encourage the youth of Uttarakhand toward sports and public health.



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Mr. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios	Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).	He succeeds Major General José Eladio Alcaín of Uruguay, who will shortly complete his assignment.
Mr. Mohit Burman	Dabur India Chairman	He succeeds Mr. Amit Burman
Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer and Sachin Chaturvedi	Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)	-
Ms. Smriti Irani	Additional charge of Minority Affairs	-
Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia	Additional charge of the Ministry of Steel.	-



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Shri Piyush Goyal	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Intelligence Grid or NATGRID	The NATGRID or national intelligence grid is a federal intelligence gathering organization created to enhance India's counter-terrorism capabilities.
Mr. Shah Faesal	Deputy Secretary in Tourism Ministry	He resigned from the services in January 2019 and joined politics, which he later quit in August 2020.
Mr. Bader Abdullah Al-Munaikh	First ambassador to Iran	The move comes as Saudi Arabia works to improve its ties with Iran.
Mr. William Ruto	Wins the presidential race	After defeating Mr. Raila Odinga garnered 7176,141



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		votes or 50.49 percent of the total votes.
Mr. Mohammad Mustafa	National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) Chairman.	-
Mr. Anuj Poddar	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bajaj Electricals	-
Mr. Rajkiran Rai	Managing director (MD) of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)	-
Mr. Alkesh Kumar Sharma	High-level UN internet panel	To deal with "strategic and urgent issues" of the Internet and provide strategic advice to the IGF.





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Mr. Gopal Vittal	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bharti Airtel	He reappointed for a period of 5 years.
Mr. Venugopal Somani	DCGI chief	This tenure has been extended by three months.
Mr. Rajesh Verma	Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu	Mr. Verma will replace the incumbent Mr. Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer.
Mr. Ashish Dhawan	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation board of trustees	Mr. Dhawan is the chairperson of Ashoka University and Central Square Foundation
Mr. Vijay Shekhar Sharma	Reappointed as MD & CEO of Paytm	The remuneration of Mr. Vijay Shekhar will remain fixed for the next three years without any annual increment



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Mr. Meenesh Shah	NDDB Chairman	Will hold a charge as the Chairman of NDDB for another six months until November 30, 2022.
Mr. Sajith Sivanandan	executive vice president and head of Disney+ Hotstar.	He will take the reins over from Mr. Sunil Rayan who quit in June 2022.
Mr. Debasisa Mohanty	Director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII).	The post fell vacant after Mr. Rajesh Verma.
Mr. Vikram Doraiswami	Next High Commissioner Of India To UK	He will succeed Mr. Gaitri Issar Kumar, the high commissioner to the United Kingdom, who left her position on June 30, 2022.



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Mr. Colonel Abdoulaye	Interim Prime Minister of the country.	He replaced the civilian Prime Minister of Mali, Mr. Choguel Kokalla Maiga.
Mr. Samir V Kamat	Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)	He will replace Mr. G Satheesh Reddy, who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister, Shri Rajnath Singh
Mr. Mahendra Shah	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Infrastructure Development Finance Company (IDFC) Limited	Mr. Shah will replace incumbent MD and CEO Mr. Sunil Kakar, whose term will end on September 30, 2022.
Mr. Dixit Joshi	Chief Financial Officer of Credit Suisse	Mr. Dixit Joshi will replace Mr. David Mathers who stepped down after more than 11 years



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Mr. K Subramanian	Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).	He will replace the eminent economist, Mr. Surjit S Bhalla
Mr. Deepak Kumar Lalla	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBICAP Securities	He replaced Mr. Naresh Yadav.
Mr. Gopal Jain & Mr. Sivakumar Gopalan	Non-executive directors of RBL Bank	-
Mr. Sourav Ganguly	First Brand Ambassador of DreamSetGo	Mr. Ganguly has also become the "Supercaptain" for DreamSetGo
Mr. VVS Laxman	Interim head coach of India for Asia Cup 2022	As Mr. Rahul Dravid, India's head coach, after testing positive for COVID-19, this decision was taken.



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## **Agreements and MoUs signed**

- **India and Egypt** signed MoU to build a **green hydrogen factory worth \$8 billion**.
- **Reliance Industries Ltd's (RIL) New Energy arm, Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited, and Rajesh Exports Limited** are the three companies that have signed the **Program Agreement** under **(PLI) Scheme** for **Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage**.
- To inculcate a culture of innovation, imagination, and proactiveness among youngsters, **National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** and **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for **developing entrepreneurial skills** among **the youth** and identifying other **aspects for mutual collaboration**.
- **Indian Oil** signed an MoU with **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** for the **transcontinental relocation** of **'Cheetah'** in its historical range in India.
- **Arunachal Pradesh** government signed a tripartite MoU with **NITI Aayog** for **school education transformation**.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur**, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that paves the way for the **sharing of innovative ideas and cooperation on the development of domestic digital payment solutions**.



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- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and the **Indian Navy** have signed an MoU to collaborate on **aviation research and development** and to step up the **Indian Navy's self-reliance efforts** in line with the goals of **Atmanirbhar Bharat**.
- To **improve** its **delivery services** in the nation, **Amazon India** has partnered with **the Railway of India**.
- The **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** is designated as the **national industry partner** for the Make in **Odisha Conclave 2022** under a Memorandum of Understanding between the state-run Industrial Promotion and **Investment Corporation of Odisha** and the organization.
- The **ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK)** and the **Kerala Development and Innovation Strategy Council (K-DISC)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LinkedIn, the biggest professional network in the world, as part of the Connect **Career to Campus initiative (CCC)**.
- **Microsoft** has partnered with the **Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, and **Capacity Building Commission (CBC)** to enhance the functional **computer literacy** of nearly 2.5 million **civil servants of the Central government**.
- Public sector power generator **NLC India (NLCIL)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Assam Power Distribution Company (APDCL)** to develop solar power projects.



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- The **National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation** and the **National Skill Development Corporation** have signed an agreement to **facilitate collaboration in skill development initiatives**.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur** and **Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) **to jointly work on the emerging opportunities in the Indian Defence and Aerospace sectors**.
- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** was signed between the **Ministry of Ayush and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** for **providing technical support to the Ministry of Ayush for the digitalization of the Ayush Sector** under the Ayush Grid project for **3 years**.
- **National Institute of Ocean Technology, (NIOT) Chennai** will undertake **climate resilient protection measures** to save the life and property of people of **coastal Odisha from natural disasters**.
- State-owned **NBCC Ltd** has signed an agreement with the **External Affairs Ministry** to redevelop a **housing complex in central Delhi for Rs 175 crore**.
- The **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) in Chennai** and the **government of Odisha** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to **safeguard coastal regions** from different **natural disasters** including floods, cyclones, soil erosion, high tide, etc.



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- Leading digital payments and financial services, **Paytm has partnered with Samsung** authorized **stores across India** to facilitate **smart payments as well as Paytm Postpaid (Buy Now, Pay Later)** at their retail outlets through the **deployment of PoS devices**.
- **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty**, all badminton players, have been **named brand ambassadors for Mastercard in India**.
- **A Financial Institutions, Inc.** subsidiary named "**Five Star Bank**" and **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** have teamed up to embark on a **digital transformation project**.
- **The Border Security Force (BSF)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to ensure the **safety and security of booking data** for the troops of **India's border guarding force via its air e-ticket service**.
- **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** signed a tripartite MoU with the **Union Territory of Ladakh and Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC)** by which it will **manage the entire operations of Ladakh Milk Federation for five years** and implement a structured **dairy development program for the region**.
- **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has signed an MoU with **PayXpert for acceptance of the payment solutions in the UK**.





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- An **MoU was signed** between the governments of **Assam, Manipur, and Tripura** and **Godrej Agrovet**, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, **to expand and promote oil palm cultivation** in the region as part of the **National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm** effort.
- The government of **Jharkhand** and **The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)**, **British High Commission**, New Delhi will enter into a partnership to award the **Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship** to five meritorious scholars from **ST/SC, OBC, and minorities community**.
- The **Intangible Cultural Heritage of India**, starting with the Himalayas, is being promoted and protected by **Royal Enfield in collaboration with UNESCO** (the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization).
- An **Indian manufacturer of electric scooters, Hero Electric**, has announced a collaboration with **Jio-BP** to offer **EV charging and battery swapping services in India**.
- A memorandum of understanding was signed by the **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** and the **Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT)**, a fully owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% owned by the Government of India and 51% owned by the Government of Maharashtra).

**Acquisitions & Mergers**



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- The **Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)** will acquire its venture capital subsidiary **HDFC venture capital limited (HVCL)** by buying out the **State Bank of India's 19.5 percent stake** in the company.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of 50.1% of the equity share capital** of **Sanmina-SCI India Private Limited (SCIPL)** by **Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL)**.
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** will divest up to a **12.5% stake** in the insurance arm **IndiaFirst Life Insurance Company (IFLIC)** through an offer for sale in the **initial public offer (IPO)** of the insurer or any other mode.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **Composite Scheme of Arrangement and Amalgamation** between **Shriram Group Companies** under **Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the proposed **Rs 4,500 crore deal** wherein the **Bandhan Financial Holdings-led consortium** will buy **stakes in IDFC Asset Management and IDFC AMC Trustee**.
- **American ride-hailing giant Uber** offloaded **61.2 crore shares** of online food delivery aggregator **Zomato Ltd** for **Rs 3,088 crore** through an open market transaction.
- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has sold **2 percent** of its shareholding in **automaker Mahindra & Mahindra** for about **Rs 2,222.49 crore**



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- **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)** will be investing Rs 655 crore for a **9.99% stake** in conglomerate **Aditya Birla health insurance Company Limited (ABHICL)**.
- **Fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the **merger proposal of HDFC Bank, India's Largest Private Sector Bank & its parent HDFC Ltd, India's Largest Housing Finance Company.**
- **The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of the stake in Holderind Investments Limited, Ambuja Cements Limited, and ACC Limited by Endeavour Trade and Investment Limited.**
- **The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition of majority shareholding in Optimus Drugs Private Limited (ODPL) by Sekhmet Pharmaventures Private Limited (Sekhmet) and ODPL's acquisition of a shareholding in Optimus Pharma Private Limited (OPPL) and Optimus Life Science Private Limited (OLSPL) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.**
- **The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of a stake in IIFL Home indirectly by Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA).**
- **Promoter BRDN Investment Management, formerly Standard Life Investments, divested its 5.58% stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Asset Management Company (AMC) for a little over Rs 2,300 crore through an open market transaction.**



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- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved **EQT AB's acquisition of Baring Private Equity Asia Group Limited (BPEA)** including its subsidiaries (BPEA Group) 100% of the general partner entities (GPs).
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the acquisition by Katsura Investments in Varmora Granito Private Limited and certain other entities & Varmora Granito Private Limited in some of its Group Companies and other entities.
- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves the amalgamation of Creixent Special Steels Limited (CSSL) & JSW Ispat Special Products Limited (JSW Ispat) with & into JSW Steel Limited (JSW Steel) under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the acquisition of the stake in **Simpolo Vitrified Private Limited (SVPL/ Target)** by **India Business Excellence Fund IV (IBEF IV)**, **India SME Investments Fund – I (India SME)**, **Motilal Oswal Finvest Limited (MOFPL)**, partners of Simpolo Ceramics (SC / Simpolo Ceramics) (collectively, SC Partners) and the shareholders of Nexion International Private Limited (Nexion), viz., Aghara & Sons (Aghara) and **Ceramiche Speranza SPA (Ceramiche SPA)**.
- **India's largest private sector lender HDFC Bank Limited** entered into an “**indicative and non-binding term sheet** to acquire **9.94% stake** in **Go Digit-Life Insurance** for an amount between **Rs 49.9 crore to Rs 69.9 crore**, in two tranches, by subscribing to equity shares of the Company.



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- The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** approved the **amalgamation** of **Bharat Gas Resources Limited (BGRL)**, a **100% subsidiary** of **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)**.
- The **Norwegian Climate Investment Fund**, managed by **Norfund** (the **Norwegian Government's development finance institution**) and **Norway's largest pension company, KLP** has agreed to take a **49% stake** in a **420 MW solar energy project Thar Surya 1** for approximately **Rs 2.8 billion in Rajasthan**.
- The **Adani Group's media arm AMG Media Networks Limited (AMNL)** announced that it would indirectly **acquire a 29.18% stake** in **New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV)**.
- **Bharti Airtel promoter, Bharti Telecom Limited (BTL)** will buy a **3.33% stake** from **Singtel** (Singapore-based telecommunications company) for **2.25 billion Singapore dollars** (around **Rs 12,895 crore**) in **90 days**.
- **TVS Motor Company** will acquire a **48.27% stake** in **NKars Mobility Millennial Solutions Pvt Ltd (NMMSPL)** for **Narain Karthikeyan's pre-owned two-wheeler startup 'DriveX'** for a consideration of **Rs 85 crore**.

## **Sports News**

- **Sanket Sargar of India** made history by being the country's **first athlete to take home a medal** at the **Commonwealth Games in 2022**.



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- **Bindyarani Devi won India a fourth medal** at the **Commonwealth Games weightlifting arena in Birmingham**, bagging a **silver medal in the Women's 55 kg weight class**.
- **With two years to go from the opening ceremony of the 2024 Paris Olympic Games**, organizers have revealed **“Ouvrons Grand Les Jeux”**, meaning **“Games Wide Open”**, as the shared slogan for the **Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
- **England beat Germany 2-1** after extra time in a packed **Wembley Stadium in London**, bringing home the **trophy of the UEFA women's Euro for the first time**.
- **Formula One champion Max Verstappen** overcame a spin and his worst starting spot of the season to win the **Hungarian Grand Prix**.
- **Commonwealth Games 2022, also known as Birmingham 2022**, began on July 28th and will end on August 8th, 2022 in **Birmingham, England**.
- By Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Housing, and Urban Affairs **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**, the **fourth edition of the ONGC Para Games** was officially Launched.
- The **women's fours lawn bowling team from India** created history by taking home the **gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games**.
- At the **Commonwealth Games 2022's mixed group match**, the **Indian badminton team won the silver medal**.
- In the **Table Tennis Final of the Commonwealth Games 2022**, India's paddlers defeated **Singapore 3-1** to reclaim the men's team championship title.



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- **Star all-rounder Deandra Dottin** has announced her retirement from **West Indies women's cricket team**, citing she was no longer able to adhere to the team culture and environment.
- At the **Commonwealth Games 2022**, **Tejaswin Shankar** of India won the nation's **first athletics medal** by taking home a historic **bronze in the men's high jump final**.
- At the **Commonwealth Games 2022**, Indian judoka **Tulika Maan** win a **silver medal in the women's 78kg division**.
- **Saurav Ghosal of India** defeated **James Willstrop of England** 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 to win the bronze medal in squash men's singles and seal a spot for India in the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Murali Sreeshankar** won **silver** in the men's long jump to give India its second athletics medal.
- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Sudhir** won the **gold medal in the men's heavyweight para powerlifting competition**.
- At the **44th Chess Olympiad at Mamallapuram, Chennai**, **Tania Sachdev** defeated Hungary with a score of 2.5-1.5 to win the match for India.
- At the 2022 Commonwealth Games, **Priyanka Goswami** won **silver in the 10000-meter race walk**.
- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Avinash Sable** wins the **silver medal in the men's 3000m steeplechase**.



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- In the **Men's Freestyle, 57kg Wrestling event** at the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Ravi Kumar Dahiya won gold** for his nation, making history.
- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Vinesh Phogat won the gold medal in the Women's Freestyle 53 kg division.**
- At the Coventry Stadium and Arena, **Indian wrestler Naveen Malik won the gold medal in men's 74kg freestyle wrestling** during the 2022 Commonwealth Games.
- **Bhavina Patel, a well-known Indian para table tennis player, won the women's singles class 3-5 gold medal** at the Commonwealth Games in 2022.
- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Indian boxer Nitu Ghangas won a gold medal by defeating English boxer Demie-Jade Resztan in the women's 48 kg division final.**
- At the Commonwealth Games 2022, **Eldhose Paul** of India made history by winning the **men's triple jump event's first-ever gold medal.**
- At **Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, India defeated Bangladesh 5-2 in overtime** to win the **2022 SAFF U20 Championship.**
- **By winning a competition in Romania, the chess prodigy from Chennai, V Pranav, became the 75th Grandmaster of India.**
- In the overall medal standings at the **Commonwealth Games 2022, India won 61 medals In Birmingham**





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- At the Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022, the **Indian women's cricket team made history by winning the nation's first-ever medal in the sport.**
- **Emma McKeon, an Australian swimmer who is 28 years old, broke a kind of record in the 2022 Commonwealth Games by winning more medals than 56 different countries or territories combined.**
- **P V Sindhu, a shuttler from India, won the women's singles gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 final.**
- **Uzbekistan will host the 2026 Chess Olympiad, according to a tweet from the International Chess Federation (FIDE).**
- **Serena Williams, a tennis icon from the United States, has declared her retirement.**
- The winners of the **International Cricket Council's (ICC) Player of the Month** honors for July 2022 were named **England batting all-rounder Emma Lamb and Sri Lankan spin wonder Prabath Jayasuriya.**
- **Boxer Nikhat Zareen and table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal** have been named by the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** as **India's flag bearers at the Commonwealth Games closing ceremony in Birmingham in 2022.**
- The **44th Chess Olympiad** has come to a close, as **Uzbekistan's team Won the gold medal in the Open division.**



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- **Former West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard** became the **first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches**.
- In the finals, **Real Madrid defeated Eintracht Frankfurt 2-0** to win the **2022 UEFA Super Cup** in Helsinki, Finland, setting a new record.
- **Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan** have been selected for the **All-India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's and Women's Footballers of the Year** for **2021-22**, respectively.
- **1st Khelo India Women's Hockey League** under-16 will be held at the **Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi**.
- The **first edition of the Women Indian Premier League** will begin in **March 2023** and would most likely feature five clubs, **according to BCCI officials**.
- **Dwayne Bravo** achieved the milestone of **600 wickets in T20 cricket**.
- The **FIFA Council Bureau** unanimously voted to suspend the **All-India Football Federation (AIFF)** with **immediate effect owing to improper interference from third parties**, which constitutes a major violation of the FIFA Statutes.
- The **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022**, which is the premier **men's hockey tournament** in **Malaysia**, will take **place in Ipoh** from **November 16-25**.
- **Durand Cup**, Asia's Oldest Football Tournament, **has begun**.
- **Kevin O'Brien**, an **all-rounder for Ireland**, has declared **his retirement from international cricket** after being eliminated from the running for the **T20 World Cup in Australia this year**.



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- **Bengaluru** will serve as the host city for the **FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship** from September 5 to 11, according to **Dr. Narayanagowda**, the Karnataka minister of sports and youth empowerment.
- **Meghalaya** is all set to host the upcoming **2nd edition of the North East Olympics** from 30th **October**.
- When **Manisha Kalyan**, a young striker for **Apollon Ladies FC**, made her debut in the **European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus**, she became the **first Indian player to compete in the UEFA Women's Champions League**.
- The **first Indian woman to hold this title is Antim Panghal**, a 17-year-old wrestler from Haryana who won the **Under-20 world championship by defeating Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva 8-0**.
- **Magnus Carlsen**, the current world chess champion, **was defeated by Indian chess expert Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa in the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami**.
- According to sources in the investigating agency, **Tamara Walcott**, a female powerlifter from **Maryland in the United States**, broke the record for the **heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition** (female) after lifting a combined **total of 737.5 kg across three compound lifts**—the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift.
- **Mack Rutherford**, a **17-year-old pilot**, became the youngest person to **fly solo around the world in a tiny plane** after landing in Bulgaria, where his voyage began five months ago.



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- **Pooja Ojha of Madhya Pradesh won silver in the VL1 women's 200m race at the Para Kayaking and Canoeing Sprint World Championships in Halifax, Canada.**
- **Neeraj Chopra, an Olympic champion and javelin thrower made history by being the first Indian to win a Lausanne Diamond League championship.**
- **The All India Football Federation (AIFF) ban, which was put in place as a result of improper third-party involvement, has been lifted by the FIFA Council Bureau.**
- **The 28th Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament was won by Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi with 7.5 points.**

## **Defence News**

- **Indian Navy receives two MH-60 R multirole helicopters - Romeo helicopters from the United States at Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL), Kerala.**
- **The Indian Air Force (IAF) has set to phase out four Mig-21 fighter squadrons by 2025.**
- **To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed Forces (IAF) and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in "Operation Vijay", Point 5140 at Dras in the Kargil sector has been christened as Gun Hill.**
- **Tata group's Aerospace and Defence Arm, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has successfully delivered the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle-Medium (QRFV) to the Indian Army to bolster the operational capabilities of the IAF.**



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- The **third Edition of the Vietnam India Bilateral Army Exercise “Ex VINBAX 2022”** is scheduled to be conducted at **Chandimandir, a military cantonment of the Indian Army located in the Panchkula district of Haryana, from August 01 to 20, 2022.**
- The **4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise ‘AL NAJAH-IV’** will be held from **August 01 to 13, 2022** at the **Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan.**
- **India** will be part of the **mega air combat exercise “Pitch Black 2022”** among **17 nations**, to be held in the **Northern Territory of Australia.**
- The guided-missile frigate **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Tarkash** of the **Indian Navy & the French Fleet Tanker French Navy Ship (FNS) Somme** participated in a **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** in the **North Atlantic Ocean.**
- The **biennial Pacific Dragon ballistic missile defense exercise** between the **military of South Korea, the United States, and Japan** is being held from **August 01 to August 14, 2022**, to detect and track ballistic missiles in the waters off **Hawaii.**
- **Five women officers** of the **Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 (INAS 314)** based at **Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar in Gujarat** created history by completing the **first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission** over the **north Arabian Sea** onboard a **Dornier 228 aircraft.**
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) & the Indian Army** have successfully **test-fired laser-guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM)** from **Main Battle**



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**Tank (MBT) Arjun at KK Ranges with the support of Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar in Maharashtra.**

- The **Indian Army** conducted a **pan-India satellite communication exercise** called ‘**Ex Skylight**’.
- The **13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercises “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022”** commenced at the **Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.**
- The **12th edition of India’s prestigious biennial defense exhibition on Land, Naval, and Homeland Security systems, DefExpo 2022** will be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat** between **October 18-22, 2022.**
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** conduct a **bilateral air exercise** named ‘**Udarashakti**’, at the **RMAF base of Kuantan in Malaysia.**
- The **4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise ‘AL NAJAH-IV’** concluded in **Rajasthan** at the **Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.**
- The **Indian Army** has launched the ‘**Him Drone-a-thon**’ program in association with the **Drone Federation of India (DFI)**, to **support indigenous drone ecosystems.**
- A **US Navy Ship** named **USNS Charles Drew** arrived at **Larsen & Toubro Kattupalli Shipyard** at **Ennore, near Chennai**, for undertaking repairs and maintenance.
- The **four-day air exercise ‘Udarashakti’** between the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)** concluded in **Malaysia.**



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- The **Indian Air Force** joined **Pitch Black 2022**, a joint military exercise in **Australia**.
- The **Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO)** and **Indian Navy** successfully flight tested **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)** from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)**, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

**Awards & Honours**

Name of the person	Award	Key Points
Canadian Jeffrey Armstrong	Distinguished Indologist for 2021' award	In honor of his remarkable contribution to the study/teaching/research in India's philosophy, ideas, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilization, society, and so on
Dalai Lama	dPal rNgam Duston	Ladakh's highest civilian award.
Aarya Walvekar	Miss India USA 2022	She was an Indian American from Virginia
Shashi Tharoor	The Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur Award	France's highest civilian honor.



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Sangeetha Abhayan	World Women Entrepreneurs' Award	This is for her handloom and handicrafts startup's performance in tune with the United Nation's sustainable development goals (SDGs).
Muthoot Finance	The best growth performance award	"ESG: The only way for sustainable and responsible growth" was the theme for this year's event.
Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar	UNESCO King Sejong Literacy Prize 2022.	Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences will be awarded for its 'Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Education Programme'.
Shiv Shankar Singh	Best CEO of the Year Award	It was awarded by the Indian Achiever's Forum





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Deepika Misra	Vayu Sena medal	She has been chosen for her role during a sortie under a disaster relief operation following flash floods in northern Madhya Pradesh.
Volodymyr Zelenskyy	Liberty Medal 2022	For what it called "his valiant defense of liberty in the face of Russian oppression," the National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy would be honored at a ceremony in October.
Fahmida Azim	Pulitzer Prize	She will get recognition for her work in the field of illustrated reporting and commentary



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Angela Merkel	Unesco Peace Prize 2022	This is for "her efforts to welcome migrants"
Karim Benzema, Alexia Putellas	UEFA best player awards	-

## Science & Technology

- **Indus International School in Hyderabad, Telangana** has introduced **India's first Teaching Robot Eagle** to **teach students** and also assist teachers in teaching.
- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** is launching **two more small helicopters to Mars** as part of its effort to **return Martian rocks** and soil samples to Earth.
- **South Korea** launched its **first-ever deep-space mission Danuri** took off from **Florida's Cape Canaveral Space Force Station** to **observe the moon**.
- **China** successfully launched a **terrestrial ecosystem carbon monitoring satellite** and **two other satellites** from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in Shanxi province, North China**.
- **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** signed a contract worth over **USD 100 million** with **Honeywell** for the supply and manufacture of **88 TPE331-12B engines/kits** along with the maintenance and support services to power the **indigenous Hindustan Turbo Trainer – 40 (HTT-40)**, which provides initial flying training to Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force (IAF) pilots.



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- A next-generation dark matter detector, **LUX-ZEPLIN (LZ) Detector** given the **first scientific results** from the **Sanford Underground Research Facility in South Dakota, United States**.
- **Russia** will pull out of the **International Space Station after 2024** and focus on building its orbiting space station.
- **Russia** launched a **Soyuz-2.1b rocket** carrying an **Iranian remote sensing satellite Khayyam**, into orbit from the **Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan**.
- **Google** has launched an **online project called 'India Ki Udaan'** to mark **75 years of Independence India Ki Udaan – Software** at the **Sunder Nursery in Delhi** in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister **Shri G Kishan Reddy**.
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** has announced that the **106-year-old astronomical observatory at Langat Singh College in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district** has **not been inscribed** on its **list of endangered heritage**.
- **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** successfully carried out the **test-firing of the Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM)** of the **Crew Escape System**, from **Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh**.
- **China** launched **16 new satellites** into **space** from the **Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center** in **China's Shanxi province**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) Chairman S Somanath** has launched **India's First 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK: The Space Tech Park** as part of the



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celebrations of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** commemorating **India's 75th year of Independence**

- **Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi (RGCIRC)** have installed the **first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, SSI-Mantra** devised by the **new-age Indian medical technology start-up SS Innovations**.
- **Intellectap** and **Transform Rural India Foundation (TRIF)** has launched a **national carbon finance platform** for **1 million smallholder farmers**.
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) launched automated online data transfer for capturing critical data related to domestic value addition in the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the auto sector.
- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** has announced plans to **partner** with the **All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)** to develop **solutions to problems of accessing water, electricity, and internet** for the AICTE-affiliated technical institutions in **North-East India**.
- The **Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA)** to the **Government of India (GoI)** has launched a **Manthan platform** with the **vision** to **enable** and **empower** all spheres of **science and technology** within India.
- A team of stem cell researchers in **Israel** has developed the **world's first synthetic embryo outside the womb** using stem cells cultured in a petri dish.



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- A **first-of-its-kind Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR)** was inaugurated by **Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta**, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command (ENC) at Indian Naval Ship (INS) Karna on the eastern seaboard, near Bheemili, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP).
- **India** has developed the **first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit** for testing monkeypox disease at the **Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone (AMTZ)**
- Union Minister of State Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh approved a StartUp loan of Rs 1.15 crores to M/s TGP Bioplastics for commercializing “compostable” plastic and thus also mitigating the usage of **Single Use Plastics (SUP)**.
- **India’s first commercial space situational awareness observatory**, to track objects as small as **10 cm in size** orbiting the earth, will be set up in the **Garhwal region of Uttarakhand** by a space sector start-up, Digantara.
- **Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL)** announced that **India's first adenoviral intranasal vaccine (BBV154)** has proven to be safe, well-tolerated, and immunogenic in subjects in controlled clinical trials for Covid-19.
- **AirAsia India** and **Canadian Aviation Electronics (CAE)** have announced their collaboration to integrate the **CAE Rise™ Training System** into the airline's simulator training program.



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## **Books & Authors**

- A new book titled **"The Journey of a Nation: 75 Years of Indian Economy: Re-emerge, Reinvest, Re-engage"** authored by **Sanjaya Baru** and published by **Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd.**
- **Sanjukta Dash's** collection of poems, **Lockdown Lyrics**, was published by **Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik.**
- **"Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force, and the First World War"** are a book about **"India's first fighter pilot"** who served in **World War I** before the **Indian Air Force** was formed.
- **Ellen Prager**, a marine scientist, has written a book titled **"Dangerous Earth: What We Wish We Knew About Volcanoes, Hurricanes, Climate Change, Earthquakes, and More."**
- A global publication date of November 15, 2022, has been scheduled for **THE LIGHT WE CARRY: Overcoming in Uncertain Times**, the new book by **Michelle Obama**, former **First Lady of the United States.**
- **"Do Different: The Untold Dhoni,"** written by **Amit Sinha** and **Joy Bhattacharjya** and published by **India Viking**, was released.
- In a field guide that was created by **the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**, the organization described around **1,331 distinct bird species** that may be found in India.



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- **Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union Minister** of State (IC) for the Ministry of Science and Technology, recently debuted the poetry collection "**Rusty Skies and Golden Winds,**" written by **Sannidhya Sharma**, a seventh-grade student from Jammu, who is 11 years old.
- **Minister of Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Parshottam Rupala** has launched a unique coffee table book titled – "**Fish and Seafood**" - a collection of 75 gourmet recipes in **New Delhi**.
- **Deepak Singh**, an established content creator with more than 15 years of experience in content creation recently penned a **book 'Bravo Yadav'**.
- Congress leader **Shashi Tharoor** and **CPI(M) leader Sitaram Yechury** with others release a book '**Freedom Struggle and Beyond**' written by **Praveen Davar**, in New Delhi.
- **Recalibrate: Changing Paradigms**, by **N.K. Singh** with select **insights from P.K. Mishra**, principal secretary to the prime minister - presents the progress and the unfinished tasks of proximate developmental goals that are essential in the life of India.
- **Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** internationally launched the book **entitled "India's vaccine growth story- from cowpox to vaccine maitry"**.
- **Chief Justice of India NV Ramana** has released **Sathya Sodhana Mahatmuni Athmakatha**, a Telugu translation of **Mahatma Gandhi's** autobiography '**The Story of My Experiments with Truth**', published by **Tirupati MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy**.
- This September, **Benjamin Netanyahu**, a **former prime minister**, will publish a memoir.



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- On the anniversary of **Arun Jaitley's demise**, former vice president and union minister **M. Venkaiah Naidu published** a book called "A New India: Selected Writings 2014–19," which is a collection of some of his best writings.

**Important Days & Themes**

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
August 1 - 7	World Breastfeeding Week	Theme for 2022 is "Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support".
August 4	U.S. Coast Guard Day	The day honors the establishment of the U.S. Coast Guard and the courageous work of the service members of the Coast Guard.
August 6	Hiroshima Day	To promote peace politics and raise awareness of the effects





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		of the bomb attack on Hiroshima.
August 7	National Handloom Day	To promote wearing clothing manufactured by hand by indigenous tribes.
August 8	The Quit India Movement Day	To pay tribute to freedom fighters who without a doubt laid their lives for the country and its people.
August 9	Nagasaki Day	To promote peace politics and raise awareness of the effects of the bomb attack on Nagasaki.



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August 9	International Day of World's Indigenous People	To raise awareness and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.
August 10	World Biofuel Day	To raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels.
August 10	World Lion Day	To raise awareness and gather support for their declining population and conservation.
August 12	International Youth Day	The day calls upon governments, civil society, individuals, and communities worldwide to support activities at local and international levels.
August 12	World Elephant Day	To make people aware of better treatment of captive elephants



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		and against their illegal poaching and trade for ivory.
August 13	Left-handers Day	To recognize the distinctiveness and distinctions of left-handers and to spread awareness of the benefits and drawbacks of having a left hand in a world that is largely right-handed.
August 19	World Humanitarian Day	To pay tribute to humanitarian workers killed and injured in the course of their work, and to honor all aid and health workers who continue, despite the odds, to provide life-saving support and protection to people most in need.



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August 19	World Photography Day	Tribute to the art of photography and also encourages those who are passionate about it to come together and share their work.
August 21	World Senior Citizen's Day	It's an effort by the young to acknowledge the problems that our elders face due to their age and raise awareness about those issues.
August 23	International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Abolition	-
23 August to 1 September	World Water Week	"Seeing the unseen: The value of water", which helps us view



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		water in new and fascinating ways.
August 26	Women's Equality Day	To mark the day when the Amendment giving women the right to vote was adopted.
August 29	National Sports Day	This was celebrated as a mark of respect for Major Dhyan Chand following his passing.

**Obituary**

Name of the person	Profession
Nirmala Mishra	Singer
Fidel Ramos	Former Philippine President
T Mohandas Pai	Founder of popular Kannada daily newspaper 'Udayavani'
Johnny Famechon	Former Australian boxing world champion
Mithilesh Chaturvedi	Veteran Actor



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PV Kamaraj	Former athlete
David McCullough	Pulitzer Prize-Winning Author
Olivia Newton-John	'Grease' Star and Singer
Uma Pemmaraju	Indian American Journalist And Emmy Award Winner
Rudi Koertzen	Former South African umpire
K. Maya Thevar	AIADMK's first-ever MP
Shivamogga Subbanna	Singer
Rakesh Jhunjhunwala	Veteran Stock Market Investor
Amitabh Choudhary	Former BCCI Secretary
Anshu Jain	Former Deutsche Bank co-CEO
Nicholas Evans	Author of 'The Horse Whisperer
Narayan	Kerala's first tribal novelist
Syed Sibtey Razi	Former Jharkhand Governor
Samar 'Badru' Banerjee	Former India football team captain
Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala	Veteran filmmaker
Sadananda Shetty	Vijaya Bank Former Chairman



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**Banking & Finance**

- The **National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **ICICI Bank** for the **development of financial accounting software** and **mobile application**.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** provided **insurers** with **more flexibility** in paying **commissions** by linking limits to the overall portfolio and company management expenses.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released the **‘Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) for June 2022’** showing a Bank credit growth accelerated to **14.2%** in the quarter ended **June 2022 (Q1FY23)** from **6%** in **Q1FY22**.
- **Axis Bank** has decided to roll out campaigns along with the **Kochi Metro Rail Ltd (KMRL)** to promote its **Kochi1 card** amongst metro commuters.
- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** has been in operation for **eight years** and has met all of its key objectives.
- **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha** formally launched the **8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022** in **New Delhi**.
- **At Bhuj in Gujarat, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** dedicated **Smruti Van**, the nation's first earthquake monument.
- **Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Education Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh** ceremonially handed over a **cheque of USD 1 million** for the **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)** Secretariat's operational budget.
- **ICICI Bank** has partnered with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to launch a range of credit cards on the payments network **RuPay**.



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- **PGIM India Mutual Fund** has launched a **new investor education and awareness website: MoneyAndMe** - <https://moneyandme.pgimindiamf.com/>.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** overhauled the **pricing norms** for preferential allotment of units by **Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs)** and **Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)**.
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has approved an allocation of **Rs 230 crore** for **rural infrastructure projects** in **Mizoram** under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) XXVIII**.
- India's biggest lender **State Bank of India (SBI)** reported a **7% decline** in standalone net profit at **Rs 6,068 crore** for the first quarter of the current financial year due to a fall in income.
- The **Bank of Maharashtra** has launched a **new fixed deposit scheme** known as the "**Maha Dhanvarsha**".
- The **Maharashtra** government would take a **loan of 4,000 crore rupees** from the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for setting up **medical colleges** in **12 districts of Maharashtra**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed **monetary penalties** on **eight cooperative banks** for different violations, including non-adherence to exposure norms, income recognition, asset classification, and KYC norms.
- **Muthoot FinCorp Ltd**, the flagship company of Muthoot Pappachan Group (also known as Muthoot Blue), has tied up with **IME India Pvt Ltd** (Erstwhile IME Forex India Private Limited) to expand its money remittance services between **Indo Nepal Corridor**.
- **India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd (SBI Card)** has launched the '**Cashback SBI Card**', which is the **first-of-its-kind comprehensive cashback credit card** in India.
- **BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) & Snapdeal** in partnership with **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and **JCB International Co. Ltd (JCB)** have launched the **Snapdeal BoB JCB RuPay Credit Card**.





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- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** chief economist **Mr. Soumya Kanti Ghosh** has revised down **India's full-year GDP growth forecast** to **6.8** for the financial year **FY23**. Earlier, the growth forecast was **7.5%**.
- **IndusInd Bank** announced a strategic partnership with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** for a **partial guarantee program** with an **initial outlay** of **USD 70 million (Rs 560.0 crore)**.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **restructured** its **high-level panel on cyber security** that suggests measures to safeguard the capital markets from **cyber attacks**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has launched the **pilot project** for **end-to-end digitalization of lending via Kisan Credit Cards (KCC)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued **official guidelines** to **all lenders/ Regulated Entities (RE)**, including banks in a move to protect the borrowers from unscrupulous lending practices.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** partially devolved the **7-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**.
- **Bank of India (BOI)** has become the **first public sector bank (PSB)** to **go live on Income Tax Department's new Direct Tax Collection System Tin 2.0**.
- Private sector lender **IDFC First Bank** has become a **participant** of 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.
- One of India's leading General Insurance companies, **Reliance General Insurance**, has launched one of its most flexible and popular products – **Reliance Health Gain Policy** – on **Policybazaar's online platform**.
- **ESAF Small Finance Bank Ltd (ESAF SFB)** has launched a '**Rainbow Savings Account**' exclusively for the transgender community offering a host of features, including **high savings rates** and **advanced debit card facilities**.
- **Agribazaar**, a private electronic Agri mandi, has introduced the '**Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card**'.



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- Private lender, **HDFC Bank** has launched its state-of-the-art '**Bank on Wheels**' van in **Gujarat**, to offer **banking services** in **unbanked locations**, around **Ankleshwar**.
- **Axis Bank** has partnered with technology-based company **PayNearby** to boost its **credit growth** in **Priority Sector Lending (PSL)** targets.
- **Lord's Mark Insurance Broking Private Limited**, the insurance division of **Lord's Mark Industries**, has received a **direct insurance broking license** from the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** for **selling life** and **general insurance products**.
- **WAAREE**, India's largest **Solar Panel manufacturer**, has entered into an **Agreement** with the **State Bank of India (SBI)** for **Solar Projects**.
- **Helios Capital Management PTE Limited Founder Mr. Samir Arora** has received **in-principle approval** for **mutual funds (MF)** from the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.
- Foreign lender **Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited (HSBC)** has committed **Rs 125 crore** over the **next 5 years** to support green causes like **wetland conservation** and **energy transition projects** in **India**.
- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd** has launched '**Smart Flexi Protect Solution**', a **3-in-1 offering** that provides **health** and **enhanced life cover**, along with **market-linked investment returns**.
- India's largest private sector bank, **HDFC Bank** has become the **first bank** in the country to issue an **Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG)** in partnership with **National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)**.
- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has launched a **new non-participating, unit-linked, individual pension plan** called **LIC's 'New Pension Plus' (NPP)**.
- The largest private lender **HDFC Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Institute of Economic Growth (IEG)** to fund a **chair** to carry out independent research.
- **HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd** has launched a **term insurance plan Click2Protect Super**.



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- **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** has launched an **individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection life insurance plan** called "iSelect Guaranteed Future"
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance**, one of India's leading insurance companies has partnered with **Google Cloud** to create a **technology platform** that will help **digitize insurance purchasing and services in India**.
- **Axis Bank**, India's third largest private sector bank, and **Square Yards**, India's largest integrated Real Estate platform, have launched a **jointly branded home buyer ecosystem** called "Open Door".
- Public sector lender and India's largest Public Sector Bank (PSB) **State Bank of India (SBI)** has joined the **5.03 trillion market capitalization (market cap)** for the **first time** after its shares touched a record high of **Rs 564.45** on the **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Index**.
- A private non-life insurance company, **ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard)** launched an **Artificial Intelligence (AI)** powered digital voice agent in collaboration with **Skit.ai**, an **AI-based Software as a Service (SaaS)** voice automation platform.
- As per a circular issued by the **Ministry of Finance**, the government has constituted an expert committee to suggest ways for scaling up **venture capital and private equity (VC/PE) investments**.
- **Karnataka Bank Ltd** has become part of the **Karnataka Government's integrated financial management system (IFMS) Khajane-II (K2)** for implementing a **single nodal agency (SNA)** account system for Centrally-sponsored schemes.
- **Global rating agency Fitch** has **lowered India's economic growth forecast** for **fiscal 2022-23 (FY23)** as measured by **gross domestic product (GDP)** to **7%** from its **June 2022** estimate of **7.8%**.
- **Nippon Life India Asset Management (Singapore) Pte. Ltd** (a wholly owned subsidiary of Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited) has collaborated with **DWS** to provide portfolio



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management and investment advisory services to the **European-listed Indian Government Bond Exchange Traded Funds (ETF)**.

- **Reliance General Insurance Firm Ltd.**, an India-based private insurance company, has partnered with **Paytm**, India's leading digital payments and financial services company, to provide the public with **Reliance Health Gain Policy**, a customizable health insurance solution.
- **India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)** has **lowered** its **Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast** for the **Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY23)** to **6.9%** from its earlier forecast of **7.0%**.
- **Digital insurer Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** has tied up with **Repro Home Finance Ltd (RHFL)** to **offer insurance solutions** to all home loan customers of RHFL.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has **extended** the **deadline** to **invest** in its **senior citizen FD scheme, SBI WeCare FD** up to **March 31, 2023**.
- The nation's largest lender, **State Bank of India (SBI)**, has collaborated with **Remitly** for **safe and simple remittances to India**.
- **Union Bank of India (UBI)** launched an **Industry-first, farmer-focused end-to-end digitization of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) product** as part of the **flagship digital transformation project 'Sambhav'**.
- The **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)** and the **International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** signed a **FinTech Co-operation Agreement (CA)** to facilitate **regulatory collaboration** and partnership in **FinTech technology**.
- **Federal Bank** has launched the pilot for instant **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)**, which facilitates **agriculture loans in minutes**.
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IITM)** announced their **Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)** partnership to launch **Kotak IITM Save Energy Mission**.
- Private lender **Yes Bank's board** has approved the **transfer of stressed assets worth ₹48,000 crores** to **private equity firm JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**.



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- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in its **second supplement to Asian Development Outlook Report 2022 (ADO 2022)**, has slashed **India's economic growth projection** for **FY 22-23 to 7% from 7.2% earlier**, citing higher than expected inflation and monetary tightening.
- Private sector **Kotak Mahindra Bank (KMBL)** launched a **one-of-a-kind Everyday Savings Account (Daily Savings Account)** which will help customers in **spending and saving every day**.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has removed the **Central Bank of India** from the **Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework** on complying with parameters like **net non-performing assets (net NPAs)** and **capital ratios**.
- **ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund** has launched **India's first open-ended auto index scheme, ICICI Prudential Nifty Auto Index Fund**, focusing on the **blue-chip auto and auto ancillary sector**.
- The **Defence Accounts Department (DAD)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** and **HDFC Bank**, to onboard them as **Common Service Centres (CSC)** under the **System for Pension Administration (Raksha) (SPARSH)** initiative, across more than **14,000 branches** throughout India.
- **Japan's Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) Bank** has boosted the capital of its branches within India by **₹3,000 crores** to expand its **India business**.
- One of India's leading private sector banks, **Federal Bank**, has associated with **Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL)**, the **wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** & **Lulu Financial Group** to facilitate utility bill payment services for **non-resident Indian Diaspora**.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has announced a feature enabling the linkage of **RuPay credit cards** to the **unified payments interface (UPI)**.
- **HDFC Bank** signed a **multi-year data and technology agreement** with **Refinitiv**, a **London Stock Exchange Group business**, as the Mumbai-based lender looks to reach **more customers** and **cut costs**.



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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **canceled** the **license of Solapur (Maharashtra)** based **The Laxmi Co-operative Bank Limited** as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.
- Cross-border payments company **TerraPay** headquartered in **Amsterdam, Netherlands** partnered with the **National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI)** international arm **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** to allow merchants in India with **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ID** to make and accept cross-border payments
- The **World Bank (WB)** has approved a loan of **\$150 million (nearly ₹1,200 crores)** to **Punjab** to help it better manage its **financial resources** and **improve access to public services**.
- **Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI)**, the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), has launched a **new-age savings solution ABSLI Akshaya Plan**, a non-linked participating individual savings life insurance plan offering immediate liquidity option through **cash bonus facility**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has barred **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services** from using **third-party recovery agents**.
- Public sector lender **UCO Bank** has become the **first bank** to receive the approval from **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to open a **special Vostro account** with **Gazprombank of Russia** for **trade settlement** in **Indian rupees (INR)**.
- On the Occasion of **International Red Panda Day (third Saturday of September- Sep 17, 2022)** the **State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF)** and **WWF India** entered into a partnership to **generate fine-scale information** on the species at a transboundary level and engage with communities in **safeguarding key habitats** of the **Red Panda in the Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim** and **Darjeeling, Kalimpong district in West Bengal**.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited** has joined hands with **HDFC Life**, to offer **Click2Protect Optima Secure**.
- **S&P Global Ratings** has retained **India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth projection** at **7.3%** for the **financial year 2022-23**.
- **Yubi**, formerly known as **CredAvenue**, has partnered with **India's largest bank, the State Bank**



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of India (SBI), to help grow the bank's co-lending portfolio.

- **Moody's Analytics** predicted the **Global real GDP (gross domestic product)** is forecast at **2.7%** in **2022** in the Moody's Analytics September 2022 baseline, down from **4.2%** in our January 2022 forecast.
- India's leading public sector bank **Bank of Baroda (BOB)** has launched '**Khushiyon ka Tyohaar**' an annual festive campaign with a range of offers as the festive season starts.
- The **Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** has retained its projection of **6.9% growth** in **India's GDP** for the **current financial year FY23**.
- **UCO Bank** and **Yes Bank** have entered into a **partnership** with **two Russian banks** to conduct business with Russia.
- **Samsung**, a consumer electronics company, and **Axis Bank** have partnered to launch an **exclusive co-branded credit card**, powered by **Visa**, and named it the **Samsung Axis Bank Credit Card**.
- **Global payments and technology company Mastercard** will launch the **Carbon Calculator feature** with **Indian banks** for offering consumers an **estimated carbon footprint** for each of their purchases.

## **National News**

- **One Nation One Fertilizer:** To unify fertilizer brands across the country, the government issued an order ordering all enterprises **to promote their products under the brand name "Bharat"**.
- **Shri Bhupender Yadav**, a minister in the Union, took part in the "**Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar**" campaign in **Puducherry** to encourage environmental sustainability.
- The **Ministry of Education** hosted the **Smart India Hackathon-2022**.
- The holy city of **Haridwar in Uttarakhand** has been named the **greatest aspirational district** by the **NITI Aayog** based on five criteria.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will formally unveil the **pedestrian-only "Atal Bridge"** over the **Sabarmati River** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.



