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Banking & Finance

- **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**, one of the leading private general insurers in India, has announced the launch of a **new health insurance product 'Global Health Care'**.
- **Star Health and Allied Insurance**, one of the leading Health Insurance companies in India, has signed a Corporate Agency agreement with **IDFC FIRST Bank**, for the **distribution of its health insurance solutions**.
- Fintech company **Cashfree Payments India Private Limited** has partnered with **EasyTransfer** to offer a **faster, easier, and cheaper platform** for **Indian students** to make **fee payments to universities** and **educational institutions abroad**.
- **Axis Financial institution** has partnered with **EazyDiner**, a table reservation, food discovery, and restaurant payment platform, and have launched **Dining Delights**, an eating experience program for the bank's customers.
- Capital market regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** gave an additional option of **UPI (Unified Payments Interface)** to **retail investors** to apply in the public issues of **Real**



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Estate Investment Trust (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvITs) for application value up to **Rs 5 lakh**.

- **Frauds** in the **banking sector** involving sums of over **Rs 100 crore** have declined significantly, with banks reporting **cases worth Rs 41,000 crore in 2021-22** compared to **Rs 1.05 lakh crore in the FY21**.
- The Govt. has decided to set up the **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** as a single entity for making recommendations for appointments of **Wholetime Directors and Non-Executive Directors** in **public sector banks (PSBs), public sector insurers (PSIs), and financial institutions (FIs)**.
- The **Capital Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has extended the **deadline** for the introduction of the **Demat Debit and Pledging Instruction (DDPI) system to September 1, 2022**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty of Rs 1.05 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd.** and **Rs 1 crore on IndusInd Bank Ltd.** for violating the provisions of its regulations.
- **Edelweiss General Insurance** has launched **SWITCH**, a **comprehensive motor insurance product** under **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (IRDAI) Sandbox initiative**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)** will pay the **eligible depositors of Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Sahakari Bank, Ichalkaranji, and Harihareshwar Sahakari Bank, Wai in Aug 2022**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has launched the **58th round of the Order Books, Inventories, and Capacity Utilization Survey (OBICUS)** of manufacturing companies for the **April - June 2022 period**, results of which provide valuable inputs for monetary policy formulation.
- The country's largest private sector bank, **HDFC Bank** has received the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) approval for the merger of Housing Development Finance Corporation** with the lender.



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- **The gross GST collection in June 2022** surpasses **Rs. 1.40 lakh crore** for the **fifth time** since the introduction of GST and the **fourth consecutive month since March 2022**, making it the second-highest collection after the collection in April 2022.
- **Domestic rating agency Crisil** has lowered its real **GDP growth forecast for India to 7.3 percent in FY23** from **7.8 percent** estimated earlier.
- **ICICI Securities (I-Sec)** has launched '**ICICIdirect iLearn**', a learning app for customers to easily access content curated around several financial products and stock market topics.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank**, to **digitize the cash collection system in India's tier III cities and semi-urban regions**.
- The **World Bank Board of Executive Directors** approved **two complementary loans of \$500 million** each to **support and enhance India's health sector**.
- **Max Life Insurance Company Ltd**, has launched a smart solution, '**Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)**', to customers buying the '**Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan**', a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan on the **Max Life website or Policy bazaar platform**.
- **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** has Partnered with education sector-focussed **NBFC Avanse Financial Services** to provide **travel insurance to Indian students** going abroad for higher education.
- **SBI Cards and Payment Services** has entered into a strategic partnership with **Aditya Birla Finance (ABFL)**, the lending subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital for the launch of '**Aditya Birla SBI Card**'.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** stated that **India** witnessed a **current account deficit of 1.2 percent of GDP in 2021-22** against a **surplus of 0.9 percent in FY 2020-21** due to a wider trade deficit.
- The paper, titled "**Capital Flows at Risk: India's Experience**" was written by **RBI Deputy Governor Michael Patra, Harendra Behera, and Silu Muduli** and released in the RBI's Bulletin.



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- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has **barred all non-bank prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers** from **loading credit lines**.
- **Muthoot Finance** has launched the new upgraded version of **‘Muthoot Online’** (<https://online.muthootfinance.com/>) **web application**, offering an extended range of features that promises an Omni channel experience to its customers in **Kochi, Kerala**.
- Online payment processor **Cashfree Payments** announced that the interoperability would be supported by their **card tokenization solution, Token Vault**.
- Finance Minister Smt. **Nirmala Sitharaman** delivered the **Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)-2020 speech in New Delhi** by selecting seven states such as **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu** as the top performers.
- **Electric two-wheelers** would be integrated into the **Indian market by FY2026-27, according to NITI Aayog** and the **Technology Information, Forecasting, and Assessment Council (TIFAC)**.
- The South Indian Bank (SIB) has signed an agreement with Kerala’s Forest and Wildlife to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centers, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units, and eco-shops across Kerala.
- **SBI General Insurance** has launched the **Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan**, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that protects **against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks**.
- A **US-based tech major, Salesforce** has announced an **investment of USD 2 million (about Rs 15.85 crore)** in direct company donations to over **22 non-profit Organizations (NPO)** across India.
- The **Ministry of Defence** approved **three Private Sector Banks (PSBs)**, namely **HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank**, to provide the **Letter of Credit and Direct Bank Transfer business for overseas procurement**.
- **Salesforce, the global leader in CRM**, announced that **HDFC Ltd.**, one of India’s leading mortgage lenders and a well-established financial conglomerate will leverage Salesforce to **reimagine the customer lending lifecycle** and support the company's growth priorities.



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- Bengaluru-based neo bank Fi Money has launched Ally Annexure an initiative to help LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) customers gain better access to financial services.
- **Leading private sector non-life insurer Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has launched a **QR code-enabled service** to **help customers self-service** their needs offering a faster closure of their requirements.
- **Edelweiss General Insurance** has released **SWITCH**, a complete automobile insurance policy, in compliance with **the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (Irdai) Sandbox initiative**.
- The **Central Government** kept interest rates on small savings schemes, such as the **Public Provident Fund (PPF)** and **National Savings Certificate (NSC)**, **unchanged** for **July 1, 2022, to September 30, 2022 quarter of FY23** amid high inflation and rising interest rate.
- The **47th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council** met under the **Chairmanship of Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, in Chandigarh**.
- As per the latest data released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, the **share of current account and savings account (CASA) deposits** in total deposits has been increasing over the years and stood at **44.8% in March 2022** as compared with **41.7% three years ago**.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** and **Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM)** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**, which would enable SBI to open **India's first dedicated branch for startups** in **Koramangala, Karnataka**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** gave **payment aggregator (PA)** and **payment gateway (PG) licenses** in principle to **Razorpay, Pine Labs, and American payments player Stripe**.
- The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**, in which **India is the second-largest shareholder after China**, has approved the establishment of an Interim Operational Hub, its **first overseas office in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, pending formal agreement to be finalized.



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- **Union Bank of India (UBI)** has announced the launch of **Uni-verse, the bank's Metaverse Virtual Lounge & Open Banking Sandbox environment** at an event held in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
- Private sector lender **City Union Bank (CUB)** signed a corporate agency **agreement** with **Shriram General Insurance** to **distribute** the latter's **insurance products** through its network of branches across India.
- One of India's leading private sector banks, **Axis Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** to **manage salary accounts** of the **defense personnel** with best-in-class benefits and features under its '**Power Salute**' initiative.
- **Tata Mutual Fund** has teamed up with **Computer Age Management Services Limited CAMSPay** to introduce **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay** for immediate **Systematic Investment Plan (SIPs)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed various **restrictions** on **4 cooperative banks** **Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank, New Delhi; Sahebrao Deshmukh Co-operative Bank, Mumbai; Sangli Sahakari Bank, Mumbai; and Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited, Tumkur, Karnataka.**
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **imposed a monetary penalty** on **Federal Bank Limited** and **Bank of India & Dhani Loans and Services Ltd.** for violating the provisions of its regulations.
- **SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL)**, a subsidiary of the **State Bank of India (SBI)** **has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), GoI for establishing the Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund).**
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has set up two **task forces** to suggest steps to sort out issues between **insurers** and **reinsurers**.
- One of India's leading life insurance companies, **Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd**, announced a strategic alliance with **City Union Bank (CUB)** to offer **life and health insurance solutions** to the **Bank's consumers**.



