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Banking & Finance

1. Gross NPAs of banks fall to six-year low of 5.9% in March : RBI

Gross non performing assets(GNPAs) of scheduled commercial banks(SCBs) fell to a six-year low of 5.9% in March 2022 and could fall further to 5.3% by March 2023, according to the Financial Stability Report of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for June.

Further, the Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio(CRAR) rose to a new high of 16.7% in March 2022.

2. SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank acquire 9.54% stake each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services

SBI, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank acquired a 9.54 per cent stake each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited (Perfios AA).

These banks acquired 8,05,520 equity shares each by paying Rs 4.03 crore each for the stakes. Perfios AA is based out of Bengaluru

3. Govt revamps Banks Board into Financial Services Institutions Bureau

government has transformed the Banks Board Bureau (BBB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, into the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) by making some amendments.

It also approved the appointment of Bhanu Pratap Sharma, former Chairman, BBB as the initial chairperson of FSIB for a term of two years.

4. RBI revises norms on banknote authentication, sorting

RBI revised the existing guidelines for authentication and sorting following introduction of the new series banknotes.

Banks should put together a check deck of minimal 2,000 items of dirty notes, together with mutilated one and faux Indian forex notes, as per the revised pointers.

5. UPI transactions remain above Rs 10 trillion in June, shows NPCI data

UPI-enabled digital transaction remained above Rs 10 lakh crore in June for the second month in a row, data from NPCI showed.

However, it was down by nearly 3 per cent from the previous month.

The transaction value under Unified Payments Interface (or BHIM UPI) digital payments in June 2022 stood at Rs 10,14,384 crore, down by 2.6 per cent from the previous month.

6. Cashfree launches interoperability in card tokens across payment gateways

Payments provider Cashfree Payments announced that its tokenization solution, 'Token Vault' will offer interoperability in card tokenization.

Token Vault's interoperability feature will help businesses who use multiple payment gateways to process tokenized card transactions across any payment gateway and card network of their choice. Akash Sinha is CEO & Co-Founder, Cashfree Payments

7. Bank deposit growth moderated to 10% in March 2022: RBI data

The growth in Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) deposits moderated to 10 per cent year-on-year in March 2022, compared to an increase of 11.9 per cent a year ago, RBI data showed.

During 2021-2022, current, savings and term deposits rose by 10.9 per cent, 13.3 per cent and 7.9 per cent, respectively.

RBI released data on Deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks- March 2022

8. SBI Card partners with Aditya Birla Finance to launch 'Aditya Birla SBI Card'

SBI Card, in partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL) announced, on June 30, the launch of 'Aditya Birla SBI Card'.

The rewards-centric credit card has been launched in two variants - 'Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT' and 'Aditya Birla SBI Card', on the Visa platform.

The card offers benefits on both premium and mass brands that belong to the Aditya Birla Group.

9. SBI Life signs bancassurance pact with Paschim Banga Gramin Bank

The partnership will see all the branches of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank across West Bengal offer SBI Life's range of protection, wealth creation, credit life, annuity and savings products.

Bancassurance is an arrangement between a bank and an insurance company, as a part of which the latter can sell its products to the lender's customers. Paschim Banga Gramin Bank HQ: Howrah, West Bengal.

10. RBI imposes monetary penalty on IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank

RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of '1 crore on IndusInd Bank for non-compliance with certain directions issued by RBI on 'RBI (KYC) Directions, 2016' & '1.05 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank for

contravention of the provisions of sub-section (2) of Section 26A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 (the Act) read with para 3 of Depositor Education & Awareness Fund Scheme, 2014.

11. Banking frauds of over '100 crore see significant decline in FY'22

Frauds in banking sector involving sums of over '100 crore have declined significantly, with banks reporting cases worth '41,000 crore in 2021-22 compared to '1.05 lakh crore in the previous year.

According to data by RBI in the case of PSBs, the total number of fraud cases over '100 crore dropped from 167 in FY21 to 80 and in case of private banks fell from 98 to 38.

12. Kerala Forest & Wildlife Dept ties up with South Indian Bank for digital payment collection

South Indian Bank has signed an agreement with Kerala's Forest and Wildlife Department to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State.

Through this partnership, digital collection system of South Indian Bank will now be available at all 124 tourist spots that fall under the Forest Department

13. RBI selects Hansa Research Group to conduct field work for inflation expectation survey

RBI has decided to engage Mumbai-based Hansa Research Group to conduct field work for the July 2022 round of the consumer confidence survey (CCS) and inflation expectation survey of households (IESH).

The results of these surveys conducted in 19 cities provide useful inputs for monetary policy.

14. LazyPay stops BNPL payment product after RBI's directive on PPI

LazyPay, the lending arm of PayU India, has temporarily stopped support for its buy-now-pay-later (BNPL) payment product LazyPlus UPI amid rising regulatory concerns for card-based credit fintech firms.

RBI, on June 20, barred non-bank wallets and pre-paid cards from loading their credit lines into these platforms.

15. SBI renews MoU with Indian Air Force for defence salary package

State Bank of India (SBI) has renewed the MoU with the Indian Air Force for the Defence Salary Package (DSP) scheme.

Under this scheme, it will offer various benefits and features to all serving and retired Air Force personnel and their families.

Insurance cover for permanent total disability / partial disability is also available.

16. Samunnati enters into co-lending partnership with SBI for financing FPOs

Open agri network Samunnati has entered into a co-lending partnership with State Bank of India (SBI) to expand its outreach to Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs).

Initially, under this partnership, the lending amount would be Rs 100 crore.

This partnership will enable Samunnati to scale up its outreach to FPOs with customised financial solutions.

17. Pine Labs, Razorpay, Stripe become first to bag RBI's payment aggregator licences

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has started handing out the payment aggregator (PA) licences to eligible players. Pine Labs, Razorpay and American payments player Stripe have become the first players to receive the in-principle approval for the license.

The companies are required to show a net worth of INR 25 Cr by the end of FY23.

18. RBI imposes penalties on Federal Bank, Bank of India

RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 crore on Federal Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of Rs 70 lakh has also been imposed on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and instructions on 'compliance function in banks' issued by RBI.

19. Union Bank Of India Launches MetaVerse Lounge & Open Banking Sandbox Environment

Uni-verse, the Metaverse Virtual Lounge of the Bank, hosts Bank's products information and Videos in the initial phase. Uni-verse will deliver a unique experience of Banking to the Customers who can roam around the Lounge, get information of Bank's Deposit, Loan, Govt. Welfare Schemes, Digital initiatives etc. as if they are experiencing real world. This initiative is in partnership with M/s Tech Mahindra.

20. Axis Bank signs MOU with Indian Air Force to offer benefits to all ranks of personnel

Axis Bank announced signing an MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the Indian Air Force.

According to the press release, the bank will offer 'defence service salary package' with best-in-class benefits and features under its 'Power Salute' initiative.

21. RBI Puts In Place New Mechanism For Rupee Settlement Of International Trade

In order to promote growth of global trade with emphasis on exports from India and to support the increasing interest of global trading community in Indian rupees, it has been decided to put in place an additional arrangement for invoicing, payment, and settlement of exports / imports in Indian rupee.

22. SBI subsidiary signs MoU with MEA for Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund

SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL), a subsidiary of the State Bank of India signed a MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs for establishing the Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund) for joint projects with global partners.

SBI subsidiary SVL will act as the administrator-cum-advisor (Investment Manager) of TDC Fund and facilitate the GIP program for MEA. Suresh Kozhikote, MD & CEO, SVL.

23. Banks' body issues RFP for appointing firm to design, deliver leadership development programme

The Indian Banks' Association has come out with a Request for Proposal for appointing an agency/firm/institution to design and deliver a leadership development programme for senior officers of public sector banks. The objective is to develop future generation of leaders who are digitally savvy, strategic thinkers with capability to build highly collaborative working teams.

24. User consent must for UPI apps to collect location data, directs NPCI

In the UPI application programme interface (API) framework, geo-tagged information of the payment is captured while initiating a transaction. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) guidelines state that location details along with other relevant customer data need to be captured within the app provider's system in an encrypted format.

NPCI- MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe.

Mr. Biswamohan Mahapatra: Non Executive Chairman of NPCI.

25. Fintech startup OneCard becomes India's 104th unicorn post \$100 mn funding

FPL Technologies, an Indian startup that offers credit cards to customers under the brand name OneCard, is the latest to join the unicorn club following a new round of funding.

OneCard was founded in 2018 by Anurag Sinha, Rupesh Kumar and Vaibhav Hathi, and launched its first mobile metal card in 2020. The startup partners with various banks to provide credit cards.

26. RBI imposes restrictions on Mumbai-based Raigad Sahakari Bank; withdrawals capped at Rs 15,000

Banking regulator Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed several restrictions on Mumbai-based co-operative bank Raigad Sahakari Bank due to worsening of financial situation of the lender. The restrictions include a withdrawal cap of Rs 15,000 per customer and it will remain in force for a period of six months.

27. Canara Bank launches its mobile app-Canara ai1

Canara Bank launched Canara ai1, its mobile banking app. The banking app would be a one-stop solution with more than 250 features to cater to the banking needs of its customers.

The app is available in 11 languages to cater to multiple sections of society in their preferred language.

LV Prabhakar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Canara Bank

28. RBI imposes '57.75 lakh penalty on Suryoday Small Finance Bank

RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of '57.75 lakh on Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd. (SSFB) for non-compliance with its directions on 'frauds classification and reporting by commercial banks and select FIs'. The examination of the Inspection Report (IR) and all related correspondence pertaining to the Statutory Inspection of the bank revealed non-compliance.

29. IndusInd Bank, EazyDiner partner to launch a co-branded credit card

IndusInd Bank announced a partnership with table reservation platform EazyDiner to launch a tailor-made co-branded credit card - EazyDiner IndusInd Bank Credit Card.

The cardholder will get complimentary EazyDiner Prime membership that will offer a guaranteed discount of up to 25% at select restaurants.

30. HDFC Securities joins hands with Equitas Small Finance Bank to offer demat, trading services

Stock broking company HDFC Securities has partnered with Equitas Small Finance Bank to provide its clients with a demat account and broking investment services.

With this, Equitas SFB will be able to offer its customers a 3-in-1 account that helps them access the services of HDFC Securities.

The stock broking company will oversee the entire journey for customers.

31. City Union Bank, Aditya Birla Health ink bancassurance pact

City Union Bank and Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL), the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd, have announced a bancassurance partnership for the distribution of health insurance products of the latter through the former's network of branches across the country.

This is the 3rd such tie-up for CUB after pacts with Star Health & Care Health

N Kamakoti, MD & CEO of CUB, and Mayank Bathwal, CEO, Aditya Birla Health Insurance.

32. Tata Motors partners Indian Bank to provide retail car loans

Tata Motors has inked a new pact with Indian Bank to facilitate financing for its passenger vehicles customers.

The company says the partnership will see car loans with interest rates starting at 7.8% with an option to avail up to 90% financing of the PVs. The customers can repay the loans by up to 7-years and will be able to foreclose or provide partial payments.

33. Bandhan Bank opens its first currency chest in Patna's Deedargunj

Bandhan Bank has opened a currency chest in Deedargunj, Patna. This is the bank's first ever currency chest and will help in cash management for the branches and ATMs in the city.

This currency chest will help people, MSMEs and small traders with supply of currency notes to the bank branches and the ATMs as and when required.

34. The Reserve Bank imposed several restrictions, including on fund withdrawals, on two Uttar Pradesh-based cooperative banks

The Reserve Bank imposed several restrictions, including on fund withdrawals, on two Uttar Pradesh-based cooperative banks in view of their deteriorating financial position. The two lenders are Lucknow Urban Co-operative Bank and Urban Co-operative Bank Limited, Sitapur.

35. Edelweiss General Insurance launches Switch 'pay as you drive' add-on

Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has launched the Switch Pay as you Drive (PAYD) add-on for its private car package policy, adding to its usage-based motor insurance product suite in India. EGI had launched Switch 2.0, which is the only product in India that combines pay-as-you-drive and pay-how-you-drive benefits.



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Economy

1. '1,44,616 Crore Gross GST Revenue Collection For June 2022; Increase Of 56% Year-On-Year

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of June 2022 is '144,616 crore of which CGST is '25,306 crore, SGST is '32,406 crore, IGST is '75887 crore and cess is '11,018 crore.

The gross GST collection in June 2022 is the second highest collection next to the April 2022 collection of '1,67,540 crore.

2. Core sector output expands by 18.1% in May, highest in 13 months

India's combined index of eight core industries saw a huge jump in the month of May as it rose by 18.1% compared to 9.3% in April 2022, driven by cement, steel and natural gas, according to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

The 8 core sectors account for 40.27 per cent of the weight of the items included in the Index of Industrial Production(IIP)

3. CRISIL cuts FY23 GDP growth estimate to 7.3% from 7.8% on high inflation

Domestic rating agency Crisil lowered its real GDP growth forecast for India to 7.3 per cent in FY23 from 7.8 per cent estimated earlier.

It attributed the downward revision to higher oil prices, slowing of export demand and high inflation.

This is in line with the RBI's estimate of 7.2 real GDP growth for this fiscal year.

4. India Gets \$1.75 Billion World Bank Loan For Health, Private Investment

World Bank has approved loans totalling \$1.75 billion to fund India's PM Ayushman Bharat scheme and private investment to boost economic growth.

Of the total loan, \$1 billion will go towards the health sector, while the rest \$750 million will be in the form of development policy loan (DPL) to fill the financing gaps through private sector investment in the economy.

5. India's manufacturing sector activity eases to 9-month low in June

India's manufacturing sector activity eased to a nine-month low in June as growth of total sales and production moderated amid intense price pressures, a monthly survey said.

The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) fell to 53.9 in June from 54.6 in May, the weakest pace of growth since last September.

6. External debt up 8.2% on year to \$620.7 billion in FY22

India's external debt rose by 8.2% to \$620.7 billion at the end of March, 2022 from a year ago, the Reserve Bank of India. However, the external debt to GDP ratio declined to 19.9% at end of March 2022 from 21.2% at end of March 2021.

US dollar denominated debt remained the largest component of India's external debt, with a share of 53.2% at end-March 2022.

7. India's foreign exchange reserves rise \$2.7 billion in the June 24th week to \$593 billion

India accumulated \$2.7 billion of foreign exchange reserves in the week to June 24, ending the steady depletion of reserves for the previous three weeks.

The reserves stood at \$593.323 billion as on June 24. Out of this, foreign currency assets stood at \$529.216 billion while reserves held in gold were valued at \$40.926 billion, Reserve Bank of India data showed.

8. Govt approves investment proposals worth Rs 86,824 cr for electronics mfg

The Electronics and IT ministry has approved a total of 314 applications with proposed investments of Rs 86,824 crore under a modified special incentive package scheme till May 31, 2022.

M-SIPS (Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme) was announced by the government in July 2012. It has been amended twice - in August, 2015 and in January, 2017.

9. Trade gap widens to record \$25.6 bn; imports surge to \$63.58 bn in June

India's merchandise trade deficit surged to a new high of \$25.6 billion in June amid slowing demand for Indian exports and rising imports of gold, coal and crude oil.

Exports grew 16.8 per cent year-on-year to \$38 billion in June while imports jumped 51 per cent to \$63.6 billion, according to the preliminary data released by the commerce ministry.

10. India's Service sector activity in June records highest growth in 11 years: PMI survey

India's services sector logged its fastest growth in over 11 years after June month's service activities improved further as per the S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey. The

seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose from 58.9 in May to 59.2 in June its highest mark since April 2011.

11. India's unemployment rate rises to 7.80 pc in June, Haryana & Rajasthan top the list

India's unemployment rate shot up at 7.80% in June with the loss of 13 million jobs, mainly in the agriculture sector.

Unemployment rate in rural areas went up to 8.03% from 6.62% in May. In urban areas, it was at 7.30% compared to 7.12% in May.

Highest rate of unemployment was witnessed in Haryana at 30.6% followed by Rajasthan at 29.8% and Assam at 17.2%. Data was released by the economic think-tank Centre for Monitoring the Indian Economy

12. Revenue deficit grant of Rs 7,183 cr released to 14 states: FinMin

Finance ministry released the fourth instalment of revenue deficit grant of Rs 7,183 crore to 14 states for the current fiscal.

The 15th Finance Commission has recommended a total Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant of Rs 86,201 crore to 14 states for the financial year 2022-23. The grant is released in 12 equated monthly instalments.

13. Govt issues notification for compliance of fuel consumption standards, aims efficient vehicles

Government issued a notification, amending a rule of Central Motor Vehicle Rules 1989, to include compliance with fuel consumption standards (FCS), for light, medium and heavy-duty motor vehicles of various categories, manufactured in, or imported by India.

Prior to this notification, compliance with FCS was limited to motor vehicles of M1 category with weight 3.5 tonnes. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways issued the notification.

14. RBI liberalises norms to boost forex inflows; increases the ECB limit under the automatic route from \$750 mn to \$1.5 bn

RBI announced a series of steps to arrest rupee's slide against dollar & boost foreign exchange inflows. Measures include easing norms for FPIs in debt market, increasing External Commercial Borrowing limit under automatic route from \$750 mn or its equivalent per financial year to \$1.5 bn, temporarily abolishing interest-rate caps for banks to attract deposits from NRIs etc. Rupee has depreciated by 4.1% during the current financial year so far (upto July 5).

15. Pre-packaged, pre-labelled food items to attract same rate of GST as branded

Pre packaged and pre-labelled retail food items will attract GST rate at par with the branded ones. This means rate could be 5, 12 or 18 per cent. The new rates are coming into effect from July 18, 2022.

Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Custom (CBIC): Vivek Johri

16. ADB lowers India's growth forecast to 7.2% for FY23 due to surging food, fuel prices

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) brought down its FY23 growth forecast for India to 7.2 percent, from 7.5 percent in April this year.

The Bank attributed the revised forecast to surging food and fuel prices in India. This can further be linked to ongoing geo-political tensions and supply-chain disruptions worsening the economic conditions.

17. FICCI survey: India's FY23 growth forecast cut to 7%, RBI to stay hawkish

The Indian economy is expected to expand 7% in fiscal 2022/23, slower than a previous estimate of 7.4% and the central bank's 7.2% projection, according to a survey by India's leading industry body, FICCI.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was expected to stay hawkish to tackle elevated inflation, the survey of top independent economists, showed.

18. Forex reserves decline to 20-month low to \$572.7 bn

India's foreign exchange reserves dropped \$7.5 billion to \$572.7 billion during the week ended July 15, the latest data released by RBI showed.

The reserves are now at 20-month low, lowest since November 6, 2020, when they were at \$568 billion.

The decline in foreign exchange reserves during the week is mainly due to foreign currency assets that were down \$6.5 billion.

19. With \$87 billion, India top remittance recipient in 2021; US largest source country: Report

India received 87 billion dollars in remittances in 2021, the top remittance recipient and way ahead of countries like China and Mexico, according to WHO report.

The first WHO World report on the health of refugees and migrants said that today about one in eight people in the world, some one billion, are migrants. USA was largest source country for remittances in 2020, followed by UAE and Saudi Arabia.

20. Startups in India rose from 471 in 2016 to 72,993 in 2022.

The total number of recognized startups in India rose to 72,993 this year from 471 in 2016. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized startups which are spread across 56 diversified sectors. The Government launched the Startup India initiative on 16th January 2016.

21. Savner-Dhapewada-Gondkheri section of National Highway 547-E inaugurated.

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the Savner-Dhapewada-Goundkhairi section of National Highway 547-E with a length of 28.88 km and a cost of Rs. 720 crore in Nagpur.

22. IMF cuts India's FY23 growth forecast by 80 bps to 7.4%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has cut its gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India for the current financial year by 80 basis points to 7.4%. Similarly, for FY24, the growth forecast now stands at 6.1 percent as against 6.9% earlier. IMF's latest growth forecast for India is only marginally higher than that of the RBI's projection of 7.2%.



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National

1. PM Narendra Modi participates Udyami Bharat, launches schemes for MSME sector

PM Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme and launched key initiatives like 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) scheme, Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters (CBFTE) scheme and new features of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) to ramp up the MSME sector. RAMP is Rs 6,062.45-crore World Bank assisted CSS

2. PM Modi inaugurates Bosch India's 'smart' campus in Bengaluru

PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the new smart 'Spark.NXT' campus of Bosch India, a leading supplier of technology and services in Bengaluru.

The Spark.NXT campus will provide inspiring working conditions for associates to focus on the development of user-centric innovations for a better quality of life in India.

3. Ashwini Vaishnaw co-chaired 14th Joint Committee Meeting on Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project

Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw co-chaired the 14th Joint Committee Meeting from the Indian side to discuss and decide on all important issues related to the execution of the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project.

Dr Mori Masafumi, Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Japan co-chaired the meeting from the Japanese side. Japanese Government is committed to funding the MAHSR projects.

4. Govt authorises SBI to issue and en-cash Electoral Bonds from July 1-10

The government approved issuance of the 21st tranche of electoral bonds that will open for sale from July 1.

Electoral bonds have been pitched as an alternative to cash donations made to political parties as part of efforts to bring transparency in political funding.

SBI is the only authorised bank to issue electoral bonds.

An electoral bond will be valid for 15 days from the date of issue.

5. Union Agriculture Minister Inaugurates Centenary Year Celebrations Of National Dairy Research Institute

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, inaugurated the centenary year celebrations of the National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI), Karnal (Haryana).

National Dairy Research Institute was established at Bangalore in 1923 as Imperial Institute of Animal Husbandry and Dairying. It was renamed as NDRI in 1947. In 1955 the institute's headquarters moved to Karnal.

6. India's largest floating solar power project commissioned in Telangana is operational now

NTPC declared commercial operation of the final part capacity of 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, Telangana with effect from 1st of July.

With the operationalisation of the 100-MW Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, the total commercial operation of floating solar capacity in the Southern Region rose to 217 MW.

7. Union Minister Shri Piyush Goyal launched a three-day 'Grand Hackathon' on Agriculture domain to promote open eCommerce network

Grand Hackathon organized by the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) in collaboration with NABARD was a hybrid event with the physical event held at the Bombay Stock Exchange in Fort, Mumbai. It was subdivided into 2 categories; Agri Grant Challenge & Agri Innovation Hackathon that showcased the innovations to aid the adoption of eCommerce in the agricultural sector.

8. NMCG Creates Amrit Vatika with Planting of 75 Saplings

Namami Gange Amrit Vatika was created at Kalindi Kunj ghat on River Yamuna in Delhi under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav during which 75 saplings were planted by National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) in association with Delhi Jal Board (DJB), NGOs and other associated organisations.

Plantation activities were carried out under the initiative 'Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan'. Asok Kumar is Director General, NMCG

9. Railway Protection Force(RPF) seized narcotic substances worth Rs 7.40 cr, arrested 165 in June

In a crackdown on narcotic substances, RPF recovered various narcotic products, including designer drugs, valued at over Rs 7.40 crore last month and arrested 165 people with Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances(NDPS).

RPF started a month-long pan-India drive against smuggling of narcotics through rail, named Operation 'NARCOS' in the month of June.

RPF is empowered under NDPS Act since 2019.

10. NIUA's C-Cube and WRI India launch the India Forum for Nature-Based Solutions

The National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA) Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube), World Resources Institute India (WRI India) and their partners launched India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS) at the 11th World Urban Forum in Poland.

It has been launched under Cities4Forest initiative.

11. Centre amends FCRA allowing Indians to receive up to Rs.10 lakh without informing Authorities

Union Home Ministry has amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) giving certain relaxations such as allowing relatives to send more money to India freely.

The amended rule now allows relatives to send 10 lakh rupees without informing the government. If the amount exceeds, the individuals will now have 3 months to inform the government against 30-days earlier.

12. Steel ministry integrates itself with GatiShakti portal using BiSAG-N app

The Ministry of Steel has joined the PM Gati Shakti Portal and uploaded the geo locations of key projects with an aim of identifying and bridging missing infrastructure connectivity gaps.

The ministry on-boarded itself on the National Master Plan portal with the assistance of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics(BiSAG-N). Steel ministry has identified 38 high-impact projects to develop multimodal connectivity.

13. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala Backed Akasa Air Gets DGCA Clearance For Operations

With Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-promoted Akasa Air receiving the air operator certificate (AOC) from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), the country will see its eighth domestic airline taking wings by the end of the month.

The airline will initially start commercial operations with two aircraft and plans to have 18 aircraft by the end of FY23.

The current head of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is Arun Kumar.

14. India's first floating LNG terminal likely to operationalise in H2 2022

India's first floating terminal for liquefied natural gas (LNG) at Jaigarh in Maharashtra is expected to be operational in the second half of 2022.

H-Energy Gateway's floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) at Jaigarh and the Swan Energy-led terminal at Jafrabad are cumulatively expected to add 11 million tonnes per annum (mtpa) of regasification capacity.

Another floating terminal at Jafrabad in Gujarat is also likely to begin operations.

15. CCPA directs district collectors to ensure enforcement of Guidelines issued with regard to service tax by hotels, restaurants

Central Consumer Protection Authority, CCPA has directed district collectors to ensure enforcement of Guidelines issued with regard to service tax by hotels and restaurants. Upon receiving related complaints, the district collector may conduct investigation pertaining to violation of the guidelines and submit the report to the Authority within 15 days. Nidhi Khare, Chief Commissioner, CCPA

16. PM National Apprenticeship Mela Conducted On July 11

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship conducted the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela on July 11, 2022, as part of the Prime Minister's Skill India Mission to boost career opportunities and practical training.

The one-day event featured 36 sectors and more than 1000 companies and 500 distinct sorts of trades.

17. India sets world record for building longest double-decker bridge in Nagpur

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) & Maharashtra Metro achieved world record for constructing the longest double-decker(3.14 km) viaduct in Nagpur.

The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on single column piers.

Maximum metro stations(3) constructed on a double-decker viaduct are recognized by Asia Book of Records & India Book of records.

18. Dwarka Expressway: India's 1st elevated urban expressway to be operational by 2023

Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways on Monday said that the Dwarka Expressway, which will be India's first elevated urban expressway, will be operational by 2023.

It is a 16-lane access-controlled highway with the provision of a minimum 3-lane service road on both sides. It is being developed at a total cost of Rs 9,000 crore

19. Prasar Bharati unveils New Logo on its Silver Jubilee

Prasar Bharati India's public broadcaster, unveiled its new logo on 11th July 2022.

Headquartered in New Delhi, Prasar Bharati is a statutory autonomous body set up by an Act of Parliament. It comprises of the Doordarshan Television Network and All India Radio (AIR), which were earlier media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

20. Haryana CM Khattar, Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurate NIFT campus in Panchkula

Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the 17th campus of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Panchkula, calling it a "fulcrum of development of the textile sector in the state". Goyal hoped that the landmark campus will help create a complete ecosystem of textiles in Haryana. Set up in 1986, NIFT is the pioneering institute of fashion education in India

21. Govt launches 'Jute Mark India' logo to promote jute products

The government introduced certification of authenticity for jute products with the unveiling of "Jute Mark India" logo. The Jute Mark India scheme will provide the collective identity and assurance on origin and quality for traditional jute and jute products. The JMI would therefore be a hallmark of powerful creative work that defines the jute product with quality. National Jute Board is governed by National Jute Board Act-2008

22. India adds about 1.16 Lakh Kilometers of Road In 2018-19.

India has added nearly 1.16 lakh kilometers to its road network in 2018-19 to take the total length to nearly 63.32 lakh km, with a major focus on the development of rural roads.

India has also increased the length of the surfaced road network by 1.64 lakh km during 2018-19. 'Basic Road Statistics of India'- Report by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

23. Foundation stone laid for Guwahati Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal.

Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunal, Ms Manjula Das laid the foundation stone of the construction of Court-cum-office building of the Guwahati Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal in Guwahati.

24. A new draft Bill on the Development of Enterprise and Services Hub (DESH) will replace the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Act.

The new draft bill proposes a concessional corporate tax rate for units, a revamped indirect tax regime, a dispute settlement mechanism, easier exit and an array of non-fiscal incentives, to draw investors into these customs-bonded zones.

25. Mastercard set to replace Paytm as title sponsor for all BCCI matches in India

Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)'s long-standing title sponsor for international cricket at home - Paytm is backing out from the deal and will be replaced by Mastercard. Paytm held the rights till the end of 2023. The tripartite deal is similar to how Byju's took over BCCI jersey rights from Oppo.

26. Country installs capacity of electricity generation of over 403 Giga Watt as on June 30

The Country has an installed capacity of electricity generation of over 403 Giga Watt as on 30th June this year. This information was given by Power Minister R K Singh in a written reply in the Lok Sabha. He said the Centre had launched Ujwal DISCOM Assurance Yojana 2015 with the objective of the financial and operational turnaround of the State-owned Power Distribution

27. Ministry of Tourism has recognised Adventure Tourism as a Niche Tourism Product

Ministry of Tourism has recognised Adventure Tourism as a Niche Tourism Product, which inter alia includes Water Sports activities, to promote India, including Bihar, as a 365 days destination and attract tourist with specific interest. To position India as a preferred destination for adventure tourism globally, Ministry of Tourism has formulated a National Strategy for Adv

28. PM inaugurates 2 big floating solar power projects of NTPC

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated two of NTPC's green projects to the nation NTPC Ramagundam Floating Solar Project (100 MW) in Telangana and NTPC Kayamkulam Floating Solar Project (92 MW) in Kerala.

International

1. Ecuador President Guillermo Lasso survives an impeachment vote

Ecuador President Guillermo Lasso has survived an impeachment vote after the opposition failed to gather enough votes to oust him. The motion garnered 80 votes in the 137-member Congress. In all, 92 votes were needed to remove Lasso from office. Forty-eight lawmakers rejected the motion.

Ecuador: Capital:Quito; Currency:US Dollars.

