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Banking & Finance

1. RBI Imposed 32 Lakh penalty on Indian Bank

The Reserve Bank of India on August 5 imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 32 lakhs on state-run Indian Bank for non-compliance of norms related to classification of frauds. The regulator's statutory inspection report revealed that the bank failed to comply with guidance related to fraud classification, to the extent it furnished flash report to RBI in certain instances with Delay Shri. Shanti Lal Jain- Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of Indian Bank

2. PNB Housing revamps 'Unnati' to offer Rs 9-12 lakh as affordable loans

PNB Housing Finance is revamping its 'Unnati' loan portfolio to go deeper into the affordable housing segment eyeing customers who need loans of Rs 9-12 lakh, MD & CEO Hardayal Prasad said.

PNB Housing has created a small vertical under Unnati which will be different from existing Rs 18-19 lakh as affordable housing loans.

3. In a first, SBI formalises policy to finance makers of lab-grown diamonds

State of Bank of India is the first Indian lender to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds which come across as replicas of the natural stones, but are often looked at with suspicion by high-street banks and scoffed at by many traditional diamantaires.

4. RBI cancels the licence of Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd, Pune

RBI has cancelled the licence of 'Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd, Pune'. Consequent to the cancellation of its licence, the bank is prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits as defined in Section 5(b) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 with effect from September 2022.

5. Satish Kashinath Marathe, S Gurumurthy re-nominated on RBI central board

Central Government has re-nominated Satish Kashinath Marathe and Swaminathan Gurumurthy as part-time, non-official Directors on the Central Board of RBI for a further period of four years with effect from August 11, 2022. RBI's central board now consists of five official members and 10 non-official members.

6. RBI issues strict norms for digital lending to curb malpractice

RBI mandated that digital loans must be credited directly in the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party, as it put in place strict norms to curb rising malpractice in digital lending space. RBI said digital lending entities and not the borrowers should pay fees or charges payable to Lending Service Providers (LSPs) in the credit intermediation process.

7. Kotak Mahindra Bank released 'Kotak Crme' life style-targeted corporate salary account

Kotak Mahindra Bank has released a way of living-concentrated salary account named 'Kotak Creme'. This account will present an upgraded practical experience to its prospects doing the job in MNCs, retails, regulation companies, unicorns etc. The account will be available to all corporates in India. Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO: Uday Kotak Kotak Mahindra Financial institution HQ: Mumbai

8. Listed SMEs have better profitability ratios, higher return on assets but lower liquidity: RBI paper

Even as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) listed on the two SME exchanges, BSE SME and NSE Emerge, have better profitability ratios, higher return on assets & asset utilisation ratios & also debt-equity ratio in comparison to the smallest 25% of firms listed, they have lower liquidity as reflected in a lower quick ratio, current ratio & cash to current liabilities.

9. RBI cancels licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank

Reserve Bank of India said the licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka, has been cancelled as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

10. Mastercard partners with leading badminton players to promote digital payments in India

Mastercard has partnered with Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty and appointed them as brand ambassadors in India. As winners of the Thomas Cup 2022 and Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, the new ambassadors will partner with Mastercard to spread awareness about the safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India. Mastercard Inc. is an American multinational financial services corporation HQ- New York

11. Sebi introduces prudential limits on PMS investments in related firms

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has imposed prudential limits on investments by portfolio managers in their own associates or related parties.

Under the amended framework, portfolio management schemes' service providers will have to obtain prior consent of their clients if they intend to invest in related companies.

12. RBI imposes restrictions on Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank, Kerala

The RBI barred customers of Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank, Kerala, from withdrawing funds as part of several restrictions imposed on the lender due to its deteriorating financial condition. The Reserve Bank, in a statement said the restrictions on the bank came into force from the close of business. The restrictions will remain in force for six months from Aug 23.

13. Bank credit growth accelerates to 14.2 pc in June quarter: RBI data

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs for June 2022'. This data is collected from all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), which include regional rural banks (RRBs), small finance banks (SFBs) and payments banks (PBs).

14. BOB financial launches Contactless Credit Card, Yoddha, for the Indian Army

A co-branded RuPay credit card for Indian Army personnel has been introduced by BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a fully owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda (BoB), in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

The Yoddha co-branded credit card will be available on the RuPay platform and have contactless features.

15. SBI tops chart in debit card market, HDFC leads credit card

According to the latest data, SBI remains the top player with a 30% market share of debit cards as of June 2022 despite a 6% drop in year-on-year growth.

The data collated by PGA Labs show that public sector banks dominate the market share of debit cards.

With an 8% market share, BoB secured 2nd place followed by Bank of India, Canara Bank, Union Bank and PNB with 5% each. HDFC Bank topped the charts in credit cards segment with 22%

16. RBI to come out with a 'fraud registry' with IP addresses & contact details of scammers

The Reserve Bank of India is working on a new "fraud registry" ' a reporting mechanism under which data shared by banks with RBI on fraudsters will enable the regulator to blacklist such callers.

The new reporting mechanism will carry details of IP addresses, locations and telephone numbers ' reported by banks to RBI ' of perpetrators defrauding bank customer repeatedly.

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Economy

1. Gross GST Revenue Collected In The Month Of July 2022 Is Rs 1,48,995 Crores, The Second Highest Ever

Over 1,48,995 crore rupees gross GST revenue has been collected in July 2022. Finance Ministry said, GST Revenue collection for July is second highest ever and 28 per cent higher than the revenues in the same month last year.

The government has settled 32 thousand 365 crore rupees to CGST and 26 thousand 774 crore rupees to SGST from IGST.

2. 'Whole of Govt' approach to boost exports

Union Minister Goyal emphasized on a 'Whole of Govt' approach to boost exports. The Minister said this would require exporters, EPCs, Govt Agencies & Indian Missions abroad to work together. Recognizing the crucial role played by EPCs and Industry, Shri Goyal remarked that EPCs & Industry Associations are key to realise 'Local goes Global: India makes for the World'.

3. Health Budget of the country to be hiked to 2.5 percent of GDP

Union Health Minister has said that the government has set a target to increase the Health budget of the country to 2.5 percent of the GDP, which is currently at 1.9 percent. In 2014 the total health budget was to the tune of 33 thousand crore rupees which was increased continuously and now it has reached 83 thousand crore rupees in 2022-23.

4. One Year of announcement of Rice Fortification

A total of 151 Districts (in 24 States) have already lifted fortified rice under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in Phase II of Rice Fortification Programme. Nearly 6.83 LMT have been distributed by the States/UTs under the phase which started from April 1, 2022. And under ICDS and PM POSHAN, nearly 7.36 LMT have been lifted by the States/UTs so far. FSSAI is the regulatory/licensing authority for food fortification.

5. India's Foreign Trade Figures: July 2022

For July 2022: Merchandise exports- USD 36.27 Billion, as compared to USD 35.51 Billion in July 2021, a positive growth of 2.14%.

Merchandise imports- USD 66.27 Billion, which is an increase of 43.61% over imports of USD 46.15 Billion in July 2021.

The merchandise trade deficit in July 2022 was estimated at USD 30 Billion as against USD 10.63 Billion in July 2021. India's biggest export products by value are refined petroleum products.

6. DoT invites participation in demand study for 5G private networks

Department of Telecom plans to undertake demand studies for directly giving 5G spectrum to enterprises willing to set up Captive Non-Public Networks (CNPN). Enterprises with a net worth of more than 100 crores are invited to participate in this exercise. Qualified and keen enterprises are required to submit the details such as ownership, net worth, proposed locations etc. The CNPN licence cannot be used for commercial telecommunications.

7. New Work From Home Guidelines For SEZ (Special Zone) Units By Commerce Ministry

Units in a special economic zone that want to permit work-from-home for employees will have to formulate a scheme and take approval from development commissioners concerned.

In July, the government allowed WFH for a maximum period of one year in a special economic zone (SEZ) unit. The facility can be extended to 50 per cent of total employees.

8. Lupin revising product portfolio in US to overcome price erosion impact

Homegrown pharmaceutical firm LupinLtd is rationalising its product portfolio in the US, transitioning from simple oral solid medicines to more complex generics to overcome the impact of price erosion witnessed in the market

9. US President Joe Biden to Sign \$280 Billion CHIPS Act to Boost US Semiconductor Production

US President Joe Biden is preparing to sign a \$280 billion (roughly Rs. 22,27,410 crore) bipartisan bill to boost domestic high-tech manufacturing, part of his administration's push to boost US competitiveness over China.

10. ICRA projects 13% GDP growth in Q1FY23

India's GDP growth is projected to spike to a four-quarter high 13 per cent in Q1 (April-June) FY23 due to low base of Covid 2.0 and robust recovery in contact-intensive services, according to ICRA. The Q1 FY23 GDP projection is a sharp jump from 4.1 per cent in Q4 FY22. Overall, ICRA expects GDP growth in Q1 FY23 to trail the 16.2 per cent projected by the MPC.

11. India's GDP growth in Q1 FY23 expected at 15.7%: SBI report

India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate in the April-June quarter of the ongoing fiscal is expected at 15.7 percent due to the low base effect and consumption boost post easing of Covid restrictions, says the latest SBI Ecowrap report.

The progress in the economy is seen despite global spillovers, elevated inflation and some slackening of external demand.

12. Telangana tops inflation charts at 8.32%

While headline inflation measured by the CPI has averaged 6.8% in the first seven months of 2022, well above the 6% upper tolerance threshold set by policy makers a dozen States clocked an average inflation of less than 6% and another 12 States averaging over 7%.

Telangana, along with West Bengal (8.06%) and Sikkim (8.01%), report rates well above the nation's 6.8%

Highest inflation during a month this year was recorded in Telangana at 10.05% in June.



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National

1. Lok Sabha passes Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021

The Lok Sabha today passed the Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021, seeking to increase the species protected under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and implement the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, CITES. In the last eight years protected areas in the country have increased from 693 to 987.

2. Projected population of country is 137 crore 55 lakh in current year

The projected population of the country is one hundred thirty seven crore fifty five lakh in the current year. This projection is based on the report of the Technical Group on Population Projection July 2020, chaired by the Registrar General of India.

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

Named 'India ki Udaan', the project executed by Google Arts & Culture celebrates the country's achievements and is "themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years". As part of the countrywide celebrations, Google also announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Culture.

4. Lok Sabha passes Bill to rename arbitration centre

The Lok Sabha passed the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, in 2022 today. The Bill amended the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019. It also renamed the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre the India International Arbitration Centre.

5. Department of Posts with its network of 1.5 lakh Post Offices take 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Programme to every citizen of country

Department of Posts with its omnipresent network of 1.5 lakh Post Offices, has taken 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Programme to every citizen of the country. Within a short span of 10 days, India Post has sold more than 1 crore National Flags, through Post offices as well as online, to citizens. These Flags have been sold by the Department at a very economical price of Rs. 25/- . The length to width ratio of the flag has to be 3:2.

6. Ministry of Culture organized 'Badhe Chalo' programme

The pan India programme Padhe Chalo culminated with a grand finale at the Talkatora Stadium today after 7 days of power packed performances across 70 cities in India. Under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Ministry of Culture organized 'Badhe Chalo' since 5th of August 2022. The current Union Minister of Culture: G Kishan Reddy.

7. Kolkata to host 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show in February 2023

India's booming seafood sector will soon be on display in all its glory as the 23rd edition of the India International Seafood Show (IISS) will be held in Kolkata from February 15-17 next year. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has collaborated with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) to organise the show.

8. Minister Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited to nation

Cabinet Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated new shipyard Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Limited that specialized in inland waterways vessels to the nation.

The facility was developed by Hooghly Cochin Shipyard Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL), at Rs 175 crore.

9. 425 New routes started under UDAN scheme: Govt data

Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) has completed 5 years of success since the launch of its first flight by the Prime Minister on 27th April 2017. The scheme was initiated on 21st October 2016.

With 425 new routes initiated under the scheme, UDAN has provided air connectivity to more than 29 States/ UTs.

10. Cabinet approves interest subvention of 1.5% per annum on Short Term Agriculture Loan upto Rs 3 lakh to ensure adequate credit

The Cabinet has approved interest subvention of 1.5 per cent on Short Term Agriculture Loan upto three lakh rupees. The decision has been taken to ensure adequate credit flow in the agriculture sector. The interest subvention of 1.5 per cent will be provided to lending institutions by the Government.

11. Govt allows retrofitting of CNG and LPG kits in BS-VI compliant vehicles

The government has allowed retrofitting of CNG and LPG kits in petrol and diesel vehicles that are compliant with BS-VI emission norm. As of now, such modifications are permissible only in vehicles that are compliant with BS-IV emission norm. Notification allows CNG and LPG kit on BS (Bharat Stage)-VI gasoline vehicles and replacement of diesel engines with CNG/LPG engines

12. HPCL commences its first Cow dung to Compressed Biogas Project

HPCL commenced its Cowdung to Compressed Biogas Project at Sanchoe, Rajasthan. This will be HPCL's first project under the Waste to Energy portfolio. The project is being developed under GOBAR-Dhan scheme launched by Government of India in Apr'18 as a part of the Biodegradable Waste Management component under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

13. PM Modi to participate in Khadi Utsav in Ahmedabad, inaugurate pedestrian-only Atal Bridge on Sabarmati River

PM Narendra Modi will visit Gujarat and address Khadi Utsav at Sabarmati riverfront in Ahmedabad. Khadi utsav is being organised as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to highlight importance of khadi in country's freedom struggle. PM will inaugurate and lay foundation stone for various projects in Kutch which include country's first earthquake memorial names as smriti van.

14. For the first time since its institution, Supreme Court of India live streams proceedings

The proceedings were live streamed for the ceremonial bench of outgoing CJI Ramana. Following the custom, Justice Ramana shared the bench with CJI-designate Justice UU Lalit, For the first time in its history, the Supreme Court of India live streamed its proceedings. The development came on the day when incumbent Chief Justice NV Ramana is retiring.

15. Smart India Hackathon 2022 organised by Ministry of Education

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Smart India Hackathon 2022 grand finale via video conferencing. The Prime Minister interacted with the participants and discussed the projects they were developing.

Launched in 2017, Smart India Hackathon is a nationwide initiative to provide students a platform to offer out-of-the-box ideas to solve problems in governance.

This year Smart India Hackathon-Junior has also been introduced

16. PM Modi to inaugurate Smritivan at Bhuj in Kutch region of Gujarat

PM Modi will inaugurate Smritivan at Bhuj in Kutch region of Gujarat on August 28th. Smritivan celebrates the spirit of resilience shown by the people of Gujarat following the 2001 earthquake.

Smritivan is a museum built as a tribute to those who lost their lives in the earthquake on January 26, 2001. The earthquake killed over 12,000 people in Kutch.

17. India's first electric double-decker bus unveiled in Mumbai

Union transport Minister Nitin Gadkari on August 18th launched India's first electric double-decker bus at YB Centre in south Mumbai.

Named Switch EiV 22, the double-decker bus will be run by the Mumbai civic transport body from September.

It was built by Ashok Leyland.

18. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority to celebrate Silver Jubilee on 29th August

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority, NPPA will celebrate its Silver Jubilee in New Delhi. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will launch Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0, an integrated responsive cloud-based application. It will provide a single window for submissions of various forms as mandated under Drug Price Control Order, 2013.

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19. World's largest religious monument will soon be in India – with the help of Ford heir

Set to be inaugurated in 2024, Temple of Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal's Mayapur will replace Cambodia's 12th-century built Angkor Wat complex as the world's largest religious structure.

It is bigger than the Taj Mahal and St Paul's Cathedral in Vatican.

Alfred Ford, great grandson of legendary businessman Henry Ford & heir to Ford Motors, is the chairman of this project.

International

1. ASEAN bars Myanmar from its meetings till peace plan shows progress

The ASEAN regional grouping has said that Myanmar will not be allowed to participate in any of its meetings till it shows progress on the peace plan. The regional grouping expressed its concern over the prolonged political crisis in Myanmar and execution of four opposition activists.

2. Indonesia, U.S. troops hold live-fire drill as China tensions mount

Thousands of troops from Indonesia, the United States, and allies held a live-fire drill on 12th August as part of Washington's efforts to prevent a regional conflict after China's "destabilising actions" around Taiwan.

The exercise in Indonesia known as "Super Garuda Shield" came after Beijing staged unprecedented war games around Taiwan.

India participated as observer nations.

3. Germany inaugurates world's first hydrogen-powered train fleet

German officials launched what they say is the world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains, replacing 15 diesel trains that previously operated on nonelectrified tracks in the state of Lower Saxony. The 14 trains use hydrogen fuel cells to generate electricity that powers the engines. The currency of Germany- Euro The capital of Germany- Berlin

4. Mali appoints government spokesman Abdoulaye Maiga as interim prime minister

The head of the junta in Mali, Colonel Assimi Goita has appointed another colonel, Minister Abdoulaye Maiga, as interim Prime Minister to replace civilian Choguel Kokalla Maga, who was hospitalised a few days ago. Colonel Abdoulaye Maga, Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation is designated to ensure the interim of Choguel Kokalla Maiga, Prime Minister

5. South Korea breaks its own record for world's lowest fertility rate

South Korea has once again shattered its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate as it faces the prospect of its population of 51 million people more than halving by the end of this century.

According to a Bloomberg report, Korean women were estimated, based on 2021 data, to have an average of just 0.81 children over their lifetimes, down from 0.84 a year earlier. No. of newborns declined last yr to 260,600, which equates to about 0.5% of the population



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Sports

1. CWG 2022: Achinta Sheuli Smashes Games Record To Give India 3rd Gold

Achinta Sheuli smashed the Games record by lifting a total of 313kg to win the gold medal in the men's 73kg category. Sheuli first broke the Games record twice in the Snatch round, lifting 140kg and 143kg. He then lifted 166kg and 170kg in the clean and jerk round to register a Games record for the overall weight. Weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga Won Gold In Men's 67kg Final.

2. Commonwealth Games: Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claims Silver; Tejaswin Shankar bags bronze in Men's high jump

Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claimed Silver medal in women's 78 kg category after suffering a defeat against Scotland's Sarah Adlington at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham. This is India's third medal in Judo this Commonwealth Games. Indian weightlifter Gurdeep Singh bagged the bronze medal in the men's 109-plus kg final with a combined weight of 390kg.

3. Major Dhyan Chand Stadium to host Phase 1 of 1st Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16)

Following the success of the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21) held over three phases in New Delhi and Lucknow earlier this year, a similar league for U-16 girls is scheduled to start on August 16 at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in the national capital. The Sports Authority of India has allocated a total of Rs 53.72 lakhs for 3 phases of the competition.

4. Inaugural edition of Women's IPL to be held in March 2023

The much-awaited Women's IPL will be starting from March 2023 to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams.

A March window has been found for the tournament after the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

5. Tata Steel Chess India to Introduce Women's Tournament in 4th Edition

The 4th edition of Tata Steel Chess India was announced with the introduction of a Women's Edition of the tournament. The open tournament has been on for three editions now and in its fourth edition, TSCI will have a women's tournament with the same format ' rapid and blitz.

The tournament will take place from November 29 ' December 4, 2022 in Kolkata.

Viswanathan Anand is Ambassador of Tata Steel Chess India

6. Uzbekistan will host the Chess Olympiad 2026

Uzbekistan will host the Chess Olympiad 2026, the International Chess Federation (FIDE), announced in a tweet.

After the inspection visit, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) will choose the venue of the 2026 World Chess Olympiad in Uzbekistan from two proposals ' Tashkent or Samarkand.

Uzbekistan won the gold medal in the open event at 44th Chennai Chess Olympiad.

7. Rajnath Singh interacts with Commonwealth Games 2022 participants from three Armed Forces

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on August 12th interacted with the sportspersons from three Armed Forces who participated in the recently-concluded Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.

India finished 4th in the medal tally with 22 Gold, 16 Silver and 23 Bronze medals and with a total of 61 medals at the Commonwealth Games.

8. Paralympian Rahul Jakhar wins Gold in 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup

Paralympian Rahul Jakhar wins Gold, Avani Lekhara Silver while Pooja Agarwal bags Bronze on Day one of 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea. Rahul won the Gold in 25 metre competition, in the same category, Pooja picks Bronze. Two time Paralympic winner won the Silver in 10 metre event.

9. India wins bronze in Asian Men's U18 Volleyball Championship 2022; qualifies for U19 Worlds

India defeated South Korea 3-2 to win bronze in the 14th Asian Men's U18 Volleyball Championship in Tehran.

South Korea, who was the 1999 Champions and silver medallists at the previous edition, had already suffered defeat in the hands of India in straight sets in the pool stage.

10. James Anderson becomes most successful pacer in international cricket, bags 950 wickets

James Anderson became the most successful pace bowler in the history of international cricket.

The 40-year-old ageless pace legend accomplished this feat in the second Test against South Africa in Manchester's Old Trafford.

Now, he has overtaken Glenn McGrath (949 wickets) to become the sport's leading pacer. In 287 matches, Anderson has taken 951 wickets.

Agreements & MoUs

1. India and Maldives sign six agreements following talks between PM Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih

Both sides reviewed bilateral ties and discussed ways to strengthen linkages in areas of development partnership, trade, connectivity and P2P ties, among others. Six agreements were exchanged following the delegation level talks yesterday in areas including cyber security, disaster management, and infrastructure.

2. IISc signs MoU with Indian Navy for collaborative research

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Navy have signed an MoU to collaborate on aviation research and development, and to ramp up self-reliance efforts for the Navy in line with the goals of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. The MoU, signed, provides a formal basis for the Navy to interact with relevant faculty members at IISc and will promote joint research.

3. IIT Madras partners with National Institute of Siddha

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-Madras) has partnered with National Institute of Siddha (NIS), a Centre of Excellence for Research and Higher Education in Siddha system of medicine in Chennai, on training, research and clinical studies.