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- More than 500 **Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs)** will be set up in **Jammu and Kashmir** by the **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** and **NITI Aayog** to foster an inventive mentality among high school students.
- **Meghdoot machines** have been installed by **Indian Railways** in **Dadar, Thane, and other Mumbai Division stations**.
- **Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated a **two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022** in **New Delhi**.
- **The Government has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar by next year** from the country.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** is celebrating the **5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022** across the nation from **1st September to 30th September**.
- The **Coal Ministry** has aimed to **enhance coal production to 1.23 billion tonnes by 2024-25** to ensure the energy security of the country.
- The **Central Armed Police Forces'** web portal for **CAPF eAwas** was presented by **Home Minister Shri Amit Shah**.
- **Data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)** show that in August, **India's jobless rate rose to a one-year high of 8.3%** while employment decreased by 2 million to 394.6 million.
- **Blue Energy Motors** has unveiled **India's first LNG-fuelled green truck** by launching a manufacturing plant at **Chakan, Pune**.
- According to **the National Statistical Office (NSO)**, the **unemployment rate for urban residents of India** who are 15 years of age or older **decreased from 12.6% in April to June of last year to 7.6% in April to June of this year**.
- **Female employees of the Central Government** would receive **special 60-day maternity leave**.
- According to Union Minister of Science and Technology **Jitendra Singh, Hanle, Ladakh** will soon become home to **India's first-ever "night sky sanctuary"**.
- **Rajpath and Central Vista lawns** will now be known as **Kartavya Path**, according to the Indian government's announcement.





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- According to the most recent crime figures issued by the **National Crime Records Bureau**, **preventative detentions increased by over 23.7% in 2021** compared to the previous year, with over 1.1 lakh persons being held in preventive detention.
- The **Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)** offers an innovative approach to aid the **research endeavors of India's up-and-coming bright minds**.
- The **Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana**, a new initiative by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, aims to establish and upgrade 14,500 schools nationwide.
- The **Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)** approved **Bharat Biotech's first intranasal Covid vaccine for primary vaccination** against the **injection for adults over the age of 18**.
- Launch of **Shikshak Parv by the Ministry of Education** To honor teachers and progress the new **National Education Policy (NEP)**, Union Ministers Annapurna Devi and Rajkumar Ranjan Singh launched Shikshak Parv
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will dedicate the newly **called Kartavya Path**, which connects **Rashtrapati Bhavan and India Gate** and has red granite paths with flora all around, refurbished canals, state-specific food booths, new utility blocks, and vending kiosks.
- **By 2025, the Indian healthcare sector** is anticipated to **develop into a \$50 billion market**, according to **Union Minister Jitendra Singh**.
- The Union Cabinet approved the **PM Schools for Rising India project (SHRI)**, a new centrally **funded scheme aimed at developing around 14500 schools** across the country by improving chosen existing schools overseen by all levels of government.
- **Shri Nitin Gadkari**, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, **will launch 'Manthan' in Bengaluru**.
- The **Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan** will essentially be introduced by **President Draupadi Murmu**.
- **Uday Umesh Lalit**, the **Chief Justice of India**, launched the **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Centre for Citizen Services**.
- **India's first RRTS corridor The Delhi-Meerut RRTS** line will have an **automated fare collection (AFC) system and tickets** with QR codes for passengers.



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- A new I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering Facility Map) initiative is **Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST)**.
- The **Union Cabinet** approved a policy on a **long-term lease of railway land**, as well as a proposal to build **300 Gati Shakti freight facilities over the next five years**.
- **Delhi's Central Vista's** new appearance was **introduced by the prime minister**.
- The **World Resources Institute (WRI) and NITI Aayog** introduced **E-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India)**, the country's first national electric freight platform
- The **SETU(Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation and Upskilling)** initiative was **developed by Mr. Piyush Goyal**, the minister of business and industry, to **connect Indian entrepreneurs with investors in the US**
- **Indian Railways' entire income** at the end of August was **Rs. 95,486.58 crores, up Rs. 26271.29 crores (38%)** over the same time the previous year.
- The **Indian Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman**, has decided to take some **actions to control the operation of illegal lending applications** in light of the surge in incidents of digital fraud after reviewing some related issues in a meeting.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated **Centre-State Science Conclave at Science City in Ahmedabad**
- After imposing a **20 percent export duty on non-basmati rice**, the government has **banned the export of broken rice to increase domestic availability**, according to a government notification.
- The **International Dairy Federation's World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022** was officially opened **by Prime Minister Narendra Modi** at the India Expo Center and Mart in **Greater Noida**.
- Since 2013-14, **per capita, government** spending on **healthcare has climbed by 74%**.
- The **4th Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit-2022** are being organized by the **Madhya Pradesh Police** to advance the skills of police sub-inspectors and senior investigating officers **to successfully prevent cybercrimes**.



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- The **National Maritime Heritage Complex** is being constructed in **Gujarat's Lothal**, a historic center of **the Indus Valley civilization**, for a total of **3500 crore rupees**.
- As a result of our efforts to **upgrade the distribution system** and connect the entire nation to a single grid, **the country now has a surplus of electricity**.
- The **government has set up a panel** to recommend measures to **boost venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE) investments**.
- Union Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** will launch **Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav**.
- The **NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India)** hosted the **first Shoonya Forum** to **commemorate** the **first anniversary of India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign** in **Delhi**.
- The **Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZA)** of **Darjeeling, West Bengal (WB)** has been recognized as the **best zoo in India**.
- During an interactive session with BLOs from across India, **the Election Commission of India** published a **new digital magazine called 'BLO e-Patrika.'**
- At the **World Water Congress and Exhibition in Copenhagen** in 2022, India and Denmark released a joint whitepaper titled "**Urban Wastewater Scenario in India.**"
- The **first Forest University** will be established in **India**.
- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, Union Minister for Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship, launched the **Ramkrishna Mission 'Awakening' Program** for kids in grades **I to V**.
- **Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** has declared **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** as **India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh**.
- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** has **released wild cheetahs in Kuno National Park** and initiated the **world's first Cheetah Rehabilitation Project**.
- **Mr. Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, has inaugurated **India's first lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh**.



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- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** were the **first Indian state/UT to attain 100% preventive dose coverage.**
- At a ceremony in **New Delhi**, the **Doordarshan and YouTube series "Door Se Namaste"** was officially launched by **UNICEF and the US Agency for International Development.**
- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** launched **National Logistics Policy (NLP)** in **New Delhi.**
- **The Centre is planning** to launch the **PM Promotion of Alternate Nutrients for Agriculture Management Yojana** or **PM PRANAM.** The scheme will **incentivize the states**
- In **2023, India will hold its first MotoGP World Championship** race at the **Buddh International Circuit** in **Greater Noida.**
- Approximately **81 CUET 2022 participating universities** will admit students to undergraduate programs through the **Common University Entrance Test (CUET Admission 2022)**, formerly known as **CUCET.**
- The **Union cabinet** approved the **second tranche of the Performance Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme on the 'National Program on High-Efficiency Solar PV Modules'** for reaching **Giga Watt (GW)** manufacturing capacity to enhance manufacturing of **solar photovoltaic (PV)** modules in India, Union minister **Anurag Thakur** revealed in a press conference.
- **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, the union minister for **Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare**, virtually **addressed the Leeds-2022 conference in New Delhi**, which was hosted by the **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).**
- Union Minister **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** launched the **SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees)** app at **Central Leather Research Institute, Chennai.**
- For the tourism sector, the **Government of India** recently unveiled an ambitious plan for **recovery to pre-pandemic levels by 2024**, a **\$250 billion contribution to GDP by 2030**, and a **world leader by 2047**, with a long-term **revenue goal of \$1 trillion by 2047**, when the country turns **100.**
- The Conference ended with the adoption of the "Dharamshala Declaration" which affirms commitment toward developing "sustainable and responsible tourism" and positions India as a "global leader in the tourism sector by 2047".



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- Union Finance Minister Smt **Nirmala Sitharaman** launched an e-learning platform, **Bharat Vidya**.
- Cabinet approved modifications in the **“Programme for Development of Semiconductors and Display Manufacturing Ecosystem in India”**.
- Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** to inaugurate the **National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat**.
- **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar** inaugurated the **third edition of the Lok Manthan program** at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in **Guwahati**.
- The **Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries** has launched a Joint **Convergence Portal** for its various schemes.
- Union **Ministry of Tourism and Culture** has announced a **special tourist train to cover the “Ambedkar Circuit”**.
- The Center produced the **"Sign Learn" smartphone app**, a lexicon of 10,000 words for **Indian Sign Language (ISL)**.
- **Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah** are expected to inaugurate a day-long dairy **cooperative congress of the eastern and northeastern zones in Sikkim**.
- The **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** has carried out **'Operation Meghachakra'** at **56 locations in 20 states** against the **circulation and sharing of child sexual abuse material online**.
- The **Union environment ministry** will launch a **single-window system for environment, forest, wildlife, and coastal regulation zone clearances** by the end of the year to **reduce the time taken to process green nods for various infrastructure projects**.
- **Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry** will launch **Swachh Toycathon**, a unique competition to **make toys from waste**.
- Union Minister **Shri G. Kishan Reddy** launches **Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE'** to boost **Tourism Sector in North East India**.



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- The **forthcoming DefExpo 2022**, scheduled to be held in **Gandhinagar** from **October 18 to 22**, will host the **second edition of the India-Africa Defence Dialogue** with invites extended to **53 African countries**.
- **Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA)** has **revised** the cap on **the fees** that could be paid by **corporates for impact assessment**.
- Union Minister **Ayush Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated an **international conference on Consciousness**.
- The **Ministry of Textiles** recently **cleared 23 strategic research projects** worth around **Rs 60 crores** in Specialty fibres, Sustainable Textiles, Geotextiles, Mobiltech, and Sports textiles under the **National Technical Textiles Mission**.
- **India** launched the “**Innovation Roadmap of the Mission Integrated Biorefineries**” at **Global Clean Energy Action Forum-2022**.
- Health Minister **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya** will inaugurate **Arogya Manthan 2022**.
- **BiofuelCircle**, a Pune-based startup, **launched its platform for biomass supply**.
- **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** is planning to launch the "**Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan**."
- **JALDOOT App** has been **launched by the Ministry of Rural Development**.
- The **government has extended the period of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20** on the demand from **Export Promotion Councils and leading exporters**.
- The **Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility of HAL** in **Bengaluru** has been inaugurated by **President Droupadi Murmu**.
- The **government** launched a **Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment scheme** for **2022-23**.
- Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** launched the **One Week One Lab** theme-based campaign.
- IT services major **HCL Technologies** has **launched its new brand identity and logo**, which seeks **to embrace a distinct global brand identity** while retaining connectivity with HCL Group.



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- **Goa Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant** announced that it will **implement 100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes** along the lines of the **National Education Policy (NEP)** from the **next academic year**
- **Tata Steel Limited** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Punjab** to establish a **0.75 million tonne per annum (MnTPA) long products steel mill** using a scrap-based **electric arc furnace (EAF) steel plant** in **Ludhiana**.
- The **world's largest religious monument, the Temple of Vedic Planetarium** in **Mayapur, West Bengal**, will join **India's list of iconic buildings**.
- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), Government of India (GoI)**, established the **first "Divyang Park" for Divyangjan'** under the **Assistance to Disabled Persons (ADIP) Scheme of MoSJE** at **Reshimbagh Ground** in **Nagpur, Maharashtra**.
- **The Government of Uttar Pradesh (UP) has decided to develop Kannauj as a perfume tourism destination**.
- The **Government of Andhra Pradesh** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **United States (US)-based Parley for the Oceans**, to clean the shores of the State and make **Andhra Pradesh plastic free by 2027**.
- **Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai**, announced that the **State Cabinet meeting** has decided to extend the **Vidyanidhi scheme** to the **children of agricultural laborers** in **Ranebennur, Haveri, Karnataka**.
- **State-owned hydropower giant National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Private Limited (NHPC)** has inked a pact with the **Govt of Himachal Pradesh (HP)** for the **implementation of 500 Mega Watt (MW) Dugar Hydroelectric Project** in **Chamba, HP**.
- The **50th edition of All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022** started at **Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen** in **Imphal, Manipur**.



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- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami** launched a **scheme Mukhya Mantri Udiyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana** during the program was organized at **Police Lines, Dehradun., Uttarakhand.**
- **Delhi Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal** launched **India's first Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS).**
- **Rajasthan chief minister Shri Ashok Gehlot** inaugurated a **month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games** in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan.**
- **Nagaland** got its **second railway station** after a **gap of more than 100 years** with the commissioning of a new facility at **Shokhuvi.**
- **Alappuzha** has become the **5th fully digital banking district** in **Kerala.**
- **Uttarakhand's education department** launched an **e-governance portal "Samarth"** which will provide all **administrative** and **educational updates**, including information on entrance examinations, salary structures, and appointments from **5 state universities** and **140 public schools.**
- The **Telangana AI Mission (T-AIM)** has revealed that **4** of its **startups** have been selected by the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** to represent **India** at the **G20 Digital Innovation Network (DIN).**
- The **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Police** have launched the **online mobile application "JK Ecop"**, an easy-to-use interface to facilitate common people
- The **World Resources Institute (WRI) India** in collaboration with the **Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA)** launched an online, open-source, and interactive geospatial platform called the **Energy Access Explorer (EAE)** for **Assam.**
- **Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot** launched '**Mahila Nidhi**', a **loan scheme** for the **social and economic development** of **women** through **loans.**
- The **Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL)** has launched a **beta version** of the '**DIGI YATRA**' app for the **Android platform.**





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- Meghalaya Chief Minister **Shri Conrad K Sangma** launched the “**Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme**” launched under **National Livestock Mission** at **Byrnihat** in **Ri-Bhoi** district, **Meghalaya**.
- The Central Government has granted permission to the **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** government’s proposal of releasing **family IDs** to its residents and application for **Aadhaar authentication** for their details through the **ministry of electronics and information technology (MEIT)**.
- The **Karnataka** government launched the **Global Startup Challenge "VentuRISE"** to **recognize, reward, and support growth-stage startups** in manufacturing and sustainability-related sectors.
- **Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister **Shri Bhupesh Baghel** inaugurated **Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki** as the **29th** district of **Chhattisgarh**.
- **United Kingdom (London)** based **Tony Blair Institute (TBI)** for **Global Change** and **Canadian Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)** **Children Believe** have jointly launched a ‘**Generation Global Programme**’ for schools and colleges in **Andhra Pradesh** and **Tamil Nadu**, at the **Zilla Parishad High School** at **Ragimanupenta** in **Bangarupalem Mandal**, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Nua Khai** is an **annual harvest festival** in **Odisha**, celebrated to welcome the **season’s new rice**.
- **Bhartaul**, in **Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly** district, has become the **first village** in **UP** to achieve the distinction of supplying **RO (Reverse Osmosis) water** to every household.
- **India’s first 3D-printed Post Office** is coming up in **Cambridge Layout** in the **Halasuru** area of **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- **Tamil Nadu (TN)** Chief Minister **Shri M K Stalin** launched the **Footwear and Leather Products Policy 2022** at the **Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Sector Conclave 2022**.
- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **Shri M K Stalin** launched the ‘**Pudhumai Penn**’ (modern woman) scheme for the **state's girl students**.
- **Bharti Airtel** has launched a **pilot project** in partnership with **Tata Power Northern Odisha Distribution Limited (TPNODL)**



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- **Tripura** Government has set up **India's 1st Bio-Village** at **Daspara** in **Sepahijala** district.
- The **Odisha** government launched the **Community Harnessing and Harvesting rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA)** scheme - a rooftop rainwater harvesting system with an investment of **Rs 270 crore**.
- **Rajasthan** chief minister **Shri Ashok Gehlot** launched the '**Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme**' at the **Ambedkar Bhawan, Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
- **Meghalaya** Chief Minister **Shri Conrad K Sangma** has launched the **online portal** of the **Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA) 2016**.
- **Delhi Police** has become the **first police force in India** to make the **collection of forensic evidence mandatory** for **offenses punishable** with **more than six years**.
- In a first of its kind in **Nagaland**, **Naga Mircha (Naga King Chili) Festival 2022** was organized at **Seiyhama Village** under **Kohima** district.
- **The** Chief Minister (CM) of Chhattisgarh **Shri Bhupesh Baghel** **will launch** a scheme **Mukhyamantri Govansh Mobile Chikitsa Yojana**.
- The **Government of Tamil Nadu (TN)** issued a **government order (GO)** to establish the **17th bird sanctuary** in **Tamil Nadu** at **Nanjarayan tank**, in **Tirupur** district, **Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- **Karnataka** government's **cyber center of excellence** in **cyber security 'CySecK'** and **Dell Technologies** have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to create enhanced cybersecurity practices in **Karnataka**, especially among **students**.
- **Telecom Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw** announced that **Odisha** will get **5G service** along with other cities in the first phase of its launch.
- **Bihar** Chief Minister **Shri Nitish Kumar** has inaugurated **India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam'** on the **Falgu River** in **Gaya**, near **Vishnupad temple** in **Bihar, India**.
- **Chief Minister Shri Arvind Kejriwal** unveiled the establishment of **26 Schools of Excellence (SoE)** and **15 Model Schools** in **Tamil Nadu (TN)** in an event held at the **Bharathi Women's College** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.



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- According to data shared by **Law Minister Shri Kiren Rijju** with the **chief justices of the high courts, Uttar Pradesh (UP)** accounts for **more than 70%** of the **13.81 lakh pending trials** in **fast-track courts** in cases of heinous **crimes against women, children, and senior citizens**.
- The **governments of Delhi and Punjab** have joined hands to use **Pusa bio-decomposer, a microbial solution** that can **decompose paddy straw** in **15 to 20 days** on **5,000 acres** to **prevent stubble burning**, a major cause of air pollution.
- The **Center and Assam government** signed a **tripartite peace accord** with **eight tribal outfits of Assam**.
- **Manipur Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh** has launched a **web portal named CM Da Haisi' (Let's Inform the CM)** in **Imphal, Manipur**.
- The **Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel** announced **Gujarat's first-ever 'Cinematic Tourism Policy' 2022-2027** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- The **Government of Bihar** is set to introduce a **'no-bag day'** rule in **schools & a mandatory games period at least once a week** to **reduce the burden on students**.
- The **Meghalaya government** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Tamil Nadu government** through which **Tamil Nadu** has agreed to support **Meghalaya** for the **recruitment and training of medical professionals**.
- **West Bengal (WB)** approved a proposal for issuing a **letter of intent (LoI)** to **Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (SEZ)** for the development of a **greenfield deep sea port at Tajpur, West Bengal**.
- **Haryana, National Capital Territory (NCT)-Delhi, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh (UP)** signed the **Status of Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement, Contract Carriage, and Stage Carriage, (CRCTA)**.
- The **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel** announced the **launch** of an **innovative campaign 'Hamar Beti-Hamar Maan' (Our Daughter - Our Pride)** for the **women's safety and their empowerment in society**
- The **Government of Nagaland** will launch its **health insurance scheme** called the **Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS)** on the **1st of October, 2022**.



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- The Assam government has decided to use the air pressure machine named SAANS to reduce neonatal mortality.
- The floral festival of Telangana Bathukamma is celebrated predominantly in Telangana and some parts of Andhra Pradesh.
- In a bid to promote tiger conservation, the Uttar Pradesh (UP) cabinet led by Chief Minister Mr. Yogi Adityanath gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region.
- The Maharashtra Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Shri Eknath Shinde gave the nod to name the Chipi greenfield airport in Sindhudurg district after a prominent socialist leader, freedom fighter, and former Member of Parliament (MP) Barrister Nath Pai.

### **International News**

- India's largest carrier IndiGo has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- Germany has launched the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains.
- India GABON Business Council was launched by the Indian Economic Trade Organization (IETO) & the Embassy of GABON to enhance the trade relationships between both India & Gabon.
- Bangladesh and India signed two contracts for the construction of a new broad-gauge line between Khulna-Darsana and the conversion of a meter gauge line into a dual-gauge line between Parbatipur and Kaunia under the Indian Line of Credit (LOC).
- India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations (UN), Geneva, Switzerland revealed that India has contributed \$ 400,000 (over Rs 3 crore) to 4 Voluntary Trust Funds.
- The Indian cities, Nilambur (eco-tourism destination in Kerala) and Thrissur (cultural capital of Kerala) in Kerala & Warangal in Telangana have gained recognition from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) after becoming India's first entrants in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC).



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- India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the Government of the United Kingdom (UK) in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will go to Samarkand, Uzbekistan, for the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- In 2022, the United States (US) awarded a record 82,000 student visas to Indians, more than any other country.
- India and Madagascar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the training of diplomats between India and Madagascar.
- India will assume the presidency of the G20 (Group of Twenty) for one year starting 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2022.
- Mastercard has partnered with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) on Mastercard's Lighthouse MASSIV: a free start-up partnership program designed to help 1 billion people lead more prosperous and secure lives by 2025.
- The first intermodal digital Transports Internationaux Routiers or International Road Transports (TIR)-based pilot transport along the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) corridor from India to Iran was flagged off from Nhava Sheva ( Jawaharlal Nehru Port), Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- According to the Carbon Tracker and Global Energy Monitor, The world's first database for tracking global fossil fuel production, oil and gas reserves, and emissions is named Global Registry of Fossil Fuels and is set to launch.
- The president of Kazakhstan Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed constitutional amendments that extended the presidential term to 7 years from 5 years and officially changed the name of the capital Nur Sultan to Astana.
- Hon'ble Minister for Jal Shakti Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Hon'ble Minister Ms. Lea Wermelin, Minister of Environment, Denmark, and Hon'ble Minister Mr. Flemming Møller Mortensen, Minister of Development Co-operation, Denmark along with the Indian Delegation launched a Whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' at International



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**Water Association (IWA) World Water Congress & Exhibition 2022 in Copenhagen, Denmark.**

- The **Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)** declared in a **non-binding** but highly **symbolic report**, that **Hungary** is **no longer a fully functioning democracy**.
- The **Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA)** has overtaken **Russia** by a **narrow margin** to become **India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq** in August 2022 after a **three-month gap**.
- The **United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP)**, along with **UK-based charity Reef-World Foundation**, launched the **Green Fins Hub**, a global digital platform.
- Edible oil trade associations from **five palm oil importing countries** in **South Asia India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal** for the **first time** allied with, **Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA)**.
- **Vitamin Angels India** has announced a partnership with **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) India** for **Poshan Maah 2022**.
- On the sidelines of the **76th session of the UN General Assembly**, the **G-4** comprising **India, Japan, Germany, and Brazil** highlighted the '**urgent need**' for reform in the **U.N. Security Council (UNSC)**.
- The **Government of Maldives** signed the **agreement** with **JMC Projects (India) Ltd.** for the development of **Hanimaadhoo International Airport**.
- **India** as an observer attended the **Blue Pacific Partners (BPP) Foreign Ministers Meeting**, during which the partners aimed to support the Pacific region and committed to working with the region to consider other potential initiatives, including areas such as education and infrastructure.

### **Ranks and Indices**

- According to a report by **Cushman and Wakefield**, **Bengaluru** ranks **second place** among the **top IT centers in the Asia Pacific region**, only behind **Beijing in China**.
- **Gautam Adani, an Indian**, is now the **third-richest person in the world**.
- **India is currently the tenth-largest life insurer** in the world, surpassing both **China and the UK**.



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- **Bajaj Finance and Adani Transmission** have displaced **Life Insurance Company (LIC)** from the **top 10 firms** by market capitalization.
- According to research by the **National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)**, the number of **suicide-related deaths in India** hit an all-time high in 2021.
- **Forbes Asia** has published the **second edition** of its list, titled '**Forbes Asia-100 to Watch 2022.**'
- According to **Bloomberg**, **India** has surpassed **Britain** to become the **world's fifth-largest economy**.
- In the list of Ministries/Departments for addressing Public Grievances, **the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** came out on top.
- According to a **Niti Aayog analysis**, among bigger states, **Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Gujarat** have been listed as the **top three states for overall Poshan Abhiyaan implementation**.
- With **9.12 million cases**, **Uttar Pradesh** leads the way in terms of **case disposition and admission into the e-Prosecution site** operated by the **Union government** under its **Digital India Mission**.
- The **Human Development Report 2021-2022**, published by the **United Nations Development Programme**, includes a report on the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI).
- According to **Fortune India's** list of "**India's Richest**" for 2022, there are **142 billionaires** living in **India**, and their combined fortune is estimated to **be worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion)**.
- On any given day, there are **around 49.6 million individuals** who are victims of **contemporary slavery**.
- According to the **2021 Global Estimates of Modern Slavery**, they are either compelled to **labor against their will** or are in a marriage that has been forced upon them.
- According to **Kantar BrandZ** report on **India's most valuable brands**, **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** is **India's most valuable brand** in 2022 with a **brand value** of **\$45.5 billion** followed by **HDFC Bank**.



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- **Federal Bank** was placed 63rd on Great Place to Work's list of the **Best Workplaces in Asia 2022**, making it the only bank in India to be included.
- **Chainalysis**, a **blockchain analysis platform**, announced its **worldwide crypto adoption index for 2022**, with **India placing fourth**, two positions lower than last year.
- **Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020** has been released by the Registrar General of India (RGI).
- **IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich list 2022** has been released by **IIFL Wealth and Hurun India**.

### Appointments

Name of the person	Appointment	Key points
Shri Awadh Bihari Chaudhary	Bihar Assembly Speaker	He replaced former Assembly Speaker Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha as the 17th Speaker of the Bihar Assembly.
Mr. Ananth Narayan	Whole-time SEBI member	He becomes the fourth whole-time member of SEBI. The other three WTM's include SK Mohanty, Ananta Barua, and Ashwani Bhatia.
Vipnesh Bharadwaj	Interim secretary of All India Chess Federation	This happened after the Delhi High Court reiterated its order of removing former chief Bharat Singh Chauhan.





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Mr. Santosh Iyer	MD & CEO of Mercedes-Benz India	He succeeds Mr. Martin Schwenk who will take up the position of President and CEO, of Mercedes-Benz Thailand.
MP Shri Anurag Sharma	International Treasurer of the Parliamentary Association Conference (CPA)	Mr. Sharma is the second Indian office-bearer in the CPA
Shri Nagesh Singh	Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Thailand	He will replace the incumbent ambassador Shri Suchitra Durai.
Jasprit Bumrah	Brand ambassador for Uppercase	He will lead the D2C brand's 'Never Ordinary' campaign.
Shri MV Iyer	Additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of State-run GAIL (India) Limited.	His appointment comes after former CMD Shri Manoj Jain superannuated from the services of GAIL.
Kriti Sanon	First brand ambassador for Heads up for Tails	It is a Pet-care brand.
Mr. Laxman Narasimhan	Chief executive officer (CEO) of the Starbucks Board of Directors	He will replace its long-time head, Mr. Howard Schultz.
Mr. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava	Interim chairman of ONGC	Srivastava succeeds Mr. Alka Mittal who superannuated on Aug 31, 2022.



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Mr. Yamuna Kumar Chaubey	Chairman & MD of NHPC Ltd.	He succeeded Mr. Abhay Kumar Singh who superannuated on August 31, 2022.
Mr. Paban Kumar Borthakur	Chief Secretary of Assam	He replaced Mr. Jishnu Barua, who retired from service on Aug 31, 2022.
Mr. Ana Brnabic	PM of Serbia	Mr. Ana Brnabic became the first woman & the first openly gay person to hold the Position.
Mr. Kalyan Chaubey	All India Football Federation (AIFF) President	He succeeds Mr. Praful Patel (2009-2022)
Dr. Vasudha Gupta	Director General of the News Services Division, All India Radio.	He Succeeded Mr. N Venudhar Reddy who Supernaut on Aug 31, 2022.
Secretary General Lok Sabha Utpal Kumar Singh	CEO of Sansad TV	Ravi Capoor relieved as Sansad TV CEO
Actor Kiccha Sudeep	Brand Ambassador of Panyakoti Dattu Yojana	To promote people's partnership in cow conservation.
Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud	Executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).	He has replaced Shri Justice U.U. Lalit was elevated as the 49th Chief Justice of India.

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Mr. S Krishnan	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tuticorin-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.	Mr. Sankarasubramaniam succeeds incumbent MD-CEO K V Rama Moorthy ended on September 3, 2022.
Captain Mr. Binesh Kumar Tyagi	Chairman and managing director of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI)	He Succeeded Mr. Harjeet Kaur Joshi, who take over the charge of CMD of SCI in Sep 2019.
Justice Mr. M. Duraiswamy	Acting Chief Justice Of Madras High Court	He will take over after the retirement of the current Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, Mr. Muneeshwar Nath Bhandari.
Mr. Mahesh V Iyer	Chairman of Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL)	Until Aug 2022, Iyer worked for GAIL (India) Limited as the director of business development.
Liz Truss	Prime Minister Of the UK	She has succeeded PM Boris Johnson (2019-22), who will tender his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II
Mr. Pieter Elbers	Chief Executive Officer of IndiGo	He has replaced 71-year-old Mr. Ronojoy Dutta who will be retiring on 30 September 2022
Mr. Shaji Prabhakaran	Secretary General of All India Football Federation (AIFF) President	-



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Mr. Sanjay Verma	India's next high commissioner to Canada.	He succeeded Acting High Commissioner Mr. Anshuman Gaur.
Sunil Chhetri	Brand ambassador of Indian FMCG company Pintola	Pistola boasts of a basket size of 21 products and aims to cater to a consumer size of 100 million soon.
Mr. Volker Turk	UN High Commissioner for Human Rights	He replaces Mr. 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.
Mr. Dinesh Kumar Batra	Chairman & Managing Director of BEL	-
Mr. Gervais Ndirakobuca	PM of Burundi	He succeeds Mr. Alain-Guillaume Bunyoni.
Mr. Prasad K Panicker	Chairman of Rosneft-owned Nayara Energy	He will succeed Mr. Charles Anthony (Tony) Fountain, whose five years of service helped to improve the level of performance and financial performance of Nayara Energy.
Mr. Joao Lourenco	President of Angola	He was re-elected.



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Mr. Munishwar Nath Bhandari	Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).	-
Mr. Sanjay Khanna	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Country Manager for India in American Express Banking Corporation (AEBC)	-
Abhishek Mishra	Member of the FCI Consultative Committee	At the age of 18, he became the Youngest CEO of the DPIFF
Mr. Mukul Rohatgi	14th Attorney General (AG) of India.	He was succeeded by Mr. K. K. Venugopal.
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Rakesh	Managing Director (MD) of CSC SPV (Common Service Centre Special Purpose Vehicle)	He Succeeded Mr. Dinesh Tyagi who played a key role in the scaling up of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at present.
Shri B. P. Kanungo & Shri Kaushik Dutta	Independent directors of BharatPe	The appointments are in line with BharatPe's aim to build a world-class institution & being the torchbearer of corporate governance in the start-up world.
Dr. Renee Wegrzyn	Inaugural Director of Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA – H)	She was appointed as the first Director of the Advanced



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		Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H).
Shah Rukh Khan	Brand Ambassador of UAE healthcare leader Burjeel Holdings	He was the first Indian celebrity to have received the UAE golden visa.
Shri Prakash Chand	India's ambassador to Eritrea	Before Shri Prakash Chand, Shri Subhash Chand was the Ambassador of India to Eritrea.
Shri A N Shamseer	24th speaker of Kerala assembly	Shamseer replaced Shri M B Rajesh, who became Minister of excise and Local Self Government departments.
Mr. Sumant Kathpalia	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd Bank	He was reappointed.
Mr. BVR Subrahmanyam	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).	He will replace Mr. LC Goyal.
Ms. Vanessa Nakate	Goodwill ambassador of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF).	She is a 25-year-old climate activist from Uganda.
Mr. Thomas M Devasia	Member (non-life) of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).	This is the first time that the Government has appointed a senior executive from the private sector as a member of IRDAI.



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Mr. Prasanna Kumar Motupalli	Chairman and Managing Director of NLC India Limited.	-
Mr. Pralay Mondal	Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CSB Bank Limited (erstwhile Catholic Syrian Bank Limited)	-
Shri Vijoy Kumar Singh	Secretary, of Ex-Servicemen Welfare	-
Mr. Amadou Ba	PM of Senegal	-
Veteran industrialist Mr. Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge Mr. KT Thomas, and former deputy Lok Sabha speaker Mr. Kariya Munda	Trustees of the Prime Minister's Citizen Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund (PM CARES Fund).	-
Mr. PR Ravi Mohan	Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank	He was reappointed
Mr. T Raja	Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court	He will succeed Justice Mr. M Duraiswamy.
Rohit Sharma & Ritika Sajdeh	Brand Ambassadors of Max Life Insurance	-
Mr. L Nageswara Rao	For amending the constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)	He is also responsible for preparing the electoral college.
Mr. Dilip Tirkey	Hockey India president	-
Dr. Rajiv Bahl	Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research	He will replace Dr. Balram Bhargava, who was appointed



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	(ICMR) cum- Secretary Department of Health Research (DHR)	to the post in April 2018 for 4 years.
Mr. Dilip Asbe	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)	-
Dr. M Srinivas	Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)	He will succeed Mr. Randeep Guleria who has been holding the post since March 2017.
Ms. Georgia Meloni	Italy's first female PM	She defeated Mr. Mario Draghi by a huge margin.
Mr. Ajay Kumar Srivastava	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)	The incumbent Mr. Partha Pratim Sengupta ends on December 31, 2022.
Mr. Rajneet Kohli	Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Britannia Industries	-
Mr. Varun Berry	Executive Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of Britannia Industries	-
Mr. Mohammed bin Salman	Prime Minister (PM) of Saudi Arabia	He is being replaced as defense minister by his younger brother, Mr. Khalid bin Salman, who was deputy defense minister.





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Mr. Vijay Jasuja	Non-Executive Cum Independent Director of Leading Fintech platform Stashfin	-
Mr. Rajendra Kumar	Director General of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC).	-

**Agreements and MoUs signed**

- A **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** and the **Swedish company LFV Air Navigation Services in New Delhi**.
- **Indian oil explorer and producer Oil and Natural Gas Corp** signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with global petroleum giant **ExxonMobil Corp** for **deepwater exploration in India's East and West coasts**.
- In New Delhi, the **Government of India (GoI)** and the **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** signed the **Headquarters Agreement (HQA)**, establishing CDRI as an **"Independent and International Legal Entity."**
- **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)** under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, in collaboration with the **Cyber Security Agency of Singapore**, successfully designed and conducted the **Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries**
- **Global steelmaker POSCO** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **ZeroC**, a subsidiary of renewable energy company Greenko to make **green hydrogen, and to jointly pursue opportunities in renewables, and other derivatives of green hydrogen**.
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, a public sector undertaking announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Smiths Detection**, a threat detection, and security inspection technologies company, **to offer advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market**.



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- Under the Ministry of **Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, the **National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** and the **Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) separately with the **Indian School of Business (ISB)**, a top-ranked global business school, to provide top management education through entrepreneurial programs aimed at youth and job-seeking entrepreneurs.
- **Vedanta Limited**, managed by **Anil Agarwal**, and the **Foxconn Group** would contribute more than **Rs 1.54 lakh crore** to **Gujarat's semiconductor ecosystem development**.
- **MeitY Startup Hub (MSH)** and **Meta** will collaborate to launch a **program to support and accelerate XR technology entrepreneurs in India**.
- **International Business Machines (IBM)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-Madras)** have partnered to **advance quantum computing research and talent development in India**.
- **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** of the Department of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **NTPC (National Thermal Power Corporation) Foundation** and **REC (Rural Electrification Corporation) Foundation** for the development of **sports in the country**.
- **Amity University Uttar Pradesh** inked an **MoU with the Indian Navy** to establish a **long-term academic collaboration connection**.
- **India and Egypt** agreed to enhance **cooperation between their defense industries**.
- **Defence Ministry** has signed an **MoU with the Bank of Baroda, HDFC Bank**.
- **Hero MotoCorp** has partnered with **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd** to establish **charging infrastructure** throughout the country for **electric two-wheelers**.
- The **National Cadet Corps (NCC)** and the **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding in front of defense minister **Rajnath Singh**.
- State-owned **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** has signed an agreement with **Brazilian national oil company Petrobras** for **sourcing crude oil from the Latin American nation** as part of plans to diversify its sourcing needs.



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- **Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC)**, a skill development institution for the telecom industry, has launched a **center of excellence with Huawei Technologies at NIT Patna for capacity building.**
- **The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has partnered with information technology (IT) consulting firm **Accenture** to set up a **Centre of Excellence (CoE) to undertake collaborative research projects.**
- **Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ)**, India's largest life-saving medical devices manufacturing cluster, has signed a memorandum of understanding with the **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) for cooperation in the healthcare sector.**
- **Airlines under the Tata umbrella** have signed a memorandum of understanding with the **Council of Scientific And Industrial Research–Indian Institute Of Petroleum (CSIR–IIP) to collaborate and work together on research, development, and deployment of sustainable aviation fuels.**
- Easing the way for **setting up coal-to-chemical projects** through Surface Coal Gasification (SCG) route, **Coal India Limited (CIL)** inked a Memorandum of Undertaking (MoU) with **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Indian Oil Corporation and GAIL (India).**
- **Air India** announced a **definitive sale and leaseback agreement** with **Nasdaq-listed Willis Lease Finance Corporation** for **34 CFM56-5B engines** installed on its Airbus A320 family fleet.
- **Embrear's Eve Air Mobility** has signed an **MoU with FlyBlade India** to bring at least 200 electric vertical take-offs and landing (eVTOLs) to India by 2026.
- **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** and the **International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO)** signed an MoU.
- **NHPC Limited and IIT Jammu** have signed a pact for availing services of the latter for undertaking R&D activities in the field of science, engineering, and technology.
- **India and Egypt** agreed to enhance **cooperation between their defense industries.**

**Acquisitions & Mergers**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **merger of Aditya Marketing and**



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**Manufacturing Private Limited into Umang Commercial Company Private Limited.**

- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of 35.43% stake shares** in **Olam Agri Holdings Pte. Ltd. (Olam Agri / Target)** by **SALIC International Investment Company (SIIC / Acquirer)**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition** of approximately **7.49% shareholding** in **Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Limited** on a fully diluted basis by **Caladium Investment Pte. Ltd(GIC Investor)** by way of preferential issues of equity and warrants.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital** of **Indialdeas.com Limited (IIL)** by **PayU Payments Private Limited (PayU India)** under **Section 31(1)** of the **Competition Act, 2002**.
- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** will acquire a **79.4% stake** in **California-based solar energy software developer SenseHawk** for **USD 32 million (around Rs 256 crore)**
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the acquisition of a stake in **Apraava Energy Private Limited (Target)** by **CDPQ Infrastructures Asia II Pte. Ltd. (Acquirer)** under **Section 31(1)** of the **Competition Act, 2002**.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has diluted its stake in **GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals** from **6.402% to 4.357%**.
- **Google Cloud Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Thomas Kurian** announced that **Google** has completed the **\$5.4 billion** acquisition of **cyber-security firm Mandiant**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has given its approval for **₹665-crore primary capital infusion** in **Aditya Birla Health Insurance (ABHI)** by an entity controlled by the **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)**.
- The **Adani group** has completed the **acquisition** of **major cement players Ambuja Cements Limited and ACC Limited**, becoming **India's second-largest cement player**.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has acquired **13.82% (ie 2,20,98,780 equity shares)** stake of **SBI Global Factors Ltd (SBIGFL)** from its existing shareholders **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) 6.53%, Union Bank of India (UBI) 2.95%** and **Bank of Maharashtra**



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(BoM) 4.34%.

- Canadian fund Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board is picking up a **30% stake** in **Mahindra Susten Private Limited**, the renewable energy player for **Rs 2,371 crore (\$300 million)**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the **amalgamation** of the **over-the-top platforms Jio Cinema** with **Viacom 18 Media**.
- **Mahindra & Mahindra(M&M)** will **acquire 21,14,349 equity shares** constituting a **17.41% stake** in **Swaraj Engines Ltd (SEL)** from **Kirloskar Industries Ltd (KIL)** for **Rs 296 crore**.
- Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI) **has become the first life insurance company in India to have a 74% stake held by a foreign partner** after Belgium-based Ageas Insurance International **completed the acquisition of the 25% stake in the life insurance joint venture (JV)** from IDBI Bank.
- India's 3rd largest private sector lender **Axis Bank** has entered into an **indicative and non-binding term sheet** with **Go Digit-Life Insurance** for a proposed investment of **Rs 49.90 to Rs 69.90 crore** for a **9.94% stake** in the **Initial Public Offering (IPO)** bound **Go Digit**, a firm backed by **Canada-based Fairfax Group**.

## **Sports News**

- In the **Women's 57kg division** at the **World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships**, Indian judoka **Linthoi Chanambam** made history by earning **India's first-ever Gold medal in Judo World Championships**.
- **Cricket legend Virat Kohli** has played **100 matches** in each of the game's three formats, making him the **first Indian and only the second player overall in history**.
- **Martin Gupthill** of **New Zealand** was overtaken by **Indian captain Rohit Sharma** to take the top spot among **men's T20 international run scorers**.
- The **Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry** will organize the **"Meet the Champion initiative"** on National Sports Day in 26 schools around the country.
- At the **World Championships**, **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and **Chirag Shetty** became **the first Indian team to take home a medal in the men's doubles tournament**.



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- **Viktor Axelsen of Denmark defeated Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand to win the men's singles championship at the BWF World Championships in Tokyo, Japan, for the second time.**
- **The Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022 was won by Max Verstappen of Red Bull.**
- **James Anderson of England is now the first fast bowler in the history of international cricket to reach 950 wickets.**
- **Rahul Sharma, an Indian spinner, has declared his retirement from both local and international cricket.**
- **Colin de Grandhomme, an all-rounder for New Zealand, has announced his retirement from international cricket.**
- **Amlan Borgohain, who now owns the 200-meter national record, has also broken the 100-meter mark.**
- **The Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system will debut in the next Under-17 Women's World Cup in India in 2022, according to the world football governing body FIFA.**
- **Former captain and wicketkeeper-batsman of Bangladesh Cricket Team Mushfiqur Rahim announced his retirement from T20 international cricket.**
- **Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament, with 7.5 points as seven Indians finished in the top 10 with R Praggnanandhaa sharing the second spot with five others.**
- **The Dutch F1 Grand Prix of 2022 was won by Max Verstappen of Red Bull.**
- **The 36th National Games mascot and anthem have been unveiled at Trans Stadia in Ahmedabad by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.**
- **Researchers from IIT Madras have partnered with the Inspire Institute of Sports in Karnataka to develop the analytics platform "Smartboxer."**
- **The former Indian batsman Suresh Raina confirmed his departure from the Indian Premier League (IPL).**
- **The Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship was held in Kuala Lumpur, where six-year-old Anishka Biyani came out on top with the gold medal.**



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- Japan won the 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament singles finals in Osaka.
- Neeraj Chopra won the Diamond League Final in Zurich, adding another victory to his resume.
- Australia's captain, Aaron Finch, announced his retirement from one-day international cricket following Australia's third and final ODI against New Zealand.
- In the men's division, Spanish player C. Alcaraz Garcia has won his maiden Grand Slam title after overcoming C. Ruud, who is only 19 years old and is the youngest player to become world No. 1.
- For the first time, Sikkim will host three Ranji Trophy matches in December.
- The Formula One Italian Grand Prix was won by Max Verstappen.
- Alireza Firouzja, an Iranian-French grandmaster in chess, defeated Ian Nepomniachtchi in the finals to take home the ninth edition of the Sinquefeld Cup.
- Virat Kohli has now become the first cricketer to have 50 million Twitter followers.
- Chess player Pranav Anand, 15, of Bengaluru, Karnataka, earned the 76th GrandMaster (GM) of India after defeating Armenian International Master (IM) Emin Ohanyan.
- At the 2022 World Wrestling Championship, Vinesh Phogat took home bronze in the women's 53kg division.
- The ICC Player of the Month award for August 2022 has been given to all-rounders Sikandar Raza of Zimbabwe and Tahlia McGrath of Australia by their respective categories.
- Robin Uthappa has declared his retirement from Indian cricket in all formats.
- In the final of the SAFF U-17 Championship, India defeated Nepal 4-0.
- Sunil Chhetri's Bengaluru FC defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the 131st Durand Cup final at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- Indian javelin thrower and Paralympics gold medalist Devendra Jhajharia clinched a silver medal for the country in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix held in Morocco.
- The International Cricket Council has announced a slew of amendments to the Playing Conditions that will take effect on October 1, 2022.



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- At the **World Wrestling Championships 2022**, Indian wrestler **Bajrang Punia** earned bronze after defeating **Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov** in the men's freestyle 65kg event.
- **Bangladesh** won the debut **SAFF Women's Championship** with a historic triumph at the **Dashrath Rangshala Stadium** in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
- **Elvis Ali Hazarika** a **Veteran Assamese swimmer** has become the **first from the North East** to cross the **North Channel**.
- **Linda Fruhvirtova**, a **17-year-old tennis player from the Czech Republic**, made an outstanding comeback to win the **Chennai Open 2022 WTA 250 tennis singles**.
- **Jhulan Goswami**, a great player in **women's cricket**, stated that she was **quitting the sport in all of its forms**.
- **Magnus Carlsen** became the **Julius Baer Generation Cup champion** after **crushing the "Indian Iceman" Arjun Erigaisi** in the final.
- **The U.S. Team** has won the **14th Presidents Cup**, defeating the **International Team** by a **17.5-12.5 margin** at **Quail Hollow Club**.

## **Defence News**

- The **Ministry of Defence** approved **three Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) projects: Guided Extended Range ammunition, Aerial Denial Munition Type I, and Infantry Combat Vehicle – Command**.
- The **Indian Navy** received its **first-ever fully Made in India 30mm ammunition** for **AK-630 guns fitted on warships**.
- The **Government of India (GoI)** has granted **permission to defense forces to buy emergency weapons** through the **Make in India route**.
- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** conducted the **10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX -22** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India**.
- The **Indian Army** is set to possess **advanced quantum communication technology**, thereby joining an elite list of nations with **indigenous quantum technology**.





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- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved the **Tejas Mark-2 project** to boost India's push for **indigenous fighter aircraft**.
- The **Indian Army contingent** of the **Gorkha Regiment troops** began the **multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok - 2022** at the **training grounds** of the **Eastern Military District of Russia** which will take place **Sep 01 to 07 2022**.
- The **Indian Navy** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Space Research Organisation's Space Applications Centre (SAC)**, **Ahmedabad, Gujarat** on **data sharing** and **cooperation** on **Satellite-based Naval Applications** in **Oceanology and Meteorology**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and **Indian Army** have completed **six flight tests** of the **Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system** from **Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur** off the **Odisha coast**.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully conducted trials of the **enhanced range Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher (MBRL)** at **Balasore and Pokhran, Rajasthan**.
- The **Air Force Global Strike Command Airmen** **launched an** unarmed **LGM-30G Minuteman III** intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) **equipped with** 3 test re-entry vehicles **from the Vandenberg Space Force Base** in **California**
- **Indian Army's Kharga Corps** and the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** conducted a **joint exercise 'Gagan strike'** in **Punjab**.
- The **Indian Navy** launched **Taragiri**, the **Third Stealth Frigate of P17A** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra** by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**.
- The **sixth edition** of **Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22)** was hosted by the **Indian Navy & commenced** in the **Bay of Bengal**.
- The **Border Security Force's (BSF's)** first **female camel riding squad** is ready to be deployed along the **India-Pakistan border** in **Rajasthan** and **Gujarat**.



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- **Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj Pande** who is on a **2-day visit to Ladakh**, reviewed **exercise Parvat Prahar** and took a brief on operational preparedness by commanders on the ground.
- **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura** and **P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft** have arrived in **Darwin in Australia** to participate in a **multinational naval exercise, Kakadu 2022 (KA22)** being hosted by the **Royal Australian Navy**.
- **Indian Navy** has decommissioned **INS Ajay** after rendering **32 years of glorious service** to the nation at **Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** and **United States Coast Guards (USCG)** conducted a **joint exercise, Abhyas-01/22**, which was held off the **Chennai coast, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** inducted **'Samarth'** in its fleet, to **strengthen the coastal security mechanism**.
- **The Indian Navy has launched** first-of-its-kind two indigenously designed **and** built **Diving Support Vessels (DSVs) - Nistar and Nipun** in **Visakhapatnam**.
- The **Ministry of Defence (MOD)** signed a **contract** with **M/s BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. (BAPL)** for the acquisition of **additional dual-role capable Surface to Surface BrahMos missiles** at an overall **approximate cost of ₹ 1700 Crore** under the **"Buy-Indian"** Category.
- The **Indian Army** and the **Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE)** have jointly installed the **Avalanche Monitoring Radar**, the first of its kind in **India**, in **north Sikkim**.
- The **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sunayna** participated in the **capacity-building exercise Operation Southern Readiness** conducted by **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)** at **Seychelles** which was held between **24th September and 27th September 2022**.
- An **indigenous loitering munition, named ALS 50** has been successfully demonstrating its **strike capability during tests** conducted at **Pokhran, Rajasthan**.