2. Iran, Argentina apply to join BRICS bloc

Iran and Argentina have applied to join the BRICS grouping, that account for more than 40 per cent of the world's population and about 26 per cent of the global economy.

BRIC was coined by Goldman Sachs economist Jim O'Neill in 2001 to describe the startling rise of Brazil, Russia, India, and China. The BRIC powers had their first summit in 2009 in Russia. South Africa joined BRIC in 2010.

3. Ferdinand Marcos Jr sworn in as Philippines president, replacing Duterte

Ferdinand Marcos Jr has been sworn in as the Philippine president in a ceremony in Manila, succeeding the outgoing leader Rodrigo Duterte.

His inauguration marks a comeback for the Marcos political dynasty, which was ousted after a popular revolt in 1986.

Mr Marcos Jr - nicknamed Bongbong - won an election landslide last month.

Sara Duterte was sworn in as vice-president.

4. India, 12 other countries sign '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement'

India, along with the G7 nations and four other countries, signed '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement' that called for 'guarding the freedom, independence and diversity of civil society actors' and 'protecting the freedom of expression and opinion online and offline'.

5. Sweden and Finland sign accession protocols with NATO

Sweden and Finland signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters in Brussels. The signing was held in the presence of Finnish Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto and Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde. The membership bids of the two nations will be sent to the alliance capitals for legislative approvals. NATO alliance Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg

6. Day after record-high temperature, Italy's biggest Alpine glacier on Marmolada mountain collapsed

The glacier collapsed on the mountain of Marmolada, the highest in the Italian Dolomites, near the hamlet of Punta Rocca, on the route normally taken to reach its summit.

The disaster struck one day after a record-high temperature of 10 degrees Celsius was recorded at the glacier's summit.

Marmolada glacier is the largest in Dolomites mountain range, part of Italian Alps.

7. Boris Johnson quits as UK Prime Minister

Scandal-ridden Boris Johnson announced he would quit as British prime minister after he was abandoned by ministers and most of his Conservative lawmakers.

Bowing to the inevitable as more than 50 ministers quit and lawmakers said he must go, an isolated and powerless Johnson spoke outside his Downing Street to confirm he would resign.

8. Google Parent Alphabet Names Goldman Sachs Veteran, Marty Chavez To Board

Wall Street veteran Marty Chavez is joining the board of Google parent Alphabet Inc., adding significant finance muscle to the technology giant.

Chavez, a vice chairman and partner with Sixth Street Partners, has worked as an investor and software executive but is best known for his 20-year tenure at Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

9. England faces first-ever red weather warning over extreme heat wave

A red warning, the highest used by the Met Office under its alert system, means a risk to life is likely as temperatures could hit 40 degrees Celsius. The unprecedented warning implies there is a danger to life across all age groups and is classed as a national emergency.

10. Italy's Prime Minister Mario Draghi resigns

Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi has submitted his resignation to President Sergio Mattarella after key coalition parties withdrew their support for his government.

Draghi, a former European Central Bank chief, became prime minister in 2021.

The resignation opens the way for early elections in September or October.

11. WHO declares monkeypox a global emergency

The World Health Organisation has declared the global monkeypox outbreak a 'public health emergency of international concern' (PHEIC), one step below that of a 'pandemic.'

A PHEIC constitutes "an extraordinary event, which constitutes a public health risk to other States through the international spread, and which potentially requires a coordinated international response"

12. China approves 1st homegrown Covid antiviral pill

China approved its first homegrown Covid antiviral, as regulators cleared a medicine from Genuine Biotech that was used to treat HIV. The National Medical Products Administration gave the nod to Azvudine from the Henan-based drug company for adults with normal symptoms under an emergency use authorization.

13. Russia will withdraw from International Space Station project after 2024

Russia will pull out of the International Space Station after 2024 and focus on building its own orbiting outpost.

The space station is jointly run by the space agencies of Russia, the U.S., Europe, Japan and Canada. The first piece was put in orbit in 1998, and the outpost has been continuously inhabited for nearly 22 years.

14. Lulo Rose: Rare pink diamond, likely the largest in 300 years, discovered in Angola

A rare 170-carat pink rough diamond, weighing 34 grams, has been discovered at Lucapa's Lulo Mine in Angola. Titled 'The Lulo Rose', it is touted to be the largest pink diamond discovered in the last 300 years.



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Sports

1. Neeraj Chopra clinches Silver medal at prestigious Diamond League meet

Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinched his first-ever medal at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm as he broke his own national record for the second time in a month.

Chopra finished 2nd at the Stockholm Diamond League with a massive throw of 89.94 meter breaking his own national record of 89.30m that he set at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku.

Reigning world champion Anderson Peters won the event with a best throw of 90.31 meter.

2. Athletics World Championships: Neeraj Chopra leads 22-member Indian contingent to Oregon

Olympic Games gold medallist Neeraj Chopra will be expected to lead the charge in the 22-member Indian squad to compete at the World Athletics Championships to be held in Eugene, Oregon from July 15 to 24.

The Athletics Federation of India named the Indian contingent which comprises of 17 men and five women.

AFI President: Adille J Sumariwalla

3. National Games will be held in Gujarat from Sept 27-Oct 10 this year: IOA

Postponed several times due to different reasons, the National Games will be held in multiple cities in Gujarat in September-October this year, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Secretary General Rajiv Mehta announced.

The Games will be held in five or six cities in Gujarat, including Ahmedabad in September-October Last National Games was held in 2015 in Kerala.

4. Adani Sportsline collaborates with Indian Olympic Association as principal sponsor

Adani Sportsline, the sports arm of the Adani Group, has become an official partner with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic Games 2024.

This is the second time that the Adani Group has come on board with IOA, the earlier one being Tokyo Olympics.

5. Athlete Parul Chaudhary sets new national record in women's 3000 m event in Los Angeles

Athlete Parul Chaudhary has set a new national record in the women's 3000 metres event at the Sunset Tour in Los Angeles, surpassing the six-year-old record of Suriya Loganathan.

She clocked 8:57.19 in the women's 3000 m event, surpassing the national record set by Loganathan, who had clocked 9:04.5.

6. Pole vaulter Armand Duplantis improves his own World Record

Swedish pole vaulter Armand Duplantis improved his own outdoor world record by clearing 6.16 meters (20 feet, 2 1/2 inches) at the Stockholm Diamond League meet. Duplantis cleared the bar with plenty to spare on his second attempt to better his previous mark of 6.15, set in Rome in 2020 ' when he broke Sergey Bubka's 26-year-old outdoor record. Duplantis also holds the indoor world record of 6.20 (20 feet, 4 inches).

7. Elorda Cup: Reigning Youth World Boxing champions Alfiya Pathan and Gitika clinch Gold medals

Reigning Youth World Boxing champions Alfiya Pathan and Gitika have won gold medals at the Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

Two other Indian female boxers Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro signed off with silver medals.

In the women's 81 kg final, Alfiya defeated Lazzat Kungeibayeva while Gitika won against compatriot Kalaivani in 48 kg final. 33-member Indian contingent concluded its campaign with an overall tally of 14 medals.

8. Carlos Sainz Wins First Career F1 Race With British Grand Prix Victory

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz sealed the first Formula One victory of his career in a thrilling British Grand Prix at Silverstone, on his 150th race start.

The 27-year-old took the chequered flag in his 150th F1 start, becoming the first Spanish driver to stand on the top step of the podium since Fernando Alonso's last win in 2013.

9. Ons Jabeur becomes first Arab woman to reach a Grand Slam semi-final; to face Maria for Wimbledon finale spot

World No.2 Ons Jabeur of Tunisia became the first Arab woman to reach the semi-final of a Grand Slam. Jabeur, the only top 15 seed to make the last-eight in the women's tournament, battled back to see off 66th-ranked Bouzkova of the Czech Republic.

10. India names 215-member contingent for upcoming 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games

IOA acting president Anil Khanna called it a 'gender-neutral contingent' with 108 men and 107 women taking part.

Discipline-wise, the biggest contingent is athletics and hockey (36 entries each).

The IOA has chosen Rajesh Bhandari for chef de mission role. Bhandari is the current Secretary of the Himachal Pradesh Olympic Association.

11. Olympic medallist Munkhbayar Dorjsuren appointed Indian pistol team's foreign coach

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) appointed two-time Olympic medallist shooter Munkhbayar Dorjsuren as the chief foreign coach of the national pistol team ahead of the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, Korea beginning on July 9.

Munkhbayar from Mongolia has won bronze medals in the 25m pistol event in both the 1992 Barcelona and 2008 Beijing Olympics. Earlier, NRAI appointed Thomas Farnik as the foreign coach in the rifle event.

12. 2022 Malaysia Open results.

Danish badminton player Viktor Axelsen won the men's singles title.

Thai player Ratchanok Intanon won the women's singles title.

Men's doubles champions were Takuro Hoki / Yugo Kobayashi of Japan.

Women's doubles champions were Apriyani Rahayu and Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti of Indonesia.

Mixed doubles: China's Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong retained title for third time. Tournament was held from 28 June to 3 July 2022 and had a total prize of US\$675,000.

13. Novak Djokovic (Serbia) beats Nick Kyrgios (Australia) for 7th Wimbledon title

He extended his unbeaten run at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament to 28 matches and raised his career haul to 21 major trophies, breaking a tie with Roger Federer and moving just one behind Rafael Nadal's 22 for the most in the history of men's tennis.

Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan), won the women's trophy with a 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Ons Jabeur (Tunisia).

14. World Games: Abhishek Verma, Jyothi Surekha Vennam win bronze in archery

India has won its first medal at The World Games 2022 being held in Birmingham, USA, with the archer duo of Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Abhishek Verma bagging a bronze medal in archery, bringing home the country's first-ever medal in the discipline by defeating Canada's Andrea Becerra & Miguel Becerra. 11th edition of The World Games is taking place in Birmingham, Alabama, USA from 7-17 July

15. Zimbabwe and Netherlands claim final two spots at 2022 Men's T20 World Cup

Tournament hosts Zimbabwe and reigning tournament champions Netherlands continued their undefeated runs at the T20 World Cup Qualifier in Bulawayo, both sides winning their respective semifinal to clinch the final two available berths at the T20 World Cup in Australia this October.

This year's tournament will be the 8th edition of the ICC men's cricket T20 world cup.

16. Indian Men's team bags silver medal at ISSF World Cup

The Indian men's 25m rapid fire pistol team comprising Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Sameer won the silver medal on the last day of the ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022 in South Korea.

The medal helped India retain the top spot on the medals table with five gold, six silver and four bronze.

17. Asia Cup 2022 to be held in UAE

The Asia Cup, which was scheduled to be held in Sri Lanka, has been shifted to the UAE, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly.

Asia Cup is slated to be held from August 27 to September 11 and will be played in the T20 format.

18. World Athletics Championships 2022: Sydney McLaughlin wins 400m hurdles gold medal, shatters record

Olympic champion Sydney McLaughlin has shattered her previous record as she won the 400m women's hurdles at the ongoing World Athletics Championships 2022. The 22-year-old American hurdler and sprinter clocked a stunning time of just 50.68 seconds.

This is the first time a woman athlete has clocked under 51 seconds. Her previous record stood at 51.41 seconds.

19. World Athletics Championships 2022: Eldhose Paul Becomes First Indian To Qualify For Triple Jump Final & finishes 9th.

Eldhose Paul, who had become the first Indian to qualify for the triple jump final at the World Championships, was placed 9th. He only had three jumps, with his highest being 16.79m.

He had to better his personal best of 16.99m in order to win today.

20. Max Verstappen Wins French Grand Prix

Max Verstappen won the French Grand Prix after Ferrari's Charles Leclerc crashed out while leading the race. Red Bull's Verstappen finished over 10 seconds ahead of Lewis Hamilton whose Mercedes teammate George Russell overtook the Red Bull of Sergio Perez in the closing laps to claim third.

21. India to host 2025 women's ODI World Cup

India will host the women's 50-over World Cup in 2025 as the BCCI successfully bid for the mega event during the ICC Annual Conference that concluded in Birmingham.

India had previously hosted the event in 1978, 1997 and 2013.

Bangladesh will host the 2024 T20 World Cup, England the 2026 edition, and Sri Lanka the inaugural T20 Champions Trophy in 2027.

22. World Athletics Championships 2022: Armand Duplantis Breaks Own Pole Vault World Record En Route Gold

Sweden's Armand Duplantis added a new world record to his pole vault world title, clearing 6.21m in a virtuoso performance in Oregon.

The 22-year-old Olympic champion had gold secured with a first-time clearance of 6m. None of his rivals managed higher than 5.94m.

Duplantis then beat his own world record of 6.20m - set in Belgrade in March - at the second attempt. This marked the first time a record has been set outdoors since Sergey Bubka in 1994.

23. US win most gold medals at World Athletics Championships 2022, India at 33rd.

The US finished on top of the medal standings at the World Athletics Championships 2022, winning 13 gold, nine silver and 11 bronze medals.

US are followed by Ethiopia, who bagged four gold, four silver and two bronze medals. Jamaica came third, followed by Kenya, China, Australia, Peru and Poland.

India finished joint 33rd with one silver medal.

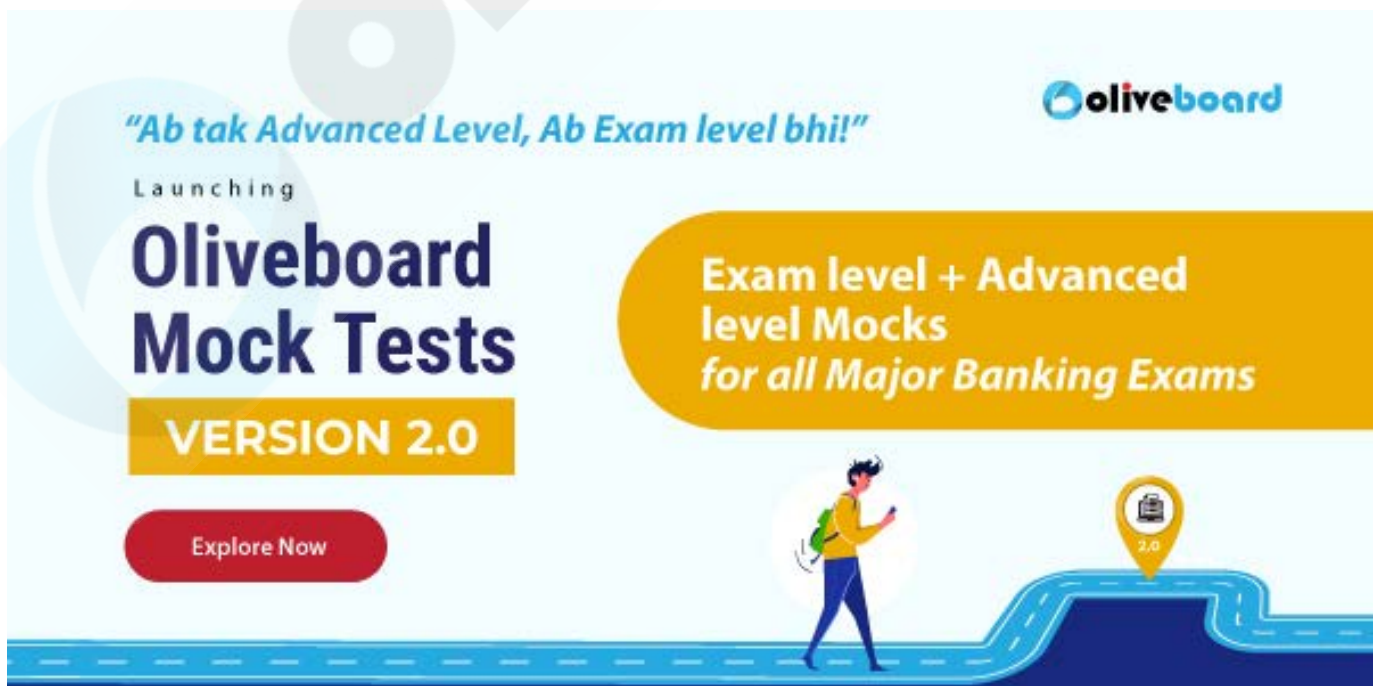
24. Bindyarani Devi wins silver, India's fourth weightlifting medal at Commonwealth Games 2022

Weightlifter Bindyarani Devi won the silver medal in women's 55 kg event at the Commonwealth Games 2022

The Indian lifter managed a total weight of 202 kg. Her best attempt in the snatch was 86kg while she managed a weight of 116 kg in clean & jerk.

25. Mirabai Chanu clinches India's 1st gold medal of Commonwealth Games 2022, shatters Games record in women's weightlifting

Mirabai Chanu, one of India's top gold medal prospects, lived up to expectations by clinching the first gold medal for the country at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in the women's 49kg weightlifting final. Chanu, who had won the gold four years ago in Gold Coast, not only defended her title successfully by lifting 201kgs (88kg in snatch and 113kg in clean and jerk)



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Agreements & MoUs

1. DoT signs agreement with ITI, BSNL to fund USOF projects

The Department of Telecommunications signed an agreement with ITI Limited and state-run telco BSNL to fund pilot projects under the Universal Service Obligation Fund(USOF).

DoT, BSNL and ITI Limited will fund the pilot projects of E-band, LTE indigenous technologies, including integration of 4G and 5G prototypes with C-DOT core. USOF is a Rs 55,000-crore reserve meant to provide connectivity in rural and remote areas

2. Axis Bank partners with EazyDiner to launch Dining Delights

Axis Bank, in partnership with EazyDiner, leading table reservation, food discovery and restaurant payment platform, has announced the launch of Dining Delights for the bank customers.

It will offer a host of benefits such as the option to choose from over 10,000 premium restaurants across India and Dubai, instant confirmation on table reservations etc through EazyDiner app Kapil Chopra is Founder, EazyDiner.

3. ReNew partners with UNEP, SEWA to train 1,000 women salt-pan workers

Green energy firm ReNew Power has partnered with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) to train 1,000 low-income women salt-pan workers to work in the renewable industry.

'Project Surya' will train 1,000 low-income women salt-pan workers to work in the renewable industry.

4. Star Health, IDFC FIRST Bank announce Bancassurance tie-up

Star Health and Allied Insurance Company has signed a corporate agency agreement with IDFC FIRST Bank for distribution of its health insurance products.

Under the agreement, Star Health will offer its health insurance products to the bank's customers using the latter's digital platform and its distribution network.

5. MHI, MSDE sign MoU to facilitate skill development training in capital goods sector

Ministry of Heavy Industries & Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship signed an MoU to create a collaborative ecosystem for imparting skill development training in the capital goods sector.

Under this, MHI shall provide 100% funding support to MHI Sector Skill Councils for development of new Industry Led National Skills Qualification Framework Level 6 & above.

6. CSIR-CSIO, Chandigarh & Engineers India Limited inked an agreement for joint commercialization of Earthquake Warning System

CSIR-CSIO engaged Engineers India Limited, New Delhi as the technology commercialization partner for next five years on 30.06.2022.

Under this agreement, CSIR-CSIO and EIL will jointly commercialize the technology of "Earthquake Warning System".

CSIR-CSIO developed EqWS is in operation for Delhi Metro Rail Corporation since August 2015. Engineers India Limited is a Navratna PSE under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

7. AAI signs agreement with UP govt for operation of 5 airports

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an Operation & Management agreement for operationalisation of five airports owned by the Uttar Pradesh Government for a period of 30 years.

These five airports are Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Muirpur and Shravasti.

8. NCRTC, DB India sign pact for operation of Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor

In a first-of-its-kind move, National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) signed an agreement with DB India for the comprehensive operation and maintenance of the 82 km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridor for a period of 12 years.

DB India is a subsidiary of Deutsche Bahn AG, National Railway Company of Germany.

9. India, Armenia sign MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects in Armenia

India and Armenia signed a Memorandum of Understanding on High Impact Community Development Projects in Armenia with financial and technical assistance from India.

The MoU was signed at the 8th India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation (IGC) held in Yerevan. Armenia: Capital: Yerevan; Currency: Dram

10. Indian Bank signs MoU with Government of Haryana

Public sector Indian Bank has inked a pact with the Government of Haryana towards distribution of mobile phones to consumers through e-unified payment interface system.

Bank would provide e-upi coupons to beneficiaries.

The coupons can be redeemed without any credit or debit card allowing the customers to avail a mobile phone from a designated vendor. Mobile distribution melas would be organised by the bank in Haryana

11. Russia signs pact for supplying tech for Kudankulam nuclear power plant

A unit of Russian nuclear major Rosatom State Corporation has signed an agreement to supply thermocouples for four power units of the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) in Tamil Nadu. LUCH Scientific Production Association, which is a part of Science and Innovations, the R&D unit of Rosatom will provide the new sensors designed for thermal control of NPP process equipment

12. In a first of its kind , six Indian States sign Declaration of Intent to combat human trafficking

An Inter-State Declaration of Intent to collaborate in the fight against human trafficking was signed by six States ' Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha and Tamil Nadu.

It was signed at a 2-day Southern Regional Consultation to Combat Human Trafficking was hosted by the Telangana Government in collaboration with the nonprofits Prajwala and Shakti Vahini.

13. PNB signs MoU with Indian Air Force for 'PNB Rakshak Plus Scheme'

PNB has signed an MoU with IAF to provide specially designed products to the defence personnel under the bank's flagship scheme of 'PNB Rakshak Plus'.

Scheme includes, inter alia, personal accidental insurance & air accidental insurance to serving, retired and trainees of the defence forces, central armed police forces, state police force, metro police & retired pensioners.

14. HDFC ties up with Salesforce to 'reimagine the customer lifecycle'

HDFC announced its partnership with leading customer relationship management (CRM) platform, Salesforce for supporting its growth priorities.

HDFC stated that Mulesoft with its innovative API-led integration approach coupled with low code integration capabilities - will help the company innovate quickly around connecting systems and help create new experiences. Salesforces' MuleSoft is a unified solution for automation, integration, and APIs

15. RRU, DroneAcharya sign MoU to set Remote Pilot Training Centre

Rashtriya Raksha University at Gandhinagar has signed an MoU with DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited for setting up a Remote Pilot Training Centre for imparting drone flying skills.

This training will be imparted to the Police and security force personnel and citizens at RRU Campus near Gandhinagar.

16. NPCI Partners With JBIMS To Offer A Master's Degree Program In Digital Payments To Its Employees

National Payments Corporation of India has collaborated with Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies (JBIMS) to co-create a Master's in Management Studies program in Digital Payments for its employees.

This 1st-of-its-kind hybrid program for NPCI employees with specialization in "Digital Payments" will serve as an enabling platform for bright & committed minds.

17. ONGC inks gas sale agreements with GAIL, AGCL for Tripura' Khubal field

In a move to monetise its upcoming field at Khubal in North Tripura, the ONGC has signed gas sale agreements with GAIL India and Assam Gas Company Ltd (AGCL).

Under the agreement, GAIL & AGCL will receive 50,000 standard cubic metres of gas each from the Khubal Gas Gathering Station.

Once it starts production, Khubal will be the 10th producing field of ONGC in Tripura.

18. Foundation Stone Laid For 8th Hi-Tech park in Natore under the Indian Line of Credit to Bangladesh.

This is the 8th park out of 12 IT/Hi-Tech parks under the Indian Line of Credit (LOC) extended to Bangladesh. The financial assistance worth USD 193 million under Line of Credit is offered by India. The agreement for setting up Hi-Tech parks in 12 districts of Bangladesh, reached in 2015 between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

19. Altigreen partners with ISI Kolkata for improving energy efficiency of electric vehicles

Bangalore-based electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing company Altigreen has joined hands with the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (CAIML) of Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Kolkata for improving the energy efficiency of EVs using machine learning techniques.

Altigreen CEO and co-founder Amitabh Saran.

20. Wipro wins five-year contract from Nokia for digital transformation

Tech major Wipro has announced signing a five-year contract with global networking and telecom player Nokia for digital transformation.

Wipro, as part of the agreement, will deliver global business services in support of Nokia's renewed operating model.

The new agreement builds on a partnership originally established over 20 years ago.

21. ONGC inks MoU with Greenko to manufacture green hydrogen

ONGC signed an MoU with Greenko Pvt Ltd to jointly pursue opportunities in renewables, green hydrogen, green ammonia, and other derivatives of green hydrogen. This will contribute toward India's target of producing 5 million tonnes of Green hydrogen per annum by 2030. This MoU is in line with the National Hydrogen Mission of India.

22. First all women-run cooperative bank coming up in Rajasthan

The first all women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector is coming up in Rajasthan following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed with the Telangana government's Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation. The new body will promote women's empowerment by supporting their enterprises.

It will be set up on the lines of the Stree Nidhi model of Telangana

23. JICA extends ODA loan of '6,000 crore for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has signed a loan agreement with the Centre to provide an Official Development Assistance (ODA) loan of about '6,000 crore or 100 billion Japanese Yen as the third tranche for the construction of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR).

Loan agreement comes after a '18,000 crore package commitment by JICA in 2017.

24. Cabinet approves signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, was apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR) and University of Reading (UoR), United Kingdom (UK) for collaboration in the field of agriculture and rural development in developing countries. The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj is in Hyderabad

25. The Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) and the Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) have signed a MoU

Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) & Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to further cooperation between the two organisations to promote the use of palm oil. The MoU is expected to expand cooperation in areas of mutual interest, to promote the development and use of Malaysian palm oil and MSPO-certified palm oil.

26. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority signs concession pact for JNPCT

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) has signed a concession agreement with a consortium which won the bid for the privatisation of its container terminal. The consortium of J M Baxi Ports and Logistics and CMA Terminals bagged the contract for the privatisation of the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Container Terminal (JNPCT) at an investment of Rs 872 crore.

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Schemes

1. Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme completes 2 years.

The centrally sponsored PMFME Scheme was launched on 29th June, 2020 by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

Scheme is currently being implemented in 35 States and UTs, envisioning enhancement of the existing individual micro-enterprises in the unorganized segment of the food processing industry and formalisation of the sector.

2. First 30 institutions selected for Chip to Startup scheme announced at Digital India Week

PM Modi announced the cohort of 30 institutions that will be supported under the Chip to Startup(C2S) programme under the India Semiconductor Mission.

Institutions will be empowered to train 85,000 specialised manpower in semiconductor design at bachelors, masters and research levels.

C2S aims to facilitate 175 ASICs, 30 IP cores, 20 systems and 25 startups over 5 years.

3. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launches SVANidhi Mahotsav

Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched 'SVANidhi Mahotsav' which is a cultural festival for celebrating the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme.

Ministry of Housing is organising 'SVANidhi Mahotsav' from 9th to 31st of this month. It is being held in 75 cities across 33 States and Union Territories.

PM SVANidhi scheme was launched on 1st of June 2020. PM SVANidhi: Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi

4. Govt launches 3 schemes to strengthen MSMEs in pharmaceutical sector

Union minister Mansukh Mandaviya noted that the schemes envisage technology upgradation, setting up of common research centres and effluent treatment plants in clusters for the pharma MSMEs.

The chemicals and fertilisers ministry rolled out the schemes under the banner of 'Strengthening Pharmaceuticals Industry' (SPI).

5. The Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) at IIT Kanpur has launched the NIRMAN Accelerator Program.

It is supported by the Department of Science and Technology, where 15 start-ups will be selected and given the opportunity to accelerate their product journey from 'lab to market'. The programme will focus on the manufacturing startups engaged in healthcare and agriculture domains to help them overcome the challenges from their prototype-to-market journey.

6. ECGC Launches Scheme to Provide Enhanced Export Credit Risk Insurance Coverage of up to 90% to Small Exporters

ECGC Ltd. has introduced a scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover to the extent of 90% to support small exporters.

In this regard it has signed up State Bank of India (SBI) under the Export Credit Insurance for Banks Whole Turnover Packaging Credit and Post Shipment (ECIB- WTPC & PS). SBI has agreed to provide export credit at repo rate plus 1.3%.

7. PM to launched Power Sector's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme today

Under the leadership of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Power's flagship Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, which is aimed at improving the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of the DISCOMs and Power Departments.

8. Three Companies signed Program Agreement under (PLI) Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage

The companies are Reliance New Energy Limited, Ola Electric Mobility Private Limited and Rajesh Exports Limited. These companies will receive incentives under India's ' 18,100 crore program. In addition to the capacities allocated by MHI under the PLI Program, private players are expected to create battery manufacturing capacity to the tune of ~95 GWh.

9. Kerala govt to launch desi alternative of Uber, Ola; online cab service Kerala Savari launching next month

The Kerala government is all set to come up with a 'desi' alternative to the popular corporate online cabs by launching its own e-taxi service from next month, considered to be the first such initiative by any state government in the country.

10. The 75 indigenous games are from different parts of the country Launched under NEP

Raja mantri chor sipahi', 'posham pa', 'gilli danda', 'yubi lakpi', different forms of 'kabbadi' and 'kanche' are among 75 'Bharatiya games' the Centre has announced it will introduce in schools under the education ministry's Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) initiative. The initiative was launched by Union home minister Amit Shah on 2nd anniversary of implementation of NEP.



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Appointments & Resignations

1. Eknath Shinde takes oath as Maharashtra CM, Devendra Fadnavis as his deputy

Eknath Shinde took oath as the new chief minister of Maharashtra at the Raj Bhavan. Devendra Fadnavis was sworn in as the deputy chief minister.

Shinde, served as the urban development minister in the previous Maha Vikas Aghadi government, Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath of office and secrecy to Shinde (58), and Fadnavis (51).

2. Somali parliament approves appointment of Hamza Abdi Barre as PM

Somali Parliament unanimously approved the appointment of Hamza Abdi Barre as the country's new prime minister.

Speaker of the Somali Federal Parliament, Sheikh Aden Mohamed Nur (Madobe) said 220 members who attended the session endorsed Barre who was appointed by President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. Mogadishu is the capital of Somalia. The Somali Shilling is the currency of Somalia.