4. Indian Army And Drone Federation of India Sign MoU To Make Drones For Military Operations

Indian Army's Army Design Bureau (ADB) and Drone Federation of India (DFI) have inked an MoU to make drones to be used in the Indian Army operations.

Under the MoU, DFI & ADB will collaborate on roadmap planning, research, testing, manufacturing, and adoption of drones, counter-drone, and associated technologies that are to be utilised by the Indian Army in its operations. Smit Shah : President at Drone Federation of India

5. MoU signed between NHIDCL and NSDC for collaboration in skill development initiatives

A MoU was signed between MD, NHIDCL (National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited) and COO & Officiating CEO NSDC (National Skill Development Corporation) on 08.08.2022. The MoU provides a formal basis interaction between NHIDCL and NSDC, and will play a significant role in realizing the aims and objectives of Prime Minister's skill development program.

6. MoU signed between Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)

An MoU was signed between Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for providing technical support to Ministry of Ayush for digitalisation of Ayush Sector under the Ayush Grid project for a period of 3 years. This MoU is continuation of the earlier MoU, which was signed in the year 2019. 'The Ayush Grid project' was initiated by Ministry of Ayush in 2018.

7. Amazon India, COHANDS to promote digital inclusion of over 50,000 artisans

Amazon India has joined hands with the Council of Handicrafts Development Corporations (COHANDS) to encourage digital inclusion of over 50,000 artisans and weavers associated with over 100 craft clusters and specific interventions across India under the Amazon Karigar program. The collaboration will impact 55 artisanal clusters which are funded by MoMSME's SFURTI. COHANDS is an apex body of 30 Central & State Govt. Handicrafts Development Corporations.

8. IAF signs MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University for academic collaboration

The Indian Air Force (IAF) signed a MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) to enable the pursuit of academics by the IAF personnel in various contemporary subjects. It enables the pursuit of academics by the Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel in various contemporary subjects, besides promoting R&D in niche areas of mutual interest. Current Air Chief Marshal: Vivek Ram Chaudhari.

9. CSC e-Governance Services partners UN migrant body to make key services accessible to migrants

Government managed CSC e-Governance Services India has announced its partnership with the International Organization for Migration-United Nations' India Mission to establish Migrant Resource Centres (MRC) in Tamil Nadu. The government agency, CSC e-Governance Services, has signed a MoU in this regard.

10. Blockchain based Sire signs MoU with Goa Police to implement a smart policing solution

Goa Police has announced that it has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Sire, a fifth generation blockchain network company, at its crime branch office in Ribandar to go digital. The MoU was signed by Nidhin Valsan, Indian Police Service (IPS), Superintendent of Police (SP) Crime, on behalf of Goa Police and Pratik Gauri, founder and CEO, Sire.

11. Government approves StartUp loan for 'compostable' plastic

The government approved a startup loan of Rs 1.15 crore to a bioplastics firm for commercialising "compostable" plastic and mitigating the usage of Single Use Plastics. An MoU was signed between the Technology Development Board, statutory body under Department of Science & Tech, and TGP Bioplastics Private Limited for manufacturing and commercialisation of compostable plastic

12. BSF signs MoU with IRCTC to ensure safety and security of booking data, other facilities

The Border Security Force (BSF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to ensure the safety and security of booking data under its air e-ticket service for the troops of India's border guarding force.

This service will provide a dedicated online portal with a credit facility of 60 days. BSF guards 3,323 km of India-Pakistan and 4,096 km India-Bangladesh borders.

13. TCS gets into partnership with five star bank to offer hyper-personalised customer experience

Tata Consultancy Services Limited (TCS) has partnered with Five Star Bank, a subsidiary of Financial Institutions Inc, to aid it in determining lending risks and delivering hyper-personalised customer experiences.

TCS will use its customer intelligence & insights (CI&I) analytics platform to assist Five Star Bank in real-time customer engagement across numerous channels. Five Star Bank offers consumer & commercial loan services in central and western New York

14. Wipro wins multi-year integration deal from HM Treasury

India's fourth largest software exporter Wipro announced a multi-year service integration and management services from UK Government agency HM Treasury.

Wipro and the UK Government department will collaborate strategy, design, and implementation to day-to-day coordination of service integration across its vendors

15. IREDA signs MoU with MAHAPREIT to provide loans for Green Energy projects

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. signed an MoU with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. a wholly owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% owned by Govt. of India and 51% owned by Govt. of Maharashtra) In accordance with the MoU, IREDA will offer financing facilities to MAHAPREIT for the Renewable Energy projects to be implemented for state

16. Hero Electric partners with Jio-bp for charging, battery swapping

In a development that is expected to boost electric vehicle (EV) adoption and mobility in India, Hero Electric is set to partner with Jio-bp to strengthen mobility solutions for electric two-wheelers. Under this proposed partnership, the customers of Hero Electric are expected to get access to the widespread charging and swapping network of Jio-bp.

17. NHPC inks pact with Himachal Pradesh for 500 MW Dugar hydro project

State-owned hydro power giant NHPC has inked a pact with the Himachal Pradesh government for the implementation of 500 MW Dugar Hydroelectric Project in Chamba district.

Earlier, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for 449 MW Dugar Hydro Electric Project was signed between NHPC and government of Himachal Pradesh on September 25, 2019.

Dugar Hydroelectric Project is expected to generate 1,759.85 million units in a year.

18. AirAsia India becomes the first airline in India to use AI-powered CAE Rise Training System

AirAsia India is collaborating with CAE to integrate the CAE Rise Training System into the airline's simulator training programme, making it the first airline in India to adopt a data-driven programme using CAE Rise. The AI-powered technology leverages analytics to deliver a higher quality of training providing real-time data.

19. L&T Technology bags 5-year deal from BMW Group in the infotainment domain

L&T Technology Services (LTTS), a leading global pure-play engineering services company has won a 5-year, multi-million-dollar deal from German luxury vehicle maker BMW Group to provide high-end engineering services for the company's suite of infotainment consoles targeted for its family of hybrid vehicles.

20. India Partners With Sweden For Smart Airports, To Boost Sustainability In Aviation Sector

Airports Authority of India signed MoU with Sweden's LFV Air Navigation Services for the rapid development of next-gen smart airports & to build sustainable transportation.

The MoU was signed between AAI & Sweden's LFV, which provides air traffic management and air navigation services at several locations in Sweden and internationally.

21. MoU signed between PCIM&H and IPC for 'One Herb, One Standard'

MoU was signed between Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy (Ministry of Ayush) and Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (Ministry of Health & Family Welfare) in New Delhi for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for promotion and facilitation of 'One Herb, One Standard'.

MoU will help in standardization of Traditional medicine by sharing information.

22. AFI partners with HSBC India to support young women athletes

Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced its partnership with HSBC India to support women athletes of the country, especially the youngsters.

Under the partnership, promising girls will be picked from the National Inter District Championships for Under-14 and Under-16 categories and would be nurtured to perform on the global stage.



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Schemes

1. Convergence of leprosy screening under Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK)

The Government is implementing the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) with the goal of making India leprosy free. NLEP is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme under the umbrella of National Health Mission (NHM).

2. Digital version of One District-One Product gift catalogue

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has unveiled the digital version of the One District-One Product (ODOP) gift catalogue. The ODOP gift catalogue is a step towards realizing the potential of all districts in the country and will give global recognition to the country's diverse indigenous products. ODOP aims to select, brand, and promote One Product from each District of India.

3. One Nation One Ration Card completes 3 years

The scheme has now been implemented all over the country with Assam being the latest state to join the initiative in June 2022. The ONORC, which was launched as a pilot project on August 9, 2019 in four states, has completed three years. This system allows all NFSA beneficiaries, particularly the migrant beneficiaries, to claim either full or part of their entitled part THE NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT was passed in 2013

4. Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched 'SMILE-75 Initiative'.

In the spirit of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise' named as 'SMILE-75 Initiative'.

MoSJE allocated a total budget of Rs.100 crore for the SMILE project till 2025-26.

5. Centre to conduct survey on sanitation workers involved in unsafe acts

The survey, being conducted by the Ministry Social Justice and Empowerment, will cover 500 Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) cities under the Centre's National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE).

6. Indian Railways Launches Operation Yatri Suraksha To Improve Passenger Safety

To improve the security of passengers, the Indian Railway along with the Railway Protection Force (RPF), have launched a pan-India operation known as Operation Yatri Suraksha. Under this initiative, several steps are taken to provide round-the-clock security to passengers.

7. Karnataka Bank launches new deposit scheme as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

Karnataka Bank has launched a new term deposit 'KBL Amrit Samridhi' to celebrate 75 years of Independence (Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav). The interest rate for this 75-week (525 days) term deposit scheme is 6.10 per cent per annum. With the new product, KBL Amrit Samridhi, the bank extends the benefit of an increase in the interest rates to the customers.

8. Goa becomes 1st Har Ghar Jal certified State, Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman, Diu the 1st UT in the country

Goa has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu the first Union Territory in the country.

In this State and UT, people from all the villages have declared their village as Har Ghar Jal through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha. Jal Jeevan Mission was launched in August 2019.

9. NIPAM achieves target of training 1 million students on Intellectual Property (IP) awareness

National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) has achieved target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and basic training to 1 million students on 31st July 2022, ahead of the deadline which was 15 August 2022.

NIPAM, a flagship program to impart IP awareness and basic training, was launched on 8 Dec 2021 as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. 3662 Educational Institutions in 28 States and 7 UTs covered

10. Bhupender Yadav participates in 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' campaign by Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav participated in the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' campaign, which aims at promoting environmental sustainability, at Puducherry.

'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' campaign is a 75-day citizen-led initiative aimed at improving coastal and ocean health via community action. The campaign began on July 5, 2022, and will end on September 17, 2022. September 17 is the International Coastal Clean-up Day.

Appointments & Resignations

1. Director General of SSB, S L Thaosen takes additional charge of ITBP

Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal, SSB Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen today took over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi. Dr. Thaosen is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre. IPS Sanjay Arora handed over the charge and customary baton to Dr. Thaosen. Raised in 1962, the ITBP guards Indo-China borders.

2. Suresh N Patel sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner

Suresh N. Patel was sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner. He made and subscribed the oath of his office before President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju, Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and other dignitaries were present

3. India's full support to Philippines' development

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. for his victory in the presidential election. He will be the 17th President of the Philippines. Both the leaders reviewed various areas of bilateral engagement, and expressed satisfaction at the rapid growth of co-operation between the two countries in recent years.

4. Piyush Goyal appointed NATGRID CEO by the Union government

Piyush Goyal, a 1994 batch IAS officer of Nagaland cadre, has been appointed as the new NATGRID CEO by the Union government as it issued an order on Wednesday for posting 26 other officers to the rank of additional secretary.

Goyal is currently serving as an additional secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs. NATGRID came into existence after the 2008 Mumbai attacks.

5. Airtel gets shareholders' nod for re-appointment of Gopal Vittal as managing director for 5 years

Bharti Airtel's shareholders have approved the re-appointment of Gopal Vittal as managing director of the company for a period of five years with effect from February 1, 2023. Over 97 per cent of total votes polled were in favour of the resolution, and the same "has been passed with requisite majority", the telco said in a regulatory filing on the outcome of its AGM.

6. Dabur India Chairman Amit Burman steps down; Mohit Burman to take over

Mohit Burman has been appointed as the non-executive chairman for five years with effect from August 11. He is currently the non-executive vice chairman of the company.

The company has also appointed Saket Burman as the non-executive vice chairman for five years.

7. Kushvinder Vohra nominated as President of Indian Water Resources Society

Kushvinder Vohra, Member (Water Planning & Projects), Central Water Commission & Ex-Officio Additional Secretary to Government of India, was nominated as President of Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS) for a period of 2023-2025.

IWRS is a society having headquarter at IIT Roorkee and its Executive office at Delhi.

8. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ros of Argentina appointed UNMOGIP Head of Mission, Chief Military Observer

UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres has appointed a veteran Argentinean naval officer as Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).

Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ros of Argentina succeeds Major General Jos Eladio Alcan of Uruguay, who will shortly complete his assignment. UNMOGIP headquarters: Islamabad

9. DCGI chief Venugopal Somani's tenure extended by 3 months

The tenure of Dr V G Somani as the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has been extended by three months.

DCGI heads the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) which is responsible to ensure the quality of drug supply across the country.

Dr Somani was appointed DCGI for a term of three years on August 14, 2019.

10. FSIB recommends Mohammad Mustafa as NABARD Chairman

The Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) recommended Mohammad Mustafa as the Chairman of NABARD.

Mustafa, a 1995 batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, served as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of SIDBI.

The final decision on the recommendation of FSIB would be taken by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, headed by PM Modi.

11. Gates Foundation appoints Indian philanthropist Ashish Dhawan to its board of trustees

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation on Thursday announced the appointment of Indian philanthropist Ashish Dhawan, founder and CEO of Convergence Foundation, to its board of trustees. The Gates Foundation has been working in collaboration with the Indian government and other partners since 2003 on various issues, including health care, sanitation, gender equality, agriculture

12. Scotland museum signs deal to return seven ancient artefacts to India

Seven artefacts, including a stone door jamb stolen from a Hindu temple in Uttar Pradesh, has been transferred back to India by Glasgow's museums as part of Scotland's 'largest-ever' repatriation of objects from a single collection. Glasgow Life, a charitable organisation which runs the city's museums, had confirmed the handover. Scotland Capital: Edinburgh; Currency: Pound sterling.

13. Debasisa Mohanty appointed director of National Institute of Immunology

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Dr. Debasisa Mohanty to the post of Director, National Institute of Immunology, with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post and up to the age of his superannuation.

Also, the ministry said Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj has been given additional charge as Corporate Affairs secretary.

14. Former Google executive Sajith Sivanandan appointed as EVP and Head of Disney+ Hotstar

Disney International has appointed former Google Pay managing director Sajith Sivanandan as executive vice president and head of Disney+ Hotstar to oversee its overall business operations in India, and chart a product roadmap for the over-the-top (OTT) streaming service.

He started his career with Star TV in India and managed the North India market for Channel V.

15. IDFC appoints Mahendra Shah as MD & CEO effective from October 1

The IDFC board approved the appointment of Mahendra N Shah as managing director-designate of the company with immediate effect. The term of Sunil Kakar as managing director & CEO of the company will end on 30 September 2022. Shah is the Company Secretary & Compliance Officer of IDFC Limited since May 24, 2019. IDFC is a financial services company in India and it advances infrastructure development

16. Justice U U Lalit sworn in as 49th Chief Justice of India

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit sworn-in as Chief Justice of India. President Draupadi Murmu administered him oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. He succeeds Justice NV Ramana. Justice UU Lalit will be in office for 74 days, a tenure shorter than average.

17. Nagesh Singh appointed India's ambassador to Thailand

Nagesh Singh, presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Thailand.

Singh will be replacing ambassador Suchitra Durai and is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

Nagesh Singh is a 1995 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) who has served as Consul General of India in Atlanta.

Awards

1. Ahmedabad University prof Ramadhar Singh becomes first Indian psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame

The extraordinary contributions to social psychology and management by Ramadhar Singh, currently a Distinguished University Professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management of Ahmedabad University have been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in the United States. He is the only social psychologist to get this honour.

2. 107 Gallantry awards announced for Armed Forces and CAPF personnel

President Droupadi Murmu has approved 107 Gallantry awards to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2022. These include three Kirti Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakras, two Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (Gallantry), one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) and seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

3. 67th Filmfare Awards: Ranveer Singh wins for '83', Kriti Sanon for 'Mimi'

Ranveer Singh bagged the Best Actor award for '83', Kriti Sanon was adjudged the Best Actress for her performance in 'Mimi'.

Vicky Kaushal won the Best Actor - Critics' Choice for 'Sardar Uddham' and Vidya Balan bagged the Best Actress-Critics' Choice for 'Sherni'.

'Shershaah' bagged as many as seven awards at the 67th Filmfare Awards 2022.

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Ranks & Reports

1. India's power consumption grows 3.8 pc to 128.38 bn units in July

India's power consumption grew marginally by 3.8 per cent year-on-year to 128.38 billion units (BU) in July amid widespread rains in the country, according to power ministry data. Power consumption in July last year was recorded at 123.72 BU, which was higher than 112.14 BU in the same month of 2020. The peak power supply stood at 200.53 GW in July 2021. BU means billion units, equal to terrawatt hour (TWh), a unit of energy used in India.

2. Savitri Jindal is now Asia's richest woman

Asia's wealthiest woman Yang Huiyan lost more than half of her wealth following China's property crisis. With a dramatic fall in Yang Huiyan's wealth, Savitri Jindal now became Asia's richest woman. Jindal, 72, is India's richest woman and the 10th-richest person in the country of about 1.4 billion.

3. National Family Health Survey 5 - Malnutrition data

As per the recently released report of the National Family Health Survey 5 (NFHS 5, 2019-21) the incidence of malnutrition among women when compared with NFHS 4 (2015-16) data indicates an improvement of 4.2 percentage points in the malnutrition rate among women as compared to men where a 4 percentage point change is observed.

4. 'Cyber Pravah' Newsletter of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) of Ministry of Home Affairs released

The Special Secretary (Internal Security) released 'Cyber Pravah' Newsletter of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Cyber and Information Security Division (CIS) of the MHA. I4C is also spreading mass awareness through various social media handles in the name of 'CyberDost' by providing cyber safety tips at frequent intervals for the public. The I4C was set up under the CIS Division in 2018.

5. Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister's Office most trusted institutions, says survey

Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister of India are the three most trusted institutions in the country, according to a survey by Ipsos India. The Supreme Court of India came fourth and it was followed by CBI. Defence Forces with at least 2 in 3 (65 per cent of respondents) reposing faith in them was ranked first, followed by Reserve Bank of India with 1 in 2 (50 per cent).

Prime Minister of India as an institution was at the third spot with 49 per cent citizens

6. 2050 Net-Zero Target Can Boost India's GDP By 7.3 Per Cent By 2032: Report

Achieving net zero emissions by 2070 could boost India's economy by as much as 4.7 per cent above the projected baseline growth in GDP terms by 2036 ' worth a total of USD 371 billion, illustrates modelling and research commissioned by the High-level Policy Commission on Getting Asia to Net Zero. Households could save as much as USD 9.7 billion in energy costs by 2060.

7. Railways tops CVC list for ignoring advice to punish corrupt officers

Railways Ministry has topped the list of government departments that did not adhere to Central Vigilance Commission's (CVC) advice against corrupt officials and concluded cases as per its own disciplinary procedures, according to the CVC's latest annual report.

Annual report for 2021 found 55 such instances across government departments, 11 of them in Railways.

8. RBI launches Sept round of inflation expectations survey of households

The survey aims at capturing subjective assessments on price movements and inflation, based on their individual consumption baskets, across 19 cities, viz, Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Jammu, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Raipur, Ranchi and Thiruvananthapuram.

M/s Hansa Research Group Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai has been engaged to conduct the survey

Important Days

1. Muslim Women's Rights Day 2022 | August 1

Muslim Women's Rights Day is observed every year on the first of August to celebrate the enforcement of the law against the 'Triple Talaq' rule among Muslims. The Central Government of India on 01 August 2019, enacted a law against the Triple Talaq according to which Instant or Triple Talaq was declared a criminal offense. The new law was welcomed by all the women in India.

2. 80 Years Of Quit India Movement- August 8th

The Quit India movement was started on August 8, 1942, in the Bombay Session under the direction of Mahatma Gandhi. To end British rule in India was the movement's main goal. In his address urging people to leave India, delivered in Bombay, Gandhi used the maxim "do or die." Even though the then-British government attempted to stifle the movement by imprisoning Congressmen.

3. World Lion Day 2022 | 10th August

August 10 is observed as the World Lion Day. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation. Lions are silently in danger of going extinct worldwide. In 2013, the first World Lion Day was observed. Dereck and Beverly Joubert, from the Big Cat Initiative and National Geographic, founded it. Lions are designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by IUCN.

4. World Humanitarian Day - August 19

World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is celebrated every year on 19 August. The day is recognized globally to pay tribute and homage to the brave hearts who leave no stone unturned to come forward and work towards a humanitarian cause.

The theme for this year is 'to show the importance, effectiveness, and positive impact of humanitarian work'.

5. World Photography Day - August 19

World Photography Day is celebrated on August 19 every year. The day focuses on the art, craft and science of photography. It celebrates how a picture captures the essence, emotion and mood of a moment in time.

The first permanent photo of an object was captured by French Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in 1826. The theme of World Photography Day 2022 is "Pandemic Lockdown through the lens."

6. World Mosquito Day| August 20

World Mosquito day is observed on August 20 in order to honour Sir Ronald Ross who discovered the link between mosquitoes and the transmission of malaria in the year 1897. Since the 1930s, The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has been organising an event every year to pay tribute to the British doctor's work. Malaria is disproportionately the highest in the WHO African Region.

7. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism 21 August

International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on August 21 each year in memory of the victims of terrorism. The day is observed to show the victims of terrorism that they are not forgotten and they are respected and recognised across the world.

8. World Senior Citizen's Day | August 21

World Senior Citizen's Day is celebrated each year on August 21 to recognise the achievements of the more mature representatives of the world. The day provides an opportunity to show appreciation towards senior citizens for their dedication, accomplishments, and services they give throughout their lives.

9. International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief | 22 August

The General Assembly, in its resolution in 2019, designated 22 August as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief recognizing the importance of providing victims of acts of violence based on religion or belief and members of their families with appropriate support and assistance in accordance with applicable law.

10. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition | 23 August

The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is an international day celebrated on August 23 of each year, the day designated by UNESCO to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade.

UNESCO Member States organize events every year on that date, inviting participation from young people, educators, artists and intellectuals. The theme for this year is 'Decolonisation.'