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- Agri-tech startup nurture. farm **partnered with** SBI General Insurance **and** Future Generali India Insurance Company **to expand its insurance solutions for its** 1.9 million farmers.
- **National Institute of Information Technology, Institute of Finance, Banking and Insurance (IFBI)**, a subsidiary of NIIT Limited, has entered into a **strategic partnership with HDFC Bank to build new-age Digital Talent for the banking industry.**
- **Jubilant Pharma Holdings Inc (JPHI)** has signed an **agreement with Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) for a five-year loan of USD 400 million, about Rs 3,186 crore.**
- **Quantum Mutual Fund** launches **Quantum Nifty 50 Exchange Traded Fund (ETF Fund)**, an **open-ended Fund of Fund (FoF) scheme** that invests in the units of **Quantum Nifty 50 ETF.**
- **Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Singapore** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to promote greater **investment** in the **Asia and Pacific region** and to recognize the importance of private sector finance as well as catalyzing public sector resources for sustainable and inclusive development.
- **The Board of directors of Yes Bank** has signed a **binding term sheet** with **JCF ARC LLC and JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Private Limited (JC Flowers ARC)** for a proposed **sale of an identified stressed loan portfolio** of the bank aggregating to up to **Rs 48,000 crore.**
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has completed **technical integration** with the **new e-filing portal** of the **Income Tax department.**
- The **first locally created lithium-ion cell** has been revealed by **Ola Electric.**
- After the **Commerce Ministry** updated both the exports and imports data for the month upward, India's goods trade imbalance **increased to a record \$26.18 billion** in June, above **the government's original estimate of \$25.63 billion.**
- **Bank of India (BoI) & Pension Fund Regulator & Development Authority (PFRDA)** in association with **K-fintech** launched a digital platform that allows customers to open **National Pension System (NPS) accounts** using **mobile phones.**
- The **Karnataka Bank** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **JCB India Limited**, a manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment in India.



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- **Go Digit General Insurance** has launched ‘Pay as you Drive’ (PAYD) an add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage (OD) policies.
- **DBS** has been recognized as the ‘World’s Best SME Bank’ by the UK-based financial publication **Euromoney** for the **second time** since **2018**.
- The **Federal Bank** partners with the **Central Board of direct taxes** to launch the **new online tax payment service**.
- Nasdaq-listed IT services firm **Cognizant** has been selected as a strategic technology provider by **National Insurance Company Limited (NICL)** to **accelerate and help manage its digital transformation**.
- **Tata Power** has earmarked a **capital expenditure of more than Rs 75,000 crore** over the **next five years**, of which **Rs 10,000 crore** would be invested in this financial year.
- The **Central Government** has declared “**zero coupons zero principal instruments**” as **securities** for the **Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956**.
- **American brokerage Morgan Stanley** has **lowered India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP)** to **7.2% in the 2022-23 financial year (FY23)**, **40 basis points (bps)** lower than their previous estimates of **7.6%**.
- The **Union Finance Ministry** announced that the **Good and Services Tax (GST) Compensation levy** to states has been extended by **nearly four years from July 1, 2022, to March 31, 2026**.
- **JSW Steel and the Boston Consulting Group (BCG)** have collaborated on a **decarbonization and sustainability plan**.
- At the **Bosch Automotive Electronics** facility in Bengaluru, **Bharti Airtel** successfully tested the **country's first 5G private network**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has recommended a **four-tier regulatory framework** for **urban cooperative banks (UCBs)** based on the size of deposits and their area of operations.
- **Standard Chartered Bank** launched a **co-branded credit card EaseMyTrip Standard Chartered Credit Card** with the online travel tech platform **EaseMyTrip**.



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- **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance**, one of India's leading private life insurers, and **DBS Bank India**, the wholly owned subsidiary of **DBS Bank Ltd., Singapore**, have announced a strategic partnership to offer a **wide array of life insurance solutions** to the DBS bank's customers.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced severe **restrictions** on **three cooperative banks** from conducting banking activity due to poor liquidity positions.
- **L&T Technology Services** is the **first IT firm** to officially express interest in the government's direct allocation of **spectrum for exclusive 5G networks**.
- **Mark Zuckerberg, CEO of Meta**, disclosed that the business would provide a new "**payments in conversation**" function on **Instagram**.
- **India attracted USD 343.64 million FDI equity** inflow in the R&D sector during C.Y. 2021 (Calendar Year) which is **516% higher** as compared to previous **C.Y. 2020 (USD 55.77 million)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has signed its **renewed Statement of Commitment (SoC)** to the **Foreign Exchange (FX) Global Code**.
- The **European Investment Bank (EIB)** has joined the **India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** to **limit** the **destruction** caused by **climate change**.
- The **Government of India (GoI)** will provide a **financing facility worth** about **Rs. 1600 Crore (USD 200 million)** through the **World Bank** for the "**Himachal Pradesh Power Sector Development Program**".
- The **New Development Bank (NDB)** has approved **5 new projects** totaling **USD 875 million** for **water, sanitation, ecotourism, and transport**.
- **Private lender IndusInd Bank** has partnered with **India's leading table reservation, food discovery, and restaurant payment platform EazyDiner** to launch a **co-branded credit card - EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Credit Card**.
- The **Board of Directors of IndusInd Bank** has approved a proposal to raise **Rs 20,000 crore** in debt on a private placement basis to fund its business growth.
- **India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI)** has received board approval to raise **Rs 11,000 crore** through **Basel III-compliant bonds**.



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- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** in its '**Outlook 2022 Supplement**' has cut **India's GDP growth forecast to 7.2%** for the financial year **2022-23 (FY23)** from **7.5%** projected in April 2022 because of higher-than-expected inflation and monetary tightening.
- Private sector **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Company Limited** launched its **add-on motor insurance cover** called '**Pay As You Consume**' (PAYC).
- The latest economic outlook survey conducted by the industry body **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** has **downgraded India's 2022-23 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast to 7% from 7.4%** estimated in its previous survey round in April 2022.
- The **World Bank** has approved a **loan of USD 1 billion** to provide support to **India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**.
- According to the report titled **Benchmarking India's Payment Systems** released by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **India** has made significant progress and moved to a leadership position in **large-value digital payment systems**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** issued **new guidelines for non-bank payment system operators (PSOs)** under **Section 10 (2) & Section 18** of "The payment and Settlement Systems Act of 2007".
- **Canara Bank** has launched its **mobile banking app called Canara ai1**.
- **India's economy** is expected to grow to **\$150 billion and \$300 billion**, respectively, by **2025 and 2030**.
- According to the most current statistics from the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, **India's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$7.5 billion to \$572.7 billion** during the final week of July 15.
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a **USD 96.3 million (Rs 770 crore) loan** to fund safe drinking water and sanitation projects in **Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Nomura** has **lowered the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for India in 2023 to 4.7%** from its **earlier projection of 5.4%** amid recession fears and rising rates of interest.
- Private sector lender **City Union Bank (CUB)** and standalone health insurer **Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL)**, the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd,



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have announced a bancassurance partnership for the **distribution of health insurance products** of ABHICL through the former's network of branches across India.

- **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)** has signed a **loan agreement** with the **Government of India (GoI)** to provide an **Official Development Assistance (ODA)** loan of **100,000 million Japanese Yen (INR 6,000 Crore)** as **Tranche 3** on the 'Project for the **Construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR).**'
- Private life insurer **Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance** has entered into a strategic partnership with **City Union Bank (CUB)** to offer a wide array of **life insurance solutions** to the lender's customers across their 727 branches.
- **HDFC Bank subsidiary** and **stock broking company, HDFC Securities Ltd,** has partnered with **small finance bank Equitas** to provide **Demat accounts** and **broking** and **investment services to its customers.**
- **Indian Bank** has bagged the **best performing bank award in Tamil Nadu** for the **FY 2021-22** under the **Self Help Group (SHG) Bank Linkage Programme** category from **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).**
- **City Union Bank (CUB)** and **Royal Sundaram General Insurance Co. Limited** have partnered to enable the customers of the CUB to have easy access to **comprehensive general insurance products** of Royal Sundaram across its branches.
- **Mastercard** is expected to take over as **title sponsor** for **all international and domestic cricket matches** organized by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India,** replacing **Paytm (BCCI).**
- An announcement on the signing of a new, **five-year contract for digital transformation** with **Nokia of Finland** was made by **Wipro Ltd.,** a firm with **its headquarters in Bengaluru.**
- **Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC)** has expanded its pilot to **15 more cities.**



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- ECGC has introduced a new scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover to the extent of 90% to support small exporters under the Export Credit Insurance for Banks Whole Turnover Packaging Credit and Post Shipment (ECIB- WTPC & PS).
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report, has lowered its gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India for the current financial year FY23 by 0.8% or 80 basis points to 7.4 percent from 8.2 percent estimated in April 2022.
- State-owned Union Bank of India (UBI) is developing an automated solution for the early resolution of stressed assets, Union SARAS (Stressed Asset Recovery Automated Solution).
- India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has Partnered with Tata AIG General Insurance Company Limited (TATA AIG) for providing TATA Accidental Guard policy to IPPB customers.
- Rajasthan Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad (RGAVP) and Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation of Telangana (Stree Nidhi-Telangana) signed an agreement to set up a first-ever all-women-run cooperative bank called “Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi”.
- Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued new guidelines on settlement of running accounts of clients' funds lying with stock brokers, which will be effective from October 1, 2022.
- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) digital payments index (DPI) has risen to 349.30 in March 2022, compared to 304.46 for September 2021, indicating digital payments are on the rise in the country led by a unified payments interface (UPI).
- Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the deadline for commencing the validation of all Know Your Customer (KYC) records by KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) by three months to November 01, 2022, from August 01, 2022.
- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance) has partnered with Inspektlabs to automate the vehicle inspections for vehicle insurance renewals with Artificial Intelligence-based technology.
- Google Maps has launched its street view service across 10 cities in India in partnership with two local companies.