3. PM Modi congratulates Yair Lapid for becoming 14th Prime Minister of Israel

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Yair Lapid for becoming the 14th Prime Minister of Israel.

Yair Lapid officially became the 14th Prime Minister of Israel.

Lapid's term could be the short one as he takes over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which is scheduled to take place on November 1.

Naftali Bennett is the outgoing Prime Minister.

4. RBI gives nod to term extension of CSB Bank's Interim MD & CEO Pralay Mondal

CSB Bank Limited informed that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conveyed their approval for the extension of the term of appointment of Pralay Mondal, Deputy Managing Director as interim Managing Director & CEO of the Bank, for a further period of three months with effect from July 1, 2022, or till the appointment of a regular Managing Director & CEO in the Bank.

5. Aviva India appoints Asit Rath as new CEO and MD

Life insurance company Aviva India has announced the appointment of Asit Rath as chief executive officer (CEO) and managing director (MD).

Rath will take up his role on July 11 and succeed Amit Malik who is leaving the business after 10 years.

Aviva India is a joint venture between Dabur Invest Corp and Aviva International Holdings Limited, a UK-based insurance group.

Aviva plc is a British multinational insurance company-CEO: Amanda Blanc.

6. Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian of India appointed as Force Commander of UN Mission in South Sudan

Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian of India has been appointed as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), United Nations Secretary-General General Antonio Guterres announced.

Lieutenant General Subramanian succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India.

7. Smriti Irani Appointed Minority Affairs Minister after Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi Resigns, Jyotiraditya Scindia Assigned Steel Ministry

Smriti Irani would be heading the minority affairs ministry in addition to her existing charge as the union minister for women and child welfare.

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has been assigned the Ministry of Steel.

Union Steel Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Ram Chandra Prakash Singh also resigned a day before his term was set to expire.

8. Paritosh Tripathi appointed MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance

SBI General Insurance Company has announced the appointment of Paritosh Tripathi as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. He succeeds P.C. Kandpal, who has been posted as DMD (P&RE) at the Corporate Center, SBI.

SBI General Insurance was founded in 2009. It started operations in 2010, as a joint venture between SBI & Insurance Australia Group (IAG).

9. Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant Appointed Sherpa For G20 Summit

Former NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant has been appointed as the Sherpa for G-20 Summit. Kant will take over from Union Minister Piyush Goyal.

India has been a member of the G20 since its inception in 1999. The country will be hosting the G20 Summit from December 1, 2022, and will convene the G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023 for the first time.

Goyal was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in September last year.

10. R K Gupta appointed deputy Election commissioner

Senior bureaucrat R K Gupta was appointed as the deputy election commissioner. He comes in place of T Sreekanth.

Gupta, a Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer, will serve as deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level) till 28 February next year, the date of his superannuation, the Personnel Ministry order said.

11. Sanjiv Puri elected CII Vice President for FY23, R Dinesh as President Designate

ITC chairman & MD Sanjiv Puri has been elected the Vice President of CII for 2022-23, while TVS Supply Chain Solutions Executive Vice Chairman R Dinesh has become the new President Designate replacing Hero Motocorp Chairman and CEO Pawan Munjal.

Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman and Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Limited, continues to be the President of CII for the year 2022-23.

12. Sanjai Kumar recommended for post of CMD, Raitel

Public enterprises selection board (PESB) selected Mr. Sanjai Kumar for the post of Chairman & Managing Director, RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RCIL).

The Public Enterprises Selection Board [P.E.S.B] is a high powered body constituted by Government of India Resolution dated 3.3.1987.

Chairperson of PESB- Smt MALLIKA SRINIVASAN.

13. Advent International hires Pratik Pota to lead Eureka Forbes

Pratik Pota will join as Managing Director & CEO of Eureka Forbes. Pratik will lead the management team to continue scaling the business and delivering innovative products.

Pratik was the CEO at Jubilant Foodworks Ltd. Under his leadership, the JFL entered new markets, including Bangladesh and Turkey.

14. RBI approves appointment of Meena Hemchandra as part-time chairman of Karur Vysya Bank

Private sector lender Karur Vysya Bank said the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of former RBI executive Meena Hemchandra as part-time chairman of the bank for three years.

In May, the bank had recommended Hemchandra's candidature for the position of non-executive independent (part-time) chairperson of the bank to the RBI for approval. Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Karur Vysya Bank- Shri B. Ramesh Babu.

15. Indian-American Naureen Hassan named President of UBS Americas and CEO of UBS Americas Holding

Naureen Hassan, an Indian-origin veteran of the financial services sector has been appointed President of UBS Americas and CEO of UBS Americas Holding.

UBS Group AG is a multinational investment bank and financial services company founded and based in Switzerland.

Co-headquartered in the cities of Zurich and Basel.

16. IndiGo Appoints Mr. Meleveetil Damodaran As Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

The Board of Directors (Board) of InterGlobe Aviation Limited (IndiGo), has approved the appointment of Mr. Meleveetil Damodaran as Non-Independent Non-Executive Director.

He was Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) from February 2005 to February 2008.

He was an Independent Director and Chairman of IndiGo from January 24, 2019 to May 3, 2022.

Pieter Elbers is the new IndiGo CEO.

17. Lt Gen (Retd) Raj Shukla appointed as member of Union Public Service Commission

Former Army Training Command chief Lt Gen Raj Shukla (Retd) has been appointed as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) ,Department of Personnel and Training informed.

Gen. Shukla, a recipient of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal in 2021.

Chairperson of UPSC- Dr. Manoj Soni.

18. Mr. Jayanti Prasad appointed as Whole Time Member of IBBI

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 189 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (31 of 2016), the Central Government appointed Mr. Jayanti Prasad as a Whole time member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India for a period of five years or upto the age of sixty-five years or until further orders, whichever is the earliest. Ravi Mittal- chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI).

19. IAPH appoints Ennarasu Karunesan as its representative in India

The Tokyo-based International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), the global ports' forum for industry collaboration and excellence, has appointed Ennarasu Karunesan as its official representative in India. IAPH Managing Director, Patrick Verhoeven.

20. Banking Veteran Nakul Jain Joins As CEO Of Paytm Payments Services

Listed fintech unicorn Paytm's parent One97 Communications has appointed Nakul Jain as the CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).

Praveen Sharma, who is currently acting as the CEO of PPSL, has been moved to lead its commerce vertical of the company along with sharing other responsibilities.

21. Tata Projects appoints Vinayak Pai as managing director

Infrastructure company Tata Projects Ltd has appointed Vinayak Pai as its managing director, effective 22 July.

Pai has taken over the reins from Vinayak Deshpande who will retire after being at the helm of affairs for over 11 years.

22. Ashishkumar Chauhan quits as CEO of BSE

The BSE has appointed an executive management committee (EMC) comprising chief regulatory officer Neeraj Kulshrestha, chief financial officer Nayan Mehta, chief information officer Kersi Tavadia, chief business officer Sameer Patil and chief of trading operations Girish Joshi to run the exchange till the appointment of Chauhan's successor. He was named new CEO of NSE Ltd., recently.

23. MHA gives security clearance to Air India CEO-designate Campbell Wilson

The home ministry has given security clearance to Air India CEO-designate Campbell Wilson, paving the way for him to take charge of the airline.

The appointment of Wilson as the Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Air India was announced by Tata Sons on May 12.

Tata Sons took over the loss-making carrier on January 27.

24. IPS Sanjay Arora appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner

Sanjay Arora is an Indian Police Service officer, 1988 batch, Tamil Nadu cadre. Arora has been awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2004, President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 2014, Police Special Duty Medal, Antrik Suraksha Padak, and UN Peacekeeping Medal among others. IPS Sanjay Arora has been appointed as Delhi Police Commissioner.




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Awards

1. Ashok Soota conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021

Ashok Soota, founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021.

The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award constituted in the year 2019 is in recognition of outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India.

2. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Nitin Gadkari presented National Highway excellent award 2021

During the ceremony, 13 awards were presented to the concessionaire/contractors working exceptionally well in the construction, operations & maintenance, innovation, greenery, tolling stages of highway development as well as in the arena of road safety for the 2021 award cycle.

This year, the theme of the awards was 'Innovation and Excellence in Road Construction'. MoRTH instituted NHEA in 2018

3. UK Parliament honours AIIA Director Tanuja Nesari with Ayurveda Ratna award

The UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the Ayurveda Ratna award on Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), for her exceptional service of the highest order for the promotion of Ayurveda.

AIIA was formed in 2014 to spread knowledge on traditional sciences in UK and abroad.

4. Michelle Poonawalla Receives The Coveted Shiromani Award At NRI World Summit 2022, United Kingdom

Michelle Poonawalla, well known artist, businesswoman and philanthropist, from the renowned Poonawalla family received the coveted Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022, United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of Art.

Poonawalla unveiled her artwork 'Reserve' at the JMS Foundation Charity Gala on 23 June. Shiromani Award was instituted in 1977

5. Dr. Jitendra Singh announces setting up of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in public administration in the field of academic

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Jitendra Singh who is also Chairman of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) announced the setting up of Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award in public administration in the field of academic excellence, in memory of the first President of India who had also laid foundation stone of IIPA in Delhi.

6. Filmmaker K P Kumaran Receives Prestigious J C Daniel Award

Veteran filmmaker K P Kumaran bagged the J C Daniel Award 2021, the Kerala government's highest honour for lifetime contributions to Malayalam cinema.

The annual honour, named after J C Daniel, who made the first silent movie in Mollywood, comprises a purse of Rs five lakh, a citation and a plaque.

7. Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar is set to present Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Awards on July 30, 2022 in New Delhi

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) was launched 2 years ago under the ambitious Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package as a dedicated Central Government scheme that provides medium-long term credit facility for investment in creation of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets.

Ranks & Reports

1. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat among 'top achievers' in ease of doing business

Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Haryana are among the seven states that have been classified as 'top achievers' in rolling out the Business Reforms Action Plan (BRAP) for 2020, set by the department for the promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT).

It also also categorised Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana as "top achievers".

2. NITI Aayog & World Food Program launch 'Take Home Ration-Good Practices across the State/Union Territories' report

Report presents a set of good and innovative practices adopted in the implementation of the Take Home Ration value chain by the States and UTs.

Government of India provides Take Home Ration under the Supplementary Nutrition component of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to fill the gap in nutrition among children as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLW) World Food Programme is the food-assistance branch of UN based in Italy.

3. India's urban population to stand at 675 mn in 2035, behind China: UN

United Nations-Habitat's World Cities Report 2022 says India's urban population is estimated to stand at 675 million in 2035, 2nd highest behind China's 1 billion, noting that after the Covid pandemic, the global urban population is back on track to grow by another 2.2 billion by 2050.

By 2035, percentage of urban residing population in India at mid-year will be 43.2%.

China's urban population in 2035 is projected at 1.05 billion

4. Bengaluru ranks 14th among 20 cities in APAC in sustainable development: Knight Frank's APAC Sustainably Led Cities Index

Bengaluru ranks 14th in the list of top 20 cities in Asia Pacific in terms of compliance with sustainability norms in the development of commercial real estate, according to Knight Frank.

Delhi is at 17th, Hyderabad at 18th and Mumbai 20th positions.

Singapore, Sydney, Wellington, Perth & Melbourne have been ranked as the top 5 green-rated cities in commercial real estate.

Report noted India's Green Bonds issuance rose 523% YoY: \$1.1bn in '20 to \$6.8bn in '21

5. LIC emerges as the most advertised brand across sectors in Jan-Mar 2022: AdEx India, TAM Media Research

BFSI sector made a comeback in terms of advertising as the sector recorded a rise in all mediums- television, radio, print as well as digital- in Jan-Mar'22 period.

Among the BFSI sector, Life Insurance emerged as the top advertiser on television with 31% share of the sector ad volume, topped the charts in print and radio (27%) and digital (28%). Maharashtra topped all the states with an 18% share of the sector's ad volumes on radio

6. Ahmedabad India's most affordable housing market in H1CY22: Knight Frank

According to Knight Frank India's Affordability Index for H1 2022, Ahmedabad is the most affordable housing market amongst the top eight cities, with a ratio of 22%, followed by Pune & Chennai at 26% each in the first half of the calendar year 2022.

Mumbai (56%) remains most expensive residential market in the country followed by Hyderabad (31%), Delhi (30%) and Bengaluru (28%). The Index tracks the EMI to income ratio for an average household

7. London ranked best city for students, Mumbai tops in India: QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023

In the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, London has emerged as the best city for students looking to study abroad in terms of affordability, student facilities, and university standard among other factors. Seoul and Munich are at second place followed by Zurich and Melbourne at fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103 Mumbai was followed by Bengaluru, Chennai and Delhi at 114, 125 & 129 ranks respectively.

8. NITI Aayog releases 'Mitigation and Management of COVID-19'

'Mitigation and Management of COVID-19: Compendium of Ayush-Based Practices from Indian States and Union Territories' is about Ayush-based practices from States and Union territories detailing information about various Ayush-based initiatives and practices adopted by the States and Union territories in India for containing and managing the COVID-19 outbreak.

9. India moves to leadership position in large-value digital payment system: RBI report 'Benchmarking India's Payment Systems'

India has made significant progress & moved to a leadership position in large-value digital payment systems, though it is still weak in certain parameters relating to ATMs & card payments, the RBI report said.

India was categorised as a 'leader' or 'strong' in respect of 25 out of 40 indicators & categorised as 'weak' in respect of 8 indicators, said the report. Benchmarking exercise was first carried out in 2019 with respect to the position in 2017.

10. RBI launches next round of survey of manufacturing companies

RBI said it has launched the next round of its order books, inventories and capacity utilisation survey (OBICUS) of manufacturing companies, results of which provide valuable inputs for monetary policy formulation.

The 58th round of the OBICUS is for April - June 2022 period.

RBI has also launched the 2021-22 round of its Survey on International Trade in Banking Services.

11. Minimising waste through extended producer responsibility key to curb use of plastics: Niti Aayog report

In a report titled 'Alternative Products and Technologies to Plastics and their Applications', Niti Aayog has called for strengthening of the waste minimisation drive through extended producer responsibility, proper labelling and collection of compostable and biodegradable plastics, while relaxing the deadline for adoption of biodegradable plastic. India produced 3.47 million tonnes of plastics waste per annum, as per CPCB report

12. Number of undernourished people in India declines to 224.3 million; obesity among adults on the rise: U.N. report

Number of undernourished people in India has declined in the last 15 years to 224.3 million in 2019-2021, according to UN report 'State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022'. It also said that there are more obese adults & anaemic women in India.

Number of people affected by hunger globally rose to as many as 828 mn in 2021, an increase of 46 mn since 2020.

13. India's R&D spends amongst the lowest in the world: NITI Aayog study

India's gross expenditure on research and development (R&D) is one of the lowest in the world, with just \$43 per capita, according to NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index 2021.

India's gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) as a percentage of GDP has been consistent and hovered around 0.7% for about a decade.

This is even lower than Brazil (1.16%), South Africa (0.83%) and others. Study was conducted by NITI Aayog and Institute for Competitiveness.

14. List of top 20 busiest airports in the world released; New Delhi ranks 13th

Airports Council International has released the list of top 20 busiest airports in the world. The top 20 airports accounted for 19% of global traffic (863 million passengers) in 2021.

The top seven ranks are held by US airports, with Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport topping the list.

Indira Gandhi International Airport in New Delhi ranks 13th on the list.

15. Parle Topped Rankings for Most Chosen FMGG Brands in India for the 10th year in a row: Kantar India Report

For record 10 years in a row, Parle Products has topped the rankings for most chosen FMGG brands, according to a report by Kantar India. It is followed by Amul, Britannia, Clinic Plus, and Tata Consumer Products in the latest 2021 report, which ranks the most chosen FMCG brands based on consumer reach points (CRPs).

Important Days

1. State Bank of India (SBI) celebrates 67th Foundation Day | July 1st

The oldest commercial bank in the country, State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July. SBI descends from the Bank of Calcutta founded in 1806 through the Imperial Bank of India.

The Bank of Madras merged into the other two presidency banks, the bank of Calcutta and the bank of Bombay to form the Imperial Bank of India which in turn became the SBI in 1955.

2. National Doctors' Day - July 1

National Doctors' Day celebrations in India began in 1991 on July 1 to honour Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, or B.C. Roy, whose birth and death anniversary, both fall on July 1. B.C. Roy was a famous physician and freedom fighter from West Bengal. He also became the Chief Minister of West Bengal from 1948 till his death in 1962.

Theme 2022: "Family Doctors on the Front Line" Dr Roy was conferred with the honour of Bharat Ratna on February 4, 1961.

3. National Chartered Accountants Day 2022 - July 1

Chartered Accountants' (CA) day is celebrated annually on 1 July with an aim to commemorate the findings of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by Parliament in 1949.

The ICAI is the only licensing and regulatory body for the profession of accounting and financial auditing in India.

4. International Day of Cooperatives 2022 on 2nd July

Marked by cooperatives worldwide since 1923 and officially proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on the centenary of the ICA in 1995, the International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated annually on the first Saturday of July.

"Cooperatives Build a Better World" theme for this year.

5. International Plastic Bag Free Day 2022 - 3 July

The International Plastic Bag Free Day is celebrated every year on 3 July, with an aim to raise awareness about the issues of plastic pollution and its harmful impact on the natural environment.

International Plastic Bag Free Day goes back to July 3, 2008, when it was started by a member of Zero Waste Europe (ZWE) Rezero. In its very first year of establishment, the day was only marked in Catalonia.

6. World Zoonosis Day - July 6, 2022

World Zoonosis Day is held annually on July 6, worldwide, to raise awareness about the infectious diseases collectively termed zoonotic diseases.

The day is celebrated in memory of Louis Pasteur, a French biologist who, on July 6, 1885, successfully administered the first-ever Rabies vaccine to a patient named Joseph Meister. Zoonotic diseases originate in animals and can spread to humans.

7. World Kiswahili Language Day | July 7th

As part of the implementation of Resolution, on 23rd November 2021, the 41st Session of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) General Conference proclaimed the 07th July of every year as the World Kiswahili Language Day.

Kiswahili is also the only African language that is an official language of the African Union.

8. World Population Day, observed on July 11

World Population Day, was first observed on July 11 1990 in more than 90 countries. It was established through a United Nations (UN) resolution 45/216 of December 1990 to continue observing the day in subsequent years.

The theme for this year is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all ' Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all."

9. Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar Inaugurates the 94th Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Foundation Day 2022

This year the 94th ICAR Foundation Day & Award Ceremony are being organized on 16 July 2022 at A P Shinde Symposium Hall, NASC, PUSA, New Delhi.

ICAR was registered as an organization under the Societies Registration Act of 1860 on July 16, 1929.

Union Agriculture Minister is the President of ICAR. The headquarters of ICAR is in New Delhi.

DG ICAR, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra.

Parshottam Rupala, Union Cabinet Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

10. National Broadcasting Day - July 23

Every year, on 23 July, India celebrates National Broadcasting Day to commemorate the first radio broadcast in India from the Bombay Station under the Indian Broadcasting Company in 1927.

Radio broadcasting services started in India during British rule in 1923 under the initiative of the Radio Club of Bombay.

11. Aaykar Diwas 2022 - July 24

The nation marks Income Tax Day on 24 July every year. This year marks the 162nd anniversary of the occasion, also called Aaykar Diwas.

It was on 24 July 1860 that Income Tax was introduced in India by Sir James Wilson. In 2010, the Finance Ministry decided to mark the existence of this levy by establishing Income Tax Day on 24 July.

12. World day against trafficking in person: 30 July

This year's theme focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking.

With the global expansion in the use of technology - intensified by the COVID-19 pandemic and the shift of our everyday life to online platforms -- the crime of human trafficking has conquered cyber space. In 2018 about 50,000 human trafficking victims were detected & reported by 148 countries



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Summit & Conferences

1. Dr Mansukh Mandaviya chairs Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission(IPC)conference 2022 and releases 9th edition of Indian Pharmacopoeia

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilisers, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired IPC Conference 2022 and released 9th edition of Indian Pharmacopoeia at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Indian Pharmacopoeia is published by the IPC on behalf of Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Government of India to fulfil requirements of Drugs and Cosmetics Act,1940. Conference Theme: Addressing Medicine Quality for Future

2. Union Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurates Fifth Global Film Tourism Conclave in Mumbai

Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the fifth Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC) at Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach.

PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) has organised the fifth GFTC on the theme 'Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism' by joining hands with the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

3. Three-day NATO summit concludes in Madrid

The 2022 NATO Madrid Summit was held in Madrid, Spain, from June 28 to 30, 2022.

22 NATO members agreed to launch the NATO Innovation Fund, a multi-sovereign venture capital fund that will invest 1 billion euros (\$1.05 billion) in startups and other venture capital funds developing emerging technologies for both civilian and military use. This was the 32nd edition of the summit, since the first summit held in Paris in 1957.

4. At 1st Maritime Security Group meet, NSA chief Doval stresses on coordination among stakeholders

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval inaugurated the first meeting of the Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group (MAMSG), chaired by Vice Admiral (retd) G. Ashok Kumar, India's first National Maritime Security Coordinator (NMSC).

The meeting was held eight months after the central government approved the post of NMSC. Meeting was held in New Delhi.

5. EAM S Jaishankar to participate in G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting at Bali in Indonesia on 7th and 8th July

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar will visit Bali in Indonesia on 7th and 8th of this month to participate in the G20 Foreign Ministers' meeting.

During his visit, Dr. Jaishankar is expected to hold several bilateral meetings with his counterparts from other G20 member states and invited countries.

6. National Write-Shop on 'Roadmap and Plan of Action on Localisation of SDGs in Panchayati Raj Institutions'

Union Minister of State for Panchayati Raj, Kapil Moreshwar Patil inaugurated a three-day National Write-Shop on 'Roadmap and Plan of Action on Localisation of Sustainable Development Goals in Panchayati Raj Institutions' in New Delhi.

The agenda of the Writeshop is to prepare the Roadmap and Draft Plan of Action on Localization of SDGs in PRIs. Ministry of Panchayati Raj organised the three-day writeshop.

7. Union Minister Parshottam Rupala inaugurates India's first ever Animal Health Summit

Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying inaugurated First India Animal Health Summit 2022.

'India Animal Health Summit 2022' organized by Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) and the Agriculture Today Group was held at NASC Complex, New Delhi.

8. Union Agriculture Minister Inaugurates The Joint Conference Of ICRIER And NSE

Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar virtually inaugurated the joint conference of the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) and National Stock Exchange (NSE) from Gwalior.

The conference on 'Getting Agricultural Markets Right' has been organized jointly by ICRIER and NSE. ICRIER Chairman: Pramod Bhasin; NSE MD and CEO: Vikram Limaye

9. Prime Minister inaugurates Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam to implement NEP 2020

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi.

The summit is being held for the successful implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 across the country.

The Ministry of Education has organised Shiksha Samagam from July 7-9, 2022.

10. Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry organizes Hariyali Mahotsav

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change organized 'Hariyali Mahotsav' on 8th July, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi in the spirit of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Hariyali Mahotsav, the 'Tree Festival' was organized to create awareness about importance of trees in sustaining not only the life of the present generations but also to future generations.

11. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chairs first meeting of apex authority of NICDIT, 18 States participate

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the first meeting of the apex monitoring authority on the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT).

NICDIT is an apex body, chaired by Finance Minister & under the administrative control of DPIIT for coordinated and unified development of five industrial corridors in India. Chief ministers and industry ministers of 18 states participated in this meeting.

12. Rashtrapati Bhavan organises 2-day workshop on 'Disaster Management of Museums and Heritage Buildings'

Rashtrapati Bhavan, in association with the National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM),organised a workshop on 'Disaster Management of Museums and Heritage Buildings' on July 7-8, 2022, at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum.

The aim of this workshop is to create awareness among the officials of Rashtrapati Bhavan and other stakeholders towards disaster management.

13. RINL Organizes Seminar at Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

Rastriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has taken up several activities as part of Iconic Week being observed by Ministry of Steel starting from 4th to 10th July, 2022 as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

14. A 2-Day regional conference 'Bringing Citizens, Entrepreneurs And Government Closer For Good Governance' at Bengaluru

The Regional Conference is being organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances in collaboration with Government of Karnataka.

Delegates from all States/Union Territories will participate in the Conference. More than 400 delegates from PAN-India are expected to participate in the Conference. The Conference is being held in a semi-virtual mode.

15. 6th Deputy National Security Advisor level meeting concludes in Kochi

Under the National Security Council Secretariat of India,the member states of the Colombo Security Conclave comprising India, Maldives, Mauritius and Sri Lanka,successfully concluded the 6th Deputy National Security Advisor level meeting held in Kochi.

First Deputy National Security Advisor level meeting was held virtually between India,Sri Lanka & Maldives in August,2021.

16. Ministry of Culture, VIBHA to organize Conference on Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray's contributions as a Chemist & Freedom Fighter

Ministry of Culture along with Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi and Vijnana Bharti (VIBHA) organised a curtain raiser for two days International Conference on the 'Contributions of Acharya Prafulla Chandra Ray as a Chemist and Freedom Fighter' at the Department of Chemistry, University of Delhi in Delhi.The Conference will be held on 161th birth anniversary of

17. 9th ASEAN-India meet on transnational crimes held virtually

Ninth ASEAN-India Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crimes (SOMTC) was held in a virtual mode where both sides strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms while emphasizing the need to boost international cooperation to combat terrorism and transnational crimes.

The 10th ASEAN-India SOMTC Consultation on Transnational Crimes will be held in 2023 in Indonesia.

18. Shri Hardeep S Puri addresses the 16th meeting of National Association of Street Vendors of India in New Delhi

The Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri has said that the Street Vendors have been, are and will always be an essential part of India's economic growth story, with strong linkages with the urban informal economy.

He was addressing the 16th meeting of National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI).

Theme of meeting 'From Encroachers to Self-Employed'

Science & Technology

1. DCGI gives nod to India's first mRNA vaccine, Gennova Biopharma to produce nearly 50 lakh doses per month

DCGI has given a green signal to the country's first indigenous mRNA vaccine against Covid by Pune-based Gennova Biopharma for emergency use among adults in India.

GEMCOVAC-19 is the very first mRNA vaccine developed in India & third mRNA vaccine to be approved for Covid-19 in the world.

The two-dose vaccine is stable for storage at 2-8 degrees Celsius.

2. BA.2.75 ' new Covid variant detected in India

Scientists across the world have flagged the emergence of a new coronavirus variant in India, the BA.2.75. BA.2.75 is a sub-lineage of the Omicron variant. Sub-lineages of Omicron have become the dominant variants circulating across the globe, with new mutations continuously evolving.

There has been no official communication about the variant.

3. India's first autonomous navigation facility, TiHAN, launched at IIT Hyderabad

Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh inaugurated first-of-its-kind, state-of-the-art 'Autonomous Navigation' facility to develop unmanned ground and aerial vehicles in the IIT Hyderabad campus.

TiHAN was funded by the Union Ministry of Science and Technology at a budget of Rs 130 crore.

TiHAN - Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation

4. CoVarScan, a new rapid COVID-19 test can identify variants in hours

Scientists in the US have developed a rapid Covid-19 test that can accurately detect all current variants of SARS-CoV-2 within hours.

The test, CoVarScan, detects the signatures of eight hotspots on the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes Covid-19.

The researchers at the University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical Center in the US tested CoVarScan on more than 4000 patients.

5. Jaipur-Delhi-Agra E-Highway to be geo fenced by NHEV with UNL Global

Jaipur-Delhi-Agra E-Highway is proposed to be geofenced so that Electric Vehicles on this route could run on a theft proof relay model, UNL Global has collaborated with NHEV to participate in this pilot for making E-Highways geo-fenced & complete it by end of this year and add an EV ready infrastructure for ever increasing numbers of E-Vehicles on this expressway.

6. IIT Kharagpur's Indigenous BLDC Motor And Smart Controller For E-Rickshaws Pushed For Commercial Production

An indigenous BLDC motor and smart controller for e-Rickshaws developed by IIT Kharagpur has been transferred to M/s Brushless Motor India Pvt Ltd. for commercial production.

Indigenously developed, the brushless DC electric motor is important for India as 90% of the components and its technology for Electric Vehicles imported are not suitable for India's conditions.

The technology transfer was done as part of Digital India Week.

7. Indian Scientists Develop Rapidly Charging Sodium-Ion Based Batteries And Supercapacitors Using Nano-Materials Indian Scientists

The IIT Kharagpur team has used sodium iron phosphates and sodium manganese phosphates which they synthesized to obtain Na-ion-based batteries & supercapacitors with support from the Technology Mission Division of the Department of Science & Technology, Government of India. These sodium materials were combined with various novel architectures of carbon to develop a battery.

8. British International Investment to invest '1,925 crore in Mahindra's new EV company

British International Investment (BII), the UK's Development Finance Institution and impact investor and Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) have executed a binding agreement to invest up to '1,925 crore each into a wholly-owned subsidiary of M&M that will be newly incorporated.

The EV company will focus on four-wheel passenger electric vehicles. Anish Shah, Managing Director and CEO, Mahindra & Mahindra.

9. IIT Kanpur to set up network of air quality sensors to measure pollution in rural India

IIT Kanpur announced that it will be launching a USD 2.5 million project to install nearly 1,400 sensors in rural blocks of Uttar Pradesh & Bihar.

It is looking forward to launching this project to bolster the measurement of air pollution in rural India.

The 3-year pilot project is expected to pave the way for a national network of air quality sensors in rural India.

10. First Webb Telescope image reveals earliest galaxies formed after Big Bang

This first image from NASA's James Webb Space Telescope is the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe to date.