## **Awards & Honours**

Name of the person	Award	Key Points
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Film : Shershaah (Dharma Productions)	Best Film - 67th Filmfare Awards 2022	-
Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)	Best Director - 67th Filmfare Awards 2022	-
Actor: Ranveer Singh (83) as Kapil Dev	Best Actor - 67th Filmfare Awards 2022	-
Actress: Kriti Sanon	Best Actress - 67th Filmfare Awards 2022	Mimi as Mimi Rathore
Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)	Best Supporting Actor- 67th Filmfare Awards 2022	-
Supporting Actress: Sai Tamhankar	Best Supporting Actress - 67th Filmfare Awards 2022	-
Subhash Ghai	Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award	-
Divita Rai	Miss Diva Universe	She was crowned by the current Miss Universe 2021, Harnaaz Sandhu.
Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan), and Gary Benchehib (Indonesia)	64th Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022	-
Barack Obama	Emmy Award	Obama won the best narrator Emmy for his work on the Netflix documentary series, Our Great National Parks.



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Mahadevikadu Kattil Thekkethil chundan	Nehru Trophy Boat Race	Santhosh Chacko's team finished its hat-trick of victories.
Tanikella Bharani	18th Loknayak Foundation Award, the foundation's annual Sahitya Puraskar	This award is popularly referred to as 'Andhra Jnanpith'.
Admiral Sunil Lanba	Meritorious Service Medal	In recognition of his excellent efforts to strengthen the long-standing bilateral defense ties between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.
Dr. Asghar Wajahat	31st Vyas Samman	For his play Mahabali, he has been given the coveted honor.
Jean Smart- Hacks	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding lead actress in a comedy series
Jason Sudeikis- Ted Lasso	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding lead actor in a comedy series
Ted Lasso	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding comedy series
Michael Keaton- Dopesick	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding lead actor in a limited or anthology series or a movie
Amanda Seyfried- The Dropout	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding lead actress in a limited or anthology series or a movie
The White Lotus	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding limited or anthology series



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Zendaya- Euphoria	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding lead actress in a drama series
Lee Jung-Jae- Squid Game	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding lead actor in a drama series
Succession	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding drama series
Brett Goldstein- Ted Lasso	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Supporting actor in a comedy series
Sheryl Lee Ralph- Abbott Elementary	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Supporting actress in a comedy series
Colman Domingo- Euphoria	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Guest actor in a drama series
Lee You-mi- Squid Game	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Guest actress in a drama series
Matthew Macfadyen- Succession	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Supporting actor in a drama series
Julia Garner- Ozark	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Supporting actress in a drama series
Murray Bartlett- The White Lotus	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Supporting actor in a limited series or tv movie
Jennifer Coolidge- The White Lotus	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Supporting actress in a limited series or tv movie
Chip 'n' Dale: Rescue Rangers	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Television movie
Nathan Lane- Only Murders in the Building	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Guest actor in a comedy series
Laurie Metcalf- Hacks	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Guest actress in a comedy series
Abbott Elementary- Quinta Brunson	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding writing for a comedy series



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Succession- Jesse Armstrong	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding writing for a drama series
The White Lotus- Mike White	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding writing for a limited or anthology series or movie
Last Week Tonight With John Oliver	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding writing for a variety series
Jerrod Carmichael: Rothaniel	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding writing for a variety of special
Lucy And Desi	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding writing for a nonfiction program
Lizzo's Watch Out for the Big Grrrls	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding competition program
Queer Eye	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Structured reality program
Love on the Spectrum	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Unstructured reality program
RuPaul- RuPaul's Drag Race	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Host for a reality or competition program
Saturday Night Live	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Variety sketch show
The Pepsi Super Bowl LVI Halftime Show Starring Dr. Dre- Snoop Dogg- Mary J. Blige- Eminem- Kendrick Lamar And 50 Cent	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Variety special (live)
Adele: One Night Only	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Variety special (pre-recorded)
Carpool Karaoke: The Series	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Short-form comedy, drama, or variety series



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Full Frontal With Samantha Bee Presents: Once Upon A Time In Late Night	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Short-form nonfiction or reality series
George Carlin's American Dream	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Documentary or nonfiction special
The Beatles: Get Back	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Documentary or nonfiction series
When Claude Got Shot	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Exceptional merit in documentary filmmaking
Tim Robinson- I Think You Should Leave With Tim Robinson	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Actor in a short-form comedy or drama series
Patricia Clarkson- State of the Union	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Actress in a short-form comedy or drama series
Arcane	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Animated program
Love- Death + Robots	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Short-form animated program
Chadwick Boseman- What If...?	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Character voice-over performance
Barack Obama- Our Great National Parks	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Narrator
Stanley Tucci: Searching for Italy	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Hosted nonfiction series or special
Ted Lasso- MJ Delaney	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a comedy series
Squid Game- Hwang Dong-hyuk	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a drama series



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The White Lotus- Mike White	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a limited or anthology series or movie
A Black Lady Sketch Show- Bridget Stokes	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a variety series
Adele: One Night Only- Paul Dugdale	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a variety of special
The Beatles: Get Back- Peter Jackson	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a documentary/nonfiction program
Lizzo's Watch Out For The Big Grrrls- Nneka Onuorah	74th Primetime Emmy Awards	Outstanding directing for a reality program
Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata	'Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar' Award	-
Swati Piramal	Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur title (Knight of the Legion of Honour).	-
Alia Bhatt	Smita Patil Memorial Award	-
Ursula von der Leyen	2022 Global Goalkeeper Award	-
Vanessa Nakate	2022 Campaign Award	-
Zahra Joya	2022 Changemaker Award	-





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Dr. Radhika Batra - India	2022 Progress Award	-
Daniel Spielman	Breakthrough Prize in mathematics	He got the award for his contributions to theoretical computer science and mathematics.
Meena Kandasamy	Hermann Kesten Prize	Meena Kandasamy is a feminist and anti-caste activist.
Asha Parekh	52nd Dadasaheb Phalke award	The most recent Dadasaheb Phalke award went to Southern film legend Rajinikanth.
Suella Braverman	Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award	She is a British lawyer of Indian heritage

## Science & Technology

- **India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine** for the **prevention of cervical cancer** will be launched in the **next few months** and will be available in the price range of **Rs 200-Rs 400**.
- **China** has launched a **new remote sensing satellite Yaogan-33 02** from **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center** in **Northwest China**.
- The **Indian Space research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully conducted tests of an **Inflatable Aerodynamic decelerator (IAD)** that will be used for **landing payloads on Mars and Venus** in the future.



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- A space consortium formed by **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** and **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** has won an **Rs 860 crore deal** from **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** to build **5 Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rockets** over **4 years**.
- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** and **Axiom Space** have signed a mission order for the **second private astronaut mission - Axiom Mission 2 (Ax-2)** to the **International Space Station (ISS)** to take place in the **second quarter of 2023**.
- **Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari** unveiled **India's prototype of drone transportation of human organs** to facilitate **quick organ transplant** in hospitals
- The **Indian drug regulatory authority Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)** approved **India's first intra-nasal Covid-19 vaccine iNCOVACC** (also known as **BBV154**) by **Bharat Biotech International Limited** for use as **primary immunization** against the Covid infection for patients above the age of **18**.
- **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh** announced the **financial aid of Rs 3.29 crore** to a **Hydrogen StartUp** from **Maharashtra** for **indigenous development of Hydrogen Sensing & Analysis Technology**.
- **Indian space-tech startup AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited** has secured a patent from the Central government, for the **design and manufacturing of single-piece rocket engines** using **3D printing technology**.
- As part of the **third National Lok Adalat of 2022**, the **State Legal Services Authorities of Rajasthan** and **Maharashtra** launched the **Digital Lok Adalat** in the respective states.
- According to the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) rules for data protection**, **PhonePe** declared that it had tokenized **14 million credit and debit cards** on its network.
- An **international research team** has just announced the discovery of **two "super-Earth" planets** orbiting **LP 890-9**, a **small, cool star** located about **100 light-years** from **Earth**.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-Madras)** has become the **first Indian educational institution** to join forces with the **New York-based International Business**



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**Machines (IBM) Quantum Network** to promote and advance quantum computing skills development and research in India.

- **RattanIndia Enterprises** launched its first anti-drone product 'Defender.'
- 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.
- **Hughes Communications India Private Limited (HCI)**, a leading provider of broadband satellite and managed network services launched **India's first high throughput satellite (HTS)** broadband internet service in India, offering satellite internet to remote locations across India.
- **NASA's instrument**, the **Mars Oxygen In Situ Resource Utilization Experiment**, or **MOXIE**, an instrument the size of a lunchbox has been successfully generating breathable oxygen (O<sub>2</sub>) on Mars, doing the work of a small tree.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has developed an intelligent artificial limb, a 1.6 kg microprocessor-controlled knee (MPK).
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully tested a 30kN hybrid motor at **ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC)** at **Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu (TN)** supported by **Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC)**.
- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**'s **Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)**, the world's first planetary defense technology demonstration, successfully crashed into the asteroid **Dimorphos**, 6.8 million miles (11 million km) from Earth.
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully tested the two flights of the **Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS)**, from a ground-based portable launcher from the **Integrated Test Range, Chandipur**, off the coast of Odisha.

## **Books & Authors**



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- A new book by **Pulapre Balakrishnan** titled "India's Economy From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History" will soon be released.
- **Mallika Sarabhai**, a renowned classical dancer, and activist bare all in her new self-help memoir "Free Fall: My Experiments with Living."
- The inspirational story of **Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd)**, who was awarded the Youngest Param Vir Chakra (PVC) at the age of 19 for his deeds in the 1999 Kargil battle, is told in the book "The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir".
- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Director of Economic & Policy Research, Dr. Ashutosh Raravikar**, has written a new book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect - 75 years of Independence."
- The book "Science Behind Surya Namaskar," written by **Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai**, Minister of State for AYUSH, is a compilation of empirical studies on one of the most popular yoga asanas at the AIIA.
- "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2," starring **Kartik Aaryan**, will be turned into a **comic book series**.
- Family law, religion, and gender politics in India are all topics covered in the book "Divorce and Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India."
- **Pavan C Lall**, a veteran journalist, has written a new book titled 'Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story,' which will be released in September 2022.
- **Crimson Spring**, **Navtej Sarna's latest book**, has been longlisted for the **JCB Prize for Literature**.
- **P.C. Balasubramanian (PC Bala)**, an entrepreneur and author, has published a new book in English titled "Rajini's Mantras: Life Lessons from India's Most Loved Superstar."
- **Sjoerd Marijne**, a former Dutch field hockey player and Indian Women's Hockey Coach, has written a new book titled "Will Power: The Inside Story of the Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women's Hockey."
- **Former President Ram Nath Kovind** has released the book 'Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas, Performer's Implementation.'



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- **Apurva Chandra**, the secretary of information and broadcasting, attended a function in **New Delhi** where popular actor **Manoj Bajpayee** released a book titled **Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan**.

**Important Days & Themes**

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
August 30	National Small Industry Day	To encourage and promote small industries
September 1 to September 7	National Nutrition Week	To raise public awareness about nutrition and healthy eating habits.
September 2	World Coconut Day	To raise awareness of the value of this crop in eradicating poverty.
September 3	Skyscraper Day	Skyscrapers have defined people's vivid imagination and creativity.
September 5	International Day of Charity	To increase awareness and offer a common platform for charity-related events for people, charitable, philanthropic, and volunteer groups to use for their own goals on a local, national, regional, and international level.
September 5	Teachers' Day	To recognize the contribution of teachers the society.



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September 8	International Literacy Day	To spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts toward more literate societies.
September 8	World Physical Therapy Day	To raise awareness about the important role of physiotherapists in keeping people fit and well.
September 10	World Suicide Prevention Day	Creating hope through action.
September 11	National Forest Martyrs Day	To protect the jungles, forests, and wildlife across India.
September 11	World First Aid Day	To raise public awareness of how First Aid can save thousands of lives in everyday crises.
September 11	Grandparents' Day	To mark this day by remembering the contribution of our grandparents to our lives.
September 14	Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day	To honor Hindi's use as an official language in India.
September 15	Engineer's day in India	To pay tribute to Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.



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September 15	International Day of Democracy	Highlights the importance of the participation of all members for the proper functioning of a democracy.
September 16	World Ozone Day	To spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and find possible solutions to preserve it.
September 17	International Red Panda Day	To raise awareness about the red panda conservation issues.
September 18	World Bamboo Day	To raise global awareness of bamboo.
September 21	Alzheimer's Day	To increase public awareness of the stigma associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
September 21	International Day of Peace	End Racism, Build Peace
September 22	World Rose Day	To the welfare of cancer patients.
September 23	International Day of Sign Languages	To support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.
September 25	World Pharmacists Day	Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world



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September 25	World River Day	To increase public awareness about rivers and to encourage their conservation.
September 25	Antyodaya Diwas	The birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is held to remember his life and legacy.
September 26	World Contraception Day	To raise awareness about various contraceptive techniques and to empower young people to make educated decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.
September 26	World Environmental Health Day	Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals
September 26	World Day of the Deaf	-
September 27	World Tourism Day	Rethinking Tourism
September 28	World Rabies Day 2022	Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths
September 29	International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste	To raise awareness about food loss and food waste.
September 29	World Heart Day	Cardiovascular Health for Everyone





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September 29	World Maritime Day	New technologies for greener shipping
September 30	International Translation Day	A World Without Barriers

**Obituary**

Name of the person	Profession
Abhijit Sen	India's leading agriculture economist
Ralph Eggleston	Oscar-Winning Pixar Animator
Mikhail Gorbachev	Former Soviet president
Ram Chandra Manjhi	Legendary artist
Birju Sah	Indian boxer
Queen Elizabeth II	Britain's longest-serving monarch
BB Lal	Veteran Archaeologist
KN Singh	Former Chief Justice of India
Krishnam Raju	Veteran actor and former union minister
Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati	Dwarka's Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya
Jean-Luc Godard	Iconic French New Wave film director
Samy Vellu	Former Cabinet Minister of Malaysia
Naresh Kumar	Tennis Player & Former Davis Cup Captain
Asad Rauf	Former Pakistan cricket umpire
Manikrao Gavit	Ex-Union minister & Congress leader
Raju Srivastava	Actor-comedian
Valery Polyakov	Russian cosmonaut
Ramayatna Shukla	Sanskrit scholar



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Keshav Rao Dattatreya Dikshit	Senior RSS pracharak
Louise Fletcher	Oscar-winning actress
Dame Hilary Mantel	Author of the Wolf Hall trilogy
Sedapatti Muthiah	Former Tamil Nadu Assembly speaker
Aryadan Muhammed	Veteran Congress leader

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**Banking & Finance**

- **DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL)** has partnered in collaboration with **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co Ltd** and reinsured by **Atradius**, a worldwide provider of trade credit insurance to provide a bespoke Credit Insurance - Accounts Receivable solution to **Tata Metaliks Ltd (TML)**, a subsidiary of Tata Steel Limited.
- **Rating agency ICRA** has maintained its forecast of **7.2% growth** in **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** for the **financial year FY23**.
- **Muthoot Finance**, one of India's largest gold loan **Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)** companies, has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Lulu International Exchange**, one of the money exchange and transfer companies in the UAE, to work as its collection partner.
- The **World Bank** has **downgraded** growth for developing **East Asia and the Pacific** to **3.2% in 2022**.
- The **six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** headed by **RBI Governor Mr. Shaktikanta Das** decided to **increase Repo Rate** by **50 basis points** to **5.90%**.
- The **Government of India (GoI)**, **World Bank (WB)**, and **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** are set to launch a **\$1 billion fund** to provide guarantees against **loan default** to lenders financing the purchase of **electric 2- and 3-wheelers**.



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- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** decided to extend the **two-factor authentication (2FA)** for **subscription transactions in units of mutual funds** to further **safeguard the interest of investors**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has opened an **Analytical Center of Excellence (ACoE)** at Electronic City, **Bengaluru, Karnataka** to harness the power of data.
- Capital market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** issued **guidelines** on preferential issues and institutional placement of units in emerging investment vehicles – **real estate investment trust (REIT)** and **infrastructure investment trust (InvIT)**.
- Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** came out with a **new framework** for **credit rating agencies (CRAs)**, involving ratings of securities having explicit credit enhancement features.
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** and **Dun & Bradstreet**, the **global leading provider of business decisioning data and analytics**, signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to create the **SIDBI -D&B Sustainability Perception Index (SIDBI – D&B SPeX)**, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu (TN).
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, has proposed to **ease norms** for **internet banking** for customers of **Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)**.
- The **Union Cabinet** chaired by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** approved a proposal to **increase the dearness allowance (DA) & dearness relief (DR)** of the **central government employees and pensioners** by **4%** under the **7th Pay Commission** with effect from July 1, 2022.
- **Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das** announced that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** adopted the “**expected loss**” approach for **loan provisioning**.
- **ICICI Bank UK PLC**, a **wholly owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank Limited**, offers a **bank account** to **Indian students** aspiring to study in the UK called, ‘**HomeVantage Current Account**’ (HVCA).
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has sanctioned **Rs 221.99 crore** from the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)** to **strengthen school infrastructure** in rural schools in Punjab.



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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will release a **discussion paper on the Securitisation of Stressed Assets Framework (SSAF)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will **stop conducting 28-day variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auctions**, considering the **current banking system liquidity conditions**, but will continue with **14-day VRRR auctions**.
- On the occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti (Oct 02, 2022)**, **State Bank Group Chairman Mr. Dinesh Khara**, adopted **30 remote villages** across **Aspirational Districts** in **Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu (TN), and West Bengal (WB)** under the **4th phase** of the **'SBI Gram Seva' program**.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and **Central Bank of Oman (CBO)** signed a historic **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to launch the **Rupay debit card** in **Oman**, paving the way for a new era of **financial connectivity**.
- **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited. (ABHICL)**, the **health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL)**, has launched the first of its kind **ACTIV FIT health insurance policy**, a **comprehensive health insurance plan** for young and healthy adults.
- **HDFC Life Insurance Company** has launched the **'Insure India' campaign**.
- **JSW Cement** has raised **Rs 400 crore (USD 50 million)** from **MUFG Bank India** as its **first sustainability-linked loan**.
- **Export-Import Bank of India [Exim Bank]**, on behalf of the Government of India, has **extended a Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 100 million** to the **Government of the Republic of the Maldives** for **financing developmental projects**.
- Leading private sector lender **Karnataka Bank Limited (KBL)** has launched a **special campaign 'KBL Utsav 2022-23'** for **home loans, car loans, and gold loans** from **Oct 01 to Dec 31, 2022**, to cater to the **demands of customers** during the **festival season**.
- On the occasion of the **59th Foundation Day**, **IDBI Bank** has launched a slew of **initiatives** catered towards **customer centricity** and meeting the needs of the ever-**evolving financial ecosystem**.



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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** governor **Shri Shaktikanta Das** launched a new 'SupTech' initiative called **DAKSH**.
- The **World Bank (WB)** trimmed **India's growth forecast for 2022-23 (April-March)** by **100 basis points**, projecting that the **Indian economy** will grow at **6.5%** compared to its earlier estimate of **7.5%** released in June.
- **India's largest private sector bank HDFC Bank** in partnership with a merchant Saas platform, **Mintoak Innovations India** has developed the **SmartHub Vyapar app**.
- **Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank)**, a modern, **digital-first bank**, has introduced **Shagun 501**, a **special fixed deposit scheme** with **attractive interest rates**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** introduced the **Internal Ombudsman mechanism** for **Credit Information Companies (CICs)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** will soon commence the **pilot launch of the Digital Rupee (e₹)** for **specific use cases** as it **tests digital currency** in **India**.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has canceled the license of Pune-based The Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank Ltd because of the company's earnings prospects and lack of capital.
- IDBI Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Vayana Network as its first fintech partner for end-to-end digitization services.
- Japanese brokerage Nomura has projected a sharp moderation in India's growth rate for FY24 to 5.2% as compared to the FY23 GDP growth estimate at 7%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 48 lakh on the Kerala State Co-operative Bank Ltd for non-compliance with the provisions of section 19 read with section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act) and directions issued by RBI on 'Gold Loan – Bullet Repayment'.
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched NPCI Partner Program (NPP) to collaborate with various technological service providers, application service providers, and other similar entities in the industry.
- **RBL Bank** has partnered with **BookMyShow** to launch a **new credit card 'Play'** that will take the entertainment quotient for Indian audiences several notches higher.



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- The **South Indian Bank** for the **first time** organized a **first-of-its-kind category event** 'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam' (Sit together and Swing) and was accoladed with the **World Book of Records award** for 'staging and swinging 101 Oonjals' simultaneously at a single venue in **Kochi**.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** unveiled its **next-gen contact center service** to deliver a superior customer experience.
- **Dvara E-Dairy Solutions Private Limited** in partnership with **Jana Small Finance Bank** has launched **Dvara Surabhi Loan, a cattle loan** offered digitally by leveraging **new-age technologies** to create scalable access to finance for unbanked and underbanked small dairy farmers in **Tamil Nadu** and **Karnataka**.
- **One97 Communications Limited (OCL)**, which owns the brand **Paytm**, has partnered with **Jana Small Finance Bank** to **deploy card machines** to further drive digitisation among merchants across India.
- **India's largest home loan provider**, the **State Bank of India (SBI)** continues to **lead the Home Loan segment** and has surpassed **₹6 trillion** in **Assets Under Management (AUM)**.
- The **World Bank (WB)** has **extended an unconditional loan of \$250 million** to **Support Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project** in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the **Andhra Pradesh (AP) government**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued **modified and consolidated guidelines** to the **banks on Unhedged Foreign Currency Exposure (UFCE) Directions in 2022**.
- **Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Ltd** adopts **Tung village**, in the **Maval sub-district of Maharashtra**. **Universal Sompo** committed to pledging **INR 50 Lakh** in developmental activities in the village.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** canceled the certificates of registration of **eight non-banking finance companies (NBFC)** in India.
- The **Indian Army** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** with **11 banks** for providing **banking facilities** to **Agniveers on enrolment**.



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- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been selling dollars in the non-deliverable forward (NDF) market via local banks based in India's GIFT City International Financial Services Center, as it seeks to support the sliding rupee.**
- **The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) introduced Dhan Varsha, a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, single premium life insurance plan offering a combination of protection and savings.**
- **SBI General Insurance has partnered with Gupshup, a leader in conversational engagement to offer a new insurance policy, renew an existing one, intimate claims, and more, through WhatsApp.**
- **To mark the glorious journey towards the Centenary year (2023-24) Karnataka Bank Limited (KBL) has launched a unique term deposit scheme 'KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme' with a higher rate of interest.**
- **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited, (MMFSL), part of the Mahindra Group & one of India's leading Non-Banking Finance Companies, announced a strategic partnership with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) to further enhance credit access to a larger customer base.**
- **Fintech firm Cygnet Infotech Private Limited has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a non-banking financial company (NBFC) account aggregator.**
- **India's leading payments and Application Programming Interface (API) banking solutions company, Cashfree Payments India Private Limited, has launched a card issuance stack with its new solution 'Issuance' to enable businesses such as fintech and platforms to launch prepaid cards and wallets for their customers, employees, and partners.**
- **India's AI-driven financial wellness platform CASHe has partnered with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to provide a Travel Now Pay Later (TNPL) payment option on its travel app IRCTC Rail Connect.**
- **Leading stock brokerage firm, HDFC Securities Limited, has opened the first-ever Women-Only Digital Centre (DC) in Bangalore, Karnataka, India.**



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- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) and Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) have partnered to enhance the reach of financial solutions to large sections of society across India and enable frictionless finance to a billion Indians.**
- **India's leading fintech platform, PhonePe, has launched its first Green Data Center in India, in Mumbai, Maharashtra leveraging technologies and solutions from Dell Technologies and NTT.**
- **The Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (Gift City) has inked an agreement with the Fintech Association of Japan (FAJ) to promote innovation and entrepreneurship in the fintech domain.**
- **NPCI Bharat BillPay Ltd. (NBBL), the wholly-owned subsidiary of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), has partnered with Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited (KMBL) to introduce its credit cards on the Bharat BillPay ecosystem.**
- **The Finance Ministry hiked interest rates on 5 of 12 small savings schemes for Q3FY23 (October-December).**
- **The private sector lender IDBI Bank has launched the "Amrit Mahotsav FD" scheme of 555 days commencing as part of its festive offer.**
- **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Limited (ABHICL) has launched 'Activ Fit', a comprehensive health insurance plan that targets consumers with active lifestyles and aims to reward them for their good health behavior.**
- **The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has revised the equity allocation rules for Tier 1 and Tier II National Pension System (NPS) accounts.**
- **ICICI Bank has launched Smart Wire, an online solution to help its customers carry out SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications) based inward remittances in a faster and hassle-free manner.**
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) widened the scope of the Demat Debit and Pledge Instruction (DDPI) for pledging and repledging of securities for margin purposes effective from November 18, 2022.**





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- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** canceled the license of **Brickwork Ratings**, prohibited it from taking up new clients, and directed it to wind up operations in **6 months**.
- **Stock exchange BSE** has got an **in-principle nod** from the **capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** for the **social stock exchange** as a separate segment.
- **Russia's Gazprombank** has **opened a special Rupee account** with **UCO Bank** for **undertaking cross-border trade transactions** in the **Indian Rupee**
- The **DCB Bank** has **relaunched** its '**Suraksha Fixed Deposit (FD)**' scheme.
- **Public sector lender Indian Bank** has rolled out **6 new digital initiatives** under 'Project **WAVE**' (**World of Advance Virtual Experience**) for **enhancing customer experience** through integrated services on its **digital platform**.
- The **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** operating under the **Department of Posts** has launched a **group accident insurance plan** with an **accidental death coverage of Rs 10 lakh**.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)**, announced the launch of **Bima Sugam**, an **online marketplace** that will **house all companies selling life and non-life insurance** on a **single platform**.
- The **Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has offered **more flexibility** to **general insurance companies** in **designing and pricing products** under miscellaneous lines of business and allowed them to launch these in the market without prior regulatory approval.
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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **lifted its 3-year ban** on **101-year-old Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** on **opening new branches**



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- **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 15-member committee for 2 years, to give suggestions for increasing health insurance coverage in India.**
- **National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has formed a Finance Committee (NFC) on the sidelines of NAREDCO 24th Annual General Meeting to enable developers easy access to funds based on merit and viability of the projects.**
- **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has set up a 24-member committee to develop and suggest an affordable and comprehensive cover for the rural population.**
- **Northern Arc Capital, a non-banking finance company (NBFC), has raised \$50 million (about ₹400 crores) through non-convertible debentures (NCDs) from the Dutch entrepreneurial development bank FMO.**
- **RBI in its estimation of Green GDP for India article, India needs to set up a dedicated wing in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) that will be responsible for providing the time-series database required for estimation of Green GDP and releasing estimates of Green GDP for India periodically regularly.**
- **According to the forecast by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Development Report 2022, India's economic growth is expected to decline to 5.7% this year from 8.2% in 2021, citing higher financing costs and weaker public expenditures.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had placed Thrissur (Kerala)-based private bank Dhanlaxmi Bank under tight monitoring with its financial position coming under greater public scrutiny.**

## **National News**

- **Labour & Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav released a report on the 4th round of the quarterly employment survey.**



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- **Indian Railways** has launched a **real-time information system** to track train movement timings.
- The **Government of India** has banned the **Popular Front of India(PFI)**, its affiliates, and associates.
- Recently, the **Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy** launched the **Agni Tattva - Energy for LiFE campaign**, to create awareness of the core concept of Agni Tattva, an element that is synonymous with **energy and is amongst the five elements of Panchmahabhoot.**
- **Union Cabinet** has approved a **4%** additional installment of **Dearness Allowance** and Dearness Relief to **Central Government employees and pensioners with effect from July 1, 2022.**
- In pursuance of the pro-people announcement made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in 2021 and regarding the successful implementation of additional food security under PMGKAY, the **Union Cabinet** has approved 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.
- The **Department of Youth Affairs of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (Government of India)** will launch a month-long nationwide **Clean India 2.0** from 1st -31st October 2022 after the successful campaign of last year.
- The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Indian Railways' ₹10,000 crore proposal** for the redevelopment of three major stations — **New Delhi, Ahmedabad, and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT).**
- Three years after a formal agreement was signed for setting up **the world's first CNG terminal in Gujarat**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will lay the foundation stone for the project at **Bhavnagar.**
- **Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** announced the **mandatory 6 airbags rule for passenger cars** will come into force in **October 2023.**
- The **Supreme Court** declared that **single women with pregnancies between 20 and 24 weeks** are entitled to access **the same safe and legal abortion care as married women.**



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- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express train, the third in the Vande Bharat series** that was launched in 2019.
- The executive committee of the **National Mission for Clean Ganga** has approved **14 projects** at an estimated **cost of ₹1,145 crore rupee**.
- India's largest airport – **Delhi IGI Airport** – has made its facility compliant with the **5G network**, and passengers will be able to **use the service once telecom service providers roll out the technology**.
- The **disbursal of small business loans under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY)** logged **a record 30 percent growth** in the first half of the current fiscal ended September compared to the same period last year.
- The government's ambitious open network e-commerce platform, the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**, started its **beta testing process with small retailers across 16 pin codes in Bengaluru**.
- With a bumper **sugar production of 35.9 million tons** during the October-September season, **India has left behind Brazil** to become **the top producer of the sweetener**.
- The government has modified the **Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS)** to **enhance the maximum loan amount eligibility for airlines** under **ECLGS 3.0** to 100% of their fund-based or non-fund-based loan outstanding or **₹1,500 crore**, whichever is lower, and of **the above ₹500 crores** shall be considered, based on equity contribution by the owners.
- With a promise to increase access to **affordable healthcare in Himachal Pradesh** in an eco-friendly manner, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **All-India Institute of Medical Sciences in the Bilaspur district of Himachal Pradesh**.
- Telecom Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, **₹26,000 crores** has been approved by the **government to install new 25,000 telecom towers** in the next 500 days.
- The **government has approved the extension of the Online Building Plan Approval System (OBPAS) under the eChhawani portal to five more Cantonment Boards**, namely Agra, Ranikhet, Babina, Jammu, and Cannanore.



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- **The Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises** has organized a **national SC-ST hub conclave** in Gujarat.
- **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)** launched the **Telecom Technology Development Fund** scheme
- An expert **committee headed** by former environment and forest secretary **C K Mishra** has **submitted a report on sustainable finance suggesting the development of a carbon market** among other things -**the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)**.
- The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** has **notified a credit guarantee scheme for startups for providing collateral-free loans**.
- During an event held at **Akashvani Rang Bhavan**, **Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar** started a year-long **Voter Awareness Program** called '**Matdata Junction**.'
- Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy **RK Singh** released the curtain raiser for the **5th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance and associated side activities**, which will take place in **New Delhi**.
- **International Solar Alliance's Fifth Assembly** is to be held in **New Delhi** from 17th to 20th October 2022.
- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurates **Competition Commission of India's Regional Office (West) in Mumbai**.
- The **Union government** has now formed a **Commission of Inquiry to examine the issue of whether Scheduled Caste (SC) status can be accorded to Dalits** who have over the years converted to religions other than Sikhism or Buddhism.
- **WHO** issued an alert against **India-made cough syrups** after 66 children died in the Gambia.
- **Quality Council of India (QCI)** celebrated its **Silver Jubilee**.
- The **National Health Authority(NHA)** under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission scheme **has introduced QR Code-based rapid OPD registration in the hospital**.
- The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, Ministry of Commerce and Industry has notified the establishment of the **Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)**.



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- **PM Modi** to inaugurate the **first phase of the Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Extension project.**
- The **Center** has decided to bring in **amendments to policy guidelines in the private FM radio space**, in terms of **ownership of channels at the national level.**
- The Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, **Shri Amit Shah** has **inaugurated the Eastern and North-Eastern Cooperative Dairy Conclave 2022 in Gangtok**, the capital of Sikkim.
- The **Centre** has **extended the timeline for disbursement of loans up to March 31** under the **ethanol blending program** interest subsidy scheme, notified first in 2018, to **facilitate entrepreneurs to complete their projects** while availing of government support.
- The **Government of India**, as part of its **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)**, has **set a target of 33% emissions intensity reduction**, with the **transport sector** being one of the key sectors with substantial mitigation potential.
- The 4th NICDC Investors' Roundtable Conference was organized by Maharashtra Industrial Township Limited (MITL).
- Central Government to organize PM-National Apprenticeship Melas.
- The Indian space economy is set to reach \$13 billion by 2025, according to a joint report prepared by EY and the Indian Space Association (ISpA).
- Shri Amit Shah unveiled the statue of Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan at Sitabdiara in the Saran district of Bihar.
- Minister of Civil Aviation, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia recently inaugurated the 4th Heli-India Summit 2022.
- Environment Ministry constituted a nine-member task force to monitor Cheetahs in Kuno National Park.
- PM Modi will inaugurate the Mahakal Lok and he will also address a public meeting in Ujjain.
- The **government** launched **Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS)** initiative.
- Union **Environment Minister** attended the **inaugural session of the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit-XI (SMDS-XI)** at Leh.



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- The **office of the Development Commissioner** (Handicrafts) has launched the **Indian handicraft portal** (<http://indian.handicrafts.gov.in>).
- Food regulator **FSSAI** has made it mandatory for foreign food manufacturing facilities to register with it for **exporting products such as meat, milk, and infant foods to India**. This will be **effective from February 1, 2023**.
- **PM Modi** recently lays the foundation stone of various **healthcare facilities in Civil Hospital Asarwa, Ahmedabad**.
- The **Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari** launched **India's first flex-fuel car, "Toyota Corolla Altis"**.
- **Shri Anurag Thakur**, the union minister of Youth Affairs and Sports launched the **World Anti-doping Agency (WADA) Athlete Biological Passport Symposium 2022**.
- The Union Cabinet, chaired by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** approved the proposal of the **Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas to give a one-time grant amounting to Rs 22,000 crore to three Public Sector Undertaking Oil Marketing Companies (PSU OMCs)**.
- The **Union Cabinet approved a ₹6600 crore** scheme for developing **India's northeastern states**.
- The **Union Cabinet approved** a project to **develop a container terminal at Tuna-Tekra, Deendayal Port in Gujarat** under the **public-private partnership mode**.
- The **Central government scrapped the privatization of the Steel Authority of India's (SAIL) Bhadravathi steel plant**.
- **PM Shri Narendra Modi** flagged off the country's **fourth Vande Bharat express train**.
- The **government is mulling electricity transmission for renewable energy** capacity of about **233 GW, the latest by 2030, across the country**.
- The **Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated **Phase 1 of Modi Shaikshanik Sankul, an educational complex for needy students in Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development, **Dharmendra Pradhan** inaugurated **InvenTiv, the first-ever all-IIT R&D showcase at the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi**.



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- According to the Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution and Textiles, **the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has the potential to save over Rs. 10 Lakh Crore annually by improving logistics efficiency.**
- **Data centers with over 5 megawatts (MW) capacity of IT load** has been given infrastructure status by the government.
- **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** launched **several digital initiatives of the Defence Accounts Department (DAD)** during its 275th Annual Day celebrations in New Delhi
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** launched a **Solar-Electric Hybrid High-Speed Ferry** and inaugurated a **Floating Jetty** project at Panaji.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched a new scheme - **Pradhan Mantri Bharatiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertiliser.**
- Walmart-owned **Flipkart** has launched a **metaverse-based shopping platform, Dubbed Flipverse**, the platform will allow **users to discover and shop products interactively.**
- **India is well on its way to achieving the aim of 65% of power generation from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030** and will achieve more than that, **Union Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy RK Singh.**
- **India's 1st cable-cum-suspension bridge** across **Krishna River** approved by **Centre.**
- **India's first sports helmet testing center** will be established in **Meerut** in the next four months and will **cost around Rs 3 crore.**
- **Fiji will host the prestigious World Hindi Conference for the first time** in 2023 to make the country a new **launching pad to popularise Hindi as a global language.**
- For the marketing season 2023-24, **the Union Cabinet** approved an increase in the **Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all Rabi Crops.**
- **India Gate, KRBL's main brand**, has been named **the world's No. 1 Basmati Rice Brand** in a market survey done by a renowned global research firm.
- The **first SemiconIndia FutureDesign roadshow in Gujarat** was officially launched by **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Union state minister for electronics and information technology.





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- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas **Hardeep Singh Puri** inaugurated Asia's largest **Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Lehragaga, in Punjab's Sangrur**
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 'Indian Urban Housing Conclave-2022', **IUHC2022**, a three-day event being **organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at Rajkot, Gujarat.**
- **Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar** announced that the national government will start a **Rs 500 crore accelerator program to help agro enterprises with their profitable ideas.**
- The **Ministry of Railways** has announced the **closing of New Delhi's Central Organization for Modernization of Workshops (COFMOW).**
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** announced "**Mission Schools of Excellence**"
- **PM Modi has launched the Mission LIFE effort to protect the environment.**
- **The Indian Railways plans to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030** and also focus on increasing network capacity.
- **The fifth edition of Windergy India 2023, the most complete international trade fair and conference in India, will take place from October 4 to October 6, 2023.**
- The **Maharashtra Women and Children Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha** launched India's first "**Migration Monitoring Systems**" in Mumbai.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** began the hiring effort for the **Rozgar Mela, which aims to hire 10 lakh people.**
- According to a new **Climate Transparency analysis, India will lose 5.4% of its GDP in 2021, the most of any G20 country.**
- The **Agriculture Ministry has set up two committees** — one for **nationwide implementation of technology-based crop yield estimation** and the other for **standardization and improvement of weather data infrastructure.**
- **Vinai Kumar Saxena, the lieutenant governor of Delhi, has introduced the "SAMRIDDDHI 2022–23" one-time property tax amnesty program, which will significantly relieve thousands of city residents and business property owners.**



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- The three-day "Akash for Life" space conference will demonstrate how all schools of thought have been thoroughly integrated to combine traditional and modern knowledge.
- The NIA will open offices in every state: The Union Minister of Housing and Cooperation, Amit Shah, spoke at the beginning of a two-day "Chintan Shivir" in Surajkund, Haryana.
- The nation's finance minister, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, officially inaugurated the third campus of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) at the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU) -K campus in Kakinada.

### State News

- Odisha became the first state to publish an encyclopedia based on tribal communities.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath inaugurated an intersection Lata Mangeshkar Chauraha named after legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar on the occasion of her 93rd birth anniversary in Ayodhya, UP.
- The Government of Haryana will develop the world's largest jungle 10,000-acre safari park which will cover Gurugram and Nuh districts in the Aravalli range.
- Andaman Nicobar (A&N) Islands become India's first state/Union Territory (UT) to achieve a 100% coverage of precautionary dose.
- According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the Central government has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 in 9 districts of Nagaland including Dimapur, Niuland, Chumoukedima, Mon, Kiphire, Noklak, Phek, Peren and Zunheboto from October 1, 2022, to March 30, 2023.
- Andhra Pradesh (AP) Chief Minister Shri Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the 'YSR Kalyanamasthu' and 'YSR Shadi Tofa' marriage schemes & also launched the website about these schemes.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel launched a scheme named Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks (MGRIP) under which 'gauthans' (cow shelters in villages) will be developed as 'rural industrial parks'.
- The Telangana government has issued an order to increase the reservation for the Scheduled



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**Tribe (ST) communities from 6% to 10%.**

- The **Telangana** government has introduced the **'Aasara' pensions** as a part of its **welfare measures** and **social safety net strategy**.
- The **Pullampara Panchayat** in **Kerala's capital Thiruvananthapuram** has become the **first 'fully digital literate panchayat'** in **India**.
- **Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Jai Ram Thakur** launched the **first-of-its-kind mobile application 'The Satya Nishtha app**, in **Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh (HP)** to help **investigate** and **control criminal activities**.
- According to the latest demographic sample survey by the union home ministry, **Jharkhand** has the highest percentage of underage girls getting married.
- Chief minister **Shri Bhupesh Baghel** inaugurated the **Chhattisgarh Olympics** at **Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium** in **Raipur** to promote sports in **Chhattisgarh**.
- Chief Minister of **Tamil Nadu Shri M.K. Stalin** inaugurated **AG&P Pratham's liquefied compressed natural gas (LCNG) station** near **Manthangal village** at **Walajah Taluk** in **Ranipet district, Tamil Nadu**.
- **Indore, Madhya Pradesh (MP)** will become **India's first 'Smart City' with 'Smart Addresses'** after implementing a **fully digital addressing system**.
- The **Delhi** government has launched an app called **'Delhi monitoring** to keep track of all ongoing and upcoming projects across departments.
- The **Karnataka Cabinet** has given its **approval** to **increase** the **Scheduled Castes and Tribes (SC/STs) quota** in **Karnataka**.
- **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** have become the **first Union Territory** in the country to **establish 75 Amrit Sarovars** in **each district** as per the aspirations of **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**.
- The **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** confirmed that the **Goa government** has been selected as the **host** for the **37th edition** of the **National Games in October 2023**.
- The **Tamil Nadu government** has notified the **Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary**, the **first Indian sanctuary** for the **endangered Slender Loris** in **Karur** and **Dindigul districts**.



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- The **Department of Pharmaceuticals** has conveyed ‘in-principle’ approval to the **proposals** of the **three States Viz, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh** under the Scheme for “**Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks**”, a **key initiative** to support **Bulk Drugs manufacturing in India**.
- **Ladakh Police** in collaboration with the **Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh**, and the **Cycling Association of India** organized the **first-ever Mountain Bicycle (MTB) World Cup – the ‘UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup in Leh, Ladak, India**.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik** launched a **web portal ‘Single Window Application Atrocity Compensation Assistance and Relief’ (SAACAR)** for end-to-end processing of atrocity cases registered in various police stations.
- **Andhra Pradesh (AP)**, with **₹2,03,638.5 crore** combined **gross value output (GVO)** in the **agriculture, forestry, and fishing sectors**, has registered **more than 90% growth in 9 years to 2019-20**, the **highest** among all the states, while **Kerala** is the **only state** to have recorded **negative growth** of over **10%**.
- The **Indian Business Museum**, housed inside the **Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK) campus** and the **only one of its kind**, will soon offer visitors a slice of **history digitally**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** laid the **foundation** for **8 projects worth Rs 3,800 crore** at **Goldfinch city** and approved the **New Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP)** for **Karnataka**.
- The **Nagaland Chief Minister (CM) Shri Neiphiu Rio** launched the ‘**Chief Minister’s Universal Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS)**’ at **Kohima, Nagaland**.
- The government of **Himachal Pradesh** has launched a **new scheme** named **HIMCAD** to provide **irrigation facilities** to **farmers of Himachal Pradesh (HP)**.
- The **Coal India Limited (CIL)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RVUNL)** for setting up an **1190 MW solar power plant** in the **Bikaner district of Rajasthan**.



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- An **Ethiopian delegation led by the Agricultural Minister Dr. Meles Mekonen Yimer** is in **Andhra Pradesh (AP)** to study the **first-of-its-kind Rythu Bharosa Kendras (RBKs)**, which have been set up by the **Chief Minister Shri Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy government**.
- The **third World Kuchipudi Natyotsavam** would be organized for **three days** in **Vijayawada**.
- Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) Shri MK Stalin **launched the "Kutti Kavalari" scheme** for school students **to make them more responsible when it comes to road safety**.
- The **auspicious festival of harvest Kati Bihu or Kongali Bihu** is being celebrated across **Assam on October 18, 2022**.
- The **Madhya Pradesh (MP) Wildlife Board** approved a **new reserve for tigers of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR)**, called **Durgavati Tiger Reserve**, one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the linking of the **Ken-Betwa rivers**.
- **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah** has announced **Scheduled Tribe (ST) status** for the **Pahari community** in **Jammu and Kashmir** at a rally in **Rajouri, J&K**.
- **Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel** announced the **Aatmanirbhar Gujrat Schemes 2022 for Assistance To Industries** at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- **The government of Rajasthan has installed a technology-based Wildlife Monitoring and Anti Poaching System at Ranthambore Tiger Reserve (RTR) and other protected forests of Rajasthan**.
- India's first green hydrogen fuelling station, **being set up at Leh in the Union Territory of Ladakh, is all set to be commissioned before May 2023**.
  - **Finland** has announced its partnership with **Kerala** to implement the **Little KITEs program** by **Kerala Education Department** in their country's **schools**.
  - **Government of Rajasthan, social justice and empowerment minister Shri Tikaram Jully** has launched a **new post-matric scholarship mobile application** in a move to push **e-governance initiatives** in **Rajasthan**.
  - The **government of Maharashtra** has started the **e-registration of properties** to be sold by realty developers in a bid to **digitize** the process which will also involve the **usage of blockchain technology**.



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- In the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**, a **first-of-its-kind Bird Festival 2022** was inaugurated at **Pahalgam** in **south Kashmir's Anantnag district**.
- The **Haryana government** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **government of Dubai**, the **governing authority** of the **Emirate of Dubai**, for cooperation in various economic activities.
- The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** partnered with **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** to launch project '**Vayu Amrit**', a **crop residue management initiative**, in **Sangrur, Punjab** to **mitigate stubble burning**.
- The **Assam government** has inked **7 memoranda of understanding and agreement (MoU, MoA)** with **different industry players** in a move to draw a **roadmap** for a **broad-based development of Assam**.
- The **WEG Industries Pvt. Ltd** has installed **India's first 4.20-MW wind turbine generator**, a **single unit** with the **largest generation capacity**, at **Vadalivilai near Valliyoor** in **Tirunelveli district, Tamil Nadu** at **₹88 crores**.
- The **136 feet tall Durga puja pandal** situated in **Lucknow's Jankipuram, Uttar Pradesh (UP)** is all set to be **recorded** in the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the **tallest ever**.
- **Paytm E-commerce Private Limited (PEPL)**, the **parent of Paytm Mall**, became the **first app** to go **live** on the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- Kerala Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan **launched the 'Kunjapp'**, a mobile application to prevent cyber crimes against children **in Kerala**.
- **Karnataka Chief Minister Shri Basavaraj Bommai** announced that the **Upper Bhadra scheme** will become **Karnataka's first national project**.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik** virtually launched the '**Football for All** initiative to promote the sport among **school children** in **Odisha**.
- The **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** granted the **aerodrome license** to **Odisha's Jeypore airport**.



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- **Jakson Green Pvt Limited (JGPL)** has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the **Rajasthan government** to invest about **Rs 22,400 crore (US\$ 2.71 billion)** to set up **green hydrogen and green ammonia projects** in Rajasthan.
- The **Government of Meghalaya, Power Department** has signed an **agreement** with **North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd (NEEPCO)** for the development of **two hydel projects** in **Meghalaya** at a program held at **Pinewood Hotel, Shillong**.
- **Union Minister for Railways Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw** inaugurated **India's First Aluminum Freight Rake - 61 BOBRNALHSM1** at **Bhubaneswar Railway Station** in **Odisha**.
- For the **first time**, "**Honesty shops**" have been launched in the **Ernakulam district** of **Kerala** for **students up to Class 12**.
- **Delhi Lieutenant Governor Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena** **launched** a one-time property tax amnesty scheme "**SAMRIDDHI 2022-23**", which will provide a **major relief to lakhs of residential and commercial property owners** in **Delhi**.
- **Ladakh MP Mr. Jamyang Tsering Namgyal** launched the "**Main Bhi Subhash**" campaign from **Leh**.
- The **Delhi government** has launched an **anti-firecracker campaign** named '**Diya Jalao, Patake Nahi**' (light up lamps, not firecrackers) at **Central Park** in **New Delhi, Delhi** to promote a **pollution-free festival of Diwali**.
- **Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik** launched a **common credit portal SAFAL'** (**Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans**) for the **welfare of farmers**.
- The **Assam government department of Environment and Forests** and the **US Agency for International Development (USAID)** launched the "**Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI)**" program in **Assam**
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** visited **Arunachal Pradesh** on **October 30, 2022**, to inaugurate the **Donyi Polo Airport**, at **Hollongi** near **Itanagar**.
- The **Goa government** will introduce a **mobile application** that would serve as a **centralized platform** for the **entire taxi industry** in **Goa**.