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- Indian digital mapping company **MapmyIndia** has released its **Mappls Realview** – a new 360-degree panoramic street view service.

National News

- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**, the minister of communication, railways, electronics, and IT, and **Shri Devusinh Chauhan**, the minister of state for communications, unveiled the **Dak Karmayogi**, a department of the posts e-learning platform.
- **India** is expected to create **122 new unicorns in the next 2-4 years**, per the **Hurun Research Institute's research**, Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022.
- **The Central Government** has approved a proposal of the **Journalist Welfare Scheme Committee** to provide financial relief to the **families of 35 journalists who have lost their lives**.
- **The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises**, PMFME Scheme, under **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**, has completed **two years**.
- In a sense, **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** officially launched the **new smart campus of Bosch India**, a leading provider of technology and services in Bengaluru.
- **The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** erected **Namami Gange Amrit Vatika** at **Kalindi Kunj Ghat** on the **River Yamuna in New Delhi** with the planting of **75 trees** as part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- Union Home Ministry has amended the **Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA)** giving certain relaxations such as allowing relatives **to send more money to India freely**.
- A three-day Grand Hackathon that the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** is organizing in collaboration with **NABARD** has essentially begun according to **Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal**.
- **World Resources Institute India (WRI India)**, the **National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)**, and other partners launched **India's first national coalition platform** for **urban nature-based solutions (NbS)** during the **11th World Urban Forum in Poland**.



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- To **identify and resolve connectivity gaps in the infrastructure**, the **Ministry of Steel** announced that it has joined the **PM Gati Shakti Portal** and uploaded the geo-coordinates of significant projects.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** is scheduled to officially open the **Bundelkhand Expressway in the first week of July**.
- **Shri Narendra Modi**, the prime minister, will head to **Varanasi to visit his Lok Sabha district**.
- **Digital India Week 2022 was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** at the Mahatma Mandir in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will inaugurate the **Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam at Varanasi**.
- To consolidate **board examination results**, sample papers, and other information in a single window, the **CBSE Board has created a website named "Pariksha Sangam."**
- A **"Hariyali Mahotsav"** in the tradition of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" will be held at **Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi** by the **Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Climate Change**.
- **India's first floating terminal** for liquefied natural gas (LNG) at **Jaigarh in Maharashtra** is expected to be **operational in the second half of 2022**.
- **Mr. Parshottam Rupala**, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying urged for **wider usage of Ayurveda to ensure better animal health at the First India Animal Health Summit 2022**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will deliver the **first Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture (AJML)** at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi
- **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**, Chairman of the NCRPB and Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs, introduced the **"PARIMAN" geo-portal for the NCR during the 40th meeting** of the Board on August 31, 2021.
- **Two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP)** of the **National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI)** were opened in **Durgapur and Vardhman by Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India.



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- **The National Emblem** has been revealed by **Shri Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and is now visible on the roof of the **New Parliament Building**.
- India has improved its capacity to safeguard its space assets independently with the aid of the **ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Space Operation and Management (IS4OM)**.
- **The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind**, attended the **Yuva Sammelan**, which was held in **New Delhi** and organized by "**My Home India**."
- **NITI Aayog** has released a compendium of various **Ayush-based initiatives and practices** adopted by the **States and Union territories** for containing and managing the COVID-19 outbreak.
- According to **Shri Nitin Gadkari**, the Minister for Road Transport and Highways, the Dwarka Expressway, which is being built as **India's first elevated urban expressway**, will open to traffic in 2023.
- **The longest double-decker viaduct** in the world, measuring **3.14 km**, was built in **Nagpur** by the **National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** and **Maharashtra Metro**.
- As the **first carbon-neutral airport in India**, the **Airports Authority of India's Leh airport** is now being constructed.
- The **National Rail and Transportation Institute** has been transformed into **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**, becoming a major university.
- The **Department of Consumer Affairs** has taken a big step toward creating a general **framework** for the **Right to Repair** to highlight the **LiFE (Lifestyle for the Environment)** movement through sustainable consumption.
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the construction of the **Taranga Hill-Ambaji- Abu Road new rail line** to be constructed by the **Ministry of Railways** at an estimated cost of **Rs.2798.16 crore**.
- The **43rd meeting of the Executive Committee** of the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** was held under the **chairmanship of Shri G. Asok Kumar**, Director General, NMCG.



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- **The Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI)** will celebrate the **12th National Plastic Surgery Day** (July 15) and the **Burn and Plastic Surgery Department of AIIMS, Delhi** will host the **APSI Sushruta Film Festival (ASFF 2022)**.
- **Gopal Rai, the environment minister for Delhi**, called a joint review meeting with members of the environment department and the **Delhi Pollution Control Committee** to explore the **creation of an e-waste eco-park**.
- A new smartphone app named "**AadhaarFaceRd**" from the **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** contains a facial authentication function.
- The certification of **authenticity for jute items** made in **India** was introduced by the **Indian government**.
- The **Platform of Platforms (POP)** under the **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)** was introduced by **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, on the eve of the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**
- In New Delhi, the preview for the upcoming television program **Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha** was unveiled by **Anurag Thakur, Minister of Information and Broadcasting**.
- The **Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)** developed the **mascot Jagriti** to empower consumers and **increase awareness of their rights**.
- **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** is being held to commemorate India's **75th anniversary of independence**.
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports **Mr. Anurag Thakur** launched revised **schemes of Cash Awards, National Welfare and Pension to sportspersons**, Web Portal for Schemes of Department of Sports, and National Sports Development Fund website in **New Delhi**.
- **The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** has set up a **three-member commission** for carrying out a fresh **delimitation exercise of the municipal wards in Delhi**, according to a statement issued by the MCD.



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- The month of June witnessed a rise in the **unemployment rate in India to 7.8 percent** of the total workforce from **7.12 percent in May**.
- The **Delhi government** commemorated **Happiness Utsav** to commemorate the **fourth anniversary of its Happiness Curriculum for schools**, according to Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia.
- During the **Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) lecture "Swavlamban" in New Delhi**, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi presented the **"SPRINT Challenges,"** which are meant to encourage the use of indigenous technologies in the Indian Navy.
- **Repos Pay**, a platform for **mobile electric charging**, and **Phy-gital**, a platform for fintech, were unveiled by **Union Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Mr. Narayan Rane** at the Fueling India 2022 event in Mumbai.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway**, which passes through **seven districts of Uttar Pradesh** and has been constructed at a **cost of around Rs 14,850 crore**.
- The **government set up a committee** on the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** eight months after it made a comparable pledge in **exchange for the repeal of three unpopular agricultural policies**.
- With all berths being run under the PPP model, **Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become the first major port in India to be 100% owned** by landlords.
- **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana** has completed **five years**.
- **India's first passenger drone, Varuna**, was launched by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**.
- If the **national flag is flown in the open** and is raised by a member of the public, it **may now fly through the night**.
- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various people-centric projects **worth Rs 210 crores at Bopal** in his parliamentary constituency **Gandhinagar**.
- The **Government has set a target** to raise the share of **natural gas in the energy mix to 15% in 2030** from about 6.3%.



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- As part of the festivities marking the **75th anniversary of Independence**, the **CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST)**, Thiruvananthapuram, will hold the International Conference on **Chemistry and Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022)**.
- Union Minister of Ayush **Shri Sarbananda Sonowal** inaugurated **Vaccination Centre for children at the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)**.
- In India, **five new wetlands** have been identified as being of **international significance**.
- **Ministry of Women and Child Development** has issued detailed guidelines for the 'Mission Shakti' scheme.
- The **Knowledge Portal for Khadi** is a platform developed by the **Center of Excellence for Khadi** to provide design directions to the Khadi institutions.
- **India** was the **first nation in the world** to develop standards for **civil service training institutions at the national level**.
- **The government** has launched **three schemes** to **support Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the pharmaceutical sector**.
- **Tobacco and cigarette packets** will soon come with a **new display of health warnings**, according to the **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- The **1.64 Lakh Crores** revival package for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**, according to Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology, **Shri Ashwini Vaishnav**, was approved by the Union Cabinet.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for numerous **Sabar Dairy projects worth 1,000 crore rupees** at Gadhoda Chowki in Sabarkantha, Gujarat.
- Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar** launched the **11th Agriculture Census in the country**.