Known as Webb's First Deep Field, this image of galaxy cluster SMACS 0723 is overflowing with detail. Thousands of galaxies including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared have appeared in Webb's view for the first time.

11. IISc team develops technology for generating hydrogen from biomass

A team of researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has developed technology to produce hydrogen from biomass, marking what the developers called a significant step forward in extracting green hydrogen. The indigenous technology for the carbon-negative production of hydrogen was developed by a team led by S Dasappa. India uses close to 50 lakh tonnes of hydrogen

12. Indian scientists discover New Strategy To Revive Efficacy Of Existing Antibiotics.

Scientists at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR) have come up with a new approach of revitalizing the efficacy of existing antibiotics to counter the rising menace of multidrug-resistant bacteria. They are using obsolete antibiotics in combination with antibiotic adjuvants -- ingredients that can weakly perturb bacterial membrane.

13. MeitY Grants Permit to IIT Bhubaneswar to Carry Out Chips to Startup Program

Indian Institute of Technology in Bhubaneswar has been given permission to carry out a project under the Chips to Startups program.

The approval calls for a five-year project to be carried out at IIT Bhubaneswar with the working title 'Energy Efficient Mesh Architecture Based Indigenous Neuromorphic Processor for Extreme Edge IoT (internet of things) Applications'. Minister for electronics and information technology, Ashwini Vaishnav.

14. 'black widow': The heaviest neutron star

Astronomers have for the first time discovered the heaviest known neutron star, an object that forms when the core of a massive star undergoes gravitational collapse at the end of its life. The star is spinning so fast that it has shredded and consumed nearly the entire mass of its companion star to emerge as the heaviest known.



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Defence

1. INS Kochi Visits Safaga, Egypt

INS Kochi, Mission Deployed in the Red Sea visited Port Safaga, Egypt from 28 - 30 Jun 22.

Engagements between Indian Navy and Egyptian Navy personnel included a friendly football match at the Red Sea Navy Base.

On her departure from Safaga on 30 June 22, INS Kochi participated in a Maritime Partnership Exercise with the Egyptian Navy ships ENS Al Zubair and ENS Abu Ubadah

2. DRDO conducts successful maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator

In a major breakthrough, DRDO successfully carried out the maiden flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from the Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka.

Powered by a small turbofan engine, the unmanned aerial vehicle is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, a premier research laboratory of DRDO.

3. India, Saudi Arabia hold talks to boost defence cooperation

India and Saudi Arabia held wide-ranging talks to further bolster bilateral defence cooperation.

It was held in Delhi and were co-chaired by Joint Secretary in the defence ministry Dinesh Kumar and Saudi Arabia's Deputy Minister of Defence and Strategic Affairs Ahmed A Aseeri.

It was the fifth meeting of the India-Saudi Arabia Joint Committee on Defence Cooperation.

4. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved enhanced monetary limits for procurement of drugs and consumables for Ex-Servicemen

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved enhanced monetary limits for procurement of drugs and consumables for Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS).

He approved the enhancement of the monetary ceiling for purchase of Not Available, emergent, lifesaving and essential drugs by 100 per cent in all categories of polyclinics from Authorised Local Chemists.

5. Indian Army Organises Suraksha Manthan-2022

Desert Corps of the Indian Army organised the Suraksha Manthan 2022, on aspects of Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

It was jointly presided over by Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director General of the Border Security Force, Director General VS Pathania, DG of the Indian Coast Guard, and Lieutenant General Rakesh Kapoor, General Officer Commanding of Desert Corps.

6. Defence Minister dedicates new manufacturing facilities to nation at BDL in Telangana

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has dedicated to the nation a number of new manufacturing facilities set up at the Bhanur Unit of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) in Telangana.

They include a Warhead facility at the Bhanur Unit, a Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker facility at Kanchanbagh Unit.

The RF Seeker Facility is an integrated Centre for the production and testing of RF seekers

7. Indian Naval ships Sahyadri, Kadmatt visit Singapore as part of South East Asia deployment

As part of their deployment to South East Asia, Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Kadmatt under the Command of Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, NM, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, visited Singapore from 01 - 03 July 2022.

INS Sahyadri is an indigenously built multi-role stealth Frigate and INS Kadmatt is an indigenously built ASW Corvette.

8. Indian Navy commissions the first ALH Squadron INAS 324 in Visakhapatnam

The unit at INS Dega, Vizag is the first Naval Squadron on the Eastern Seaboard operating the indigenously built and designed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR) helicopters. INAS 324 squadron has been named 'Kestrels', after a bird species that has good sensory capabilities, symbolising the role envisaged of the aircraft and the air squadron.

Previously, ALH MK3 was commissioned at Gujarat's 835 squadron & Chennai's 840 squadron.

9. French Safran group to set up \$150-million MRO facility for commercial airlines in Hyderabad

French engine maker, Safran, plans to set up a \$150 million Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India for the overhaul of engines in use by Indian and foreign commercial airlines. This was discussed during a meeting of a high-level delegation of the Safran Group, led by its CEO Olivier Andries, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh

10. Indigenous AI-based software developed to protect defence land from illegal encroachments

The Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) has developed an 'Artificial Intelligence-based Change Detection Software' which can automatically detect unauthorised constructions & encroachments on the defence land using Satellite Imagery.

The AI-based software has been developed by Centre of Excellence on Satellite & Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE-SURVEI).

CoE-SURVEI built it along with with knowledge partner Bhabha Atomic Research Centre.

11. Indian Naval Warship Satpura, P8I aircraft to take part in RIMPAC exercise

Indian Naval Warship, INS Satpura and P8I LMRASW aircraft will take part in one of the largest multilateral naval exercises, the Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC) at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii.

The sea phase is going to begin on 12 Jul 22 and will end with the closing ceremony on 4 Aug 22.

12. Defence Ministry approves HDFC, ICICI, and Axis to provide financial services in overseas procurement

In line with the further opening of allocation of Government business to Private Sector Banks by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Defence has assigned three Private Sector Banks HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank and Axis Bank to provide the Letter of Credit and Direct Bank Transfer business for overseas procurement by the Ministry.

13. INS Tarkash ' Long Range Overseas Deployment

Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Tarkash, visited Djibouti as part of her long range overseas deployment followed by Maritime Partnership Exercise with Sudan Navy. The ship is on a deployment to Rio de Janeiro, which is intended to coincide with the Independence Day enabling her to hoist the tricolour in South America on the occasion as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

14. INS Vikrant Successfully Completes 4th Phase Of Sea Trials

The 4th phase of Sea Trials for IAC has been successfully completed on 10 Jul 22, during which integrated trials of the majority of equipment and systems onboard including some of the Aviation Facilities Complex. Maiden Sea Trials of IAC were successfully completed on Aug 21. This was followed by the second and third phases of Sea Trials on Oct 21 and Jan 22 respectively. The ship's delivery is being targeted for the end of Jul 22,

15. BEL signs Rs 250 crore deal for supply of integrated anti-submarine warfare systems

Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a contract with the Ministry of Defence, worth around Rs 250 crores, towards the supply of nine Integrated ASW Complex (IAC) MOD 'C' Systems. IAC MOD 'C' is an Integrated Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) system for all surface ships of the Indian Navy.

16. India and Japan conduct maritime partnership exercise in Andaman Sea

A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and Indian Navy in the Andaman Sea.

INS Sukanya, an offshore patrol vessel and JS Samidare, a Murasame class destroyer, undertook various exercises including seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction.

17. Defence ministry approves arms procurement proposals worth Rs 28,732 cr

Defence ministry approved the procurement of military equipment and weapons worth Rs 28,000 crore, including swarm drones and close-quarter battle carbines, to bolster the overall combat prowess of the armed forces along the northern and western borders.

The procurement proposals were cleared by the Defence Acquisition Council headed by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

18. Ministry of Defence's iDEX-DIO signs its 100th innovation contract

iDEX signed its 100th contract in New Delhi with a firm called Pacify Medical Technologies Pvt Ltd. Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) is the flagship initiative of the Department of Defence Production.

iDEX is funded and managed by the 'Defence Innovation Organization' (DIO) 'iDEX' was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018.

19. Point 5140 at Dras sector named as Gun Hill to mark victory of Indian Armed Forces during Operation Vijay

To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed Forces and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in 'Operation Vijay', Point 5140 at Dras in Kargil sector has been christened as Gun Hill.

Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences including Point 5140

20. Royal Army of Oman Contingent for Joint Military Exercise Al NAJAH-IV arrive in India

The fourth Edition of India Oman Joint Military Exercise AL NAJAH-IV between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman is scheduled to take place at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan



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Books & Authors

1. Union minister Meenakshi Lekhi launches book on sacrifice of freedom fighters

Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi launched a book in Gujarati commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters at a function in Ahmedabad.

The book, 'Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro', celebrates 75 freedom fighters and shares the stories of the sacrifices made by them for the country. Book was launched by the Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

2. 'The Light We Carry': Michelle Obama's second book to hit stands in November

After the huge success of her acclaimed memoir 'Becoming' in 2018, former US first lady Michelle Obama has announced the release of her second book, 'The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times', later this year.

The book, scheduled to release on November 15, will be published by Penguin Random House simultaneously in 14 languages and 27 countries.

3. 'The Life and Times of George Fernandes' by Rahul Ramagundam

'The Life and Times of George Fernandes', written by Rahul Ramagundam, was released under Penguin's 'Allen Lane' imprint on July 25.

This 'first comprehensive biography' on the veteran socialist leader, widely considered an anti-Emergency hero, marks the 47th anniversary of the Emergency.



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Miscellaneous

1. Google launches Startup School India, targets 10,000 startups in small cities

Google launched the Startup School India initiative which aims to gather relevant information on startup building into a systematic curriculum to help 10,000 startups in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities.

The nine-week virtual programme will involve fireside chats between Google leaders and collaborators from across the startup ecosystem.

2. Microsoft announces 'Viva Engage' app in Teams to help build community

Tech giant Microsoft has announced that it is introducing Viva Engage, a new app in Teams that helps build community and connection, along with providing tools for personal expression. Microsoft Viva is designed to give employees across multiple roles and functions what they need to feel connected -- no matter when or where they work. CEO: Satya Nadella Headquarters: Washington, United States

3. Kerala tops in holding Assembly sittings in 2021

Kerala, which slipped to the eighth slot in holding the sittings of the State Assembly during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, got back to the first place in 2021, with its House sitting for 61 days, the highest for any State.

4. Robot 'Eagle,' Fluent In 30 Languages, Teaches Science & Humanities At A Hyderabad School

A school in Hyderabad has introduced robotic teachers, said to be the first of its kind in India for students. The teaching robot, called Eagle is said to be capable of teaching students of grades 5 to 11, in the classroom along with the human teacher and also in a stand-alone mode.

It was introduced by the Indus Trust, which runs a network of Indus International Schools

5. Aditya Birla Health, Policybazaar launch OPD add-on cover with zero waiting

Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Ltd. (ABHICL) has launched 'OPD Add-on' for its customers. This product can be added to existing indemnity plans to provide unlimited medical consultation at affordable prices. The add-on cover aims to provide hassle-free physical and virtual consultation, and offers a range of special consultations.

6. Coca-Cola takes 'Limca' to no-fizz segment, signs on Neeraj Chopra

Coca-Cola has signed Olympic gold medalist, Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion. Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of 88.13 m.

7. PM pays tribute to great revolutionary leaders who sacrificed their lives for country's freedom

31st July, is the martyrdom day of Shaheed Udham Singh. Addressing the nation his Mann Ki Baat programme on All India Radio, Prime Minister offered tributes to him as well as all such other great revolutionaries who sacrificed themselves for the country.



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Obituary

1. Former Diplomat Satinder Kumar Lambah Passes Away at 81

Former diplomat Satinder Kumar Lambah, who headed the backchannel diplomatic negotiations between India and Pakistan from 2005 to 2014, passed away in Delhi at 81.

As former prime minister Manmohan Singh's special envoy to Pakistan, he was credited for his role as a negotiator when the relations between India-Pakistan improved in the 2004-08 period.

2. Visionary British theatre director Peter Brook passes away at 97

Peter Brook, one of the world's most innovative theatre directors who perfected the art of staging powerful drama in bizarre venues, has died aged 97.

The British director mounted productions ranging from challenging versions of Shakespeare through international opera to Hindu epic poems.

Brook put on plays in gymnasiums, deserted factories, quarries, schools etc In 2021, he was awarded India's Padma Shri.

3. Former India goalkeeper EN Sudhir passes away

Former India international EN Sudhir, who played as a goalkeeper for India in the 1970s, died in Mapusa, Goa.

Sudhir, who made his international debut against Indonesia in Rangoon (currently Yangon) in the Olympic qualifiers in 1972, represented India in 9 matches.

He was also part of the national team in the 1973 Merdeka Cup and the Asian Games squad in 1974.

4. Tarun Majumdar, veteran Bengali filmmaker, passes away at 91

Veteran filmmaker Tarun Majumdar passed away in Kolkata.

Notable among his works are 'Kancher Swarga' (1962), 'Palatak' (1963), 'Kuheli' (1971), Shriman Prithviraj (1972), 'Balika Badhu' (1976), 'Thagini' (1974), 'Ganadevata' (1978), Dadar Kirti (1980), 'Bhalobasa Bhalobasa' (1986).

Majumdar, who received Padma Shri in 1990, has five Filmfare awards to his credit.

5. Freedom fighter Gandhian P Gopinathan Nair dies at 100 in Kerala

Freedom fighter P. Gopinathan Nair passed away at the age of 100.

P Gopinathan Nair was known for following Gandhian ideology in his life and was honoured with the Padma Shri award in 2016. He had participated in the freedom struggle.

6. Mohammad Barkindo, OPEC Secretary-General, Dies at 63

OPEC Secretary-General Mohammad Barkindo, an oil industry veteran who steered the group through the creation of the OPEC+ alliance, has died in his native Nigeria. He was 63.

Barkindo had headed the Organisation of the Petroleum Exporting Countries since 2016 and was scheduled to be replaced by Kuwait's Haitham Al-Ghais next month. Vienna-based OPEC is an intergovernmental organization of 13 countries.

7. Shinzo Abe, former Japan Prime Minister, assassinated

Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the longest-serving leader, died after being shot while campaigning for a parliamentary election, public broadcaster NHK said.

It was the first assassination of a sitting or former Japanese premier since the days of pre-war militarism in the 1930s.

8. Former VSNL chief, 'father of internet in India', B K Syngal dies at 82.

Brijendra Kumar Syngal, former chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited, referred to as father of internet in India, passed away.

An IITian, Syngal left satellite communications company Inmarsat to take charge of VSNL in 1991.

Under his watch, the company rolled out India's internet service and launched its then biggest global depository receipt issue.

9. Jos Eduardo dos Santos, Longtime Angolan Ruler, Dies at 79

Angola's former long-term ruler, President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, died in a hospital in the Spanish city of Barcelona, where he had been living in self-imposed exile. He was 79.

He ruled his country for 38 years, from Agostinho Neto's death in 1979 ' four years after Angola won independence from Portugal ' until 2017, when he stepped down voluntarily as president. Angola:

Currency:kwanza; Capital:Luanda.

10. British composer Monty Norman, known for James Bond theme, passes away at 94

Monty Norman, a British composer who wrote the theme tune for the James Bond films, has died. He was 94.

Norman was hired by producer Albert "Cubby" Broccoli to compose a theme for the first James Bond film, "Dr. No," released in 1962.

11. Shiromani Akali Dal Leader And Former Punjab Speaker Nirmal Singh Kahlon Passes Away

Senior Shiromani Akali Dal leader and former Punjab Vidhan Sabha Speaker Nirmal Singh Kahlon passed away. Nirmal Singh Kahlon, 79, was known as the backbone of Shiromani Akali Dal and the leader of Fatehgarh Churidan.

12. Noted Scientist & ILS Director Dr Ajay Parida Dead

Noted scientist and Director, Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar Dr Ajay Parida has died at Guwahati.

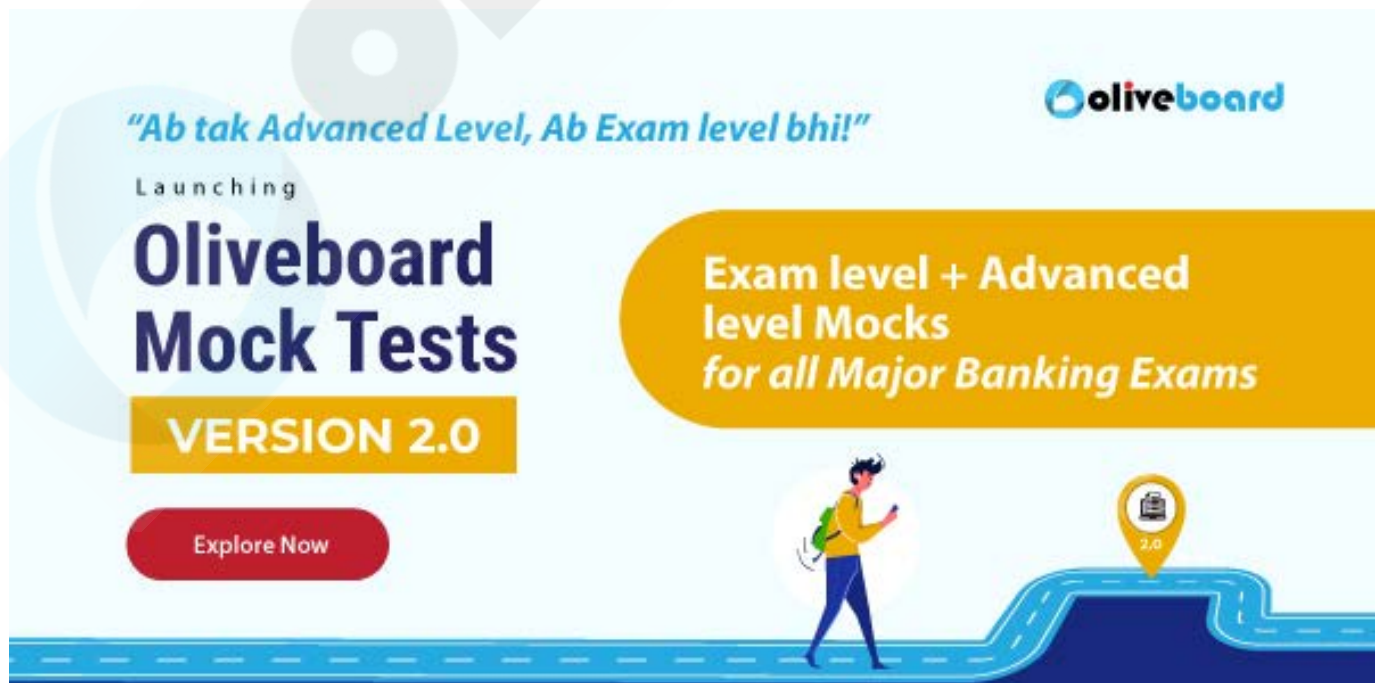
Parida, a Padma Shri awardee, was 58 year old.

The ILS conducted genome sequencing to ascertain Covid variants, essential for proper treatment, under supervision of Dr Parida.

13. Northern Irish Nobel Peace Prize Winner David Trimble Dies At 77

David Trimble, Northern Ireland's Nobel peace prize-winning former first minister, has died at the age of 77, his Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) said.

Trimble helped forge the landmark 1998 peace deal in the troubled UK province which ended decades of conflict, and won the prize along with his republican counterpart John Hume that year.



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Person in news

1. Ketanji Brown Jackson sworn in, becomes 1st Black woman on US Supreme Court

Ketanji Brown Jackson has been sworn in to the Supreme Court, shattering a glass ceiling as the first Black woman on the nation's highest court.

The 51-year-old Jackson is the court's 116th justice.

Jackson, a federal judge since 2013, is joining three other women, the first time four women will serve together on the 9-member court.

2. Delhi-born Raja Krishnamoorthi wins Democratic nomination for Congressional seat in US

Delhi-born Raja Krishnamoorthi has won the Democratic primary for a Congressional seat in the US.

Krishnamoorthi won from Illinois with a decisive mandate, and successfully overcame a highly communal campaign run by his opponent Junaid Ahmed.

R Krishnamoorthi defeated Ahmed with over 71% of the votes.

The three-term Congressman was born in New Delhi but his parents are from Tamil Nadu.

3. Bumrah breaks Lara's world record, smashes Broad for 29 runs as 35 comes off single Test match over

India's stand-in captain Jasprit Bumrah smoked English pacer Stuart Broad for ---4,5w,7nb,4,4,4,6,1 -- a total of whooping 35 runs of which 29 runs went to Bumrah's account.

The world record stayed with Brian Lara for 18 years -- he had hit South African left-arm spinner Robin Peterson for 28 runs in a Test match in 2003-04.

4. FanCode onboards Ravi Shastri as brand ambassador

Former team India coach and cricketer Ravi Shastri has been appointed the new brand ambassador for FanCode, a live content, sports statistics and e-commerce marketplace.

FanCode has exclusive rights to India's tour of the West Indies and England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) The Hundred.

5. Karnataka's Sini Shetty crowned Femina Miss India 2022

Karnataka-based Sini Shetty became the Femina Miss India World 2022 winner at the grand finale of VLCC Femina Miss India at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai.

Rubal Shekhawat of Rajasthan emerged as Femina Miss India 2022 first runner-up, and Uttar Pradesh's Shinata Chauhan was named Femina Miss India 2022 second runner-up.

6. Rahul Narwekar is India's youngest Speaker

Mumbai lawyer and first-time legislator, Rahul Narwekar, 45, has been elected as the youngest Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post.

He is a sitting MLA from Colaba Assembly Constituency in Mumbai.

7. Indian-American Billionaire on Forbes' List of America's Richest Self-Made Women

Indian-American Jayshree Ullal, CEO of Arista Networks, an American computer networking company, and a member of the board of directors of Snowflake, a new cloud computing firm, was ranked near the top of Forbes' eighth annual list of America's Richest Self-Made Women, with a net worth of \$1.7 billion as of May 2022.

Ullal was born in London in 1961 & raised in New Delhi.

8. Music Composer Ilaiyaraaja, Athlete P.T Usha, Philanthropist V Heggade & Screen writer V V Prasad Nominated To Rajya Sabha

Representation of south Indian states in the Rajya Sabha gets a boost with Tamil Nadu's Illayaraja, Karnataka's Veerendra Heggade, Andhra Pradesh's V Vijayendra Prasad and Kerala's P T Usha being nominated.

The Rajya Sabha should consist of no more than 250 members' 238 members representing the States and Union Territories and 12 members nominated by the President.

9. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc Holds off Max Verstappen to Win 2022 Austrian F1 Grand Prix

Leclerc overcame late-race mechanical issues to hold off Max Verstappen and win the 2022 Austrian Grand Prix.

The win is his third of the season and will move him back to second in the points standings behind Verstappen. Lewis Hamilton, George Russell and Esteban Ocon rounded out the top five finishers.

10. Rohit Sharma notches up World Record, becomes first captain to record 13 successive T20I wins

With a World Record at stake, Rohit ensured that there was no slip-up as he became the first skipper in the history of the game to register 13 successive wins in the shortest format.

Hitman has achieved as captain, India have gone on to beat teams like New Zealand, West Indies, Sri Lanka and now England.

11. Rajeev Misra to step back from leading Softbank's venture-investing arm Vision Fund

Rajeev Misra, CEO of SB Investment Advisers, which manages SoftBank Vision Fund, known as the banking giant's investment arm, would be stepping back from his role to run a new outside investment outfit, according to a company memo sent by SoftBank's founder Masayoshi Son. Misra joined SoftBank in 2014 after a long career in Wall Street.

12. Australia Tennis star Lleyton Hewitt inducted into Hall of Fame

Lleyton Hewitt, a two-time Grand Slam champion and former world number one, was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

The Aussie icon won his first ATP title in Adelaide in 1998 and his last in 2014 at the Hall of Fame Open, defeating Ivo Karlovic.

Hewitt won the 2001 US Open and 2002 Wimbledon title.

13. Bangladesh Star Batter Tamim Iqbal Announces Retirement From T20Is

Bangladesh ODI captain Tamim Iqbal has announced his retirement from T20Is and his decision came shortly after his side defeated West Indies 3-0 in the three-match ODI series.

Having made his T20I debut in 2007, Tamim retires as Bangladesh's third-highest run-getter in the format with 1701 runs in 74 matches at an average of 24.65 and strike rate of 117.47.

14. Former West Indies captain Ramdin retires from international cricket

Former West Indies captain, the wicketkeeper-batter Denesh Ramdin, has announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect.

Having played 74 Tests, 139 ODIs, and 71 T20Is, Ramdin accumulated 5,734 international runs.

15. Dredging Corporation of India suspends MD and CEO G Y V Victor

G Y V Victor, Dredging Corporation of India (DCIL) CEO and managing director has been suspended.

It was established that there has been suppression of facts, material misrepresentation of facts fake claims and false claims in support of his experience criteria.

Captain S. Divakar, has taken additional charge of managing director & CEO of the company. DCI, Headquarters: Visakhapatnam; Founded: 29 March 1976

16. Ex UPMRC MD Kumar Keshav takes charge as CEO of Deutsche Bahn India

Kumar Keshav has joined a prestigious assignment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) with Deutsche Bahn Engineering & Consulting India in New Delhi.

Deutsche Bahn (DB) is a German company with expertise in the operation and maintenance of railway projects in different countries across the world. Sushil Kumar- MD, Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation(UPMRC)

17. Indian-Origin Professor of Engineering Wins Prestigious Global Energy Prize

Kaushik Rajashekara, an Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, has won the prestigious Global Energy Prize for outstanding contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions.

Only three people in the world were selected this year for the honour.

18. Former Indian Army chief Gen Naravane, Ex US Defence Secretary honoured for strengthening Indo-US ties

The US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) presented global leadership and public service awards to those persons who have been instrumental in strengthening ties between the US and India. Along with Naravane, former US Defence Secretary General Jim Mattis has also been awarded the public service award.

19. Felix, Alistair Brownlee among four appointed to IOC Athletes' Commission

Four Olympians have joined the IOC Athletes' Commission to help represent the athlete voice within the Olympic Movement:

' Allyson Felix (USA) - Sprinter

' Alistair Brownlee (UK) - triathlon

' Oluseyi Smith (Canada) - Sprinter

' Masomah Ali Zada (first refugee athlete on any IOC commission) -- Cyclist

The commission will now consist of 14 women and nine men. IOC President Thomas Bach.

Insurance

1. Max Life launches Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)+ to deliver superior customer experience

Max Life Insurance has rolled out a smart solution, 'Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)+', to customers buying the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan'.

The Insta-COI feature enables intimation to the proposer regarding the commencement of the risk cover pending release of the policy contract ensuring a quick and hassle-free onboarding.

2. Edelweiss General Insurance launches India's first mobile telematics-based motor insurance

Edelweiss General Insurance has launched SWITCH, a comprehensive motor insurance product under IRDAI's Sandbox initiative.

SWITCH is a completely digital, mobile telematics-based motor policy. The app detects motion and automatically activates insurance when the vehicle is driven, making it convenient and hassle-free for customers. Shanai Ghosh is executive director & CEO, Edelweiss General Insurance.

3. Irdai and NHA to develop National Health Claims Exchange to settle claims

Irdai and National Health Authority (NHA) will develop a National Health Claims Exchange as a digital platform to settle health claims.

NHA and IRDAI also proposed creation of a working group with representation from the industry to decide how to make the largest segment of general insurance in India attract more people to buy health insurance.

R S Sharma -CEO of NHA; Debasish Panda- Chairman of IRDAI.

4. SBI General Insurance launches Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan

SBI General has launched the Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks & attacks.

Individuals exposed to any form of cyber risks can buy this policy for themselves and their family.

Family includes self, spouse, and 2 dependent children (up to 18 years).

5. Pay As You Drive: IRDAI allows Tech-Enabled Concepts For Own Damage In Motor Insurance

IRDAI has granted general insurance companies permission to include add-ons in motor own-damage policies for two-wheelers and private cars called "pay as you drive," "pay how you drive," and "floater policies" for vehicles owned by the same individual owner.

These covers will be offered as add-ons to the regular Motor-Own Damage (or Motor-OD) policy.

6. Cognizant bags multi-year contract from National Insurance Company

Cognizant has been selected as a strategic technology provider by National Insurance Company Limited (NICL) to accelerate and help manage its digital transformation.

NICL awarded the multi-year mandate to Cognizant to elevate its technology roadmap, help manage its centralised web-based core insurance solution consisting of multiple applications, etc.

7. Max Life launches new life insurance product, Smart Capital Guarantee Solution

Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. has launched Smart Capital Guarantee Solution, a life insurance product solution that combines three benefits.

8. Bajaj Allianz launches Pay As You Consume motor insurance add-on cover

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance launched its add-on motor insurance cover, called 'Pay As You Consume' (PAYC).

The company claims to be the first to launch 'Pay As You Consume' under the IRDAI's Sandbox Regulations, and owing to the overwhelming response from customers, it has launched this as a full-fledged cover under motor insurance products.

India & World

1. UK offers 75 fully-funded scholarships for Indian students on the occasion of India's 75th anniversary of independence

In celebration of India's 75th anniversary of independence, the UK government is offering 75 fully-funded scholarships for Indian students to study in Britain from September.

Companies like HSBC, Pearson India, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Sons and Duolingo are supporting this special initiative to celebrate India's 75th year of independence, the British high commission said.

2. Busan University Of Foreign Studies Establishes India Centre For Promotion Of India-Focused Activities

Busan University of Foreign Studies (BUFS) in South Korea established an India Centre for the promotion of India-focused activities in the University.

The Centre will act as a nodal point for India-related events in Busan and serve as a ready resource for students interested in India and to expand academic and cultural cooperation with the University.