11. World Water Week 2022 | August 23 - September 1

World Water Week is held the last week of August every year and was initially part of a public water festival in the Swedish capital, Stockholm. It is the leading annual event on global water issues, organized by Stockholm International Water Institute since 1991. In 2022, it is held between Aug 23rd- Sep 1st. SDG Goal 6 is about "clean water and sanitation for all". World Water Week 2022 will be held on the theme "Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water"

12. International Day against Nuclear Tests | 29 August

On 2 December 2009, the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly declared 29 August the International Day against Nuclear Tests. The resolution was initiated by the Republic of Kazakhstan, together with a large number of sponsors and cosponsors with a view to commemorating the closure of the Semipalatinsk Nuclear Test site on 29 August 1991.

13. NATIONAL SPORTS DAY | 29 August

India celebrates National Sports Day on 29th August to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey legend, Major Dhyan Chand. The day is also dedicated to the nations' sports heroes and champions, honoring their contribution and dedication towards bringing laurels to the country. The day was first observed in 2012.

14. International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances | 30 August

The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and decided to declare 30 August the International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances, to be observed beginning in 2011. On 21 December 2010, the UN General Assembly expressed its deep concern about the increase in enforced or involuntary disappearances in various regions.

15. National Small Industry Day | 30 August

The country observes the National Small Industry Day every year on August 30 to recognise the importance and contribution of the small-scale businesses in India. The small-scale sector plays a key role and is a major growth indicator in the Indian economy. The National Small Industry Day is celebrated across the country to encourage the development and growth of the sector



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Summit & Conferences

1. 80th Annual Convocation Of The Sugar Technologist's Association Of India Held In Goa

The 80th Annual Convocation of The Sugar Technologist's Association of India was organized at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium, Goa on 28th and 29th July 2022.

78 companies involved in the manufacture and supply of sugar & ethanol plant machinery, sugarcane harvesting equipment, and technology providers are also participating in the convention. Prof. Narendra Mohan, Director, National Sugar Institute.

2. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurates the exhibition, 'Saga of Freedom - Known and Lesser-Known Struggles'

Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs inaugurated an exhibition - 'Saga of Freedom: Known & Lesser-known Struggle' in New Delhi today. The exhibition is organized by the National Archives of India. This exhibition is based on original government documents, cartographic records, newspapers, private papers, contemporary photographs.

3. Union Health Secretary inaugurates 3rd National Conference on 'ERMED Consortium: Digital Health Resources: A reality'

National Medical Library's Electronic Resources in Medicine (NML-ERMED) Consortium is the flagship electronic resources consortium by Directorate General of Health Services(DGHS) & Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, wherein access to 228 eJournals are being provided round the clock to 71 state and centrally funded Government Institutions including all AIIMS. As of 2022, a total of 19 AIIMS colleges are operational in India.

4. NMDC & FICCI to organise Conference on Indian Minerals & Metal Industry

NMDC, Country's largest Iron Ore producer, a CPSE under Ministry of Steel and FICCI will be organizing a conference on the Indian minerals and metals industry on the theme 'Transition Towards 2030 & Vision 2047' on 23rd and 24th August at New Delhi. The key objective of the event is to have deliberations on roadmap for minerals & metals sector to achieve the 'Vision 2047'. India produces 95 minerals: fuel, atomic, metallic, non-metallic and minor minerals etc.

5. Amit Shah inaugurated 2-day National Security Strategies Conference 2022; NAFIS by NCRB was also launched.

Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated a two day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference 2022 in New Delhi. NAFIS was launched as well.

The Conference is being attended by 600 officers from across the country, physically and virtually.

National Automated Fingerprint Identification System - NAFIS

6. The India Clean Air Summit 2022 begins in Bengaluru

The fourth edition of the India Clean Air Summit began in Bengaluru with global experts set to discuss an integrated approach to resolving air pollution and climate change. The summit has been organised by think-tanks Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP).

7. BioAsia 2023 to be held in February 24-26 In 2023

The 20 th edition of BioAsia, the marquee life sciences and health tech event, hosted by the Government of Telangana, will be conducted from February 24-26, 2023.

Minister for Industries and Commerce, KT Rama Rao, has launched the logo and the theme 'Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanized healthcare' of BioAsia 2023.

8. Millet conclave 2022 at University of Agricultural Sciences in Raichur of Karnataka

UAS, Raichur & NABARD organized a two-day Millets Conclave in collaboration with the Agriculture and allied departments.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced providing Rs 25 crore under the NABARD's rural infrastructure development fund to UAS for establishment of incubation centre for processing and value addition for promotion of millets. UNGA has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Millets.

9. LG Sinha inaugurates 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 at New Delhi

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at New Delhi.

The Expo provides a much needed platform to SMEs, startups, trade, industry, service providers to explore new opportunities, buyers-sellers meet, sharing knowledge about central/state's/UTs schemes etc.

Science & Technology

1. Aurangabad smart city first in India to get Google's environmental insights data

The Aurangabad Smart City Development Corporation Limited (ASCDCL) Aurangabad has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google. Google has a feature called EIE, which helps cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions.

2. Govt eases Malonylurea (Barbituric Acid) & salts import policy

The government eased the policy for import of compounds containing a pyrimidine ring or piperazine ring in the structure : Malonylurea (Barbituric Acid) and its salts.

India imported \$8.09 million of Malonylurea (Barbituric Acid) and its salts in FY22 and \$1.9 million in April-May 2022-23.

3. ISRO to send Small Satellite Launch Vehicle

ISRO will send a small satellite launch vehicle from Sriharikota. It is a three-stage vehicle with all solid propulsion stages. The mission is to launch Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-02, and a co-passenger satellite, 'Azaadi SAT', into low earth orbit. The 'Azaadi SAT' is designed by 750 girl students of government schools in rural areas from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.

4. ICAR develops indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle

In a major breakthrough, two institutes of agri research body ICAR have developed an indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle which has spread across many states in the last few months. The Centre plans to commercialise this vaccine, developed by the two institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at the earliest in order to control the disease.

5. NIPAM achieves target of training 1 million students on Intellectual Property (IP) awareness

National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) has achieved target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and basic training to 1 million students on 31st July 2022, ahead of the deadline which was 15 August 2022.

6. Union Minister Jitendra Singh unveils India's first Saline Water Lantern

Dr Jitendra Singh has launched India's first Saline Water Lantern which uses the sea water as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps.

He unveiled the first-of-its kind lantern named 'Roshni' during a visit to SAGAR ANVESHKA, a Coastal Research Vessel, operated and used by the NIOT, Chennai for coastal research.

7. Launching of ISRO's Virtual Space Museum 'SPARK'

While the country is celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav ' the 75th year of Independence, ISRO has come up with an innovative idea of showcasing digital content pertaining to various ISRO missions in an interactive manner. The Virtual Space Museum 'SPARK' was launched by Secretary, DOS / Chairman, ISRO on 10.08.2022 for the public use.

8. Russia launches Iranian satellite into space from Kazakhstan base

A high-resolution Iranian-owned satellite has been launched into space from a base in Kazakhstan on board a Russian rocket, amid speculation about its uses.

The remote-sensing Khayyam satellite, which Iran has said it wants to use for non-military purposes, was successfully launched on Tuesday, according to footage aired live by Iranian state television.

9. DEPwD to introduce 3D printing technology replacing manual customisation of prosthetics

Central govt's department of empowerment of persons with disabilities (DEPwD) is gearing up to introduce 3D printing technology to gradually replace manual customisation of devices like artificial limbs and spinal braces to enhance mobility.

Delhi based PDUNIPPD tested the tech on Delhi based 18 year old Payal Solanki, who is the first recipient of a 3D printed spinal brace PDUNIPPD:Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities

Defence

1. Indian, Chinese troops to take part in Vostok-2022 military exercises in Russia

China said that its troops will take part in the Vostok-2022 military exercises in Russia to be held later this month.

India, Belarus, Tajikistan, Mongolia, and other countries will also participate in the drills.

Last year also, India attended Exercise ZAPAD 2021 drills in Russia in which 17 countries including China and Pakistan took part.

The Vostok-2022 exercises will be held from August 30 - September 5.

2. Indian Navy's AK-630 gun gets first made in India ammunition

Prime Minister's Make in India in the defence sector received a major boost as the Indian Navy received the first-ever completely made in India 30mm ammunition. The ammunition will be used in AK-630 guns, which is fitted on warships. It was the first time that the services had placed an order on the Indian private industry to deliver complete gun ammunition.

3. India's first naval shooting range opened in Vizag

A first of its kind in India, Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) was inaugurated by Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag-Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command at INS Karna, on the premises of INS Kalinga near Bheemili.

4. India, Tanzania decide to set up task force to prepare 5-year roadmap for defence cooperation

India and Tanzania decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation.

The decision was taken during wide-ranging talks between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his visiting Tanzanian counterpart, Stergomona Lawrence Tax. Tanzania: Currency: shilling; Capital: Dodoma

5. Inauguration of Taurus Sainik Aramgrah, a first of its kind facility by Indian Army and DMRC.

Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri inaugurated the Taurus Sainik Aramgrah at Delhi Cantt.

The facility is constructed by Indian Army in collaboration with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation as an Equal Value Infrastructure Project.

It is constructed primarily to ensure comfortable stay of serving/retired defence personnel including their dependents who come to Delhi for medical treatment.

Lt Gen Nav K Khanduri, AVSM, VSM is GOC-in-C of Western Command

6. Indian Naval Ship Sumedha visits Port Klang in Malaysia

As part of the Indian Navy's long-range operational deployment, Indian Naval Ship, INS Sumedha visited Port Klang of Malaysia.

The ship is on her return passage from Perth, Australia where she participated in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

INS Sumedha is also scheduled to participate in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with Royal Malaysian Navy Ships.

7. Indian Coast Guard conducts Exercise SAREX 22 in Chennai

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted the 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX - 22) in Chennai.

Exercise 'SAREX-2022' was reviewed by Indian Coast Guard chief VS Pathania along with other agencies and foreign participants.

The theme of this edition of the biennial exercise is 'Capacity Building Towards Marine Passenger Safety'.

Books & Authors

1. Dancer Mallika Sarabhai turns author with her memoir 'Free Fall'

From her obsession of 30 years with 'being thin' to her battles with grief and depression, acclaimed classical dancer and activist Mallika Sarabhai bares it all in her upcoming self-help memoir, 'Free Fall: My Experiments with Living'.

The book will hit the stands on August 30 and it is published by Speaking Tiger.

Mallika is an accomplished Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam dancer



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Obituary

1. Philippine Ex-President Fidel Ramos Dies At 94

Former Philippine President Fidel Valdez Ramos died aged 94.

Known as "Steady Eddie" for his unflappable demeanour during the country's regular moments of upheaval, he was frequently pictured chewing unlit cigars as he led the Philippines between 1992 and 1998.

2. Rudi Koertzen, former umpire from South Africa, passes away

He became an umpire in the year 1981 and officiated in his first game, an ODI, in December 1992. He ended his illustrious career by officiating in his last game, a Test match between Pakistan and Australia in 2010. In total, he officiated in 108 Tests, a record 209 ODIs and 14 T20Is.

Koertzen was inducted into the ICC's Elite Panel in 2002 and was a part of it for 8 yrs.

3. AIADMK's first MP Maya Thevar passes away at the age of 87

Former Member of Parliament and senior All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) politician K. Maya Thevar passed away due to age-related illness at his residence in Chinnalapatti near Dindigul. He was 87.

The first MP of the AIADMK, Mr. Maya Thevar was born on October 15, 1934, at T. Uchapatti near Usilampatti in Madurai district. AIADMK is a regional political party in the state of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry UT.

4. Former BCCI secretary Amitabh Choudhary passes away

Amitabh Choudhary, the former BCCI secretary and president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) passed away at the age of 62.

A retired senior IPS officer, who rose to the rank of IGP with the Jharkhand Police, the former top cop was also the chairman of the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC).

5. Legendary Singer Nayyara Noor Passes Away at 71

Legendary Pakistani playback singer & ghazal singer Nayyara Noor, who was born in Assam, passed away. She was known as Bulbul-e-Pakistan.

6. India's Star Olympic Football Captain Samar 'Badru' Banerjee Passes Away

Former Indian football team captain Samar 'Badru' Banerjee, who led the country to a historic fourth-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, died.

Banerjee won the Santosh Trophy twice as a player (1953, 1955) and once as coach (1962).

7. Former Jharkhand Governor Syed Sibtey Razi passes away

Former Governor of Jharkhand, Syed Sibtey Razi passed away on August 20th in Lucknow. He served as the Governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004- 2009. Razi was associated with the Congress. He was a member of Rajya Sabha thrice. Later he was made the Governor of Jharkhand and Assam.

8. Abhijit Sen, one of India's leading agriculture economists and distinguished academics, passes away

Abhijit Sen, renowned agriculture economist & former member of the Planning Commission during the previous United Progressive Alliance government, passed away. He was 72.

He was also chairman of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) in the first Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led NDA government, authored the report of the High Level Committee on Long Term Grain Policy

Person in news

1. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi defeats Spain's David Anton; wins 28th Abu Dhabi Masters

Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi defeated Spain's David Anton Guijarro in the ninth and final round with 7.5 points to win the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters chess tournament.

Uzbekistan's Javokhir Sindarov claimed the second spot after he defeated Iran's M Amin Tabatabaei. He is the 54th grandmaster from India.

2. Max Verstappen Wins 2022 Belgian F1 Grand Prix; Lewis Hamilton Crashes out on Lap 1

F1 Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Belgian Grand Prix at Spa-Francorchamps, overcoming a grid penalty for a power unit change that meant he started from the midfield. From 14th on the grid, Verstappen surged through the field to take the lead after just 12 of the 44 laps. Verstappen became just the second driver in F1 history to win consecutive races from 10th or lower

3. Karnataka's Divita Rai crowned LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2022 winner

Model Divita Rai from Karnataka was named the winner of LIVA Miss Diva Universe 2022 According to a press release, Rai will represent India at the global pageant of Miss Universe.

Telangana's Pragnya Ayyagari was crowned LIVA Miss Diva Supranational 2022 and she will be India's face at the international Miss Supranational pageant. Ojasvi Sharma was adjudged the LIVA Miss Popular Choice 2022.



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Insurance

1. PSU general insurers logged '26k cr loss - CAG report

All four public sector general insurers posted an aggregate loss of '26,364 crore between 2016-17 and 2020-21, according to an audit report by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG).

2. IRDAI Proposes To Cap General, Health Insurers' Expenses At 30% Of Revenue

India's insurance regulator has proposed a single limit of management expenses at 30% of the gross written premiums for general and health insurers in a given year across segments.

The segment-wise caps were introduced in an April 2016 notification. That allowed insurers to book expenses based on gross premium turnover for different segments such as fire, marine, motor, etc.

3. IRDAI launches hackathon, invites innovative tech solutions for insurance sector

Insurance regulator IRDAI has invited entities to develop technology-driven innovative solutions for automated death claim settlement, curtail miss-selling, and other areas of the insurance ecosystem, with an aim to protect the interest of policyholders, As part of its first hackathon -- Bima Manthan 2022 -- with the theme 'Innovation in Insurance'.

4. Canara HSBC Life Insurance launches its mobile App

Canara HSBC Life Insurance Co. Ltd. launched customer mobile App 'Canara HSBC Life Insurance App' available on android, iOS devices and web portal on the 75th Independence Day of India.

The newly launched digital solution will help customers to carry out transactions and access their policy and other important details from the safety and comfort of their homes. Anuj Mathur, MD & CEO, Canara HSBC Life Insurance

5. LIC sees 20 pc decline in death claims in Q1 FY23 as COVID impact ebbs

Insurance behemoth LIC witnessed a decline of nearly 20 per cent in death claims in the first quarter of this fiscal with the COVID impact seen to be ebbing, though the amount is still higher than pre-2020 levels. In the June quarter of the previous fiscal, settlement of death claims was to the tune of Rs 7,111 crore, which for Q1 of this year was Rs 5,743 crore. LIC Chairman M R Kumar.

6. IRDAI eases firm registration process from 8 to 2 months

The registration process of new companies has been eased by substantially reducing the time taken to process new applications from 6-8 months to two. The regulator has created a facilitation cell consisting of two officers for handholding the applicants so that the entity gets its approval to start its operations. This promotes ease of doing business in the insurance sector Debasish Panda, chairman, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai)

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India & World

1. After PUBG, India blocks access to Krafton's game BGMI using IT law

Authorities in India have blocked Battlegrounds Mobile India (BGMI), a popular battle-royale format game from South Korean company Krafton Inc using a law it invoked in 2020 to block Chinese apps in the country citing national security concerns.

BGMI, which had over 100 million users in India, was removed from Alphabet Inc's Google Play Store and Apple Inc's app store.

2. UN declares access to clean, healthy environment as universal human right

In a historic move, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on July 28, 2022, adopted a resolution recognising the right to a healthy environment for all. It said the move is an important step in countering the alarming decline of the natural world. India has voted in favour of the resolution. UNGA Headquarters: New York, United States

3. Singapore's Tribute To Netaji: Monument Status For "Delhi Chalo" Call Site

Singapore declared its iconic green site Padang, from where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave the slogan of 'Delhi Chalo' in July 1943, as its 75th national monument as the city-state celebrates its 57th National Day. Indian sepoy's first established their camp sites in Padang when the British established their outpost on the island.

4. ISA Floats Tender for 1150 MW Solar Project in Cuba

In partnership with the Cuban government, the International Solar Alliance (ISA), has launched a tender to establish 1150 MW solar plant. An ISA statement stated that the project management consultant for ISA is state-owned NTPC. Cuba plans to build 2100 MW solar projects. This will reduce the dependence on diesel generators that are polluting and increase its green energy. The ISA is headquartered in Gurugram, India.

5. India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting concludes in Bangkok; Political, economic, defence and health issues discussed

The 9th India-Thailand Joint Commission Meeting concluded in Bangkok.

The meeting was co-chaired by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand Don Pramudwinai, and India's Minister of External Affairs Dr S Jaishankar.

Both sides discussed advancing contacts in political, economic, security as well as defence, connectivity and health domains.



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Environment

1. ZSI publishes new book 'Field Guide, Birds of India' on over 1,000 bird species

The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has published a field guide dealing with 1,331 avian species found in the country.

It highlights quality photographs of birds unlike other books that mainly used drawings.

Though a wide variety of bird species are found in the country, the number of bird enthusiasts in the country is well below many European countries. ZSI Director Dhriti Banerjee; HQ:Kolkata



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Apps & Portals

1. Union minister launches Paalan 1000 campaign, parenting app to focus on child health


Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar virtually launched a new campaign, Paalan 1000 National Campaign and parenting application in Mumbai. The mobile application focuses on the development of children in the first two years.

The app will provide caregivers with practical advice & was launched at the Early Childhood Development Conclave.

2. Ratan Tata launches Goodfellows which helps senior citizens make friends

Industry leader Ratan Tata, launched Goodfellows, a senior companionship startup that provides companionship services to senior citizens. The startup is designed to pair senior citizens with young graduates to form meaningful friendships. It provides all the services that a grandkid would do.

Goodfellows will help address the issue of loneliness or lack of company



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Acquisitions & Mergers

1. CCI okays acquisition of 50.1% stake in Sanmina SCI India by Reliance Strategic Business Ventures

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) on granted its approval for the acquisition of a 50.1% stake of Sanmina-SCI India (SCIPL) by Reliance Strategic Business Ventures (RSBVL). RIL is a subsidiary of Reliance Industries. RSBVL's principal activities are trading goods, holding strategic investment interests in businesses, and providing business support services.

2. CCI approves acquisition of stake in IIFL Home indirectly by ADIA Group

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition of stake in IIFL Home indirectly by ADIA Group. Platinum Owl is a restricted scope company (private limited company), incorporated in the Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM). Platinum Owl is acting in its capacity as trustee for Platinum Jasmine Trust, which was established under the laws of the ADGM. CCI is a statutory body within the Ministry of Corporate Affairs established in 2003.

3. CCI approves proposed combination involving amalgamation of HDFC Limited, HDFC Bank, HDFC Investments and HDFC Holdings

The proposed combination envisages a two-step amalgamation process:

Step 1: Amalgamation of HDFC Investments and HDFC Holdings into and with HDFC Limited, such that HDFC Limited will be the surviving entity post this step; and

Step 2: Amalgamation of the amalgamated HDFC Limited into HDFC Bank, such that HDFC Bank will be the surviving entity post this step.

4. ICICIdirect acquires investor community-based networking platform Multipie

ICICIdirect, one of India's leading equity houses, has acquired a web and app-based networking platform for the investor community' Multipie. The platform enables investors to discuss, exchange ideas and share views on stocks and other investment assets.

The transaction involves acquisition of Multipie app, technology, brand, domain name, user base and other related matters.

5. CCI clears proposed merger of JSW Ispat, Creixent Special Steels with JSW Steel

Fair trade regulator Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposal to merge Creixent Special Steels and JSW Ispat into JSW Steel. JSW Steel announced the merger deal.

Separately, the watchdog has cleared the proposed acquisition of Varmora Granito Pvt Ltd and other entities by the Carlyle Group entity Katsura Investments.

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Agri-Business

1. Minister's Dashboard for schemes of the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying launched

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the Minister's dashboard for Animal Husbandry and Dairying in New Delhi in the presence of Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, MoS, FAHD, Dr L Murugan, MoS, FAHD and I&B, and Shri Atul Chaturvedi, Secretary, FAHD.

2. Andhra Pradesh tops in Utilisation of Agriculture Infrastructure funds

Union Agriculture and Family Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar presented the award for the best state in the country in utilisation of Agri Funds in the financial year 2021-22. Andhra Pradesh ranks first in utilisation of agricultural infrastructure funds (Agri Infra Fund).