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- The **Kerala Government** has unveiled the largest-ever health insurance scheme named **Medical Insurance Scheme for State Employees and Pensioners (MEDISEP)** which will be effective from **July 1st, 2022**.
- **Chief Minister of Telangana Shri K Chandrasekhar Rao** is scheduled to **inaugurate** the new facility of **business incubator T-Hub in Hyderabad**.
- The **Maharashtra cabinet** under the **chairmanship of Shri Uddhav Thackeray** approved a proposal to **rename Aurangabad city as Sambhajinagar** and **Osmanabad city as Dharashiv**.
- The **Maharashtra government's Energy department** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL)** to generate **11000 MW of green power** in the **next 5 years**.
- The **Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Shri Jai Ram Thakur** launched **Naari Ko Naman's scheme** at the Government College Auditorium in Dharamshala in **Kangra district, Himachal Pradesh**.
- **NTPC Ltd** has declared the **Commercial Operations Date (COD)** of the last part capacity of **20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project in Telangana**.
- The **Rajasthan government** will **introduce the Right to Health Bill, the first of its kind in India** in the **Rajasthan Assembly**.
- **Uttar Pradesh(UP)** has become the **first state** in the country to connect **One District One Product (ODOP) mart** with the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** will launch the **year-long 125th birth anniversary celebration of legendary freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju** at **Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Shri Manish Sisodia** launched "**Mission Kushal Karmi**" for upskilling the construction workers in the city in collaboration with **Delhi Skill and**



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Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) and Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

- **Women and Child welfare representatives** from 6 Indian states Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana signed an **Inter-State Declaration of Intent to work** in collaboration to **combat trafficking in persons**.
- **Odisha's Finance Minister Niranjan Pujari** presented the **State Budget** with **Rs 2-lakh crore total outlay for FY 2022-2023** in the Assembly with a focus on **strengthening infrastructure, developing education and health sectors, and improving the livelihoods of people**.
- The **Tripura** government has launched a **new scheme, "Earn with Learn"**, as part of the **Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan (Let's go to school)** to bring back those who had **dropped out of schools** following the outbreak of Covid-19.
- The **Government of Delhi** has collaborated with **Whatsapp** to launch a **chatbot service**, which will answer all queries related to **electric vehicles (EVs)**.
- The **Chhattisgarh Government** has received an **in-principle nod** from the **Center** to go ahead with a **\$300 million (approximately ₹2,100 crores) school education project** which is **funded** by the **World Bank**.
- **Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Shri VK Saxena** launched an **incentive scheme** to increase the **involvement of the Residential Welfare Association (RWAs)** in **optimal tax collection and waste management systems**.
- The **Delhi government** announced a new pilot project with the **YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India)** at **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** to enable access to **employment opportunities for students** of the **Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)**.
- **Kerala** has become the **first and only state in India** to have its **internet service**.
- The **Telangana** government in partnership with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** announced **Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA)**, the latest addition to the Digital Public Goods Registry.



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- A week-long traditional Kharchi festival, offering prayer to **14 deities**, began with thousands of devotees at Khayerpur on the eastern outskirts of Tripura.
- The governments of West Bengal and Sikkim have signed an agreement to help tourists travel between the two neighboring states with ease in a bid to boost tourism.
- The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai has become the first railway station in India to have an augmented reality experience.
- The National Legal Services Authority Chairman Mr. Uday Umesh Lalit introduced the Country's first AI-powered virtual Lok Adalat all through the 18th All India Meet of State Legal Services Authorities (SLSA) meet held in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- E-commerce marketplace Flipkart has inked a pact with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission (BSDM) to launch the initiatives of the Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) in Bihar.
- Tamil Nadu (TN) Chief Minister Shri MK Stalin has inaugurated the Tamil Nadu center for excellence in advance manufacturing (TANCAM) established at the cost of Rs 212 crore in Tidel Park in Taramani, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- The Tamilnadu Government's Higher Education department has launched a portal <https://penkalvi.gov.in> where beneficiaries may register themselves.
- Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in India to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).
- Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma launched 'Swanirbhar Naari', an initiative to empower the indigenous weavers of the state and provide financial support to their families.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu and Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma inked a pact to end the decades-old border dispute between the two states.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath has launched a scheme Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme in Lucknow, UP.



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- Punjab finance minister **Shri Harpal Singh Cheema** presented the **first budget** of the **Bhagwant Mann-led Aam Aadmi Party** government a **₹1,55,859.78-crore budget**, which reflects **14.20 percent** growth as compared to 2021-22.
- The **Ministry of Jal Shakti** announced that **Madhya Pradesh's Burhanpur** popularly known as the '**Darwaza of Dakhin**' or **Gateway of Deccan**, became the **first Certified 'Har Ghar Jal'** (water connection to every house) district in India.
- On **World Brain Day-2022 (22 July)** Karnataka Health Minister **Dr. K Sudhakar** inaugurated the **Brain Health Clinic (BBC)** in a **first-of-its-kind initiative** in India, at **Jayanagar General Hospital, Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- Union home minister, **Shri Amit Shah** has launched an **e-FIR filing system** in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat** which will enable the citizens to file **FIRs online**, without visiting the police stations.
- **Gujarat** Chief Minister **Shri Bhupendra Patel** announced a dedicated **Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27**.
- **Bonalu** Festival is celebrated in **Telangana**, specifically in the **twin cities** of **Hyderabad** and **Secunderabad**, and is dedicated to **Goddess MahaKali**.

International News

- **India** hosted the **8th round of meetings** with the heads of the border services of the competent authorities of the member states of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** in **New Delhi**.
- The **12th Meeting of BRICS National Security Advisers and High Representatives on National Security** was held virtually.
- A total of **21 United States partner nation ships**, including **one submarine**, from **14 countries** are docked at **Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH)** for the **Rim of the Pacific 2022 (RIMPAC 2022) exercise** that kicks off in **Hawaii**.
- The **European Commission** adopted **proposals** to **restore damaged ecosystems**, bring nature back across Europe, from agricultural land and seas to forests and urban environments, and **reduce the use of chemical pesticides by 50% by 2030**.



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- The **30 allies of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)** signed off on the **accession protocols** for **Sweden** and **Finland** at NATO.
- **Deutsche Bahn (DB)** will become the **world's first intermodal partner of Star Alliance** on **August 1, 2022**.
- The **8th session** of the **India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation (IGC)** was held in **Yerevan, Armenia**.
- India's nodal agency for Interpol matters, the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)** joined **Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database**.
- **Croatia** will become the **20th country to adopt the euro as currency** from Jan 01, 2023, **replacing the Croatian kuna**.
- The holy city of **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh** showcasing **India's culture and traditions** over the ages will be declared the **first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** under a new mechanism during India's **SCO Presidency from September 2022 to September 2023**.
- The **10th World Peace Forum 2022** is being organized by Tsinghua University, in Beijing.
- The border guarding forces of **Bangladesh** and **India** have agreed to focus on **curbing trans-border crimes** and taking all necessary measures to ensure **peace** and **tranquility** along the border at the **52nd Director General-level coordination conference**, held in **Dhaka, Bangladesh**.
- **The Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe has launched the gold coins called Mosi-oa-Tunya to be sold to the public in a bid to tackle chronic hyperinflation**.
- **India's first passenger drone, Varuna**, was launched by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**.
- **India** contributed **USD 2.5 million** to the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)**.
- The **British government** launched an "**Aviation Passenger Charter**" to **help passengers know their rights** if they are faced with problems at airports.



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- The **Union Minister for Labor & Employment, Shri Bhupender Yadav** attended the **8th BRICS Labor and Employment Ministers' Meeting** held under the **Chinese Presidency in Beijing, China**.
- Prime **Minister Shri Narendra Modi** attended the **first-ever I2U2 virtual summit** along with **US President Mr. Joe Biden, Israeli PM Mr. Yair Lapid, and UAE President Mr. Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.