3. Australia announces commitment of A\$5.8 million for Critical Mineral partnership

India and Australia strengthened cooperation on the development of critical minerals projects and supply chains following a meeting between Resources and Northern Australia Minister Madeleine King and her Indian counterpart, Pralhad Joshi.

King announced Australia would commit A\$5.8 million to the three-year India-Australia Critical Minerals Investment Partnership.

Pralhad Joshi. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines.

4. PM Modi Greets President Biden On US' 246th Independence Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed his greetings to US President Joe Biden and the people of America on the occasion of their country's 246th Independence Day.

The US' Independence Day commemorates the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.

5. India-EU to hold next round of FTA talks at Brussels in September

The Commerce Ministry said that India and European Union (EU) next round of FTA talks is scheduled at Brussels in September.

India and the 27-nation bloc resumed negotiations on June 17, after a gap of over eight years, on the proposed agreements on trade, investments and Geographical Indications (GI). The first round of talks, which began on June 27, ended July 1.

EU is India's 2nd largest trading partner after the US and 2nd largest export destination

6. India gifts 75 ambulances, 17 school buses to Nepali organisations

India gifted 75 ambulances and 17 school buses to Nepal as part of its ongoing efforts to build on the 'robust and longstanding' partnership between the two countries and help the Himalayan nation bolster its infrastructure in the healthcare and education sectors.

India's newly-appointed Ambassador Naveen Srivastava handed over the keys.

7. Polish government honours maharajas for helping refugees during WW II

Polish government held a ceremony in Warsaw, where it honoured the royal families of Jamnagar and Kolhapur and others for providing shelter to Polish refugees who had fled the country during World War II. The Indian government had sent a delegation of former royals and other representatives from Kolhapur and Jamnagar to attend the event.

8. India Elected To UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee On ICH For 4 Years : Union Minister G Kishan Reddy

India has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage for the 2022-2026 cycle.

The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee took place during the 9th General Assembly of the 2003 Convention held at UNESCO headquarters, Paris, from 5th to 7th July 2022. Union Minister for Culture, Tourism and DoNER G Kishan Reddy.

9. India becomes 68th country to join Interpol's child sexual abuse database

India joined the Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database which will allow it to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using audio-visual data.

The CBI, which is India's nodal agency for Interpol matters, joined the database making India the 68th country to connect to it.

10. Adani Ports, Gadot Win Bid To Acquire Israel's Haifa Port

A joint venture between Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), India's largest private multi-port operator and Israel's Gadot Chemicals Tankers and Terminals Ltd won the bid for Haifa, by reportedly quoting 4.1 billion shekels (\$1.18 billion).

Haifa is Israel's second largest port and serves as a major trade hub on the country's Mediterranean coast.

11. Facebook-owner Meta releases first annual human rights report

Facebook owner Meta released its first annual human rights report following years of accusations that it turned a blind eye to online abuses that fueled real-world violence in places like India and Myanmar. The report, which covers due diligence performed in 2020 and 2021, includes a summary of a controversial human rights impact assessment of India by law firm Foley Hoag.

12. India and Bangladesh agree for effective implementation of Comprehensive Border Management Plan to curb border crimes

The border guarding forces of India and Bangladesh held talks on curbing trans-border crimes and taking necessary measures to ensure peace and tranquillity along the border at the 52nd Director General-level coordination conference.

The five-day conference from July 17-21 between Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

13. India, Six Others Vote Against Resolution To Grant UN Accreditation To Six 'Rights Groups'

India along with six others has voted against a draft resolution presented by the US that recommended six human rights groups, which have been blocked for years in the United Nations' NGO Committee, be granted special consultative status at the UN Economic and Social Council.

Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) is a 54-member group.

14. European Investment Bank joins India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure

The European Investment Bank (EIB), the lending arm of the European Union (EU), has joined the India-led Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as part of efforts to limit damage caused by climate change.

EIB has also announced plans to double its annual investments in India from the current level of about '500 million in the next two years. CDRI was launched at the UN Climate Action Summit in 2019.



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Environment

1. India adds 540 species to its faunal database, 315 taxa to its flora in 2021: Zoological Survey of India

India added 540 species to its faunal database in 2021 taking the total number of animal species to 1,03,258.

India added 315 taxa to the Indian flora during 2021, taking the number of floral taxa in the country to 55,048.

Among the new species discovered was new mammal species discovered, *Crocidura narcondamica*, a white-toothed shrew, from Narcondam Island in Andaman.

Among reptiles discovered notable is *Boiga whitakeri*/Whitaker's cat snake in Tamil Nadu.

2. Virtual Workshop on 'Effective Plastic Waste Management to Tackle Plastic Pollution' organised by MoEFCC

A Virtual Workshop on 'Effective Plastic Waste Management to Tackle Plastic Pollution' was organized under the aegis of the 'India-Norway Marine Pollution Initiative' by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, Royal Norwegian Embassy, New Delhi and UN Environment Programme (UNEP)

3. ICAR-NBFGR scientists discover two new species of marine fishes along Tamil Nadu coast

Scientists from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR) have found two new species of marine fishes in Tamil Nadu.

One is a type of eel, from the Colachel fish landing centre in Kanyakumari district, and the other is a sardine fish from Pattinapakkam fish landing centre in Chennai. ICAR-NBFGR was established in 1983 in Lucknow, UP.

4. Migratory Monarch Butterflies Are Now Declared As 'Endangered' On IUCN's Red List

The migratory monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus plexippus*), known for its spectacular annual journey of up to 4,000 kilometres across the Americas, has entered the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species as Endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change.

5. India lost 329 tigers in 3 years, including 29 due to poaching: Govt

India lost 329 tigers in the last three years due to poaching, natural and unnatural causes, according to data presented by Union Minister of State for Environment Ashwini Kumar Choubey in Lok Sabha.

As many as 307 elephants have died in this period due to poaching, electrocution, poisoning and train accidents, it added.

96 tigers died in 2019, 106 in 2020 and 127 in 2021.



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Apps & Portals

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches multiple digital portals at Digital India Week 2022;

Inaugurating the Digital India Week 2022 at Gandhinagar, Gujarat, PM Modi also launched multiple portals: national single sign on for one citizen portal 'Meri Pehchaan', key projects repository website 'IndiaStack.Global' & service discovery platform MyScheme.

He also launched 'Digital India Bhashini' and 'Digital India GENESIS'. Theme is: 'Catalyzing New India's Techade' and an ebook was released on the same name.

2. CBSE launches Pariksha Sangam portal

The CBSE Board launched a portal called 'Pariksha Sangam', a one-stop portal for all CBSE board exam activities.

It is another portal where students will be able to check Class 10th and Class 12th board results easily. Portal has been divided into 3 main sections: Schools (Ganga), Regional offices (Yamuna) & Head office (Saraswati).

Nidhi Chibber- CBSE chief.




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Acquisitions & Mergers

1. Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves Google's proposed stake buy in Bharti Airtel

CCI has approved a combination involving Google International LLC's proposed acquisition of a minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28% of equity capital of Bharti Airtel Limited (target).

Google International (acquirer) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google LLC, which is a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc.

2. CCI approves acquisition of Citrix Systems by Vista and Elliott managed funds

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the acquisition of Citrix Systems Inc (Citrix) by funds managed by Vista Equity Partners Management (Vista) and funds and investment vehicles managed by Elliott Investment Management (Elliott).

Citrix is a multinational enterprise software company headquartered in Florida, United States of America. Vista and Elliott are US-based investment firms.

3. Wipro PARI to acquire Germany-based automation tech firm Hochrainer

Wipro PARI, an industrial automation company which is a part of Wipro's privately-held infrastructure engineering business, announced it has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Freilassing-based automation technology and assembly systems supplier Hochrainer GmbH.

The family-owned target company has been in operations since 1973 and employs around 130 people.

4. CCI approves Greenforest New Energies' stake buy in Tata Power Renewable

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition of stake in Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) by Greenforest New Energies Bidco Limited. The proposed combination will be an acquisition of up to 11.43% of the equity share capital of TPREL by Greenforest. TPREL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Company Limited.

5. CCI clears Axis Bank-Citi deal, one of India's largest financial agreements

Axis Bank will acquire Citi's credit cards, personal loans, and wealth management businesses in a Rs 12,325 crore deal, set to be the biggest yet in India's financial sector. Deals beyond a certain threshold require approval of the Competition Commission of India (CCI), which keeps a tab on unfair business practices across sectors.



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Agri-Business

1. SIDBI developing online platform to bring together startups, investors

Government-owned SIDBI is developing an online platform which will bring together startups and investors with the aim to facilitate the funding requirements of budding entrepreneurs.

It's an investor startup match-making portal! Funds will register on it and startups that want funding will also register and matchmaking will happen through AI (Artificial Intelligence). SIDBI MD: Sivasubramanian Ramann.



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PSUs

1. Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited strategic disinvestment transaction completed

Neelachal Ispat Nigam Limited (NINL) Strategic Disinvestment transaction has been completed with the transfer of 93.71% shares of the Joint Venture Partners (4 CPSEs and 2 Odisha Govt. PSUs) to the Strategic Buyer, M/s Tata Steel Long products Limited.

The Enterprise Value paid by the Strategic Buyer is Rs. 12,100 Crores. NINL is in Kalinganagar, Odisha

2. NTPC REL joins hands with GACL to set up India's first commercial-scale green ammonia project

NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPC REL), a fully-owned subsidiary of NTPC, signed an MoU with Gujarat Alkalies and Chemicals Limited (GACL) to collaborate in setting up India's first commercial-scale Green Ammonia and Green Methanol projects.

GACL is a Gujarat government PSU engaged in the production of industrial chemical products.

3. Power Finance Corporation inks pact with JBIC for \$220-million loan

State-owned Power Finance Corporation (PFC) inked a loan pact for JPY 30 billion with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

JBIC has provided this long term facility to PFC under its initiative 'Global action for Reconciling Economic growth and Environmental preservation' (GREEN) to ensure reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. PFC CMD: R S Dhillon.

4. GRSE signs agreement with Bengal govt to build next-gen electric ferry

The Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd, a Mini Ratna Category 1 Defence PSU and a leading warship building company in India, signed a contract with the Government of West Bengal for the design and construction of the next-generation electric ferry that will pave the way for reducing carbon emission in the water transport sector in the state.



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States/UTs

Andhra Pradesh

1. Andhra Pradesh launches first-ever blackbuck survey on Godavari islands

The Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department has kick-started the first-ever survey of blackbucks along a stretch of islands in the Godavari between Dowleswaram and Yanam with the goal of drawing up a conservation plan to protect the endangered species. The survey was mooted in the wake of scores of blackbucks getting stranded on the islands that have been hit by the Godavari

Assam

1. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Agradoot group of newspapers in Assam

PM Modi inaugurated the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Agradoot group of newspapers.

Agradoot was started as an Assamese bi-weekly. It was established by Kanak Sen Deka, a senior journalist of Assam.

In 1995, Dainik Agradoot, a daily newspaper, was started and it has developed as a trusted and influential voice of Assam.

Bihar

1. Flipkart has signed an MoU with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission to create supply-chain operations talent pool

Flipkart, the Indian e-commerce marketplace, has entered into an agreement with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission to help create a pool of skilled supply-chain operations talent via the Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) in the state.

Haryana

1. Govt approves Rs 2,415-cr project to connect Haryana with Jewar airport

The construction of greenfield connectivity to Jewar International Airport (connecting Delhi-Mumbai Expressway) from DND Faridabad-Ballabhag Bypass KMP link in Gautam Budh Nagar district under Bharatmala project in Uttar Pradesh and Haryana with a budget of Rs 2,414.67 crore has been approved.

Jharkhand

1. PM Modi to Inaugurate newly-built Deoghar airport in Jharkhand

Deoghar Airport will be the 68th destination which will be connected to Kolkata, Patna and Ranchi under UDAN. The first UDAN flight connecting Kolkata and Deoghar will be inaugurated on July 12, 2022.

The Deoghar airport is spread over 657 acres has a 2,500-metre-long runway, which can handle the landing and takeoff of Airbus A320 planes.

2. Jharkhand tops in Rurban Mission's delta ranking

Jharkhand has topped in the delta ranking of Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission with composite score of 76.19 in the month of June.

With this, the state has improved its position to 8th place in overall ranking of the mission.

In the delta ranking, the state has improved its score by 1.93 compared to May, which is the highest improvement among the 34 states/UTs.

The Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India has released the Delta Ranking.

Karnataka

1. Karnataka minister adopts 31 cows under 'Punyakoti Dattu Yojana'

Karnataka animal husbandry minister Prabhu B Chavan adopted 31 cows in the government and private goshalas, one in each district under 'Punyakoti Dattu Yojana' (cow adoption) portal.

The portal was launched by chief minister Basavaraj Bommai on 31st July, Chavan mentioned providing nutrition and care for the cows as the motive for the adoption.

Madhya Pradesh

1. Burhanpur of MP becomes first certified 'Har Ghar Jal' district in India

Burhanpur is the only district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through taps.

Only 36.54% of over one lakh households in Burhanpur had potable drinking water through tap connections at the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission on 15th August 2019.

Now 1 lakh 1 thousand 905 rural households have connections. Burhanpur also known as the 'Darwaza of Dakhin' in Madhya Pradesh

Maharashtra

1. Western Railways opens its longest skywalk connecting Mumbai's Bandra Terminus to Khar station

The Western Railway's (WR) longest skywalk from the Khar Road railway station to the nearby Bandra Terminus has been opened for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily.

The skywalk spans 314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide.

Skywalk will allow passengers to reach Bandra (T) directly by deboarding at Khar station & taking south Foot Over Bridge.

2. Mumbai's CSMT becomes first station to have augmented reality experience

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai has become the first railway station in India to be equipped with augmented reality screens.

The futuristic technology will allow passengers at the station to get real-time digitised time table with a dedicated scrolling screen and railway information for an engaging experience.

3. Maharashtra Governor presents Mother Teresa Memorial Award to Dia Mirza, Afroz Shah

Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari presented the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for 2021 to actor and UN Goodwill Ambassador for Environment Dia Mirza and 'UN Champion of the Earth' awardee Afroz Shah. The awards instituted by the Harmony Foundation were presented to Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah in recognition of their outstanding work for the protection of the environment

Odisha

1. Odisha govt signs MoU with World Bank group.

Odisha government has signed an MoU with International Finance Corporation (IFC) 'a member of the World Bank Group, to support the implementation of the Asset Monetization & Recycling Program (AMRP) for the State.

Punjab

1. Punjab Budget 2022-23: at Rs 1,55,860 crore, a 14.2% jump in budget expenditure

Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said budgetary provisions have been made for giving 300 units of free electricity to the households from July 1.

For the fiscal year 2022-23, the budget outlay of Rs 13,991 crore - nine per cent of the state's expenditure budget of Rs 1,55,860 crore - has been proposed for schools.

Rajasthan

1. NTPC signs MoU for 10 GW renewable energy park with Rajasthan govt

With an aim to achieve the target of 60 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2032, NTPC signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Government of Rajasthan for the development of 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park in Rajasthan.

2. Mangarh Hillock to be declared monument of national importance

National Monument Authority chairman Tarun Vijay submitted a report to Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal on declaring Mangarh hillock in Rajasthan as a monument of National Importance.

The hillock, situated at the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, is a site of a tribal uprising where a massacre of over 1500 Bhil tribal freedom fighters took place in 1913. Mangarh, the hillock in Banswara District, is also known as the Adivasi Jallianwala.

Tamil Nadu

1. Tamil Nadu signs 60 MoUs worth Rs 1.25 lakh crore

As many as 60 MoUs were exchanged between Tamil Nadu government and companies from across the world that pledged an investment of Rs 1.25 lakh crore in varied sectors like green hydrogen, electric vehicles, flight training and automobile components.

Single biggest investment pledge was made by ACME Green Hydrogen & Chemicals Private Ltd which will invest Rs 52,000 crore.

2. 100% Saturation of Grey Water Management in Pappankuzhi Village, Tamil Nadu

Owing to the concerted efforts of community members and government officials, a grey water management system has been successfully implemented in Pappankuzhi Village Panchayat in Kanchipuram district of Tamil Nadu. The initiative is a part of the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) Phase II campaign of which greywater management is an integral component.

Telangana

1. T-Hub 2.0, world's largest innovation campus inaugurated in Hyderabad.

K Chandrasekhar Rao, Chief Minister of Telangana, inaugurated the T-Hub 2.0. It is the world's largest innovation campus in Hyderabad.

The innovation campus is T-shaped, with a total built-up area of 5,82,689 square feet, making it the world's largest (the second largest being 'Station F' based in France)

It is made with an aim to support around 2,000 startups.

2. Telangana govt earmarks about Rs 3700 crore credit flow to women self-help groups through 'Stree Nidhi' in 2022-23

The Telangana government aims to ensure Rs 3,700 crore credit flow to women self help groups (SHGs) through "Stree Nidhi" during the current financial year as against Rs 3,060 crore last fiscal.

Over the last eight years, Rs 14,756.85 crore to the SHGs for setting up businesses such as kirana shops, laundry, poultry farms and bakeries. Telangana CM: K. Chandrashekar Rao, Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan

Tripura

1. Weeklong Kharchi festival in Tripura

In Tripura, a week-long traditional Kharchi festival ' offering prayer to 14 gods and goddess ' began on July 7 with thousands of devotees converging at Khayerpur on the eastern outskirts of the city.

Kharch means sin and chi means cleaning. Hence, the festival is referred as 'cleaning of sins' festival.

Uttar Pradesh

1. PM Modi inaugurates, lays foundation stones for projects worth Rs 1,774 crore in Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth Rs 1,774 crore in Varanasi. He unveiled the projects during a function at the Sampurnanand stadium in his Varanasi constituency.

The projects range from sectors like education to roads, railways and tourism among others.

2. Uttar Pradesh becomes only state to have 13 expressways

Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways. Of these 13 expressways having a total length of 3,200 kilometers, work is going on, on seven while six expressways are operational.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway on July 16 and with that Bundelkhand will be directly connected to Delhi.

3. UP becomes first state to integrate One District One Product(ODOP)mart with ONDC platform

Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to connect ODOP mart with the Open Network for Digital Commerce(ONDC) platform, an initiative aiming at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks.

With this onboarding, ODOP products will be displayed on all e-com apps and portals associated with ONDC.

4. Uttar Pradesh had the highest share in Centre's FY22 excise revenue

The state of Uttar Pradesh received the biggest share of central government's revenue collections from excise duty on petroleum products in FY22, followed by Bihar, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh, as per official data. Uttar Pradesh received about '6,693 crore last fiscal from the Centre's excise duty collection which was shared with states as per a formula.

Delhi

1. Delhi to host India's biggest shopping festival in 2023

Delhi will host its first ever government-backed shopping festival from January 28 to February 26 in 2023, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal announced.

The festival will have 200 concerts for entertainment, food walks and will also offer huge discounts on products.

2. Delhi govt launches 'Mission Kushal Karmi' to hone skills of construction workers

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia launched 'Mission Kushal Karmi' to upgrade the skills of construction workers.

The Delhi government launched this programme with the help of Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) and Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.

3. Delhi Lt Governor V K Saxena launches scheme to reward RWAs for property tax compliance

Lt Governor of Delhi V K Saxena launched an incentive scheme for resident welfare associations to ensure property tax compliance and waste management in the city. Under the SAH-BHAGITA scheme, RWAs (Resident Welfare Associations) will get 15 per cent of the total collection of property tax for development works in their areas.

Jammu and Kashmir

1. Amit Shah virtually unveils 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar

Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region.

Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer born in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur.

He is also known for blending Vedanta methodology with 'bhakti'.

Ladakh

1. AAI Leh Airport is being built as India's first carbon-neutral airport

AAI's Leh airport is being built as a carbon-neutral airport, a first in India. A "Geothermal system" in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the New airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes.

This system works by exchanging heat between the air & the ground as its heat pumps are used for space heating & cooling, as well as water heating.



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Most Important CA

1. Fiscal deficit for April-May period at 12% of Budget Estimate

The fiscal deficit for first two months of the current fiscal reached over 12 per cent of the Budget Estimate. It is 4 percentage points higher than deficit during the corresponding period of last fiscal. Experts estimate fiscal deficit for the whole year to be higher than the Budget Estimate of 6.4 per cent for FY23.

2. World Bank Board Approves New Fund for Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response (PPR)

The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved the establishment of a financial intermediary fund (FIF) that will finance critical investments to strengthen pandemic PPR capacities at national, regional, and global levels, with a focus on low- and middle-income countries.

WHO Director General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

World Bank Group President David Malpass.

The FIF will build on the existing global health architecture for PPR.

3. Recommendations of 47th GST Council Meeting held at Chandigarh

Pre-packed & labelled food items like meat, fish, curd, paneer and honey will now attract 5% GST.

18% GST will be levied on fee charged by banks for issue of cheques.

LED lamps, ink, knives, blades, power-driven pumps & dairy machinery will attract 18% GST, higher than the existing 12%. Further, GST rate on solar water heaters and finished leather was hiked from 5% to 12%.

Supply of cut & polished diamonds is proposed to attract GST of 1.5%, as compared to .25%

4. Gujarat on top of list of states in startup ranking for third time in a row

Gujarat and Karnataka have been dubbed as the 'best performers' in Category A, while Meghalaya was nominated as the 'best performer' in Category B in the States' Startup Ranking 2021.

The report scores a state on a scale of 100 with 26 action points such as funding, mentorship and institutional support, among others.

Rankings were given by Dept for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

5. PM Modi unveils 30-ft statue of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju in Andhra Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 30-foot bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district on the 125th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.

Believed to have been born in present-day Andhra Pradesh in 1897 or 1898, Alluri Sitarama Raju is known for leading guerrilla resistance against the British in the region.

6. Odisha, UP, and Andhra Pradesh emerge as top three states in first State Ranking Index for NFSA

Odisha, Uttar Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh have emerged as top 3 states in the 1st State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act, NFSA.

Among the Special Category Tripura stood first in the ranking followed by Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released this 1st edition of State Ranking Index

7. Ukraine's Maryna Viazovska Second Woman To Win Prestigious Fields Medal For Mathematics

Ukrainian Mathematician Maryna Viazovska is among the 4 winners of the 2022 Fields Medals which is considered equivalent to the Nobel Prize.

She is best known for her solution to the sphere packing problem.

The others were France's Hugo Duminil-Copin, US-based June Huh, and Britain's James Maynard. Fields Medals is one of the highest honours in Mathematics awarded to scholars under 40.

8. Global Livability Index 2022: Bengaluru, ranked 146, scores least among Indian cities

Bengaluru fared the worst among Indian cities in the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Global Livability Index 2022, which was released on June 24.

Bengaluru was ranked 146 with a total livability score of 54.4. Delhi and Mumbai were ranked 140 (score 56.5) and 141 (score 56.2) respectively. Chennai & Ahmedabad were placed at 142 & 143 respectively, scoring 55.8 and 55.7.

9. Alvaro Lario appointed IFAD's 7th President

Alvaro Lario has been appointed as the 7th President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). IFAD plays a crucial role in increasing the resilience of rural small-scale producers.

The Fund's investments in climate adaptation and sustainable food systems are helping to achieve many of the Sustainable Development Goals.

10. PM attends the first 'Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture'

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the first 'Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture' (AJML) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. Prime Minister also addressed the gathering during the event.

The keynote address at the first AJML was delivered by Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Senior Minister, Government of Singapore.

11. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw participates in 8th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers

The 8th Meeting of BRICS Communications Ministers was held in virtual mode under the presidency of China. Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology Sh. Ashwini Vaishnaw, participated in the meeting and highlighted achievements of India in the field of ICT. He also underlined the reforms undertaken by Government in Telecom sector.

12. National Monuments Authority recommends 2 sites associated with Dr. Ambedkar to be declared as Monuments of National Importance

NMA has recommended that Sankalp Bhumi Banyan tree campus in Vadodara, where Dr. Ambedkar had taken a resolve to eradicate untouchability on 23th September, 1917 be declared as Monument of National Importance. This place is more than hundred years old and a witness to the beginning of social respect revolution heralded by Dr. Ambedkar.

13. IAF Participation in Tactical Leadership Programme In Egypt

Indian Air Force contingent has reached the midway point of the Tactical Leadership Programme (TLP) at Egyptian Air Force (EAF) Weapon School in Egypt (Cairo West Airbase). The programme commenced on 24 Jun and will culminate on 23 Jul 22. IAF is participating with three Su-30 MKI aircraft. Two C-17 aircraft were used for induction of the contingent.

14. India Stack Knowledge Exchange 2022

As part of the Digital India Week 2022 celebrations, the 3-day long virtual event on India Stack Knowledge Exchange kick started on 7th July 2022. The event is an opportunity to showcase India's most significant contribution to the Digital world - the India Stack, which is a unified software platform to bring India's 1.4 billion population into the Digital Age.

15. PARIMAN: The Geo-Portal for NCR made Public

For the purpose of effective utilization of Remote Sensing and GIS technology, a web geo-portal has been developed through National Informatics Centre (NIC), initially for use by NCR Participating states and the Office of NCRPB.

16. NMCG organizes 8th Edition of Webinar Series 'Igniting Young Minds: Rejuvenating Rivers' on the theme 'Afforestation'

The 8th Edition of the Webinar Series 'Igniting Young Minds, Rejuvenating Rivers' was organised by National Mission for Clean Ganga. The theme of the webinar was 'Afforestation'. The Webinar series is organised with an aim to connect with the youth on the important issue of Ganga Rejuvenation. Director General, National Mission for Clean Ganga, Shri G. Asok Kumar

17. MoU between Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Central TB Division, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare for TB Elimination

The MoU will forge inter-Ministerial collaboration and strategic partnerships with the aim to achieving the Prime Minister's ambitious target of Eliminating TB in India by 2025. This MoU will serve as a milestone to achieve the objective and target of TB Free India Campaign.

18. President of India graces yuva sammelan organized by 'my home India'

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind graced and addressed Yuva Sammelan organized by 'My Home India' in New Delhi. Commemorating the celebration of 75 years of independence under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', Yuva Sammelan will anchor through the people of India, the culture and achievements of our nation.

19. GMR airports joint venture starts operating Indonesia's Medan airport

GMR Group has said its joint venture Angkasa Pura Aviassi has started operating the Kualanamu International Airport in Medan, Indonesia. Angkasa Pura Aviassi (APA) is a joint venture between GMR Airports Ltd and Indonesia's state-owned airport operator PT Angkasa Pura II. GMR Group MD&CEO: Kiran Kumar Grandhi

20. Maharashtra leads states with 13,541 govt-recognised startups

Maharashtra has the maximum number of government-recognised startups, followed by states such as Karnataka and Delhi, as per DPIIT data.

21. City Union Bank, Shriram General Insurance sign corporate agency agreement

City Union Bank (CUB) and Shriram General Insurance signed a corporate agency agreement, where the bank will distribute the latter's insurance products through its branches. MD & CEO, City Union Bank: N Kamakodi.

22. Kotak Mahindra Bank acquires agri and healthcare equipment financing portfolio of DLL India

Kotak Mahindra Bank has acquired the Agri and Healthcare Equipment financing portfolio of De Lage Landen Financial Services India (DLL India), a subsidiary of Rabobank-owned De Lage Landen International.

23. Defence exports touch Rs. 13,000 cr in 2021-22

Sanjay Jaju, Additional Secretary in the Defence Ministry, recently said that India's defence exports for 2021-22 were estimated at Rs. 13,000 crore, the highest ever. The private sector accounted for 70% of the exports.

24. G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting Held in Bali

Bali hosted the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM) on 7-8 July 2022. Under the theme 'Building a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous world together,' this meeting will act as a strategic forum to discuss global recovery efforts.

25. APEDA organises farming demonstrations and farm training for students

On July 9, 2022, more than 150 students from Class IV to Class XII participated and learnt the basics elements of paddy cultivation at the training farm of APEDA promoted Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF) which is situated at Modipuram in Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh. Chairman, APEDA: M Angamuthu

26. National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) introduces Internet Exchanges in Durgapur and Bardhaman

In July 2022, Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar- Minister of State, Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship inaugurated two new Internet Exchange points (IXP) of NIXI at Durgapur and Bardhaman. It is an initiative under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) vision 1000 days. The first Internet Exchange of the state in Kolkata is run by NIXI.

27. National Fish Farmers Day

National Fisheries Development Board, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day on 10th July 2022 virtually at National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Hyderabad.

28. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah presided over the 30th meeting of Northern Zonal Council in Jaipur

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah presided over the 30th meeting of Northern Zonal Council in Jaipur on July 9, 2022.

29. Andhra Pradesh CM Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy elected president for lifetime of YSRC

Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy was elected president for lifetime of Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress party YSRC.

Mr Jagan established the YSRC in March 2011 after quitting Congress. Ever since, he has been continuing as the party president, with his mother Vijayamma as honorary president. Mr Jagan was last elected the YSRC president at the party plenary in 2017.

30. J&K: Maiden sowing of Mash crop across the fence at Hiranagar IB starts after 19 years

In Jammu and Kashmir, the maiden sowing of Mash crop at Zero Line, across the fence on Indo-Pak International Border in Hiranagar sector started on July 8, 2022, after 19 years. Kathua District Administration under its resolve to resume cultivation on the Zero Line land has fixed a target of 200 acres under Mash crop during the Kharif Season 2022.

31. Sri Lanka PM Wickremesinghe announces resignation

Ranil Wickremesinghe announced his resignation as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka to make way for an all-party government to take over in the country. He will resign after an all-party government is established and the majority is secured in Parliament. Mr. Wickremesinghe will continue as Prime Minister until then.

32. Bangladesh: Rath Yatra ends with pulling of Ulto Rath

The festival of Rath Yatra concluded in Bangladesh on July 8, 2022, with the pulling of the rope of Ulto Rath at Dhamrai, Dhaka and several other places in the country. The festival of Lord Jagannath started on July 1. Hundreds of devotees took part in the religious festivity on this important festival of Hindus in Bangladesh.