3. Partnership between ICRISAT and ICAR for Water Management

The ICAR-ICRISAT collaborative work plan (2019-2023) includes three research projects. Major focus of one of these projects is the genetic improvement of grain legumes (Gram, Arhar and Groundnut) and dryland cereals (Jowar, Bajra and Ragi) for enhancing their productivity potential, adaptation and quality traits.

4. Uttar Pradesh Govt Plans to Double Farmers' Income through 'Panchamrut Yojana'

The Uttar Pradesh government announced that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's 'Panchamrut Yojana' will aid in doubling farmers' income through the implementation of cost-effective technical measures and the promotion of co-cropping. Panchamrut scheme aims to reduce sugarcane production costs while increasing productivity and land fertility through five techniques.

5. To promote honey export, Government to organize series of events, in collaboration with state govts and farmers

To harness the export potential of honey in line with vision of a 'sweet revolution' through promotion of beekeeping and allied activities, Government has planned to organize a series of events across the country in collaboration with state governments and farmers. APEDA facilitating honey producers in accessing export markets besides availing government assistance. Honey was the first sweet food tasted by ancient Indian inhabiting rock shelters&forests



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PSUs

1. Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Shri Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates 4th ONGC Para Games 2022

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing & Urban Affairs Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated the fourth ONGC Para Games in Thyagaraj Sports Complex in New Delhi. 275 Persons with Disabilities (PwD) ' employees of eight central oil and gas public enterprises -are participating in the 4th ONGC Para Games, being organized by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation. ONGC CMD Dr. Alka Mittal. ONGC conceptualized and started this Para Games in 2017.



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State/UTs

Arunachal Pradesh

1. Arunachal's 3rd airport named 'Donyi Polo Airport'

The Arunachal Pradesh government named the under-construction greenfield airport-the state's third here in the state capital Itanagar as 'Donyi Polo Airport'. The 'Donyi Polo Airport' airport in Itanagar would be Arunachal Pradesh's third airport after Pasighat and Tezu airports, and northeast India's 16th airport.

2. Medicine from the sky: Drone-based healthcare services launched in Arunachal

Arunachal Pradesh successfully launched the first flight of drone service 'medicine from the sky' from Seppa to Chayang Tajo in East Kameng district.

The pilot project has been funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and executed by Bengaluru-based startup Redwing Labs.

Chhattisgarh

1. Chhattisgarh to set up 300 rural industrial parks

In a move aimed to strengthen the rural economy, the Chhattisgarh government will set up rural industrial parks in the state. In the first year of the project, there will be 300 such parks.

The first such park in Chhattisgarh came up in Kulgaon, Kanker district, which has been named Gandhi Gram.

Jharkhand

1. Jharkhand Becomes First State in India to Distribute Seed to Farmers via Blockchain Tech

In a significant development which would revolutionize agriculture in the country, Directorate of Agriculture, Jharkhand and global blockchain technology company, SettleMint, India jointly announced the successful launch of seed distribution to farmers based on blockchain technology. Jharkhand is 1st to implement blockchain in the country which is being used to track seed

Karnataka

1. India's First 3D Printed Post Office To Soon Come Up In Karnataka

Cambridge Layout in Halasuru is set to witness this technological marvel, making it the first post office in the country to be built using 3D printing.

Larsen & Toubro Construction has been approached in connection with building the Halasuru Bazaar sub-post office. It is said to be the only company undertaking 3D printing-enabled construction in India.

Maharashtra

1. Maharashtra govt to take Rs 4000 cr loan from Asian Development Bank to set up medical colleges in 12 districts

Maharashtra government will take a loan of 4,000 crore rupees from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of the state. There are 12 districts in the state without a single medical college.

These districts include Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Usmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Bhandara and Ambernath.

Nagaland

1. Nagaland gets its second Railway station on Dhansari-Shokhuvi railway line after gap of over 100 years

Nagaland got its second Railway station on Dhansari-Shokhuvi railway line after a gap of more than 100 years. Dimapur station was opened in 1903. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio officially flagged off the first passenger train service- the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway station in Choumukedima District on August 26

Rajasthan

1. Lumpy skin disease spreading among cattle in Rajasthan

Lumpy disease is spreading rapidly in Rajasthan and more than eight thousand cattles have died so far. More than one lakh 60 thousand cattles have been infected with lumpy skin disease in the state. Out of these, about 54 thousand cattles have been recovered. The infection has spread in 17 districts of the state.

2. Rajasthan govt launches 'Mahila Nidhi' to help women entrepreneurs

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot unveiled a scheme called Mahila Nidhi on Women's Equality Day to help them sustain their livelihoods as well as start some small business ventures for their economic betterment.

This initiative by the state government will help women set up businesses through easy availability of finance under 'Mahila Nidhi' programme.

Tamil Nadu

1. Tamil Nadu signs pact to invest '2,250 crore in leather sector

India's leading exporter in the leather industry, Tamil Nadu, has announced an investment of '2,250 crore in the footwear and leather sector and launched an annual policy for the industry in Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Sector Conclave 2022. CM MK Stalin also launched the 'Tamil Nadu Footwear and Leather Products Policy 2022'. Tamil Nadu is the largest leather producing state in India.

Uttar Pradesh

1. Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approves night safari park, zoo in Lucknow's Kukrail forest area

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the proposal for a night safari park in Lucknow district's Kukrail forest area. As part of the project, the government will establish a zoological park on around 150 acres and night safari on 350 acres without disturbing the dense 2,027-hectare forest in the forest area's eastern and western blocks.

2. Uttar Pradesh govt gears up to build India's first education township

In a first, the Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state. As per the Yogi Adityanath government, the education township will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'. The government said the move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. UP Governor- Anandiben Mafatbhai Patel

Uttarakhand

1. Rishabh Pant appointed as brand ambassador of Uttarakhand

Star Indian wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant was appointed as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in a programme organised at Uttarakhand Sadan in New Delhi. CM Dhami said that honouring cricketer Rishabh Pant as Uttarakhand brand ambassador would inspire youth in the field of sports in the state.

2. Haridwar declared best aspirational district in India: NITI Aayog

The NITI Aayog has declared holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district on five parameters, thereby providing an additional allocation of three crore rupees.

Launched in 2018, NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme is aimed at identifying potential districts that can develop into model blocksthrough socio-economic development.

West Bengal

1. West Bengal to get 7 new districts, announces CM Mamata Banerjee

The six of the seven new districts that were announced are -- Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, and Behrampur. One district will be named in Basirhat.

As per Census 2011 figures, almost 4 million people lived in each of West Bengal's 23 districts on average ' among the highest in the country. Total number of districts will be now 30.

Jammu and Kashmir

1. LG Manoj Sinha inaugurates "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of AAI

In Jammu and Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha inaugurated "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of Airport Authority of India at Srinagar International airport yesterday. A similar Marketplace was also opened at Jammu Airport and both the outlets will exhibit products of all 20 districts.

2. Chenab Railway Bridge, the world's highest, inaugurated in J&K

The golden joint of the world's highest Chenab railway bridge was inaugurated on 13 august. For the first time ever since independence, Srinagar will be linked to the rest of India after the overarch deck on the world's highest single-arch railway bridge over Chenab River will be launched.

3. 7500 Sq Ft Tricolour displayed at Dal Lake as part of celebration of 75 years of Independence

The Ministry of Tourism, Institute of Hotel Management Srinagar and Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Darjeeling in a joint effort displayed a 7500 Sq. Ft Indian Tricolour at the bank of Dal Lake, Srinagar. This was as part of celebrating 75 years of Independence and Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Lt Governor of Jammu and Kashmir Shri Manoj Sinha was the Chief Guest.

4. J&K Govt launches Village Defence Guards Scheme-2022

The Jammu and Kashmir government in its communication has said that the Village Defence Groups constituted in pursuance of the government order have over the years successfully ensured the safety and security of the identified vulnerable villages and supplemented the efforts of the security forces in maintaining internal security.

Committees

1. Centre forms task force to monitor monkeypox virus situation in nation

The Centre has formed a task force in the wake of Monkeypox cases in India to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the expansion of diagnostic facilities and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country. "The team will be headed by Dr. VK Paul, member (Health), NITI Aayog, and members including Secretary, Union Health Ministry, Pharma and Biotech".

2. Sebi rejigs advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund

Capital markets regulator Sebi has restructured its advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF). The panel is mandated to recommend investor education and protection activities that may be undertaken directly by the markets regulator, or through any other agency, for utilisation of the Sebi Investor Protection and Education Fund. The eight-member committee will now be chaired by Monika Halan



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Most Important CA

1. Third edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" to begin at Chandimandir in Haryana

The 3rd Edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" began at Chandimandir. The exercise is a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2019.

The theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022 is employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations. It will continue till 20th August.

2. Max Verstappen wins the Hungarian Grand Prix from 10th as Mercedes earn double podium again

Max Verstappen won the Hungarian Grand Prix after another Ferrari strategy blunder cost Charles Leclerc a probable victory.

Verstappen crossed the line 7.8 seconds clear of Lewis Hamilton, following a late surge from the seven-time world champion, with George Russell third.

3. PM Modi inaugurates Deutsche Bank's IBU at GIFT-IFSC

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) of Deutsche Bank AG at the Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City) in Ahmedabad.

The GIFT City IBU will enable the bank to provide liquidity in INR on a 24x7 basis to international investors and overseas corporates with exposures in India. Kaushik Shaparia, Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Bank Group, India.

4. Satyendra Prakash is new Principal D-G, Press Information Bureau

Senior Indian Information Service officer Satyendra Prakash has been appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).

He has also served as Prasar Bharati Special Correspondent West Asia covering 20 countries and later went on to head the News Services Division of AIR.

5. 50 million EXIM containers handled under Logistic Data Bank project

NLDSL-NICDC Logistics Data Bank's LDB Project has achieved a milestone of handling 50 million EXIM containers since its inception six years ago.

LDB was conceived as one of the smart community projects between India and Japan during the initial stages of planning of Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor project. LDB handles 100% per cent of India's EXIM container volume. Sh. Amrit Lal Meena, Chairman NLDSL.

6. Geological Survey of India working on 18 lithium projects across states' Field Season Programme (FSP) in 2022-23

Khanij Bidesh India Ltd (KABIL), a joint venture of three central public sector enterprises under the Ministry of Mines, has signed a non-binding memorandum of understanding with three state-owned organizations of Argentina, for the purpose of information sharing with respect to prospective mineral acreages of lithium.

Dr. S Raju: DG, Geological Survey of India. Pralhad Joshi, minister of mines, coal and parliamentary affairs.

7. DST INSPIRE fellow leads study unveiling the secret of distant dwarf galaxy formation

UltraViolet Imaging Telescope onboard AstroSat, India's 1st dedicated multi-wavelength space observatory, has recently detected faint emission of Far UltraViolet light in the outskirts of a sample of distant Blue Compact Dwarf galaxies that are about 1.5-3.9 billion lightyears away.

These are small galaxies usually characterized by their centrally concentrated star formation.

8. ED registered maximum money laundering cases during 2021-22 fiscal: Govt

In the last 10 years, the Enforcement Directorate registered the highest number of money laundering and foreign exchange violation cases in the 2021-22 financial year -- at 1,180 and 5,313 complaints respectively.

The PMLA, enacted in 2002, was implemented on July 1, 2005.

FEMA was enacted in 1999 after repealing the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FERA) of 1973.

9. Reliance, Ola, Rajesh Exports to Make Batteries in India Under \$2.3 Billion Plan

Reliance Industries, Softbank Group-backed Ola Electric, and Indian Jewellery maker Rajesh Exports signed final agreements to build battery cells under a \$2.3 billion government incentive program.

The companies must set up their battery manufacturing facility within two years after which they will be eligible for incentives.

10. PM addresses inaugural session of First All India District Legal Services Authorities Meet

The 1st-ever national level meet of District Legal Services Authorities (DLSAs) is being organised from 30-31 July 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). The meeting will deliberate on the creation of an integrated procedure in order to bring homogeneity & synchronisation across DLSAs. There are a total of 676 District Legal Services Authority.

11. Zee Entertainment's Merger With Sony Pictures Networks, Gets NSE & BSE Approval

The proposed merger with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (formerly Sony Pictures Networks India) has been approved by Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE), said a statement from Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd (ZEEL).

Punit Goenka will lead the combined company as its Managing Director & CEO.

12. RBI bans non-card issuers from storing CoF data from Oct. 1

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said with effect from October 1, no entity in the card transaction / payment chain, other than the card issuers and / or card networks, can store CoF (card on file) data, and any such data stored previously must be purged.

For handling other post-transaction activities, acquiring banks can continue to store CoF data until January 31, 2023.

13. HAL's Director Finance C. B. Ananthkrishnan Gets Additional Charge of CMD, HAL

Mr. C. B. Ananthkrishnan, Director (Finance) of HAL has taken over the additional charge of the post of Chairman and Managing Director today following the superannuation of Mr R. Madhavan as CMD HAL on July 31, 2022.

Mr Ananthkrishnan will hold this post for a period of three months or till the post of CMD, HAL is vacant, whichever is earlier.

14. Auguste'Tano'Kouam named World Bank's New Country Director for India

Auguste'Tano'Kouam is the World Bank's Country Director for India. He replaces Junaid Kamal Ahmad who recently completed a five-year term.

Auguste, a national of Cte d'Ivoire, most recently served as the World Bank's Country Director for the Republic of Trkiye- where he led the expansion of the Bank's country program and deepened its support to Trkiye's climate agenda

15. Amul's RS Sodhi elected as President of Indian Dairy Association

The Managing Director of Amul Federation, R S Sodhi, has been chosen to lead the Indian Dairy Association as its new president (IDA).

In addition to leading the 18-member dairy organization that produces milk products under the Amul name, Sodhi currently serves on the board of the International Dairy Federation (IDF). IDA, the leading organization for the Indian dairy industry, was founded in 1948.

16. India-Oman joint military exercise Al Najah-IV kicks off

Joint military Exercise AL NAJAH -IV between contingents of the Indian Army & the Royal Army of Oman started at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan.

The Royal Army of Oman contingent comprises 60 personnel from the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment, The Indian Army is represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion.

The previous edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was organized at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.

17. CWG 2022: Judokas Sushila Devi Likmabam clinches Silver, Vijay Kumar Yadav wins Bronze, Weightlifter Harjinder Kaur bags Bronze

India grabbed two medals in Judo. Sushila Devi Likmabam won the silver medal in the Women's 48 kg category, while In the men's 60kg repechage, Vijay Kumar Yadav bagged the bronze medal. India's Weiglfiter Weighlifter Harjinder Kaur clinched the bronze medal in the Women's 71 kg category.

Squash player Sourav Ghosal advanced to the men's singles semifinals.

18. India signed Bilateral Air Service Agreement with 116 countries

The Indian government has activated bilateral air service agreements with 116 countries and is allowing foreign carriers to serve India to add more flights to the country's metropolitan cities.

The countries with which India has signed bilateral air service agreements include those in Asia, Europe, Middle East and South America. Minister of State for Civil Aviation- Gen VK Singh (retd).

19. Indian stealth frigate carries out military drills with French warships in North Atlantic Ocean

Indian stealth frigate INS Tarkash conducted a maritime partnership exercise (MPX) with French warships in the North Atlantic Ocean last week.

INS Tarkash carried out various drills with French fleet tanker FS Somme, followed by joint air operations with maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50.

In March, the Indian and French navies carried out a five-day mega wargame.

20. Bharat PetroResources MD, S. Ramesh superannuates after 36 years

S. Ramesh, the Managing Director of Bharat PetroResources Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary company of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited superannuated on July 31, 2022, after an illustrious career lasting more than 36 years with BPCL.

He holds a vast experience as General Director with IBV BrasilPetroleoLtda of more than 6 years.

21. Jio gets ready to roll-out World's Most Advanced 5G Network across India

Jio, India's largest digital services provider, today acquired spectrum in the 700MHz, 800MHz, 1800MHz, 3300MHz and 26GHz bands in the auctions conducted by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.

Total cost of acquiring the right to use the above technology agnostic spectrum for a period of 20 years is Rs. 88,078 crore.

Akash M Ambani, Chairman, Reliance Jio Infocomm.

22. Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu presents President's Colours to Tamil Nadu police

Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu presented the prestigious President's Colours to the Tamil Nadu police and said it is a recognition of the State police's commendable service and many achievements.

The President's Colours is the highest honour bestowed upon any Military/ State police in recognition of its exceptional service of at least 25 years to the nation.

It is popularly called "Rashtrapati ka Nishan".

23. India identifies 20 heritage sites for 'national importance' tag

India has identified 20 heritage sites, including two ancient mounds at Haryana's Rakhigarhi and the age-old Anangtal in Delhi, for the national importance tag.

The other sites include rock painting at Chintakunta, Andhra Pradesh; rock art site Murgi at Rdanag, Leh; Kaleshwar Mahadev Temple, Kalesar (Manyala Panchayat), Himachal Pradesh.

24. India to be part of 17-nation 'Pitch Black' exercise in Australia

India will be part of a mega air combat exercise in Australia this month that is set to witness the participation of around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 countries. India's participation in the exercise, "Pitch Black".

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) considers "Pitch Black" as its "capstone" international engagement activity.

25. TERI, REMC to collaborate for developing Indian Railways' green projects

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) will collaborate with REMC for development of green projects of the Indian Railways. REMC is a joint venture of the Ministry of Railways and RITES Ltd.

TERI said it would collaborate with REMC for capacity building and development of renewable energy projects for the Indian Railways.

Vibha Dhawan, Director General of TERI; Ajay Kumar Singhal, CEO of REMC.

26. Unclaimed deposits: RBI launches awareness campaign

According to RBI norms, balances in savings/current accounts that are not operated for 10 years, or term deposits not claimed within 10 years from the date of maturity, are classified as "unclaimed deposits".

After this, banks transfer such money to the 'depositor education and awareness fund' maintained by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

27. SIDBI, SVC bank partner to strengthen credit flow to MSMEs

The SVC Co-operative Bank (SVC Bank) has entered into an agreement with the Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI) to improve the flow of credit to the MSMEs.

This is SIDBI's first such agreement executed with a UCB. SIDBI will sign more such Agreements with other UCBs and RRBs across various States. Ashish Singhal, MD, SVC Bank.

28. Number of airports nearly double to 141 since 2014, 3 new air operators certified: Scindia

There are 141 operational airports in the country, which include eight heliports, and two waterdromes, while air operators certificate have been issued to three carriers ' Jet Airways, Akasa Air and IndiaOne Air, the Union Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia, said.

According to him, there were 74 airports with schedule operations in the country till 2014. The cumulative number of pilots licenses issued by DGCA till date was 40,276.

29. Commonwealth Games 2022: Indian women win historic lawn bowls gold; men defend table tennis title

Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey secured India's first-ever medal in lawn balls by winning the gold in the Women's Fours event.

The Indian men's table tennis team retained its Commonwealth Games title with a convincing 3-1 win over Singapore in the final.

Sharath Kamal, the 40-year-old veteran, has been involved in each of the 5 men's gold .

30. Ministry of Culture organised "TirangaUtsav" to celebrate the contribution of PingaliVenkayya to the nation

The event was graced by the presence of the Minister of Home Affairs & Co-operation, Shri Amit Shah as the chiefguest.

The commemorative Postal Stamp in the honor of Pingali Venkayya was released by Shri Amit Shah.

The Tiranga Utsav also witnessed the release of 'Amar Chitra Katha' in the memory of revolutionary Tribal fighters of Indian freedom struggle.

31. Indian Oil signs MoU with NTCA for transcontinental relocation of 'cheetah' in its historical range in India

Indian Oil signed an MoU with National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for transcontinental relocation of the 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India.

Indian Oil is the first corporate which has come forward to support "Project Cheetah" under CSR, as the project has not only national importance but is also essential for balancing the ecosystem. The Minister for Environment & Forests is the current Chairperson of the NTCA.

32. Rs 9.98 lakh crore sanctioned to 16.67 crore loan accounts under Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana in 3 years

As per the extant guidelines, any individual who is otherwise eligible to take loan and has a business plan for non-farm income generating activities in sectors such as manufacturing, trading, services and activities allied to agriculture and whose credit need is up to Rs.10 lakh is eligible to avail credit under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).

33. RBI allowed invoicing and payments for international trade in Indian Rupee

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed invoicing and payments for international trade in Indian Rupee vide A.P (DIR Series).

The approval process is that for opening of Special INR Vostro accounts, banks of partner countries may approach Authorised Dealer (AD) banks in India which may seek approval from RBI with details of the arrangement.

34. Udyam Portal of Ministry of MSME achieves landmark One crore registrations

The Ministry of MSME celebrated the landmark of 1 crore registrations on its Udyam Portal today. Following the adoption of the revised definition of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) on 26th June, 2020, which is based on investment in plant & machinery or equipment; and turnover, the Udyam Registration Portal was launched on 1st July, 2020.

35. RBI's financial inclusion index rose to 56.4 in March 2022

The Reserve Bank of India's composite financial inclusion index (FI-Index) capturing the extent of financial inclusion across the country rose to 56.4 in March 2022, showing growth across parameters. The index stood at 53.9 in March last year. It was at 43.4 for the period ending March 2017, showing rapid improvement in reach of financial services over the past five years.

36. NASA releases first pieces of the multispectral maps of Mars

Scientists released the first pieces of the multispectral maps made by the Compact Reconnaissance Imaging Spectrometer for Mars (CRISM), according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) has been mapping minerals on the red planet for the last 16 years with the help of CRISM.

37. Reserve Bank of India names minority-dominated regions for banks' priority lending schemes

The RBI list of 121 districts where the minorities are minimum 25 percent is led by Uttar Pradesh with 21 districts, Kerala (14), Assam (13), West Bengal (12), Maharashtra (9), Arunachal Pradesh and Bihar (7 each), Manipur (6), Jharkhand and Sikkim (4 each), Karnataka (3), Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Uttarakhand, UT of Andaman & Nicobar Isles (2 each).