Ranks and Indices

- **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog's Vice Chairman Suman Bery, CEO Amitabh Kant, and Special Secretary Dr. K Rajeswara Rao** launched a **report titled 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy'**.
- According to the **Asia Pacific Sustainability Index 2021**, released by **Knight Frank Four Indian cities Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, and Mumbai** made it to the list of **top 20 sustainable cities**.
- **Quacquarelli Symonds (QS)** has released the list of **Best Student Cities ranking for 2023**, with **London (United Kingdom)** emerging as the **top city** for students looking to study abroad.
- According to the **Knight Frank Report, Active Capital Asia Pacific - Raising Capital in Uncertain Times India's Green Bonds** issuance increased **523 percent** Year on Year (YoY), from **\$1.1 billion in 2020 to \$6.8 billion in 2021**.
- According to the **Global Startup Ecosystem Index (GSEI)** by Israel-based StartupBlink, **Bengaluru** is the "strongest startup ecosystem in India" and ranked 8th globally.
- The **United Nations-Habitat's World Cities Report 2022**, **India's urban population** is estimated to stand at **675 million in 2035**, the 2nd highest behind **China's 1 billion**.
- **National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog Vice Chairman Suman K. Bery** and the **World Food Program** released a report titled '**Take Home Ration (THR)-Good Practices Across States/Union Territories**'.



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- According to **Forbes' 8th annual list of America's Richest Self-Made Women**, **President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Arista Networks, Jayshree Ullal**, a computer networking firm, is **one of only five Indian-Americans on Forbes' list of America's richest self-made women**.
- According to the **3rd edition of the States' Startup Ranking 2021** by the **department for the promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT)**, **Gujarat and Karnataka** have been ranked as the **best performers** in developing startup ecosystems for budding entrepreneurs.
- A new report titled **Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India** provides a pathway to accelerate the emergence of a green hydrogen economy, which is critical for **India** to achieve its **net-zero ambitions by 2070**.
- Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry, **Shri Piyush Goyal** released the **First Edition of 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'** during the **conference of Food Ministers of States/UTs on 'Food Nutrition and Security in India'** organized by **Department of Food and Public Distribution**.
- With a composite score of 76.19, **Jharkhand topped the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission's delta rating for June**, according to a formal declaration.
- Two sites in India have been included in **TIME Magazine's list of "50 remarkable spots to discover"** for this year.
- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, the union education minister, published the **7th edition of the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings**.
- **World hunger rose in 2021**, with **around 2.3 billion** people facing moderate or severe difficulty obtaining enough to eat and that was before the **Ukraine war**, which has sparked increases in the **cost of grain, fertilizer, and energy**, according to a U.N. report
- **India is placed 36th out of 52 nations** in the **Expat Insider Rankings for 2022**, which were just published by **InterNations**.
- **International Economic Resilience**, the **Indian Economy** improved from **6th position in 2019 to 4th position in 2020, 3rd in 2021, and 2nd in 2022** among the top ten leading economies, according to the **industry body PHDCCI**.



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- The **list of the world's most potent passports for 2022** was been published by the **Henley Passport Index**.
- According to the **government's flagship Smart City Mission, Tamil Nadu** leads the list of states in terms of how well the money is being used.
- According to **the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List, Gautam Adani**, the richest man in India, has passed **Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates** to move up to the **fourth-richest position in the world**.
- The third version of the **NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index**, which rates the states and the union territories on their innovation performance, placed **Karnataka, Manipur, and Chandigarh at the top**.
- **India has among the lowest R&D spending worldwide**, according to research by the government think **tank NITI Aayog and the Institute for Competitiveness**.
- **The NITI Aayog document "Digital Banks"** provides a justification for a licensing and **regulatory framework for digital banks** as well as a template and a method for putting it into practice.
- According to **Ookla's Speedtest Global Index**, India's ranks in terms of median mobile speeds dropped by three positions.
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- The top 20 aviation sectors' **worldwide air traffic rankings for the entire year 2021** are revealed by the **annual World Airport Traffic Dataset** from the **Airports Council International (ACI) World**.

Appointments

Name of the person	Appointment	Key points
Akash M Ambani	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Reliance Jio	The Reliance Industries Limited Chairperson & Managing Director Mr. Mukesh Ambani has resigned from the board of Reliance Jio, the telecom arm of the oil-to-retail conglomerate RIL.
Justice Mr. Ujjal Bhuyan	Chief Justice of Telangana High Court	He is the 5th Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court after its separation from the combined Andhra Pradesh High Court on January 1, 2019
Sandeep Kumar Gupta	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of GAIL (India) Ltd	He will replace Mr. Manoj Jain
Eknath Shinde	20th chief minister of Maharashtra	He was administered the oath of office by Maharashtra Governor Shri Bhagat Singh Koshiyari at the Raj Bhawan in Mumbai.

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		Earlier Shri Uddhav Thackeray resigned from the post of chief minister after the Supreme Court allowed a floor test in the assembly
Kottayan Katankot Venugopal	Attorney General for India	In 2015, he was conferred the Padma Vibhushan award by the Government of India. In 2002, he was awarded Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian honor
Ferdinand Marcos Jr	17th & Current President of the Philippines until 2028	He succeeded the outgoing President Mr. Rodrigo Duterte
Shahid Kapoor	Brand ambassador of PokerBaazi	-
Ravi Shastri	Brand ambassador for FanCode	-
T Raja Kumar	president of the Financial Action Task Force	He succeeded Dr. Marcus Pleyer (Germany)
Yair Lapid	14th Prime Minister of Israel	He succeeds Mr. Naftali Bennett
Rahul Narwekar	16th Speaker (since 1960) of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly after defeating Rajan Salvi (Shiv Sena candidate)	He has been elected as the youngest Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and also becomes the youngest ever in India
Ketanji Brown Jackson	1st Black Woman On US Supreme Court	Ms. Ketanji Brown Jackson has been sworn in as the new associate Supreme Court



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		justice, becoming the first black woman and the first former federal public defender to serve on the nation's highest court
Asit Rath	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Aviva Life Insurance Company India	He succeeded Amit Malik
Ajay Devgn	brand ambassador of Insecticides (India) Ltd. (IIL)	-
V P Nandakumar	Managing director (MD) & chief executive officer (CEO) of Manappuram Finance Limited	He is also the International Director of the Lion's Club International
Lieutenant General Mr. Mohan Subramanian	Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)	Lt General Mr. Subramanian succeeds Lt General Mr. Shailesh Tinaikar of India
Kaustubh Radkar	Brand ambassador of Garmin's fitness segment	He was a former Indian national swimming champion from 1995 to 2000
Suranjan Das	president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)	Mr. Suranjan Das was a Professor of History at the University of Calcutta and served as the Vice-Chancellor at the University of Calcutta for the period between 2008 and 2015.



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Vijay Kumar Janjua	chief secretary of Punjab government	Janjua replaces Mr. Anirudh Tewari, a 1990-batch IAS officer
Justice Mr. Alok Aradhe	Acting Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court (HC).	He was appointed after the retirement of Chief Justice Mr. Ritu Raj Awasthi
Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy	president of a lifetime of Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress party (YSRC)	-
Rajendra Prasad	Managing Director, National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)	He replaced Mr. Satish Agnihotri who was dismissed by the government over corruption allegations.
Ranil Wickremesinghe	Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	Sri Lankan President Mr. Gotabaya Rajapaksa is also expected to resign on July 13th, 2022
Mustafizur Rahman	High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India	He will be replacing Mr. Muhammad Imran
G Rajkiran Rai	Managing Director at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID).	Mr. Rai was appointed as the managing director & CEO of Union Bank of India on July 1, 2017, for 3 years until June 30, 2020
Pratik Pota	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of consumer durables maker Eureka Forbes	-



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Joy Bhattacharjya	Director general of the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS)	He was the first Indian head of production at ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network) Star Sports
Ranil Wickremesinghe	Interim President of Sri Lanka	Earlier he served as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka from 1993 to 1994, 2001 to 2004, 2015 to 2018, and 2018 to 2019.
Ramon Martin Chavez	Board of Directors of Google parent Alphabet Inc	-
Ram Dass Dhiman	Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh	He replaces Mr. Ram Subhag Singh, who has been appointed as the Principal Advisor (Administrative Reforms).
La Ganesan	Additional charge as West Bengal governor	Ganesan is also the governor of Manipur
Ashish Kumar	Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the National Stock Exchange (NSE)	He will succeed Vikram Limaye
Vijay Kumar Singh	Director (Technical) of REC Limited	-
Vineet Saran	Ethics officer and ombudsman for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).	He will be taking over from Justice (Retd) D K Jain whose term ends in June 2021
Manoj Kumar	Chairman Of Khadi And Village Industries Commission (KVIC)	KVIC's former Chairman Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena has moved



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		on to take charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi.
Jayanti Prasad	Whole-time Member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for five years	-
Lieutenant General Raj Shukla	member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)	He served as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Army Training Command (GOC-in-C ARTRAC).
Brijesh Gupta	Managing Director of RattanIndia Power	He has held leadership positions in Adani Enterprises, Essar Group, Welspun, and Atha Group.
Seif Ahmed	Acting president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The International Hockey Federation (FIH) appointed Egypt's Mr. Seif Ahmed as its acting president following Indian administrator Mr. Narinder Batra's resignation from the post.Mr. Seif Ahmed has been a member of the FIH Executive board since 2001.
Droupadi Murmu	15th President of India	<ul style="list-style-type: none">She is the first-ever person belonging to a Scheduled Tribe (ST)