33. WAPCOS, NPTI sign MoU for mutual co-operation in power sector

Water and Power Consultancy Services Limited (WAPCOS), a PSU under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, has signed an MoU with the National Power Training Institute (NPTI), a national apex body for training in the power sector under the Ministry of Power, for mutual co-operation in the field of the power sector. WAPCOS Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) RK Agrawal .

34. India targets to double steel production in eight years to 240 MT

In July 2022, Union Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said India's steel production will double from the current 120 million tonnes to 240 million tonnes in the next eight years. Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia: Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Steel

35. Shri Rajendra Prasad assumes the charge of Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited

Rajendra Prasad has been appointed as the Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) after the government dismissed Satish Agnihotri over corruption allegations.

36. Govt clears appointment of Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay as CMD of GSL

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL). His appointment's tenure is 5 years. GSL is a PSU under the Ministry of Defence.

37. MHA sets up panel for delimitation of municipal wards in Delhi

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has set up a three-member commission for carrying out a fresh delimitation exercise of the municipal wards in Delhi, by exercising its powers under sections 3, 3A and 5 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957.

38. Trading portal 'mRube' to offer a quality certification scheme of rubber at '1/tonne

mRube, the electronic trading platform for natural rubber, will offer a unique scheme of certifying the commodity's quality certification at the rate of '1 per tonne for product manufacturers buying rubber through the portal. The Rubber Board has launched the electronic platform to improve the efficacy of the domestic supply chain for natural rubber.

39. Coffee Board to collaborate with ISRO to develop climate-resistant varieties

State-run Coffee Board is planning to focus on developing new varieties that will be resistant to the changing climatic patterns. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Coffee Board and ISRO was signed with regard to breeding climate-resilient varieties and assess the carbon sequestration potential in coffee among others. KG Jagadeesha, CEO and Secretary, Coffee Board.

40. Nokia partners with IISc to set up networked robotics Center of Excellence

Nokia has partnered with Indian Institute of Science to set up Nokia Center of Excellence in networked robotics at IISc Bengaluru. The Center of Excellence (CoE) will promote inter-disciplinary research involving robotics and advanced communication technologies in 5G and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

41. IIT Madras researchers develop AI tool towards personalised cancer diagnosis

Indian Institute of Technology Madras researchers have developed an Artificial Intelligence-based tool, 'PIVOT', that can predict cancer-causing genes in an individual and help in devising personalised cancer treatment strategies.

42. PM Narendra Modi addresses Natural Farming Conclave in Gujarat's Surat

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed a Natural Farming Conclave on July 10, 2022 via video conferencing. The conclave is organised in Surat, Gujarat. The PM Said that the success of Surat in connecting 75 farmers in every panchayat with natural farming is going to become an example for the entire country.

43. Artificial Intelligence (AI) Centre of Excellence (Coe) launched by IAF

The IAF Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence under the aegis of UDAAN (Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking) was inaugurated by Air Marshal Sandeep Singh, Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS), at Air Force Station Rajokri, New Delhi.

Indian Air Force chief- Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.

44. Raksha Mantri launches 75 Artificial Intelligence products/technologies during first-ever 'AI in Defence' symposium & exhibition

The Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh released the physical as well as e-version of the book comprising the details of these 75 products, showcasing the collective efforts put on by the Services, Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs), iDEX start-ups and the private industry in last four years in the field of AI.

45. PM Sh. Narendra Modi unveils National Emblem cast on the roof of the new Parliament Building

The National Emblem is made of bronze with a total weight of 9500 Kg and is 6.5 m in height. It has been cast at the top of the Central Foyer of New Parliament Building. A supporting structure of steel weighing around 6500 Kg has been constructed to support the Emblem.

Also present on the occasion were Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Minister of Urban Affairs Hardeep Puri.

46. IS4OM Facility Launched At ISRO Control Centre In Bengaluru, To Help In Safeguarding India's Space Assets

The ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Space Operations & Management (IS4OM) was inaugurated in Bengaluru.

IS4OM will currently work as a facility using data from various satellites to help detect space objects and use this as a way to avoid collisions.

The accuracy with which we currently predict where debris will fall can be as inaccurate as 300km.

47. World Paper Bag Day 2022 : 12 July

Every year, World Paper Bag Day is celebrated in the month of July to make people aware of the importance of using paper bags and avoiding the utilisation of plastic bags.

The first-ever paper bag machine was invented in 1852 by an American, Francis Wole. Later, in the year 1871, another paper bag manufacturing machine was invented by Margaret E Knight.

48. Maiden West Asian Quad Summit to focus on infra, tech & food security

The Maiden West Asian Quad or India Israel US-UAE Summit expected to be held on Thursday in hybrid format during US President Joe Biden's Israel visit is expected to focus on infrastructure and technology related projects besides food security amid the current geo-political developments.

49. Govt to soon launch nationwide campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga' to inspire people to hoist national flag

The Central government will soon launch a nationwide campaign Har Ghar Tiranga to inspire countrymen to hoist the national flag at their homes to mark the 75th Independence Day. The initiative has been taken under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, for which the Ministry of Culture is the nodal ministry. It aims at encouraging Indians everywhere to hoist the national flag

50. Paper Import Monitoring System, PIMS will come into effect from 1st October this year

As per PIMS, an importer will have to provide advance information online about the import of papers and obtain a registration number. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has introduced Paper Import Monitoring System by amending the import policy of major paper products. Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS) will come into effect from 1st October 2022.

51. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurates 6th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals

Union Minister for Mines Pralhad Joshi has said that Sustainable Mining is the need of the hour.

Inaugurating the 6th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals in New Delhi on July 12th 2022, minister said that Mineral Mining Sector has reached its zenith of growth and under PM's vision mineral production is scaling new heights. He stressed Self Reliance on the Mining Sector. The conclave has been organized as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

52. Renowned archaeologist Padmashree Enamul Haque passes away

Eminent archaeologist, historian and former Director-General of the Bangladesh National Museum Dr. Enamul Haque passed away in Dhaka yesterday. He was 85. Dr. Enamul Haque was conferred with Padma Shri for the year 2020 for his work on Bengal's Iconography and terracotta art. He was instrumental in setting up the Bangladesh National Museum.

53. Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa signs his resignation letter

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has signed his resignation letter, and the Speaker of Parliament will publicly announce it to the nation. According to Sri Lanka newspaper reports the resignation was signed and handed over to a senior government official who will hand it over to Speaker Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena. Ranil Wickremesinghe is the current Prime Minister. Sri Jayawardanapura Kote is legislative and Colombo is the executive and judicial capital

54. India will surpass China as the most populous country on earth in 2023: UN

The UN in the World Population Prospects 2022 has said that India will surpass China as the most populous country on earth in 2023. The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, said that the global population is projected to reach eight billion on November 15, 2022. The UN said, world's population is growing at its slowest pace since 1950.

55. India's Arjun Babuta wins first gold medal at ISSF World Cup in South Korea

In Shooting, India's Arjun Babuta have won his first gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea. He defeated Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Lucas Kozeniesky of the USA 17-9 in the final. Arjun Babuta had also topped the eight-men ranking round with a score of 261.1 ahead of Lucas Kozeniesky's 260.4.

56. World Masters Athletics Championships: 94-year-old Bhagwani Devi from India wins gold medal in 100 m sprint in Finland

In Athletics, Bhagwani Devi, a 94-year-old sprinter from India, won the gold medal in the 100 m sprint at the World Masters Athletics Championships held in Tampere, Finland. She won the gold with a timing of 24.74 seconds. Bhagwani also bagged a bronze medal in shot put. World Masters Athletics Championships was held in Tampere from June 29 - July 10.

57. Parameswaran Iyer takes charge as the CEO of NITI Aayog

Former drinking water and sanitation secretary Parameswaran Iyer, who led the Centre's flagship Swachh Bharat Mission, took charge as chief executive officer (CEO) of Niti Aayog. His appointment for the role was cleared by the Cabinet Appointments Committee on June 24. He replaced Amitabh Kant, who demitted office on June 30. He has over 25 years of experience.

58. RBI fines Ola Financial Services Rs 1.67 cr for not following directions

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined Ola Financial Services Rs 1.67 crore for not complying with its directions on prepaid payment instruments. The company is a unit of the ride-hailing platform. Ola Financial Services was found to be non-compliant with the directions issued by RBI on Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements.

59. Bajaj Alliance Life Insurance enters into strategic partnership with CUB

This partnership will help the private life insurer offer a wide array of life insurance solutions to the bank's existing and future customers, across their 727 branches. Through this partnership, City Union Bank customers will be able to fulfil their long-term financial goals by investing in Bajaj Allianz Life's value-packed products ranging from term, savings, retirement.

60. IRDAI sets up two task forces on issues of reinsurance support

A nine-member panel has been constituted to sort out the issues between non-life insurers and re-insurers under the chairmanship of Bhargav Dasgupta, MD and CEO of ICICI Lombard General. Headed by Naveen Tahilyani, CEO and MD, Tata AIA Life Insurance, the second task force, comprising seven members, will look at the life insurance segment and re-insurers.

61. Star Health partners with MeitY to reach rural markets

Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd. and Common Services Centres (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, have partnered to provide over 5 lakh CSCs access to a select range of Star Health insurance products. These products have been designed to meet the needs of rural customers across the tier-II, tier-III cities.

62. IMGC has partnered with RBL Bank to offer mortgage guarantee-backed home loan products for salaried and non-salaried cust

India Mortgage Assure Corp. has partnered with RBL Financial institution to supply mortgage guarantee-backed house mortgage merchandise for salaried and non-salaried prospects. This partnership with IMGC will assist RBL Financial institution prolong mortgage guarantee-backed house loans to new borrower segments by its community of over 500 branches throughout country.

63. Mohammed Shami becomes fastest Indian to take 150 ODI wickets

Mohammed Shami became the fastest Indian bowler to 150 ODI wickets in the first India vs England ODI at the Kennington Oval. The seamer needed 80 matches to 150 ODI wickets. Shami, achieved the feat with his second wicket of the match. Overall, Shami is third joint-fastest to reach 150 ODI wickets. He shares the record with Afghanistan's Rashid Khan.

64. Uttarakhand becomes first state to initiate process of NEP 2020, policy implemented at Pre Primary level

Uttarakhand in July 2022 became the first state in the country to initiate process of implementing the Centre's New Education Policy, with Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurating Bal Vatikas' at anganwadi kendras across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system. The Bal Vatikas' will function at 4,457 anganwadi kendras equivalent to the nursery class

65. New co-dopants identified can create better performing and more stable solar cells

Scientists have identified co-dopants that can increase the photovoltaic performance of transparent metal oxides such as ZnO, In₂O₃ and SnO₂ thereby creating potential for more efficient, better performing and more stable solar cells. Perovskites are a leading candidate for eventually replacing silicon as the material of choice for solar panels.

66. Jonny Bairstow and Marizanne Kapp claim ICC Player of the Month Awards for June

The International Cricket Council announced the winners of the ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2022 as England's all-conquering Jonny Bairstow and South Africa's batting force Marizanne Kapp. Bairstow

scored the second fastest century ever registered by an English batter in the longest format against New Zealand. Kapp scored a national record of 150 against England.

67. RBI approves Rakesh Makhija's reappointment as Axis Bank's Non-Executive Chairman

Axis Bank said Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of Rakesh Makhija as the Non-Executive Chairman till October 2023.

Citibank India and Axis Bank's credit card portfolio is stable with low single-digit bad loans.

68. Surya Shekhar Ganguly wins Fischer Random event at 55th Biel Chess Festival

Indian Grandmaster Surya Sekhar Ganguly emerged the winner in the Fischer Random event at Biel Chess Festival here with compatriot S P Sethuraman finishing in second place. The 39-year-old Kolkata GM scored 6.5 points from 7 rounds to take the top prize ahead of Sethuraman (5.5 points) and French Woman Grandmaster Vera Nebolsina (5.5 points). Biel International Chess Festival, Place: Biel, Switzerland.

69. India, Madagascar sign MoU on tele-education & tele-medicine

The Madagascar government and Telecommunications Consultants India Limited has signed a Memorandum of Understanding for participation in the Pan African e network project named e-VBAB or e-VidyaBharti and e-AarogyaBharti.

Ambassador of India to Comoros and Madagascar Abhay Kumar.

Antananarivo, capital city of Madagascar.

70. Over one crore twenty-two lakh houses sanctioned under PMAY-U, says Union Minister Kaushal Kishore

Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore has said that over one crore twenty-two lakh houses have been sanctioned so far under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana- Urban (PMAY-U) in the country. The scheme was launched in 2015 with an aim of providing housing to all.

71. Md. Mustafizur Rahman appointed Bangladesh High Commissioner to India

The Govt. of Bangladesh has decided to appoint Md. Mustafizur Rahman, as the next High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India. He will be replacing Muhammad Imran in this capacity, said a press release of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA). Md. Mustafizur Rahman is currently serving as the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Offices in Geneva.

72. ISSF Shooting World Cup: Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane clinch second gold for India

In Shooting, the duo of Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane bagged India's second gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team final at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea. The Indian pair of Palak and Shiva Narwal bagged bronze in the 10m Air Pistol mixed event.

73. India's retail inflation eases to 7.01 percent in June

Retail inflation, based on the consumer price index (CPI), eased to 7.01 percent in June this year compared to 7.04 percent in preceding month. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said, inflation eased marginally mainly due to easing prices in "Food & Beverages" section.

74. Industrial Production Index jumps to 19.6 percent in May

The Index of Industrial Production (IIP) jumped 19.6 percent in May 2022 as against 7.1 percent in preceding month. According to the data released by the National Statistical Office, the manufacturing sector's output grew 20.6 percent in May this year while the mining output climbed 10.9 percent and the Electricity sector surged 23.5 percent.

75. CAQM formulates Comprehensive Policy to abate menace of air pollution in Delhi-NCR

The Commission for Air Quality Management, CAQM, has formulated a Comprehensive Policy to abate the menace of air pollution and improve the air quality in Delhi-NCR through a differentiated geographical approach. It focuses on abating air pollution through greening and plantation on a large scale, among other mitigation measures.

76. Indian scientists develop novel mechanism to inactivate SARS-CoV-2

Indian scientists have developed a new class of synthetic peptides that can not only block the entry of the SARS-CoV-2 virus into cells but also clump the virus particles together, reducing their ability to infect the living cell. This novel mechanism provides an alternative to make viruses like SARS-CoV-2 inactive, promising a new class of peptides as antivirals.

77. India ranks 135 out of 146 in Global Gender Gap Index

India has been ranked 135 out of 146 countries in the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report 2022. The country has scored 0.629, on a scale of 0 to 1, which is its seventh-highest score in the last 16 years. In 2021, India ranked 140 out of a total 156 countries on the index. Iceland has been ranked first in the index.

78. GrandMaster D Gukesh wins Gijon Chess Masters; inches closer to breaking 2700 rating barrier

Young Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh lifted the Gijon Chess Masters title at Gijon, Spain in July 2022. The 16-year-old scored 8 points out of 9 to be crowned the champion. Gukesh drew with Cuban GM Martinez Duany in his final round match to seal the title. Gukesh has now moved up to 2693 in the live rating scale and is within touching distance of becoming only the sixth Indian

79. 'Order of the Rising Sun' award conferred on Sanmar Group Vice Chairman

The government of Japan has conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award on Sanmar Group Vice Chairman Narayanan Kumar in recognition of his contribution towards strengthening economic relations between Japan and India. Kumar also heads Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He had served the Confederation of Indian Industry as its president. He was among the 'Spring 2022 Imperial Decorations recipients'

80. Twitter sues Tesla CEO Elon Musk for violating \$44 billion merger deal

Twitter Inc sued Elon Musk for violating the \$44 billion deal to buy the social media platform and asked a Delaware court to order the world's richest person to complete the merger at the agreed \$54.20 per Twitter share, according to a court filing.

81. Avdhash Kaushal, noted social worker and Padma Shri awardee, passes away

Noted social worker and Padma Shri awardee Avdhash Kaushal died at a private hospital following a prolonged illness. He was 87. Kaushal who founded an NGO named Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra fought for human rights and the conservation of the environment. Kaushal is credited with bringing mining activities to an end in Mussoorie in the 1980s.

82. Cabinet approves Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Rd rail line for improved mobility

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Road new rail line to provide connectivity and improve mobility. The estimated cost of this project is Rs 2798.16 crores and will be completed by 2026-27. The total length of the new rail line will be 116.65 km and will be constructed by the Ministry of Railways.

83. Ola Electric unveils indigenously made Li-ion cell

Ola Electric unveiled the country's first indigenously developed lithium ion cell. The Bengaluru-based two-wheeler maker said it will begin the mass production of the cell NMC 2170, from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023. The use of specific chemistry and materials enables the cell to pack more energy in a given space and also improves the overall life cycle of the cell

84. TIME lists Kerala among world's top destinations

Ahmedabad city and the state of Kerala have been listed by TIME magazine among the '50 extraordinary destinations to explore' in its list of the world's greatest places of 2022. The list also includes Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota.

85. FSIB recommends Rajkiran Rai G as NaBFID managing director

Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) has recommended former Union Bank of India managing director Rajkiran Rai G as the head of the newly set-up Rs 20,000-crore National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID).

In October 2021, the government appointed veteran banker KV Kamath as the chairperson of the NaBFID for three years.

86. Infosys to acquire Denmark-based BASE life science for Rs 875 crore

Infosys will acquire Denmark-based BASE life science for about 110 million euros (Rs 875 crore) in an all-cash deal. The acquisition will deepen Infosys' expertise in life sciences domain as well as strengthen its footprint across Europe.

BASE brings to Infosys, domain experts with commercial, medical, digital marketing, clinical, regulatory, and quality knowhow.

87. Gita Gopinath becomes first woman and 2nd Indian to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'

India-born Gita Gopinath became the first woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The first Indian to achieve the honour was Raghuram Rajan who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006.

88. LIC to invest Rs 80.67 crore in rights issue of its Nepal joint venture

State-owned LIC will invest Rs 80.67 crore in the proposed rights issue of its joint venture LIC (Nepal) Ltd. LIC said the central government has nominated Suchindra Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Financial Services, as Government Director on its board with immediate effect.

He replaces Pankaj Jain. LIC owns 55 per cent stake in LIC (Nepal).

89. Kotak Mahindra Bank bags DLL India's agri & healthcare equipment financing portfolio

Kotak Mahindra Bank said that it has acquired the agri and healthcare equipment financing portfolio of global asset finance company DLL India. Kotak will gain access to over 25,000 customers with a total standard loan outstanding of around ' 582 cr. Moreover, Kotak has also acquired the non-performing assets portfolio with a total loan outstanding of around ' 69 crore

90. NBFCs, HFCs securitisation volumes almost doubled to Rs 33,000 crore in April-June: Report

Securitisation volumes originated by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC)s and Housing Finance Companies (HFC)s have almost doubled to around Rs 33,000 crore in the first quarter of the current financial year, a report said. The volume of such transactions is expected to cross Rs 1.5 lakh crore in FY23, IcrA Ratings said in a report.

91. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav attends BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting

Union Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav attended the BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting held under the Chinese Presidency. The Ministers of the member countries Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa participated in the meeting. Mr Yadav highlighted the steps taken by India to provide relief to workers during the pandemic. The idea of the BRICS was formulated by Chief Economist at Goldman Sachs Jim O'Neill 2001

92. Centre extends scheme for Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies till March 2024

The Centre has extended the Scheme for (RoSCTL) till March 2024 to boost exports and job creation in the textile sector. The Ministry of Textiles stated that the rates of exports of apparel and garments will continue the same as earlier notified by the Ministry. the Scheme helped in improving cost efficiency and export competitiveness in the international market.

93. Kerala reports first monkeypox case, Centre sends disciplinary team to help in preventive measures

The Centre has rushed a high-level multi-disciplinary team to Kerala to collaborate with the State Health Authorities in instituting public health measures in view of the confirmed case of Monkeypox in Kollam district of the state. Earlier, health secretary issued an advisory to all state governments to intensify vigil against monkey pox disease at international entry point

94. World Youth Skills Day - 15 July

In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day, to celebrate the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. The celebrations of World Youth Skills Day 2022 will highlight the ongoing focus on the Transforming Education Summit (September 2022). The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2022 is 'Transforming Youth Skills for the future'.

95. Ministry of Women and Child Development issues Detailed Guidelines for 'Mission Shakti'

The Government of India has launched 'Mission Shakti' - an integrated women empowerment programme as umbrella scheme for the safety, security and empowerment of women for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission period 2021-22 to 2025-26. The norms of 'Mission Shakti' will be applicable with effect from 01.04.2022.

96. Japan awards Ex-PM Shinzo Abe country's highest order posthumously

The Japanese government has decided to award former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the country's highest order posthumously. Abe will receive the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum. The longest-serving PM of Japan will be the fourth former prime minister to receive the decoration under the postwar Constitution.

97. EU gives Croatia final approval to adopt euro currency in 2023

European Union finance ministers have given Croatia the final approval to adopt the euro single currency on January 1, 2023, replacing the Croatian kuna. Lithuania was the last EU member to adopt the euro in 2015, and Bulgaria is the next in line to join the eurozone. The Balkan country has stated its willingness to adopt it as of January 1, 2024.

98. Samsung develops world's fastest graphics DRAM chip

Samsung has developed a new graphics dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chip with a faster speed and improved power efficiency. The 24-gigabit Graphics Double Data Rate 6 adopts third-generation, 10-

nanometer technology and boasts a data processing speed that is over 30 per cent faster than existing products. It process graphic images at a rate of up to 1.1 terabytes per sec.

99. Nasscom, Google set up call centre to help rural women entrepreneurs scale up business

Nasscom Foundation along with Google has set up a call centre in collaboration with a not-for-profit body ISAP to help women farmers scale up their business. The project is being run on a pilot basis to initially reach out to 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs across six states Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan as 'DigiVaani Call Center' Nasscom Foundation CEO-Nidhi Bhasin

100. Himachal Governor unveils former Army chief General JJ Singh's book

Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar released a book, 'The McMahon line: A century of discord', authored by former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff General JJ Singh (Retd). The book is based on the former Army chief's experiences and research on the India-China border dispute. The Mac Mohan Line is the international boundary line between India and China

101. NRTI re-named as Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya; Gets nod for becoming a Central University

The National Road Transport Institute in Gujarat will be upgraded to a central university and will be known as the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya. The cabinet has also approved the setting up of the university. The Gati Shakti University will become the second central university in the state following the Central University of Gujarat.

102. FIFS appoints Joy Bhattacharjya as the director general

The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS), the self-regulatory industry body for fantasy sports, announced the appointment of Joy Bhattacharjya as its director-general.

Bhattacharjya is the CEO of the Prime Volleyball League and is a cricket analyst.

The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS), was earlier known as the Indian Federation of Sports Gaming(IFSG).

Bimal Julka, chairman, FIFS.

103. IIT Madras Best Higher Educational Institution, IISc Bengaluru Top University: Education Ministry's NIRF India Rankings 2022

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has been ranked as the top educational institution in the country for the fourth consecutive year, according to the India Rankings released by the Union Ministry of Education.

Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has secured the second spot on the ranking, followed by IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi. National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF)- First issue: 2016.

104. Agnikul Cosmos opens India's first private rocket engine factory in Chennai

Agnikul Cosmos, the country's 1st private factory dedicated to building rocket engines in Chennai, inaugurated by N Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Sons, & Somanath, chairman of ISRO & secretary, department of space.

Srinath Ravichandran, chief executive of Agnikul Cosmos, said that the facility presently has the capacity to build 2 rocket engines from scratch, every week.

105. Centre receives Rs 23,000 crore proposals under Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

The AIF set up in 2020 aims at providing a medium-long term debt financial facility till 2025-26 for investment in viable projects for post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets through interest subvention and financial support.

AIF with a corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore will be disbursed through loan by 2025-26, ministry officials had said earlier. Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.

106. Rajnath Singh launches indigenously built Y- 3023 Dunagiri, Project 17A frigate to strengthen country's maritime security

Y- 3023 Dunagiri, Project 17A frigate was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited (GRSE) in Kolkata. P17A Frigates are follow-on class of the P17 (Shivalik Class) Frigates with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems. Seven P17A Frigates are under various stages of construction at Mazagaon Dock Limited (MDL) and GRSE.

107. MHA website ranks first in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment

The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs has been ranked first under the Central Ministries Portal in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment. Digital Police portal of National Crime Records Bureau placed at two in the assessment under the Central Ministries Services Portal. It was divided into two main categories, states and UT's and Central Ministry Portals

108. Govt launches 'Jagriti' mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights

The Department of Consumer Affairs has launched 'Jagriti', a mascot for empowering consumers and generating awareness towards their rights. Jagriti will be projected as an empowered consumer who is spreading awareness about consumer rights and addressing solutions to the problems faced by the consumers. The mascot shall be shown along with tagline 'Jago Grahak Jago' in media campaigns

109. Bangladesh ranks highest in gender parity in South Asia: WEF Report

Bangladesh has retained its highest ranking in South Asia in terms of gender parity, according to the World Economic Forum's (WEF) latest Global Gender Gap Report 2022. It is for the eighth time in a row that Bangladesh has retained its top position in South Asia. However, its overall ranking has slipped 6 ranks from 65th in 2021 to 71 in 2022 among 146.

110. Tokyo to host 2025 World Athletics Championships

At the 228th World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the Council also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida.

Next year's World Athletics Cross Country Championships in Bathurst, Australia. World Athletics President: Sebastian Coe. World Athletics HQ- Monaco.

111. Varanasi to be the first city in SCO to be granted the rotating title of 'Cultural and Tourism capital of SCO' in September

Varanasi will be the first city in Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) region to be granted the rotating title of 'Cultural & Tourism capital of SCO' under a new mechanism during India's SCO Presidency from September 2022 to September 2023. India will take over as SCO chair from Uzbekistan at the Samarkand summit in September SCO Secretary-General- Zhang Ming

112. Xiaomi elevates Muralikrishnan B as president to head India business

Chinese smart device maker Xiaomi has promoted its chief operating officer Muralikrishnan B as president to head its India business. Muralikrishnan has been serving as chief operating officer of the company since 2018. He will assume charge as president of Xiaomi India from August 1.

113. U.S. House votes for India-specific CAATSA waiver

The US House of Representatives has passed by voice vote a legislative amendment that approves waiver to India against the punitive CAATSA sanctions for its purchase of the S-400 missile defence system from Russia to help deter aggressors like China. In October 2018, India signed a USD 5 billion deal with Russia to buy five units of the S-400 air defence missile systems

114. Kotak Mahindra Bank becomes first to integrate with new Income Tax portal

Kotak Mahindra Bank has completed technical integration with the new e-filing portal of the Income Tax department and has become the first private bank to fully integrate with the portal. Its customers can now pay their direct taxes through the e-pay tax tab on the portal using Kotak net banking or by visiting a branch.

115. Delhi govt, UNICEF join hands to provide job opportunities to students

Skill Varsity of Delhi joins hands with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) at UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities, assist students in becoming job ready as well as listen to and amplify the voices of young people. The DSEU and UNICEF have started offering 'Career Awareness Sessions' for students.

116. 7th Anniversary of Skill India Mission observed

The 7th Anniversary of the Skill India Mission is being observed on July 15th. National Skill Development Mission, which is also known as Skill India Mission, was launched on this day in 2015. Skill India is an initiative of the Central Government to empower the youth with skill sets, making them more employable.

117. India's NSCS Hosts Meeting Of BIMSTEC

The National Security Council Secretariat Government of India organized a two day Meeting of the BIMSTEC Expert Group on Cyber Security Cooperation on 14-15 July 2022 in New Delhi. The Meeting is based on the agreement made during the meeting of the BIMSTEC National Security Chiefs held at Bangkok in March 2019 that the BIMSTEC Expert Group will formulate an Action plan. BIMSTEC has 7 member countries

118. Film-makers Aparna Sen, Nandita Das win Icon Awards at London Indian Film Festival

Filmmakers Aparna Sen and Nandita Das have been awarded the Icon Award at this year's London Indian Film Festival for their contribution to Indian and global cinema. In the annual Satyajit Ray short film category 'Jaagran', co-directed by Ritviq Joshi and Hardik Sadhwani, won the LIFF Jury Prize.

119. I2U2: UAE to invest \$2 bn to develop integrated food parks

The United Arab Emirates will invest \$2 billion to develop a series of integrated food parks across India under the framework of the four-nation grouping 'I2U2'. On the project relating to food parks, the statement said India will provide appropriate land. The statement also said the I2U2 group will advance hybrid renewable energy project in Gujarat consisting of 300 MW

The grouping is known as 'I2U2' with "I" standing for India and Israel and "U" for US UAE

120. APEDA signs MoU with Assam University of Agriculture to conduct trainings on pre- and post-harvest management

APEDA has signed an MoU with Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat to conduct various training programmes on pre-harvest and post-harvest management including other research activities for the promotion of export from the region. APEDA also organized a conference on the Export Potential of Natural, Organic, and Geographical Indications (GI) Agro Products in Guwahati in June

121. RBI and Bank Indonesia Agree to Expand Cooperation in Payment Systems, Digital Financial Innovation, and AML-CFT

With this MoU, RBI and BI committed to deepen relations between both central banks and strengthen the exchange of information and cooperation in the area of central banking, including payment systems, digital innovation in payments services, and regulatory and supervisory framework for Anti Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML-CFT).

122. Consumer Affairs Dept Sets Up Committee To Develop Comprehensive Framework On The Right To Repair

The aim of developing a framework on right to repair in India is to empower consumers and product buyers in the local market, harmonize trade between the original equipment manufacturers and the third-party buyers and sellers, and emphasise developing sustainable consumption of products and reduction in e-waste.