38. 10 more Indian wetlands sites get Ramsar tag, number rises to 64

The sites are Koothankulam Bird Sanctuary, Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve, Vembannur Wetland Complex, Vellode Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, all in Tamil Nadu, Satkosia Gorge in Odisha, Nanda Lake in Goa, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Karnataka, and Sirpur Wetland in Madhya Pradesh. Ramsar wetlands now comprise around 10% of the total wetland area in the country.

39. Coromandel Intl buys 45% equity in Senegal's rock phosphate miner BMCC

Coromandel International, India's leading phosphatic fertiliser player, has formalised the acquisition of 45 per cent equity share in Baobab Mining and Chemicals Corporation (BMCC), a rock phosphate mining company based in Senegal.

10 lakh tonnes of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) and Nitrogen-Phosphorus-Potassium (NPK) will be manufactured. The mining will be done in Senegal and production of DAP will be done in India.

40. Ranjith Rath appointed as Chairman & MD of Oil India

Oil India Limited announced that Ranjit Rath took over as the Chairman & Managing Director of the company.

He served as the Chairman cum Managing Director of Mineral Exploration & Consultancy Limited under the Ministry of Mines; Chief Executive Officer of Khanij Bidesh India Limited; Managing Director of Bharat Gold Mines Limited prior to joining CMD position at OIL.

41. India and US to hold mega military exercise in Uttarakhand's Auli in October

India and the US will conduct a fortnight-long mega military exercise in Uttarakhand's Auli in October this year. The 18th edition of exercise 'Yudh Abhyas' is scheduled to take place from October 14 to 31. The exercise is aimed at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies. In June 2016, the US designated India a 'Major Defence Partner'. The last edition of the exercise took place in October last year in Alaska, USA

42. Centre approves highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price of Rs 305 per quintal for Sugarcane farmers

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved Fair and Remunerative Price of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23 (October - September). It has approved highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of 305 rupees per quintal for Sugarcane Farmers. The FRP for sugar season 2022-23 is 2.6 per cent higher than current sugar season 2021-22. FRP of sugarcane is fixed to ensure a guaranteed price to sugarcane growers.

43. Centre launches State University Research Excellence scheme to create robust Research and Development Ecosystem

The government launched State University Research Excellence scheme to augment the research capabilities in a structured way to create a robust Research and Development ecosystem in state and private universities and colleges. The new scheme will help bring the university system into mainstream research and enable the young faculty to participate in cutting-edge research.

44. IOCL signs MoU with Bangladesh for emergency supply of petroleum goods

The Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) signed an MoU with the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department in Dhaka for the emergency supply of petroleum goods via Bangladesh territory to India. This is an interim set up to facilitate urgent supply of petroleum products due to damage caused by the flood in Assam this year

45. Airtel to start 5G rollout in Aug; inks pacts with Ericsson, Nokia, Samsung

The Sunil Mittal-led firm recently acquired 19,867.8 MHz spectrum in 900 MHz, 1800 MHz, 2100 MHz, 3300 MHz and 26 GHz bands, bolstering its spectrum holding. Bharti Airtel, which acquired spectrum worth Rs 43,084 crore in the just-concluded auction. Airtel has announced it has signed 5G network agreements with gear makers Ericsson, Nokia and Samsung to commence development Gopal Vittal - CEO of Airtel

46. LIC breaks into Fortune 500 list, Reliance Industries jumps 51 Places

Recently-listed Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) has broken into the latest Fortune Global 500 list, while Reliance Industries has jumped 51 places. The nation's biggest life insurer with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million, was ranked 98th on the just released Fortune 500 list. Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to 104 on the 2022 list.

47. Vodafone Idea names Ravinder Takkar as Chairman, Himanshu Kapania to step down

Ravinder Takkar, the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi), will replace Himanshu Kapania as the telco's new chairman. Last month, Vi had announced that its chief financial officer Akshaya Moondra would replace Takkar as firm's new CEO.

48. NPCI and IIT Kanpur Ink MoU for Knowledge Sharing and Research Collaboration

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) have signed an MoU for sharing knowledge on innovative ideas and to collaborate on the development of indigenous digital payments

solutions. The collaboration will also help in the augmentation of cybersecurity controls for NPCI and its subsidiaries' products and services. Mr. Dilip Asbe is the MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

49. Bihar college astronomy lab on Unesco heritage list

Unesco has added a 106-year-old astronomical observatory at Langat Singh College in Bihar's Muzaffarpur on its list of important endangered heritage observatories of the world, raising hopes of reviving the neglected edifice that has little to show of its glorious past. Built in 1916, the 123-year old college is now affiliated to Bhim Rao Ambedkar Bihar University.

50. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

India submitted its Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to UNFCCC on October 2, 2015. The 2015 NDC comprised eight goals; three of these have quantitative targets upto 2030 namely, cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil sources to reach 40%; reduce the emissions intensity of GDP by 33 to 35 percent compared to 2005 levels....cont...

51. CJI NV Ramana Recommends Justice UU Lalit As Next Chief Justice Of India

Chief Justice of India NV Ramana has written to the Union Government recommending the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, the 2nd senior judge of the Supreme Court, as the next CJI.

If appointed, Justice Lalit will become the 2nd CJI who was directly elevated to the apex court Bench from the Bar after Justice S M Sikri, who became the 13th CJI in January 1971.

Uday Umesh Lalit will be the 49th Chief Justice of India.

52. DRDO successfully test-fires indigenously developed laser-guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles from Main Battle Tank Arjun

The indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles ATGM were successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank MBT Arjun by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Army at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School Ahmednagar in Maharashtra.

53. Indian Navy's all-women crew creates history by completing first independent maritime surveillance mission over Arabian Sea

Indian Navy's women officers have created history after they completed the first-ever all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft. The mission was carried out by five officers of the Indian Navy Air Squadron (INAS) 314 based at Naval Air Enclave at Gujarat's Porbandar.

54. External Affairs Minister participates in ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting at Phnom Penh in Cambodia

External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar participated in the ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting at Phnom Penh in Cambodia. He said, there was strong convergence on Indo-Pacific, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea connectivity, COVID-19, terrorism, cyber security, Ukraine and Myanmar. He added that digital, health, agriculture education and green growth.

55. CWG 2022: Sudhir wins India's first Gold medal in Para-Powerlifting; Murali Sreeshankar bags silver medal in Men's Long Jump

In the Commonwealth Games, Para-powerlifter Sudhir clinched Gold medal in the Men's Heavyweight final with the best weight of 212kg last night. Sudhir won India's first gold in Para-Powerlifting at Commonwealth Games. He defeated Nigeria's Ikechukwu Obichukwu by 0.9 points as his final score read a Games record 134.5 points for the gold.

56. World's largest floating solar power plant to be built in Madhya Pradesh

A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Madhya Pradesh's Khandwa. Said to be the world's largest floating solar plant, it will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23. The project is estimated to be worth over '3000 crores. It will be built on Omkareshwar dam. Omkareshwar Dam is built on the Narmada river. India's largest floating solar power project in Telangana

57. Monetary Policy Statement, 2022-23 Resolution of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC): August 3-5, 2022

Increase the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 50 basis points to 5.40 per cent with immediate effect.

Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 5.15 per cent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 5.65 per cent.

GDP growth forecast retained at 7.2%.

The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled during September 28-30, 2022.

58. Amazon ties up with Indian Railways to boost delivery of packages

Amazon India has engaged with Indian Railways to boost its delivery services in the country. Through this partnership, the e-commerce firm said it will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city

routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer. Amazon began working with the Indian Railways in 2019. The company has increased its transportation lanes

59. Russia becomes India's third-largest coal supplier in July

Russia became India's third-largest coal supplier in July, with imports rising by over a fifth compared with June to a record 2.06 million tonnes, data from Indian consultancy Coalmint showed. Russia has historically been the sixth-largest supplier of coal to India, behind Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, and the United States, with Mozambique and Colombia.

60. Ministry of Women and Child Development issues Guidelines of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'

Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued Operational Guidelines regarding implementation of 'Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0'. The scheme has been approved by the Government of India for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26. Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 is an Integrated Nutrition Support Programme.

61. E-invoice mandatory for turnover above 10 crore from October 2

The centre has made E-invoicing mandatory for businesses with aggregate turnover exceeding Rs 10 crore from October 1, a move which will further plug in revenue leakage and will ensure better tax compliance from businesses. Presently, e-invoice is compulsory for businesses with an annual turnover of over Rs 20 crore.

62. Sebi restructures market data advisory committee; to have 20 members

Sebi has restructured its advisory committee on market data that recommends policy measures pertaining to securities market data access and privacy. The market data advisory committee will now have 20 members. Earlier, the committee had 21 members. Sebi has replaced NSE's former MD and CEO Vikram Limaye from the list with the exchange's newly appointed chief Ashishkumar Chauhan

63. NIESBUD partners HUL to develop skills and create livelihood opportunities

In an effort to inculcate a culture of innovation, imagination and proactiveness among youngsters, National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration.

64. Kerala's Innovation Council, ICT Academy rope in LinkedIn to build student careers

LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) and the ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK) as part of the Connect Career to Campus (CCC) campaign under the Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM) initiative.

65. MOU between Indian Navy and Space applications centre (ISRO)

Indian Navy signed a MoU with the Space Applications Centre (ISRO), Ahmedabad on data sharing and cooperation on Satellite based Naval Applications in Oceanology and Meteorology.

66. PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) is implementing a centrally sponsored PMFME Scheme for providing financial, technical and business support for setting up / upgradation of micro food processing enterprises in the country. The scheme is operational for a period of five years from 2020-21 to 2024-25 with an outlay of Rs. 10,000 Crore.

67. Mission Vatsalya Scheme

Mission Vatsalya Scheme is a roadmap to achieve development and child protection priorities aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It lays emphasis on child rights, advocacy and awareness along with strengthening of the juvenile justice care and protection system with the motto to 'leave no child behind'.

68. Wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik clinch Gold medals

In the CWG, Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik clinched gold medals for India. In men's freestyle wrestling, Bajrang Punia won gold by defeating Canadian Lachlan Mcneil 9-2 in 65kg category while Deepak Punia clinched the gold by defeating Pakistan's Muhammad Inam 3-0 in 86kg category. Mohit Grewal won bronze by defeating Jamacian Aaron Johnson in 125kg category.

69. RBI proposes to enable BBPS to accept cross-border inward payments

RBI said that BBPS is currently accessible only for the residents of India. To facilitate the Non-Resident Indians - NRIs undertake utility, education and other bill payments on behalf of their families in India, it is proposed to enable BBPS to accept cross-border inward payments.

70. India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to lift SAFF Under-20 football championship trophy

India lifted the SAFF U-20 football championship trophy by defeating Bangladesh 5-2 goals in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha last night. Four goals from Gurkirat Singh and a lone goal from Himanshu Jhangra ensured Indian Team a worthy comeback in the final match which had gone to extra-time. India won this championship for the second consecutive time.

71. SEBI constitutes 15-member committee to attract foreign investment

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted an expert group of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to boost overseas flows into the country. The FPI Advisory Committee (FAC) will be chaired by former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian and consists of 14 other members representing foreign banks, stock exchanges depositories and RBI.

72. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all Universities and Colleges to observe August 14 as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. They have been asked to organize programmes and seminars to commemorate the sufferings and sacrifices of millions of Indians during the partition in 1947.

73. Indian athletes Avinash Sable and Priyanka Goswami win silver medals in their respective events

In 3000 meter Steeplechase run, Avinash Sable won silver clocking a new National Record of 8 min 11 point two seconds. The second medal was won by Priyanka Goswami in Women's 10,000 meter Race Walk.

74. HDFC raises \$1.1 bn 'social loan' for financing affordable housing segment

HDFC has secured the world's biggest social loan, a \$1.1 billion facility to fund affordable residences, underscoring potential for sustainability-linked financing. This is India's largest social financing issuance, the largest social loan globally, the first social ECB loan out of India and the largest ECB loan deal from a Housing Finance Company NBFC in India.

75. Jagdeep Dhankhar elected as 14th Vice President of India

West Bengal Governor and National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as India's 14th Vice-President. Dhankhar will take oath of office on August 11. He will be appointed the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Dhankhar received 528 votes defeating the opposition's candidate, Margaret Alva, who got 182 votes.

76. The First Africa Protected Area Congress (APAC) took place at the Kigali Conference Centre in Kigali, Rwanda,

The Africa Protected Areas Congress (APAC) took place in Kigali, Rwanda. It was the first time the protected areas congress of IUCN was organised in Africa. IUCN NL organised several sessions with local partners, among which is a workshop on the increased threats caused by mining of minerals needed for the energy transition.

77. Jaismine Lamboria wins maiden Commonwealth Games medal

Indian boxer Jaismine Lamboria secured a bronze medal after losing in the women's lightweight semi-finals at CWG 2022, in Birmingham. She went down fighting in the women's lightweight (60kg) semi-finals, losing to England's Gemma Paige Richardson.

78. Indian team wins silver in men's fours lawn bowls

India bagged its second medal in Lawn Bowls competition at the Commonwealth Games 2022 after the men's fours team, comprising Sunil Bahadur (lead), Navneet Singh (second), Chandan Kumar Singh (third) and Dinesh Kumar (skip), clinched the silver medal in Birmingham. The Indian team lost to Northern Ireland in the finals and bagged the second place.

79. UP govt Appoints Deloitte India As Consultant

The Uttar Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Deloitte India, appointing it as a consultant for achieving the target of lifting the state's economy to USD 1 trillion. within the next 90 days, Deloitte India is likely to present a future action plan with a thorough deliberation after conducting a sector-wise study.

80. National Handloom Day | August 7

National Handloom Day is observed every year on August 7 to mark the importance of the handloom weaving community in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the day in the year 2015. National Handloom Day has its origin in the Swadeshi movement of India during British rule in the year 1905. This was to boost the idea of self-help and self-reliance on Indian goods.

81. RBI approves Inderjit Camotra's appointment as Unity SFB MD & CEO

Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Inderjit Camotra's appointment as its MD and CEO. Unity SFB is a joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe.

A 51:49 joint venture between Centrum Group and payments company Bharatpe, Unity SFB started operations in November 2021.

82. Nallathamby Kalaiselvi appointed as CSIR DG, 1st woman to head India's top scientific body

Nallathamby Kalaiselvi was appointed as the Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

After resuming the chair as director of CSIR, Sh. Kalaiselvi will now lead the consortium of 38 research institutes in the country.

Kalaiselvi is the successor of former CSIR director Shekhar Mande, whose tenure ended in April this year.

83. CWG 2022: Dipika Pallikal-Saurav Ghosal Win Bronze In Mixed Doubles Medal Squash

India's Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Saurav Ghosal won the mixed doubles bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, UK.

They defeated Australian duo Donna Lobban and Cameron Pilley 2-0.

Saurav Ghosal also clinched India's first-ever medal (Bronze) in the singles category at the Commonwealth Games.

84. SSLV-D1/EOS-02 mission: Isro says satellites placed in wrong orbit, no longer usable

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) said the satellites EOS-02 and Azaadi SAT on board its maiden Small Satellite Launch Vehicle 'are no longer usable' after the SSLV-D1 placed them on an elliptical orbit instead of a circular one.

85. Commonwealth Games: Nikhat Zareen, Amit Panghal, Nitu Ghanghas, Eldhose Paul, Achanta Sharath, Sreeja Akula bag Gold medals

Boxers Nikhat Zareen, Amit Panghal and Nitu Ghanghas grabbed Gold medals, while Eldhose Paul bagged yellow metal in triple jump. Sagar Ahlawat got Silver in the men's 92kg (Super Heavyweight) boxing category. He lost by unanimous decision to Delicious Orie of England in the final. In Table Tennis, mixed doubles duo of Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula bagged the gold.

86. US Navy Ship arrives in India for repairs for first time ever, major boost to 'Make in India' initiative

Adding a new dimension to the burgeoning Indo-US strategic partnership, US Navy Ship (USNS) Charles Drew arrived at L&T's Shipyard at Kattupalli, Chennai for undertaking repairs and allied services. This is the first ever repair of a US Navy ship in India. This will give a huge boost to 'Make in India' & 'Aatmanirbharta' in Defence sector.

87. Viswanathan Anand elected FIDE deputy president, Dvorkovich to continue as president

Grandmaster and five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand has been elected as the deputy president of FIDE, the international chess body.

Russian and incumbent president Arkady Dvorkovich was successfully re-elected as FIDE President.

Dvorkovic received 167 votes in his favour while opponent Andrii Baryshpolets got 16. Dvorkovich was 1st elected as FIDE President in Oct 2018, succeeding Kirsan Ilyumzhinov.

88. Sharath Kamal, Sreeja Akula win mixed table tennis gold for India at Commonwealth Games

India's Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula defeated Malaysia's Javen Choong and Karen Lyne 3-1 to win the Commonwealth Games 2022 mixed table tennis gold medal in Birmingham.

Earlier in the tournament, India's men's team comprising the seasoned Sharath, G Sathiyan, Harmeet Desai and Sanil Shetty had won the gold medal after beating Singapore 3-1 in the final.

89. RBI expands scope of standalone PDs, allows them to offer more FX facilities

The Reserve Bank of India expanded the scope of activities of primary dealers, allowing them to participate in more foreign exchange-related business activities. Standalone primary dealers will now be able to offer all foreign exchange market-making facilities that only category-I authorised dealers are permitted to undertake.

90. South Korea launches its first lunar orbiter, Danuri

South Korea launched its first lunar orbiter, which is expected to reach the Moon by mid-December.

Nicknamed Danuri, meaning "enjoy the Moon", the Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter was launched on a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral in Florida by Elon Musk's aerospace company SpaceX.

91. Indian Army conducts 5-day exercise to test satellites

The exercise named "Skylight" was conducted from July 25 to July 29. In a five-day-long satellite communication exercise, the Indian Army has tested all of its space-based assets to ensure their operational readiness. The Army is utilising the services of a number of satellites belonging to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

92. Federal Bank becomes 1st to list Payment Gateway on new tax platform

Kerala-based Federal Bank has become the first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the TIN 2.0 platform of the Income Tax Department. The TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1 this year and the "Payment Gateway" has been enabled, providing one more payment option to taxpayers, who can now make their payments with ease, using modes such as Credit/Debit Card, UPI etc.

93. NHA partners with QCI to accredit health solutions integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

The National Health Authority (NHA) has joined hands with the Quality Council of India (QCI) for six months to accredit and rate the Health Management Information System (HMIS) and Laboratory Information Management System (LMIS) solutions that have been integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

94. Chevalier award for Kalachuvadu Kannan

The French government has announced that it would confer the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mrite, the Knight of the Order of the Merit, on Kannan Sundaram, publisher of Kalachuvadu, for his contribution to the publishing collaboration between India and France.

95. RBI gives nod to State Bank of India's HR subsidiary to manage costs efficiently

SBI has received the approval from the RBI for setting up an Operation Support Subsidiary for supporting RUSU (rural and semi-urban) branches in outreach for agri & MSME loan activities, etc.

Sanjeev Naryani has been nominated director on the board of State Bank Operations Support Services Pvt Ltd, which will be engaged in supporting outreach activities at RUSU branches.

96. RBI's move to bring credit information companies into ombudsman scheme expected to quicken redressals

In order to make the RB-IOs more broad-based, it has been decided to include Credit Information Companies (CICs) under the RB-IOs framework. This will provide a cost-free alternative redress mechanism for grievances against CICs.

The Banking Ombudsman Scheme (BOS) is introduced under Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 by RBI with effect from 1995.

97. India finished fourth with 61 medals in XXII Commonwealth Games

It has been a remarkable final day for the Indian contingent at the Commonwealth Games. It has won four gold medals, one silver and one bronze. With the final day heroics, India finished fourth in the medals tally with 61 medals comprising 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze. PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen clinched the women's and men's singles titles in badminton to give India

98. India,US begin joint Special Forces exercise at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh

The 13th Edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise 'Ex Vajra Prahar 2022' commenced at the Special Forces Training School at Bakloh of Himachal Pradesh. The Vajra Prahar series of joint exercise aims to share best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics as also to improve interoperability between the Special Force The 12th edition was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (USA) in October

99. 1.37 crore candidates benefited from Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana

The government says one crore 36 lakh candidates have benefited from the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) since its inception till June this year. It said under the central component, the government released over 8,590 crore rupees, of which more than 7,877 crore were utilized. PMKVY Launch year: 2015

100. Indian Army launches Him Drone-a-thon programme in collaboration with DFI

The Indian Army launched the Him Drone-a-thon programme today in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India. The initiative is in line with self-reliance in defence manufacturing. It is aimed at catalysing and providing focused opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting the requirements of frontline troops.

101. International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples | 9 August

On 23 December 1994, the United Nations General Assembly decided that the International Day of the World's Indigenous People shall be observed on 9 August every year. The date marks the day of the first meeting, in 1982, of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations. According to the latest data, there are about 370 to 500 million indigenous people in 90 countries.

102. Dalai Lama honoured with Ladakh's highest civilian award

Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award the highest civilian honour of Ladakh'for his immense contribution to humanity especially to UT. The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council Leh which celebrated the 'dPal rNgam Duston' with great fervour on the occasion of its foundation day of Sindhu Ghat.

103. Prabath Jayasuriya and Emma Lamb are ICC players of the month for July

Sri Lankan spin sensation Prabath Jayasuriya and England's emerging all-rounder Emma Lamb were voted ICC player of the month for July 2022.

Jayasuriya made his debut in the Test series against Australia and has picked up 29 wickets from three games with one four-wicket haul and as many as four five-wicket hauls.

104. V Pranav becomes India's 75th chess Grandmaster

Chess prodigy V Pranav became India's 75th Grandmaster by winning a tournament in Romania. The Chennai-based Pranav won the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title.