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		community to be elected as the President of India. • Murmu is the first person from Odisha and only the second woman after Pratibha Patil to occupy this post.
Rajarshi Gupta	Managing Director of ONGC Videsh Ltd (OVL)	He replaces Mr. Alok Gupta who superannuated as ONGC Videsh's MD in June 2022
Dinesh Gunawardena	15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka	He succeeds former prime minister Mr. Ranil Wickremesinghe, who has been sworn in as Sri Lanka's 9th president
Ennarasu Karunesan	official representative in India of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)	-
Vinayak Pai	Managing Director (MD) of TATA Projects Limited	Pai has taken over the reins from Mr. Vinayak Deshpande who will retire after being at the helm of affairs for over 11 years
Akshaya Moondra	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vodafone Idea	He will replace Mr. Ravinder Takkar, whose tenure as MD & CEO of the Vodafone Idea will end on August 18, 2022.
Rama Subramaniam Gandhi	Additional independent director of YES Bank	-



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Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah	Prime Minister of Kuwait	He succeeded Mr. Sheikh Sabah Khalid Al-Hamad Al-Sabah who resigned in April 2022.
Nakul Jain	CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)	He replaced Mr. Praveen Sharma, who is now serving as the acting CEO of PPSL.
Bajram Begaj	9th President of Albania	Mr. Begaj will become the fifth president in the history of Albania to have a military background, after Ahmet Zogu, Ramiz Alia, Alfred Moisiu, and Bujar Nishani
Indermit Gill	chief economist & Senior VP of World Bank	He will succeed American economist Mr. Carmen Reinhart
Ravi Kishan Takkar	Additional Director (Independent) of Board of Directors of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL)	-

Agreements and MoUs signed

- **Protean eGov Technologies Ltd** (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd) and **PayNearby** have forged a partnership **to deliver PAN-related services** for its retail partners using **Aadhaar and biometric or SMS-based OTP authentication** for its clients.
- **The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati** has signed an MoU with the Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre of the **Indian Institute of Management Shillong in New Delhi** to boost the entrepreneurial **ecosystem in the North Eastern Region**.



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- International students who are supported by **Avanse** may now get student travel insurance thanks to a **partnership between the NBFC Avanse Financial Services and Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)**.
- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Tamil Nadu and the Singapore-based M/s. IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd** to construct a **300-acre semiconductor high-tech park** in the State with an investment and grants of **25,60crores** was signed in the presence of **Chief Minister M.K. Stalin**.
- The **Tamil Nadu government and Tata Power** have agreed to spend **Rs. 3000 crores** on the development of a **new solar cell and module manufacturing plant in the Tirunelveli region of the state**.
- To achieve the target of **60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032**, NTPC signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the **Government of Rajasthan** for the development of a **10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in Rajasthan**.
- **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** signed an **Operation & Management agreement** for the operationalization of **five airports owned by the Government of Uttar Pradesh for 30 years**.
- **Greenko**, a provider of renewable energy, has teamed with **IIT-Hyderabad** to build a school where students will receive training in sustainable objectives **including energy transition, circular economy, and climate change mitigation, among others**.
- A Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a **Remote Pilot Training Center** to teach drone flying abilities has been **inked by DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited and Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar**.
- A unit of **Russian nuclear major Rosatom State Corporation** has signed an agreement to **supply thermocouples for four power units of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu**.
- Toto promotes the overall development of athletics in India, **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** and the **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** has formed a long-term relationship.



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- **NHPC** signed two MoUs for the development of “**Pilot Green Hydrogen Technologies**” in line with the country’s resolve **to reduce the carbon footprint in the Power Sector** in **Leh and Kargil districts of the Union Territory of Ladakh**.
- The **University of Hyderabad (UoH)** and the **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NIAB)** have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration.
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed **by India and Namibia** intends to bring **cheetahs back to the nation after nearly seven decades**.
- **Flipkart**, the e-commerce market, announced a partnership with **the Bihar State Skill Development Mission** to launch **Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA)** programs in the state.

Acquisitions & Mergers

- The **State Bank of India (SBI)**, **HDFC Bank**, and **ICICI Bank** acquired a **9.54 percent stake** each in **Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited (Perfios AA)**.
- The **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved **Google International LLC’s (Acquirer) acquisition** of a minority and non-controlling stake of **1.28% of the equity capital of Bharti Airtel Limited (target)**.
- The **Ministry of Finance** stated that the **strategic disinvestment transaction** for **Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL)** has been completed, with the transfer of **93.71 percent shares** of the joint venture partners to **Tata Steel Long products Limited (TSLP)**.
- **Piramal Enterprises Limited (PEL)** has received shareholders’ **approval for the proposed demerger** of its **pharmaceuticals business** and **simplification** of the corporate structure.
- **Infosys Ltd** signed a definitive agreement to acquire **BASE life science**, leading technology and consulting firm in the life sciences industry, for up to **€110 million (about \$111 million)**.
- An MoU was signed by **Andaman Nicobar Command and Airport Authority of India** in Port Blair to **boost inter-island connectivity under Udaan Scheme**.



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- **Tata Steel** and **Bengaluru-based drone startup Aarav Unmanned Systems (AUS)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) **to develop and offer end-to-end integrated drone solutions** with a focus on efficiency, safety, and productivity of open cast mining operations.
- **BF Infrastructure Ltd.**, a wholly owned subsidiary of **Bharat Forge Ltd.**, and **Talgo India Pvt Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of **Spanish company Patentes Talgo S.L.**, have formed a joint venture **to develop high-speed passenger trains.**

Sports News

- The **England and Wales Cricket Board** has confirmed that **Eoin Morgan will immediately retire from international cricket (ECB).**
- At the **American championships in Eugene, Oregon**, Olympic gold medalist **Sydney McLaughlin** shattered her own **women's 400-meter hurdles world record by taking the title in 51.41 seconds.**
- **Novak Djokovic** became the **first player in history to win 80 matches at all four Grand Slams on Centre Court**, defeating **Kwon Soon-woo** 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
- The **Indian Olympic Association** and **Adani Sportsline**, the **Adani Group's sports division**, have signed a **long-term major sponsorship agreement (IOA).**
- **Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** clinched his **first-ever medal at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm** as he broke his national record for the second time in a month.
- **Jasprit Bumrah, the captain of India**, surpassed the famous **Brian Lara's record by one run** when he battered the helpless **Stuart Broad** for 29 runs to set a new global record for the **most runs scored in a single over in Test cricket.**
- At the **British Grand Prix in 2022**, **Carlos Sainz of Ferrari** became the first Spaniard to **win a Formula One race.**
- **Alfiya Pathan and Gitika**, the current **Youth World Boxing champions**, took home gold in the **Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.**



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- In Shooting, **India's Arjun Babuta** won his first gold medal at the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)** World Cup stage at Changwon in **South Korea**.
- To win the **Austrian Grand Prix 2022**, Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc** defeated world champion **Max Verstappen**.
- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has released the **June 2022 ICC Player of the Month** honors.
- **The Petronas Malaysia Open 2022** was the official name of the **2022 Malaysia Open**, which took place in the **Axiata Arena in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**.
- Gujarat's chief minister, **Shri Bhupendra Patel**, announced that **the 36th National Games** will be hosted in his state for the **first time from September 27 to October 10**.
- **Serbia Novak Djokovic** defeated **Nick Kyrgios** in four sets to win his seventh **Wimbledon men's title** and **21st Grand Slam title**.
- The **Gijon Chess Masters** was won by **D. Gukesh of India** with **eight points** after nine rounds.
- At the **Tampere, Finland, World Masters Athletics Championships**, **94-year-old Indian sprinter Bhagwani Devi Dagar** took home the **gold medal in the 100-meter sprint**.
- At the **World Games 2022** in **Birmingham, Alabama, USA**, **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** and **Abhishek Verma**, the Asian Games gold and bronze medalists in archery, respectively, **won bronze**.
- **India's skipper, Rohit Sharma**, made cricket history by becoming the **first captain to win 13 straight T20Is**.
- As many as **22 medals** were eventually won by **Indian wrestlers** at the **U20 Asian Wrestling Championships in Manama, Bahrain**.
- In the opening ODI between **India and England** at the **Kennington Oval**, **Mohammed Shami** became the Indian bowler to reach **150 ODI wickets** the quickest.
- **Sourav Ganguly**, a former captain of India and the **current president of the BCCI**, received **recognition from the British Parliament**.
- In the Singapore Open final, **PV Sindhu** defeated **China's Wang Zhi Yi** to win the **tournament's first Super 500 title**.