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- The **Indian Navy** signed an **agreement** on **White Shipping Information Exchange** with the **Royal New Zealand Navy** to promote greater **transparency** in the **Maritime Domain**.
- **India's Group 20 (G20) Sherpa Shri Amitabh Kant** led an **Indian official delegation** to the **third G20 Sherpa meeting of Indonesia's G20 Presidency**, held in **Yogyakarta, Indonesia** from **26-29 September 2022**.
- The **Indian delegation** headed by the **Minister of State for Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal** represented the **United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) MONDIACULT 2022 World Conference** to be held in **Mexico City** from **28th-30th September 2022**.
- **Mawmluh Cave** in **Sohra**, located in the **East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya**, has been listed among the **first 100 International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) geological heritage sites**.
- During a **Ministerial meeting** of the **United.States.-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (SCEP)**, **U.S. Energy Secretary Mr. Jennifer Granholm (United States)** and **Indian Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Mr. Hardeep S. Puri (India)** launched a **new energy task force** to support large-scale integration of **renewable energy (RE)** needed to support the clean energy transition.
- The **United Nations (UN) International Civil Aviation Organization, or ICAO** adopted a **long-term aspirational goal** of making **carbon emissions from air travel net zero** by **2050** in response to growing pressure for airlines to **reduce their pollution** in **Montreal, Canada**.
- A **global alert** has been issued over **4 cough syrups** after the **World Health Organization (WHO)** warned they could be linked to the **deaths of 66 children** in **The Gambia**.
- The **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** has launched **Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile**, a list documenting exclusive and **50 iconic heritage textile crafts of India**.
- **Russian President Mr. Vladimir Putin** has **recognized** the **independence** of **Ukraine's**





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**Zaporizhzhia and Kherson** regions located in **southern Ukraine**

- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the 2nd United Nations World Geospatial International Congress
- The **US\$ 170 million Drone Fund (DF)**, one of the **largest venture capital funds** located in **Japan** that specializes in supporting the **unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) ecosystem**, intends to invest up to **US\$ 40 million** in Indian companies operating in the sector.
- The **Textiles Committee (TC) of the Government of India (GoI)** has entered into a **Cooperation Agreement** with **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)** on **“Mainstreaming Sustainability & Circularity in the Textiles Sector”** to promote **Sustainability and Circularity in Textile Value Chain** in India.
- According to the **2020 report** by the **United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)** and **non-profit Pure Earth** had found **India is home** to a major chunk of the **800 million children poisoned by lead globally**.
- **PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)**, the **professional services firm** has **partnered** with **Coursera**, an online learning platform to **handle India’s present and future talent hole** within the **taxation house**.
  - **The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** **has partnered with the** integrated grain commerce platform **Arya. ag** **and** **Friends of Women's World Banking India (FWWB India)** **for** agri-value chain intervention, enterprise promotion, **and** **skilling in the** agriculture sector.
- **Israel** and **Lebanon** reached a **historic agreement** to resolve a **long-running maritime border** dispute following months of negotiations mediated by the **United States**.
- **India** participated in the **6th East Asia Summit Education Minister’s Meeting** held in **Hanoi, Vietnam**.
- **External Affairs Minister Shri S Jaishankar** will discuss with the **Union Minister for Education, Skill, and Entrepreneurship Shru Dharmendra Pradhan** on **collaborating with Egypt** on **premier higher educational institutes**, like the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)**.



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- The **North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** began its **long-planned annual nuclear exercises** in **northwestern Europe** as tensions simmer over military action in **Ukraine**.
- The **One Health Joint Plan of Action (OH JPA)** was launched by the **Quadripartite** comprising the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**, the **United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**, the **World Health Organization (WHO)**, and the **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH, founded as OIE)**.
  - **The Embassy of Japan, New Delhi, has filed an application seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for nihonshu/Japanese sake, an alcoholic beverage.**
- The **International Finance Corporation (IFC)**, **World Bank's private sector investment arm**, has launched a new, **\$6 billion financing facility** to **strengthen** the private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help **support food production**.
- The **European Parliament** has approved a **new rule** to introduce a **single charging port** for **electronic gadgets (mobile phones, tablets, and cameras)** by **2024** in the **European Union (EU)**.
- **India** and **France** have been **re-elected** as **President** and **Co-President** of the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**.
- **Global anti-terrorism watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** removed **Pakistan** from its **"grey list"** after four years.
- The **legendary Hollywood star Anna May Wong** will become the **first Asian American** to appear on **US currency**
- The **World Health Organisation (WHO)** has released the **first-ever priority pathogen list, the WHO Fungal Priority Pathogens List (WHO FPPL)** which includes **19 fungi** to identify **fungi** that pose the **greatest threat to public health**.
- A new report by the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** has **warned** that the **climate plans** from governments worldwide remain insufficient to **limit rising temperatures** to **1.5 degrees Celsius** as set out in the **2015 Paris Agreement**.

## **Ranks and Indices**



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- Vice-President of India, Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, released the **Indian Tourism Statistics 2022** report.
- Stock trading platform **Zerodha's** cofounder **Nikhil Kamath** has topped the 'IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022' with a net worth of Rs 17,500 crore.
- **India** has made remarkable progress in the **global innovation index ranking** finding a place in the **top 40**, in the annual report released by the **World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)**.
- **The Time Magazine's Time100 Next list** is out, and there is only one Indian to **feature on the prestigious list** and, it's **Akash Ambani**, whom Time calls the “scion of Indian industrialist royalty”.
- For the **sixth consecutive time**, **Indore** has been adjudged as **India's cleanest city**, followed by **Surat** and **Navi Mumbai** on the **next two positions** in the **Central government's annual cleanliness survey**.
- The **two largest airports in India** — **Delhi**, and **Mumbai** — have become the **biggest low-cost mega hub in the world**, according to a new report by **British aviation analytics firm OAG**.
- **IIM Ahmedabad** and **IIM Bangalore** have **retained their slots** among the **top 50 global business schools** in the latest round of the **QS World University Rankings: Global MBA and Business Masters**.
- India ranks fourth among 12 Indo-Pacific nations in self-reliant arms production capabilities, according to a study released by the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**.
- Mercer and the CFA Institute released its **14th annual Mercer CFA Institute Global Pension Index (MCGPI)** which comprises a **list of 44 countries** with the best and worst pension systems in the world.
- **World Economic Forum** released the “**Education 4.0 India**” Report.
- The **Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023** has been released
- **FIFA/Coca-Cola Women's World Ranking**, which will be used to determine the seedings for the **Draw for the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023**.



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- **Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution, and Textiles** recently launched **Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2022** survey report.
- **India has moved up six places to rank 123 out of 161 countries** for **reducing inequality** but **continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending**, according to the latest **Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII)**.
- In August, **Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio** **overtook** the country's **largest landline service provider** for the first time.
- According to the **US government-funded NGO Freedom House**, **India's internet freedom score climbed by two points to 51** in the overall ranking as a result of attempts to bridge the country's digital gap.
- **India falls three places in the Global Ranking** for average mobile speed.
- **India ranks third in the first-ever global survey** on the rise of centi-millionaires – those with assets of **more than Rs 830 crore (\$100 million)** — **despite having high levels of poverty, inflation, and hunger**.
- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)**, which oversees **Aadhaar**, has once again **topped the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** September rankings report for **addressing the most public grievances among all government ministries and departments**.
- The **National Statistical Office (NSO)**, which is part of the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**, has issued a news release on the country's **employment outlook for the period from September 2017 to June 2022**.

## Appointments

Name of the person	Appointment	Key points
Lt Gen Mr. Anil Chauhan	New Chief of Defence Staff	This is the first time a retired three-star officer (Lt-Gen, Air Marshal, Vice Admiral) will



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		return to active service as a four-star officer like the Army, Navy, and IAF chiefs.
Senior Advocate Mr. R Venkataramani	New Attorney General of India	Mr. Venkataramani will succeed Mr. K. K. Venugopal, whose term comes to end on September 30, 2022.
Mr. CS Rajan	Non-executive chairman of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS)	-
Mr. Nand Kishore	Managing Director (MD) of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS)	-
Mr. Vinayak Godse	CEO of Data Security Council of India	He will succeed Mr. Rama Vedashree, who served DSCI for nearly 6 years
Movie Star Ram Charan	New Brand Ambassador of Hero MotoCorp	-
Mr. Sujoy Lal Thaosan	new director general of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)	The CRPF DG post fell vacant after IPS officer Mr. Kuldiep Singh (1986-batch West Bengal cadre) retired from service.
Mr. Anish Dayal Singh	new director general of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)	The post of ITBP chief was also vacated with the transfer of 1988 batch IPS Mr. Sanjay



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		Arora as Police Commissioner of Delhi.
Shri Sunil Barthwal	Secretary, Department of Commerce	He replaced Shri Subrahmanyam, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre.
Mr. S Bharathan	new director at HPCL	He replaced Mr. Vinod S Shenoy
ISRO scientist Dr. AK Anil Kumar	Vice-president of the International Astronautical Federation	Currently, he is Associate Director of ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC), Bengaluru, Karnataka
Mr. N S Rajan	Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).	He has replaced Mr. Subhash Kamath.
Mr. Saugata Gupta	Vice Chairman of Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).	-
Eminent Lawyer Dr. Lalit Bhasin	National president of Indian American Chambers of Commerce (IACC).	-
Former Brigadier Shri BD Mishra	Additional charge as Meghalaya governor	He succeeded Shri Satya Pal Malik who completed his term as the Meghalaya governor on October 3, 2022.

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Shri Sanjeev Kishore	new Director General Ordnance	Before taking over the charge of DGO (C &S), Shri Kishore was the Additional Director General of Ordnance at the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services), Kolkata.
Kiara Advani	Brand Ambassador of Fire - Bolt	-
Gujarat IAS cadre Ajay Bhadoo	Deputy Election Commissioner	-
Mr. Sandeep Kumar Gupta	Chairman and managing director of GAIL (India) Limited.	Mr. Gupta will replace Mr. Manoj Jain, who has a wide experience of more than 34 years in the oil and gas industry.
Mr. Kishore Kumar Poludasu	New Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SBI General Insurance Company Limited	-
Smriti Mandhana	Brand Ambassador of Gulf Oil Lubricants	Smriti Mandhana will join the ranks of current brand ambassadors Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Hardik Pandya
Shri Sibi George	next Ambassador of India to Japan	He will replace Shri Sanjay Kumar Verma as the representative of India to Japan
Shri Prashant Kumar	MD and CEO of Yes Bank	RBI approves the reappointment of him.



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Shri Mohit Bhatia	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd	-
Dr. Vivek Murthy	US representative on the WHO executive board	-
Mr. Balasubramanian	chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).	He was re elected
Ajay Devgn	brand ambassador of Walkaroo	-
ESA astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti	first European female ISS commander	She succeeded Russian Cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev
Amitabh Bachchan	Brand Ambassador of Omara Dates	-
Mr. Vinod R Tanti	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Suzlon Energy	-
Dr. Akhilesh Gupta	Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)	Dr. Gupta replaced Dr. Sandeep Verma.
Mr. Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan	Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) whole time member	-
Mr. KG Mohan	Non-Executive Independent Director of Karur Vysya Bank (KVB)	-
Mr. Abdul Latif Rashid	new president of Iraq	He defeated Mr. Barham Salih
Sourav Ganguly	Brand ambassador of Bandhan Bank	-





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Saif Ali Khan and Suryakumar Yadav	Brand ambassadors of Boul Audio Private Limited	-
Mr. Partha Satpathy	India's new envoy to Bosnia and Herzegovina	He is currently the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary.
Mr. Deependra Singh Rathore	Interim chief executive officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)	He will replace Mr. Satish Gupta, who was the bank's CEO and is set to retire in October 2022
Mr Atanu Chakraborty	Independent Chairman of the Yubi board.	-
Ms. Apoorva Srivastava	India's Ambassador to the Slovak Republic	Currently, she serves as Consul-General at the Consulate of India in Toronto.
Mr. Roger Binny	36th BCCI President	He replaces Sourav Ganguly
Justice D.Y. Chandrachud	50th Chief Justice of India (CJI)	-
Mr. Ulf Kristersson	New Prime Minister (PM) of Sweden.	Mr. Kristersson will be replacing Magdalena Andersson, who was the first female PM of Sweden.
Ericsson veteran Mr Arun Bansal	CEO Adani Airport Holdings Ltd	He replaces Mr. Malay Mahadevia, who currently serves as a whole-time director at Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd and was holding the charge of chief



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		executive officer of Adani Airport Holdings Ltd until now.
Mr. Navin Wadhvani	head of India's investment banking chief	-
Mr. Ravi Kumar	president of Cognizant Americas	He was a Former Infosys President
Mr. Bhushan Akshikar	New Managing Director of Drug firm GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited	He succeeds Mr. Sridhar Venkatesh.
Ms. Bharati Das	27th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) under the Department of Expenditure	She has replaced Mr. Sonali Singh
Shri Mallikarjun Kharge	1st non-Gandhi Congress President	-
Dr. Sankarasubramanian	Principal Scientist of the Aditya-L1 mission	-
Dr. K.P Ashwini	Independent Expert on Racism	She is the first Asian as well as the first Indian to be appointed for the post
Mr. Pradeep Singh Kharola	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)	-
Mr. Giridhar	New Defence Secretary	He will take over as Defence Secretary after the retirement of Mr. Ajay Kumar on October 31, 2022.



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Mr. Sanjay Malhotra	New revenue secretary.	He will succeed Mr. Tarun Bajaj, who is retiring on November 30, 2022.
Suryakumar Yadav	brand ambassador of Pintola	Yadav has become the brand ambassador for the second time in a row
Vijay Deverakonda	brand ambassador of Fire-Boltt	He will be part of the marketing, advertisement & endorsement campaigns of Fire Bolt
Mr. Jaxay Shah	chairman of the Quality Council of India (QCI)	He will succeed former Mr. McKinsey India chief Adil Zainulbhai, who served as the chairman of QCI through 3 terms for 8 years from 2014 to 2022.
Mr. Narayana Rao Battu	Whole-Time Member (Law) of the Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRA).	Before Mr. Battu, Mr. Pramod Kumar Singh was a whole-time member (Law) at PFRDA
Mr. Girish Kousgi	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of PNB Housing Finance	Mr. Kousgi replaces Mr. Hardayal Prasad who has resigned from his role as MD & CEO of PNBHF citing personal reasons
Mr. AK Goel	Chairman of Punjab National Bank	He was re-elected
Yuvraj Singh	brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind	-



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Mr. Sandeep Bakhshi	managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of ICICI Bank board	He was reappointed
Mr. C S Rajan	additional and independent director of Kotak Mahindra Bank	-
Mr. Rishi Sunak	Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister	He replaced former PM Ms. Liz Truss, who had resigned from the post just after 44 days
Ms. Sangeeta Verma	Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)	She has replaced Mr. Ashok Kumar Gupta, who relinquished office after a four-year tenure
Dr. Shefali Juneja	chairperson of the UN's Air Transport Committee	she is the first woman to represent India in the ICAO
Ms. Navjit Kaur Brar	councilor of Canada Brampton	Ms. Navjit Kaur Brar defeated Jermaine Chambers, a former Conservative MP candidate for Brampton West, to become the next City Councillor for Wards 2 and 6
Akshay Kumar	brand ambassador for BoroPlus Cream	The BoroPlus range comprises skincare products such as antiseptic creams, body lotions, aloe vera gels, soaps, petroleum jelly, and powder

**Agreements and MoUs signed**



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- The **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)** and the **Indian Army** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in a bid **to provide opportunities for wounded soldiers to participate in Para sport.**
- **Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)** and **Bayer CropScience Limited** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **to form and promote 50 specialized Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).**
- **Agriculture Ministry, NAFED** signed MoU **to boost the initiative to promote millets towards the celebration of the international year of millets 2023.**
- State-run **NTPC Ltd and GE Gas Power** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) **for the feasibility to demonstrate hydrogen co-firing blended with natural gas in GE's 9E gas turbines installed at NTPC's Kawas combined-cycle gas power plant in Gujarat.**
- **World Economic Forum (WEF)** has partnered with **Madhya Pradesh for bringing together a network called 'Food Innovation Hubs,** to strengthen local innovation ecosystems and achieve self-sufficiency in food production **through private-public partnerships (PPP).**
- **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS),** the National Standards Body of India has signed an MoU with **the Testing, Inspection, Certification Council, the food and consumer affairs ministry.**
- The **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF)** **for the promotion of football activities including the provision of technical support, the organization, and hosting of youth competitions** for both men and women regularly.
- **NMDC and RailTel Corporation of India** have signed MoU for **ICT and Digital Solutions.**
- Aimed at gainfully utilizing the country's vast reserves of coal & lignite, **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)** has entered into strategic MoUs with **Coal India Limited (CIL)** and **NLC India Limited (NLCIL)** for setting up **Coal Gasification based plants.**
- To strengthen the **industrial and interdisciplinary research in cost-effective exploration activities,** **IIT Kharagpur** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with an **institute of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation.**



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- **Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **India Infrastructure Finance Company (IIFCL)** to strengthen cooperation in financing railway infrastructure projects.
- The **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**, the apex institute of Ayurveda in India under the Ministry of AYUSH, and the **National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan** have signed an MoU for academic establishment.
- As part of its diversification programme for clean coal energy, **Coal India Limited (CIL)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding with Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL)**, for developing a **solar power project of 1190 MW** in **Jaipur** in presence of **Shri Pralhad Joshi**, Union Minister for Coal, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs and **Shri Ashok Gehlot**, Chief Minister, Rajasthan
- **Indian Navy and IIM Nagpur** signed an MoU to explore **Opportunities to train, up-skill, and re-skill Armed Forces Personnel, Indian Navy personnel in particular**, in emerging areas of Business Management, Financial Management, Block Chain, Project Management, Strategic Management, Digital Marketing, Supply chain, Logistic management, and research.
- State-run power company **SJVN** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL)** at **Guwahati** for **developing 1000 MW floating solar power projects in Assam** by incorporating a joint venture company.
- **Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **DAY-National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM)** to **enable financial access for the growth of 10 lakh women** entrepreneurs over 3 years.
- **National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL)**, a CPSE under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, has signed a memorandum of understanding with **CSIR-CRRI, IIT Roorkee, IIT Kanpur, and NSDC** to help introduce innovative technologies and find a pragmatic solution to the highways construction issues in challenging hilly and border areas.



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- UNDP has partnered with the integrated grain commerce platform Arya. ag and Friends of Women's World Banking India (FWWB India) for agri-value chain intervention, enterprise promotion, and skilling in the agriculture sector.
- The Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and AI-driven financial wellness platform CASHe have teamed up to offer a "travel now pay later" (TNPL) payment option on IRCTC Rail Connect, the company's travel app.
- Google signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Assam government to support and accelerate the State's goal of fostering digital growth and development.
- In a recent analysis, the World Economic Forum (WEF) claimed that putting drones at the forefront of a technology-driven transformation of Indian agriculture may boost the country's GDP by 1–1.5% and generate at least five lakh new jobs in the coming years.
- The Nasscom Foundation and American Express have partnered to train and upskill 700 women graduates through an employment-linked training project, 'Women Empowerment Through Technology
- Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a US-headquartered electric vehicle company, Triton Electric Vehicle (TEV), to manufacture hydrogen fuel cells.
- Jakson Green had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government.
- India's Greenko group and Singapore's Keppel Infrastructure have signed an MoU. India will export green energy to Singapore from 2025.
- The Drone Federation of India (DFI) and the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organization (NIIO) under the Indian Navy have joined forces to promote domestic research, development, testing, and production of drones, counter-drones, and related technologies for the Indian Navy.

## Acquisitions & Mergers



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- State-owned lender, **Bank of India, (BoI)** has acquired over **5.56% stake** in **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** for **Rs 10 crore**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition** of **Assets of Essar Group (Target)** by **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India Limited (AMNS - Acquirer)**
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition** of the **share capital** of **18 subsidiaries** of **Mytrah Energy (India) Private Limited** by **JSW Neo Energy Limited** under **Section 31(1)** of the **Competition Act, 2002**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition** by **Adani Power Limited (Acquirer)** of the share capital of **Diligent Power Private Limited (Diligent Power)** and **DB Power Limited (DB Power)**
- **Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd (DRL)** informed that **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has **increased** its **stake to 7.7%** from **5.65% stake**.
- **Britannia and Associates (Dubai) Pvt Co Ltd (BADCO)**, Britannia's wholly-owned arm **acquired Nairobi-based liability firm Kenafric Biscuits Ltd (KBL)** by subscribing to **51%** of the **equity share capital** of the company.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the **amalgamation** of **Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEEL)** and **Bangla Entertainment Private Limited (BEPL)** with **Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (CME)** (earlier known as **Sony Pictures Network India**) with certain modifications.
- The **Government of India (GoI)** and the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** will together divest a **60.72% stake in IDBI Bank Limited**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved the **acquisition** of **100%** of the **equity** and **compulsorily convertible debentures** of **5 special purpose vehicles (SPVs)** by **IndInfravit & allotment** of units of **IndInfravit** to **CPHI-4** for **part-funding** the **acquisition** of **SPVs**.
- Anti-trust regulator **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** cleared **Platinum Owl's** **acquisition** of a **minority stake** in **Intas Pharmaceuticals**.
- The **Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)** has approved the **demerger** of **NMDC Steel Limited**, a **3-million-tonne steel plant** at **Nagarnar** in **Chhattisgarh**, from **NMDC Ltd** with an investment





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outlay of over Rs 20,000 crore.

- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has reduced its stake in **United Nilgiri Tea Estates Company Ltd** from **4.81 lakh shares** to **3.80 lakh shares**.
- **National Securities Depository (NSDL)** has **acquired** a **5.6%** stake in the **digital commerce platform Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**.
- **Insurance sector regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has **granted final approval** to **HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd (HDFC Life)** to **merge Exide Life** into the company.
- **Invesco** and **OFI Global China** along with other entities sold a **5.51% stake** in **Zee Entertainment Enterprises (ZEEL)** for **\$169.5 million** or up to **Rs 1,396 crore** in a block trade.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has **increased** its stake to **7.7%** from **5.65%** in an **Indian multinational pharmaceutical company Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (Commission)** has **imposed** a **penalty** of **Rs. 1,337.76 crores** on **Google** for **abusing** its **dominant position** in multiple markets in the **Android Mobile device ecosystem**, and for **violating Section 4 of the Act**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approved the **acquisition of a 10% stake** of the total paid-up share capital and voting rights of the **Yes Bank Limited (Target)** by **CA Basque Investments (Acquirer)**, under **Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002**
- **Fair trade regulator Competition Commission** cleared the **acquisition of business undertakings** of **Shubhalakshmi Polyesters Ltd (SPL)** and **Shubhlaxmi Polytex Ltd (SPTex)** by **Reliance Polyester Ltd (RPL)**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** approves the **acquisition of equity securities** amounting up to **10%** in **YES Bank Limited (Target)** by **Verventa Holdings Ltd. (Acquirer)**
- **Nomura Singapore** divested a **1.52% stake** in **private sector lender CSB Bank Limited (erstwhile Catholic Syrian Bank Limited)** for over **Rs 61.31 crore** through an **open market transaction**.



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- Global investment firm Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. I.p (KKR & Co.Inc) had signed an agreement to **acquire a 100% stake** in **Ness Digital Engineering (Ness)**, a **US-based digital services transformation company** from **The Rohatyn Group (TRG)**.

### **Sports News**

- **Shivpal Singh** an **Indian javelin thrower** has been **suspended from competing till October 2025**.
- **USA** defeated **China** by **83-61** in the **FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup 2022**.
- **Yalemzerf Yehualaw** of **Ethiopia** recovered from a fall to **win the women's race at the London Marathon**.
- The **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has revealed that **India's Mumtaz Khan** has been named the **FIH Rising Stars of the Year 2021-22** in the **women's category**.
- The **Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** in **Goa's Fatorda** will have **India's first hybrid pitch** that will be used for the **upcoming FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup matches**.
- **Shooting** will return to the **Commonwealth Games roster** in the **2026 edition** in **Victoria, Australia**, while **wrestling** has been **dropped** in a **bitter-sweet turn of events** for **India**.
- **Saudi Arabia** has won a bid to **host the 2029 Asian Winter Games** at a planned mountain resort in the **Gulf Arab state's \$500 billion flagship NEOM project**.
- **India's PR Sreejesh** and **Savita Punia** were voted the **FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year**, respectively, for the **second year running**.
- The **Rest of India (ROI)** defeated **Saurashtra** by **eight wickets** to **win the Irani Cup 2022** at the **Saurashtra Cricket Association Stadium** in **Rajkot**.
- The **Indian men's and women's hockey team coaches, Graham Reid and Janneke Schopman** received the **FIH Coach of the Year award** in their respective categories.
- **India defender Harmanpreet Singh** was named the **FIH Player of the Year** in the **men's category** for the **second successive time**.
- The **Goa government** has conveyed to the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** its **in-principle approval** to **host the 37th National Games** in **October 2023**.



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- Gujarat's Pooja Patel became the **first athlete to win a gold medal in Yogasan** at the **36th National Games**.
- The much-awaited **Hyderabad E-Prix, the first-ever Formula E race in India**, will take place for two days **at Necklace Road here on February 10 and 11 next year**.
- India's ace cueist **Pankaj Advani won his career's 25th world title** after clinching the **World Billiards (150-Up) Championship** here at the High-End Snooker Club.
- India Captain Harmanpreet Kaur & Pakistan player Mohammad Rizwan have been selected for ICC Player of the Month awards for September.
- Novak Djokovic won his 90th ATP title by defeating Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of the Astana Open in Kazakhstan.
- FIFA in partnership with the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and with the support of the Union government launched the Football for Schools project in the country, which is aimed at broad-basing the game across India.
- **India finished fifth with one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals at ISSF World Championship Shotgun**.
- **Jyothi Yarraji, an Indian sprinter**, made history by **becoming the first Indian woman to run a sub-13s time to win the gold medal at the Nation Games 2022**.
- **Tazuni, a playful, football-obsessed penguin**, has been named the **Official Mascot of the FIFA Women's World Cup Australia and New Zealand 2023**.
- **Magnus Carlsen won the Meltwater Champions Chess Tour title for 2022** after easily defeating Arjun Erigaisi in the quarterfinals of the **eighth and final event of the tour**.
- The **5th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games** will take place in **Madhya Pradesh from January 31st to February 11th, 2023**.
- The **2022 Formula 1 Aramco United States Grand Prix 2022** was won by **Belgium's Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing** at the Circuit of the Americas in Austin, Texas, United States (US).
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF) Western Air Command** won the **Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23**, which was held at **Head Quarter MC, Vayu Sena Nagar, Nagpur**.



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- China's He Bing Jiao & Shi Yu Qi have ended as CHAMPIONS in Denmark OPEN 2022.
- In wrestling, teenager Aman Sehrawat made history as he became the first Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.
- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) made a landmark decision when it established a "pay equity policy," stating that its centrally-contracted men's and women's players would get equal match fees.

### Defence News

- India has signed an Rs. 2,000 crores (US\$ 244.78 million) million deal to export arms and ammunition to Armenia, which is currently engaged in a tense stand-off with its neighbor Azerbaijan.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) retired the No. 51 'sword arms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron based in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), which had stopped its flying operations on June 30, 2022.
- The first batch of indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopters (LCH) named "Prachand" was inducted into the Indian Air Force (IAF) in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tested three remotely unmanned, weaponized boats at Bhama Askhed Dam in Pune, Maharashtra.
- INS Tarkash has visited a port in Gabon as part of an ongoing deployment in the Gulf of Guinea for anti-piracy patrols.
- Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh has approved the proposal to change the name of Faizabad Cantt to Ayodhya Cantt.
- Indian Army's northern command inducted Kalyani M4, an indigenous all-terrain high mobility combat troop carrier with armor and mine protection, in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).
- On the occasion of the 90th anniversary of the Indian Air Force (IAF), the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has approved the creation of a new branch, called the Weapon Systems (WS) branch.
- The South Korean and United States navies began a two-day combined maritime maneuvering exercise with a US aircraft carrier.



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- **Japan will host the 2022 edition of the Malabar naval exercise** consisting of **India, Australia, Japan, and the U.S.** in the **second week of November 2022.**
- **INS Tarkash reached Port Gqeberha (also known as Port Elizabeth), South Africa to participate in the 7th edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian, and South African Navies.**
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi commissioned India's first indigenous aircraft carrier Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi, Kerala.**
- **An offshore security exercise, 'Prasthan' was conducted in the Krishna Godavari Basin (KGB) Offshore Development Area (ODA) under the aegis of Headquarters, Eastern Naval Command.**
- **India's first ballistic missile nuclear submarine Submersible Ship Ballistic Missile Nuclear (SSMN), Indian Naval Ship (INS) Arihant successfully launched a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) validating India's second strike nuclear capability.**
- **Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh launched the 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' (MBKS) website ([www.maabharatikesapoot.mod.gov.in](http://www.maabharatikesapoot.mod.gov.in)) for contribution to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF) at a function organized at the National War Memorial Complex in New Delhi.**
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- **The North Atlantic Treaty Organization's (NATO) Naval Striking and Support Forces announced the launch of the Neptune Strike (NEST 22-2), a multi-domain exercise in the Mediterranean Sea and are expected to be completed by October 28, 2022.**
- **On the 103rd birth anniversary of late Lt Gen PS Bhagat, ex-Colonel Commandant of the Bombay Sappers and SIKH LI Regiment, the Indian Army has dedicated a Chair of Excellence in his memory at the United Service Institution of India (USI), New Delhi, Delhi.**



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- **Gujarat** may get the **first private aircraft manufacturing facility** to realize ₹22,000 crores worth of deal the **defense ministry** had signed with **European multinational aerospace corporation Airbus 2021** for the **acquisition of 56 C-295 fixed wings**
- **India** successfully test-fired '**Agni Prime**' - a **new generation of ballistic missiles** - from off the coast of **Odisha**.
- The **Technology Development and Acceleration Cell (TDAC)** of the **Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO)** under the **Indian Navy and Drone Federation of India (DFI)** have joined hands to collaboratively work towards **promoting indigenous development, manufacturing and testing of a drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies** for the **Navy**.
- The **Indian Navy** is **hosting the 29th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX)** from **26 to 30 October 2022** at **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.
- The **Second edition of India and the United States Tri-Service HARD (Humanitarian Assistance & Disaster Relief) Exercise Tiger Triumph** was conducted in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.
- **India and the US** will conduct a **fortnight-long mega-military exercise Yudh Abhyas** in **Uttarakhand's Auli in October 2022**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will lay the **foundation stone** of a **C-295 MW transport aircraft manufacturing project** for the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** at **Vadodara in Gujarat on 30 Oct 2022**.
- **Garuda Aerospace and Lockheed Martin Canada CDL Systems** have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to integrate **Garuda Aerospace's Made-In-India drones** with **Lockheed Martin Canada CDL Systems' advanced uncrewed aerial systems (UAS) software solutions** for defense and commercial purposes.



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**Awards & Honours**

Cochin International Airport Limited	Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022	CIAL received the 'Covid champion' award at Wings India 2022, for the successful implementation of 'Mission Safeguarding'.
Sunil Gavaskar	Gold medal of the Sports Journalists Federation of India (SJFI).	-
Srishti Bakshi	'Changemaker' award at UN SDG Action Awards	She traveled 3800 km to raise awareness of gender-based violence and inequality
Actress Asha Parekh	Dada Saheb Phalke award	-
Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior'	68th National Film Awards	Best Popular Film
Ajay Devgn, Suriya	68th National Film Awards	Best actor award
Aparna Balamurali	68th National Film Awards	Best Actress Award
Sachidanandan KR	68th National Film Awards	Best Director Award
Madhav Hada	32nd Bihari Puraskar	-
Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser, and Anton Zeilinger	Nobel Prize in physics	Last year the prize was awarded to three scientists — Syukuro Manabe, Klaus Hasselmann, and Giorgio Parisi
Carolyn R. Bertozzi, Morten Meldal, and K. Barry Sharpless	Nobel Prize in chemistry	Sharpless previously won a Nobel Prize in 2001



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Angela Merkel	Nansen Refugee Award	The former chancellor will be honored with the award on October 10 in Geneva.
Annie Ernaux	Noble Prize in Literature	The Nobel Prize 2021 for Literature was awarded to Tanzanian novelist Abdulrazak Gurnah
Belarusian human rights activist Ales Bialiatski	Nobel Peace Prize	Rabindranath Tagore was the first Indian to win the Nobel Prize in 1913.
Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond, and Philip H. Dybvig	Nobel Prize in Economics	For research on banks and financial crises
Wazahat Husain	International award for Traditional, Alternative, and Complementary Medicine	-
Karine Aigner	Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022	
Uttar Pradesh	PMAY-U Awards	-
Karnataka Bank	CII digital transformation awards	-
Best Standalone Convention Centre	National Tourism Award 2018-2019	-
Hyderabadi Haleem	"Most Popular GI" award	-
Hyderabad	"World Green City award 2022"	Hyderabad also took home the prize in the category of "Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth."





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Shehan Karunatilaka	Booker Prize 2022	He won this award for his second novel 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'.
Alexia Putellas and Karim Benzema	Ballon d'Or for 2022	-
IIT Madras	National Intellectual Property Award for 2021 and 2022	-
National Industrial Security Academy (NISA) in Hakimpet, Hyderabad	Union HM's award	This Trophy is for the "Best Police Training Institution for Training of Gazetted Officers for the Year 2020-21"
"Pather Panchali"	Best Indian movie of all time	This was awarded by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI).
RRR	Best International Film at the Saturn Awards 2022	RRR defeated Downton Abbey: A New Era, Eiffel, I'm Your Man, Riders of Justice, and Silent Night

## Science & Technology

- **Navigation with Indian Constellation (NavIC)** is an **indigenously developed satellite navigation system of India** which is developed by the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)**.
- **Scientists in China** have successfully created the **world's first cloned arctic wolf (Canis lupus arctos)**, **Maya** was born to a beagle on **June 10, 2022**, in a **Beijing lab** by the **Sinogene Biotechnology Company**.



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- An **international team of researchers** has found **new evidence** for the possible **existence of liquid water beneath the south polar ice cap** of **Mars** using **data** from the **Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter**.
- A new type of **mobile banking malware campaign** called **SOVA Android Trojan (SOVA - owl in Russian)** has now reached **India**.
- In a recent work published in 'The Astrophysical Journal Letters', **Chandrayaan-2** mapped the **abundance of sodium** on the **Moon** for the **first time** using **CLASS (Chandrayaan-2 Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer)**.
- **Swedish defense company Saab** has announced its decision to set up a **production facility** in **India** for its **Carl-Gustaf M4** shoulder-fired weapon system.
- **Russia** Successfully launched the **Soyuz-2.1b rocket** with the **Global Navigation Satellite System (GLONASS-K) navigation spacecraft** from a **northern cosmodrome**.
- **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**, a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Department of Space and the commercial arm of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has signed two launch service contracts with **Network Access Associated Limited (M/s OneWeb)**, United Kingdom, for launching **OneWeb LEO Broadband Communication Satellites** on-board ISRO's heaviest launcher **LVM3**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** is developing a **rocket named Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV)** to **replace the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has **proposed dedicated satellites** for supporting the **country's agriculture sector**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization's (ISRO) heaviest rocket LVM3** will launch **British start-up OneWeb's 36 broadband satellites** from the **country's only spaceport** in **Andhra Pradesh's Sriharikota** on **October 23, 2022**.
- The **Union government** is pushing tech giants to make **smartphones compatible** with its **home-grown navigation system Navic** within months.



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- According to a **new analysis of radar imagery** from the **Cassini spacecraft**, the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Dragonfly mission** to **Saturn's largest moon** will touch down on a **terrain of dunes and shattered icy bedrock**.
- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) researchers** have developed a **new touchscreen display technology 'iTad,' (interactive Touch Active Display)** through which a **user can feel the textures** from **images** as the finger moves across the **touch surface**.
- **The Iranian government** has launched a **space tug** capable of shifting satellites between **orbits**.
- **Alphabet Inc's Google** will set up its **first cloud region in Greece**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** is set to launch its **third mission Chandrayaan-3 (C-3)** to the **Moon in June 2023** onboard the **Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3)**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** confirmed that the **Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM)** has **lost communication** with ground stations, it's **non-recoverable** and the **Mangalyaan mission** has **attained end-of-life**.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT) Madras** and **National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers** have studied the interactions between **microbes** in the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
- **Indian Space Research Organizations' heaviest rocket Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3 or GSLV Mark 3)** in its **first commercial mission LVM3-M2** had **successfully placed 36 broadband communication satellites** for **London-headquartered Network Access Associated Limited (OneWeb)** into **low earth orbit**.
- **Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** has approved **India's first petrol-operated drones** designed and manufactured by the students' startup **Daksha Unmanned Systems (DUMS) Private Limited**.
- **Walmart-owned payment services provider PhonePe** invested **USD 200 million (around Rs 1,661 crore)** in **building data centers in India**.
- **Indian cricket star Mahendra Singh Dhoni** launched a '**made-in-India camera drone**' named '**Droni**' with advanced features manufactured by **Garuda Aerospace**.



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- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu** has launched a 'Punch the Plastic' campaign, on the event of **World Sustainability Day**, being observed on **October 26, 2022**.
- **IT services firm Cognizant** is expanding its collaboration with **chipmaker Qualcomm Technologies Inc** to open a **5G experience center** in **Atlanta, North America**.
- A **group of Indian scientists** from the **Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG)**, an **autonomous research institution** under the **Department of Science & Technology (DST)**, **Government of India**, have developed the **first indigenous Overhauser (OVH) Magnetometer**, one of the **most accurate magnetometers** extensively used by **all magnetic observatories** around the **world**.
- **Researchers** have found a **solution** for **retrofitting old non-earthquake-resistant buildings** with a **technology** that can **prevent major damage** to such **buildings** from **earthquakes** without compromising their strength.

### **Books & Authors**

- **Sunil Chhetri** and his career have earned **special recognition** in the form of a series "Captain Fantastic".
- On the **93rd birthday** of India's most iconic vocal artist **Lata Mangeshkar**, **Penguin Random House India** has announced the acquisition and **publication** of her biography titled, **Lata: A Life in Music**.
- **Congress leader Shashi Tharoor** will come out with a **biography of BR Ambedkar** next month in which he will provide insights into his life and also highlight the disputes the latter had with other political and intellectual giants of his era, **including Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru**.
- External Affairs Minister **S Jaishankar** attended the book launch in New Zealand of "**Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery**."
- A new book titled "**The Philosophy of Modern Song**," written by Nobel winner **Bob Dylan** and published by **Simon & Schuster** will be released in November 2022.



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- **Sahil Seth, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS)** Joint Commissioner GST, Customs, and Narcotics and a young influencer, has released his book **titled 'A Confused Mind Story.'**
- **The Corbett Papers:** Biographical, Legal, & Contextual Material on the Life & Career of Jim Corbett of Kumaon, **edited and compiled by Akshay Shah and Stephen Alter, is a new book about Jim Corbett.**
- **Dr. Bimal Jalan**, an economist, wrote the book **"From Dependence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India's Rise as a Global Superpower,"** which takes stock of India's growth trajectory and benefits from Bimal Jalan's deep insights.
- **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs in the **Government of India (GOI)**, has written a **new book titled "DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years."**

**Important Days & Themes**

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
October 1	International Day of the Older Persons	Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World
October 1	International Coffee Day	To promote fair trade coffee and to raise awareness of the plight of coffee growers.
October 2	Gandhi Jayanti	To remember the "Father of the Nation," Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.
October 4	World Animal Welfare Day	To commemorate the feast day of Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.
October 5	World Teacher's Day	The Transformation Of Education Begins With Teachers



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October 7	World Cotton Day	Weaving a better future for cotton
October 8	Air Force Day	To pay a tribute to the Air Force of India and acknowledge their contribution, and excellence India has presented in the field.
October 9	World Post Day	Post for Planet
October 10	World Mental Health Day	To promote global awareness of mental health concerns and organize efforts in support of mental health
October 10	National Post Day	-
October 11	International Day of the Girl Child	To specifically call out girls' rights.
October 12	World Arthritis Day	-
October 13	World Sight Day	LoveYourEyes
October 14	World Standards Day	Shared Vision for a Better World
October 14	World Egg Day	Eggs for a better life
October 15	Global Handwashing Day	Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene
October 15	International Day of Rural Women	To recognize the importance of rural women to agriculture, food production, and food safety
October 15	White Cane Safety Day	This day is dedicated to visually impaired people



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October 15	Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day	To increase awareness, remembrance, and support for the 1 in 4 people and families whose lives are reportedly irreversibly changed by the death of their child(ren) during pregnancy, delivery, or infancy.
October 15	World Students Day	To honor Kalam's contributions to education and students
October 16	World Food Day	Leave No One Behind
October 16	World Anaesthesia Day	Anaesthesia and children: Caring for your kids
October 17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Dignity for All in Practice
October 20	World Osteoporosis Day	Step Up For Bone Health
October 20	National Solidarity Day	-
October 21	Police Commemoration Day	A nationwide program will be conducted for the Police persons who proved their bravery and excellence in their duty
October 22	International Stuttering Awareness Day	Being Seen, Being Heard - Representation and Normalization of Stuttering in the mainstream
October 24	United Nations Day	To bring peace among the people to stop the War Situation.



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October 24	World Polio Day	-
October 24 - 30	Disarmament Week	To raise awareness and understanding of disarmament challenges and their interconnections
October 27	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just, and peaceful societies
October 29	World Stroke Day	Learn the signs, Say it's a stroke and save Precious time.
October 31	World Savings Day	Saving prepares you for a better future
October 31	Halloween Day	Carving of Pumpkin
October 31	National Unity Day	Hereafter 31st October National Unity Day 2022 will also be called and celebrated as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Day 2022.

## Obituary

Name of the person	Profession
Jayanti Patnaik	Former MP & 1st Chairperson of National Commission for Women
Tulsi Tanti	Suzlon Energy Founder and Chairman
Arun Bali	Veteran actor
Subbu Arumugam	Padma Shri awardee & popular 'Villupattu' exponent





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Mulayam Singh Yadav	Former UP CM and Samajwadi Party founder
Dr. Temsula Ao	Renowned Writer
Robbie Coltrane	Harry Potter actor
Dr Dilip Mahalanabis	Father of oral rehydration therapy (ORT)
Anand Mamani	Karnataka Assembly Deputy Speaker
Pinaki Chaudhuri	Bengali Film Director
Dietrich Mateschitz	Red Bull Formula 1 owner
Leslie Jordan	Versatile Emmy-winning Actor
Pierre Soulages	French painter
Nipon Goswami	Popular Assamese actor
Amou Haji	The world's dirtiest man

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- **Employee benefits insurance technology Healthsure** has partnered **ManipalCigna Health Insurance** to launch **India's first Flexi top-up insurance** which allows **employees** to **personalize** and **upgrade** their **corporate health insurance plans**.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (Tata AIA)** has tied up with **Medix**, a **global company in medical management solutions**, to offer **consumers access** to a **local and global network** of **accredited medical specialists** during serious illnesses.
- **Leading stock exchange BSE Limited** has completed **India's first successful creation, transaction, and settlement of electronic gold receipts (EGRs)**.



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- BSE Technologies Pvt Ltd, a subsidiary of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), launched the Know Your Customer Registration Agency (KYC KRA), which maintains KYC records of investors in an electronic form.
- India's capital market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) approved the government's proposal to convert dues of over \$1.92 billion by telecom operator Vodafone Idea to equity.
- Infibeam Avenues Limited (IAL), which operates CCAvenue, has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a payment aggregator (PA).
- Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited. (ABHICL), the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), a leading non-bank financial services conglomerate announced its bancassurance partnership with IDFC FIRST Bank, a new-age bank, for the distribution of health insurance products through the Bank's state-of-the-art digital platform and its wide distribution network.
- Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited (formerly known as Max Bupa Health Insurance Company), has partnered with IDFC First Bank to provide best-in-class health insurance solutions to the bank's customers.
- Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI) partnered with Karza Technologies (part of Perfios Software Solutions Pvt. Ltd.) and a few other technology vendors to launch end-to-end onboarding journeys of customers on the WhatsApp platform.
- Fintech firm Chqbook teamed up with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) Payments Bank to open a zero-balance digital checking account for small business owners.
- Bayer, Rabo Partnerships, and Mastercard have come together to launch a scalable program to advance the digitization of the Indian agricultural finance ecosystem.
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), conducted India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp with an initiative called 'Niveshak Didi' to promote Financial Literacy 'By the women, for the women, in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K).
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced that it would fund the farm efficiency initiative of Smartchem Technologies Limited (STL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Deepak



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Fertilisers And Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (DFPCL), through a \$30 million loan facility with a tenor of 5 years.

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has commenced India's first Digital Rupee pilot project to implement the central bank digital currency (CBDC) or digital rupee in the wholesale segment.
- HDFC ERGO launched a technology-backed farm yield insurance policy for farmers, a first-of-its-kind insurance solution, where a satellite-based index will be used to provide localized farm-level coverage.
- The Capital and Commodity markets regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) reduced the face value of debt security and non-convertible redeemable preference shares issued on a private placement basis to Rs 1 lakh from the current Rs 10 lakh will be applicable from 1 January 2023.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 5 lakh on LIC Housing Finance Ltd for non-compliance with certain provisions of the National Housing Bank (NHB).
- Zaggie, a profitable SaaS FinTech company and a pioneer in digitizing business spending, has collaborated with National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI) to issue contactless credit cards on the RuPay network.
- South Indian Bank has launched a foreign outward remittance service through the 'SIB Mirror+' mobile banking application.
- The Bank of India (BoI) launched a special fixed deposit scheme Star Super Triple Seven Fixed Deposit which will offer a 7.25% rate of interest (7.75% for senior citizens) on a deposit for 777 days.
- Aegon Life Insurance Company has launched a traditional insurance policy iGuarantee Max Savings Plan that offers savings and life cover.
- Aviva Life Insurance company has launched the Aviva Protection Plus, a Non-Linked Non-Participating Individual Life Insurance Savings Plan.



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- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** extended the **deadline** for implementation of the **Rs 25 crore-threshold rule** for **direct Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) transactions** with **asset management companies** to **May 1, 2023**.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** in collaboration with **India's two largest stock exchanges** the **National Stock Exchange** and the **Bombay Stock Exchange** is developing a system to **mitigate** the **risk of cyber attacks**.
- **Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited**, a subsidiary of **Aditya Birla Capital Limited** and an investment manager to **Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund**, has launched **SAHYOG**, an initiative to **empower** its **support staff** and **their families**.
- **Bank of Baroda**, one of **India's leading banks**, and **Visa**, the **global leader in digital payments**, launched **two new premium Debit Cards** for **Bank of Baroda customers**
- **Credit card issuers** saw **significant erosion** of their card base during the **July-September 2022 quarter** as the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) norms** mandated the **deactivation** of **cards** that have been **inactive** for a **year**.
- The **leading public sector lender Bank of Baroda (BoB)** launched the "**Baroda Tiranga Plus Deposit Scheme**", with **higher standard interest rates** of up to **7.50% p.a.** for **399 days** which includes **0.50% p.a.** for **senior citizens** and **0.25%** for **non-callable deposits**.
- **United Arab Emirates-based bank Emirates NBD** announced an **additional USD 100 million investment** in its **India operations** and **added two more branches** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**, and **Gurugram, Haryana**
- **HDFC Mutual Fund** has launched **two new exchange-traded funds** – **HDFC Nifty IT ETF** and **HDFC Nifty Private Bank ETF** to expand their suite of "**HDFC MF Index Solutions**", which the fund house has been managing for the past 20 years.
- **MUFG Bank** has **partnered** with **M1xchange** to **facilitate digital invoice financing** for the **bank's clients**.
- **C2FO**, a **global on-demand working capital platform**, announced that its **India arm C2FO Factoring Solutions Private Limited** has got **in-principle approval** from the **Reserve Bank of**



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India to set up and operate Trade Receivable Discounting Systems (TReDS) platform in India.

- Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) came out with fresh guidelines to standardise the usage of rating scales used by Credit Rating Agencies (CRAs).
- The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) convened a special off-cycle meeting to discuss and draft the content of the report that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has to send to the government for missing the inflation target.
- Private equity major Bain Capital sold nearly 16.7 million shares, equalling a 0.5% stake in private sector lender Axis Bank.
- Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to improve the road connectivity of key economic areas in Maharashtra.
- Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank) has launched Shagun 366, a 1 year, 1 day fixed deposit, promising retail customers an alluring return of 7.80% p.a., while senior citizens will earn 8.30% p.a. for a 366-day tenure.
- Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. has announced a life insurance product distribution tie-up with Tacterial Consulting Private Limited (Ditto).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted ftcash, a startup in Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) lending, a license to set up a non-banking financial company (NBFC).
- The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) announced a collaboration and strategic investment partnership for mobilizing up to \$1 billion for the financing of green energy transition and renewable energy projects, in both the public and private sectors.
- The government body for energy efficiency Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) for Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (MSMEs).
- According to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), Maharashtra, New Delhi, and Goa have the highest mutual fund (MF) penetration in India, due to high-income



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levels, better literacy rates, and high inflows from corporates and net worth individuals. (HNIs).

- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** an initiative by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** and the **Indian Banks Association (IBA)**, has announced the launch of the **BHIM App open-source license model**.
- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)** to **promote and enhance Japanese investments in India**.
- According to data shared by **SCORES**, the **markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** received an **average of 3,011 complaints every month** so far in the **financial year 2022-23 (FY23)**.
- **General Insurance company ICICI Lombard** has launched **14 new Insurance solutions across Health, Motor, and Corporate segments**.
- **HDFC Bank** (India's largest Private sector Bank) partners with **Arzoo** (India's fastest-growing Retail Tech Platform) to launch **Purchase cards** that have been exclusively designed for **offline retailers**.
- **Union Bank of India**, the country's 5th largest public sector bank, marked its **104th foundation day at Mumbai, Maharashtra** after being founded on **11 November 1919** and having its **first head office inaugurated by the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi in 1921**.
- **ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company Limited** has launched a **new participating savings product, 'ICICI Pru Sukh Samruddhi,'** which provides **customers with guaranteed benefits and growth potential in the form of bonuses**.
- The **National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI)** announced that **electricity bill payments service for more than 70 electricity boards** has been **enabled on 123PAY**, an instant payment system for feature phones.



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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the amalgamation of Shree Sharada Sahakari Bank Ltd., Pune (Maharashtra) with the Cosmos Co-operative Bank Ltd., Pune (Maharashtra).
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revoked the certificate of authorisation (CoA) of Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns and non-compliance with regulatory requirements.
- Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced a regulatory framework to facilitate providers of online bond platforms that are selling listed debt securities.
- Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB), a Dharwad-headquartered regional rural bank and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India have renewed their agreement through a memorandum of understanding for bancassurance (for selling life Insurance products through the branches of KVGB) tie-up.
- The market regulator SEBI has amended its Takeover Code to facilitate transactions involving change in control of State-owned enterprises or Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).
- The State Bank of India (SBI) has received an additional low-interest loan of €150 million (about ₹1,240 crore) from Germany's Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) Development Bank to finance solar projects in India.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) have inked a cooperative agreement for the regulation and supervision of regulated entities in their respective jurisdictions.
- ESAF Small Finance Bank was awarded the "best in class" rating for the environment, social, and governance (ESG) practices from CareEdge Ratings.
- ICICI Venture, the alternative investment arm of ICICI Bank, has invested ₹360 crores, or around \$44.3 million, in consumer houseware company Cello World, marking its first bet from the fifth private equity (PE) fund.



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- **Max Life Insurance** has launched **Smart Wealth Advantage Guarantee Plan**, a non-linked, non-participating individual life insurance savings plan that offers **guaranteed returns, life insurance cover, and financial protection** all combined in one product.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** imposed a **collective fine** of nearly ₹12 lakh on 9 entities, including 6 cooperative banks and 3 Sahakari banks for **violating various banking norms**.
- **Open**, a neo-banking fintech, has received **in-principle approval** from the **regulatory authority, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, for a **Payment Aggregator Gateway (PA/PG) license**.
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has **sanctioned 57 flood protection projects** and **1 rural bridge** amounting to Rs 220.50 crore for **Odisha** under the **Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)**.
- **Karnataka Bank** has launched the **CASA (current account savings account)** campaign of **2022-23** for **100 days** towards the **100th year** of its existence.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has given **in-principle approval** for a **\$400-million loan** to the **Maharashtra government** to bring in **5,000 electric buses**.
- **InsuranceDekho**, an insurtech, has entered into a **strategic partnership** with the **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** through which the latter's products will be available for **all customers on its platform pan-India**.
- **Tata Power Solar Systems (TPSSL)**, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL)**, has tied up **with Union Bank of India (UBI)** to help **the MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) sector** switch **to solar solutions**.
- **HDFC Capital**, a subsidiary of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd**, has **shortlisted 10 startups** for **funding and support** during the **2nd housing and Affordable Real Estate and Technology (H@ART) Summit Concluded** in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- **Shriram Life Insurance Company (SLIC)** is empanelled as an **Annuity Service Provider** by the **Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority (PFRDA)**.





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- **HDFC Capital Advisors**, a subsidiary of India's largest private mortgage lender **HDFC**, has entered into a **collaboration** with the property developers' body the **Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI)** to **accelerate investments** into real estate projects in **tier II and III cities**.
- **Navi Group**, a technology-driven financial products, and services company has **partnered** with **Piramal Capital and Housing Finance Ltd** to offer **digital personal loans** in India.
- As per the **report** on **Enhanced Access & Service Excellence (EASE) Reforms Index for Q1 FY 2022-23** by **Indian Banks' Association (IBA)**, **Union Bank of India** is the **2nd Best Bank** in adopting reforms prescribed for **Public Sector Banks**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** expects India's economy to record **growth between 6.1% and 6.3%** for the **second quarter** of the **financial year FY23**.
- **According to a working research paper published in the** Bank for International Settlements, over **73% of** cryptocurrency users lost money.
- **HDFC Bank Limited** has partnered with **Flywire Corporation**, a global payments enablement and software company, to **help Indian payers** to **easily pay international education fees** to higher education institutions digitally.
- **Federal Bank** launched a **deposit scheme** for **Non Resident Indians (NRIs)** titled 'Deposit Plus', which offers **higher interest than the existing Non-Residential External (NRE) NRE fixed deposits**.
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has **opened** its **first mid-corporate Branch** in Kerala at Kochi.
- **BillBox**, one of the **leading customized solution providers** in the **payments & merchant ecosystem in India** has launched a **disruptive product** – **TapTap** – in association with **NSDL Payments Bank & Visa**.
- **Airtel Payments Bank**, a fintech subsidiary of **Bharti Airtel**, has launched a **Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening** for customers.



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- Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) came out with **guidelines** for **alternative investment funds (AIFs)** for **declaring the first close of a scheme**.
- According to the **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** **Economic Outlook Nov 2022**, **Global gross domestic product (GDP) growth** is projected to slide from **3.1 % in 2022 to 2.2% in 2023**.
- **IDFC First Bank** in association with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has introduced **FIRSTAP**, **India's first sticker-based debit card**.
- **Flipkart**, **India's homegrown e-commerce marketplace**, and **Axis Bank**, the **third largest private sector bank in India**, have partnered to launch the **'Super Elite Credit Card'**.
- **Axis Bank** has launched the **7th edition of 'Evolve'** for **Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** with the **theme of 'Indian SMEs: Shifting Gears for Next Level Growth'**. **'Digitalisation to Building Indian SMEs'** and **'Export Opportunities for SMEs in the New World Order'**.
- **Federal Bank** has inked a **memorandum of understanding (MOU)** with **JCB India**, a **leading manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment** to **finance** the prospective buyers of **heavy construction equipment** and **boost its loan portfolio**.
- The **S&P Global Market Intelligence** projected **India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth** to **average 6.3% annually** between **financial years 2021 and 2030** in **FY 2021-30**.
- **Canara Bank** in **partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)** launched an **Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG)** on its **117th Founder's day**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has included the **Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN)** as a **financial information provider (FIPs)** under the **account aggregator (AA) frame** to **facilitate cash flow-based lending** to the **Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**.



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- **Bank of Baroda** has allied with **Aerem Solutions Pvt Ltd (ASPL)** and its subsidiary, **Aerem Finance Pvt Ltd (AFPL)** and its subsidiary, **Aerem Finance Pvt Ltd (AFPL)**, for the financing of **Solar Rooftop projects** for captive use by **Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)**.
- According to the data of the **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**, **Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows** into **India** contracted by **14%** to **USD 26.9 billion** during the **April-September FY23**.
- **Absolute**, a plant bioscience company, in partnership with **DigiSafe Insurance** has launched **India's first do-it-yourself (DIY) insurance marketplace, Digifasal**.
- **Sany Bharat** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Union Bank of India** to make **equipment financing** an **easy, efficient, and simple process**.
- **Honda Cars India Limited (HCIL)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **IDBI Bank** to offer a **host of finance schemes** for its **customers**.
- **VA Tech Wabag**, a leading player in **India's water industry**, has signed a **strategic agreement** with **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** to raise **Rs 200 crore** through **unlisted non-convertible debentures (NCDs)** carrying a **5-year and 3-month tenor**.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)** has **entered** into an **agreement** with **broking partner SMC Global** for the **opening of 3 in 1 account (SB, demat account, and trading account)**.

### **National News**

- The **foreign minister** announced that **India will contribute half a million dollars** to the **UN's efforts to combat international terrorism** when new and developing technologies used by terrorist organizations are posing fresh threats to governments worldwide.
- The **second Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya (RAVV)** in **India** was opened by the **Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan** in **Puri**.
- The **Union government** plans to launch the **second phase of a dedicated program to develop solar parks across the country** that will aim to plug loopholes and overcome slow progress.



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- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the C-295 transport aircraft manufacturing plant, in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will inaugurate India Chem 2022 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- The theme of the event is "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India".
- The Supreme Court reiterated its ban on the "two-finger test" in rape cases, warning that those who use such tests will be found guilty of misconduct.
- Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, announced the establishment of an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster in the Maharashtra town of Ranjangaon.
- The Income Tax Department took part in the Special Campaign for Swachhata, a month-long initiative of the Indian government that runs until October 31st, 2022.
- On the occasion of the poet Subramania Bharati's birth anniversary, the committee has suggested that December 11 be observed as "Bharatiya Bhasha Diwas" or "Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav."
- The Collins Dictionary has selected the word "permacrisis" as its word of the year.
- Three of Tata Steel's production sites in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand, have achieved ResponsibleSteel accreditation.
- The largest-ever coal mine auction, consisting of 141 mines, was started by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi delivered a video address at the Global Investors Meet, Invest Karnataka's inaugural event.
- Mangarh Dham in Rajasthan's Banswara District has been designated as a National Monument by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.
- The first meeting of the National Natural Farming Mission committee was presided over by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar at Krishi Bhawan.
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti will hold two different sessions of Ganga Utsav- The River Festivals 2022 on November 4th, 2022 at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi.



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- According to the **CMIE** figures, the **unemployment rate** increased to **7.77%** in **October** from a **four-year low** of **6.43%** in **September**.
- **Mr. Giriraj Singh**, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj **launched the booklet 'Agenda for Members of Panchayati Raj Institutions for Rural Development.'**
- The **Ministry of Education** declared that this year, **India will commemorate 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas'** in schools and higher education institutes **on November 15, 2022**.
- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** introduced the **brand-new AI/ML chatbot Aadhaar Mitra** to help citizens use the services.
- The **15th edition of Kerala's Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference**, held in **Kochi**, has come to an end.
- The **Supreme Court (SC)** affirmed the **10% reservation for economically disadvantaged people (EWS)** among advanced castes in government employment and colleges across India.
- **India's logo, theme, and website for the G20 presidency** have been presented by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, and they represent the nation's message and overriding priorities to the rest of the globe.
- The **18th International Telemedicine Conference** is being hosted by the **Kerala Chapter of the Telemedicine Society of India (TSI)** and Amrita Hospital in Kochi.
- The **42nd International Congress of the Indian National Cartographic Association (INCA)** was opened in **Dehradun** by **Lieutenant General Gurmit Singh (Retd.)**, the governor of **Uttarakhand**.
- **Prime Minister Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit** will be launched by **Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal** in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**, at the Deendayal Hastkala Sankul (Trade Centre and Museum), the **PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit** will take place.
- The Minister of Science and Technology, **Shri Jitendra Singh**, presented **India's first National Repository for Life Science Data**.
- Under **phase II of the second edition** of the Atal New India Challenge, the **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)**, NITI Aayog, has issued challenges focused on women (**ANIC**).



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- At **Bengaluru's Krantiveera Sangolli Railway station**, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi signalled the departure of the first Vande Bharat Express Train on the Mysuru-Chennai route.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir Rural Livelihoods Mission's (JKRLM) UMEED Scheme** supports rural women's aspirations in the Union Territory to achieve economic independence.
- A **nationwide campaign** has been launched by the Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pension, Government of India, to promote digital life certificates for Central Government Pensioners.
- A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was inked between the **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)** and **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)** to build India's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel for operation in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh** and electric hybrid vessels for **UP** and **Assam**.
- The **Union government** and the **Uttar Pradesh state government** is set to launch the world's longest luxury river cruise between **Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh** and **Assam's Dibrugarh** in **Jan 2023** in a bid to provide impetus to inland waterways development in India.
- **Aquaconnect**, a technology-driven full-stack aquaculture inputs and outputs platform with embedded fintech, supported by a **physical & digital (phygital) distribution network**, has received the **ISO 27001 certification for information security management (ISM)**.
- **Jaipur International Airport Limited** has received the **Aerodrome license** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** following which the airport has embarked on an expansion drive.
- The **India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A)** and the **Government of Kerala** have jointly evaluated a proposal for building the **Kochi Green Hydrogen (KGH2) Hub**, a large-scale green hydrogen hub with multiple use cases, to the Government of Kerala.
- The fourth phase of the **National Commission for Women's (NCW) Digital Shakti Campaign** to empower and educate girls and women online has begun.



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- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI), Ministry of Education (MoE), and Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised the inaugural **Virtual Global Skill Summit** to promote the movement of skilled workers abroad.
- **Arun Baroka**, the secretary for chemicals and petrochemicals, officially inaugurated the **fourth edition** of the **Indian Chemicals Council Sustainability Conclave** in **New Delhi**.
- **India has replaced Japan** to become **the world's second-largest producer of crude steel**.
- The **National Anti-Profiteering Authority (NAA)** is **poised to merge** with the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** as the **GST's anti-profiteering** watchdog.
- **Donyi Polo Airport in Itanagar**, the **first greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh**, was opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- **"Homer"** has been named the **Cambridge Dictionary's word of the year for 2022**, and it was said to be influenced by the Wordle, a Wordle-like word game that has become immensely popular worldwide.
- The **Bengaluru Tech Summit's 22nd anniversary** will be virtually **inaugurated by** Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**.
- **India has inaugurated the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** since it will hold the **organization's next summit in 2023 as chairman**.
- According to **Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda**, the government has established **100 archery academies across the nation to foster talent in tribal youth by developing their archery abilities**.
- In the **Assamese town of Silchar**, the **first Unani medical institute in Northeast India** opened its doors.
- The **Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar** has been given to **39 schools from all around the nation for the academic year 2021–2022**.
- **Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar** attended the **inauguration of the FIFA World Cup in Qatar** alongside the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, and other dignitaries.
- Shri **Anurag Singh Thakur**, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting and Youth Affairs and Sports, launched the **'53 Hours Challenge'** for **'75 Creative Minds Tomorrow.'**



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- **Shri Giriraj**, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj launched the "SARAS AAJEEVIKA MELA, 2022" at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.
- Startup applications for registration on the MAARG site, the National Mentorship Platform by Startup India, were made available by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).
- According to the National Statistical Office (NSO), the unemployment rate for people aged 15 and over in urban areas decreased from 9.8% in July to September of last year to 7.2% in July–September of this year.
- The National Suicide Prevention Strategy, the first-of-its-kind government initiative to make suicide prevention a top priority for public health, was unveiled by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Prasar Bharati celebrated its silver jubilee, or 25 years since it was founded.
- According to a senior official, by 2025 or 2026, the railways hope to become a significant exporter of Vande Bharat trains to markets in Europe, South America, and East Asia.
- The Union Rural Development Ministry of India has established a panel to restructure its sole job guarantee program in the hopes of distributing more work to the nation's poorer regions.
- In New Delhi, Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the book 'India: The Mother of Democracy,' which was prepared and published by the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR).
- Egypt's President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi has been invited to be the primary guest for India's Republic Day in 2023, indicating New Delhi's continued focus on the Arab world as it prepares for a year of high-profile diplomatic engagements.
- The 14th Aero India will be hosted at the Air Force Station in Yelahanka from February 13-17, 2023, according to the Ministry of Defence (MoD).
- 'Nai Chetna' is a month-long campaign intended to be a 'Jan Andolan,' or people's movement.





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- **Shri Manoj Kumar, Chairman of KVIC**, launched the **ambitious Reducing Human Attacks Using Honey Bees (Re-Hab) Project**.
- The **seventh edition of the Global Technology Summit** will be hosted in a hybrid style in **New Delhi until December 1st**.

## **State News**

- **Gujarati New Year, Vikram Sanvat 2079, or Bestu Varsh** was celebrated with traditional zeal and fervor by the **Gujarati community** across the globe.
- The **Union ministry of environment, forest and climate change (MoEFCC)** has given its **nod** to set up **Terai Elephant Reserve (TER)** under **Project Elephant** in the **Lakhimpur Kheri district of Uttar Pradesh (UP)**.
- The **Meghalaya government** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGFTMSE)** to help facilitate the **flow of credit to Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) borrowers**.
- **Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha** inaugurated a **three-week-long cultural festival “Jashn-e-Kashmir”- New Kashmir New Hope**, celebrating tradition, culture, and heritage at **Srinagar**.
- **The Kerala govt** has launched a **‘women-friendly tourism’ project**, an initiative of the **State Responsible Tourism Mission (RT Mission)**.
- The **Gujarat government** has achieved **100% tap water connections** in **rural areas** under the **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**.
- **Fisheries Minister Tage Taki** announced that a **fish museum**, the **first of its kind** in the **Northeast region (NER)**, would soon be built in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the **state government's flagship 'Ladli Laxmi 2.0' financial assistance scheme** to **encourage girls** to pursue **higher education** and make them **independent**.



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- Meghalaya Chief Minister (CM) Shri Conrad Sangma has launched the **Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme** at Tura, West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya.
- **106-year-old Shyam Saran Negi**, the **first voter of Independent India**, exercised his right to franchise for the **34th time** for the **Himachal Pradesh Assembly elections** through a **postal ballot** at his residence in **the Kinnaur district**.
- The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** has approved the **Greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)** with a project cost of **Rs 492.85 crores** to be set up in **Ranjangaon Phase III, near Pune in Maharashtra**.
- Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah **laid the foundation stone of the Orbital Rail Corridor Project** in Faridabad, Haryana.
- **Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath** inaugurated **North India's first hyper-scale data centre Yotta D1**, built at the **cost of Rs 5,000 crore** and spread over an area of **3,00,000 square feet** at the upcoming **Data Centre Park in Greater Noida**.
- **Haryana Chief Minister Shri Manohar Lal Khattar** launched the "**CM dashboard**", a unique **IT platform** having **real-time data of all the departments**.
- **Goa Chief Minister Shri Pramod Sawant** launched the **logo of Purple Fest** at a function held in **Manohar Parrikar Memorial Hall of Sanjay Centre for Education, Porvorim, Goa**.
- The **Government of Kerala** has launched a **Technology Transfer Scheme** to reimburse the expense incurred by the **new startup ventures** to **procure technology licenses** from **government research institutions** in **India** to **commercialize** and **scale up their products**.
- The **world's first Vedic Clock** will be **installed** in **Ujjain** the city of **Lord Malakal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- The **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government** in **Goa** formally **launched** a **state-sponsored pilgrimage scheme** for **people** announced before the **Assembly polls** held in **February 2022**.
- **Nagaland** hosted the **first edition** of the **Tokhü Emong Bird Count (TEBC)** from **November 4 to 7, 2022**, a **four-day documentation event** to **list birds** in **Nagaland**.



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- The **Rajasthan government** has launched its **first Handicraft Policy 2022** to **boost investment** in the **cultural heritage of Rajasthan**.
- **Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (HRIDC)**, a **joint venture** of the **Haryana government (51%)** and the **Ministry of Railway (MOR) (49%)** signed an **agreement** with the **Railway Energy Management Company Limited (REMCL)** for the **development of renewable energy projects** in **Haryana**.
- **Kerala** becomes the **first state** in **India** to launch a **uniform gold price** based on the **bank rate**.
- **AdaniConneX**, a **joint venture** between **Adani Enterprises** and **EdgeConneX**, has announced the opening of the **'Chennai 1' hyperscale data centre campus** located at **Sipcot IT Park in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India**.
- **Hyderabad** growing **green space city** hosts **India's largest Miyawaki forest**
- A **two-day** enthralling and opulent dance drama Titled '**Yugpurush Raja Rammohun Roy**', based on the **life of Raja Rammohun Roy**, who is called the **father of modern Indian society**, **concluded**.
- **Aibawk cluster** in the **Aizawl district of Mizoram** has become the **first cluster** to be **completed** under the **Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)**.
- **Vadodara, Gujarat** became the **second Indian city** to **issue a municipal bond** with assistance from the **United States Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance**.
- The **11th edition of India Stonemart 2022** will be held from **November 10 to 13** at the **Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC)** in **Sitapura Industrial Area, Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
- The **Jharkhand Cabinet** has **approved four ambitious schemes** to **promote education and skill development of students and youths**.
- The **Government of Tamil Nadu (TN)** has declared an **area of 686.406 sq.km** in the **reserve forests of Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri** as the **Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary**.
- **Assam Chief Minister (CM) Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched the **second phase of Mission Basundhara 2.0** at an event held at the **Srimanta Shankardev Kalakshetra** in **Guwahati, Assam**.



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- The **Arunachal Pradesh** government has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **National Highway Logistics Management Limited (NHLML)**, an **SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle)** of the **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)**, for **infrastructure development** in the **state**.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** administration has introduced an **integrated sheep development scheme (ISDS)** for **promoting** the **sheep farming sector**.
- The **Assam** government inked a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, Karnataka** to **train working professionals** in **Assam**.
- The **Rajasthan** government has approved an **outlay of Rs 2.60 crore** for the **Camel Conservation Scheme** which is aimed at **protecting camels**.
- **TechEagle**, a **leading drone delivery startup** that offers **world-class end-to-end drone delivery solutions**, has conducted the **world's first vaccine delivery for Animal Husbandry** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- **Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)** Lieutenant Governor **Shri Manoj Sinha** has launched the **Jammu and Kashmir Remote Sensing Information System (JKRIS)**, a **spatial data infrastructure initiative**, and **g-SAM (Gram Panchayat Spatial Assets Mapper)** mobile app.
- The **Forest Department of Tamil Nadu (TN)** has introduced, **first of its kind initiative in India, Tamil Nadu Elephant Death Audit Framework (EDAF)**.
- The **International Semiconductor Consortium's (ISMC's)** proposed a **\$3 billion chip fab** in **Mysuru, Karnataka**.
- The **Karnataka** government entered into a **five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Centre for Effective Governance of Indian States (CEGIS)**.
- **Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik** announced the **Mukhyamantri Siksha Puraskar Yojana Award and Scholarship Scheme**.



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- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha launched a new portal, 'Amar Sarkar', to act as a bridge between the people and the government at the Muktheadhara Auditorium in Agartala, Tripura.
- The Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik-led State Cabinet approved the 'Prarambh - The Odisha State Policy for Children 2022 & Odisha State Port Policy -2022 two major policies related to port development and children's welfare besides 15 other proposals.
- The Assam Government has decided to launch a new Tourism Policy -Assam Tourism Policy 2022, in a bid to further the growth of the tourism sector in Assam.
- The Tamil Nadu government issued a notification declaring the Arittapatti village near Melur in Madurai district, Tamil Nadu (TN) as a biodiversity heritage site under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.
- Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik launched AMLAN (Anaemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan) a multi-pronged approach in a bid to ensure the complete eradication of the anaemia problem among women and children in Odisha.
- The Sahyadri Farmer Producer Company (FPC) becomes the first company in India to bag the license for setting up a private agricultural mandi at Dindori, in Nashik district, Maharashtra.
- The Odisha chief minister Shri Naveen Patnaik announced a special package for the welfare of 8 lakh Kendu leaf pluckers and other persons engaged in the trade.
- Government of Maharashtra has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with United States(US)-based Women's World Banking, with funding support from MetLife Foundation, to operationalise and strengthen 5,000 women of self-help (SHGs) to become business correspondents or BC Sakhis.
- The Delhi University has launched a Financial Support Scheme (FSS) for those students who come from an economically weaker background and have enrolled in full-time undergraduate and postgraduate courses at the university.



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- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami** is set to **launch** a new scheme named ‘**Mukhya Mantri Pratham Gram Samekit Vikas Yojana**’ ((CM first village integrated development scheme)” to **accelerate economic activities** in Uttarakhand.
- The **Rajasthan government’s Department of Industry and Commerce** has launched the **Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar Rajasthan Dalit, Adivasi Udyam Protsahan Yojana – 2022**.
- The **Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB)** has developed a mobile app named **KeMapp - ‘Kerala E-Mobility App’** which will serve as a **common platform** for **accessing** the **services** of **e-vehicle charging stations**.
- **Bihar Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar** launched the **Har Ghar Gangajal** project in **Rajgir**.
- The **Odisha government** has developed a **new portal** named ‘**e-detection portal**’ to **detect** **vehicles** plying on **National Highways (NHs) & State Highways** on the **road** without **valid documents**.

### **International News**

- The **1st ASEAN-India Start-up Festival (AISF)** was inaugurated by **Dr. Srivari Chandrashekhar**, **Secretary of, the Department of Science and Technology** in **Bogor, Indonesia**.
- **India** has entered into a **collaboration** with the **US state of California** for **research** and **innovation** in the **field of zero-emission vehicles** to boost the **development** of its nascent **Electrical Vehicle (EV) industry** and **address climate risks** through the **California-India ZEV Policy program**.
- The **Netherlands** has emerged as the **top destination** for **India’s petroleum product exports** such as **petrol** and **diesel** in the **first half** of the **current fiscal year (FY22)**.



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- The **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)** has released the **2022 edition** of the **State of Food and Agriculture, (SOFA)** which oversees in agrifood system to contribute to reaching **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- The **World Trade Organization (WTO)** is set to **deepen** its **presence** at the **UN Climate Change COP 27** in **Egypt** with **Director General Ngozi Okonjo Iweala** participating, including the launch of **WTO's 2022 World Trade Report on 'Climate Change and International Trade.'**
- The **European Commission** has **authorized** the **world's first one-dose drug** against a **respiratory virus** that **sickens millions of babies and children globally every year.**
- The **United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Adaptation Gap Report 2022** titled **"Too Little, Too Slow: Climate adaptation failure puts the world at risk"**, the report has pointed out that **global efforts in adaptation planning, financing, and implementation are not keeping pace** with the **growing risks.**
- According to data from **energy cargo tracker Vortexa**, **Russia** has become **India's top oil supplier** in **October 2022**, surpassing traditional sellers **Saudi Arabia** and **Iraq.**
- A **Swiss-American multinational Pharmaceutical giant Novartis** has signed a **licensing agreement increasing** access to vital **leukaemia treatment**, marking the **first-ever** such agreement for a **cancer drug.**
- **Seven-time World Champion Lewis Hamilton** was officially declared an **honorary citizen of Brazil** in a ceremony at the **Chamber of Deputies** in **Brasilia** ahead of the **Brazilian Grand Prix.**
- The **United States Department of Treasury** removed **India** along with **Italy, Mexico, Thailand** and **Vietnam** from its **Currency Monitoring List of major trading partners** that merit close attention to their **currency practices** and **macroeconomic policies.**
- **Jaipur International Airport Limited** has received the **Aerodrome license** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)** following which the airport has embarked on an **expansion drive.**
- A short-range **ballistic missile** was fired by **North Korea** towards the **Sea of Japan** just hours after it promised **"fiercer" military retaliation** against the United States for stepping up its security cooperation with allies **South Korea** and **Japan.**



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- **QatarEnergy** announced a **27-year natural gas supply deal with China** calling it the “**longest**” ever seen as it strengthened ties with **Asia** while **Europe scrambles** for **alternative sources**.
- **President of Egypt Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** will be the **chief guest** at **India's Republic Day** celebrations on **26 January 2023**.
- A **bust of Mahatma Gandhi** will be **inaugurated** as a **gift** from **India** to the **United Nations** during **India's presidency** of the **Security Council in Dec 2022**, the **first sculpture** of the **Mahatma** to be installed at the world body's headquarters.

### **Ranks and Indices**

- In the 2022 edition of the **S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA)** rankings, **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)**, '**Maharatna**' and a **Fortune Global 500 Company**, once again achieved the **No. 1 rank** in the **Indian oil and gas sector** for its sustainability performance.
- According to the **UNHCR in Geneva**, **103 million people** were **forcibly uprooted** from their **homes in the first half of 2022** as a result of persecution, conflict, violence, human rights abuses, and other situations that seriously disturbed public order.
- According to a recent study, when compared to other APAC nations, **India has the largest gender wealth gap (64%) at present**.
- According to a report from the **World Meteorological Organization**, the **global mean temperature in 2022 is predicted to be 1.15 degrees Celsius** higher than the pre-industrial average (1850–1900).
- The **Performance Grading Index (PGI) for 2020–21**, a thorough review of the school education system in all **50 states and the Union Territories**, was released by the **Ministry of Education**.
- A survey places **India ahead of China and Vietnam** as the country with the **lowest manufacturing costs**.
- **Reliance Industries**, the nation's largest firm by revenues, profitability, and market value is **India's top employer** and the **20th best company to work for internationally**, according to **Forbes' World's Finest Employers rankings 2022**.





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- The annual "Asia's Power Businesswomen" list, which includes 20 women from the Asia-Pacific area, has been released by Forbes Asia.
- According to the QS Asia University Rankings 2023, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay offers the greatest education in Southern Asia, with IIT Delhi coming in second.
- The State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA) is one of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization's yearly flagship reports (FAO).
- Glaciers at numerous UNESCO World Heritage sites, including Yellowstone and Kilimanjaro National Park, would certainly vanish by 2050, the UN organization warned, urging countries to act quickly to safeguard the rest.
- The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023, issued by three environmental non-governmental organizations, Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute, and the Climate Action Network (CAN) International, was launched.
- Shahjahanpur has surpassed all other cities in the country in terms of the number of tap connections provided in a single month.
- According to the Network Readiness Index 2022 (NRI 2022) report issued by the US-based Portulans Organisation, an independent non-profit research and educational institute, India has risen six spots to rank 61st.
- According to the Times Higher Education Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS), the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Delhi is placed 28th.
- With a 77 per cent approval rating, Prime Minister Narendra Modi continues to be the most well-liked president in the entire world.

### Appointments

Name of the person	Appointed as	Key Points
Mata Amritanandamayi Devi	C20 chairperson	She was the first recipient of Vishwaratna Puraskar (Gem of the World Award) by the Hindu Parliament.



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Dr. Rajesh Ranjan	next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire	-
Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva	President of Brazil	He defeated his opponent Bolsonaro
Benjamin Netanyahu	Prime Minister of Israel	He defeated the interim PM Yair Lapid of Yesh Atid
Manish Chopra	Interim chief of Meta Platforms Inc's	-
Jay Y. Lee	Samsung Electronics Executive Chairman	He takes over a position previously held by his father, Lee Kun-hee



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Dr. G Hemaprabha	First Woman Director of ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute	-
Mr. Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta	Additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of BPCL	He succeeds Mr. Arun Kumar Singh
Mr. Vishal Kapoor	CEO of Energy Efficiency Services Limited	He Succeeds Mr. Arun Kumar Mishra
Mr. Subhrakant Panda	President-elect (2022-23) of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)	He will succeed Mr. Sanjiv Mehta
Mr. KV Kamath	Independent director of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)	-
Mr. Vivek Joshi	Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS)	Mr. Joshi replaced Mr. Sanjay Malhotra
Lionel Messi	Global brand ambassador of BYJU'S	-
Mr. Tayyab Ikram	President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH).	He has succeeded Mr. Narinder Batra (India) as its full-time chief
Kriti Sanon	Brand ambassador for Skechers India	-
Prof. Kishor Basa	Chairman of the National Monuments Authority (NMA)	-



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Anant Goenka	Interim MD of Zensar Tech	-
Shri Justice Rituraj Awasthi	Chairperson of the Law Commission of India	-
Mr. Ramesh Kejriwal	President of the All India Rubber Industries Association	Mr. Kejriwal will be succeeding Mr. Sawar Dhanania.
Justice Shri DY Chandrachud	The 50th Chief Justice Of India	Justice Shri Chandrachud succeeds Justice Shri UU Lalit who retired on November 8 after a 74-day stint
Mr. Gopal Vittal	Deputy chair of of Bharti Airtel Group	-
Mr. Bjorn Gulden	New CEO of Adidas	Mr. Gulden will replace Mr. Kasper Rorsted
Olympic Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra	New Friendship Ambassador Of Switzerland	-
Aruna Miller	First Indian American Maryland Lieutenant Governor	-
C Anandharamakrishnan	Director of CSIR-NIIST	-
Greg Barclay	ICC Chairman	Re-elected for two-year term
Yogeshwar Dutt	Brand ambassador of Religare Enterprises	-
Gaurav Dwivedi	Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati	He succeeds Mayank Agrawal
Natasa Pirc Musar	Slovenia's First Female President	She will succeed President Borut Pahor



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Jhanvi Kapoor	brand ambassador of Nykaa Fashion	-
Misuzulu Zulu	South Africa's new Zulu king	Misuzulu Zulu ascended the throne once held by his late father, Goodwill Zwelithini
Vivek Joshi	Director in RBI's central board	-
Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, MirabaiChanu and Gagan Narang	members of IOA Athletes Commission	-
Vinit Kumar	chief executive officer of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)	-
Anushka Sharma	brand ambassador for Michael Kors watches	-
Shri Arvind Virmani	full-time member of NITI Aayog	-
Mr. Suraj Bhan	chairman of NPS Trust	-
Sharath Kamal	Elected in ITTF's Athletes' Commission	He was the first Indian to be elected.
Dr. CV Ananda Bose	West Bengal Governor	He will Succeed Shri La Ganesan
Mr. Rajiv Kumar	an international observer for the Nepal elections	-



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Arun Kumar Singh	head of ONGC	-
Sandhya Devanathan	Head of Meta India	She Succeeds Ajit Mohan
Shri Arun Goel	election commissioner of India	He succeeded Shri Sushil Chandra
Kuldeep Yadav	brand ambassador Real11	-
Bob Iger	CEO of Walt Disney Co	He will replace Bob Chapek
TG Sitharam	new chairman of AICTE	He replaced UGC chairman Jagadesh Kumar
Mr Vimal Mahendru	IEC Vice President	-
Dr. Deepa Malik	Nikshay Mitra ambassador	-
Meenesh C Shah	managing director of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)	-

### **Agreements and MoUs signed**

- **Malabar Gold and Diamonds**, a major retailer of jewellery in India, is the first jeweller to import 25 kg of gold as part of the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** between India and the UAE.
- A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between **FIFA** and the **All India Football Federation** for the "**Football4Schools**" initiative in India by Union Minister of Education, Skill Development, and Entrepreneurship **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**.



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- The Indian Army joined with Tata Powers to build 16 EV charging stations as part of its "Go Green Initiative."
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for MSMEs has been struck between the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and the government agency for energy efficiency, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power.
- To aid in the development of efficient governance frameworks for the DAY-NRLM, the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) and Veddis Foundation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding. Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission is referred to as DAY-NRLM.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) has been signed to advance and strengthen Japanese investment in India.
- The joint exhibition "Silver Treasures from Denmark and India" will debut in early March 2023 at the Museum Kolding and the National Museum in New Delhi.
- The Indian Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the European Commission's Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT) signed an "Intent of Cooperation on High-Performance Computing (HPC), Weather Extremes & Climate Modeling, and Quantum Technologies."

### **Acquisitions & Mergers**

- Media groups Sony and Zee have voluntarily agreed to sell three Hindi channels Big Magic, Zee Action, and Zee Classic to address possible anti-competition concerns arising out of their proposed mega-merger deal.
- The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has raised its stake in Capri Global Capital Limited (CGCL), a nonbanking financial company (NBFC) by 2% over the last few months at an investment of ₹257.37 crores.



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- Tech giant Google has acquired Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup that was working on using AI to generate avatars for social media users and brands to express their virtual identity
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its shareholding in Voltas by buying an additional 2% stake.
- Adani Power Ltd has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to sell its 100 percent equity stake in its wholly-owned subsidiary Support Properties Private Ltd (SPPL) to AdaniConnex Private Ltd (ACX)," at an enterprise value of Rs 1,556.5 crore.
- The Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI), under the Central Government, will sell up to 1.55% stake or 4.65 crore shares in Axis Bank via an offer for sale (OFS).
- DSP Investment Managers Private Ltd (DSPIM) has acquired a 9.99% stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank for an undisclosed amount following approval from the Reserve Bank of India.
- SoftBank Group Corp sold a 4.5% stake in Indian digital payments giant Paytm's One97 Communications for about USD 200 million (around ₹1,627 crores) in a block deal.
- Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has announced an increase in stake in Tech Mahindra Limited from 4.863% to 6.874%.
- State-owned Punjab National Bank (PNB) has received government approval from the Department of investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), Ministry of Finance, to divest its entire stake in UTI Asset Management Company Limited.
- Walmart-backed digital payments company PhonePe is set to acquire buy now, pay later (BNPL) company ZestMoney in a deal pegged at \$200 million- \$300 million.
- Tata Consumer Products Limited (TCPL) is set to acquire India's largest packaged drinking water company, Bisleri, for an estimated Rs 6,000-7,000 crore.

## Sports News





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- Akanksha Vyavahare, a weightlifter from Maharashtra, set **three new national records** in the **40kg weight category** at the **Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting Tournament**.
- In **Badminton**, the Indian pair of **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** bagged the biggest title of their career, **claiming the French Open Super 750 crown** with a straight-game decimation of **Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han** in the **men's doubles final** in **Paris**.
- Defending champions **Spain defeated Colombia** in the **FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup final**.
- The **Indian junior men's hockey team defeated Australia** 5-4 in a shootout at the **Taman Daya Hockey Stadium** in **Johor Bahru, Malaysia**, to win the **Sultan of Johor Cup 2022**.
- **Red Bull driver Max Verstappen** won the **Mexican Grand Prix 2022** for a record-breaking **14th victory** of the season.
- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** of India won the **French Open Super 2022 badminton tournament men's doubles** title in **Paris** after defeating Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in straight games 21-13, 21-19.
- **Kerala will host the Track Asia Cup Cycling Tournament** in 2022.
- **Virat Kohli** has hit form and is collecting **fifties** in the ongoing **ICC T20 World Cup**.
- The "**Baji Rout National Football Tournament**" was launched at **Dhenkanal, Odisha**, by **Union Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**.
- The **Indian men's team**, led by the experienced **Saurav Ghosal**, won their **first-ever gold medal** at the **Asian Squash Team Championships** with a 2-0 victory over **Kuwait** in the final.
- The **ICC Player of the Month** award recipients for **October 2022** were revealed by the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**.
- **Suryakumar Yadav**, a star Indian batsman, is **the first Indian player to reach 1,000 runs** in a calendar year in a **T20 international competition**.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has named the **most recent luminaries to be inducted** into the coveted **ICC Hall of Fame**.



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- At the **BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Tokyo**, **Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass** won gold medals in the singles competition.
- **Holger Rune**, a 19-year-old Danish player, overcame six-time winner Novak Djokovic to win the **2022 Masters Men's Singles title in Paris**.
- The **IBA Women's World Boxing Championship** will take place in India in 2023.
- **Virat Kohli**, the great cricketer for India, made history by becoming the first player to score 4,000 runs in T20 Internationals.
- Domestic giants **Mumbai** produced a near perfect performance to **beat Himachal Pradesh** by three wickets in the final and won their maiden **Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy** title at Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
- The **West Midlands** in England will host the **2025 Kabaddi World Cup**, announced by the World Kabaddi Federation (WKF)
- **Switzerland** won their first **Billie Jean King Cup** title after **Belinda Bencic** beat Australia's **Ajla Tomljanovic** in straight sets in the **second match** of the finals to give them an unassailable 2-0 lead.
- President of the **Paris 2024 Organising Committee** for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, **Tony Estanguet** has unveiled the mascots for **Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games**, **The Phryges** (pronounced fri-jee-uhs) in Paris, France.
- **George Russell** (United Kingdom) scored his first-ever Formula 1 victory after fending off Mercedes teammate **Lewis Hamilton** at the **Brazilian F1 Grand Prix 2022**
- **Achanta Sharath Kamal**, a prominent Indian paddler, is the **first Indian** to be chosen to the **International Table Tennis Federation's Athletes' Commission (ITTF)**.
- The **junior women's pistol team from India**, which included **Esha Singh, Shikha Narwal**, and Olympian **Manu Bhaker**, took home the **gold medal** in the **15th Asian Airgun Championship** in Daegu, South Korea.



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- The **Phrygian cap**, a symbol of the French republic but wearing sneakers as a nod to the present, was unveiled as the 2024 Paris Olympics mascot.
- **Carlos Alcaraz** of Spain has become the **youngest year-end ATP World Number 1**, becoming the first teenager to do so.
- **Manipur** wins the **Northeast Olympic Games** for the second time in a row, with **237 medals**, including **85 gold**, in the second edition of the regional multi-sport event.
- The **22nd FIFA Men's World Cup** was formally declared **open at the Al Bayt Stadium** in **Al Khor, Qatar**, in a colourful ceremony.
- **Max Verstappen** of the **Red Bull Racing** team won the season-ending **F1 Abu Dhabi** race in **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates**.
- **Sebastian Vettel**, a German racing driver, has announced his **retirement from Formula One**.
- **Novak Djokovic** won his sixth **ATP Finals** singles championship, defeating Norway's **Casper Ruud**.
- **India** finished the **15th Asian Championships** in **South Korea** with **25 gold medals**.
- Indian table tennis player **Manika Batra** became **the first Indian woman** to win a medal at the **Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament**.
- **Nishanth Bhukya** of **Telangana** and **Tanvi Patri** of **Odisha** won the **boys' and girls' singles titles** at the **34th Under-13 National Badminton Championships**, respectively, with contrasting victories at the **UP-Badminton Academy**.
- The **first male player** to score in five **World Cups** is **Cristiano Ronaldo**, who did so in Portugal's opening **match against Ghana** in **Qatar**.
- **Narayan Jagadeesan** of **Tamil Nadu** set a new world record for the highest individual score in **men's List A cricket** when he hit **277 off 141 balls** against **Arunachal Pradesh** in the **Vijay Hazare Trophy** at the **Chinnaswamy** in **Bangalore**.
- The **women of the Madras Boating Club** won the **81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta** in **Colombo, Sri Lanka**.



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- Young Indian boxers **Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj, and Devika Ghorpade** won gold at the **IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Boxing Championships 2022** in La Nucia, Spain, with a commanding 5-0 victory.
- **Felix Auger-Aliassime** of Canada defeated Australia's **Alex de Minaur** 6-3, 6-4 in the second match of the **Davis Cup** finals.
- **Ruturaj Gaikwad** smashed a world record **seven sixes** in the 49th over of Maharashtra's **Vijay Hazare Trophy** quarter-final versus **Uttar Pradesh** at Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

## **Defence News**

- The **12th** edition of the **prestigious Biennial Defence Exhibition - DefExpo 2022** - India's flagship exhibition on **Land, Naval, and Homeland Security** systems held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**, to give **impetus** to the **defence sector**.
- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **French Air and Space Force (FASF)** are participating in a **bilateral exercise**, named '**Garuda VII**', from **26 October to 12 November 2022** at **Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.
- **451 Memoranda of Understanding, Transfer of Technology agreements, and product launches** took place during the **Bandhan ceremony** of the **12th DefExpo** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**
- The **first edition** of the **India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT)**, a **joint maritime exercise** between **Indian, Mozambique, and Tanzania navies** commenced at **Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania** from **27th Oct 2022 to 29th Oct 2022**.
- **Royal Australian Navy ships HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Anzac** arrived in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)** for **Exercise 'Indo-Pacific Endeavour' (IPE) 2022** with the **Indian Navy**.
- The **Indian Army** has **registered** the **Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)** of its **new design and camouflage pattern uniform**.
- **Indian Army** has approved project sanction orders for **five Make -2 projects** providing **Impetus to Atma Nirbhaarta**.



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- The **11th edition** of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) commenced at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda, West Bengal (WB).
- The Defence Research & Development Organization (DRDO) has launched the Hull Module of the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization & Evaluation (SPACE) facility at Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) Kochi, Kerala.
- Defense Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful maiden flight test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD-1 missile with a large kill altitude bracket from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha.
- India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise in Yokosuka of Japan.
- Indian Army has launched a single window facility - Veerangana Sewa Kendra (VSK) for the welfare and grievances redressal of Veer Naris.
- The report titled The World's Biggest Employers' (2022 or latest available) conducted by Statista has revealed that the Indian Ministry of Defence is the world's largest employer, with a total of 2.92 million members who work under it.
- The third edition of the 'Pan-India' Coastal Defence Exercise 'Sea Vigil-22' will be conducted on 15-16 Nov 22.
- Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL), signed a memorandum of understanding (MoUs) with five companies involved in the defence industry, for cooperation in the development and marketing of drones and soft kill aerial anti-drone.
- The 18th edition of the Indo – United States (US) joint training exercise “YUDH ABHYAS 22” is scheduled to be conducted in Uttarakhand.
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed over the last of the 16 Advanced Light helicopters Mark-III (ALH Mk-III) helicopters to the Indian Coast Guard at a program in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trikand participated in the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) led Focused Operation “Sea Sword 2” in the Northwest Arabian Sea.



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- Indian Administrative Officer (IAS), Principal Secretary Transport Shri Binod Kumar, launched the 7th 250 Men Ferry Craft, “Manjula” (Yard 786) at M/s Shalimar Works Ltd, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- Indian Navy (IN) and Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) participated in the 13th Edition of the bilateral exercise ‘Naseem Al Bahr’ or Sea Breeze, which took place off the coast of Oman.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation’s (DRDO) Compendium on Low-Intensity Conflict (LIC) Products was released jointly by the Union Home Secretary Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla and Secretary DDR&D & Chairman DRDO Dr. Samir V Kamat.
- Indian Army Special Forces and Indonesian Special Forces are participating in the eighth edition of the bilateral joint training military exercise ‘Garuda Shakti’ at Sangga Buana Training Area, Karawang, Indonesia.
- Y 12705 (Mormugao), the second ship of Project 15B stealth guided missile destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), was delivered to the Indian Navy.