105. Gustavo Petro sworn in as Columbia's new president

Colombia's first leftist president was sworn into office in August 2022. The 62-year-old former guerrilla and one-time mayor takes over from the deeply unpopular Ivan Duque, with plans for profound reforms in a country beset by economic inequality and drug violence.

Bogota is the largest city and the capital of Colombia.

106. Sanjay Agarwal takes charge as ICRISAT assistant director general

Sanjay Agarwal took charge as the Assistant Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

He is currently the Chair of the Government of India's Committee on Minimum Support Price.

He will be based in New Delhi.

Director General of ICRISAT: Dr Jacqueline Hughes.

107. ITU's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania begins in New Delhi

Communications Ministry will host the forum on the theme of 'Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications'. The Regional Standardization Forum is a platform for constructive exchange of ideas, discussing standardization topics in various sectors of technology and the Role of ITU Standards, Harnessing Technologies for Digital and Financial Inclusion in various markets

108. PM Modi chaired 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the seventh Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre in New Delhi. The agenda of the Niti Aayog meeting includes achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds and pulses and agri-communities, National Education Policy and crop diversification, including other things.

109. Lok Sabha Passes Energy Conservation Amendment Bill 2022

The Lok Sabha has passed the Bill to amend the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, to reduce fossil fuel-based energy consumption and resultant carbon emissions to the atmosphere.

It empowers the central government to specify energy consumption standards and require designated consumers to meet a minimum share of energy consumption from non-fossil sources.

110. Consumer Sentiments Improving, But Households Expect Spending To Increase, Shows RBI Survey

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest consumer confidence for May has shown that consumer confidence has improved compared to last year, but households' median inflation perception for the current period has increased by 0.4 percent at 10.1 compared to March 2022 figures of 9.7. In other words, consumers expect their spending to increase because of inflation. The survey was conducted between May 2 and 11.

111. India to host UN Security Council members for special meeting on counter-terrorism in Oct

United Nations Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) has decided to hold a special meeting on this theme," with the support of its Executive Directorate (CTED), in India on October 29, 2022.

The most recent special meeting of the CTC outside of United Nations headquarters took place in Madrid, Spain, in July 2015, focusing on foreign terrorist fighters (FTFs).

112. 12th edition of Defence Expo to be held in Gujarats Gandhinagar: MoD

The Centre has decided to hold DefExpo 2022, the premier defence exhibition on land, naval and homeland security systems, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat for five days from October 18.

The theme of the 12th edition of exhibition is 'Path to Pride' and it seeks to invoke nationalistic pride and encourages citizens to partake in nation building.

113. 44th Chess Olympiad ends; India's men & women team win bronze medal

The 44th Chess Olympiad inaugurated by Prime minister Narendra Modi in Chennai ended on August 9th. India competed in the tournament with three teams in the Men's Section and three teams in the Women's section. India 'B' team comprising D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Raunak Sadhwani and Adhiban won the bronze medal beating Germany.

114. Amit Shah e-launches onboarding of cooperatives on GeM portal

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the onboarding of cooperatives on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal. Over 300 cooperatives have been onboarded as buyers on the GeM portal to enable them to purchase goods and services at competitive prices, which will help expand their businesses. Cooperatives that were onboarded include IFFCO, KRIBHCO Amul etc.

115. Microsoft onboards govt-backed Open Network of digital commerce

ONDC (OPEN Network of digital commerce), which is developing a first-of-its-kind open network for digital commerce, said US tech giant Microsoft has onboarded its platform. Microsoft intends to introduce social e-commerce 'group buying experience' in the Indian market. Microsoft, among the three largest tech companies, is the first in its league to announce onboarding.

116. Samudrayaan mission: In a first, India to send humans 6,000 metres deep in ocean.

The Indian government will soon start its mega ocean mission called 'Samudrayaan' to unlock the mysteries in the heart of deep water. With this mission, India will be joining the elite club of nations such as the US, Russia, Japan, France, and China to have niche technology and vehicles to carry out subsea activities.

117. Serena Williams announces her retirement from professional tennis

American legend Serena Williams, winner of 23 Grand Slam titles, has announced her retirement from professional tennis.

She has been ranked singles world number one by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) for 319 weeks. Serena has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most by any player in the open era, and the second-most of all time, only behind Margaret Court's 24.

118. World Biofuel Day

World Biofuel Day is observed on August 10 every year to create awareness about the non-conventional sources of energy that could be used as an alternative to fossil fuels. This day also commemorates the research experiments done by Sir Rudolf Diesel who ran an engine with peanut oil in the year 1893, thereby giving the world hope that biofuels can replace traditional fuels.

119. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit appointed as 49th Chief Justice of the country

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice as the 49th Chief Justice of India, CJI. He will take over the charge on 27th of this month. The present CJI Justice N V Ramana will retire on 26th August. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court of India in August 2014.

120. CA Bhavani Devi Bags Gold At Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022

Bhavani Devi, who became the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics, won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2022. She defeated Australia's Veronika Vasileva 15-10 in the finals of senior women's sabre individual category. She had also won a gold at the same event back in 2018, when the tournament took place in Canberra, Australia.

121. PM Narendra Modi dedicates 2G ethanol plant in Panipat

On the occasion of World Biofuel Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 2nd generation (2G), Ethanol Plant, in Panipat, Haryana. The 2G biofuel plant has been set up to strengthen the efforts to boost the production and usage of biofuels in the country. The ethanol plant has been developed by Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL), at an estimated cost of over '900 cr

122. RBI tightens digital lending norms to prevent charging of exorbitant rates

RBI, to prevent charging of exorbitant interest rates by certain entities and also check unethical loan recovery practices. Under the new norms, all loan disbursement and repayments are required to be executed only between the bank accounts of borrower and the regulated entities (like banks and NBFCs) without any pass-through/ pool account of the Lending Service Providers (LSP)

123. US President Joe Biden endorses Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO

US President Joe Biden has signed documents endorsing Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO alliance. Sweden and Finland applied for NATO membership in response to Russia's military actions in Ukraine. Moscow has repeatedly warned both countries against joining the alliance.

124. JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar sworn-in as Chief Minister of Bihar and RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav as Deputy Chief Minister

Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar for a record eighth time. Mr Kumar was administered the oath of office by Governor Phagu Chauhan at a simple ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Patna.

RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav was also sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister for the second time.

125. Microsoft, govt plan to train 250,000 civil servants in computer skills

Microsoft and the Indian government will collaborate for a programme to train nearly 250,000 civil servants in using the company's suite of digital tools. The partnership between the tech giant, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, and the Capacity Building Commission aims to help civil servants in helping the underprivileged.

126. Sunil Chhetri, Manisha Kalyan named men's and women's Footballer of the Year

Manisha Kalyan and Sunil Chhetri have been named as the 2021-22 AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year and the 2021-22 Men's Footballer of the Year, respectively. While Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season, while this is the 7th time that Sunil won the award, having last won it in 2018-19.

127. HDFC Bank inks pact with TReDs platform M1xchange

Trade receivables discounting platform M1xchange has tied up with HDFC Bank with an aim to provide more liquidity to small businesses at competitive interest rates. HDFC Bank has partnered with M1xchange promoted by Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd to make a debut in the Trade receivables Discounting System (TReDs) platform.

128. Jagdeep Dhankar takes oath as 14th Vice President of India

Mr. Jagdeep Dhankar was sworn in as the 14th Vice President of India today. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Mr. Dhankar at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Mr. Dhankar was elected as the Vice President on August the 6th. He secured 74.36 percent, the highest ever votes received in the last six vice presidential elections held since 1997.

129. Re-nomination of Revathy Iyer and Sachin Chaturvedi as part-time, Non-official Directors on the Central Board of RBI

The Central Government has re-nominated Ms Revathy Iyer and Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi as part-time, non-official Directors on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India for a further period of four years after completion of their present tenure on September 18, 2022, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

130. Drug firm Pfizer's Managing Director S Sridhar resigns

Drug firm Pfizer said its Managing Director S Sridhar has resigned from the company.

Over the past 14 years, Sridhar has led a number of key leadership positions in Pfizer, including serving as the Chief Financial Officer for a period of eight years.

Sridhar also serves as the President of the Organisation of Pharmaceuticals Producers of India (OPPI).

131. World Elephant Day 2022 : August 12

World Elephant Day, celebrated every year on August 12, aims to spread awareness on the risk of extinction faced by these much-loved wild animals.

On 12 August, 2012, World Elephant Day was co-founded by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand, an initiative of HM Queen Sirikit.

132. International Youth Day, celebrated on 12 August

The theme for 2022's edition of International Youth Day is "Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages."

The focus of International Youth Day for 2022 is on ageism, an age-based discriminatory behaviour. Young and older people all face this issue and often suffer lasting financial and psychological harm, which impacts society at large, as well.

133. World Sanskrit Day 2022

World Sanskrit Day is celebrated annually on the occasion of Shraavana Poornima. The day will be observed on 12 August this year. Sanskrit is also referred to as the mother of all languages in India. It is among the oldest languages in the world. Being one of the first spoken languages in the world, Sanskrit is of great importance in the ancient history of India. Sanskrit is also called as the 'language of Gods.'

134. IMD, Government of Japan and UNDP launch a project to accelerate climate action in India

India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Government of Japan, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced a new initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 states and Union Territories across the country.

The initiative will support Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) to achieve net-zero emissions and ensure climate-resilient development. Japan has extended USD 5.16 million in climate grant to UNDP India for the project.

135. Cabinet approves continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) - 'Housing for All' Mission

Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) for continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to 31st December 2024 wherein financial

assistance is to be provided for the completion of already sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses till 31st March 2022. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana 'Urban (PMAY-U) was launched on 25th June 2015.

136. Youth employment deteriorated in India: ILO report

India experienced severe working-hour and employment losses in 2020 and 2021, and Indian youth employment deteriorated in 2021 compared to 2020, according to the Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The Office employs 2,700 officials from over 150 nations at its headquarters in Geneva.

137. Over 7% Indians owned cryptocurrency in 2021: UNCTAD

Over 7% of Indians owned digital currency in the form of cryptocurrency in 2021, the United Nations trade and development body UNCTAD revealed.

UNCTAD highlighted that the use of cryptocurrencies globally, including the developing countries, has increased exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ukraine topped the list with 12.7% its population holding such currencies.

Stablecoins are cryptocurrencies that attempt to peg their market value to external asset

138. 11 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition, This takes our tally to 75 sites

The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands defines wetlands as "areas of marsh, fen, peat land or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six meters".

139. Indo-Oman Joint Military Exercise Al Najaf IV concludes

The Indo Oman Joint Military Exercise Al Najaf IV concluded at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges. This platoon level 13 days exercise had commenced on 01 August 2022.

The aim of the exercise was to achieve inter-operability and to acquaint each other with operational procedures and combat drills in a Counter Terrorism environment under United Nations mandate. Oman capital- Muscat; Currency- Omani rial.

140. Centre notifies India's 31st Elephant Reserve In Tamil Nadu on World Elephant Day

Agasthyamalai Elephant Reserve has been notified as India's 31st Elephant Reserve by the Union environment ministry. This is the fifth elephant reserve in Tamil Nadu. The Periyar-Agasthyamalai landscape is estimated to have 1,800 Asian elephants (Census 2010). Karnataka has the highest number of elephants in India.

141. IAF contingent arrives in Malaysia to participate in bilateral exercise 'Udarashakti'

Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) are set to participate in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti.' This is the first bilateral exercise being conducted between the two countries. Notably, the Indian Air Force is participating in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft while the RMAF will be flying Su-30 MKM aircraft.

142. Union Minister Amit Shah addressed National Conference of Rural Co-operative Banks

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the National Conference of Rural Co-operative Banks in New Delhi.

He also presented awards to outstanding State Co-operative Banks, District Central Co-operative Banks and Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS).

Minister of State for Cooperation, Shri B.L. Verma was also present on the occasion.

143. Defence Minister unveils statue of renowned Marwari warrior Veer Durgadas Rathore in Jodhpur

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of renowned Marwari warrior Veer Durgadas Rathore in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

On the occasion, Raksha Mantri paid glowing tributes to veer Durgadas Rathore and described him as a symbol of social harmony, honesty, bravery and devotion.

144. First 3D-Printed Human Cornea in India Developed by LVPEI, CCMB and IIT Hyderabad

Researchers from L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IITH), and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), have collaborated to develop a 3D-printed cornea from the human donor corneal tissue.

They have successfully 3D-printed an artificial cornea and transplanted it into a rabbit eye.

145. UK becomes first country to approve Covid booster vaccine targeting original and Omicron strains

In each dose of the booster vaccine, 'Spikevax bivalent Original/Omicron', half of the vaccine (25 micrograms) targets the original virus strain from 2020, and the other half (25 micrograms) targets Omicron, The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) said.

It is expected that the EU medicines regulator will approve the dose by next month. Moderna, CEO : Stephane Bancel

146. Simon Stiell of Grenada Appointed New UNFCCC Executive Secretary

Grenada's former environment minister Simon Stiell was named as the new UN Climate Change. He will replace Patricia Espinosa of Mexico, who has served two terms as head of the UNFCCC, from 2016 until July.

Stiell will take up the position shortly & would be in office for the next UN climate conference, COP27, in Egypt in November. UN Secretary-General: António Guterres.

147. Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt to win fifth UEFA Super Cup

Real Madrid were once again crowned UEFA Super Cup winners after claiming a 2-0 win over Eintracht de Frankfurt at Helsinki's Olympic Stadium, an arena the team were gracing for the first time in the club's history. A David Alaba strike in the first half and a Karim Benzema effort after the interval handed Madrid the win.

148. PM Narendra Modi says India aims to become developed nation in next 25 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that for growth of New India, there is a need to ensure inclusive development across the nation. He said this was a vision held dear by Mahatma Gandhi. Addressing the 76th Independence Day Yesterday, from the ramparts of the Red Fort after unfurling the National Flag.

149. SBI to run Indian Visa Centres in Bangladesh

SBI will manage the Indian Visa Application Centre in Bangladesh for two more years. The agreement to extend the operations for two more years was signed between the officials of the SBI and the High Commission of India in Dhaka. Currently, SBI runs a total of 15 IVACs across Bangladesh. The IVAC centre at the Jamuna Future Park in Dhaka was opened in 2018. The first IVAC was started by SBI in 2005 in Dhaka.

150. India gifts Dornier aircraft to strengthen maritime security of Sri Lanka on 76th Independence Day

India gifted a Dornier reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka to bolster the island nation's capability to tackle drug trafficking and maritime security challenges, with the move coming a day ahead of a controversial visit by a Chinese research vessel. The aircraft was handed over during a special event held at the Sri Lankan Air Force base at Katunayake.

151. FIFA suspends India's national soccer federation over third party influence

"The suspension will be lifted once an order to set up a committee of administrators to assume the powers of the AIFF executive committee has been repealed and the AIFF administration regains full control of the AIFF's daily affairs,".

FIFA said the suspension was effective immediately and that the transgression constitutes a serious violation of the FIFA Statutes. FIFA president: Gianni Infantino.

152. William Ruto is declared Kenya's next president

Kenya's electoral commission chairman has declared Deputy President William Ruto the winner of the close presidential election over five-time contender Raila Odinga. Ruto received 50.49% of the vote, the chairman said, while Odinga received 48.85%.

Nairobi is Kenya's capital city.

153. Shashi Tharoor to receive France's highest civilian honour for his writings, speeches

Congress leader Shashi Tharoor set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. The French government is honouring him for his writings and speeches and French Ambassador here Emmanuel Lenain has written to Tharoor informing him about the award.

154. Former West Indies all-rounder Kieron Pollard becomes first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches

Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer to play 600 T20 matches. The former West Indies all-rounder achieved this feat when his side, London Spirit, faced off against Manchester Originals during The Hundred Tournament at Lord's.

Behind him are players Dwayne Bravo (543 matches), Shoaib Malik (472), Chris Gayle (463) and Ravi Bopara (426).

155. WHO announces new names for variants of monkeypox virus in circulation

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced new names for variants of the monkeypox virus that are currently in circulation. Experts will now refer to the former Congo Basin clade (group of variants) in Central Africa as Clade I, and the former West African clade as Clade II. The latter consists of two sub-clades, Clade IIa and Clade IIb.

156. Ireland All-Rounder Kevin O'Brien Announces Retirement From International Cricket

Ireland all-rounder Kevin O'Brien, remembered in the world of cricket for his whirlwind century against England in the 2011 ICC World Cup, which helped the Irish pull off one of the biggest upsets in 50-over cricket, has announced his retirement from international cricket.

He scored in 5850 runs in international cricket and picked up 172 wickets.

157. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hands over F-INSAS to Indian Army

The full gear of the Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS) includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle. The units of the rifle will be manufactured by an India-Russia joint venture. The rifle has a range of 300 metres.

Dr G. Satheesh Reddy: Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman, DRDO.

158. India's IT Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma appointed to high-level UN internet panel

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of eminent experts on internet governance.

Internet pioneer Vint Cerf and Nobel Prize-winning journalist Maria Reesa were also appointed to the 10-member Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.

159. Asia's oldest football tournament - Durand Cup begins

Asia's oldest football tournament- Durand Cup has kicked off its 131st edition in Kolkata. Twenty teams, including all 11 ISL clubs, five from I-League and four from the armed forces, spread over four groups will play in the 47-game competition which will for the first time since it started in 1888.

160. Wholesale price-based inflation declines to 13.93% in July compared to 15.18% in preceding month

Wholesale price-based inflation, WPI eased to 13.93 per cent in July as compared to 15.18 per cent in preceding month. According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry, WPI inflation fell on easing prices of food articles and manufactured products. The Wholesale inflation was at a record high of 15.88 per cent in May this year and stood at 11.57 per cent in July last year.

161. Centre unveils platform for better industry and R&D collaboration

Government unveiled a platform to drive collaboration between the industry and research institutes to implement technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in the country. The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to augment our efforts to build and nurture industry participation in R&D, is also a testimony of our commitment to the UN's SDG goals.

162. SBI launches its first dedicated branch for start-ups in Bengaluru

State Bank of India announced the launch of its first 'state-of-the-art' dedicated branch for startups in the country in Bengaluru, to facilitate and support them. The branch was launched by SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara. The branch would also be catering to all the requirements of the private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) funds and the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF)

163. Bajaj Electricals elevates Anuj Poddar as Managing Director, CEO

Consumer durable products maker Bajaj Electricals elevated its Executive Director Anuj Poddar to Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director and its patron Shekhar Bajaj will continue as Executive Chairman of the company. Bajaj Electricals is a part of business conglomerate Bajaj Group.

164. Centre appoints Rajkiran Rai as NaBFID managing director for nearly 5 years

The Centre and the board of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) has appointed Rajkiran Rai G as its managing director (MD) for nearly five years.

The board of NaBFID approved Rai's appointment on July 30 based on clearance by the RBI, centre and the DFI's nomination and remuneration committee.

165. INS Satpura to conduct 75-lap "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Run" at San Diego US Navy Base

Dedicated to 75 stalwarts of India's Freedom Struggle as a remembrance of their sacrifices for the nation, Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura will conduct a 75-lap 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Run' at San Diego US Navy Base. The ship will hoist the Indian Tricolour in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries in North American Continent.

166. Meghalaya set to host 2nd edition of North East Olympics

Meghalaya is all set to host the upcoming 2nd edition of the North East Olympics. The Games will be special as Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th year of its Statehood. The maiden Olympic games of the region were held in Manipur in October 2018. Approximately 4000 participants (athletes, technical staff, and volunteers) are expected to participate in the games.

167. HDFC Bank brings 'Vigil Aunty' to encourage safe banking habits

HDFC Bank has announced the launch of a new campaign titled 'Vigil Aunty'. It aims to encourage people across the country to practise safe banking habits.

Anuradha (Anu) Menon will be the protagonist of this campaign. Through a series of videos, reels, chat shows, Menon, as Vigil Aunty, will be creating awareness on safe banking do's and don'ts. This will complement the bank's 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign.

168. Zomato-Backed Shiprocket Becomes India's 106th Unicorn After Raising \$33.5 Mn

Zomato-backed SaaS-based logistics startup Shiprocket has become the latest entrant to the country's unicorn club. Shiprocket raised \$33.5 Mn in a Series E2 round fresh funding round led by Light Rock India. Shiprocket is valued at \$1.2 Bn in the latest funding round, joining Delhivery, Xpressbees, and BlackBuck in the list of logistics startups to turn unicorn.

169. India home to 18 of 20 cities with most severe increase in PM 2.5 pollution: Study

In 2019, Delhi recorded an annual average PM2.5 concentration of 110 microgram per cubic metre, the highest among the most-populous cities in the world, followed by Kolkata (84 microgram per cubic metre), said the report "Air Quality and Health in Cities" by the State of Global Air Initiative.

Beijing in China had the highest PM2.5-attributable death rate of 124 in 2019.

170. Centre approves limit of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to 5 Lakh cr

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has approved the enhancement in the limit of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by Rs 50,000 crore from Rs. 4.5 Lakh crore to Rs. 5 Lakh crore, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for enterprises in hospitality and related sectors.

171. 'Dahi-Handi' to be an official sport in Maharashtra, 'Govindas' to get jobs under sports category: CM Shinde

'Dahi-Handi' will now be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announced.

Maharashtra CM also announced that "Pro-Dahi-Handi" competitions will also be organised in the state. Insurance cover will be Rs 10 lakh if any Govinda loses his life, and Rs 5 lakh if they get partially handicapped. The 'Govindas' will get jobs under the sports category,".

172. NSA Doval meets Russian DPM Manturov; discusses peaceful use of outer space

Russian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Trade Denis Manturov met with NSA Ajit Doval in Moscow. Manturov participated in the meeting in his capacity as Chair of the Russian part of the Intergovernmental Russian-Indian Commission for Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological, and Cultural Cooperation.