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- In Chess, **young Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa** has won the **Paracin Open 'A'** chess tournament 2022 in **Serbia**.
- In the **World Athletics Championships**, **Murali Sreeshankar** has become the first Indian to enter the **men's long jump final** in **Oregon, USA**.
- In the **ISSF Shooting World Cup**, **India topped the medal tally** at **Changwon in South Korea**.
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has announced a **322-member strong Indian squad** for the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG)**, beginning 28th of July.
- The **41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open** was won by **Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram** in **Spain**.
- In **Shooting**, two-time Olympian **Mairaj Ahmad Khan** created history by becoming the **first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet** event at the **ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea**.
- **Tokyo (Japan)** will host the **2025 World Athletics Championships**, according to the **World Athletics Council**.
- The **United States city of Los Angeles** will play host to the **2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
- **Ben Stokes**, an all-rounder for **England**, has abruptly **announced his retirement from one-day international cricket**.
- **Denesh Ramdin**, a former captain of the **West Indies**, announced his immediate **retirement from international cricket**.
- **Tamim Iqbal**, the **Bangladesh ODI captain**, announced his retirement from **T20Is** immediately after his team's 3-0 victory over the **West Indies in the three-match ODI series**.
- **India's teenage Grandmaster P Iniyan** finished **second in the La Plagne International Open Chess Tournament 2022** in **La Plagne in France**.
- The **Indian men's 25m rapid fire pistol** team comprising **Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu, and Sameer** won the **silver medal** on the last day of the **ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022** in **South Korea**.



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- Indian students bagged three Gold, sixteen Silver, and five Bronze medals in various international Olympiads in Mathematics, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry.
- Board of Control for Cricket in India, BCCI president **Sourav Ganguly** has confirmed that the Asia Cup, which was scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka, would be played in the UAE.
- A **215-member Indian athlete** contingent across 16 disciplines is all set to participate in the Commonwealth Games beginning on July 28 in Birmingham.
- Tokyo Olympic gold medallist **Neeraj Chopra** created history by winning a Silver medal in the men's javelin throw event at World Athletics Championships.
- The **Talkatora Indoor Stadium in New Delhi** will serve as the host venue for the first **Khelo India Fencing Women's League**, which will get off on July 25, 2022.
- **Max Verstappen of Red Bull** won the race at Paul Ricard after **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc** crashed out on lap 18 but walked away unhurt.
- **Nitin Menon and 10 other officials** have been placed in the new **A+ category** for umpires that the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has created.
- The forthcoming **International Chess Olympiad, 2022**, will have a welcome anthem called "**Vanakkam Chennai**," composed by **Grammy and Oscar-winning musician AR Rahman**.
- According to the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**, India will host the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup in 2025**.
- **Three nations** have been granted membership status by the **International Cricket Council** during the current **ICC Annual Conference in Birmingham**.
- The **2022 Swiss Open Tennis Tournament** was won by **Casper Ruud of Norway** in Gstaad, Switzerland.
- **Four times world champion German racer Sebastian Vettel** announced his retirement from **Formula One** at the end of the season.
- **American sprint great Allyson Felix** and a refugee cyclist originally from Afghanistan joined the **International Olympic Committee's athletes' commission**.



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- **Billionaire Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries and Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** announced a **long-term partnership** to support **Indian athletes in major multi-sport events**, including the **Commonwealth Games, Asian Games, and the Olympics Games**.
- **Coca-Cola's lime beverage** is all set to **attract health-conscious customers**.
- The **Leicester Cricket Ground in England** is named for the renowned cricketer from India, **Sunil Gavaskar**.

Defence News

- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** commissioned the **indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) squadron MK-III (CG)-835** at **Porbandar port** in **Gujarat**.
- The **Indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** was successfully test-fired from **Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun** by **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and the **Indian Army** at **KK Ranges** near **Ahmednagar, Maharashtra** with the support of **Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S)**.
- **Payroll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)**, an automated Pay & Allowances module for the **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** was inaugurated by **Shri Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence**
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully carried out the maiden flight of the **Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator** from the **Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka**.
- **INS Satpura** and **one P8I maritime patrol aircraft** from the **Indian Navy** are participating in one of the largest multilateral Naval Exercises, the **US Navy-led biennial Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise 2022**.
- A **Virgin Orbit rocket** carrying **seven U.S. Defense Department satellites** was launched from a **special Boeing 747 flying off the Southern California coast** and streaked toward space.



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- The **Desert Corps of the Indian Army** organized the “**Suraksha Manthan 2022**”, on aspects of **Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur, Rajasthan**.
- The **Indian Naval Air Squadron 324, (INAS 324)**, was commissioned into the **Indian Navy** in **Visakhapatnam** to boost its maritime surveillance in the presence of **Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command**.
- **Billionaire investor Mr. Rakesh Juhunjhunwala**-owned **Akasa airline** received its **air operator certificate (AOC)** from the **Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)**.
- The **United States** successfully tested **two Lockheed Martin Corp hypersonic missiles** amid growing concerns **Russia** and **China** have had more success developing their **hypersonic weapons**.
- The **Ministry of Defence** has set up an **institutional mechanism consisting of an Apex committee** with the **Defence Secretary as Chairman** to conduct a Performance and Efficiency Audit into various aspects of its activities.
- **Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** launched **Y- 3023 Dunagiri, Project 17A frigate** built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited (GRSE)** in **Kolkata, West Bengal**.
- The **Indian Navy’s submarine INS Sindhudhvaj** was decommissioned by the **Indian Navy** after **35 years of service** in **Visakhapatnam**.
- The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** has created its **first mountain-warfare training center** in **northeast India (Sikkim)**.
- Prime Minister Shri **Narendra Modi** unveiled ‘**SPRINT challenges**’, during **Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organization (NIIO) seminar ‘Swavlamban’(self-reliance)** in **New Delhi, Delhi** to engage Indian industry and academia towards achieving self-reliance in the defense sector.
- A **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** was conducted between **Japan Maritime Self Defense Force** and **Indian Navy** in the **Andaman Sea**.
- The **Indian Navy** received the **country’s first indigenously built aircraft carrier ‘Vikrant’** from its manufacturer, **Cochin Shipyard Limited** in **Kochi**.

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- The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** headed by **Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh** approved arms **procurement proposals worth a total of Rs 28,732 crore**, including bulletproof jackets, carbines, and swarm drones under **Buy Indian Indigenously Designed, Developed and Manufactured (IDDM)** and **Buy Indian** categories

Awards & Honours

Name of the person	Award	Key Points
IG Drones	"Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category" award	The "Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category" award was presented by Airwards to the Delhi-based, market-leading drone enterprise platform business IG Drones
Ashok Soota	CII Quality Ratna Award 2021	The 2019 CII Quality Ratna Award was established to honor those who have distinguished themselves through extraordinary leadership, contributions, and dedication to India's quality movement
Sini Shetty from Karnataka	Femina Miss India 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She will now compete in the 71st Miss World pageant as India's representative. At the JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai, Shetty was named Femina Miss India World 2022 by Manasa Varanasi, Miss India 2020.



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Tanuja Nesari, Director of the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)	Ayurveda Ratna Award	
HCL Technologies	2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards	HCL Tech won the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award as well as the Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) (country winner).
Maryna Viazovska, a math professor from Ukraine	Fields Medal in 2022, the highest honor in mathematics	Since the prize was established in 1936 for mathematicians under 40, Maryna is just the second woman to earn it.
Michelle Poonawalla	Shiromani Award	The Shiromani Award was given to Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Lord Rami Ranger, and Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari in addition to Poonawalla
Ms. Dia Mirza, the country's goodwill ambassador for the UN Environment Program (UNEP), and Mr. Afroz Shah	Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021.	-
Shinzo Abe	"Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum," posthumously	Shinzo Abe will be the fourth former premier to receive the honor under the postwar Constitution



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National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)	Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021	To solve problems with agricultural research and education administration in India, it was founded by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 1976.
KP Kumaran	JC Daniel Award	The award consists of a Rs 5 lakh cash reward, a citation, and a plaque
Kamal Haasan	Golden Visa from the United Arab Emirates	Before Kamal Hasan, actors Nasser, Mammooty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul, and Shah Rukh Khan all won the award
NTPC	“Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022” in the premiere edition of “Most Preferred Workplace 2022” organized by Team Marksman in association with India	-
Kaushik Rajashekara	Global Energy Prize	Rajashekara received the prize in the category of New Ways of Energy Applications for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while lowering emissions from power generation

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Volodymyr Zelenskyy	The Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award	This prestigious award recognizes individuals that have demonstrated extraordinary leadership characterized by wartime leader Sir Winston Churchill.
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Science & Technology