Smt. Nidhi Khare- Chairperson of the committee.

Smt. Nidhi Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, GoI.

123. India Scripts History, First-Ever 'Made In India' Surgical Robot, SSI Mantra, Gets Installed In Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute

Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi (RGCI) have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, SSI-Mantra, devised by the new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations. The ingenious SSI Mantra, is a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon Dr. Sudhir P Srivastava. Sudhir P Srivastava, popularly known as The Robo Doctor.

124. KVIC Launches Knowledge Portal for Khadi to Assist Khadi Institutions

Knowledge Portal for Khadi is a platform created by the Center of Excellence for Khadi to provide design guidance to Khadi institutions. Preeta Verma, CEO-KVIC, launched the portal. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), Ministry of MSME, and NIFT have established the Khadi Center of Excellence to support Khadi Institutions.

125. Defence Ministry sets up Apex Committee for Performance and Efficiency Audit

The committee chaired by Defence Secretary will identify specific areas for the conduct of performance and audit by CGDA and monitor performance audit reports and action taken thereon. It also shall advise Raksha Mantri on remedial measures to be adopted as well as measures for overall improvement in strengthening of internal oversight and Risk Management Framework.

Dr. Ajay Kumar- Defence Secretary of India.

126. Over 5 cr people received benefit of e-Sanjeevani Tele-consultation, says Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya

Health Minister said that more than five crore people received the benefit of e-Sanjeevani Tele-consultation. Patients consult with doctors and specialists on a daily basis using this innovative digital medium to seek health services. The e-Sanjeevani facility has led to massive improvement in access to specialised health services, particularly in rural areas.

127. PM Modi inaugurates Bundelkhand Expressway in Uttar Pradesh's Jalaun

The 296 kilometres-long four-lane Bundelkhand Expressway has been constructed at a cost of around '14,850 crore. The foundation stone of the expressway was laid by the prime minister in February 2020 and the construction was completed in 28 months. The expressway originates in Bharatkoop in Chitrakoot and merges with Agra Lucknow expressway in Etawah.

128. Bank of India in partnership with K-fintech launches UPI-supported digital platform for NPS

Bank of India in alliance with K-fintech has launched its UPI-enabled digital platform for the enrollment of National Pension System (NPS).

The move is said to help customers in an easy and smooth account opening process. They can simply scan the QR code and get their NPS account functional.

129. G20 finance leaders meet in Bali, Indonesia

The G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors, met in Bali on 15-16 July 2022, for the third time under the Indonesian G20 Presidency. The meeting was attended by G20 members, invited countries (including Ukraine), and international and regional organizations. They pledged to address global food insecurity and rising debt. FM Nirmala Sitharaman participated.

130. West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar is NDA's vice-presidential pick

West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar is the NDA's pick to be the next Vice President of India.

The electoral college for picking the next vice president, who is also the ex-officio Rajya Sabha chairperson, comprises members of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

Of the current strength of Parliament (780), the BJP alone has 394 MPs, more than the majority mark (390).

131. UIDAI Launches Aadhaar Face Authentication Service App

UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named AadhaarFaceRd to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time. Aadhaar holders' identities, including their Aadhaar numbers and any demographic or biometric data, can be stored in the Central Identity Data Repository using face authentication. Aadhaar number is a 12-digit random number issued by the UIDAI to residents of India

132. Kerala becomes first state to have own internet service

Kerala has now become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet. The announcement came in the wake of the Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd, an ambitious IT infrastructure project of the government to make the internet accessible to everyone in the state, receiving the Internet Service Provider (ISP) license from the Department of Telecommunications.

133. Census Data Workstation Inaugurated at IIT Delhi

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has inaugurated a new census workstation at the Economics Lab of Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. The Registrar General and Census Commissioner, India, Dr Vivek Joshi inaugurated the Census Data Workstation. The new workstation seeks to facilitate access to census microdata for academicians and researchers.

134. India's first e-waste eco park to be established in Holambi Kalan in Delhi

Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai announced the government's plan to develop India's first e-waste eco park in Holambi Kalan in Delhi. Delhi environment department stated that every year the capital city produces over two lakh tonnes of e-waste, or about 9.5 percent of the total amount produced in India. Delhi is now the fifth-largest producer of e-waste in India

135. Vedanta partners with IIT Madras-incubated startup for AI-enabled safety monitoring at workplaces

Vedanta partners IIT Madras incubated start-up for AI based safety technologies. The collaboration is in line with Vedanta's commitment to zero harm by implementing AI-enabled safety monitoring of workplaces which is a key initiative in its digital transformation roadmap. The module will be implemented to find unsafe acts and conditions under various categories.

136. World Day for International Justice | 17th July

The World Day for International Justice is observed on July 17 every year to mark the strengthening system of international justice and to promote the rights of the victims. Also, known as the Day of International Criminal Justice (ICC), it emphasises the need of combating impunity and providing justice to the victims of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

137. SEBI Approves Ashishkumar Chauhan As NSE's Next CEO

Sh. Chauhan is MD & CEO at BSE Ltd., India's oldest stock exchange, and his tenure ends in November. He was part of the core team that started NSE in 1993. Chauhan succeeds Vikram Limaye whose term ended on July 16.

Limaye was appointed as the NSE chief in July 2017.

Mr. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi is the Chairman of NSE. R.H. Patil, founded the National Stock Exchange (NSE) in 1992.

138. PV Sindhu wins Singapore Open; defeats China's Wang Zhi Yi in women's singles final

Double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu lifted the Singapore Open Super 500 trophy after outwitting China's Wang Zhi Yi in an intense women's singles final.

This was her third title of the season -- having won two Super 300 crowns in Syed Modi International and Swiss Open.

Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia) won the men's singles title with victory over Naraoka Kodai (Japan).

139. R Praggnanandhaa claims Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 title

Young Indian Grand Master R Praggnanandhaa added another feather to his cap by winning the Open A section of the 15th International Chess Open Paracin by scoring eight points from the nine rounds. The tournament was held in the town of Paracin in Serbia.

Russian player Alexandr Predke playing under the flag of FIDE, the sport's world governing body, claimed the second spot.

140. Manoj Kumar assumes charge as KVIC's new chairman

Manoj Kumar has assumed the charge as Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

His predecessor Vinai Kumar Saxena was appointed the Lt Governor of Delhi.

Ms. Preeta Verma is Chief Executive Officer of KVIC.

Khadi and Village Industries Commission holds the exclusive rights to use the trademark "Khadi" and "Khadi India".

141. Bharti Airtel announces successful trial of India's first 5G private network

Bharti Airtel has successfully deployed the country's first 5G private network at Bosch Automotive Electronics India (RBAI) facility in Bengaluru.

Airtel said its 5G solution helped Bosch shop floor managers and operators identify and resolve issues in real time, thus reducing the Mean Time To Repair (MTTR) and Mean Time Between Failures (MTBF).

142. INS Sindhudhvaj submarine decommissioned after 35 years of service

The Navy's Kilo-class submarine, INS Sindhudhvaj, was decommissioned from service at Visakhapatnam after 35 years in service. With this, the Navy now has 15 conventional submarines in service.

INS Sindhudhvaj was the only submarine to be awarded the Chief of Naval Staff (CNS) rolling trophy for Innovation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

143. Centre Amends Legal Metrology Rules 2011 For Ease Of Doing Business

The Department of Consumer Affairs vide the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities), (Second Amendment) Rules 2022 has allowed electronic products to declare certain mandatory declarations through the QR Code for a period of one year, if not declared in the package itself.

Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, Shri Rohit Kumar Singh.

144. Army Chief Manoj Pande Proceeds On Three Day Visit To Bangladesh

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Manoj Pande has proceeded on a 3-day visit to Bangladesh from 18-20 July. This is the first foreign visit of General Manoj Pande since assumption as Army Chief.

During his visit, he will interact with the members of the Bangladesh Institute of Peace Support and Operation Training (BIPSOT). Gen. Manoj Pande is the 29th Chief of the Army Staff.

145. Manipur Governor La Ganesan takes additional charge of West Bengal after Jagdeep Dhankhar's resignation

Manipur Governor La Ganesan has been given the post of Governor of West Bengal.

The President of India has been pleased to appoint Sh. La. Ganesan, Governor of Manipur to discharge the functions of the Governor of West Bengal, in addition to his own duties.

Mr. Dhankhar's resignation comes a day after he was announced as the vice-presidential candidate of the ruling NDA.

146. Margaret Alva to be opposition's candidate for Vice President's post

Margaret Alva will be the opposition's candidate for Vice President. NCP Chief Sharad Pawar said, 17 parties are on board for this unanimous decision. Mrs Alva has been Member of Rajya Sabha four times and once of Lok Sabha. She has also served as Union Minister and Governor of Uttarakhand and Rajasthan. Venkaiah Naidu is serving as the 13th and current Vice President of India.

147. Nelson Mandela International Day | 18 July

November 2009 - in recognition of the former South African President's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom, UN General Assembly declares 18 July "Nelson Mandela International Day". The UN even approved the 'Nelson Mandela Rules' - a doctrine for just treatment of prisoners. The day remembers Madiba's -- a title of respect used for Mandela

148. India achieves major landmark of '200 Crore' COVID-19 Vaccinations

In a historic achievement, India's cumulative COVID19 vaccination drive has surpassed the 200-Crore milestone. India supported the research, development and manufacturing of COVID19 vaccines under the 'Make-in-India' and 'Make-for-World' Strategy, embarked on the use of cutting-edge technologies like CoWIN India's nation-wide COVID19 vaccination program was launched by PM on 16th January

149. Remittances from advanced nations beat flows from Gulf region in FY21

The share of remittances from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region in India's inward remittances is estimated to have declined from more than 50 per cent in 2016- 17 to about 30 per cent in 2020-21, according to the Reserve Bank of India's fifth round of Survey on Remittances. The US surpassed the UAE as the top source country, accounting for 23 % of total remittance

150. 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet held in Jaipur

National Legal Services Authority Chairman Uday Umesh Lalit launched the country's first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat in Rajasthan during the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet. The digital Lok Adalat by Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) was designed and developed by its technology partner Jupitice Justice Technologies

151. Google buys 1.2% stake in Bharti Airtel for \$700 million

In line with the partnership announced at the beginning of this year, Bharti Airtel approved allotment of 71 million shares to tech major Google at an issue price of Rs 734 per share. Google will hold 1.2% of total post-issue equity shares of the company, Bharti said in a regulatory filing. The company's special committee of directors for preferential allotment approved it.

152. Agriculture Minister launches eNAM Platform of Platforms (PoP) to promote trade & marketing of agricultural produce

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Platform of Platforms under the e- NAM during the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in Bengaluru. The Platform of Platforms under e-NAM intends to promote trade & marketing of agricultural produce wherein farmers will be facilitated to sell the produce outside state.

153. Tripura govt. starts scheme to bring dropouts back to schools

The Tripura government will restart the 'Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan' after 8,850 school students were found to have dropped out from schools during the pandemic. The government has also announced a unique scheme called 'Earn with Learn' under which college students will be deputed to conduct surveys to identify dropouts and upon every successful re-admission, will get 500Rs.

154. Telangana govt announces DiCRA in partnership with UNDP

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has partnered with the Indian State of Telangana for Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA). The platform aims to strengthen food systems and food security by the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. DiCRA is a digital solution that aims to attain the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

155. ITBP creates 1st mountain-warfare training school in NE for LAC guarding troops

The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) has created its first mountain-warfare training centre in northeast India, its second overall, to skill its troops in high-altitude combat and survival tactics as part of their mandate to guard the Line of Actual Control with China.

The M&SI is located at a height of more than 9,000 ft in the Himalayan ranges of Uttarakhand. Sanjay Arora- Director-General of ITBP.

156. India, China hold 16th round of Corps Commander talks

India and China held the 16th round of Corps Commander level talks for over 12 hours as the two sides attempted to revive the stalled process of disengagement and de-escalation in Eastern Ladakh.

The Indian side is led by Lt Gen Anindya Sengupta, 14 Corps Commander.

The 15th round of Corps Commander talks took place on March 11, 2022.

157. England all-rounder Ben Stokes announces ODI retirement

Stokes, 31, said the first ODI between England and South Africa in Durham would be his last in the format, adding that it was "an incredibly tough decision".

After making his ODI debut against Ireland in 2011, Stokes has scored 2919 runs, including three centuries, and taken 74 wickets in the format.

158. ISSF World Cup Changwon: India's Mairaj Ahmad Khan scripts history with gold medal in skeet

Two-time Olympian Mairaj Ahmad Khan created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.

Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra and Ashi Chouksey won the bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle 3 positions team event.

Mairaj Ahmad Khan topped the round with 27 hits.

159. West Indies batter Lendl Simmons announces retirement from international cricket

Veteran West Indies batter Lendl Simmons called time on his international career, which spanned almost 16 years.

Having made his debut in 2006, Simmons has represented the Men in Maroons in eight Tests, 68 ODIs and as many T20Is.

160. L&T Tech first to obtain captive 5G spectrum directly, deploy solutions globally for parent group

To build use cases on the technology, it will obtain spectrum to set up a 5G non-public network.

To deliver 5G automation services and speedy integration of open radio access network products, the company has entered into a partnership with network software provider Mavenir, with which they will go to market together. L&T Tech CEO and MD : Amit Chadha.

161. Around 28 crore unorganised workers registered on e-Shram Portal, says Govt

The government said around 28 crore unorganised workers have been registered on e-Shram Portal. In a written reply in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Labour and Employment Rameswar Teli said the government had launched e-Shram portal in August last year with an objective to create a national Database of unorganised workers.

162. Indian GM Aravindh Chithambaram wins chess tourney in Spain

Indian Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged the winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open after edging Armenia's Robert Hovhannisyan and compatriot Raunak Sadhwani on the basis of a tie-break score.

Chithambaram, a former national champion, took the top prize on the basis of a superior tie-break score.

163. Narinder Batra resigns as FIH, IOA president; also quits as IOC member

Veteran sports administrator Narinder Batra resigned as President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and also gave up his membership of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Batra became president of FIH in 2016 and reclaimed the position last year for a second term.

Batra became an IOC member in 2019.

164. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveils 'SPRINT Challenges' aimed at giving a boost to usage of indigenous technology in India

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled 'SPRINT Challenges', aimed at giving a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in Indian Navy, during Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban' in New Delhi. Chief of the Naval Staff (India)- Admiral R. Hari Kumar

165. NITI Aayog and WFP to Launch Initiative on Mainstreaming Millets in Asia and Africa

NITI Aayog and the World Food Programme (WFP), India, will launch the 'Mapping and Exchange of Good Practices' initiative for mainstreaming millets in Asia and Africa. NITI and WFP will prepare a compendium of good practices for scaling up the production and consumption of millets in India and abroad. The event will be inaugurated by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery NITI Aayog's CEO- Parameswaran Iyer

166. Syngenta India launches Biodiversity Sensor Project with IIT Ropar

Syngenta India announced a launch of Biodiversity Sensor Project, a biodiversity monitoring technology in association with IIT Ropar. Syngenta also flagged off India's first Drone Yatra, that will travel 10,000 kms to create awareness on drone spraying among 10,000 farmers. The Yatra will travel to 13 states to demonstrate and educate farmers on use of drones.

167. DBS named 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney for second time

DBS has been recognised as the 'World's Best SME Bank' yet again, entrenching the bank's position as a global industry leader in partnering Small Medium Enterprises to grow and expand their businesses across borders and digitally. DBS has been reliant on emerging technologies to help SMEs, especially micro and small businesses, manage their credit risk .

168. MSME Minister Narayan Rane Launches 'Mobile Electric Charging' App

Union Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Narayan Rane launched 'Repos Pay ' a 'Mobile Electric Charging' platform and 'Phy-gital' - a Fintech Platform at 'Fuelling India 2022' event in Mumbai. 'Repos Pay' is a platform where one can order a Mobile Electric Charging Vehicle on app and charge their vehicles.

169. Centre forms Committee on MSP under chairmanship of Former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal

The Centre has formed a Committee on Minimum Support Price under the chairmanship of Former Agriculture Secretary Sanjay Agrawal. Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare The committee will look at ways to make available MSP to farmers by making the system more effective and transparent. It will also suggest the practicality of giving more autonomy to CACP.

170. Retired Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran appointed BCCI ombudsman and ethics officer

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has appointed retired Supreme Court judge Justice Vineet Saran as the ombudsman and ethics officer.

The position has been lying vacant for more than a year after Justice (retired) DK Jain's tenure ended in June, 2021.

In August, 2018, he was elevated as the judge of the Supreme Court, where he continued until his retirement.

171. Government, RBI measures help banks recover bad loans worth over Rs 8.6 lakh crore in last 8 fiscal years

As a result of comprehensive steps taken by the government and RBI to check the cases of NPAs and bring them down, scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) recovered Rs 8,60,369 crore over the last eight financial years (provisional data) from NPAs.

Sh. Karad said all credit institutions have been mandated by the RBI to become members of all credit information companies (CICs).

Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad.

172. Under RBI's ombudsman scheme, 7,813 complaints received against digital apps and recovery agents

As many as **7,813** complaints against banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs), pertaining to digital lending applications and recovery agents, were received under the Integrated Ombudsman Scheme of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) during the last financial year, according to the Central government.

173. RBI devises 4-tier regulatory framework for Urban Cooperative Banks

RBI has stipulated a minimum net worth of Rs 2 crore for Tier 1 UCBs operating in single district and Rs 5 crore for all other UCBs (of all tiers).

The minimum CRAR requirement for Tier 1 banks is retained at the present prescription of 9% under current capital adequacy framework based on Basel-1 rules.

The RBI decision is based on the report submitted by NS Viswanathan Committee on UCBs.

174. 2, 877 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations sanctioned across country under Phase-2 of FAME India scheme

The government has sanctioned 2,877 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in 68 cities across 25 States and Union Territories under Phase-2 of FAME India scheme (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles). The government has formulated FAME India Scheme in 2015 to improve the infrastructure required for the large-scale use of electric vehicles.

175. Govt launched 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan' in 272 most vulnerable districts since August 2020 to address problem of Drug Abuse

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan' in 272 most vulnerable districts since August 2020 to address the problem of Drug Abuse among youth of India. Under 'Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan', special emphasis is laid on the participation of stakeholders such as women, children, educational institutions and civil society organization

176. Centre Provides Financial Support Of Rs 48K Cr For Smart Cities Mission Over Five Years

As per the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) guidelines, the central government will provide financial support to the extent of Rs 48,000 crore over five years i.e., on an average Rs 100 crore per city per year. An equal amount on a matching basis will be contributed by the state government/urban local body (ULB).

177. International Moon Day | 20 July

The General Assembly declared International Moon Day, a United Nations-designated international day to be observed annually on 20 July, in its resolution 76/76 on 'International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space' in 2021. International Moon Day marks the anniversary of the first landing by humans on the Moon as part of the Apollo 11 lunar mission. Apollo 11 launched from Cape Kennedy on July 16, 1969, carrying Commander Neil Armstrong,

178. World Chess Day | 20 July

On 12 December 2019, the General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day to mark the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation in Paris in 1924. Under initiative of FIDE, July 20

has been observed as International Chess Day by chess players around the world since 1966. Chennai will host 44th Chess Olympiad 2022 from 28th July to 10th August. FIDE currently has its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland.

179. Tamil Nadu, UP top in Smart City Fund utilisation

Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission is concerned. While Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is at second position with utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the Central share release of Rs 3142 crore.

180. NIIFL acquires stake in J&K tunnel road Navayuga Quazigund Expressway for Rs 3,036 crore

National Investment and Infrastructure Fund has picked up a stake in tunnel road Navayuga Quazigund Expressway in Jammu and Kashmir for about Rs 3,036 crore (USD 380 million) to diversify its asset base. The operational tunnel road in the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir will be managed by NIIF Master Fund's proprietary roads platform Athaang Infrastructure.

181. Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes first 100% Landlord Major Port of India

JNP has become the first major port of the country to become a 100% Landlord port having all berths being operated on the PPP model. Currently, five container terminals are operated at JNP, of which only one is port owned. With its state-of-the-art facilities JNP meets all the international standards, user-friendly atmosphere, and excellent connectivity by rail and road. The Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) at Navi Mumbai is a premier port in India.

182. Expat Insider Rankings for 2022: Mexico tops the list, India on 36th rank out of 52 countries

Mexico has topped the Expat Insider Rankings for 2022, which was released by the InterNations recently, while India has been ranked on 36th position out of the 52 countries on the list, with a high affordability score.

Indonesia is in the second spot while Taiwan, Portugal, Spain, UAE, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, and Singapore are also among the top 10 countries An expatriate is a person who resides outside native country

183. SpaceX Dragon cargo spacecraft docks at International Space Station

A SpaceX Dragon resupply spacecraft carrying more than 5,800 pounds of science experiments, crew supplies, and other cargo is on its way to the International Space Station. The spacecraft launched on a Falcon 9 rocket from Launch Pad 39A at Kennedy for the company's 25th commercial resupply services mission for NASA.

184. India's renewable energy capacity at 114 GW till June-end

India's renewable energy capacity (excluding large hydro) stood at 114.07 GW till June-end this year, while 60.66 GW of projects are under various stages of development. The share of renewable energy (including large hydro) in the total installed electricity generation capacity in the country was 39.85 per cent as on June 30, 2022.

185. CSIR-CECRI, GODI India Join Hands to Make Advanced Li-Ion Cells in Chennai

CSIR-CECRI (Central Electrochemical Research Institute) and GODI India have entered into a public-private partnership (PPP) to operate and maintain an advanced lithium-ion (li-ion) cell manufacturing facility in Taramani, Chennai. This will be the country's first-ever public-private partnership for the manufacturing of large-scale advanced li-ion cells. Established in 1953, CECRI, Karaikudi is one of the largest electrochemical laboratories

186. MoS Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal opens the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022

National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi is organizing a festival 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav- 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav, 2022 (Azadi Segment)' to remember and pay tribute to our freedom fighters, under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav 2022' from 16th July to 14th August 2022. National School of Drama is a theatre training institute situated at New Delhi, India.

187. Rajarshi Gupta appointed as managing director of ONGC Videsh

ONGC Videsh Ltd, the overseas investment arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation, announced the appointment of Rajarshi Gupta as its new managing director. He has replaced Alok Gupta, who superannuated as ONGC Videsh's MD last month. ONGC Videsh Limited is a Miniratna Schedule "A" Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) of the Government of India.

188. Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem appointed Kuwait's Prime Minister

Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah issued a decree to appoint Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem as a new Prime Minister.

The appointment of a new PM comes three months after former Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Hamad Al-Sabah submitted his resignation.

189. Egypt's Seif Ahmed appointed as FIH acting president following Narinder Batra's resignation

Officially accepted the resignation of Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra, Unanimously appointed FIH EB Member and President of the African Hockey Federation Seif Ahmed (Egypt) as Acting President until the next Presidential elections," the FIH said.

The FIH said that a permanent successor to Batra is due to be elected in November.

FIH CEO-Thierry Weil. Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH)- Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.

190. SBI launches WhatsApp Banking Services to make banking easier for its customers

India's largest public sector lender, State Bank of India has launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers. SBI customers can avail certain banking services using WhatsApp. SBI customers can get their Account Balance and view Mini Statement can check their account summary, reward points, outstanding balance and make card payments. Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara
Headquarters: Mumbai

191. Union Cabinet approves signing of MoU in field of Judicial Cooperation between India and Maldives

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of Memorandum of Understanding in the field of Judicial Cooperation between India and Judicial Service Commission of Maldives. This is the eighth MoU signed between India and other countries in the field of Judicial Cooperation. President of Maldives: Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
Currency: Maldivian Rufiyaa

192. India, Namibia sign MoU for establishing cheetah into historical range in India

India and Namibia signed an MoU on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization for establishing the cheetah into the historical range in India. Cheetah has a very special significance for the national conservation ethic and ethos. Bringing the cheetah back to India will have equally important conservation ramifications.

193. Ranil Wickremesinghe to be sworn-in as President of Sri Lanka

Ranil Wickremesinghe will take oath as the President of Sri Lanka at the parliament complex after his victory in a parliament vote to choose a new president for the island nation. He has served as the Prime Minister of the island nation six times earlier. He was also the interim president after the resignation of Gotabaya Rajapaksa

194. NITI Aayog Releases Report on Digital Banks; Proposes a Licensing and Regulatory Regime for India

Government think tank NITI Aayog on Wednesday releases its report on digital banks, offering a template and roadmap for licensing and regulatory regime for India. The report 'focuses on avoiding any regulatory or policy arbitrage and offers a level playing field to incumbents as well as competitors.

195. CM Dharami unveils 'Beyond The Misty Veil, Temple Tales of Uttarakhand' by retd IAS officer
Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dharami has unveiled a book titled "Beyond The Misty Veil, Temple Tales of Uttarakhand" written by retired senior IAS officer, Aradhana Johri. In her book, Johri talks about several shrines in Uttarakhand and says that he book will be regarded as an authentic introduction to the sacred shrines of Uttarakhand. Governor of Uttarakhand- Gurmit Singh

196. Digit Insurance launches 'Pay-as-you-drive' motor add-on

Private insurer Digit General Insurance has announced the launch of 'Pay-as-you-drive' add-on feature to its motor insurance product portfolio. It will allow vehicle-owners with low usage to earn a discount of up to 25 percent on annual premiums. Vehicle-owners can purchase this benefit as part of comprehensive coverage, along with motor own damage (OD) policies. Debasish Panda - Chairperson of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority

197. Federal Bank ties up with CBDT to launch online tax payment services

Federal Bank has partnered with the Central Board of Direct Taxes to assist taxpayers pay through the e-pay tax facility in the e-filing portal. There is no requirement of PAN/TAN registration/verification for taxpayers and it takes away any delay in payment of tax. With this partnership, Federal Bank becomes one of the pioneers to be registered under Tin 2.0 platform of IT Federal Bank Headquarters: Aluva CEO: Shyam Srinivasan

198. RBI signs its renewed statement of commitment to the FX Global Code

The Reserve Bank of India has signed its renewed Statement of Commitment (SoC) to the FX Global Code, which is a compilation of best market practices, applicable to the wholesale foreign exchange market participants covering sell-side, buy-side and financial intermediaries.

199. Henley Passport Index ranks India 87th globally out of 199 countries

The Henley Passport Index is a ranking of all the world's 199 passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa. India, along with Mauritius and Tajikistan, has been ranked 87th, with its passport providing access to 67 countries. Japan has taken the top spot in the Henley Passport Index for 2022, and Afghanistan is the least.

200. Zero coupon, zero principal bond declared securities

In the run up to setting up a social stock exchange, the government has declared "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as securities. Zero coupon zero principal instrument means an instrument issued by a Not for Profit Organisation (NPO) which will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange.

201. Gautam Adani overtakes Bill Gates to become 4th richest in world

Indian businessman Gautam Adani has left behind Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates to become the world's fourth richest person, according to Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List. At \$90 billion, fellow countryman Mukesh Ambani ranks 10th on the list. Tesla and SpaceX founder Elon Musk tops the list with \$235.8 billion.

202. National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) gets ICAR Sardar Patel Award

The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), has bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance. Set up in 1976, the Hyderabad-based institute's mandate includes capacity building in agricultural research and education. Ch Srinivasa Rao - Director of NAARM

203. Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana completes five years

Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana has completed five years on 21st July 2022. The scheme was formally launched on this day in 2017. The scheme is a social security scheme for senior citizens intended to give an assured minimum pension to them based on an assured return on the purchase price or subscription amount.

204. India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Telangana, Haryana bag top 3 ranks among major states

Karnataka, Telangana and Haryana have been ranked as the top three states among 17 major states in Niti Aayog's third innovation index.

States and Union Territories were divided into '17 Major States', '10 North-East and Hill States', and '9 Union Territories and City States', for effectively comparing their performance.

Niti Aayog CEO - Parameswaran Iyer. Niti Aayog's Vice Chairman - Suman Bery.

205. Droupadi Murmu becomes 15th President of India, first tribal to hold the post

Droupadi Murmu became India's 15th President. She succeeded Ram Nath Kovind and will be the first Adivasi woman to occupy the country's top constitutional post.

She is also the country's second female President after Sh. Pratibha Patil.

She was the first woman Governor of the Jharkhand state and the first female tribal leader to serve as a Governor in any Indian state.

PC Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha.

206. Open, Cashfree Payments, PayNearby & Fairexpay Receive RBI Nod For Cross-Border Payments

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced the exit of its Second Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox with cross-border payments as the theme. Four entities out of the eight that were part of the 'Test Phase' were selected by the reserve bank. All of 4 entities completed the 'Test Phase' of the second cohort.

207. India, UK sign MoU on Mutual Recognition of Educational Qualifications

India and the United Kingdom signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Mutual Recognition of Educational Qualifications including maritime education and a Framework agreement on the health care workforce.

The MoU from the India side was signed by the Commerce Secretary of the Government of India, B V R Subrahmanyam.

208. All advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels are regulated in accordance with Advertising Code: Govt

Information and Broadcasting Minister has said that all advertisements telecast on private satellite TV channels are regulated in accordance with the Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television networks Rules, 1994. Central Consumer Protection Authority has been established under the provisions of Consumer Protection Act, 2019 which look into misleading advertisement information and Broadcasting Minister: Anurag Singh Thakur

209. Centre Likely To Extend PMAY-Urban Mission Upto March 2024

Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is implementing Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U)-'Housing for All' Mission, since 25.06.2015 for giving Central assistance to States/ Union Territories (UTs) to provide all-weather pucca houses to all eligible urban beneficiaries.

Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs, Kaushal Kishore.