173. Shipping ministry proposes amendment to 110 year-old Indian Ports Act

The Shipping Ministry has proposed establishing a national council for structured growth and development of the port sector in the draft Indian Ports Bill.

The proposed bill seeks to amend The Indian Ports Act, 1908 with the intent of empowering and establishing State Maritime Boards.

Shri Sarbananda Sonowal- Hon'ble Minister for Ports, Shipping, and Waterways.

174. London home of UK's first Asian MP Dadabhai Naoroji to get prestigious 'blue plaque'

The Blue Plaque scheme was established in 1866, now run by English Heritage, and is attached to a building in honour of 'notable men and women who have lived or worked' in London.

One of the founding members of the Congress, Naoroji lived in the Anerley Park house from 1895 to 1904. In 1886, 1893, & 1906, he presided over the annual sessions of the Indian National Congress. In 1867, he established the 'East India Association'.

175. India's first portal on arrested narco offenders 'NIDAAN' gets operational

A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country, officials said.

The portal--NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders--has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

176. ONGC inks agreement with ExxonMobil for deepwater exploration in India

Indian oil explorer and producer Oil and Natural Gas Corp said it signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with global petroleum giant ExxonMobil Corp for deepwater exploration in India's East and West coasts. The collaboration areas focus on the Krishna Godavari and Cauvery Basins in the eastern offshore and the Kutch-Mumbai region in the western offshore.

177. Edelweiss MF to launch India's first gold and silver fund

Asset management company (AMC) Edelweiss Mutual Fund is scheduled to launch India's first scheme that offers exposure to gold and silver via a single fund. The fund's managers for the scheme are Bhavesh Jain and Bharat Lahoti. India's first gold fund, Nippon India ETF Gold BeES, was launched in March 2007, while silver-based mutual funds were first introduced in January 2022. ICICI Prudential Silver ETF was the first silver-based fund in India.

178. HAL to open office in Kuala Lumpur to support Malaysian Defence Forces

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has signed an MoU for establishing an office in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). The office in Malaysia will help HAL in tapping the new business opportunities for Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) LCA and other requirements of Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) like Su-30 MKM and Hawk upgrades.

179. Indian Railways longest freight train: Super Vasuki

The Indian Railways ran the Super Vasuki, billed as the heaviest and longest freight train with 295 loaded wagons, on the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence. South East Central Railway operated the train on August 15 as part of the Centre's Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. It is a 3.5-km-long train.

180. Cabinet nod to India-France transport sector pact

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister was apprised of the signing of Contract between the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development, France on behalf of the International Transport Forum and the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), India to support the International Transport Forum activities on India Transport Sector.

181. NIPL signs PayXpert as UK's first acquirer for UPI and RuPay

NPCI International Payments Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India, the organisation behind the world's largest real-time payment solution, the Unified Payments Interface and the RuPay card Scheme, has signed an MoU confirming a partnership with the payments solutions provider PayXpert to internationalise the acceptance in UK.

182. India joins elite club with Army set to possess quantum communication technology

Indian Army will soon possess indigenous and more advanced quantum communication technology, equipping troops with a high-end secured defence system. Under the aegis of Innovation for Defence Excellence, a Defence Innovation Organisation, the QNu Labs, a Bengaluru-based deep tech start-up, has broken distance barriers by innovating advanced secured communication QKD system Quantum Key Distribution- QKD

183. Indian Air Force contingent to participate in Exercise Pitch Black in Australia

An Indian Air Force contingent has reached Australia to participate in Exercise Pitch Black 2022. The exercise is being held in Darwin till the 8th of next month. This is a biennial, multi-national exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force. The Indian Air Force contingent comprises over 100 air warriors, deployed with four Su-30 MKI fighters and two C-17 aircraft.

184. BRO to build durable steel slag road in Arunachal Pradesh

In a first, the Border Road Organization (BRO) will take up the construction of a pilot road stretch in Arunachal Pradesh using steel slag, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions. If it's found successful, this can become a big solution for building durable roads along the strategic areas. Slag is a by-product of the production of steel.

185. Paytm and Samsung collaborate to deploy smart PoS devices across India

Paytm said it partnered with Samsung stores across India to facilitate smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point of sale devices. The partnership will enable consumers purchasing Samsung devices -- laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches etc from any authorised store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments

186. Rajasthan Accounts For Highest Share In Cost Of Projects In 2021-22: RBI Report

State-wise data reveals that during 2021-22, more than half (56.4 per cent) of the projects were taken up in five states, viz., Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. Rajasthan accounted for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in 2021-22, retaining the top place for two consecutive years

187. Indian Akshay Urja Diwas 2022 | August 20

Akshay Urja Diwas, also known as the Renewable Energy Day, is held every year on August 20 to increase public awareness of the recent progress in India's use of renewable energy.

The late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary is also celebrated on this day.

The Akshay Urja Diwas has been celebrated every year on August 20 since 2004.

188. Shri Parshottam Rupala launches Online Marketplace feature "Aqua Bazar" in 'Matsya Setu' app during NFDB's 9th general body meet

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, yesterday launched the Online Market Place feature "Aqua Bazar" in the 'MatsyaSetu' mobile app during the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board. The app was developed by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA). Funded by Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

189. Govt launches 2nd phase of Grameen Udyami Project to promote skill development and entrepreneurship amongst tribal youth

National Skill Development Corporation in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society on Saturday launched the second phase of Grameen Udyami Project to augment skill training in tribal communities for their inclusive and sustainable growth. Under the initiative, the endeavour is to multiskill India's youth and impart functional skills to them for enabling livelihood

190. RBI's Study report says sustainable profits with proportionate risk need to be encouraged to avoid risk of bank failure in long

Reserve Bank of India's Study report 'Governance, Efficiency and Soundness of Indian Banks' says that, Although banks in India have made significant progress in adhering to governance standards over the recent years, The current level of compliance is not adequate to mark the existing governance structure as 'socially efficient'.

191. Under-20 World Wrestling Championships: Antim Panghal becomes first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold Medal

17-year-old Haryana wrestler Antim Panghal has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold medal at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria. She scored an 8-0 win over Atlyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan in 53kg category to achieve this feat.

This gold medal is historic as India has never won any gold medal in women's wrestling at U20 World Championships Antim Panghal belongs to Haryana's Bhagana village in the Hisar district.

192. Government grants GI Tag to Bihar's Mithila Makhana

Union government has awarded Geographical Indication tag to Mithila Makhana. With this growers will get the maximum price for their premium produce. Over five lakh farmers of Mithila region of Bihar will be benefitted from this decision. Once a product gets this tag, any person or company cannot sell a similar item under that name. This tag is valid for a period of 10 year

193. Vistara 2nd in market share with 10%, behind IndiGo's 59%

Full service Vistara emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share in July with a 10.4% pie of the sky, distantly second to the market leader IndiGo at 58.8%, according to DGCA data. SpiceJet had the highest occupancy on domestic flights at 84.7% last month, followed by Vistara at 84.3%.

Vistara is a 51:49 joint venture between the Tata Group and SIA. Vinod Kannan - CEO Vistara

194. Over 79 lakh children enrolled under Bal Aadhaar initiative in 4 months

The Unique Identification Authority has enrolled more than 79 lakh children in the 0-5 years of age group during the first four months of FY 2022-23, according to an official statement issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT.

UIDAI is part of a renewed effort to reach out to more children in the 0-5 age group under the Bal Aadhaar initiative.

195. Manisha Kalyan becomes 1st Indian to play in UEFA Women's Champions League

Manisha Kalyan became the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League when she made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus. In November 2021, the 20-year-old had become the first ever Indian footballer to score a goal in the AFC Women's Club Championship.

196. Axis Bank signs MOU with FCI

India's third largest private sector bank, Axis Bank have signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide 'Ultima Salary Package', a best-in-class salary account with exclusive benefits & features for all its employees. With this MoU, the Bank has reinstated its commitment to offering holistic banking services to the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings Axis Bank MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary

197. Sebi joins RBI's Account Aggregator framework to ease access to financial information

Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) said has joined the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Account Aggregator framework by allowing depositories, asset management companies (AMCs) and mutual fund houses to become financial information providers or FIPs.

It will give a boost to the Reserve Bank of India-regulated financial-data sharing system.

198. Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla gets one-year extension

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved an extension in service to Mr. Ajay Kumar Bhalla as Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, for a period of one year beyond August 22, 2022, i.e. up to August 22, 2023.

The Home Secretary is the administrative head of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

199. TDB approves '3.29 cr to startup for indigenous development of hydrogen sensing and analysis technology

According to TDB, M/s Multi Nano Sense Technologies Private Limited is developing an indigenous cutting edge hydrogen analysis sensor for new age applications. The development is also related to the universal miniaturized core sensor designs for leak detection and/ or analysis of hydrogen.

The target of net-zero emissions is by the year 2070. Dr. Srivari Chandrashekar: Chairperson, Technology Development Board (TDB).

200. Oleksandr Usyk defeats Anthony Joshua in dramatic rematch to retain heavyweight titles

Ukraine's Oleksandr Usyk has beaten Britain's Anthony Joshua in a surprise split points decision and retained his WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO world heavyweight boxing belts.

The fight in Saudi Arabia's Jeddah was a rematch of one in London.

This victory took Usyk's professional record to 20 fights undefeated.

201. Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2022-23 (Series -2) to open for subscription: August 22 ' August 26, 2022.

The Finance Ministry said, the issue price of the Sovereign Gold Bonds 2022-23 (Series -2). during the subscription period will be 5,197 rupees per gram. The government in consultation with the Reserve Bank of India has decided to allow discount of 50 rupees per gram from the issue price to those investors who apply online and the payment is made through digital mode.

202. Dr Jitendra Singh unveils India's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune

Dr Jitendra Singh today launched India's first truly indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune. Later, Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Bisphenol-A pilot plant in CSIR-NCL and said these pilot plants have successfully demonstrated novel process technologies developed by NCL under CSIR's Covid-19 mission program and Bulk Chemicals mission

203. Vijay Shekhar Sharma to continue as Paytm's MD & CEO for another 5 yrs

Vijay Shekhar Sharma has been reappointed managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of One 97 Communication (OCL) ' the parent company of digital payments app Paytm. Around 99.67 per cent of shareholders voted in favour of Sharma's reappointment. Sharma will continue to serve as MD and CEO of the company for another five years, Paytm had said in a statement.

204. Indians remitted \$6 bn in Q1FY23 under LRS scheme, shows RBI data

Outward remittances under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) liberalised remittance scheme (LRS) made a strong comeback in the first quarter of FY23 as Indians increased spending on international travel, maintenance of close relatives, and gifts. International travel contributed \$2.92 billion of the \$6.04 billion remitted under LRS in Q1FY23, thus constituting almost 48 %

205. Chandigarh airport to be named after Bhagat Singh

The governments of Punjab and Haryana took a decision to name the Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.

The decision was taken during a meeting held between Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala. The ' 485-crore airport project is a joint venture of the AAI and the governments of Punjab and Haryana.

206. India, Australia conclude maritime exercise near Perth

The Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and Australia concluded . INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy. The MPX included cross deck landing of helicopters, tactical manoeuvres and a farewell steam past.

207. Netanyahu autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' to be published in November

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu will publish his new autobiography on November 22.

The former prime minister's book 'Bibi: My Story' is available for pre-order from Amazon in Hebrew and in English.

208. National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)

The Scheme has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 360 crore for four years from 2022-23 to 2025-26. Namaste is a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) as a joint initiative of the MoSJE and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

209. Magnus Carlsen wins FTX Crypto Cup, R Praggnanandhaa impresses by securing second place

GM Magnus Carlsen (Norway) won the FTX Crypto Cup, the American finale of Champions Chess Tour, in Miami on despite losing his final match in a tiebreak to GM Praggnanandhaa R., who thereby secured second place in the tournament. GM Alireza Firouzja finished in third place.

Magnus won the event on the basis of a higher score.

210. HDFC ERGO launches country's first Electric Vehicles Ecosystem 'All Things EV'

As a part of this initiative, the Company has unveiled a dedicated platform for existing and prospective EV ecosystem users ' www.allthingsev.io, which hosts end-to-end information on this emerging sector; the platform caters to all Indians who have either purchased EVs or are planning to buy EV or to make an earning out of the booming EV space. HDFC ERGO is a 51:49 joint venture firm between HDFC and ERGO International AG.

211. Adidas CEO Kasper Rorsted to step down next year

Adidas CEO Kasper Rorsted will step down next year, the sports apparel maker, and the company has started looking for a successor.

Rorsted, who has been CEO since 2016, and its supervisory board "mutually agreed" that he will hand over during the course of 2023, the Herzogenaurach, Germany-based Adidas said.

212. ADB to provide USD 96.3 mn loan to improve water supply, sanitation services in HP

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a USD 96.3-million loan agreement to provide safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in the state of Himachal Pradesh.

ADB's involvement in the project will provide water management best practices, strengthen institutional capacity, and guide tariff reform, said Takeo Konishi. Takeo Konishi, Country Director for ADB in India.

213. India nominates GARBA to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list

India has nominated the dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list. UNESCO(United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) Director Eric Falt said that after the inclusion of 'Durga Puja' on the UNESCO intangible cultural heritage representative last year, India has now nominated 'Garba' for 2022. UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France Director General- Audrey Azoulay

214. Union Govt launches Rashtriya Puruskar Portal to bring together all awards under one platform

The Government has launched Rashtriya Puruskar Portal to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments and agencies of the government under one platform. This has been done to ensure transparency and public partnership. Information regarding all national awards would be available to the public on a single digital platform like eligibility etc.

215. India To Have Its 1st Observatory To Track Space Activity In Uttarakhand

India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up. The space situational awareness observatory will help India track any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering India

216. India notifies overseas investment rules and regulations to boost ease of doing business

The Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, 2022 will subsume extant regulations pertaining to Overseas Investments and Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property Outside India Regulations, 2015. The rules have been framed by the Government of India in consultation with the Reserve Bank.

217. Greece exits EU's 'enhanced surveillance' framework

Greece has announced that it has exited the European Union's enhanced surveillance framework. Country's Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis made this announcement. The surveillance framework was intended to ensure the continued adoption of measures to tackle potential sources of economic difficulty and structural reforms to support sustainable economic growth. This allows the country greater freedom in policy making. Capital- Athens Currency- Euro

218. EAM S Jaishankar inaugurates Indian Embassy in Paraguay

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar jointly inaugurated the new Indian Embassy in Paraguay with his counterpart Julio Cesar Arriola.

It is also the first Indian Foreign Minister to visit Paraguay, coinciding with the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Paraguay President: Mario Abdo Benitez;

Capital: Asuncion. Paraguay Currency: Paraguayan guaran

219. India signs MoU with Iran for maritime coop; eyes long term contract on Chabahar Port

India has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Iran on mutual recognition of seafarers' code of conduct for unlimited voyages, expanding its maritime partnership with the West Asian country alongside recent moves to boost infrastructure in the strategically located Chabahar Port.

India is eyeing a trilateral maritime cooperation involving Iran and Oman.

220. India Adds Over 7 GW of Solar in a Record First Half of 2022 | Mercom India Report

Solar capacity installations in the country rose by 59 per cent to record 7.2 GW during first half of 2022, according to Mercom India Research. In January-June or H1 of 2021, the country had added 4.5 GW solar capacity, the research firm's 'Q2 2022 India Solar Market Update'.

221. MP's Mandla becomes country's first fully 'functionally literate' district

Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in the country. A person can be called functionally literate when he or she is able to write his or her own name, to count and read and write in Hindi. The literacy rate in the district was 68 per cent as per a survey in 2011. As per Census 2011, literacy rate in India is 74.04%, 82.14 for males and 65.46 for female

222. India Successfully Flight Tests Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-To-Air Missile

Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy successfully flight tested Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

The missiles, equipped with indigenous Radio Frequency (RF) seeker, intercepted the target with high accuracy. The VL-SRSAM system has been indigenously designed and developed by DRDO.

223. Vikram Doraiswami appointed India's High Commissioner to UK

Vikram Doraiswami, presently Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the UK, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced.

British High Commissioner to India : Alexander Ellis.

224. Om Birla to lead Indian Parliamentary delegation at 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Canada

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will be attending the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference scheduled to be held in Halifax, Canada.

Sunita Duggal, MP, Lok Sabha would be attending the meeting of the "Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Steering Committee".

During the Conference, 8 Workshops will be held on various subjects.

225. 'Vidya Rath-School On Wheels' Project Launched In Assam; Empowering Economically-Challenged Children

The Assam Chief Minister ' Himanta Biswa Sarma launched a project 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels', in an endeavour to impart elementary education among economically-challenged children of the society.

Its worthy to note that the 'Vidya Rath-School on Wheels' project will reportedly provide underprivileged children access to elementary education for 10 months. Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court ' Justice RM Chhaya.

226. NASA selects potential regions to land crew for Artemis III mission

As NASA prepares to send astronauts back to the Moon as part of its Artemis missions, the space agency has identified 13 potential locations for landing crewed missions near the lunar South Pole of Earth's sole natural satellite. Artemis III will be the first Artemis mission that will bring crew to the lunar surface, including the first woman to set foot on the Moon. NASA is set to launch Artemis 1 mission on August 29, 2022

227. IIT Guwahati develops new method to produce sugar substitute 'Xylitol' from sugarcane waste

Researchers at the IIT Guwahati have developed an ultrasound-assisted fermentation method to produce a safe sugar substitute called 'Xylitol' from bagasse, the residue left after crushing of sugarcane. The xylitol production from sugarcane bagasse using ultrasonic fermentation is a potential opportunity for forward integration of sugarcane industries in India.

228. SIDBI and Tata Power's TPRMG partner to foster green entrepreneurs

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has collaborated with TP Renewable Microgrid (TPRMG), a subsidiary of Tata Power, to launch 1,000 green energy enterprises across the country. The

initiative is aimed at promoting sustainable entrepreneurship models and empowering rural entrepreneurs. Sivasubramanian Ramann - Chairman and Managing Director, SIDBI.

229. Liberty Medal to be awarded to Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

The 2022 Liberty Medal will be awarded this fall to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The National Constitution Center announced that Zelenskyy will be honored in a ceremony in October for what it called 'his heroic defense of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny.' Zelenskyy, has served as the nation's president since May 2019.

230. Centre issues advisory to states on Tomato Flu

The Centre has issued an advisory to states on Hand Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD), commonly known as Tomato Flu. According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Tomato Flu was first identified in the Kollam district of Kerala on May 6 and as of July 26, more than 82 children younger than 5 years with the infection have been reported by the local government hospitals

231. Angela Merkel Wins UNESCO Peace Prize For 'Efforts To Welcome Refugees'

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel received the 2022 Peace Prize 'in recognition of her efforts to welcome refugees,' according to UNESCO.

In accordance with the United Nations Charter and the UNESCO Constitution, the prize was established in 1989.

After 16 years in office, Merkel left her position as head of state of Germany in 2021. Olaf Scholz is the current chancellor of Germany.

232. PM Modi inaugurates Amrita Hospital in Faridabad, Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Mohali

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Amrita hospital in Faridabad.

The state-of-the-art facility has 2,600 beds and will be managed by Mata Amritanandamayi Math ' a charitable organization spearheaded by its namesake Mata Amritanandamayi.

The Kochi Amrita Hospital was inaugurated on 17th May 1998, by then PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. It is touted to be Asia's biggest private super-speciality hospital.

233. DRDO Successfully Test-fires Pinaka Extended Range Rocket In Pokharan

Trials of the Pinaka extended range rocket, developed by DRDO, were carried out in the Pokhran firing ranges in Rajasthan. Multiple successful test firings were carried out during these trials. The Pinaka Enhanced Rocket System and the Pinaka Area Denial Munition Rocket Systems were successfully test fired in April 2022. The Guided Extended Range Rocket Ammunition has a range of 75 km with an accuracy of 40m

234. Tripartite MoU signed for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under Bharatmala project

The tripartite agreement was signed by National Highways Logistics Management Limited, Inland Waterways Authority of India, and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks under Bharatmala Pariyojna across the country. The objective of the agreement is to centralize freight consolidation and reduce logistics costs from 14% to 10%.

235. Rajnath Singh attends SCO Defence Ministers' meeting in Tashkent

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended the annual meeting of defence ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member states in Uzbekistan. Defence cooperation issues among the SCO member states were among the issues discussed during the meeting. Uzbekistan took over the chairmanship of the organization from Tajikistan on September 17, 2021.

236. Transgender persons to get composite healthcare svcs under AB-PMJAY: Govt

In a landmark decision today, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between National Health Authority (NHA) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment to provide an inclusive and composite health package for Transgender Persons under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

The Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 Dr. R S Sharma, CEO, National Health Authority (NHA)

237. Anang Tal site in Delhi to be Centrally protected

The Anang Tal lake in South Delhi, believed to have been built a thousand years ago, has been declared a monument of national importance through a gazette notification by the Ministry of Culture earlier this week. As per the website of National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Tradition ascribes this tank to a Tomar King, Anang Pal II, the builder of Lal Kot. The Anangtal lake is situated in Mehrauli, Delhi

238. Centre signs headquarters agreement with CDRI, enables international status

The Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) and the Government of India (GoI) signed a headquarters agreement. The agreement will enable the status of an 'Independent and International Legal Entity' for CDRI. The headquarters agreement basically gives CDRI a global organisation.

239. Reserve Bank of India lifts business restrictions imposed on American Express

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted restrictions on American Express Banking Corp. and has allowed the entity to onboard new customers on its card network.

The RBI had said the supervisory action has been taken in the exercise of powers vested in it under Section 17 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. Sanjay Khanna - Interim CEO & COO, American Express Banking Corp., India.

240. Dharmendra Pradhan Participates In Dialogue With Group Of Eight Australian Universities

Union Education and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan held discussions with academic leaders of the top Group of Eight (G08) Australian Universities on building successful Australia-India research collaborations.