- **National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA) spacecraft, called Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment (CAPSTONE), a lunar orbiter was successfully launched on Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the Rocket Lab Launch Complex 1 on the Mahia Peninsula of New Zealand.**
- **India successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT), ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast.**
- **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the rocket PSLV-C53, carrying three Singapore satellites DS-EO, NeuSAR, and SCOOB-1 in intended orbit from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.**
- **Iran launched a solid-fuelled rocket named "Zuljanah" into space.**
- **Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art "Autonomous Navigation" facility TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) to develop unmanned ground and aerial vehicles in the IIT Hyderabad campus.**
- **The Center of Excellence on Satellite & Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE-SURVEI) in collaboration with knowledge partner Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), Visakhapatnam has developed an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based software to automatically detect changes on the ground, including unauthorized constructions and encroachments in a time series using Satellite Imagery.**



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- **Mr. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, formally opened the **fifth Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC)** at the Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach **in Mumbai**
- The **EV Mitra smartphone app** was created by the **Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCO** to give details about **EV charging stations in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers** have developed an **Artificial Intelligence-based tool, 'PIVOT'**, designed to **predict genes** that are responsible for **causing cancer in an individual**.
- The number of animal species in **India's faunal database increased by 540 in 2021**, bringing the **total to 1,03,258**.
- For the **First time, Scientists** at the **European nuclear research center CERN** have discovered **three new exotic subatomic particles** with the **collaboration** of the **Large Hadron Collider (LHC) using the international Large Hadron Collider beauty (LHCb)**
- The **Technology Business Incubator (TBI)** at **BITS Pilani's Hyderabad campus** has incubated **Abyom**, a start-up that is working on **India's first reusable rocket**.
- **Samsung** has developed a **new graphic dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chip** with a **faster speed** and improved power efficiency.
- **Indian space-tech start-up Agnikul** opened its **Rocket Factory-1, India's first-ever rocket facility** dedicated to **3D printed space engines** at scale.
- **India's first indigenous Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV)** against **cervical cancer** gets the **Drugs Controller General of India's (DCGI)** approval for market authorization, launched by the **end of 2022**.
- **GODI India** has become the **first Indian company** to receive the **prestigious Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) certification** for its **21700 cylindrical NMC811 lithium-ion cells** with their homegrown technology.
- **GE Healthcare**, a leading global medical technology, diagnostics, and digital solutions innovator, announced the launch of its **5G Innovation Lab in India, the first for GE Healthcare across the globe**.



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- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** has collaborated with **Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS)** to co-create a **Master's in Management Studies (MMS)** program in **Digital Payments** for its employees.
- For the **first time**, the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** tested a new **waste disposal technology** by releasing about **78 kg (172 lbs)** of garbage from the **International Space Station (ISS)**.
- The **Indian Council for Agricultural Research - National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR)** has identified two **new species of marine fish** in **Tamil Nadu**.
- Union Minister of State (MoS) for Science and Technology **Shri Jitendra Singh** **inaugurated the ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Operation (IS4OM)** at **ISRO Control Centre**, in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- A **SpaceX Dragon resupply spacecraft** carrying **more than 5,800 pounds** of science experiments, crew supplies, and other cargo is on its way to the **International Space Station (ISS)** from the **National Aeronautics and Space Administration's (NASA's) Kennedy Space Center** in **Florida, United States (US)**.
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** unveiled **India's first passenger drone Varuna** during **Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO)** seminar 'Swavlamban' in **New Delhi**.
- **American Space Agency National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** has selected **Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX)** to launch their **new Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope mission**.
- The apex drug regulator **Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)** approved **India's first indigenously developed mRNA vaccine** against **COVID-19**.
- The **Chinese space agency** successfully launched the **second of three space station modules**, named **Wentian** needed to complete its **new Tiangong space station**, the latest step in **Beijing's ambitious space program**.



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- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** organized a **unique three-day Human Space Flight Expo** at **Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium in Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
- **China** successfully launched **6 new satellites into space** with its **new solid-propellant rocket, ZK 1A,** from **Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center** in **north-western China.**

Books & Authors

- **Launched by sports legend Sakshi Malik** is the debut book by young YouTuber Prarthna Batra, titled "**Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success.**"
- **Meenakshi Lekhi,** Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture released a **Gujarati book** honoring the efforts of liberation warriors at an event.
- **At Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi,** India, External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** released "**Connecting through Culture,**" an anthology of essays on many facets of India's soft power strengths.
- A book titled "**The McMahon line: A century of strife**" was released by the governor of Himachal Pradesh, **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.**
- The book "**BEYOND THE MISTY VEIL,**" authored by **Ms. Aradhana Johri (Senior IAS)** and titled "**Temple Tales of Uttarakhand,**" was published by the chief minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami.**
- Author **Faisal Farooqui** just published a new **book about Yusuf Khan,** also known as Dilip Kumar, a great actor in Indian film.
- Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting **Shri Anurag Thakur** released **three books published by the Directorate of Publications Division.**

Important Days & Themes

Day	Celebrated as	Aim/ Theme
July 1	National Doctor's day	The theme of this year's National Doctors' Day is 'Family Doctor on the Front Line'.



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July 1	National Postal Workers Day	July 1 was declared National Postal Worker Day in 1997 by a Seattle-area postal carrier to honor fellow employees and since then it is celebrated every year on this day.
July 1	National Chartered Accountants Day	-
July 2	World UFO Day	The World UFO Day organization decided in the year 2001 to celebrate this day for all UFO enthusiasts
July 2	World Sports Journalists Day	It marks the anniversary of the International Sports Press Association (AIPS), established in 1924
July 2	International Day of Cooperatives	The theme for the 2022 International Day of Cooperatives is "Cooperatives Build a Better World".
July 4	American Independence Day	-
July 6	World Zoonoses Day	"Let's Break the Chain of Zoonotic Transmission" is the focus of this year's World Zoonoses Day, which is crucial if we are to escape the COVID-19 pandemic, which has already done too much harm.



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July 12	World Malala day	Malala, who won the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 17, was the prize's youngest-ever winner
July 17	International Justice Day, World Day for International Justice, or Day of International Criminal Justice	This year's theme for the Day of International Criminal Justice is "Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment".
July 18	Nelson Mandela International Day, also known as Mandela Day	This day was first celebrated on July 18, 2010, after the United Nations in November 2009 officially declared Nelson Mandela International Day
July 23	National Broadcasting Day	On this day in 1927, the Indian Broadcasting Company's Bombay Station transmitted the first radio transmission in the country.
July 24	National Thermal Engineer Day	The day honors the significance of thermal management in the electronics sector, as well as the engineers and businesses who make it possible.
July 24- fourth Sunday in July	National Parents' Day	President Bill Clinton 1994 signed a law and a resolution was adopted by the US Congress to establish the fourth



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		Sunday of every July as Parents' Day
July 25	World Embryologists' Day	On this day world's first IVF baby was born
July 26	Kargil Vijay Diwas	The war took place between May and July of 1999 in Jammu and Kashmir's Kargil district
July 28	World Nature Conservation Day	The occasion aims to create awareness about the need to preserve the environment and natural resources to keep the world healthy
July 29	Global Tiger Day, often called International Tiger Day	The decision to recognize this day was taken in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia.

Obituary

Name of the person	Profession
Ambika Rao	Actor and Filmmaker
Leonardo Del Vecchio	Billionaire Ray-Ban Owner
Peter Brook	British theater and cinema director
Tarun Majumdar	filmmaker
E N Sudhir	Former India goalkeeper
Padmanabha Pillai Gopinathan Nair (P.P Gopinathan Nair)	Freedom fighter, Gandhian



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Mohammad Barkindo	Nigerian politician and secretary-general of the oil producer group Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)
Narendra Singh	Former Bihar agriculture minister and a veteran socialist leader
Shinzo Abe	Former Japanese Prime Minister
Jose Eduardo dos Santos	Former Angolan president
James Edmund Caan	Oscar-nominated 'Godfather' actor
Brijendra Kumar (BK) Syngal	former chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, (VSNL)
Luis Echeverria Alvarez	former president of Mexico
Dr. Enamul Haque	Eminent archaeologist and historian
Pratap Pothen	Malayalam actor and filmmaker
Bhupinder Singh	Renowned Indian ghazal singer
Achuthan Kudallur	Artist
Nirmal Singh Kahlon	Former Punjab Assembly Speaker and senior Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader
Anant Yashwant Khare	Marathi writer and novelist
David Trimble	Nobel peace prize-winning former first minister of Northern Ireland
Sushovan Bandyopadhyay	Bengal's 'one rupee doctor', (Ek Takar Daktar)
Atulananda Goswami	Assamese litterateur and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award
Balwinder Safri	Popular UK-based Punjabi singer
Bob Rafelson	Oscar-Nominated Director of 'Five Easy Pieces'



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