### **Awards & Honours**

Name of the person	Award	Key Points
K Sivan	Karnataka Rajyotsava Awards	-
The Lakshmir Bhandar scheme in West Bengal	SKOCH Award	It is for women and child development
Edward M. Kennedy	'Friends of Liberation War' award	-
Puneeth Rajkumar	Karnataka Ratna	-
Aruna Sairam	Chevalier Award	Aruna Sairam, a Carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian, and speaker



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Sethu	Ezhuthachan Award 2022	-
Amit Dasgupta	Honorary Member of the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM)	-
M. T. Vasudevan Nair	Kerala Jyothi award	-
<b>Dr. Subhash Babu</b>	Bailey K. Ashford Medal	First Indian to win both the FASTMH award and the Bailey K. Ashford medal.
Arfa Khanum Sherwani	The Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman Award	-
Dr. Madhav Hada and Madhu Kankaria	Bihari Puraskar	Hada received for his book, "Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri," while Kankariya received for her book, "Hum Yahan The"
<b>Bhopal Railway Station</b>	'Eat Right Station' certification	Its tagline is 'Sahi Bhojan, Behtar Jeevan'
Venki Ramakrishnan	UK's royal Order of Merit	-
The Print & Saurabh Shukla	International Press Institute India award	-
Mr. Sumeet Anand	Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour)	The highest civilian award given by France
NTPC team	Gold prize at the 47th ICQCC-2022	ICQCC-2022's theme was "Built Back Better via Quality Efforts."
<b>India</b>	Excellence in Family Planning Leadership (EXCELL) Award	The only nation to earn the Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards 2022



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Dalai Lama	Gandhi Mandela Award	-
Khalid Jawed.	JCB Prize for Literature	"Ne'mat Khana," is the first Urdu-language work to get the honour
Chiranjeevi	Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 at the 53rd IFFI	-
Uma Sharma	Sumitra Charat Ram Award	She is a renowned classical dancer who has received the Padma Shri (1973) and the Padma Bhushan (2001)
Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong	UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for 2022	-
Danish Manzoor Bhat	USA Global Humanitarian Award	He was the Consulate General of India in New York with Jaipur Foot USA's first Global Humanitarian Award
Rajendra Pawar	FICCI Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022	The award honours Pawar for his outstanding work and significant contributions to education as well as for founding the IT Training sector
Imayam	Kuvempu national award	-
Mohammad Yusuf Khatri and Tamra Patra	gold medals	To recognize exceptional craftspeople in the handicrafts sector





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The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya	UNESCO Award	-
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## Science & Technology

- **China** has launched the **space lab module** named **Mengtian** or "**Dreaming of the Heavens**", taking the construction of the **country's space station Tiangong** into the final stage.
- An **international team of astronomers** announced the **discovery** of a **1.5 kilometre- (0.9 mile) wide asteroid, named 2022 AP7** whose orbit crosses that of Earth, creating a small chance far in the future of a **catastrophic collision**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** **successfully conducted** the **qualification test** of the **Cryogenic Engine** for the **Gaganyaan program** for **720 seconds** at **ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu**.
- **Radar Imaging Satellite (RISAT-2)** launched by the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** in **2009**, made an **uncontrolled re-entry** into the **Earth's atmosphere** at the predicted impact point in the **Indian Ocean near Jakarta, Indonesia**.
- **SpaceX's Falcon Heavy**, a towering, **three-pronged vehicle** that is the **most powerful operational rocket** in the **world**, was launched into **space** for the **first time since 2019**.
- **Google Cloud** announced a **collaboration** with **Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Ltd (PMPML)**, the **public transport bus service provider** for the **twin cities of Pune & Pimpri Chinchwad** and **Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) region, Maharashtra**.
- **American technology giant Google** has launched **FloodHub**, a platform that **displays flood forecasts**.
- **Iran's powerful paramilitary Revolutionary Guard** launched a **new satellite-carrying rocket**, called a **Ghaem-100 satellite carrier**, seeking to **demonstrate** the force's space prowess even as **anti-government protests rage** across the country.



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- The **India Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has **successfully conducted a hot test** of the **Agnilet - single piece, fully 3d printed, 2nd stage semi cryo rocket engine** developed by **Agnikul Cosmos Private Limited, an aerospace startup.**
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** **successfully conducted the hot test of the CE20 cryogenic engine** indigenously developed for **Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) or GSLV-Mk3** at an **uprated thrust level of 21.8 tonnes** for the **first time.**
- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** announced the **launch** of its **next mission Psyche on October 10, 2023,** to reveal more about a **massive golden asteroid between Mars and Jupiter.**
- **Agnikul Cosmos, a space technology startup based in Chennai, Tamil Nadu** received its **first flight termination system (FTS)** from the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO),** with the support of the **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe).**
- **China successfully launched its cargo spacecraft Tianzhou-5 to deliver supplies** for its **space station,** the construction of which is expected to be **completed by the end of 2022.**
- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has **selected Pratt & Whitney** to **develop advanced engine technologies** to **reduce fuel consumption and emissions** for **next-generation single-aisle aircraft.**
- **E-commerce giant Amazon** has **unveiled the design** of its **new Prime Air delivery drone, MK30'** drone which will **handle high temperatures** and **light rain.**
- **Astronauts from China** are planning to **perform a reproductive experiment in zero gravity** involving **monkeys** in **space** aboard a **new Chinese space station called Tiangong.**
- **Google** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Karnataka** to **support** its vision of **promoting innovation** and spurring the growth of startups across Karnataka.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** launched **India's first privately developed launch vehicle, Vikram-S,** as part of the **Prarambh mission** from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh (AP).**



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- The **versatile sounding rocket of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), Rohini RH200, registered its 200th consecutive successful launch** from the Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- India carried out a **successful training launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM), Agni-3 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.**
- China plans to **build its first base on the moon by 2028, ahead of landing astronauts there in subsequent years as the country steps up its challenge to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) dominance in space exploration.**
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched 9 satellites, **including an Earth Observation Satellite (EOS-06), into multiple orbits using the space agency's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C54) in one of its longest missions.**

### **Books & Authors**

- The new multilingual book "**De la Nucléarisation de l'Asie**" (Nuclearization of Asia) by **French author Rene Naba is available in both French and English**
- **Rajiv Chandrashekar**, Minister of State for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, published two volumes on **the accomplishments and legacy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Dubai.**
- "**Winning the Inner Battle,**" a new book **Shane Watson wrote "Bringing the best version of you to cricket."**
- **Nirmala James, a retired schoolteacher, has written a new book named "E. K. "Edavalath Kakkat Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions," a documentary on the life and amazing achievements of Edavalath Kakkat Janaki Ammal (E. K. Janaki Ammal), India's first woman botanist.**
- **Simon Sebag Montefiore, a British historian, has published a new book titled "The World: A Family History."**
- **Gautaam Borah, a senior management professional and the globally regarded author of 'Monetising Innovation,' releases his latest book 'Nalanada - Until We Meet Again.' Ruskin Bond, a great writer, launched the book.**



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**Important Days & Themes**

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
November 1	World Vegan Day	To raise awareness about the advantages of a vegan diet and veganism
November 2	All Souls' Day	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
October 31st to November 6	Central Vigilance Awareness Week	Corruption-free India for a Developed Nation
November 5	World Tsunami Awareness Day	Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami
November 6	International Day for Preventing Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict	-
November 7	Infant Protection Day	To reduce Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).
November 7	National Cancer Awareness Day	-
November 9 -15	International Week of Science and Peace	-
November 10	World Science Day for Peace and Development	Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
November 8	World Radiography Day	-
November 8	Guru Nanak Dev's Birthday	-



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November 9	National Legal Services	To increase public understanding of the rights of litigants
November 11	National Education Day	-
November 12	World Pneumonia Day	Pneumonia affects Everyone
November 13	World Kindness Day	Be Kind Whenever Possible
November 14	Children's Day in India	-
November 14	World Diabetes Day	access to diabetes education
November 16	National Press Day 2022	-
November 16	International Day for Tolerance	-
November 17	International Students Day	-
November 17	National Epilepsy Day	-
November 18 - 24	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week	Preventing Antimicrobial Resistance Together
November 19	International Men's Day	Helping Men and Boys
November 19	World Toilet Day	-
November 20	Universal Children's Day 2022	Equality and Inclusion, for every child
November 20	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	Remember. Support. Act
November 21	World Television Day	-



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November 26	Constitution Day	-
November 29	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People	-

## Obituary

Name of the person	Profession
Neel Pawan Baruah	Assam's noted artist
Jamshed J Irani	Steel Man of India
Ela Bhatt	Padma Bhushan recipient & Noted women's rights activist
Vijayakumar Menon	Writer & art critic
Jambey Tashi	Arunachal Pradesh MLA
Shyam Saran Negi	Independent India's first voter
Gal Costa	Iconic Brazilian singer
Shri RL Kashyap	Renowned Indian mathematician and Padma Shri Awardee
Siddhaanth Vir Surryavanshi	TV Actor
Kevin Conroy	The voice of Batman's animated series
Krishna	Veteran Telugu actor
Mehran Karimi Nasseri	Inspired 'The Terminal'
Abbas Moontasir	Indian basketball legend
Abasar Beuria	Former Indian Ambassador
Tabassum Govil	Veteran Actress



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Daljeet Kaur Khangura	Veteran Punjabi actress
Golak Naik	Ex-Odisha Minister
Vikram Gokhale	Veteran Actor

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**Banking & Finance**

- **The** Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) **has** amended rules **on** registering insurance companies **and** investments in them.
- **The** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) **is working with the** Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) **to** develop **a** food inflation projection framework **as the** central bank **looks to depend more on a** consultative approach **to** collect first-hand data **and** improve policy responses.
- The **Indore Municipal Corporation, Madhya Pradesh (MP)** is planning to issue the **nation's first local government bond targeting individual investors**, with proceeds used to fund a **solar power project**.
- The **government** has **approved** the **continuation** of the **interest subvention scheme (ISS)** with **modification** for the **financial years 2022-23** and **2023-24**.
- **Old private sector lender Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (TMBL)** has entered into **bancassurance partnerships** with **Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Ltd**, part of the Chennai-based **Murugappa Group**, and **Max Life Insurance Company**
- **Star Health and Allied Insurance Co Ltd**, a standalone health insurance company, has launched the **Star OutPatient Care Insurance Policy**.
- The **mutual fund industry** has **urged** the **government** to **increase** the **threshold for withholding tax (TDS)** on the **dividend to ₹50,000 per annum** from the **current level of ₹5,000 per annum**.
- **Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has put in place a **revised framework** for seeking its prior approval for changes in **control of stock brokers, depository participants**, and other market intermediaries which will be effective from **December 1, 2022**.



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- **TurtleFin**, India's leading insurtech platform, has **partnered with YES BANK**, to **create a first-of-its-kind comprehensive technology platform – EasyNsure.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India's first pilot for a retail e-rupee, its version of the central bank digital currency (CBDC), will be launched.**
- **State Bank of India (SBI) approved raising Rs 10,000 crore** (including a green shoe option of Rs. 5,000 crores) through **infrastructure bonds** during the **financial year 2023**
- **Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has restructured its advisory committees** about **foreign portfolio investors (FPIs)** and **social stock exchange.**
- **India has allowed Sri Lankan citizens** to hold up to **\$10,000 (8.14 lakh Indian rupees)** in **Indian rupees (INR)** in the **physical form.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a four-tiered regulatory framework** for the **categorization of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs).**
- **IIFL Mutual Fund has launched India's first passive tax saver fund, IIFL ELSS Nifty 50 Tax Saver Index Fund (IN50)** will be on sale through a **new fund offer (NFO).**
- **India handed over USD 100 million to the Maldives to ease the financial challenges faced by the archipelagic state in the Indian Ocean.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Financial Services Agency (FSA), Japan exchanged letters of cooperation** in the **field of Central Counterparties (CCPs)** to improve **cooperation.**
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a penalty of Rs 1.25 crore on Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank, Mumbai.**
- **Bank of Baroda (BoB) has launched "Foreign Currency Loan against INR Deposits of Indian Companies for their Overseas Subsidiaries/Joint Ventures"** at its branch in **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), Gandhinagar, Gujarat.**
- **ICICI Bank has launched a STACK for companies** in the **real estate sector** to **offer solutions** to their **banking requirements** on **one platform.**
- **Old private sector lender, City Union Bank (CUB), announced that the Goods and Services Tax Network, under the auspices of the GST Council, has included CUB as one of the banks available for paying GST.**





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- India's first online foreign exchange marketplace, **BookMyForex.com** has launched the **Interbank Rate Multi-Currency Forex Card**, which is **India's first true zero markup travel card**.
- Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has approved the acquisition of **IDFC Asset Management Company Limited (IDFC AMC)** by a consortium comprising **Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited (BFHL), GIC, and ChrysCapital**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has allowed foreign branches/foreign subsidiaries of Indian banks and **All India Financial Institutions (AIFIs)** to deal in financial products that are **not available** or are not permitted by it in the **domestic market without its prior approval**.
- Markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** reduced the timeline for listing debt securities issued on a private placement basis to **3 days from the current timeline of 4 days**.
- **Tata Play**, a direct-to-home platform, has become the first company to submit confidential papers to the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** for an **initial public offering (IPO)**.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has extended the deadline for the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** to meet the market cap deadline of **30% to December 31, 2024**.
- **Canara Bank** received the "**Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022**" for the **India segment** at the **Global Banking Summit** held in **London, United Kingdom (UK)**.
- **Fino Payments Bank** has partnered with **Protean eGov Technologies (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Limited)**, a market leader in universal, citizen-centric, and population-scale e-governance solutions, to expand **PAN card issuance services in India, especially in rural areas**.
- Private sector lender **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Limited (TMBL)** has been authorized by the **Reserve Bank of India** to undertake **government business** on behalf of the banking regulator.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **ABIS Exports India Private Limited (ABIS)** entered into an agreement on **sustainability-linked and blue-debt facility non-convertible debentures** for **\$16 million (in equivalent Indian rupee)**.



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- NSE Indices Limited (formerly known as India Index Services & Products Limited (IISL), a subsidiary of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has launched an index Nifty Bharat Bond Index - April 2033 under the Nifty Bharat Bond Index series
- A nine-member expert committee, headed by MS Sahoo, has drafted a legal framework for allowing Variable Capital Company (VCC) structure in the International Financial Centres (IFSCs).
- Razorpay, India's Leading Full-Stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses announced the platform's readiness to support Credit Card Transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).
- The 7th edition of the Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22 is released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$3 million project readiness financing (PRF) facility to support preparatory activities for designing a project to improve municipal infrastructure in priority areas of Agartala city, Tripura.
- According to a government clarification, the Indian government will allow a consortium of foreign funds and investment firms to own more than 51% of IDBI Bank Ltd.
- The World Bank in its latest India development update titled 'Navigating the Storm' revised upwards its GDP growth forecast for India to 6.9% for 2022-23 from 6.5% in its Oct 2022 Update.
- The Government of India has allowed Employee State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to invest up to 15% of its surplus funds into equity through exchange-traded funds (ETFs), in a bid to accrue better returns on its surplus funds.
- State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB) has bagged an EAG Laureate Award in the International Olympiad on Financial Security held in Sochi, Russia.
- Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued a uniform format for reporting over-the-counter (OTC) trades in listed non-convertible securities (NCS)



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- **The Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a \$250 million policy-based loan **to** support India's wide-ranging reforms
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has signed a **Currency Swap Agreement** with the **Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA)** under the **SAARC Currency Swap Framework**.
- **Digital marketplace for consumer credit** and **free credit score platform Paisabazaar** and **RBL Bank** launched a new co-created credit card 'Duet'.
- The **non-banking finance company SV CreditLine** and the **private sector lender IndusInd Bank** have signed a **co-lending collaboration** for a **₹500 crore loan** targeted solely towards **women borrowers**.
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** introduced a credit rating-based single issuer limit **for investment for most actively managed** debt mutual fund schemes.
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** and the **National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) Centre of Excellence (COE)** has **partnered** to **grow** the **innovation ecosystem** through an **exclusive range of banking solutions**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a \$780 million **multitranche financing facility (MFF)** to **build new lines** and **improve** the **connectivity** of the **metro rail system** at **Chennai**, the capital of India's Tamil Nadu, with the city's existing bus and feeder services.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **amended norms** to **bring buying** and **selling of mutual fund units** under the ambit of insider trading rules.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** approved a \$300 million loan to **upgrade more than 300 kilometers** of **state highways** and major district roads in **Assam**, including **six road sections** in the **state's western, central, and southern regions**.
- **Edelweiss Mutual Fund** has launched the **fourth tranche** of **BHARAT Bond ETF** – India's **second corporate bond ETF (exchange-traded fund)**.



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- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has **notified increased limits** for **corporate agents (banks)** and **insurance marketing firms (IMFs)**.
- **StocX.in**, an **internet unlisted securities portal**, has **launched India's first private market index** often known as **StocX Private Market Index (SPMI)**.
- According to the data released by the **Controller General of Accounts (CGA)**, the **government's fiscal deficit** in end-October touched **45.6%** of the **full year's Budget Estimate**.
- **PNB Housing Finance (HFC)** unveiled a **low-cost home loan program Roshni** which enables **individuals** to **apply for loans** under this **scheme** ranging from **Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 30 lakh**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has **approved a \$250 million policy-based loan** to support the **Government of India's wide-ranging reforms**.
- **Private sector lender Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** has partnered with **life insurance firm Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** to **sell term, annuity**, and other value-packed products of the private life insurer across its **over 500 branches**.
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **IIFL Home Finance (IIFL HFL)** organized **'Kutumb'** in **Delhi** to discuss the scope of **green affordable housing** in **India**.
- The **Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** is set to **launch India's first-ever surety bonds insurance product** for **highway contractors** on December 19, 2022, to **boost liquidity** in the **infrastructure sector**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that **banks** should not ask for **verifications/updates** at **branch level** in case a customer has done **e-KYC** or those who have completed the **KYC (know-your-customer) process** on the **C-KYC portal**.
- The **finance ministry in an office memorandum** allowed public sector undertakings (PSUs) to **invest** schemes **of** all mutual funds.
- **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** launched a new **"Guaranteed Fortune Plan"** a **non-linked, non-participating individual savings scheme** offering **life cover** and a **lump sum amount** on **outliving** the **policy term**.



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- Private Sector lender **HDFC Bank** in partnership with the **Government of India's** flagship initiative 'Start-up India' launched its sixth **Parivartan SmartUp Grants**, the annual grants program for social start-ups
- India's **Uber for Trucks, Trucknetic**, has partnered with **DBS Bank** as a logistics partner on their **BusinessClass** platform.
- **Universal Sompo General Insurance Company Limited** has partnered with an **insurance infrastructure Application Programming Interface (API) platform, Zopper**, to roll out a **special integrated offering** for customers.
- The **non-banking finance company SV CreditLine Limited (SVCL)** and the **private sector lender IndusInd Bank** have signed a **co-lending collaboration** for a **₹500 crore loan** targeted solely towards **women borrowers**.
- **HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company**, a leading general insurance company in India, has partnered with **NIIT**, a global talent development corporation, to launch **HDFC ERGO Technocrat – Advance Dot Net Developer Program** to create a **large pool of developers**.
- **ASK Capital** has received approval from the **Central Bank of Ireland** to launch an **India-based fund ASK Indian Entrepreneur Fund** through the **UCITS** route.
- The **central government** has repaid the **sum of Rs. 1109 crore** and **Rs. 29 crores** to the **Asian Development Bank** and **German state-owned lender KFW**, respectively, to fulfil guarantees offered to **Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS)**.
- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** has exempted **non-resident Indians (NRIs)** without **permanent account numbers (PANs)** from **e-filing Form 10F** up to **March 2023**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has shortlisted **7 global consultancy firms**, to use **artificial intelligence (AI)** and **machine learning (ML)** for **supervisory functions**.
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** has sanctioned a **donation of ₹4.26 crore** to rejuvenate **7 major lakes** in the **Kolar district** of **Karnataka**.



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- Ooty, Tamil Nadu (TN) headquartered Lawrenceedale Agro Processing (LEAF) has entered into a **strategic partnership** with private sector lender **HDFC Bank** to offer **customized financial products** and **services** to **marginalized farmers**.
- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** issued a **framework** for the **Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)** in **India** will now be able to **raise money** from **Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs)**.
- The **board of One97 Communications Ltd**, the listed entity that runs **Paytm**, approved a share **buyback program** worth **₹850 crores** via an **open market route** through the **stock exchanges** method.
- **Reliance General Insurance Company Limited (RGICL)** has launched the **first-of-its-kind premium health insurance product** – ‘**Reliance Health Infinity Policy**’ that offers **limitless benefits**.
- India's leading payments and API banking solutions company, **Cashfree Payments**, is enabling **eUPP (eLite Unified Payment Platform)**, a fee payment management system for schools and colleges, to offer an instant and secure fee payments experience for end users
- Private sector lender **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd. (TMB)** has entered into a **strategic alliance** with **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Co. Ltd.**, for marketing the products of the **insurance arm** of **Kotak Mahindra Bank**.
- **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**, the **principal financial institution** engaged in the **promotion, financing, and development** of **Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME)** has **partnered** with **M1xchange** as the **financier**.
- **Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)** signed a loan agreement for **Rs. 4,444.71 crores** with **SJVN Green Energy Ltd. (SGEL)**, a subsidiary of **SJVN Ltd.**, for a **1,000 MW Solar power project** at **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.
- According to the **Finance Ministry** data presented in the **Rajya Sabha**, only about **13%** of the **loans written off** by the **scheduled commercial banks (SCBs)** during the last **5 financial years** have been **recovered**



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- Leading Indian stock brokerage firm, **HDFC Securities** has launched **Roots**, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive investor education and market analysis.
- **AU Small Finance Bank**, India's leading small finance bank, and **HDFC Life**, one of India's leading insurers, entered into a corporate agency arrangement for soliciting insurance plans of **HDFC Life** through the bancassurance business model.
- **Tata AIA Life Insurance Company Limited (Tata AIA)** has launched a new **Emerging Opportunities Fund** that will invest in **mid-cap companies** and **emerging market leaders**
- **State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB)** plans to sell its majority stake in **Nainital Bank**.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank Limited**, one of the leading Small Finance Banks (SFBs), signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Controller General of Defence Accounts, Ministry of Defence, Government of India**.
- **State Bank India (SBI)** will start overseas trade in rupee with smaller countries like **Mauritius** and **Sri Lanka** to steer clear of any transactions with **Russia** which carries the risk of sanctions by the West.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the hours of trading for a number of the markets that it regulates; the new timings from **9 am to 5 pm** will come into effect from **12 Dec 2022**.
- **Bank of Baroda**, one of India's leading public sector banks, has launched the **2nd edition of Green Ride – Ek Pehal Swachh Hawa Ki Aur**, an initiative with environmental advocate and fitness enthusiast, **Milind Soman**.
- **Reliance Communication's (RCom)** enterprise business, **Globalcom IDC Ltd**, has been taken over by **Axis Bank**, due to the non-payment of dues.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **₹2.66 crores** on **Bank of Bahrain & Kuwait BSC(India Operations)** for non-compliance with regulatory directions on **"Cyber Security Framework in Banks"**.
- On the occasion of its foundation day, **IDFC FIRST Bank** has announced **zero-fee banking on savings accounts**.



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- **One97 Communications Limited (OCL)**, which owns the brand **Paytm**, in association with **HDFC ERGO General Insurance**, a leading general insurance company in India launched a **group insurance plan** called '**Paytm Payment Protect**'.
- **Bandhan Bank** has signed the **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)**, **Ministry of Defence (MoD)**, **Govt. of India (GoI)** for extending the **banking services** to the **Defence Pensioners** and their families.
- **DBS Bank India Limited (DBIL)** has **partnered with GoFrugal Technologies Pvt Ltd**, a **seller-centric platform**, which offers **omnichannel ERP solutions** and **claims to empower micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME)** and **retail merchants to adopt Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)**.
- **Indian Bank** has **launched a new special retail term deposit** dubbed "**Ind Shakti 555 days**".
- **Payment companies Razorpay and Cashfree Payments** have **received notices** from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to withhold onboarding any **new online merchants** to their platforms, pending their audit for the **payment aggregator/payment gateway licences (PA/PG)**.
- **Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** decided to **gradually phase out the buyback of shares by companies** through the **stock exchange route** to address the drawbacks associated with the existing mechanism.
- The **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** received **in-principle approval** from the **market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**, to **set up a Social Stock Exchange (SSE)** as a separate segment of the NSE.
- **Tata Power** has **received a Rs 450 crore "sustainable trade finance facility"** from **MUFG (Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group) Bank of Japan** to fund its solar projects in India.
- **Canara Bank** has achieved a milestone of **crossing the total global business of Rs 20,00,000 crore**.
- **Indian Bank** has **partnered with Honda Cars India Ltd (HCIL)** to **provide vehicle finance** for its customers.
- **Axis Bank** has **received a regulatory nod** to **act as a pension fund manager** and has already crossed **Rs 100 crore in assets under management (AUM)** for its **retirement business**.





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- Jammu and Kashmir Bank signed a memorandum of understanding with the Administration of Ladakh union territory, conferring preferential status to each other.
- Karnataka Bank has gone live on the Indian Customs Electronic Gateway (ICEGATE), the national portal of Indian Customs of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs, enabling its customers to pay customs duty online.
- Worldline ePayments India (WEIPL), a leader in digital payments, has received in-principle authorisation from the Reserve Bank Of India (RBI) to act as a payment aggregator (PA).
- Gift City regulator International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) has come up with a regulatory framework for the distribution of capital market products and services from international financial services centres (IFSCs).
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) will soon introduce "Bima Vahaks" in each gram panchayat
- HDFC Bank signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Kerala Startup Mission (the nodal agency of the Government of Kerala) to engage more deeply with the start-up community and to promote entrepreneurship in Kerala.
- India's first listed payments infrastructure firm, Infibeam Avenues Ltd has received a Perpetual Licence from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for its bill payments business, BillAvenue.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has expanded two of its committees – the High Powered Steering Committee on Cyber Security (HPSC-CS) and Information Systems Security Committee (ISSC)
- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, one of the leading private general insurers of India, has launched its unique health insurance rider 'Respect Senior Care Rider'.
- The Gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio of Scheduled Commercial banks (SCBs) has declined sequentially to 5% as of September 2022 from the peak levels of around 9% in 2017-18 led by lower fresh slippages.



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- **Indian Bank**, one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has **launched** its **flagship business mentoring program** for **Micro Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) entrepreneurs** - 'MSME Prerana' in **Rajasthan**.
- Multilateral funding agency **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India (GoI)** signed a **\$125 million (about 1025 crore) loan** to develop **climate-resilient sewage collection and treatment, and drainage and water supply systems** in **3 cities Coimbatore, Madurai & Thoothukudi** of **Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- Fintech player **Spice Money** has **partnered** with private sector lender **Axis Bank** to **facilitate the opening of instant, zero-balance savings or current accounts** for **rural citizens** through its **Adhikari network**.

### **National News**

- A program for the **Ministry of Power's SHAKTI Policy** has been initiated to **acquire a total of 4500 MW of power over five years**.
- '**Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage Policy Framework and its Deployment Mechanism in India**' is the title of a **study report that was published**.
- Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, **R.K. Singh**, **launched REC's CSR effort** for the procurement, operation, and maintenance of **ten 'Doctor Apke Dwar' Mobile Health Clinics (MHC)** at **Sadar Hospital, Aarah, Bhojpur District, Bihar**.
- The **Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying** held **Animal Quarantine Certification Services** in **Bengaluru** as part of the **National Milk Day celebrations**.
- The **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)** has recognized the **Himalayan Yak** as a "food animal"
- The **G-20 presidency will officially transition to India** on **December 1, 2022**.
- **The first Innovation Lab (SIL) in India**, focused on the debt collection sector of the **banking sectors in India and the Middle East**, was opened with the help of the world's **top full-stack debt assistance and risk mitigation platform**.



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- The **government of India's Ministry of Culture and Vijnana Bharati** organized an **"International conference on the contributions of J C Bose: A Satyagrahi Scientist"** at the **Inter-University Accelerator Center in New Delhi** on the occasion of the **164th anniversary of the birth of eminent Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose** as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava**.
- On **December 6**, **Dhaka** commemorated the **51st anniversary of "Maitri Diwas,"** which commemorates **India's recognition of Bangladesh in 1971**.
- Researchers at the **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)** have created an **"Ocean Wave Energy Converter"** that can produce power from waves in the ocean.
- The **total amount of coal produced in India** increased by **11.66%** from **67.94 million tonnes in November 2021** to **75.87 million tonnes in November 2022**.
- The **World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo 2022** will take place in **Goa** from **December 8–11** to give industry leaders, practitioners, traditional healers, educators, students, medicine manufacturers, etc. a **global platform for networking and intellectual exchange to strengthen the Ayurveda sector**, envision its future, and facilitate interaction between experts and customers to increase Ayurveda commerce.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Singh Thakur** launched **India's first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform** at the **Chennai manufacturing site of Garuda Aerospace**, an Indian business that uses agri-drones to empower and mobilize farmers throughout the country.
- **PM Kisan Status 2022:** On **December 20, 2022**, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** may introduce **PM Kisan.gov.in** for the **13th Installment Payment**.
- The **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** will hold a two-day convention in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**, on **December 10 and 11, 2022**, with the subject **"Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) 2022."**
- The **Rooftop Solar Program** will now run through **March 31, 2026**, according to a statement from the central government.



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- The **government has contributed an extra Rs 5,000 crore to the SWAMIH Invest Fund-I** to assist the strained real estate investment platform in reaching its final close of Rs 15,530 crore.
- The **Telecom Tariff (69th Amendment) Order 2022 on Tariff for SMS and Cell Broadcast Alerts Disseminated Through Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Platform During Disasters/Non-Disasters** was issued by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).
- The **first carbon-neutral farm in the nation**, according to Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, is a seed farm in Aluva.
- At the **Cochin International Airport**, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan opened the country's first chartered gateway and a business jet terminal.
- India's sixth Vande Bharat Express between Bilaspur (Chattisgarh) and Nagpur (Maharashtra) has been launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The **Government of India has extended the PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme beyond March 2022** with the following provisions:
  - Extension of lending period **till December 2024**.
  - Introduction of **3rd loan of up to ₹50,000 in addition to 1st & 2nd loans of ₹10,000 and ₹20,000 respectively**.
- The **Ministry of MSME launched SAMADHAAN Portal** in 2017 (<http://samadhaan.msme.gov.in/MyMSME/MSEFC/MSEFCWelcomer.aspx>.) for monitoring the outstanding dues to the MSEs from the buyers of goods and services.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** attended a function honoring Sri Aurobindo's 150th birthday.
- **Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud** virtually inaugurated ten district court digitization hubs (DCDH) in Odisha, stating that the judiciary needs to be modernized.
- According to the government, **India expects to commission 20 nuclear power stations by 2031**, adding roughly 15,000 MW of power generation capacity.



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- The **Ministry of Education (MoE)** has approved a new five-year program called the "**New India Literacy Programme**" to address all aspects of adult education through the new **National Education Policy (NEP)**.
- The **India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022** will take place in **Bhopal** in **January 2023**, and it is one of the key events to take place after India assumed the G-20 presidency.
- According to **telecom regulator Trai chairman PD Vaghela**, **India will be the first country to auction spectrum for satellite communication**, and it should be tailored to promote **investments in the field**.
- **Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat**, Union Jal Shakti Minister, **launched the 7<sup>th</sup> India Water Impact Summit (IWIS 2022)** in the presence of **Shri Bishweshwar Tudu**, Minister of State for Jal Shakti.
- The **Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme** has replaced the **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)**, according to **Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani**, Minister of Minority Affairs, in response to a question in the Lok Sabha.
- **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 72nd death anniversary** was **marked by tributes from Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several Union Ministers**.
- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, and UNDP** India together launched the **fifth edition of Young Co: Lab**, making it the largest youth innovation movement in the Asia Pacific region.
- **Inaugurating the Delhi International Arts Festival at Kartavya Path** with the slogan "**Where Bharat Meets India**," the Ministry of Culture worked in partnership with the **Prasiddha Foundation**.
- The status of the "**AYURSWASTHYA Yojana**" centres of excellence program was reported in a notification from the Ministry of Ayush.
- The **first green steel brand** in India, "**KALYANI FeRRESTA**," was introduced in New Delhi by **Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia**.



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- **Dr Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of state for Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions, has officially launched **Good Governance Week**, which runs from **December 19–25, 2022**, at **Vigyan Bhawan** in New Delhi.
- The **111 km long Banihal-Katra railway line** in **Jammu and Kashmir**, which was under construction, now has **India's longest escape tunnel**, measuring **12.89 km** in length. It was built by the **Indian Railways**.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will officiate the opening of the **National Youth Festival**, according to **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai**.
- The **75th Amrut Mahotsav** of **Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan** was addressed by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** through video conference.
- **Indian billionaire Gautam Adani** will control **64.71%** of **New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV.NS)** as the company's founders have decided to sell most of their shares, four months after he launched a takeover of the news network.
- **Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal** introduced a host of new initiatives, including a **right-to-repair portal** and an **NTH mobile app**, and opened new premises of the **National Consumer Helpline centre** in the national capital.
- The **'Dance to Decarbonize'** event for the upcoming **India Energy Week** in **Bangalore** in **February 2022** will take place at the **National Stadium** near **India Gate, New Delhi**.
- The **Indian government** has officially recognized **e-sports** in the country.
- The **Ministry of Railways**, as part of its station redevelopment drive, has formulated a new scheme to modernise over **1,000 small stations** over the coming years.
- **Dharmadam**, **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's** constituency has achieved the position of **complete library constituency** in India, the first in India.
- **Oxford Dictionaries** declared that **goblin mode** has been selected by online vote as its word of the year.
- The **President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu** laid the foundation stone for the project **'Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of Temples'** today at Sri



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**Seetha Ramachandra Swamivari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam** in the Bhadradi Kothagudem District of the **state of Telangana**.

- **Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched the guidelines for **City Finance Rankings and City Beauty Competition in New Delhi**.
- **As part of India's G20 presidency**, the Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications, and Railways, **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, introduced the "**G20 Digital Innovation Alliance**" (G20-DIA) and the "**Stay Safe Online**" campaign.
- **Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurated the two-day-long **65th Foundation Day celebrations** of the **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** in New Delhi.
- As a part of '**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**' – to celebrate 75 years of Independence, **REC Limited** organized '**Bijli Utsav**' in **Anandapur Gaon** of **Baksa district** and adjoining villages in **Assam**.

### **State News**

- The **Rajasthan Cabinet** approved the **Rajasthan Rural Tourism Scheme, 2022**, to boost rural tourism and generate employment.
- **Meghalaya** has become the **first state** in the **Northeast** to **pass the first-ever Mental Health and Social Care Policy**.
- A **first-of-its-kind Tribal Winter Festival** was held in the **Bandipora district** of **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)**.
- The **23rd Edition** of the **Hornbill Festival 2022** is set to **begin** at **Naga Heritage Village Kisama** from **1st December to 10th December**.
- **Uttar Pradesh (UP)**, Chief Minister **Shri Yogi Adityanath** has launched **One District One Sport (ODOS)**, modeled after the government's highly successful **One District One Product (ODOP)** scheme.
- **Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology (KSCST)** is developing an **app-based networking platform** called "**Patentkart**".



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- The Haryana government **has** launched **the** Nirogi Haryana project **across** the state.
- India's **First permanent pathway for persons with disability** and **senior citizens** at **Chennai's Marina beach, Tamil Nadu (TN)** will be inaugurated by **Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin**.
- The **Ministry of Culture, Government of India** in **collaboration** with "The **Swar Dharohar Foundation**," inaugurated a **3-day "Swar Dharohar Festival"** under **Kalanjali**.
- The **Ministry of External Affairs**, in association with the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** and the **Government of Goa**, will organize the **International Lusophone Festival** in **Goa** from **3-6 December 2022**.
- **Indian School of Business (ISB)** and the **Department of Mission Shakti, Government of Odisha** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to **enable women's economic empowerment & rural prosperity** through a **robust forest economy**.
- **Maharashtra**, which **accounts** for around **20% of India's pharmaceutical output**, plans to **set up a bulk drug park** in **Raigad district** at an **initial investment of ₹2,442 crores**.
- The **first Sylhet-Silchar Festival** celebrating the **close cultural ties** between the **neighbouring regions of India** and **Bangladesh** was inaugurated in **Assam's Barak Valley, Silchar, Assam**.
- **Goldsikka** with technology support from **Hyderabad-based startup, OpenCube Technologies** has **launched** its **first Gold ATM** at **Begumpet** and **described** it as **India's first Gold ATM** and the **world's first Real Time Gold ATM**.
- **On** International Day of Disabled Persons (Dec 03), **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** **announced the** setting up **of a** separate **Divyang** department **for the** welfare of differently-abled people **with a** fund allocation of **Rs 1,143 crore**.
- The **Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)** **has** invited proposals **for its** draft tender on leasing out seabed areas **for a** 4 gigawatt (GW) equivalent offshore wind capacity project off the coast of **Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- **Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation** **has signed a** memorandum of understanding (MoU) **for a** loan **with** German bank **KFW** to implement phase two of the **Green Energy Corridor (GEC)** in **TN**.
- **Delhi Police** is **set to design, install** and **supply** the '**Open Standard Digital Trunking Radio System**' (**OS-DTRS**) and will phase out the **current tetranet wireless network services**.





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- The **Kashmir Tourism Department** organized a **houseboat festival** in **Srinagar At Dal Lake**.
- **Delhi, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh** have the **highest penetration of electric two-wheelers, passenger vehicles, and three-wheelers** respectively.
- The **Odisha government** and **Epic Foundation** have **signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for **designing and manufacturing chips and electronics products** in **Odisha**.
- The **4 days long 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC)** was **inaugurated at Panaji, Goa** in the presence of **Union Minister of State for Tourism and Shipping, Ports and Waterways Shripad Naik**, and the **Chief Minister of Goa Dr. Pramod Sawant**.
- The **Tamil Nadu (TN) Shri Chief Minister (CM) MK Stalin** launched the **Sanitation Workers Development Scheme** in **Madurai, Tamil Nadu**.
- **The 27th edition of the International Film Festival of Kerala has started at Nishagandhi auditorium in Thiruvananthapuram.**
- The **Assam Cabinet led by Chief Minister (CM), Himanta Biswa Sarma** has **approved a bill** to set up a **Safai Karamchari Commission**.
- The **Chief Minister of Assam Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** inaugurated the **Nalbari Science Centre and Planetarium** at **Milanpur, Nalbari**.
- The **Assam government** will soon introduce a **scheme** under which **all female students pursuing post-graduate (PG) courses** in **Assam** will be provided a **yearly stipend of Rs 10,000** each.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **first phase** of the **greenfield international airport** at **Mopa in North Goa**.
- The **12 th edition** of the **'Under the Sal Tree' theatre festival** will start on **December 15, 2022, for 3 days** at **Badungduppa Kalakendra at Rampur** in **lower Assam's Goalpara district**.
- The **Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity**, the **first-ever inclusive festival** in the state for **persons with disabilities (PwDs)**, will be organized in **Panjim, Goa, from January 6-8, 2023**.
- **Arunachal government** launched the **7th edition** of the **'Seva Aapke Dwar 2.0'** campaign at **Gossang village in Upper Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh**.



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- The **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIFL)** announced the **signing** of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board (TNIDB)**.
- The **Forest department** in association with **Noolpuzha grama panchayat** has launched the **‘Vanikaran’ (afforestation) Project** in Kerala.
- **‘Gamocha’**, a symbol of the culture and identity of **Assam**, has received the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** from the **central government**, **5 years after** the **first application** was made in **2017**.
- **Kerala Chief Minister Shri Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the **5th edition of Kochi-Muziris Biennale (KMB)**, at **Fort Kochi Parade ground, Kochi, Kerala**.
- **Tamil Nadu (TN)** has become the **first state in India** to launch its own **Climate Change Mission**.
- The government of **Uttarakhand** is **planning** for **genetic enhancement** of the **Badri Cow** through **sex-sorted semen** and **embryo transfer technology** to increase its productivity.
- **Assam Chief Minister (CM) Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched the **Orunodoi 2.0 scheme** virtually from Assam House in New Delhi.
- Kolkata will witness the **Tramjatra** event that will celebrate 150 years of its iconic tram and renew hope that this non-polluting mode of transport does not become entirely extinct in February 2023.
- The **District Tourism Promotion Council, Kozhikode** has **applied** for a **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** for the **famous Beypore Uru (boat)**.
- The Union Government has granted the first-ever **Geographical Indication (GI) tag** to **Raktsey Karpo apricot of Ladakh**.
- The **Kerala-based Organisation named Thanal** in an experiment has planted 300 climate-resilient varieties of traditional rice on 1.5 acres of land at its agroecology center in Panavally in the **Wayanad district**.



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- **Reliance Retail Ventures Limited's Fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) unit Reliance Consumer Products** launched its indigenous consumer packaged goods brand, '**Independence**' in Gujarat.
- The **Chief Minister of Kerala Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the **India Climate and Development Partners' Meet** and announced that **Kerala aspires to become a 100% renewable energy-based State by 2040** and **net carbon neutral by 2050**.
- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** arrived at **Nalbari** on a **day-long visit** during which he launched as many as **12 projects** with a **cost of Rs 680 crore**.
- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched '**Bikashar Babe Eta Poshek**', a development initiative of the Assam government at a function held at **Bongaigaon, Assam**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh (UP) government** has **signed several agreements with investors in Singapore** ahead of the **UP Global Investors Summit (UPGIS) in February 2023** as it sought **Singapore's support** for reaching a **USD 50 billion investment commitments target**.
- According to data, people from **Tamil Nadu** were the **biggest beneficiaries among 33 States and Union Territories (UT)** that have **implemented the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)**.
- **Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) M K Stalin** introduced a **single window system** to **accord clearances to green projects** to **attain 1 Trillion economies by 2030**.
- **Unakoti of Tripura** has **applied for a United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) world heritage tag** to **preserve lakhs of Shaivite rock carvings, figures, and images of gods and goddesses**.
- The **Madhya Pradesh government** has **constituted a high-level task force**, which will **make recommendations about regulating online gambling and gaming** in the state **after examining the technical and legal aspects**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government** has **signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **United States (US)-based Austin University** for the **construction** of a smart city of knowledge.



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- The **Tamil Nadu (TN) government** has announced that all those who are eligible for benefits (other than minor children) under various government **schemes** will have to **submit proof** of having an **Aadhaar number or get an Aadhaar identification**.
- The **63rd Session** of the **Indian Historical Records Committee (IHRC)** was **held** at **Uttar Pradesh State Archives, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**.
- The **Ladakh administration** has **proposed Bhoti 'Shukpa' (Juniperus polycarpus)** and **Bhoti 'Tsersnon' (Meconopsis aculeata)** as the **state tree** and **state flower**, respectively,
- **Odisha Chief Minister Shri Naveen Patnaik** launched the **'Drink From Tap' project** in **19 cities** and **towns** of **Odisha**.
- **Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** inaugurated the **partial commissioning** of the **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)-Assisted Guwahati Water Supply Project** at an event held on the **premises** of its **water treatment plant** at **Kharghuli, Guwahati, Assam**.
- **Minister for Local Self-Governments M.B. Rajesh** inaugurated the **first smart mobile composting unit** in the State jointly launched by **Suchitwa Mission** and the **Kerala Mission** at **Pallithottam, Kerala**.
- The **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Administrative Council** which met under the **chairmanship** of **Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha**, accorded its approval to the **Rehabilitation Policy for Children in Street Situation (CiSS)** to **safeguard** them from different hazards.
- The **Meghalaya administration**, which has **launched** a **'Jan andolan' (people's movement)** **against Tuberculosis**, was **honoured** for **using** the **best practices** to **combat** the **illness** that affects **nearly 2.6 million citizens annually** in **India**.
- The **Government of Kerala** will **host** the **Bekal International Beach Festival** at the **Spice Coast**, in the far **north of Kerala**, better known as **North Malabar**.
- **Ladakh, Jammu & Kashmir (J&K)** celebrated the **Losar Festival** to **mark** the **Ladakhi New Year**.
- **Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** laid the **foundation stones** and inaugurated projects worth **Rs 973.38 crore** for **Dibrugarh district, Assam**.



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- **The geographical indication (GI) tag for Joynagar Moa (the popular West Bengal sweet) has been extended for 10 years.**
- **The 10th Edition of the North East Festival 2022 began at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi, Delhi.**
- **The Union Home Ministry has given its consent to change the names of two places in Uttar Pradesh (UP) following recommendations from the UP government.**
- **The Chief Minister (CM) of Uttarakhand Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Climate Resilient Livelihoods for Disaster Prone Region of Uttarakhand project.**
- **The Directorate of Tourism Jammu & Kashmir (J&K), in collaboration with District Administration Rajouri, organised the 'Nowshera Folk Festival' in Rajouri's Nowshera, J&K.**
- **The school education minister of Tamil Nadu (TN) Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, has launched the "Friends of Library" program, through which books would be directly supplied to those who are unable to access state-run libraries.**
- **Uttar Pradesh (UP) Deputy chief minister Shri Brijesh Pathak and Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh launched E-Sushrut Hospital Management Information System (HMIS) in 22 state medical colleges.**
- **The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival, considered to be the world's largest open-air theatre, began after a gap of two years, in Bargarh in Odisha.**
- **The Odisha Cabinet headed by Chief Minister (CM) Shri Naveen Patnaik approved the provision of Rs 367.19 crores for 5 years from 2022-23 to 2026-27 for implementation of the State Sector Scheme "empowerment of women in agriculture-promotion of entrepreneurship for Women Self Help Group (WSHG).**
- **The Tamil Nadu (TN) government launched India's first Nilgiri Tahr (locally known as Varaiyaadu) project to conserve the State animal of Tamil Nadu will be taken up for ₹25.14 crores.**
- **Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL), a subsidiary of Tata Power, has received the "letter of the award" (LoA) from Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd, a joint venture of Tata**



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Power and the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, for setting up a 255 megawatt (MW) hybrid (wind and solar) power project in Karnataka.

### **International News**

- **China organized the first high-level China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Development Cooperation (IORFDC), with representatives from 19 countries including all countries from South Asia except India attending this event.**
- **The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's Mauna Loa, erupted for the first time in nearly 40 years.**
- **According to the World Health Organization (WHO), Globally one in eight or over one billion people are migrants with 281 million international migrants and many million individuals who are stateless.**
- **The World Bank (WB) report, titled "Climate Investment Opportunities in India's Cooling Sector" finds that as temperatures steadily rise in India due to climate change, keeping spaces cool using alternative and innovative energy-efficient technologies can open an investment opportunity of \$1.6 trillion by 2040.**
- **Germany has unveiled a proposal to provide 1 billion euros (Rs 8440 crore) to India for energy transition projects across India under a bilateral partnership for green and sustainable development.**
- **India & Germany agreed on funding for more than 20 development projects over the next 8 years.**
- **India and South Korea signed an agreement on an Economic Development Cooperation Fund loan (EDCF) of over 245 billion (approx. Rs. 1,495.68 crores) Korean won for the establishment of the Intelligent Transport System on the Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway Project in Delhi.**
- **The Comptroller & Auditor General of India and the Comptroller General of the Republic of Chile signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to strengthen institutional and professional capacities and learn from each other's best practices.**



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- **Tech Mahindra**, a leading provider of digital transformation, consulting, and business re-engineering services and solutions, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Information Technology Industry Development Agency (ITIDA)** to establish a global delivery center in **Cairo, Egypt**.
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has signed a six-year contract with an opportunity for extension with the **United Kingdom-headquartered Rail Delivery Group** to build and run the **UK government's Rail Data Marketplace (RDM)**.
- According to the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** report "Turning the tide on internal displacement: A development approach to solutions", for the first time, more than **100 million people** were forcibly displaced in **2022**, most of them within their own countries
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has unanimously adopted a resolution to develop an international tax cooperation framework or instrument based on a **UN intergovernmental process**.
- The **Group of Seven (G7)** leading economies have created an open, international climate club for countries that want to cooperate in the **fight against global warming**.
- The **Embassy of India** and **Nepal government's Ministry of Federal Affairs and General Administration** have signed 3 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) to collaborate on projects in the **education sector**.
- The **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** of the United Nations, organized an opening ceremony for the **International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023)** in **Rome, Italy**.
- **India** and **Finland** have signed a joint declaration of Intent on migration and mobility to arrive at a **mutually beneficial arrangement on migration and mobility** between the two countries.
- **European Union (EU)** countries have agreed to offer **Bosnia-Herzegovina** candidate status to join the **27-member bloc**, during the ongoing meeting in **Brussels, Belgium**.