241. EAC-PM to release the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100

Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister will release the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100 on 30th August 2022. The Competitiveness Roadmap is a collaborative endeavour between EAC-PM, The Institute for Competitiveness headed by Dr Amit Kapoor, and Professor Michael E. Porter and Dr Christian Ketels from Harvard Business School.

242. Samir V Kamat appointed DRDO chief, G Satheesh Reddy named as scientific adviser to Rajnath Singh

Samir V Kamat has been appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has been named as scientific adviser to the defence minister. Mr. Kamat has been appointed to the post till he attains the age of 60 years.

243. President Droupadi Murmu To Confer 46 Teachers With National Awards On Sept 5

President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu will confer National Awards to Teachers 2022 to 46 selected awardees on 5th September 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

The Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education has been organizing a National level function on Teachers Day i.e. 5th September every year to confer the National Awards to the best teachers.

244. Cabinet amends policy to restrict wheat flour exports to check domestic price rise

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the the proposal for amendment of policy of exemption for wheat or Meslin Flour from export restrictions/ban.

Russia and Ukraine are the major exporters of wheat accounting for around 1/4th of the global wheat trade.

245. Corporate Affairs Ministry approves Bharat Gas amalgamation with BPCL

Bharat Gas Resources Ltd (BGRL), a 100 per cent subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), has been amalgamated with the parent.

The main business of BGRL is gas sourcing and retailing.

The scheme of amalgamation has become effective on August 16. BGRL was incorporated in June 2018.

246. Former CEA Krishnamurthy Subramanian appointed India's Executive Director at IMF

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Subramanian to the post of Executive Director (India) at the IMF, with effect from November 1, 2022 for a period of three years or until further orders, by curtailing the tenure of Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla as ED (India), IMF up to 31.10.2022.

Mr. Bhalla was appointed to the post for 3 yrs in October 2019. Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, current Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) of India.

247. India, Bangladesh discuss Ganga, Teesta and Kushiara in Joint River Commission meeting

India and Bangladesh discussed a wide range of issues related to the major common rivers such as the Ganga, Teesta and several smaller rivers during the 38th meeting of the Joint River Commission (JRC). Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat addressed the 38th meeting of the Joint River Commission.

248. Parivar Kalyan Card: Centre Approves UP Family ID Plan

The Centre has granted permission to the UP government's proposal of releasing family IDs to its residents and application of Aadhaar authentication for their details through the ministry of electronics and

information technology (MEIT). The new 12-digit card will help the state government keep a tap on the government scheme benefits received by a family.

249. Health ministry pacts with Edelweiss General Insurance to create digital health IDs

The health ministry partnered with digital insurer Edelweiss General Insurance to help creating digital health IDs under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Digital Health ID or ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) number is a 14-digit number that helps users to share and access their health records digitally with registered healthcare providers.

250. Tata Neu, HDFC Bank partner to launch two co-branded credit card variants

Tata Neu, the 'super app' of the Tata Group and HDFC Bank announced a partnership to launch co-branded credit cards. The card will be launched in two variants: Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card and Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card. Each of the two variants of the card will be available on both RuPay and Visa networks.

251. Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launches a book 'New India' on death anniversary of Arun Jaitley

Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu today released a book titled New India - a compilation of selected articles of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley on his death anniversary in New Delhi. He said, Mr Jaitley also dreamt of a progressive nation, where there is no poverty, no urban-rural divide and no gender and social discrimination.

252. Telecom department amends RoW rules to expedite 5G infrastructure rollout

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Union Telecom and Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw released amendment in the Indian Telegraph Right of Way (RoW) Rules, 2016 to facilitate faster and easier deployment of telecom infrastructure and launched a new 5G RoW application 'form' on GatiShakti Sanchar Portal to enable faster 5G rollout in India.

253. Karim Benzema And Alexia Putellas Win UEFA Player Of The Year 2021-22 Prizes

Karim Benzema and Alexia Putellas were rewarded for outstanding seasons by winning the UEFA men's and women's player of the year prizes at a ceremony in Istanbul.

Carlo Ancelotti was named best men's coach for his success with Real, with Dutchwoman Sarina Wiegman crowned best women's coach after leading England to Euro glory.

254. Neeraj Chopra makes history, becomes first Indian to win Diamond League

India's Neeraj Chopra claimed the first position in the Lausanne Diamond League with an incredible 89.08 m throw.

This is the first time Chopra has claimed the top spot in a Diamond League event and has now booked his place in the Finals in Zurich.

Jakud Vadlejch finished second and Curits Thompson finished third.

255. Linthoi Chanambam Wins India's First-ever Gold Medal at Judo World Championships

Linthoi Chanambam scripted history by winning India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships with a gold in the Women's 57kg category at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships. The 15-year-old judoka outclassed Brazil's Bianca Reis in the 57-kg category final.

She became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group category of the World Championships. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS CADETS 2022 held at BOSNIA and HERZEGOVINA, (Capital: SARAJEVO).

256. HDFC Bank to acquire 9.94% in Go Digit Life

HDFC Bank has entered into an indicative and non-binding term sheet with Go Digit Life Insurance Ltd. In an exchange filing, the bank stated it will invest Rs. 120 crore in two tranches to acquire up to 9.94% equity stake in the company.

The company recently filed draft papers with the market regulator to raise around Rs.5,000 crore through an initial public offering (IPO).

257. Adille Sumariwalla takes over as President of Indian Olympic Association

The Indian Olympic Association has co-opted Adille Sumariwalla as the President of the association till fresh elections are held.

The erstwhile President of the IOA, Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, resigned from the post of President, IOA on July 18 due to personal reasons.

258. Ana Brnabi appointed for another term as Serbian PM

Serbian President Aleksandar Vuczi has appointed Ana Brnabi for the next term the Prime Minister. She has been heading the Serbian government since 2017.

In the April elections, Brnabi's party was supported by 44 per cent of voters.

Serbia Capital: Belgrade; Currency: Serbian dinar.

259. SP Jain professor Ananth Narayan appointed whole-time SEBI member

Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan, an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), was on August 27, appointed a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

With this appointment, Ananth Narayan becomes the fourth whole-time member of SEBI, which had been operating with a vacancy for the position since November 2021.

260. All subsidised fertilisers to be sold under single brand 'Bharat' from October

All subsidised fertilisers including urea and DAP will be sold under the single brand 'Bharat' from October, a move aimed at ensuring timely availability of soil nutrients to farmers & reducing the freight subsidy.

Minister Mansukh Mandaviya announced this 'One Nation One Fertiliser' under the fertiliser subsidy scheme 'Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna (PMBJP)'. Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister: Mansukh Mandaviya

261. NPCI directs apps not to charge bill payment fees

The National Payments Corporation of India has asked payment apps to stop charging a platform fee for payments enabled on the Bharat Bill Payment Platform. This is in light of the RBI coming out with a discussion paper on payment charges in the country.

Dilip Asbe is the MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). Mr. A. P. Hota was the first MD & CEO of NPCI.

262. RBI makes public inspection report of City Union Bank under Right to Information (RTI) Act

During its inspection, the RBI team observed that City Union Bank has a separate loan product for pawnbrokers.

The Supreme Court on April 26, 2019 had made clear that the RBI was 'duty bound to furnish all information relating to inspection reports and other material' under the RTI Act except those which pertained to 'matters of national economic interest'.

Right to Information Act is an initiative of the Department of Personnel & Training, GoI.

263. NMDFC signs pact with ICICI Bank for development of banking software, app

The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) signed an agreement with ICICI Bank for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application.

ICICI Bank will design, develop and deploy the application for NMDFC, and provide source code and executable database information among others. The NMDFC was incorporated in 1994; Dr. Rakesh Sarwal is Chairman-cum-Managing Director.

264. FIFA Lifts Ban On AIFF, Decks Cleared For India To Host Women's U-17 World Cup In October

World football governing body FIFA lifted the ban imposed on the AIFF after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA), clearing the decks for India to host the Women's U-17 World Cup in October.

The suspension, the first time in AIFF's 85-year history, lasted just 11 days. AIFF acting general secretary: Sunando Dhar.

265. Essar Group to sell infra assets worth over Rs 19,000 crores to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India), a joint venture between ArcelorMittal and Nippon Steel, announced that it had reached a definitive agreement to acquire ports, power plants, and other logistics and infrastructure assets from the Essar group for a net value of about \$2.4 billion (Rs 19,000 crore).

266. Govt Notifies New Battery Waste Management Rules To Promote Circular Economy

The Government has notified new rules for environmentally sound management of waste batteries.

The rules cover all types of batteries such as electric vehicle batteries, portable batteries, automotive and industrial batteries.

The New rules, published by the Environment Ministry on 24 August, will replace Batteries (Management and Handling) Rules, 2001.

267. Viktor Axelsen, Akane Yamaguchi clinch BWF World Championships singles title

World number one shuttler Viktor Axelsen clinched his second BWF World Championships title after beating Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in Tokyo. The women's singles title has been retained by Japan's reigning champion Akane Yamaguchi. In the men's singles final, reigning Axelsen prevailed over Denmark's Vitidsarn. Yamaguchi defeated China's Olympic champion Chen Yufei.

268. PM Modi lays foundations stones for Maruti Suzuki's new plants in Gujarat and Haryana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Maruti Suzuki Vehicle Manufacturing Facility for Haryana and Suzuki EV Battery Plant for Hansalpur in Gujarat. The Suzuki Motor Gujarat Electric Vehicle

Battery Manufacturing Facility at Hansalpur, will be set-up with an investment of around Rs 7,300 crores to manufacture Advance Chemistry Cell batteries for EV. He laid the foundation stone in Gandhinagar to mark 40 years of Suzuki Company in India.

269. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana completes eight years of successful implementation

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana PMJDY, the National Mission for Financial Inclusion completed eight years of successful implementation on August 28th. More than 46.25 crore beneficiaries banked under PMJDY since inception, amounting to over one lakh 73 thousand crore rupees. PMJDY Accounts grew from 14.72 crore in March 2015 to 46.25 crore as on the 10th of August 2022.

270. INOXVA ships India's largest Liquid Hydrogen Tank to South Korea

Cryogenic equipment and solutions provider INOXVA flagged-off India's largest-ever made bulk Liquid Hydrogen Storage Tank.

The tank with a storage capacity of 238 cubic meters was flagged off from company's Kandla facility to South Korea, for installing at hydrogen liquefaction plant by Doosan Corporation.

271. Indo-US Special Forces Joint Exercise 'Vajra Prahar' Culminates In Himachal Pradesh

The 13th Edition of India ' USA Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022 culminated at Bakloh (HP) on 28 August 2022.

This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States. The 12th edition was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mc Chord, Washington (USA) in October 2021.

272. J&K ' first to establish Atal Tinkering Labs in partnership with NITI Aayog

The Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has become the first amongst States/UTs to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab in partnership with the government think tank NITI Aayog.

NITI Aayog is keen to replicate the J&K model of Atal Tinkering Lab to rest of the country on 50:50 cost sharing basis. ATL was started with an aim to build 10,000 labs and the target has been achieved.

273. Virat Kohli Becomes 1st Indian To Play 100 Matches In All 3 Formats

Virat Kohli represented the nation in his 100th T20I match and will also become the first player in history to play a hundred matches for India in all formats of the game during the first Asia Cup game against Pakistan. Virat has represented Team India in 99 T20I games across which he has scored 3,308 runs at an average of 50.12.

274. NHAI organises workshop on global navigation satellite system-based tolling

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) organized a workshop on Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) based tolling, which will help the government strategize and design the roadmap for free-flow tolling system in the country.

NHAI chairperson Alka Upadhyaya said the workshop would provide the likely way forward on deployment of GNSS-based tolling in India.

275. Mercedes-Benz India appoints Santosh Iyer as MD & CEO from January 2023

Mercedes-Benz India has announced the appointment of Santosh Iyer as its new managing director and CEO. Santosh Iyer, who replaces Martin Schwenk, is the first Indian ' and, at 46, also the youngest ' to take charge at the helm of affairs of Mercedes-Benz India.

Martin Schwenk to take over as CEO of Mercedes Benz Thailand

Iyer took over as VP, sales and marketing in 2019.

276. RBI Central Board discussed economic, global and domestic challenges at 597th meet

The 597th meeting of the Central Board of Directors of Reserve Bank of India was held at its Regional Office in Jaipur under the Chairmanship of Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor.

The Board discussed various areas of operations of the Reserve Bank including the functioning of the Local Boards and activities of select Central Office Department.

277. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty claim India's first men's doubles medal at World Championships

India finished with one medal at the badminton championships. The Indian men's doubles pair of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy won the bronze medal after going down in the semi-finals of the BWF World Championships 2022 against Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik in Tokyo. This was India's 13th world badminton championships medal but the first in men's doubles.

278. Rural Olympic Games begin in Rajasthan, about 30 lakh people to participate

Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot inaugurated month-long Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games, for which around 30 lakh villagers have registered. Games like volleyball, hockey, tennis ball cricket and kho kho will be part of the events. The rural olympics organised in eleven thousand gram panchayats across the state is an outreach to the rural population, especially the rural youth. Kalraj Mishra - Governor of Rajasthan.

279. India surpasses China, UK to become 10th largest life insurer globally

The Indian life insurance industry grew at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 11%, in terms of total premium and 17% in terms of new business premium, during 2017-22, according to a report by Benori Knowledge. The global provider of custom research and analytics solutions estimated that the industry will grow at a CAGR of 9% until 2027.

280. Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Delhi top tech hubs in Asia Pacific after Beijing: C&W report

Bengaluru ranks second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing, according to a report by Cushman and Wakefield. The report, called 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', studied as many as 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe.

281. UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar appointed as interim head of AICTE

Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education has appointed the UGC Chairman Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar as the interim head of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) until a regular chairperson is not appointed. This decision has been made as AICTE Chairman Anil Sahasrabudhe will be relieved of duty from Sept 1 onwards.

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) was set up in November 1945.

282. Amlan Borgohain breaks 100m national record at All India Railway C'ships

Amlan Borgohain, who holds the 200m national record, has now added the 100m record to his name. The 24-year-old from Assam clocked 10.25s (wind speed +1.8, legal) to break the six-year-old national record of Amiya Kumar Mallick (10.26s) at the 87th all-India inter-Railway athletics championships in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh.

283. PM Narendra Modi to unveil new Naval Ensign during INS Vikrant's commissioning in Kochi

PM Modi will unveil a new Naval Ensign (Nishaan) 'doing away with the colonial past and befitting the rich Indian maritime heritage' during the commissioning of the indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant in Kochi, Kerala, on Sep 2.

Current Indian Naval Ensign consists of a St George's Cross. In one corner of the cross, Indian flag was put during when India attained freedom

284. Colin de Grandhomme retires from international cricket

New Zealand allrounder Colin de Grandhomme has announced his retirement from international cricket. De Grandhomme's international career lasted over 10 years and he represented New Zealand in 115 games across formats.

He also represented Zimbabwe in the 2003-04 Under-19 World Cup before leaving for Auckland in 2006.



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APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT	POST
Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaoson	Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police
Suresh N. Patel	Central Vigilance Commissioner
Ferdinand Marcos Jr	President of Philippines
Piyush Goyal	CEO of NATGRID
Gopal Vittal	Managing Director of Airtel
Mohit Burman	Chairman of Dabur India
Kushvinder Vohra	President of Indian Water Resources Society (IWRS)
Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ros	Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)
Dr. Debasisa Mohanty	Director of National Institute of Immunology
Sajith Sivanandan	Executive Vice President and Head of Disney+ Hotstar
Mahendra N Shah	MD & CEO of IDFC
Justice Uday Umesh Lalit	Chief Justice of India
Nagesh Singh	India's ambassador to Thailand.
Satyendra Prakash	Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB).
C. B. Ananthakrishnan	Chairman and Managing Director of Hindustan Aeronautical Limited (HAL)
Auguste'Tano'Kouam	World Bank's Country Director for India
R S Sodhi	President of Indian Dairy Association
Ranjit Rath	Chairman & Managing Director of Oil India Limited
Jagdeep Dhankhar	India's 14th Vice-President
Inderjit Camotra	MD & CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank Ltd
Nallathamby Kalaiselvi	Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
Viswanathan Anand	Deputy President of FIDE
Gustavo Petro	President of Columbia
Sanjay Agarwal	Assistant Director General of the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT)
Nitish Kumar	Chief Minister of Bihar
Tejashwi Prasad Yadav	Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar
Simon Stiell	Executive Secretary of UNFCCC
William Ruto	President of Kenya
Rajkiran Rai G	Managing Director (MD) of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)
Vijay Shekhar Sharma	MD & CEO of One 97 Communication (OCL)/ Paytm
Vikram Doraiswami	India's High Commissioner to UK
Samir V Kamat	Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
G Satheesh Reddy	Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister
Krishnamurthy Subramanian	Executive Director (India) at the IMF

Anuj Poddar	MD & CEO of Bajaj Electricals
Adille Sumariwalla	President of Indian Olympic Association
Ana Brnabi	Prime Minister of Serbia
Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan	Whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
Santosh Iyer	MD & CEO of Mercedes-Benz India
Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar	Interim head of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)

AWARDS

WINNER	AWARD
Kannan Sundaram	Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mrite
Dalai Lama	dPal rNgam Duston
Prabath Jayasuriya	ICC Men's player of the month for July 2022
Emma Lamb	ICC Women's player of the month for July 2022
Shashi Tharoor	Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur
Volodymyr Zelenskyy	2022 Liberty Medal
Angela Merkel	2022 Peace Prize 'in recognition of her efforts to welcome refugees
Karim Benzema	UEFA Men's Player Of The Year 2021-22
Alexia Putella	UEFA Women's Player Of The Year 2021-22
Manisha Kalyan	AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year 2021- 2022
Sunil Chhetri	AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2021- 2022

IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
August 1st	Muslim Women's Rights Day	
August 7th	National Handloom Day	
August 9th	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	
August 10th	World Lion Day	
August 10th	World Biofuel Day	
August 12th	World Elephant Day	
August 12th	International Youth Day	Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages
August 12th	World Sanskrit Day	
August 14th	Partition Horrors Remembrance Day	
August 19th	World Humanitarian Day	To show the importance, effectiveness, and positive impact of humanitarian work
August 19th	World Photography Day	Pandemic Lockdown through the lens
August 20th	World Mosquito day	
August 20th	Akshay Urja Diwas/ Renewable Energy Day	
August 21st	International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism	
August 21st	World Senior Citizen's Day	
August 22nd	International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	
August 23rd	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is an international day	
August 23rd- September 1st	World Water Week	Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water
August 29th	International Day against Nuclear Tests	

August 29th	National Sports Day	
August 30th	International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances	
August 30th	National Small Industry Day	

OBITUARY

OBITUARY	RELATED FIELD
Fidel Valdez Ramos	Former Philippine President
Rudi Koertzen	Former Cricket umpire
K. Maya Thevar	Former Member of Parliament
Amitabh Choudhary	Former BCCI secretary
Nayyara Noor	Pakistani playback singer
Abhijit Sen	Agricultural Economist
Samar 'Badru' Banerjee	Former Indian football team captain
Syed Sibtey Razi	Former Governor of Jharkhand



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Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandn
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Pema Khandu	Brigadier B.D. Mishra (retd)
Assam	Dispur	HimantaBiswaSarma	Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
Bihar	Patna	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Bhupesh Baghel	AnusuiyaUikey
Goa	Panaji	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Gujarat	Gandhi Nagar	Vijaybhai R. Rupani	Acharya Dev Vrat
Haryana	Chandigarh	Manohar Lal Khattar	BandaruDattatraya
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Jai Ram Thakur	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Jharkhand	Ranchi	Hemant Soren	Ramesh Bais
Karnataka	Bengaluru	Basavaraj Bommai	Thaawarchand Gehlot
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Shivraj Singh Chauhan	MangubhaiChhaganbhai Patel
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Eknath Shinde	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Manipur	Imphal	N Biren Singh	La. Ganesan
Meghalaya	Shillong	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
Mizoram	Aizawl	Pu Zoramthanga	Dr Kambhampati Haribabu
Nagaland	Kohima	Neiphiu Rio	Jagdish Mukhi
Odisha	Bhubaneshwar	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal
Punjab	Chandigarh	Bhagwant Mann	Banwarilal Purohit
Rajasthan	Jaipur	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
Sikkim	Gangtok	PS Golay	Ganga Prasad
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	M. K. Stalin	R. N. Ravi
Telangana	Hyderabad	K. Chandrasekhar Rao	TamilisaiSoundararajan
Tripura	Agartala	Dr. Manik Saha	SatyadeoNarain Arya
UttarPradesh	Lucknow	Yogi Aditya Nath	Anandiben Patel
Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
West Bengal	Kolkata	Mamata Banerjee	La. Ganesan

UNION TERRITORIES, LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS & ADMINISTRATORS

UNION TERRITORY	LT. GOVERNOR & ADMINISTRATOR
Andaman and Nicobar Island (UT)	Admiral D K Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
Chandigarh (UT)	Banwarilal Purohit (Administrator)
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Delhi (NCT)	Vinai Kumar Saxena (Lieutenant Governor)
Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	Manoj Sinha (Lieutenant Governor)
Lakshadweep (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Puducherry (UT)	Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge) (Lieutenant Governor)
Ladakh (UT)	Radha Krishna Mathur (Lieutenant Governor)

UNION MINISTERS & PORTFOLIO

UNION MINISTER	PORTFOLIO
Narendra Modi	Ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space
Rajnath Singh	Ministry of Defence
Amit Shah	Ministry of Home Affairs Ministry of Cooperation
Nitin Gadkari	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Nirmala Sitharaman	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Piyush Goyal	Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministry of Textiles Ministry of Consumer affairs, food and public distribution
Narendra Singh Tomar	Ministry of agriculture and Farmers welfare
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