210. NTPC inks Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog to develop Net Zero GHG emissions Roadmap for NTPC

Paving the pathway towards greening the power sector of the country, the SoI seeks to formalize a framework of cooperation between the parties to facilitate NTPC to strategies on diversification of its generation mix to eventually reduce its carbon footprint and support India's endeavor towards achieving net zero by 2070. NTPC Limited, formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

211. COP 26 President and NITI Aayog launch initiatives to boost electric mobility and promote battery reuse and recycling market

During the visit of COP 26 President Rt Hon'ble Alok Sharma to India in July 2022, NITI Aayog today launched two significant initiatives ' E-AMRIT (Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation) mobile application to raise awareness on electric mobility and the Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India.

212. Dinesh Gunawardena appointed Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister

Dinesh Gunawardena was appointed as the new prime minister of Sri Lanka in July 2022. Gunawardena has served as a cabinet minister in previous governments. He has served as the foreign minister, transport minister and minister for urban developments and has held several other roles during his political career which spans over five decades. Rt. Hon. D. S. Senanayake was the first PM of Sri Lanka.

213. India's bioeconomy likely to touch \$300 billion by 2030, says report

The India BioEconomy Report 2022, based on the data on biotech sector's contribution to the economy, has been brought out by the Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC). The report said the country's bioeconomy has reached over USD 80 billion in 2021, registering a 14.1 per cent growth over USD 70.2 billion in 2020.

214. World Brain Day | July 2022

World Brain Day is dedicated to raising awareness and promoting advocacy related to brain health. It is celebrated on July 22. It was chosen to remember the foundation of the World Federation of Neurology (WFN), which was established on July 22, 1957. This year the day is dedicated to the theme, 'Brain Health for All'. The day was first observed in 2014

215. World Bank Approved \$1 Billion Loan For Ayushman Health Scheme

The World Bank has approved a loan of USD one billion to provide support to India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). It comprises two complementary loans of USD 500 million each namely for "Transforming India's Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP)" and "India's Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP)"

216. Himachal Pradesh becomes first state in country to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with VLTD with ERSS

Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS). Now these vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLTD.

217. PM Modi unveils Varuna- India's first Passenger Drone

India's first human carrying platform ' pilot-less drone made its debut in New Delhi in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The makers of this indigenous pilot-less 'Varuna' drone startup Sagar Defence Engineering demonstrated this in his presence. This 'Varuna' drone has been designed and developed by a startup and has the capacity to carry one person inside

218. Akshaya Moondra appointed as CEO of Vodafone Idea for 3 years

Managing director Ravinder Takkar will be replaced by Akshaya Moondra, Vodafone Idea's current CFO, as CEO for a period of three years.

Following Balesh Sharma's resignation on August 19, 2019, Sh. Takkar was named MD and CEO for a term of three years.

219. C.A. Bhavani Devi to be part of 1st Khelo India Fencing Women's League

The 1st Khelo India Fencing Women's League is scheduled to start on July 25 at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi. To be held over three phases, the first of its kind national fencing competition for women will take place until July 29.

It will be held across three phases. While Phase 1 and 2 is scheduled in New Delhi, the final phase will take place in Patiala.

220. UITP reappoints Mohamed Mezghani as Secretary General for the next five years

The UITP Executive Board confirmed the reappointment of Mohamed Mezghani as UITP Secretary General for a new five-year term.

Mohamed has been the Secretary General of UITP since 2018, when he began his first term in January of that year.

UITP (Union Internationale des Transports Publics) is the International Association of Public Transport. UITP Headquarters- Brussels, Belgium.

221. ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India in India Book of Records for country's first steel slag road

The record for making the first steel slag road was set by CSIR ' Central Road Research Institute and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India.

The 1.2 km road, opened for traffic in May last year, is the country's first road built using 100% processed steel slag aggregates.

Surat has become the first city in the country to get a processed steel slag (industrial waste).

222. India's battery storage potential to be 600 GWh by 2030: Niti report

India will have a battery storage potential of 600 gigawatt hour (GWh) by 2030 & demand for electric vehicles, stationary storage & consumer electronics will mainly drive adoption of battery storage, a Niti Aayog report said.

It said current deployment of lithium-ion batteries in India is dominated by consumer electronics comprising smartphones, laptops, notebooks & tablets.

223. National Film Awards 2022: Suriya, Ajay Devgn named best actor for Soorarai Pottru, Tanhaji.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting on Friday 22 July conducted the 68th National Film Awards 2022 and declared actors Suriya and Ajay Devgn as best actors for their films Soorarai Pottru and Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior respectively. Aparna Balamurali was named the best actor in the female category for her work in 'Soorarai Pottru.' A 10-member jury was led by director-producer Vipul Shah.

224. World Athletics Championship 2022: Neeraj Chopra bags silver

Olympic Champion Neeraj Chopra clinched SILVER MEDAL in men's javelin throw final at World Athletics Championships with a throw of 88.13m.

Anderson Peters becomes only the 2nd man in history to retain the javelin World Athletics Championships gold medal.

This is India's only second medal at the World Championships, the first being a bronze won by Anju Bobby George in 2003. World Athletics Championships 2022 held in Eugene, Oregon.

225. World Drowning Prevention Day | 25 July

World Drowning Prevention Day, declared in April 2021 by General Assembly resolution is held annually on 25 July. This global advocacy event serves as an opportunity to highlight the tragic and profound impact of drowning on families and communities and to offer life-saving solutions to prevent it. The UNGA invited WHO for coordinating actions on drowning prevention within UN

226. Swanirbhar Naari scheme launched in Guwahati to empower indigenous weavers

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched 'Swanirbhar Naari', a scheme to empower indigenous weavers in Assam's Guwahati. Under the 'Swanirbhar Naari' scheme, the state government will procure handloom items directly from the indigenous weavers via a web portal. Chief Minister spoke about the significance of "Gamosa" Shri Jagdish Mukhi- Governor of Assam

227. Lok Sabha passes Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022

The Bill aims at having India's own national measures for protecting the Antarctic environment as also the dependent and associated ecosystem. The main aim is to ensure de-militarization of the region along with getting it rid of mining or illegal activities. It also aims that there should not be any nuclear test / explosion in the region.

228. ADB approves \$96 mn loan for safe drinking water project in Himachal Pradesh

The Asian Development Bank has approved a USD 96.3 million (about Rs 770 crore) loan to fund safe drinking water and sanitation project in Himachal Pradesh. The loan has been provided under the Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project. The project meets the objectives of the Jal Jeevan Mission, a national flagship programme of Government. Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide piped water to all rural households by 2024

229. Centre amends Flag Code to allow people to display tricolour 24X7

With the Centre launching the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' (hoisting of the flag at every home in the country) campaign, it has also made changes in the Flag Code of India 2002 allowing the tricolour to be flown by the public both day and night. 'Har Ghar Tiranga' will be celebrated from August 13 to 15 as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years Independence.

230. Youth in India 2022 report

The 'Youth in India 2022' report released by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation. The Proportion of youth to total population of the country had increased from 26.6% in 1991 to 27.9% in 2016 and then declined, and would reach 22.7% by 2036. The population pyramid of India will undergo a shift with the number of the elderly steadily rising.

231. Droupadi Murmu takes oath as 15th President of India

Ms Droupadi Murmu was sworn-in as 15th President of India today. She was administered oath by Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana at the Central Hall of Parliament. The 64-year-old is the youngest President of the country. She is also the first President of India who is born after Independence. She is the second woman President of the country.

232. World Embryologist Day, also known as World IVF Day | 25 July

Every year, July 25 is observed as World IVF Day, commemorating the birth of Louise Brown- the first baby to be born after successful IVF treatment in 1978. In vitro fertilisation (IVF) became one of the most prominent landmarks in the field of infertility treatment and a ray of hope for couples struggling to get pregnant.

233. Third Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train Launched -- Madurai To Varanasi

Continuing the theme-based tourism service, the third Bharat Gaurav train to be operated by a private player was launched from Madurai to Varanasi on 23 July, covering several religious and tourist destinations.

The 14-coach train with pantry, AC, and sleeper facilities will be operated by Travel Times Private Limited, a private service provider for tourists.

234. Jonas Vingegaard of Denmark wins his 1st Tour de France title

Denmark's Jonas Vingegaard has won the 109th Tour de France as the world famous race came to its traditional conclusion on Paris' grand Champs Elysees.

Vingegaard also won the polka dot jersey, which is awarded to the rider who wins the most points from the tour's various climbing stages. Tour de France- Established in 1903 by Henri Desgrange.

235. SAMARTH in collaboration with NTPC organizes workshop on Biomass use in thermal power plants

National Mission on the use of Biomass in Thermal Power Plants (SAMARTH) collaborated with NTPC and organized a one-day workshop in Chandigarh, on ex-Situ utilization of agricultural residue for co-firing in thermal power plants.

The aim of the one-day workshop was to promote and facilitate ex-situ utilization of agri-residue. Dr. M.M. Kutty, Chairperson, Commission for Air Quality Management.

236. BEL to supply Anti-submarine Warfare systems for Indian Navy's surface ships

To bolster the reconnaissance capabilities of the Indian Air Force, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has inked a Rs 50 crore contract with the Ministry of Defence to supply 9 integrated ASW complex (IAC) MOD 'C' Systems ' an Integrated Anti-submarine Warfare system for all surface ships of the Indian Navy. Mr M V Gowtama- Chairman & Managing Director of BEL.

237. NDDB's subsidiary for manure management ' NDDB Mrida Ltd ' launched

Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Mr Parshottam Rupala formally launched the NDDB MRIDA Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), to carry forward manure management initiatives across the nation.

NDDB Chairman Mr Meenesh Shah.

Sandeep Bharti, newly - appointed Managing Director of NDDB MRIDA Limited.

238. NSIC signs MoU with LG Electronics to set up Centre of Excellence for MSME Sector

In this endeavor, the LG Electronics and Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI) will set up a "Centre of Excellence" at NSIC - Technical Services Centre aimed at training underprivileged youth in the fields of consumer electronics and appliances.

In the first year, 600 youth per year would be benefitted on electronics goods servicing and repairing. Mr. Amrit Manwani- Chairman, Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI).

239. India's Indermit Gill appointed as Chief Economist of World Bank

World Bank has appointed Indian national Indermit Gill as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics. Gill will succeed American economist Carmen Reinhart in the role and his appointment will be effective September 1, 2022.

Gill is currently Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions. World Bank President David Malpass.

240. Bisheshwar Nandi appointed Indian women's gymnastic coach for Commonwealth Games 2022

Gymnastics coach Bisheshwar Nandi, who guided Dipa Karmakar to a historic fourth place finish at the 2016 Rio Olympics, has been named coach of the Indian women's team for the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in place of Rohit Jaiswal.

Nandi has been the five times National Champion in gymnastics and has led the Indian team on six occasions.

241. India contributes USD 2.5 million to UNRWA for Palestine refugees

Director of the West Asia and North Africa Division of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Sunil Kumar presented the cheque of USD 2.5 million to the UNRWA Director of Partnerships of the Department of External Relations, Karim Amer in a signing ceremony at UNRWA headquarters in East Jerusalem.

242. Bajram Begaj takes oath as Albania's new President

Bajram Begaj, a retired military officer and politician, took oath at a swearing-in ceremony in Parliament as the 9th President of Albania.

A total of 83 lawmakers participated in the voting that took place in the plenary session in Parliament, where Begaj received 78 votes in favour, while four lawmakers voted against and there was one abstention.

243. Music composer AR Rahman unveils anthem 'Vanakkam Chennai' for 44th International Chess Olympiad

Grammy and Oscar-winning music composer AR Rahman has come up with the 'Vanakkam Chennai' (Welcome Anthem) for the upcoming International Chess Olympiad, 2022.

This year, the Fdration Internationale des ches will organise the 44th International Chess Olympiad in Chennai, the capital of Tamil Nadu.

244. TRAI tests 5G via small cells in Bhopal, Delhi Airport, Kandla Port, and Bengaluru Metro

Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) initiated pilots of 5G readiness across various locations in India. TRAI used 5G small cells in street furniture in Bhopal Smart City, GMR International Airport New Delhi, Deendayal Port Kandla & Namma Metro Bengaluru.

Telecom companies Bharti Airtel, Reliance Jio, VodafoneIdea, and BSNL are participating in these pilots.

245. International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem on 26 July

The International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem, adopted by the General Conference of UNESCO in 2015 and celebrated each year on 26 July, aims to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem" and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.

246. Kargil Vijay Diwas | July 26th

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated every year on July 26 to commemorate the war that was fought between May 8, 1999, and July 26, 1999. On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army had announced the successful culmination of "Operation Vijay", declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh.

247. India's Ramsar Sites Tally Rises To 54 As Five More Indian Wetlands Get Recognition

The new sites are Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest, and Pichavaram Mangrove in Tamil Nadu; Sakhya Sagar in Madhya Pradesh, and Pala Wetland in Mizoram.

Sh. Bhupender Yadav made the announcement on 26 July, which happens to mark the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem. Union Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.

248. 28 Seaplane Routes Connecting 14 Water Aerodromes Awarded By AAI Under UDAN, Says Civil Aviation Ministry

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has awarded 14 water aerodromes under the UDAN scheme across the country. This information was given by the Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation, V. K. Singh. A water aerodrome is an area of open water that can be used by seaplanes as well as amphibious aircraft to land and take off.

249. Piramal Enterprises gets RBI nod to start NBFC business

RBI Under Section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, has granted Certificate of Registration to the Ajay Piramal-led Piramal Enterprises Ltd (PEL) to commence the business of non-banking financial institution without accepting public deposits.

Back in 2021, the company made an application to the RBI for an NBFC license.

250. Tata Advanced Systems successfully delivered indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle to Indian Army

Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) said that the induction of the Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle-Medium (QRFV) will enhance the operational capabilities of the Indian Army in future conflicts.

The induction of these vehicles will enhance the operational capabilities of the Army. This 'fire & fury' vehicle has been developed by Tata Advanced Systems. Sukaran Singh, MD & CEO of TASL.

251. Union Cabinet approves Rs 1.64 lakh-crore revival package for state-run telco BSNL

Union Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the Union Cabinet has approved a revival package worth Rs 1.64-lakh crore for the state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL).

The Cabinet also approved the merger of BSNL and Bharat Broadband Network Limited (BBNL), the state-owned broadband infrastructure provider.

The revival programme is planned for a four-year period.

252. Lok Sabha passes National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021

The Lok Sabha has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021 by voice vote. The bill provides for constitution of the National Anti-Doping Agency- NADA for regulating anti-doping activities in sports. Its functions include planning, implementing, and monitoring anti-doping activities as well as investigating anti-doping rule violations.

253. Govt launches Coking Coal Mission to meet demand of domestic coking coal

The government has launched Coking Coal Mission to meet the demand for domestic coking coal. The government has taken steps to explore new coking coal blocks, auction of new coking coal mines, enhance raw coking coal production, and enhance coking coal washing capacity. Coal India Limited has undertaken constant efforts to enhance coking coal production.

254. DGCA asks SpiceJet to operate 50% of approved flights for 8 weeks over degraded safety margins, inadequate maintenance

The Civil Aviation Ministry has asked SpiceJet to operate just fifty percent of the approved flights for eight weeks following multiple snags. In order, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, DGCA said that the number of departures of SpiceJet is restricted to fifty percent of the number of departures approved under the Summer Schedule 2022. SpiceJet CEO: Ajay Singh

255. Govt amends FCRA rules to reduce compliance burden on citizens

The Central Government has amended the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Rules, 2022 aiming to reduce the compliance burden on citizens. As per the amended rule any person receiving Foreign contributions of more than 10 Lakh rupees in a financial year from relatives has to intimate to Central Government within three months of receipt.

256. World Hepatitis Day | July 28th

World Hepatitis Day, 28 July, is an opportunity to step up national and international efforts on hepatitis, encourage actions and engagement by individuals, partners and the public and highlight the need for a greater global response as outlined in the WHO's Global hepatitis report of 2017. Theme- Bringing hepatitis care closer to you

257. Cabinet approves a project for saturation of 4G mobile services in uncovered villages at a total cost of Rs. 26,316 Cr

Digital inclusion and connectivity for all is an integral part of 'antyodaya' vision of the Government. Last year Government approved a project for providing 4G mobile services in 7,287 uncovered villages in 44 aspirational districts across 5 states. In Independence Day address in 2021, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi gave a call for saturation of government schemes.

258. Rashtriya Khanij Puraskar- National Award to Promote Mining Across the Country

In order to incentivize the States who take initiative in exploration, auction and operationalisation of mineral blocks, Ministry of Mines has instituted a National level award scheme viz., Rashtriya Khanij Puraskar in three categories of minerals.

259. World Nature Conservation Day 2022 | July 28th

Every year, World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on 28 July to create awareness among people about the importance and significance of natural resources.

Conservation means the wise use of the earth and its resources for the lasting good of mankind.

260. Tamil Nadu rolls out 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' at 1,545 government primary schools

The Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to implement the first phase of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme at 1,545 government primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in Classes I-V during 2022-23. The cost would be Rs. 33.56 crore.

261. RBI's Digital Payments Index rises to 349.30 in March 2022

The Reserve Bank of India's composite Digital Payments Index (RBI-DPI) has risen to 349.30 in March 2022 against 270.59 in March 2021, indicating rapid adoption and deepening of digital payments across the country. It been constructed with March 2018 as the base period'DPI score for March 2018 is set at 100.

262. Union Bank sets up 'RACE' goal as part of its plan to be among top 3 PSBs

The fifth largest Public Sector Bank in India , the Union Bank has set 'RACE' ' grow RAM (retail, agriculture and MSME) loans, improve Asset quality, increase CASA (current account, savings account deposits) and increase Earnings ' as its goal for the year. A Manimekhalai - MD & CEO of Union Bank of India (UBI)

263. HCL's Roshni Nadar Malhotra is richest woman in India

Roshni Nadar Malhotra, chairperson of Indian tech giant HCL Technologies Limited, is the richest woman in the country for the second year in a row with a wealth of '84,330 crore, according to the 'Leading Wealthy Women 2021' report published by Hurun India and Kotak Bank. The position of the second richest woman in India is secured by Nykaa founder and CEO Falguni Nayar.

264. Boris Johnson gives Churchill Leadership Award to Ukraine's Zelenskyy

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crises.The Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006. Past recipients include Prince Charles, former British Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher and John Major.

265. 2022 Commonwealth Games | PV Sindhu and Manpreet Singh to be India's flag-bearers in opening ceremony

India's flag bearers for the Commonwealth Games 2022 opening ceremony, which will take place on July 28 at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, will be PV Sindhu, India's badminton star, and Manpreet Singh, the captain of the Indian men's hockey team. PV Sindhu, who led the delegation at the 2018 Gold Coast CWG, will carry India's flag for the second time.

266. PM Modi To Launch India's First International Bullion Exchange

PM Modi is set to launch India's first international bullion exchange at Gujarat's GIFT city an exchange which will empower India to influence global gold prices, considering it has one of the world's largest markets for gold. Bullion refers to physical gold and silver of high purity that is often kept in the form of bars, ingots, or coins.

267. Four-time champion Sebastian Vettel to retire from Formula 1 at the end of the 2022 season

Sebastian Vettel won all four of his championships with Red Bull between 2010 and 2013 and is third on the all-time list of Grand Prix winners with 53 victories.

Only Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher have more titles than him.

He is set to retire at the end of the 2022 F1 season with Aston Martin.

268. India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant handed over to Indian Navy

Maritime history was created with the Indian Navy taking delivery of the prestigious Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Vikrant, built by the Cochin Shipyard. The Commanding Officer Designate of Vikrant, Commodore Vidyadhar Harke and the Chairman and Managing Director of Cochin Shipyard Madhu S Nair signed the documents relating to the delivery of the vessel.

269. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launches the 11th Agriculture Census in the country

The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare launched the country's 11th Agri Census. The Agricultural Census is the primary source of information on a wide range of agricultural parameters at the most granular level, including the number and area of operational holdings, their size, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy, and cropping pattern, among others. The agriculture Census is conducted every five years

270. International Tiger Day | 29th July

International Tiger Day is observed every year all over the world on July 29. The objective of the day is to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers. As per World Wildlife Fund, approximately 95 percent of the population of tigers has declined in the last 150 years.

271. Ministry of Defences iDEX-DIO signs its 100th innovation contract

In April 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a project named iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence), billed as the Ministry of Defence's (MoD's) flagship for technological innovation. iDEX was to encourage start-ups and provide them a platform for co-creation and co-development in defence and aerospace technology. In July iDEX signed its 100th project.

272. DSF institutes first of its kind Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award for Excellence in Music

The Foundation has instituted a first-of-its-kind 'Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award' for Excellence in Music. The initiative is supported by the Indian Arts & Cultural Society. The Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award, which we have announced, will herald some unsung Indian musicians to the spotlight and acknowledge their contributions.

273. Cabinet approves additional investment by Bharat PetroResources Ltd. a wholly owned subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation L

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved additional investment of USD 1,600 million (about Rs. 12,000 crore) by Bharat PetroResources Ltd. (BPRL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) for development of BM-SEAL-11 Concession Project in Brazil.

274. EAM Jaishankar to pay 2-day visit to Uzbekistan to attend SCO meet

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will travel to the Uzbek capital Tashkent on a two-day (July 28-29) visit to attend a foreign ministerial conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO). Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and their Pakistani counterpart Bilawal Bhutto are also expected to attend the SCO meet.

275. ICICI Pru Mutual Fund launches ICICI Pru Nifty IT Index Fund

ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has launched ICICI Prudential Nifty IT Index Fund, an open-ended index scheme replicating the Nifty IT index. The NIFTY IT index captures the performance of Indian information technology companies. The index comprises 10 companies.

276. Egypt and India sign MoU to build a green hydrogen factory worth \$8 bln

India and Egypt have signed an MoU to set up a green hydrogen plant with investments of \$8 billion and a capacity of 220,000 tonnes annually in the Suez Canal Economic Zone. ReNew will set up a plant in Egypt with a capacity to produce 20,000 tonne green hydrogen a year, which will later be raised to 220,000 tonne, by relying on renewable energy sources.

277. Gujarat becomes first state to launch semiconductor policy: 2022 - 2027

The Bhupendra Patel-led Gujarat government has announced a dedicated 'Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27' with a view to generate at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of five years. In addition, the state proposes to develop a special 'Semicon City' which would be part of the Dholera Special Investment Region. Governor of Gujarat. - Acharya Devvrat

278. HAL signs \$100 mn contract with Honeywell for HTT-40 Engines

Government-owned Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) has signed a contract aggregating to \$100 million with US-based Honeywell for the supply and manufacture of 88 TPE331-12B engines/kits along with maintenance and support services to power the Hindustan Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40). The HTT-40 prototypes are powered by TPE331-12B engines and have been serving well since 2014. HAL Headquarters: Bengaluru

279. Manufacturing sector gets USD 21 billion FDI in FY22

The manufacturing sector attracted foreign direct investments worth USD 21.34 billion in 2021-22, an increase of 76 per cent year-on-year, the commerce ministry said. It said the government has implemented several reforms under the FDI policy regime across sectors such as insurance, defence, telecom, financial services, pharmaceuticals, retail trading, and e-commerce.

280. Ola Electric to locally make battery cells under Centre's PLI scheme

Ola Electric said it has signed an agreement under the Centre's production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme to manufacture advanced cells in India. SoftBank-backed Ola said it is the only Indian electric mobility company selected by the Government of India under its ambitious Rs 80,000-crore cell PLI scheme, receiving a maximum capacity of 20 gigawatt hour (GWh) for its bid Ola had recently unveiled India's first indigenously developed lithium-ion cell

281. Dr. Himanshu Pathak Appointed as Secretary-DARE cum DG- ICAR in Dept. of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

Dr. Himanshu Pathak was appointed as the Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE). Dr. Pathak is currently the Director of the ICAR-National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management in Baramati, Maharashtra. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Established- 16 July 1929.

282. IFS officer Pranay Verma appointed India's new ambassador to Bangladesh

Pranay Verma has been appointed India's new high commissioner to Bangladesh.

Verma, a 1994-batch Indian Foreign Service officer who is presently serving as India's envoy to Vietnam, will succeed incumbent Vikram Doraiswami.

Doraiswami is set to assume charge as Indian High Commissioner to the UK. Sandeep Arya appointed India's next envoy to Vietnam.



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Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	5.65%
Bank Rate	5.65%

APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT	POST
Eknath Shinde	Chief Minister of Maharashtra
Devendra Fadnavis	Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra
Hamza Abdi Barre	Prime Minister of Somalia
Yair Lapid	Prime Minister of Israel.
Asit Rath	MD & CEO of Aviva India
Lieutenant General Mohan Subramanian	Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)
Smriti Irani	Ministry of Minority Affairs
Jyotiraditya Scindia	Ministry of Steel
Paritosh Tripathi	MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance Company
Amitabh Kant	Sherpa for G-20 Summit
R K Gupta	Deputy Election Commissioner
Sanjiv Puri	Vice President of CII for 2022-23
Sanjai Kumar	Chairman & MD of RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RCIL)
Pratik Pota	MD & CEO of Eureka Forbes
Meena Hemchandra	Part-time Chairman of Karur Vysya Bank
Naureen Hassan	CEO of UBS Americas Holding
Mr. Meleveetil Damodaran	Non-Independent Non-Executive Director of IndiGo
Lt Gen Raj Shukla (Retd)	Member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Jayanti Prasad	Whole time member of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
Ennarasu Karunesan	Official representative in India for International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)
Nakul Jain	CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)
Vinayak Pai	MD of Tata Projects Ltd
Sanjay Arora	Delhi Police Commissioner
Alvaro Lario	President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
Rajendra Prasad	Managing Director of National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)
Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay	Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)
Parameswaran Iyer	CEO of NITI Aayog
Rakesh Makhija	Non-Executive Chairman of Axis Bank
Md. Mustafizur Rahman	High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India
Muralikrishnan B	President of India Business Xiaomi
Ashishkumar Chauhan	MD & CEO of National Stock Exchange (NSE)
Manoj Kumar	Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission
La Ganesan	Governor of West Bengal
Justice Vineet Saran	Ombudsman and Ethics Officer of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)
Rajarshi Gupta	MD of ONGC Videsh Ltd
Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem	Prime Minister of Kuwait

Ranil Wickremesinghe	President of Sri Lanka
Droupadi Murmu	President of India
Dinesh Gunawardena	Prime Minister of Sri Lanka
Akshaya Moondra	CEO of Vodafone Idea
Mohamed Mezghani	Secretary General of Union Internationale des Transports Publics (UITP)
Indermit Gill	Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics of World Bank
Bajram Begaj	President of Albania
Dr. Himanshu Pathak	Director General (DG) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)
Pranay Verma	India's high commissioner to Bangladesh

AWARDS

WINNER	AWARD
Ashok Soota	CII Quality Ratna Award 2021
Tanuja Nesari	Ayurveda Ratna award
Michelle Poonawalla	Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022
K P Kumaran	J C Daniel Award 2021
Maryna Viazovska	2022 Fields Medals
Hugo Duminil-Copin	2022 Fields Medals
June Huh	2022 Fields Medals
James Maynard	2022 Fields Medals
Jonny Bairstow	Men's ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2022
Marizanne Kapp	Women's ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2022
Ex-PM Shinzo Abe	Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum
Aparna Sen and Nandita Das	Icon Award at 2022 London Indian Film Festival
DBS Bank	World's Best SME Bank by Euromoney
Narayanan Kumar	'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award
Volodymyr Zelenskyy	Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award
Soorarai Pottru	Best Feature Film
Tanhaji	Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment
Suriya and Ajay Devgan	Best Actor
Aparna Balamurali	Best Actress
S Thaman	Best Music Direction
Justice Delayed but Delivered & Three Sisters	Best Film on Social Issues

IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
July 1st	State Bank of India (SBI) Foundation Day	
July 1st	National Doctors' Day	Family Doctors on the Front Line
July 1st	Chartered Accountants' (CA) day	
July 2nd	International Day of Cooperatives	Cooperatives Build a Better World
July 3rd	International Plastic Bag Free Day	

July 6 th	World Zoonosis Day	
July 7 th	World Kiswahili Language Day	
July 10 th	National Fish Farmers Day	
July 11 th	World Population Day	A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all ' Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all
July 12 th	World Paper Bag Day	
July 15 th	World Youth Skills Day	Transforming Youth Skills for the future
July 18 th	Nelson Mandela International Day	
July 20 th	International Moon Day	
July 20 th	International Chess Day	
July 22 nd	World Brain Day	Brain Health for All
July 23 rd	National Broadcasting Day	
July 24 th	Income Tax Day/ Aaykar Diwas	
July 25 th	World Drowning Prevention Day	
July 25 th	World IVF Day	
July 26 th	Kargil Vijay Diwas	
July 28 th	World Hepatitis Day	Bringing hepatitis care closer to you
July 28 th	World Nature Conservation Day	
July 29 th	International Tiger Day	
July 30 th	World day against trafficking in person	

OBITUARY

OBITUARY	RELATED FIELD
Satinder Kumar Lambah	Former diplomat
Peter Brook	Theater Director
EN Sudhir	Former Indian Football Player
Tarun Majumdar	Veteran filmmaker
P. Gopinathan Nair	Freedom fighter
Mohammad Barkindo	OPEC Secretary-General
Shinzo Abe	Former Japan Prime Minister
Brijendra Kumar Syngal	Former chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited
Jose Eduardo dos Santos	Former President of Angolan
Monty Norman	Music Composer
Dr Ajay Parida	Scientist
David Trimble	Nobel Peace Prize Winner

IMPORTANT STATIC & CURRENT INFO

INDIAN STATES, CAPITALS, CHIEF MINISTERS & GOVERNORS

STATE	CAPITAL	CHIEF MINISTER	GOVERNOR
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
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Mizoram	Aizawl	Pu Zoramthanga	Dr Kambhampati Haribabu
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Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
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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)

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Rajnath Singh	Ministry of Defence
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Nitin Gadkari	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
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