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- The **54-member United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)** adopted a **resolution to remove Iran** from the **Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)** for the remainder of its **four-year term from 2022 to 2026**.
- A **group of 9 rich industrialized nations** has **approved a deal to provide Vietnam with 15.5 billion US dollars** to help the **Southeast Asian nation** move **faster** from **coal power** to **renewable energy**, cutting its **climate-damaging pollution**.
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** will host the next major meeting of the **World Trade Organization** set to take place by **March 2024**.
- The **First Group Twenty (G20) Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting**, under the **Indian Presidency**, was held in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**, from **23-25 February 2023** under the co-chairship of **Secretary, Economic Affairs, Shri Ajay Seth** and **Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India, Dr. Michael Patra**.
- The **United Kingdom, Japan, and Italy** have announced a **partnership to build a sixth-generation warplane** scheduled to be ready for **deployment by 2035**.
- **Sri Lankans** can hold **\$10,000 (Rs 8.14 lakh)** worth of the **Indian rupee (INR)** in a **physical form**, though the **INR would not be legal tender** in Sri Lanka after India approved a Sri Lankan request to designate the INR as the foreign currency.
- **Romania, Hungary, Azerbaijan, and Georgia** signed an **agreement** on the **Black Sea submarine cable** for the **transport of electricity** from the **Caspian area to Romania**.
- **External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar** announced the **candidature of India** for **non-permanent membership** at the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** for the **2028-29 term**.
- **UN-Water** and the **World Health Organization (WHO)** have **released the 2022 edition** of the **Global Analysis and Assessment of Sanitation and Drinking Water (GLAAS) report**, which presents the **latest data from 121 countries and territories** and **23 external support agencies**.
- The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** is **organising the Urban 20 (U20) event** during India's **G20 presidency** from **December 01, 2022 to November 30, 2023**.





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- Bangladesh Prime Minister (PM) Sheikh Hasina inaugurated the country's first metro rail service in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- The India-assisted 720 Megawatts (MW) Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project (HEPP) has been handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in Bhutan

### **Ranks and Indices**

- The global economy may be faltering, but India's wealthiest have become considerably wealthier this year.
- According to Knight Frank, Mumbai was ranked 22nd in a global index that analyzes the annual price appreciation of luxury residential properties.
- India, according to DGCA officials, has moved up to position 48 in the International Civil Aviation Organization's (ICAO) evaluation of the world's aviation safety.
- India is ranked eighth among the nations with the highest danger of mass murder in 2022 and 2023, according to a new analysis by the US think tank Early Warning Project.
- The first edition of the World Meteorological Organization's State of Global Water Resources Report 2021 has been published.
- The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) has issued a list of the world's 100 most influential women, which includes women from politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature.
- India is anticipated to surpass Brazil and take over as the eighth-largest advertising market in 2023, according to GroupM's worldwide end-of-year prediction.
- Google has published its "Year in Search 2022" report, which highlights the topics that sparked the most interest and were the most often searched on the website this year.
- Gautam Adani, Shiv Nadar of HCL Technologies, and Ashok Soota of Happiest Minds Technologies are the three Indians chosen for the 16th edition of the yearly list.
- Six Indians made it onto Forbes' annual list of "The World's 100 Most Powerful Women," including Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman, Biocon Executive Chairman Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, and Nykaa Founder Falguni Nayar.



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- The **Passport Index 2022**, produced by Arton Capital, assessed the world's strongest and weakest passports.
- India has risen to fifth place among nations that are home to the top 500 corporations in the globe, boasting **20 of the most valuable companies in the world**.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** has launched the 2022 edition of its annual **World Malaria Report**, emphasizing the cumulative impacts the prolonged pandemic continued to weigh on the economies and health systems of malaria-endemic countries across the globe.
- For the fourth month in a row, the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** topped the **grievance redressal index** among all group A ministries, departments, and autonomous bodies for the resolution of public concerns in November.
- The **Namami Gange** program to revitalize India's sacred River Ganga has been named one of the **top ten World Restoration Flagships** to revitalize the natural world by the **United Nations**.
- The most costly cities in the world are **New York and Singapore**, according to the **Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Worldwide Cost of Living Index** for this year.
- According to a survey by **America's National Science Foundation**, India has risen from seventh to third in global scientific publications and academic output, according to Union Minister for Science and Technology Jitendra Singh.
- The British weekly **The Economist** published the 2022 **Global Food Security Index (GFSI)** study.
- The **Economic Advisory Council-Prime Minister** received and published the **Social Progress Index (SPI)** for States and Districts created by the Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative.
- Three new Indian cultural sites have been tentatively added to the list of **UNESCO** world heritage sites, including the well-known **Sun Temple at Modhera**, the medieval town of **Vadnagar in Gujarat**, and the **Unakoti rock-cut relief sculptures in Tripura**.
- Bollywood superstar **Shah Rukh Khan** is the only actor from India to be included in a prestigious British magazine's list of the **50 greatest performers** in history.



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- India's badminton star PV Sindhu is the only player in the **top 25 in Forbes' annual list of the highest-paid female athletes in the world.**
- According to **Taste Atlas, India is ranked fifth on the world's top cuisines list for 2022.**
- **India is ranked eighth among the countries** that are at the highest risk for mass killing in **2022 and 2023, a US-based research organization.**
- **Two Indian defence PSUs, Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) and Bharat Electronics (BEL), figure in the list of the top 100 arms-producing companies** released by **Swedish think-tank Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB) has named Water and Power Consultancy Services India Limited (WAPCOS) as the best Consulting Services Firm in the Water and Other Infrastructure Sectors in its annual Procurement Report 2022.**

### Appointments

Name of the person	Appointed as	Key Points
Sundararaman Ramamurthy	managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of BSE Ltd	He succeeded Ashish Kumar Chauhan
Manoj Kumar Sahoo	Deputy Election Commissioner	-
Preeti Sudan	member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).	-
Prasoon Joshi	Brand ambassador of Uttarakhnad Government	He is the CEO, and CCO of McCann Worldgroup India
Laxmi Singh	UP's first woman Police Commissioner	Laxmi Singh has replaced previous chief Alok Singh
Prasanth Kumar	President of the Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for fiscal 2022-23	-



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M Paramasivam	Executive Director of the Punjab National Bank	-
Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar	chairperson of the National Statistical Commission of India	-
Jawahar Reddy	Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh	He will replace 1985-batch officer Sameer Sharma
Rohit Jain	Chairman of the Digital Entertainment Committee	Rohit Jain has succeeded Amit Goenka
Vijender Sharma	President of the Institute of Cost Accounting of India	-
Sanjay Kumar	Secretary of The Department of School Education & Literacy	He replaced Anita Karwal IAS
Virat Kohli	Brand ambassador of Wearables brand Noise	-
Sharath Kamal	co-chairperson of the ITTF Athletes' Commission	This is for the first time that the ITTF has chosen two chairpersons, a male and a female & both will be part of the ITTF Executive Committee
K V Suresh Kumar	Chairman and Managing Director of BHAVINI	-
Hansraj Gangaram Ahir	NCBC chairperson	-
Mr. Vinay Mohan Kwatra	Foreign Secretary	The government has extended the term
Sanjeev Bisht	new chairman of the Spices Exporters Forum	-
N Chandrasekaran	chair of Business 20 (B20) India	-



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Arun Kumar Singh	Chairman and managing director (MD) of the central public sector undertaking Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)	-
Dina Boluarte	Peru's first female President	She succeeded Pedro Castillo
Meghna Ahlawat	First Women President of TTFI	She succeeded Kamlesh Mehta
KV Shaji	new chairman of NABARD	-
Sheikh Hasina	Global Ambassador for Diabetes	-
Sushmita Shukla	First Vice President and Chief Operating Officer (COO) at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York	-
Deepika Padukone	Brand ambassador of Pottery Barn	-
Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu	15th CM of Himachal Pradesh	He succeed Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur
Nihar Malaviya	interim CEO of publishing group Penguin Random House	The appointment comes after the current CEO Markus Dohle, who is stepping down
PT Usha	first woman president of the Indian Olympic Association	-
Shenu Agarwal	MD & CEO of Ashok Leyland	He succeeded Vipin Sondhi
Dr. Jeremy Farrar	chief scientist of WHO	He replace Soumya Swaminathan
Bhupendra Patel	Chief Minister of Gujarat	He takes oath for the second consecutive time



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Cindy Hook	CEO of the 2032 Olympic organizing committee	She was the first female CEO of an Australian big four professional services firm
Justice Dipankar Datta	Supreme Court judge	He replaced DY Chandrachud
Rajeev Kumar Vishnoi	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC).	He replaced Yamuna Kumar Chaubey
Mette Frederiksen	PM of Denmark	She was re-elected
Leo Varadkar	prime minister of Ireland	Varadkar replaced Micheal Martin
Ashwini Vaishnav	first Chancellor of Gati Shakti University	-
Dinesh Kumar Shukla	chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)	He succeeds G Nageswara Rao
Anushka Sharma	brand ambassador for Puma India	-
Katrina Kaif	brand ambassador for Pepsico's Aquafina	-
Major General Mohit Seth	GOC Kilo force	He took over from Major General Sanjiv Singh Slaria
Shamsher Singh	MD & CEO of SBI Funds Management	-
Jimmy Shergill	brand ambassador for Ezeepay	-
Prasar Bharati ADG	vice president of Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union	-



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P N Vasudevan	MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank	-
Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda'	new PM of Nepal	He succeeded Sher Bahadur Deuba
Shri Anil Kumar Lahoti	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of the Railway Board	He succeeded Shri Vinay Kumar Tripathi
Santosh Kumar Yadav	chairman of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)	-
Baskar Babu Ramachandran	MD & CEO of Suryoday SFB	He was reappointed
Mr. Abdullah Abdul Samad Dashti of Kuwait	United Nations Coordinator for Black Sea Grain Initiative	Mr. Dashti succeeds Mr. Amir Mahmoud Abdulla of Sudan
Mr. Praveen Kumar Srivastava	acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)	He replaced Mr. Suresh N Patel
Manasi Tata	Director of Kirloskar Systems Pvt. Ltd	She was appointed to the post after the demise of her father Vikram S Kirloskar

### **Agreements and MoUs signed**

- The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **India's top six engineering colleges to include Indian standards in the curriculum.**
- The **top six engineering schools** in India and the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to integrate Indian standards into the curriculum.**
- A comprehensive agreement on migration and mobility was inked by **German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock** and **External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar**, making it simpler for people to work, study, and travel in both nations.
- **Airtel** has announced a collaboration with **Meta Platforms, Inc. (Meta)** to promote the expansion of India's digital ecosystem.



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- The **National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. and Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to facilitate services for MSMEs in the **Walmart Vriddhi** program.
- **Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Ministry of Power** between the signatories **Mr. Ravinder Singh Dhillon, CMD, Power Finance Corporation,** and **Mr. Alok Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Power.**
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar** and the **Indian Army's Army Training Command (ARTRAC)** has struck an agreement to establish a center of excellence for academics and applied research in defense and security at the premier institute.
- **Airbnb** inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department of Tourism, **Government of Goa,** to jointly market Goa as one of the most sought-after **high-potential** tourism destinations in India and around the world.
- The **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the **University of Medical Sciences in Cuba** and has renewed its partnership with the **Rosenberg European Academy of Ayurveda (REAA)** in Germany for another five years to advance joint programs.
- **Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)** at the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)** signed agreements with MSMEs for the incubation of newer technologies into commercial products.
- The **Union government and the Manipur government** have signed a cessation of operations agreement with the **Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF), a Manipur-based Naga armed group.**
- **NTPC,** India's largest power generation company, has signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with **Tecnimont Private Limited, an Indian Subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy.**
- **Tata Steel and TuTr Hyperloop** signed an agreement to jointly work on the development and deployment of hyperloop technology.





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## **Acquisitions & Mergers**

- **YES, Bank** has signed a **share purchase agreement (SPA)** with **JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**, purchasing a **9.9% interest** in the **ARC** for **Rs 11.43 per share**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given **conditional approval** to **private equity investors Carlyle Group** and **Advent International** to **acquire up to 9.99% each** in **private lender Yes Bank**.
- **Alipay Singapore**, an arm of **Alibaba Group Holding Ltd**, sold a **3.07% stake** in online food delivery giant **Zomato** for **₹1,631 crores** via an **open market transaction**.
- **Jindal Steel and Power (JSP) Limited** has **acquired debt-laden Monnet Power** for **Rs 410 crore** through the **insolvency route**.
- India's largest private bank **HDFC Bank** has **acquired a 7.75% stake** in **fintech start-up Mintoak Innovations (Mintoak)** for a **total cash consideration of Rs 31.14 crore**.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**, the country's largest insurer, has **increased its stake in Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd** to over **5%** following the acquisition of shares from the open market.
- **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India** has **increased its stake** in the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** from **5.005% to 7.278%**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has **approved Woodhall Holdings Ltd's (WHL) acquisition** of a **minority stake** in **UPL Sustainable Agri Solutions Ltd (UPL SAS)**.
- **Reliance Projects and Property Management Services (RPPMSL)**, a subsidiary of telecom major **Jio**, has **completed a 100% stake acquisition** in **Reliance Infratel Limited (RITL)** for about **Rs 3,720 crore**.
- **Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Limited (RSBVL)**, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**, **acquired a 23.3% stake** in **Exyn Technologies Inc (Exyn)** for a **total consideration of \$25 million**.
- One of India's largest digital payments platforms, **PhonePe**, has **separated from parent e-commerce platform Flipkart** in **preparation** for an **initial public offering**.



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## Sports News

- The **FIFA World Cup Man of the Match** award has been given out following each game since 2002.
- The **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India)** is hosting an **Inclusion Conclave** for the first time to put a greater emphasis on anti-doping processes and education for athletes with impairments.
- **India will host the third T20 World Cup Cricket Tournament** for the **Blind** from **December 5-17, 2022**.
- At the **Narendra Modi Stadium** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**, **Saurashtra** defeated **Maharashtra** by five wickets to win the **Vijay Hazare Trophy**.
- The **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President's Cup** was won by Indian shooter **Rudranksh Patil** in **Cairo, Egypt**.
- **Indian captain Rohit Sharma** has surpassed former batsman **Mohammed Azharuddin** to become his country's sixth-highest ODI run-scorer.
- **Cristiano Ronaldo** has joined **Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr** on a two-and-a-half-year contract worth **200 million euros** each season.
- According to speculations, **Deepika Padukone** will showcase the **FIFA World Cup trophy** in **Qatar** later this month.
- **Sukant Kadam**, world No. 3, smashed his way to **gold** at the recently ended **Peru Para-Badminton International**, defeating **Singapore's Chee Hiong Ang**.
- **Mirabai Chanu**, an Olympic silver medalist, earned **silver** in the **2022 World Weightlifting Championships** in **Colombia**.
- **Stephanie Frappart** of **France** will be the **first woman** to referee a men's World Cup match, according to **FIFA**.
- **Mr. Anurag Thakur**, the minister of youth affairs and sports, stated that **1,000 Khelo India** centers will be operational nationwide by **August 15th, 2023**.



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- The **World Athlete of the Year** honors went to Swedish pole vaulter Mondo Duplantis and American world champion hurdler Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone.
- The **Chinese Taipei Association's 24-hour ultramarathon** saw Air Warrior Cpl Amar Singh Devandar finish in sixth place after running 204.47 kilometers.
- The **FIFA World Cup trophy** will reportedly be unveiled by Deepika Padukone in Qatar later this month.
- **Jos Buttler**, the captain of England that won the **T20 World Cup**, received the **ICC men's Player of the Month award** for the first time for his outstanding performance in November.
- **Ishan Kishan** becomes the **fourth Indian** to score a **double century in one-day international cricket**.
- **Divya T.S** of Karnataka won her maiden women's **10m air pistol** national title in the **65th National Shooting Championship Competitions in Pistol events in Bhopal**.
- **Hyderabad Strikers** have won the **4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022**.
- **Former England captain Joe Root** became the **third cricketer** in history to **achieve 10,000 runs and take 50 Test wickets**.
- In Swimming, **Indian swimmer Chahat Arora** achieved a national record in the women's **100-meter breaststroke** at the **FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia**.
- **Rehan Ahmed** makes his **Test debut for England** in the **final match between Pakistan and England**.
- **Tata Steel Limited** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Hockey India** to become an **Official Partner of the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar - Rourkela**.
- According to World Athletics, **India's Tokyo Olympics gold medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** was the most written-about track and field athlete in 2022, edging out **Jamaican legend Usain Bolt**.
- The **Indian women's Hockey team** led by **Captain Savita Punia** beat **Spain** 1-0 in the final to win the inaugural **FIH Nations Cup** staged at **Valencia, Spain**.



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- FIFA World Cup 2022: **Messi's Argentina** won the ultimate prize in men's football in the Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar, defeating France 4-2 on penalties (3-3 after extra time) to win their third World Cup championship from six final appearances in history.
- **Karim Benzema**, a football player for France, has declared **his retirement from international competition**.
- **Rafael Nadal** of Spain has been awarded the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) **World Champion 2022 for the fifth time** following a successful 2022 season.
- **Rehan Ahmed**, England's leg-spinner, became the **youngest men's Test cricketer to capture a five-wicket haul** on debut during the **third match versus Pakistan now underway at the National Bank Cricket Arena**.
- The **national blind cricket team of India has won the T20 World Cup** for the Blind three times in a row.
- **Goa will host India's first World Table Tennis (WTT) series event from February 27 to March 5**.
- The hosting rights for the **2025 Club World Cup, which will include 32 teams, were granted to Morocco by FIFA in February 2023**.
- **Sam Curran** shatters all records and is now the **most expensive cricket player ever acquired by an IPL franchise (IPL)**.
- **Budding badminton sensation Geto Sora** once again made Arunachal proud by winning the **Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship title in the below 9 years category, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Information and Broadcasting **Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurated Sports Science Centre in Udupi**.
- In memory of the **late spin legend Shane Warne, Cricket Australia has renamed its top yearly award for finest performance in Test cricket**.
- **South African batter Farhaan Behardien** announced **retirement, concluding an 18-year international cricketing career**.



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- **Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal** has become **India's 77th chess Grandmaster** during an ongoing **tournament in Spain**.

## **Defence News**

- The **Indian Army** and **Australian Armies** began their **joint military exercise Austra-Hind 2022** at **Rajasthan's Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (MFFR)** in **Bikaner, Rajasthan** which will end on **December 11, 2022**.
- **India-Malaysia** annual joint military exercise "**Harimau Shakti 2022**" commenced at **Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia**.
- **Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif** and **Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan** have jointly inaugurated a **corvette warship built by Turkey** for the **Pakistani Navy** under a **strategic cooperation project**.
- **Indian Air Force** is conducting the **Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise "Samanvay 2022"** at **Air Force Station** in **Agra, Uttar Pradesh**.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** co-chaired the **4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue** with **French Minister of Armed Forces Sebastien Lecornu** in **New Delhi**.
- An **Indian Coast Guard Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mk-III squadron** was **commissioned by D G V S Pathania** at **ICG Air Station, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)** in a major **boost** to further **strengthen** the **Coast Guard Region East, 840 Sqn (CG)**.
- The **12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior (XAW) 2022**, a **bilateral exercise** between the **Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) & Indian Army (IA)**, concluded at **Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra)**.
- The **Israeli Navy** conducted a **successful test** of a **long-range interceptor missile** against an "**advanced**" **cruise missile, LRAD**.
- **Indian Army troops** **are using** trained **Kites** **to prey on** enemy **drones** **in a** first-of-its-kind usage **of these** birds **along with** dogs **for** military operations **during the** ongoing joint training exercise **Yuddh Abhyas** **in** **Auli, Uttarakhand**.



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- **Defence Secretary Giridhar Aramane inaugurated the first Coastal Security Conference** organized by the **Indian Coast Guard** under the **aegis of the Colombo Security Conclave (CSC)** at **Chennai**.
- The **Ministry of Defence** has approved the **extension of pension payment for 3 months for banks' pensioners, who migrated to SPARSH, {System for Pension Administration (Raksha)}** and whose **identification** was due in **November 2022**.
- The **Hon'ble President of India** has approved the **introduction of a new design for the President's Standard and Colour and Indian Navy Crest for the Indian Navy, which was unveiled at Visakhapatnam on Navy Day on 04 Dec 2022**.
- **The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between Indian Navy Marine Commandos (MARCOs) and United States (US) Navy Sea, Air & Land (SEALs) commenced at Goa**.
- The **Indian navy's plan to build 6 modern conventional submarines that can stay underwater for a long time** is still having trouble and delays.
- **Indian Navy ships Kochi, Kavaratti, and Sumedha arrived in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh to participate in the maiden International Fleet Review (IFR) being conducted by the Bangladesh Navy (BN)**.
- The **39th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from December 8 to 19, 2022**.
- **Minister of State for Defence Shri Ajay Bhatt unveiled a bust of India's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) late General Bipin Rawat at the United Service Institution of India (USI) in New Delhi to commemorate his first death anniversary**.
- **Indo-Israeli joint venture Kalyani Rafael Advanced Systems(KRAS) rolled out the 100th kit of the made-in-India Medium Range Surface to Air Missile(MRSAM) kit, for delivery to the Indian Armed Forces (IAF)**.
- The **6th edition of the India-Kazakhstan joint military training exercise, "KAZIND-22" is scheduled to be conducted from December 15 to 28, 2022 at Umroi, Meghalaya**.



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- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** will carry out a **two-day exercise** in the **Eastern Sector** of the country on **December 15 and 16, 2022**.
- The **14-day long, 16th Edition** of Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise “**SURYA KIRAN-XVI**” between **India** and **Nepal** will be **conducted** at **Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal)**, from **16 - 29 December 2022**.
- **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Mormugao (D67)**, a second warship of the **P15B class of stealth guided-missile destroyers**, was **commissioned** into the **Indian Navy** in the presence of **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** at **Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**.
- **Indian Naval Sailing Vessel (INSV) Tarini** will **participate** in the **50th edition** of the **expedition to Cape Town, South Africa** for **participating** in the **Cape to Rio Race 2023**.
- The **fifth (5th) Scorpène submarine, Vagir** of **Project – 75 Kalvari Class submarines** has been **delivered** to the **Indian Navy** by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- The **Indian Navy** launched ‘**Arnala**’ (Y3029), the **first of the eight indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft (ASW-SWC)**, at the shipbuilding facility of **Larsen & Turbo (L&T) in Chennai’s Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- The **Ministry of Defence (MoD)** has given the **nod** to **procure 120 “Pralay” short-range surface-to-surface ballistic missiles** for the **armed forces**.
- The **Indian Army** inaugurated its **first 3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration)** for **soldiers** at **Ahmedabad Cantonment, Gujarat, India**.
- The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** successfully conducted a **trial run** of the **4.1 km long and 33-metre-wide ‘emergency landing facility (ELF)’** constructed by the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** on a **national highway** in **Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.
- **Indian Army’s Sudarshan Chakra Troops** carried out **Exercise Sudarshan Prahar** in the deserts of **Rajasthan**.



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**Awards & Honours**

Name of the person	Award	Key Points
Nargesi	ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at IFFI 53	An Iranian film that best exemplifies Mahatma Gandhi's principles of nonviolence, tolerance, and peace
Lekhara	Para Sports Person of the Year	-
Mina Sue Choi	Miss Earth 2022	She is from South Korea
National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)	Champion of Champions Award at 16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave in 2022.	-
SS Rajamouli	Best Director at the 2022 New York Film Critics Circle Awards	-
Kheyti	Earth shot Prize 2022	-
C.N. Manjunath, Krishnappa G., and S. Shadakshari	Nadoja Award	-
Volodymyr Zelensky	Time Magazine's 2022 Person of the Year	the spirit of Ukraine
Swayam Shikshan Prayog	The Local Adaptation Champions Awards	-
Jammu & Kashmir	First Place in Category for Generating Ayushman Bharat Health Account ID	-
Venkaiah Naidu	25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award	-





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SpiceJet	'Safety Performer of the Year'	This was awarded by GMR Delhi Airport
Sargam Koushal	Mrs. World 2022 title	Sargam Koushal defeated Mrs. Polynesia
Sonakshi Sinha	Person of the Year" by PETA India for 2022	Alia Bhatt received the same honor the previous year
The National Miner NMDC	2022 IEI Industry Excellence Award	-
India's Smart Cities Mission	Platinum Icon at the 2022 Digital India Awards	-
Jaipur Pink Panthers	Pro Kabaddi League's ninth championship	They defeated a tenacious Puneri Paltan team
UIDAI HQ Building	Top Green Building Award	-
Sethrichem Sangtam	The Rohini Nayyar Prize for Rural Development	-
Sudeep and Shobhana	Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for 2021-2022	-
PRAKASHmay: NHPC	India's Best Globally Competitive Power Company Award	-
Indian Scientist Prof. Thalappil Pradeep	VinFuture Special Prize 2022	He was awarded the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology in 2008, the World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) Prize in 2018, and the Nikkei Asia Prize in 2020



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Beth Mead	The BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 Award	-
Swasti Singh	30th Ekalabya Puraskar	She is an Indian cyclist
RBL Bank in partnership with BUSINESS NEXT	IBSi Global FinTech Innovation Award	-
Aleida Guevara	Gouri Amma Foundation award	She was a Cuban rights activist
IIT Madras	Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards	-
Veena Nair	2022 Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in secondary schools in Australia	She was an Indian-origin science teacher
Prabhu Chandra Mishra	Atal Samman Award	Shri Prabhu Mishra is the President of the International Association of StemCell & Regenerative Medicine
Neelima Kadijala, Dr. Ana Baburamani, and Dr. Indrani Mukherjee	Australia's "Superstars Of STEM"	They are all women of Indian descent

## Science & Technology

- **Chennai-based space tech startup AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited** has inaugurated its **first-ever launchpad designed and operated** by a **private player** at **Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC)**.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) students** have launched the **first electric formula racing car** to have come from the institute.



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- **Airline EasyJet** and **British aircraft engine maker Rolls-Royce** had successfully tested a **hydrogen-powered aircraft engine, the world's first modern aircraft engine** for the **aviation industry**.
- **International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) scientists** in collaboration with the **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** have **developed high-resolution spatial maps** that **enable cropland mapping for insurance claims** and **agriculture policy decision-making on targeting regenerative agriculture (RA)**.
- **Indian Immunologicals Limited (IIL)**, a leading vaccine manufacturer, has announced a partnership with the **Central Institute of Fisheries Education (CIFE), Mumbai, an Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institute** for the **commercial development of India's first fish vaccine**.
- **Japanese Space Agency Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)** has successfully used steam **to propel its CubeSat spacecraft, EQUilibriUm Lunar-Earth point 6U (EQUULEUS)** **was launched on its way by NASA's Orion spacecraft**.
- **Western Sydney University, The Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR), The Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bangalore and the Indian Institute for Spices Research (IISR), Calicut, and the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University** **have come together to launch a Centre in High Tech Protected Cropping Systems**.
- **China** launched its **six-month Shenzhou 15 mission, carrying 3 astronauts to Tiangong**, the country's newly completed space station.
- **Researchers at IIT Madras** have **developed and deployed an 'Ocean Wave Energy Converter'** to **generate electricity from sea waves**.
- **Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar** has approved the **formation of an advisory group to streamline the development of the bamboo sector**.
- **India's first open-source satellite 'InQube'** will be **launched in Dec 2022** with the **help of the Indian Space Agency- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) & Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (In-Space)** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with



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Gurugram, Haryana-based private space firm, Vyom Space Exploration and Services Private Limited, for its “human and cargo transportation capsule program”.

- A Japanese startup's spacecraft was launched to the Moon, the country's first-ever lunar mission and the first of its kind by a private company.
- MTAR Technologies has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe) India for the design and development of a two-stage to low earth orbit all liquid small satellite launch vehicle.
- Home-grown cell manufacturer Godi India has produced the country's first ever 5.2 Ah 21700 cylindrical lithium-ion cells with an energy density of 275 Watt-hours per kilogram (Wh/kg) based on silicon anode technology
- India has successfully carried out night trials of the Agni V nuclear-capable ballistic missile from Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully conducted the first blowdown test of the newly released 160m Trisonic Wind Tunnel at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronauts Josh Cassada and Frank Rubio have successfully installed Roll-Out Solar Array (ROSA) on the starboard truss structure of the International Space Station (ISS).
- The chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), PD Vaghela, announced that India will be the first country in the world to auction spectrum for satellite communications (SatCom) spectrum.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) received the delivery of the 36th Rafale fighter jets from France
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully tested the Hot Test of the Scramjet Engine at ISRO's Propulsion Research Complex at Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu (TN).



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- A **United States (US)-French satellite** that will **map** almost all of the **world's oceans, lakes, and** rocketed into orbit.
- **North Korea** fired a **test satellite** in an **important final-stage test** for the **development** of its **first spy satellite**, a key military capability coveted by its leader **Kim Jong Un** along with other high-tech weapons systems.
- The **United States Air Force (USAF)** has **successfully tested** its **first prototype hypersonic missile AGM-183A Air-launched Rapid Response Weapon (ARRW)** from a **B-52H bomber** off **California's coast**.
- The **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe)** has **signed** a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with **Bangalore-based deep tech startup QNu Labs** to **develop indigenous Satellite QKD (quantum key distribution) products**.
- **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs**, an **autonomous institution** under the aegis of the **Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India** has launched a **program** to **create Impact Leaders** in the **areas of Environmental-Social-Governance (ESG)**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** **successfully operated** the **CE-20 engine**, which is a **cryogenic rocket engine**, with a **thrust level of 22t** for a **long duration of 650 seconds** at the **Cryogenic main engine & stage test facility** at the **ISRO propulsion complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati** and **IIT Bombay** in **collaboration with European universities** are working towards **building a low-cost technology** to **check the quality of potable** and other water in India.
- The **Ministry of Power** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Ministry of Defence** for the **Implementation** of an **Early Warning System (EWS)** for **Vulnerable Hydro Projects/Power Stations**.
- The **DRDO** is the **premier agency** under the **Department of Defence Research and Development** in the **Ministry of Defence** of the **Government of India (GoI)**



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- SpaceX launched a Falcon 9 rocket with 54 more Starlink internet satellites to low Earth orbit from Space Launch Complex 40 (SLC-40) at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, United States (US).

### **Books & Authors**

- 'Yaanam,' a non-feature film, was shown in the Indian Panorama section of the 53rd International Film Festival in Goa.
- Michelle Obama wrote a nonfiction book titled *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*, which was released by Crown Publishing.
- The Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022 has been awarded to a book by historian and activist Shekhar Pathak about the well-known Chipko Movement for forest conservation.
- The "Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne" biography by British author Katherine Rundell was awarded the 50,000 pounds (\$59,000) Baillie Gifford Prize at a ceremony in London.
- A book by Vikram Sampath called "Brave Hearts of Bharat, Vignettes from Indian History," an anthology of 15 tales of men and women and their unyielding spirit of freedom and bravery, was released in Delhi.
- The president of India, Droupadi Murmu, has praised Mansi Gulati, the founder of Manasvani, for her book, "Miracles of Face Yoga."
- In New Delhi's India International Centre, Air Marshal PV Iyer (retired) has published his book, "Fit At Any Age."
- The "Indian Navy@75 Reminiscing the Voyage", a book written by defence writer Aritra Banerjee and Commodore Ranjit B Rai (Retd).
- "Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond" was authored by C Rangarajan.

### **Important Days & Themes**

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
December 1	World AIDS Day	Equalise
December 2	World Computer Literacy Day	-



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December 2	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism
December 2	National Pollution Control Day	-
December 3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	Transformative solutions for inclusive development: The role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world
December 4	Indian Navy Day	Swarnim Vijay Varsh
December 5	World Soil Day	-
December 5	International Volunteer Day	solidarity through volunteering
December 6	National Microwave Oven Day	-
December 6	BR Ambedkar Death Anniversary	-
December 7	International Civil Aviation Day	Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development
December 7	Armed Forces Flag Day	-
December 9	International Anti-Corruption Day	Recover with Integrity
December 10	Human Rights Day	Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for all
December 10	Nobel Prize Day	-
December 11	International Mountain Day	Women Move Mountains
December 11	UNICEF Foundation Day	-
December 12	Universal Health Coverage Day	Build the world we want: A healthy future for all



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December 14	National Energy Conservation Day	-
December 16	Vijay Diwas	-
December 18	Minorities Rights Day in India	-
December 19	Goa's Liberation Day	-
December 18	International Migrants Day	-
December 20	International Human Solidarity Day	-
December 22	National Mathematics Day	-
December 24	National Consumer Rights Day	-
December 25	Christmas Day	-
December 25	Good Governance Day	birth anniversary of Former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee

### Obituary

Name of the person	Profession
Vikram Kirloskar	Toyota Kirloskar Motor Vice Chairman
Jiang Zemin	Former Chinese President
Jharana Das	Veteran Odia actress
Julia Reichert	Oscar-winning documentarian
Yoginder K. Alagh	Economist and ex-Union minister
Dominique Lapierre	City of Joy author
Manohar Devadoss	Artist, writer, and Padma Shri awardee
Kenneth Powell	Olympian & Asian Games medallist





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Sulochana Chavan	Marathi Actress & Lavani Singer
Abigail Kinoiki Kekaulike Kawānanakoa	The last Hawaiian princess
Bhairon Singh Rathore	1971 Indo-Pak war hero
H R Keshava Murthy	Gamaka exponent & Padma Shri awardee
Kaikala Satyanarayana	Veteran Telugu Actor
Sribhashyam Vijayasarithi	Eminent scholar, Padma Shri awardee

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**Banking & Finance**

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has **mandated** that **all policyholders must provide** their **Know Your Customer (KYC) details** when purchasing any type of insurance policy from **January 1, 2023**.
- **SBI Cards and Payment Services** has **partnered with Public sector bank Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB)** to **launch co-brand credit cards** for the **bank's customers**.
- **IDBI Bank** signed an **agreement to transfer schemes** from **IDBI Mutual Fund (IDBI MF)** to **LIC Mutual Fund (LIC MF)**.
- Credit card spending **was lower by 11% in** November 2022 falling **for the first time** since July 2022 **to ₹1.15-lakh crore, signalling a slowdown from the peak levels seen during the festival season**.
- The **Finance Ministry** **increased interest rates** on many **small savings schemes** including **senior citizen savings schemes** and **National Savings Certificates (NSCs)**.
- The **MahaMetro Corporation** has **finalized debt arrangements** for the **second phase** of its **project in Nagpur**.
- Multilateral funding agency **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has **sanctioned USD 100 million (about ` 830 crore)** to **Shriram Finance Limited (SFL)**, a part of Shriram Group to provide **vehicle loans** to **women entrepreneurs**.



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- **Tata AIA Life Insurance** has **launched Emerging Opportunity Fund**, and **ULIP plans (Unit Linked Insurance Plans)** which can **spend money** on **mid-cap firms** and **rising market leaders** with the potential to generate important future development.
- India's largest private sector bank, **HDFC Bank**, **partnered with Microsoft** in the **next phase** of its **digital transformation journey** and unlocked business value by transforming the application portfolio, **modernizing the data landscape**, and securing the enterprise with Microsoft Cloud.
- **Niva Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited (formerly Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited)**, **signed** a corporate agency **agreement** with **Sundaram Finance Limited**.
- **YES BANK** has **partnered with Microsoft** to **introduce** a **next-generation mobile application (app)** to **provide customers** with a **personalized banking experience**.
- **One of the fastest-growing banks in the country**, **Bandhan Bank**, **launched its** integrated marketing campaign featuring cricketer **Sourav Ganguly** **as its** brand ambassador.
  - The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** **released** the **2022 lists of Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs)** based on the data collected from banks as on March 31, 2022.
  - **India Accelerator**, a seed-stage accelerator program has **launched** the **i3 Launchpad**, a program created to nurture and co-innovate with the **startup ecosystem** in **India**.
  - The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** **released** the **fifth (5th) volume** of **Reserve Bank history (1997-2008)**.
  - The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das** has **launched Utkarsh 2.0**, the **second phase** of its **medium-term strategic framework** for the **period 2023-2025**.
- According to the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Report**, **issues** related to **Automated Teller Machine (ATM)/debit cards** and **mobile/electronic banking** were the **top grounds** of **complaints** received at the **Office of Banking Ombudsman (OBO)** from **April 1 to November 11, 2021**.



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- India's third largest private sector bank, **Axis Bank**, has **partnered** with the world's fastest-growing digital banking enterprise, **Open Financial Technologies Pvt Ltd (OPEN)**, to **provide** a **fully native digital current account journey** for its **customers**
- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **allowed** the central government's request to **reclassify** its shareholding in **IDBI Bank** after its disinvestment as a **"public holding"**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **received** an **application** from **Odisha-based Annapurna Finance Pvt Ltd (AFPL)**, formerly known as **Annapurna Microfinance Pvt Ltd**, under the Guidelines for 'on tap' **Licensing of Universal Banks** in the Private Sector.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **issued** a **debt broker license** to **Bengaluru-based fintech firm GoldenPi Technologies**.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** **extended** the **relaxation** to listed companies from **dispatching physical copies** of **financial statements** till **September 30, 2023**.
- **Dhanlaxmi Bank** has **launched** all new retail internet banking **DhanDelight** and the retail mobile banking app **DhanSmart**.
- **IndusInd Bank**, in a **first-of-its-kind** initiative, partnered with **British Airways Executive Club** and **Qatar Airways Privilege Club**, to **introduce** the **unique multi-branded credit card**, powered by **Visa**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** **lifted** **restrictions** related to **Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services (M&M Finance)** on recovery operations via **third-party collection agents**.
- **ICICI Bank** has **launched** a **first-of-its-kind** initiative in the industry, **digital solutions** for **exporters**, and a **comprehensive set of banking** and **value-added services** on a **single platform**.



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- **Aegon Life Insurance** has launched the **iTerm Prime Insurance plan**, which will cater to the needs of **self-employed individuals** with a **special 10% discount** (5% discount in addition to a 5% online discount for all) on **1st-year premium**.
- **According to the Finance Ministry**, the Goods & services tax (GST) **collections for December 2022 stood at Rs 1,49,507 crore**, 2.5% more than Rs 1,45,867 crore **collected in November 2022**.
- The '**Toolkit on Enabling Gender-Responsive Urban Mobility and Public Spaces in India**' was launched at a session organized by the **World Bank (WB)** & the **Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority** in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN)**.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the maiden Sovereign Green Bonds (SGrBs) would be issued in two tranches for an aggregate amount of Rs 16,000 crore.**
- **According to the latest data by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)**, the average assets under management (AUM) **for the domestic mutual fund (MF) industry grew 5.4% year-on-year to Rs 40.2 trillion for the quarter that ended December.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has asked **banks** to make **enhanced disclosures** relating to material items in their notes to accounts wherever any item under the head "Other Liabilities and Provisions" and "Other Assets" **exceeds 1%** of the total assets.
- **PayRup (<https://payrup.com/>)**, India's fastest payment app was launched by **Mahadevappa Halagatti** in **Lulu Mall, Bangalore, Karnataka**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued the **revised list of accredited credit rating agencies (CRAs)** to assign risk weight to assets for **capital adequacy** purposes by the banks.
- **Axis Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka** to establish a **Centre for Mathematics and Computing** at the Institute.



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- **Standard Chartered China** has just become the **first foreign-invested bank** in **China** to engage in **Chinese treasury bond futures trading**.
- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited** (“Kotak General Insurance”) has **partnered** with **Clootrack**, an **Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven, real-time customer experience platform**.
- The **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)** has **raised around Rs 5,000 crore via 3-year bonds**, in the **first issue of fundraising through bonds in 2023**.
- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has issued a **standard of procedures (SOP)** for the **handling of stock exchange outages** and extension of trading hours due to the outage.
- **HDFC Capital**, a subsidiary of **HDFC Ltd** has achieved the initial close of **\$376 million** for **Scheme 2 of HDFC Capital Affordable Real Estate Fund – 3 (H-CARE 3)** to provide long-term, flexible funding across the lifecycle of affordable and **mid-income housing projects** including early-stage funding
- The **South Indian Bank (SIB)** launched a **Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) online portal** providing instant online ‘**In Principle**’ approval of up to **₹1 crore**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India (GoI)** signed a **\$300 million loan** to **upgrade over 300 kilometers** of state highways and **major district roads (MDRs)** in **Assam**.
- **Yes, Bank** has partnered with **banking-as-a-service startup Falcon** to tap into the **embedded finance market**.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and the **Government of India (GoI)** signed a **US\$350 million loan** to **build new lines** and **improve** the **connectivity** of the **metro rail system** in **Chennai** with the city’s existing public transport system.
- Leading public sector bank **Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB)** and **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Company (BALIC)** have announced their **Corporate Agency Partnership**.



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- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **allowed alternative investment funds** to participate in **credit default swaps (CDS)** to protect buyers and sellers.
- Fintech startup **EnKash** has got **in-principle approval** from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** for a **payment aggregator's license**.
- **Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank)** has **raised \$1 billion** via a **10-year Sustainability Bond issue** in the **144A/Reg-S format** under its **Environmental Social Governance (ESG) Framework**.
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has **allowed Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions** for **non-resident bank accounts linked to International mobile numbers of 10 countries**.
- According to the **PwC India report**, titled '**Startup Tracker-CY 22**', the **funding for India's startups dropped by 33% to \$24 billion in 2022** in contrast to the earlier year.
- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has **allowed mutual funds** with active **Equity-Linked Savings Schemes (ELSS)** to launch passive schemes, a move that will provide a **cost-effective** and **tax-saving alternative to individual investors**.
- **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Ltd. (ABHICL)**, the health insurance **joint venture of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd. (ABCL)**, signed a **bancassurance** partnership with **Punjab & Sind Bank** for the **distribution of health insurance products** through the bank's network of branches across India.
- **Chennai's drone startup Garuda Aerospace** has **partnered with the Union Bank of India (UBI)** with 150 Garuda Agri Kisan drones **receiving sanction for a loan** under **the Kisan Pushpak Scheme**.
- **India's retail inflation** eased to **5.72% in December 2022** primarily on the back of a **decline in food prices**.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)**, the country's largest lender, has launched an **e-Bank Guarantee (e-BG) facility** in association with **National e-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)**.



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- **Indian Bank** has received the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** regulatory approval to hold **special rupee Vostro accounts** of **3 banks** from Sri Lanka.
- **India's first premium electric intercity coach services brand, NueGo**, has **partnered** with **Paytm**, India's leading payments and financial services company and the pioneer of QR and mobile payments, launching a **convenient bus ticket booking facility** for its **customers**.
- **Amazon Pay** announced an association with **Telangana Southern State Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL)** to **simplify electricity bill payments** for TSSPDCL customers.
  
- **VTB - Russia's second-largest bank** has launched a **mechanism** to **receive direct payments in Rupees** discarding the conventional mechanism involving **Dollars** and **Euros**, in a major **boost** to the **India-Russia trade**.
- The **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has entered into a **partnership** with **VFS Capital** to **extend loans** to the **Micro Small & Medium Enterprise (MSME) sector**.
- The **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has become **India's first public sector bank (PSB)** to **launch credit cards** for its **fixed deposit (FD) digitally** for **customers**.
- **South Indian Bank (SIB)** and **Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to **provide financial assistance** to the dealers of SAIL across India.
- **Mastercard** announced the **expansion** of its **signature Girls4Tech, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education program** in India.
- The **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** of India has launched **Jeevan Azad (Plan No. 868)**, aimed at **individual savings** and **life insurance**.
- Market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has launched an **information database on municipal bonds**.



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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the **time** for **banks** to **renew** their **customer agreements** for locker facilities to **December 31, 2023**, due to compliance delays.
- The **Bombay High Court** has declared the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** order to write off **₹8,300 crores of Additional Tier-1 (AT1) bonds** of **YES Bank** to **ineligible investors**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **directed** the **SBM Bank (India) Ltd** to **stop** all **Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) transactions** with immediate effect till further orders.
- **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)**, has **mobilized** over **Rs 30,000 crore** for taking up projects in the **agriculture infrastructure sector** with a sanctioned amount of **Rs.15,000 crore** under AIF.
- Capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** imposed a **penalty** of **Rs 26 crore** on **Coffee Day Enterprises Ltd (CDEL)**, which runs **Cafe Coffee Day**, for the diversion of funds from subsidiaries to a company related to promoters.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** and **Nhava Sheva Freeport Terminal Private Limited (NSFTPL)** have signed a **loan agreement** of **\$131 million** or **Rs 1066 crore** to **upgrade** the **Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal** located in **Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India**.
- **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** and **Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd (AHFL)** have entered into a **co-lending agreement** to **offer home loans** at **competitive interest rates**.
- **India** is likely to peg its **nominal gross domestic product (GDP) growth** at around **11%** during the budget session, marking a slowdown from its estimate for the current fiscal year due to the prospect of weak exports.
- India's largest Small Finance Bank, **AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)**, launched the **first-of-its-kind platform** in the **credit card industry** - the **SwipeUp platform**.
- On the Occasion of **74th Republic Day** celebrations, **Bank of Baroda's (BoB) subsidiary BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL)** has launched **Vikram Credit Card**, the contactless RuPay credit card dedicated to **Indian defense, paramilitary, and police personnel**.





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- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** released a discussion paper on the securitization of **stressed assets** to provide an alternative mechanism for the sale of bad loans, in addition to the existing asset reconstruction route.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** conducted the auction of **green bonds**, with a total of **8,000 crore** worth of two securities, a **5-year bond** and a **10-year bond** being sold.
- **HDFC Life** has collaborated with the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** to enable policyholders to pay their premiums through a unique voice-based **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** service, called **UPI 123PAY**.
- All asset management companies (**AMCs**) in **India** will move to **T+2** - shorthand for "trade date plus two days", redemption payment cycle for equity schemes from **February 1, 2023**, in a move to benefit mutual fund investors.
- Global rating agency **Moody's Investors Service** has upgraded the long-term local and foreign currency deposit ratings of **Bank of Baroda (BOB)**, **Canara Bank**, and **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** from "**Ba1**" to "**Baa3**", reflecting improving credit profile and macro economic conditions.
- **India** sold its first sovereign green bonds worth a total of **80 billion rupees (\$979.61 million)** at yields below comparable government bonds.
- **Citibank** and payments platform **Paytm (One97 Communications)**, have ended their partnership for a **co-branded credit card Paytm CITI Card**, ahead of the merger of Citibank's consumer banking business with **Axis Bank**.
- **Star Health and Allied Insurance**, India's first standalone health insurance company, has renewed its **strategic corporate agency tie-up** with **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** for a long-term period.

## **National News**

- The government has announced that the **food processing industry** has invested **Rs 4,900 crore** so far under the **production-linked incentive (PLI)** scheme.



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- **The government has launched Prajjwala Challenge** inviting ideas, solutions, and actions to transform the rural economy.
- **India's first underwater tunnel, being built under the Hooghly River in West Bengal** at a cost of around ₹ 120 crores as part of the **East-West Metro Corridor**, will be a blink-and-you-miss-it experience for passengers as trains will cross the 520-meter stretch in just 45 seconds.
- **Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the Incubation Centre at the National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) in New Delhi.**
- **Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated a mega-dairy built at Rs 260 crore in the Mandya district of Karnataka**
- **Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee National Institute of Water and Sanitation (SPM-NIWAS) at Joka in Kolkata via video conferencing.**
- **The second phase of the Sari Festival “VIRAASAT”- Celebrating 75 handwoven Sarees of India will begin in New Delhi.**
- **Defense minister Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the Siyom bridge in Arunachal Pradesh, along with 27 other infrastructure projects completed by the Border Roads Organisation.**
- **The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has proposed to ban advertisements of online betting sites on social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube, as per draft rules for online gaming.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu reached Jaipur on a two-day visit to Rajasthan.**
- **A self-regulatory body, mandatory know-your-customer norms for verification, and a grievance redressal mechanism are among the key proposals in the draft rules for online gaming, released by the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).**
- **The Union Cabinet approved an initial outlay of Rs 19,744 crore for the National Green Hydrogen Mission.**



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- **The government aims to cut spending on food and fertilizer subsidies to Rs 3.7 lakh crore (\$44.6 billion) in the fiscal year from April, down 26% from this year to rein in a fiscal deficit that ballooned during the COVID-19 pandemic.**
- **Indian Railway's Ghaziabad-Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay section has become the nation's longest fully Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) section.**
- **In a bid to upgrade Prasar Bharati's broadcast infrastructure and network, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved a scheme worth more than Rs 2,500 crore for Doordarshan and All India Radio.**
- **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated "National Genome Editing & Training Centre" at National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) Mohali, Punjab.**
- **The 1st All India Annual States' Ministers Conference on "Water Vision@2047" began in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.**
- **The Ministry of Culture in its latest submission at the Parliament revealed that as many as 50 centrally protected monuments under the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) are untraceable or missing.**
- **In Meghalaya, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar has inaugurated the three-day 'North East Krishi Kumbha-2023' and took part in the 49th Foundation Day celebration of the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention in Madhya Pradesh's Indore.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu virtually laid the foundation stone of state-owned energy firm SJVN's 1,000 MW Bikaner Solar Power Project in Jaipur, Rajasthan.**
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the government's Aspirational Block Programme (ABP), which is aimed at improving the performance of blocks lagging on various development parameters.**



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- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences; MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, **Dr Jitendra Singh** released the **theme for the "National Science Day 2023"**, titled **"Global Science for Global Wellbeing"** at National Media Centre.
- Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Jai Hind- The New Light and Sound Show' at Red Fort in New Delhi.
- The **Centre has named the new Integrated Food Security Scheme Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana, PMGKAY.**
- The **government has hiked the interest rate on Kisan Vikas Patra for the quarter of January – March 2023.**
- The **Director of IIT Madras Prof. Kamakoti** has said that the **country's largest student-run festival Saarang 2023 will be held for five days this month.**
- The **Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal**, along with Dr Manik Saha, Chief Minister, Tripura **inaugurated the School of Logistics, Waterways and Communication.**
- The **world's longest river cruise MV Ganga Vilas** will be flagged off **by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi.**
- **India was among the top five markets, globally**, in terms of equity fundraising despite the quantum of **funds raised declining by 43 per cent.**
- The Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** announced **that India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) of online gaming will be set up in Shillong, Meghalaya by March 2023.**
- **Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal** will launch the **MAARG platform** (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience, and Growth), **which would facilitate mentorship between startups and entrepreneurs** across sectors, stages, and functions.
- Union Labour Minister **Bhupendra Yadav** **inaugurated the Regional Office of Employees Provident Fund Organization in Alwar, Rajasthan.**



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a new 'Aarogya Maitri' project under which India will provide essential medical supplies to any developing country affected by natural disasters or humanitarian crisis
- Coffee shipments from India, Asia's third-largest producer and exporter, rose 1.66 percent to 4 lakh tonne in 2022 on the rise in instant coffee exports and re-exports, according to the Coffee Board.
- A special government initiative aimed to boost scientific research in healthcare areas through Ayurveda colleges and hospitals was launched.
- The government will launch a Digital India Innovation Fund which will support deep tech startups.
- The proportion of women workers participating in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has touched a ten-year high in the ongoing financial year.
- As most Central government offices are expected to go fully digital by the end of February 2023, several security measures have been put in place to avoid any cybersecurity incidents such as the recent cyber and ransomware attack at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi.
- India's unemployment rate rose to 8.30 percent in December, the highest in 16 months, from 8 percent in the previous month, data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- The Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Amongst Youth (SPIC MACAY) organized its very popular 'Music in the Park' series this year under the name 'Shruti Amrut' in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture and the New Delhi Municipal Council.
- The Department of Science and Technology has announced the Geospatial Hackathon to promote innovation and Start-Ups in India's geospatial ecosystem.



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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has shared snippets titled 'Your Exam, Your Methods- Choose Your Style' from Exam Warriors book and urged students to share how they prepare for exams.
- As part of India's G-20 presidency, a Business-20 (B-20) inception meeting will be organized at Gandhinagar in Gujarat between the 22nd to 24th of January.
- The success of "Womaniya on Government eMarketplace" was commemorated in New Delhi.
- The Patna circle of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) unearthed two miniature votive stupas dating back 1200 years during landscaping work near the Sarai Tila mound within the grounds of "Nalanda Mahavihara," a world heritage site in the state's Nalanda district.
- The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) has discontinued the scheme of interest subsidy on education loans for overseas studies for students belonging to minority communities (Padho Pardesh).
- The National Council for Education Research and Training (NCERT) has notified India's first national assessment regulator, PARAKH, which will work on setting norms, standards and guidelines for student assessment and evaluation for all recognised school boards in the country.
- Hyderabad will host a World Economic Forum Centre for the Fourth Industrial Revolution (C4IR), the first thematic center in India to focus on life sciences and healthcare
- The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the second phase of Saansad Khel Mahakumbh 2022-23 via video conferencing.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects in Mumbai.
- The National Health Authority (NHA) is in the process of integrating the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)



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- The government made it mandatory for social media influencers to disclose their ‘material’ interest in endorsing products and services and violations can attract strict legal action, including a ban on endorsements.
- The commerce ministry eased norms to offer a conditional one-time
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- The Centre spent a total of Rs 3.43 trillion for the seven-phase implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) between April 2020 and December 2022.
- The Centre has approved ₹15,225 crore credit for over 20,000 projects so far, under Agriculture Infra Fund (AIF), but co-operatives' disbursement rate (against the sanctioned loans) is less than 15 percent whereas it is nearly 80 percent in the case of banks.
- Indian stock markets are embarking on a shorter settlement cycle or T+1 regime for the final list of large stocks from January, a move that will help reduce margin requirements for clients and boost retail investment.



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- **India announced that it wants to modify the 62-year-old Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan**, citing what it called Pakistan's "intransigence" in resolving disputes over the Kishenganga and Ratle hydropower projects, both in Jammu and Kashmir.
- **As many as 12 cheetahs will be brought to India as the central government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with South Africa** on the re-introduction of the big cats in the country.
- **From April, all government vehicles that have completed 15 years will automatically lose their right to ply on roads** as their certificate of registration will expire, according to a new rule of the central government.
- **The Jal Shakti Ministry the government had provided 11 crore rural households with a tap water connection.**
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- State-run miner **Coal India Ltd (CIL)** plans to invest around **₹42,600 crore** in **low-emission infrastructure for fossil fuel mining and green energy** to help India achieve its **net-zero targets**, chairman and managing director **Pramod Agrawal**
- The **Mughal Garden**, located within the grounds of the **Rashtrapati Bhavan** in **New Delhi**, is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the city.
- The **Centre notified three grievance panels** that will take the final call on **social media takedowns**, as proposed by an amendment to the information and technology rules notified last year.

## **State News**

- **Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari** inaugurated the **New Zuari Bridge** in **Goa**.
- The **Allahabad High Court** had **ordered** the **Uttar Pradesh (UP) Government** to **conduct urban local body elections without the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) reservations** as the **“triple test”** requirement for the quota has not been fulfilled.
- **Madhya Pradesh (MP) Chief Minister (CM) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** stated that a **huge statue of former prime minister (PM) Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee** will be **installed** and a **research centre** will be built as part of his **grand memorial** in **Gwalior, MP**.
- The **Assam Cabinet**, chaired by **Assam Chief Minister (CM) M Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma**, approved the **application** for the **provision of Industrial status** to the **tourist sector** in **Assam**.
- **Tripura government** has signed an **agreement** for an **Asian Development Bank (ADB)-assisted project** of **Rs 2,275 crore (US \$275 million)** for the **Improvement of Tripura’s Power Distribution Strengthening and Generation Efficiency**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh (UP) government** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** worth **Rs 18,590 crore** with **6 United Arab Emirates (UAE) companies**.



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- **Odisha** became the **first Indian state** to have a **separate registration process** for **vintage vehicles (both two and four-wheelers)** that are **more than 50 years old**.
- **Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** inaugurated **2 infrastructure projects** to **improve road connectivity** in **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K)** and **Ladakh** Union territories.
- The **second phase** of the **Sari Festival “VIRAASAT”- Celebrating 75 handwoven Saris of India** will **begin from 3rd to 17th January 2023** at **Handloom Haat, Janpath, New Delhi**.
- The **Election Commission (EC)** is focusing on **929 polling booths across Tripura**, setting a target of **92% voter** turnout in the assembly elections due early this year.
- In **Manipur**, the **Gaan Ngai festival** of the **Zeliangrong community** is to be celebrated.
- West Bengal Chief Minister (CM) & Trinamool Congress (TMC) Chief, **Mamata Banerjee**, has launched **two initiatives** ahead of the **panchayat elections 2023– ‘Didir Suraksha Kawach’** and an app **‘Didir Doot’**
- **Hyderabad-based drug maker Granules India** has entered into a **strategic partnership** with **Greenko Group** to **develop a first-of-its-kind Integrated Green Pharmaceutical Zones (GPZ)** starting with **Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.
- **Union Minister of Defence Shri Rajnath Singh** dedicated to the nation **28 infrastructure projects of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)**, worth **Rs. 724 crores** during an event organized at **Siyom Bridge on Along-Yinkiong Road in Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister (CM) **Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** launched **CM’s Sukhashray Sahayata Kosh** for the destitute with an **outlay of Rs 101 crore**.
- **Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan**, has **opened a Palm leaf Manuscript Museum** featuring **modern audio-visual technology** at the **Central Archives in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**.
- The **Indian Army** signed an **agreement** with the **Government of Assam** to **offer the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)** at **8 medical colleges and hospitals** in Assam.



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- Union Commerce and Industry Minister **Shri Piyush Goyal** have **approved Rs 28.11 crore** to provide immediate **relief** to over **28,000 Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) Tobacco farmers** affected by **Cyclone Mandous** in **Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.
- **Madhya Pradesh (MP) Chief Minister (CM) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the **Chief Minister's Residential Land Rights scheme (Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu Adhikar Yojana)** from **Bakpura Panchayat** of **Tikamgarh district** in **Madhya Pradesh (MP)**.
- **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel** celebrates the **traditional Cherchera festival** at **Dudhadhari Math** in **Raipur, Chhattisgarh**.
- A **Military Tattoo & Tribal Dance Festival 'Aadi Shaurya - Parv Parakram Ka'** will be held at **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi** on **January 23 & 24, 2023**, as part of the **Republic Day celebrations 2023** and to mark the **126th birth anniversary (Parakram Diwas)** of **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose**.
- **Tribal bodies** stepped up their **demand** to **"free" the Parasnath hills** in **Jharkhand's Giridih district** from the **"clutches"** of the **Jain community**.
- **Gujarat Chief Minister (CM) Shri Bhupendra Patel** inaugurated the **International Kite Festival 2023** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- Chief Minister **Shri Pinarayi Vijayan** declared that **Kerala** has become the **first state in India** to **enable digital banking** in **all eligible accounts**.
- The **Uttar Pradesh (UP) government** has **launched a statewide 100-day 'UP Global City' campaign** to make **urban bodies** of the state on par with **global standards**.
- The **4th edition** of the **Mandu Festival** will be **held between January 07-January 11, 2023** in **Madhya Pradesh (MP)**
- The **Tripura government** introduced a **special education program** titled **'Saharsh'** to **encourage social and emotional learning** in schools.
- The **Osmanabad District Court** has become the **first court** in **Maharashtra** to **introduce an e-system of functioning**.
- Leading stock exchange **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** has joined hands with the **government of Goa** for the development of **SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises)** in **Goa**.



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- Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister (CM) **Shri MK Stalin** launched the **Global Tamil Angels platform** ([www.tamilangels.fund](http://www.tamilangels.fund)) for **investors** from the **global Tamil diaspora** to make **investments** in **TN's start-ups**.
- West Bengal (WB) chief minister (CM) **Mamata Banerjee** inaugurated a **new vehicle location control centre** and **mobile app**, as part of efforts to **enhance security** for **women** in **WB**.
- **Meghalaya Chief Minister (CM) Shri Conrad Sangma** launched the **30 shared school bus system & prime tourism vehicles** and **agriculture response vehicle scheme** in **Shillong city, Meghalaya**.
- **ONGC Tripura Power Company Ltd (OTPC)** has **signed** a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL)** to **develop** a **battery energy storage project** in **Assam** at an investment of **Rs 2,000 crore**.
- **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board** and **8 countries** of the **Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)** signed **8 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs)** in **Indore, MP**.
- **Uttarakhand Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (retd)** has **approved** a **bill** to **grant 30% reservation** for **women** in **government jobs**.
- **According to an analysis of** Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data, **Delhi was the most polluted city in India in 2022** with **PM 2.5 levels** more than **double the safe limit** and **the 3rd highest average PM10 concentration**.
- The **NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NTPC REL)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Government of Tripura** for the **Development of Floating and Ground Mounted based Renewable Energy Projects** in **Tripura**.
- **Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Government** has **declared** the whole **Union Territory (UT)** as a **"Free Area"** for purposes of the **Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009**.



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- The Punjab government **will launch its** first major education project, 'Schools of Eminence' on **21st January 2023 at the** Indian School of Business (ISB), Mohali.
- Kerala's Wayanad becomes the **first district** in the country to **provide basic documents and facilities** such as **Aadhaar cards, ration cards, birth/death certificates, election ID cards, bank accounts, and health insurance** to **all tribal people**.
- The **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)** approved an "Apple Cluster" for **Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district** under the **Cluster Development Programme**.
- The **Government of Rajasthan** will **provide drones on rent** to the **low-income farmers of Rajasthan** to help them in **spraying fertilizers and pesticides**.
- **Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma** announced that the **Centre** has **nominated** the **Charaideo Maidam**, the burial ground of the Ahom Dynasty (1228-1826) in **Assam** for the coveted **UNESCO World Heritage Site (cultural site)** for the year **2023-2024**.
- The **Himachal Pradesh (HP) Chief Minister (CM) Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** announced that HP targets to **become 1st Green Energy State** by **2025**
- The **three-day Torgya festival**, a **Monastic festival** of the **Monpa tribe** was celebrated at the **Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang district**.
- The **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** has planned **investments** of around **₹2,200 crores** in **Tamil Nadu (TN)** over the **next two years**, to take the major grassroots and expansion projects in TN.
- **Ganjam district in Odisha** has occupied the **top position** in the **country** in generating man-days and providing **100 days of work** to **rural households** under **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA)**.
- On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day (Jan 26, 2023), **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister (CM) Shri Bhupesh Baghel** announced a **monthly unemployment allowance** for **unemployed persons** in **Chhattisgarh** from the **next financial year (2023-24)**.
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** has **signed** a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Rajasthan** to set up a **1 gigawatt (GW) renewable energy (RE) plant** in



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Rajasthan as the **nation's second-largest state oil refiner pivots**, toward a **net zero emission target** by 2040.

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- The **Uttar Pradesh (UP)** government received investment proposals worth **₹9000 crores** at the **eighth (8th)** and **last domestic roadshow** organized in **Chandigarh** ahead of the **Global Investors Summit** to be held in **Lucknow** on **February 10-12, 2023**.
- The **minister of state for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shri Rameswar Teli** revealed that **India's first ever bio-refinery unit** for production of **bioethanol from bamboo** is expected to be set up by **October 2023** in **Assam**.

### **International News**

- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** of **Bengaluru** has been chosen as the **secretariat for Science 20 (S20)** – the science working group of the **G20 summit**.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** declared **2023** as the **International Year of Millets (IYM)**, a proposal **sponsored** by the **Government of India (GoI)** to **promote** these "Nutri-cereals."
- The **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)** has **adopted** its **first-ever resolution** on **Myanmar** in **74 years** to **demand** an **end to violence** and urge the military junta to release all political prisoners, including ousted leader **Aung San Suu Kyi**.
- **Croatia** has **switched its currency** to the **euro** and **joined** the **European Union's borderless Schengen zone**.
- **India** took over the **leadership** of the **Asia Pacific Postal Union (APPU)** in **January 2023**.
- **India** has **identified 2 lithium mines** and **1 copper mine** in **Argentina** for a possible acquisition or **long-term lease**.
- **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique,** and **Switzerland** officially **began** their **2-year term** as **non-permanent members** of the **United Nations Security Council (UNSC)**.



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- India **and** Panama **signed the** Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **to** enhance cooperation **for the** training of diplomats.
- India **and the** United Kingdom (UK) signed **and** exchanged letters of the UK-India Young Professional Scheme (YPS) **at an event in** London, UK.
- **President of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana Mr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali** offered **200 acres of land in Guyana to India** for **cultivation** and **production of millets** for the private sector after the **United Nations (UN) declared 2023** as the **International Year of Millet (IYOM)**.
- **India** and the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** have reached an **agreement** to collaborate on **green hydrogen development** and the laying of an **undersea cable connecting India** to the UAE under **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's "One Sun, One World, One Grid"** initiative.
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted a **resolution** titled 'Education for Democracy,' which reaffirms everyone's right to an education.
- **President of Egypt Mr. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi** will be the **chief guest** at **India's Republic Day celebrations** on **26 January 2023**.
- **The Netherlands plans to** close Europe's largest gas field, Groningen **in** October 2023 **because it is** "very dangerous" **to** continue to manage it.
- The **first meeting (Three-day meeting)** of **Business 20 (B20)- G20's business group**, was organized in **Gujarat's Gandhinagar city**.
- The **World Economic Forum (WEF)** signed a **new partnership** with the **Indonesian government** to **support** its ambitions to scale **blue carbon restoration** and **ocean conservation efforts** at the **Annual Meeting 2023**.
- The **Centre** has set up a **G20 task force** on **digital public infrastructure** for **economic transformation, financial inclusion, and development**.
- In line with **New Delhi's** strong focus on energy transition and energy security, **India** planned to launch an initiative "**Energy Efficiency partnership for 2030**" during its **G20 presidency** this year.



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- **India** has become the **first creditor nation** to **extend assurance** towards **restructuring** the **debt of Sri Lanka** with **financial assistance worth \$4 billion** as the island nation makes efforts to unlock a bridge financing package from the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.
- **India and Egypt** reiterated support for the **Non-Aligned Movement**.
- The **Ministry of Culture** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** on **cultural cooperation** between the **Government of the Republic of India** and the **Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt**, to **strengthen** the **cultural ties** with Egypt.
- As part of its **75th National Independence Day celebrations**, the government of **Sri Lanka** has decided to **release** a **commemorative stamp** that will include a **portrait** of the **first Indian Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**.
- The **Rachid Karami International Fair (RKIF)** located in **Lebanon's northern city of Tripoli** has been officially **inscribed** on the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage List and List of World Heritage in Danger**.
- According to the data released by the **National Bureau of Statistics of China (NBS)**, the **population** in the **Chinese mainland** in **2022** is **1.41175 billion** which will fall by **850,000** from 2021.
- **India** and **South Africa** have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to bring in **dozens of African cheetahs** to **India over the next 10 years**, in a new development for **Project Cheetah**.
- **India's External Affairs Minister Shri S. Jaishankar** has **extended** a **concessional USD 40 million Line of Credit** for developing **sporting infrastructure** in the **Maldives**.

## **Ranks and Indices**

- **Chennai** is **India's best city for women's employment** and it is followed by **Pune, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Mumbai**, a report by **Avtar**, a firm specializing in workplace inclusion.





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- Tracking the performance of airports and airlines, **Cirium issued a list of the top-performing global airports of 2022 in which Bangalore's Kempegowda International Airport won the 2nd rank, whereas Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport acquired the 7th spot.**
- A recent data by **Central Pollution Control Board claimed Delhi to be India's most polluted city in 2022** with PM 2.5 levels more than double the safe limit and the third highest average PM10 concentration.
- For the fifth straight year, the **Japanese passport is the most powerful among all passports in the world**, as it allows visa-free access to as many as 193 countries, according to Henley Passport Index 2023.
- The **richest one percent in India now own more than 40 percent of the country's total wealth**, while the **bottom half of the population together share just 3 percent of the wealth.**
- The **World Economic Forum** taking place in Davos, Switzerland released the 18th edition of the **Global Risk Report 2023** based on the **2022-2023 Global Risks Perception Survey (GRPS)** that reveals the cost-of-living crisis, food supply crisis, energy supply crisis, rising inflation, and cyberattacks on critical infrastructure are the major risks, the world is witnessing currently.
- **Shah Rukh Khan is the only Indian on the list of the world's richest actors. Tom Cruise and Jackie Chan are on the list**, while Jerry Seinfeld occupied the numero uno position.
- **Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) chairman Mukesh Ambani has been ranked second on Brand Finance's annual report on the world's top CEOs for the year 2023.**
- **Israel has emerged as the top buyer of Indian petroleum products, with more than \$1 billion worth of purchases in December, followed by the UAE, the US, and Togo.**
- **Delhi, Bengaluru, and Mumbai are among the top 50 cities providing a beneficial business environment for women entrepreneurs**, according to the findings of **Dell Technologies' 2023 Women Entrepreneur Cities (WE Cities) Index.**

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- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio is the strongest brand in India and ranked ninth among the world's strongest brands, according to a report published by Brand Finance.
- Billionaire Mukesh Ambani has overtaken the likes of Satya Nadella of Microsoft and Google's Sundar Pichai to be ranked No.1 among Indians and second globally on the Brand Guardianship Index 2023.

**Appointments**

Name of the person	Appointment	Key points
Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu	Israel's new PM	He Succeeds Yair Lapid
Mr. G Kamala Vardhana Rao	chief executive officer (CEO) of the Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	He succeeds Mr. Arun Singhal
Mr. Suresh Khatanhar	Deputy Managing Director (DMD) on the IDBI Board of the Bank	He was reappointed
Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao	director of the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)	He was selected again by the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board
Lieutenant General Arvind Walia	new Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army	He would be succeeding Lt Gen Harpal Singh
Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	39th president of Brazil	He defeated Jair Bolsonaro
Mr. N Chandrasekaran	head of the new Economic Advisory Council of Maharashtra	-



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Mr. Ajay Kumar Srivastava	MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank	He was appointed following the superannuation of Mr. Partha Pratim Sengupta
Maithili Thakur	state icon for Bihar	She was appointed by the Election Commission (EC) of Bihar
Mr. Nalin Negi	interim CEO of BharatPe	Mr. Suhail Sameer has resigned from this position
Mr Sundararaman Ramamurthy	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)	Ramamurthy will now succeed Ashishkumar Chauhan
Mr. Eric Garcetti	Ambassador of the United States to India	-
Mr. Prasanna Kumar Motupalli	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the state-run <u>NLC India Ltd</u> (NLCIL)	-
Mr. Surinder Chawla	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL)	-
Ms. Ossouka Raponda	first female vice president of Gabon	-



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Mr. Alain-Claude Bilie By Nze	new Prime Minister (PM) of Gabon	He replace Ms. Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda
Mr. AC Charania	National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) new chief technologist	He replaced Indian-American scientist Ms. Bhavya Lal
Justice N Kotiswar Singh	acting chief justice of Gauhati HC	He succeeded Rashmin Manharbhai Chhaya
Jayen Mehta	interim managing director (MD) of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF)	R S Sodhi has stepped down from this post
IAS officer Santhi Kumari	first woman Chief Secretary of Telangana	-
Smriti Mandhana	Nutrition Sports athlete Sponsor of Herbalife Nutrition	-
Mr. Vikas Purohit	Director of Meta Global Business Group in India	He will lead the strategy and delivery of the charter that is focused on the country's largest advertisers and agency partners
Mr. Ravi Kumar	CEO of Cognizant	Mr. Kumar succeeds Mr. Brian Humphries



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Mr. Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber	President of the COP28 climate summit	The summit will be held from 30th November and 12th December 2023 in Dubai, UAE
Mr. Kartik Jain	MD and CEO of Shriram AMC	-
Manpreet Monica Singh	first female Sikh judge of the United States	-
Ms. Inger Andersen	executive director of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)	-
Pankaj Kumar Singh	deputy National Security Advisor (Dy NSA)	He has been appointed for the post on a re-employment contract
Mr. Nick Walker	CEO of Vedanta's Cairn Oil & Gas	-
Vishal Kapoor	CEO of Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL).	He Succeeds Mahua Acharya
Sujeet Sharma	Vice President – of Active Network, Commercial of Vodafone Idea	-
Mr. Chris Hipkins	New Zealand's next prime minister	He replace Jacinda Ardern



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Mr. Vikram Dev Dutt	director general (DG) in the Directorate of General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)	He will take upon the superannuation of incumbent <u>DGCA</u> chief Arun Kumar
Mr. P Ganesh	chief financial officer (CFO) of Nykaa's parent firm, FSN E-Commerce Ventures Ltd	-
Mr. Siddharth Sharma	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tata Trusts	Mr. Sharma will succeed Mr. N Srinath
Ms. Aparna Uppaluri	Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the Tata Trusts	-
Mr. Prabdev Singh	chief executive officer (CEO) of JPMorgan Chase & Co.	He is replacing Mr. Madhav Kalyan
Sangeeta Verma	acting Chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)	-
Mr. Shamalbhai Patel	Chairman of Gujarat Cooperative milk marketing federation Limited (GCMMF)	Reelected
Mr. Valamji Humbal	Vice-Chairman of Gujarat Cooperative milk marketing federation Limited (GCMMF)	Reelected

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Sarabjit Anand	chief technology and operations officer (CTOO) for India and South Asia of Standard Chartered Bank	-
Mr. SV Shivshanker	Head of Human Resources for India and South Asia of Standard Chartered Bank	-
India	Vice-Chair of the Intergovernmental Technical Working Group (ITWG) on Animal Genetic Resources (AnGR) in Rome, Italy	-
Mr. Manish Gunwani	Head – Equities of IDFC Asset Management Company Limited ('IDFC AMC')	-
Shri J.P. Nadda	president of Bharatiya Janata Party	His term was extended.
Mr Anurag Gupta	Vice President (VP) and Head of Global Merchant & Network Services in India of American Express Banking Corp., (AEBC)	-
Mr BG Mallya	General Manager of Integral Coach Factory (ICF)	-



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## **Agreements and MoUs signed**

- **India and Austria** will sign **five agreements** on **January 2023**.
- **Tripura government** has signed an agreement for an **ADB-assisted project of Rs 2,275 crore (US \$275 million)** for **the Improvement of Tripura's Power Distribution Strengthening and Generation Efficiency**.
- **IIT-Madras** has created a **'centre of excellence'** at a campus unit set up by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** to **develop advanced national defence and security technologies**.
- **Microsoft** will work closely with the **startups identified by ISRO** and will onboard those companies to its **Startup Founders hub platform** to support them at every stage.
- **San Diego-based General Atomics Aeronautical Systems (GA-ASI)**, a subsidiary of **General Atomics**, announced its partnership with **Bharat Forge Ltd**.
- **India and Panama** have signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to **enhance cooperation in the training of diplomats**.
- **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board** signed **MoUs with chapters of eight countries of the Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO)** at the **MP Tourism Pavilion of Brilliant Convention Centre in Indore** at **the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention**.
- **Broadcaster Sony Sports Network**, which will air the **Australian Open this month across its channels and OTT app SonyLiv**, has roped in **sponsors like Hyundai Ioniq 5 and Samsonite as co-presenting sponsors and Panasonic as an associate sponsor** for the upcoming open.
- An agreement was signed between the **Indian Ports Association (IPA)** and **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** for setting up a **Centre for Maritime Economy and Connectivity**.
- To ensure stability in the supplies of soil nutrients four fertilizer firms – state-run **National Fertilisers Limited and Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilisers Ltd** and





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Chambal Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd and Paradeep Phosphates Ltd from the private sector– have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Morocco's OCP Group for annual imports of 1.75 million tonnes (MT) of phosphorus (P) and potassium (K) fertilizers.

### **Acquisitions & Mergers**

- The **Adani Group** has **acquired** a **27.26% equity stake** in **NDTV** from **Prannoy Roy** and his wife **Radhika Roy**, founders of the news broadcaster.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** approved a **proposal** of **SBI Funds Management Limited (SBIFML)** to **acquire 9.99% equity shares** in the **Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)** through various schemes of SBI Mutual Fund.
- **Axis Bank** has entered into a **revised agreement** with **Max Financial Services Limited** to **acquire an additional 7% stake** in **Max Life Insurance** at fair market value using **discounted cash flow method**.
- **Axis Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)** bought its **1.27% stake** in **SBI General Insurance Co** to 2 entities of **IIFL Alternative Investment Funds** for about **₹350 crores**.
- **China's Alibaba Group** has **sold** about a **3% stake** in **One97 Communications**, the parent entity of leading Indian mobile payments and financial services company **Paytm**, for **₹1,031 crores** through a block deal.
- Private equity firm **Apax Partners**, through its arm **Dynasty Acquisition**, to **sell its entire 4.63% stake** in **Shriram Finance** for a total value of up to **₹2,250 crores** and a **floor price** of **₹1,300 per share**.
- The overseas arm of state-owned **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**, **ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL)** has **re-taken a 20% stake** in the **Sakhalin-1 oil and gas fields** in the far east region of Russia.
- **Canara Bank** sold its **entire 40% stake** in **Russian joint venture (JV) Commercial Indo Bank LLC (CIBL), Moscow** to the other venture partner **State Bank of India (SBI)** for about **Rs 114 crore (USD 14.67 million)**.



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- The **National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)** also known as **India's bad bank/Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)** has **acquired** its **first stressed asset Jaypee Infratech** from **IDBI Bank-led lenders**.
- **Dell Technologies** has **acquired** **Israeli startup Cloudify** which is known for **cloud orchestration** and **infrastructure automation**.

### **Sports News**

- Former world rapid champion **Koneru Humpy** has won **India's first-ever Silver medal** in the **FIDE World Blitz Chess Championships** in **Almaty, Kazakhstan**.
- Portugal Football team captain Cristiano Ronaldo** has joined the **Saudi Arabian club Al Nassr** on a contract until **2025**.
- Hockey Haryana's women's team** won the **Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Women's Under 18 Qualifiers** after **defeating Madhya Pradesh 2-0** in the final at **Bhubaneswar**.
- In **Hockey, Madhya Pradesh** defeated **Odisha 6-5** to **clinch the Khelo India Youth Games 2022 Men's Under-18 Qualifiers** title in **Bhubaneswar**.
- Nineteen-year-old Kolkata-based chess player Koustav Chatterjee** became **India's 78th Grandmaster**.
- Magnus Carlsen** wins **all three world chess championship** titles and he has won **all three world chess championship titles for the third time in his career**.
- Former Australia captain and World Cup winner Belinda Clark** has become the **first female cricketer to be honoured with a sculpture in the world**.
- Pranesh** clinched the **Rilton Cup** title here to become **India's 79th Chess Grandmaster**.
- The **International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has signed a partnership with the **JSW Group** for the upcoming **FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 Bhubaneswar-Rourkela**.
- The **first-ever ABB FIA Formula E World Championship race in India** to be held in **Hyderabad on February 11** kicked off with the sale of tickets for the prestigious event getting underway.



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- In Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will unveil the mascot, torch, and anthem of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 in a colourful program at Shaurya Smarak in Bhopal.
- Novak Djokovic defeated America's Sebastian Korda in a nerve-wracking final to win the Adelaide International men's singles title.
- Wales and Los Angeles FC winger Gareth Bale had decided to end his playing career at the age of 33, having reached exceptional milestones in both club and international football.
- Cricket South Africa has announced that all-rounder Dwaine Pretorius has called time on his international career.
- Indian squash prodigy Anahat Singh clinched the girl's Under-15 squash title at the most prestigious British Junior Open tournament in Birmingham.
- Virat Kohli returned to the Indian ODI side with yet another dazzling hundred against Sri Lanka in the first three-match ODI series.
- France team captain Hugo Lloris announced his decision to retire from international football at the age of 36.
- Hockey India has launched a new metaverse product to tie in with its hosting of the Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from January 13-29.
- Australia allrounder Ashleigh Gardner and England's Harry Brook have won the ICC Player of the Month Awards for December following their sparkling show at the international level.
- Star Indian batter Virat Kohli became the fifth-highest run-scorer in the history of ODI cricket, overtaking Sri Lankan legend Mahela Jayawardene to enter the top five.
- Falak Mumtaz, an 11-year-old from Shopian in South Kashmir, won gold in the National Sqay Championship 2023.
- Akane Yamaguchi and Viktor Axelsen won the Malaysia Open Super 1000 women's and men's singles titles in Kuala Lumpur.
- Reliance-backed Viacom18 has secured the Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL) media rights for five years (2023-27) at an auction.



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- **Barcelona won the Spanish Super Cup for the first time** since the competition was revamped and moved to Saudi Arabia **with a 3-1 victory over Real Madrid.**
- **The Khelo India Senior Women National Kho Kho league is set to take place at Chandigarh University, Punjab.**
- **Geovanis Uwase, the Rwanda fast bowler, has been suspended from bowling in international cricket with immediate effect** after her action was **found illegal at Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup.**
- **Hashim Amla, who ended a 22-year playing career,** will be regarded as one of **South Africa's all-time cricketing greats.**
- **Indian captain Rohit Sharma** gave the hosts another **solid start,** this time against **New Zealand** in the 1st ODI at the **Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad.**
- **Netherlands went past Australia's record of most goals scored by a team in a single FIH Men's Hockey World Cup match**
- **Former India skipper Virat Kohli, who scored two centuries and scored 283 runs in three matches against Sri Lanka,** jumped two places to break into the top five in the latest ICC ODI rankings.
- **Boxing legend MC Mary Kom will head a five-member Oversight Committee that will run the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) and also probe into the allegations of 'sexual misconduct, financial irregularities and misgovernance' leveled by India's top wrestlers, including Olympic and World Championships medallists,** against the federation chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, other officials and some coaches at the national camp.
- **Women's cricket has touched a new glass ceiling in India and It is the latest goldmine that the Indian cricket Board has discovered.**
- **Indian skipper Harmanpreet Kaur has been named the captain of the ICC Women's ODI Team of the year for 2022** which also includes her teammates, **opener Smriti Mandhana,** and **fast bowler Renuka Singh,** the International Cricket Council.



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- **Swashbuckling India middle-order batsman Suryakumar Yadav**, who had an outstanding run in the shortest format in the year 2022, was **named the ICC Men's Cricketer of the Year by the sport's global governing body.**
- **India became the first-ever ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup winners**, after a comprehensive, seven-wicket victory **over England in Potchefstroom.**
- **Aryna Sabalenka tamed her nerves to blast her way to a maiden Grand Slam title at the Australian Open**, with a **4-6 6-3 6-4 win over Kazakh 22nd seed Elena Rybakina** in a thrilling final featuring two power-hitters in the women's game.
- **Novak Djokovic has won all nine of his previous Australian Open finals** so confidence is sky-high as he bids to **equal Rafael Nadal's Grand Slam record and return to world number one.**
- The **United States will host the 2024 Copa America**, which will feature 10 teams from **South America and six from North and Central America and the Caribbean.**

## **Defence News**

- The **Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test-fired the extended-range version of BrahMos air-launched missile** against a ship target from a **SU-30MKI aircraft.**
- The **Defence Ministry** has started the process for the **procurement of 100 more K9-Vajra tracked self-propelled howitzers** which are **built in India** by **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** using technology transferred from **South Korean defense major Hanwha Defense.**
- **Captain Shiva Chouhan** of the **Indian Army's Fire and Fury Corps** became the **first woman officer** to get **operationally deployed** at the **world's highest battlefield, Siachen Glacier.**
- **India and Japan** are all set to hold the **joint Air Exercise, 'Veer Guardian-2023'** involving the **Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japan Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** at **Hyakuri Air Base, Japan** from **12 January 2023 to 26 January 2023.**
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed an **untethered multi-copter payload, an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV).**



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- **India** successfully carried out a **test launch** of the **tactical ballistic missile Prithvi-II** from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)**, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** ship 'Kamla Devi', the **Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV)** designed, built, and **delivered** by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd**, Kolkata to the Indian Coast Guard was commissioned.
- The **21st edition** of the **bilateral naval exercise** between **India** and **France** commenced on the **western seaboard**.
- The **defence minister Shri Rajnath Singh** introduced the "Soul of Steel" Alpine Challenge, to **promote tourism** in border areas.
- **Tata-Boeing Aerospace Limited (TBAL)**, an Indo-American defense and aerospace joint venture firm, has delivered the **first fuselage** (the central part of an aircraft or helicopter, to which the wings and tail are connected), for the **six AH-64 Apache attack helicopters** ordered by the **Indian Army**.
- The **first edition of a joint exercise** between the **special forces** of the **Indian Army** and the **Egyptian Army** named "Exercise Cyclone-I" is being conducted at **Jaisalmer in Rajasthan**.
- The **Indian Navy** is set to **commission** the **fifth of six French-designed Scorpone class submarines (Kalvari class) Vagir**.
- **The Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to** conduct an annual Command-level exercise, Poorvi Akash, **in the eastern sector in the first week of February 2023**.
- The **Indian Navy** conducted a **six-day-long mega military exercise - AMPHEX 2023** along with the **Indian Army** and **Indian Air Force (IAF)** near **Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh (AP)**.
- The **Border Security Force (BSF)** has **carried out** an "Ops Alert" exercise to **enhance security** along the **India-Pakistan border** in the **Kutch district of Gujarat** and **Barmer in Rajasthan** ahead of the **2023 Republic Day**.
- **New Delhi is set to host a rare strategic dialogue with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (Nato)** focused on regional security issues in development with potentially global ramifications.



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- The **2023 edition** of the **Indian Navy's** major maritime exercise **Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX)**, is currently underway in the **Indian Ocean Region (IOR)**.
- The **inaugural edition** of the **bilateral air exercise 'Veer Guardian 2023'** between the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and **Japan Air Self-Defence Force (JASDF)** concluded in **Japan**.

**Awards & Honours**

Name of the person	Award	Key Points
Riafy Technologies	Google Play's Best of 2022 Award	-
Odisha	World Habitat Awards 2023	This success is for providing land tenure security to the slum dwellers
Writer Ambikasuthan Mangad	Odakuzhal Award 2022	For his collection of short stories titled Pranavayu
Jalna and Nagpur Police	'Best Police Units' award	The Aurangabad rural police from the same range had won the best police unit award for 2020 in 'Class A'
CJI DY Chandrachud	Center on the Legal Profession Award for Global Leadership	-
Veteran actress-director Aparna Sen	lifetime achievement award	She received this award at the opening ceremony of the 15th edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival



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Song 'Naatu Naatu'	Best Original song	This movie was released in RRR. Golden Globes Award 2023
e-NAM	Platinum Award	This was given at Digital India Award 2022. It is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Indian peacekeepers	UN Medal for Exemplary Service	-
R'Bonney Gabriel	Miss Universe 2022	She was also Miss USA
Writer K Venu	Federal Bank Literary Award 2023	He received for his autobiography 'Oranweshanthinte Katha.
Naanera	Golden Kailasha award	It is for the best movie at the Ajanta-Ellora film festival.
Nepalese ophthalmologist Dr. Sanduk Ruit	Bahrain's ISA Award	This is for Service to Humanity
New Goa Manohar International Airport	best sustainable greenfield airport award	It was presented at ASSOCHAM's 14th International Conference-cum-Awards for Civil Aviation 2023
ESAF Bank	Inclusive Finance India Award 2022	-





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Naatu Naatu' from SS Rajamouli's 'RRR'	nominated for Best Original Song in Oscars	-
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## Science & Technology

- **Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh** announced that the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** is ready to launch India's first Atmanirbhar human flight 'Gaganyaan' by the year **2024**.
- Space sector start-up **Digantara** launched its **second satellite Pushan-Alpha** as a rideshare onboard **SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket**, carrying the **Transporter-6 mission** to the **low earth orbit (LEO)** from **Cape Canaveral in Florida, United States (US)**.
- The government of the **Union Territory of Ladakh** has **partnered** with the **Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS)**, a unit of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** to develop a **"Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal 'Geo-Ladakh' for UT-Ladakh**.
- The **United States Air Force** has unveiled its **latest high-tech strategic bomber**, the **B-21 Raider**, which is the **world's 1st sixth-generation aircraft** and can **carry conventional and nuclear payloads**.
- **China's CRRC Corporation Limited** has **unveiled Asia's first hydrogen urban train**.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** and **Social Alpha** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to **launch the SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN)**, India's **first dedicated platform** for innovation curation and venture development for the burgeoning space entrepreneurial ecosystem.
- American multinational technology company, Google's subsidiary Jigsaw is launching a **new anti-misinformation project** in **India**.
- The **United Kingdom's ((UK's)** attempt to **launch the first rocket** from its **soil failed** after the **rocket carrying 9 satellites failed** to reach orbit.



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- **The National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has captured its first-ever exoplanet, formally classified as LHS 475 b, the planet is almost the same size as our earth clocking in at 99% of Earth's diameter."**
- **The Chairperson of the South African Council for Space Affairs, Pontsho Maruping announced that the successful launch of the world's first agri-focused satellite called AgriSAT-1 /ZA 008 is expected to generate over USD 100 million in revenue for South Africa.**
- **Startup firm IG Drones, which was born out of the Veer Surendra Sai University of Technology (VSSUT) campus in Odisha's Sambalpur has developed a 5G-enabled drone named Skyhawk that is capable of vertical take-off and landing.**
- **According to an analysis released by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the earth's average surface temperature in 2022 tied with 2015 as the fifth warmest year on record.**
- **A leading provider of digital transformation, consulting, and business re-engineering services and solutions, Tech Mahindra and Microsoft, have announced a strategic collaboration to enable cloud-powered 5G core network modernization for telecom operators globally.**
- **Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL), Ranchi (a consultancy subsidiary of Coal India Limited) has invented a "System and Method for Controlling Generation and Movement of Fugitive Dust" and obtained a patent for the same in December 2022 (Patent No. 416055).**
- **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, a Mini Ratna Public Sector Unit (PSU) under the Ministry of Railways has received a work order from the Department of Revenue and Disaster Management, Government of Puducherry for design, develop, supply, install, test, commission and Operations and Maintenance (O & M) for 5 years of Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) and other associated activities for Puducherry Smart City.**



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- **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)**-the incubated firm has **developed** an **Indigenous Mobile Operating System** named '**BharOS**' that can benefit **India's 100 crore** mobile phone users.
- Homegrown vaccine maker **Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL)** will launch its **intranasal COVID-19 vaccine iNCOVACC** (also known as **BBV154**), the first of its kind in India, on **Republic Day January 26, 2023**.
- To **commemorate National Girl Child Day** and **Cervical Cancer Awareness Month**, **Chief Executive Officer (CEO)** of **Serum Institute of India (SII)**, **Mr. Adar Poonawalla** has launched **CERVAVAC**, **India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent human papillomavirus (qHPV) vaccine** for the **prevention of cervical cancer**.
- **Canadian Prime Minister (PM) Mr. Justin Trudeau** has announced a **new federal investment of 40 million Canadian dollars (\$32 million)**, which will **enable Xanadu Quantum Technologies Inc.**, a **Toronto-based Canadian quantum computing company** to build and commercialize the **world's first photonic-based, fault-tolerant quantum computer**.
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### **Books & Authors**

- "**The World: A Family History of Humanity**," by **British historian Simon Sebag Montefiore**, was recently discussed with **Indian scholar Manu S. Pillai**.
- "**Breaking Barriers: The Story of a Dalit Chief Secretary**," a new book by **former IAS officer Kaki Madhava Rao**, examines the inner workings of the civil service at the grassroots level and throws insight into micro policies and governance.



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- The **first woman chief secretary of Gujarat, Dr. Manjula Subramaniam** passed away at the age of 74 in Vadodara, Gujarat.
- Noted **economist and popular historian Sanjeev Sanyal** is set to release his latest book, "Revolutionaries: The Other Story of How India Won Its Freedom," in January 2023.
- **Parliamentarian and author, Shashi Tharoor's** latest book **Ambedkar: A Life** was recently launched at the **Kitaab Kolkata** event organized by **Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF)** at the **ITC Sonar** presented by **Shree Cement**.
- The **book Jadunama, authored by Arvind Mandloi** about the **eminent poet-lyricist Javed Akhtar, was published.**
- Former Chief Justice of India and member of the Rajya Sabha **Ranjan Gogoi** has released a book '**Chief Minister's Diary No.1**' containing the account of events of the first year in office of Assam Chief Minister **Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma**.
- **Techno-educationalist, Professor K.K. Abdul Gaffar's** autobiography, '**Njaan Sakshi**' (me as the witness), was released by **cricket legend Mahendra Singh Dhoni** at a grand function organised in **Kasaragod**
- **Tamal Bandyopadhyay, a veteran journalist, has published "Roller Coaster: An Affair with Banking"** through **Jaico Publishing House**.

**Important Days & Themes**

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
January 1	Global Family Day	-
January 4	World Braille Day	-
January 6	World Day of War Orphans	According to UNICEF, there were "almost 140 million orphans worldwide" as of 2015



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January 9	Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 Or NRI Day	Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal
January 10	World Hindi Day	-
January 11	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day	-
January 12	National Youth Day	Swami Vivekananda's birthday
January 11 to 17	National Road Safety Week	National Road Safety Week was celebrated for the first time in 1989
January 15	Indian Army Day	-
January 23	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Jayanti	-
January 24	National Girl Child Day	-
January 24	International Day of Education	-
January 25	National Tourism Day	-
January 25	National Voters Day	To encourage young people to participate in the election process
January 26	International Customs Day	'Customs bolstering Recovery, Renewal, and Resilience for a sustainable supply chain' or 'Customs fostering



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		sustainability for people, prosperity, and the plant
January 30	World Leprosy Day	-

**Obituary**

Name of the person	Profession
Pele	Football legend & 3-time FIFA World Cup winner
Arata Isozaki	Pritzker-winning Japanese architect
RK Krishnakumar	Former Tata Sons director
Anita Pointer	Grammy-winning singer
Siddeshwar Swami	Karnataka's Sri Jnanayogashrama's seer
Shyamal Ghosh	Former Indian footballer
Janaki Ballabh	Veteran Sinologist
Walter Cunningham	The last surviving Apollo 7 Astronaut
Sumitra Sen	Noted Rabindra Sangeet exponent
PM Sinha	Former PepsiCo India chairman
Keshri Nath	Senior BJP leader & former West Bengal Governor
Dr. Tehemton Erach Udwadia	Father of Laparoscopic Surgery
Grant Wahl	Veteran US sports journalist
Prof Abdul Rehman Rahi	Renowned Kashmiri poet & Kashmir's first Jnanpith awardee
Sharad Yadav	Former Union Minister
Santokh Chaudhary	Congress MP from Jalandhar



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Dr AD Damodaran	Renowned scientist & former Keltron chairman
Constantine II	Prince William's Godfather and Last King of Greece
Mukarram Jah Bahadur	The last Nizam of Hyderabad
Ronald E Asher	Veteran linguist & specialist in Dravidian languages
Prabhaven Shah	Padma Shri awardee & Social Worker
Lakshmi Vishwanathan	Bharatanatyam dancer, guru
Badara Alieu Joof	Gambian vice-president
Nilamani Phookan	Jnanpith winning Assamese poet
David Crosby	US Rock Legend
Harjeet Singh Arora	Former Vice Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal
Dr. Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi	Renowned Indian architect
Sabir Ali	Former Indian decathlete & Iron Man of India
J Jamuna	Veteran Telugu film actress and former parliamentarian

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