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## Banking & Finance

### 1. BOB Financial and HPCL launch co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card

BOB Financial and Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), have announced the launch of HPCL BoB co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card.

The card comes with various features including rewards for spending on utilities, grocery and departmental stores.

BOB Financial is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Bank of Baroda.

### 2. Stashfin introduces a credit line card for women

Neobanking platform Stashfin introduce #LiveBoundless ' a credit line card especially for women. The card offers dedicated cashback rewards, welcome credits, Free ATM Withdrawals and deals. Additionally, a host of other value-added services include 1% cashback on every spend to benefits worth Rs 5,000 in the first year, and a free credit period for select customers.

### 3. SBI sets up marketing team to showcase stressed assets to investors

State Bank of India (SBI) has set up a marketing team under its SARG (Stressed Assets Resolution Group) vertical to reach out to a broader investor base and showcase its stressed assets undergoing resolution under/ outside the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. Dinesh Kumar Khara - Chairman of SBI

### 4. RBI raises repo rate by 50 bps to 4.90%, real GDP growth FY22-23 is retained at 7.2%

The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) led by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das voted unanimously to raise repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90 percent.

>> Standing Deposit Facility and Marginal Standing Facility rates also raised by 50 basis points. Standing Deposit Facility rate now 4.65 percent, and Marginal Standing Facility rate now 5.15 percent.

### 5. World Bank cuts India's economic growth forecast to 7.5% for FY23

The World Bank cuts India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5 per cent as rising inflation, supply chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions taper recovery.

This is the second time that the World Bank has revised its GDP growth forecast for India in the current fiscal 2022-23 (April 2022 to March 2023). The GDP growth compares to an 8.7 per cent expansion in the previous 2021-22 fiscal.

### 6. Axis Bank, Indian Oil launch co-branded RuPay contactless credit card

Axis Bank and Indian Oil Corp.Ltd. (IOCL) in partnership with National Payments Corp. of India (NPCI), have announced the launch of a co-branded contactless INDIAN OIL AXIS BANK RuPay Credit Card.

As an onboarding gift, users of this card will be entitled to 100% cashback up to '250 on all fuel spends within the first 30 days of issue of card.

### 7. DBS Bank India, Bajaj Finance launch co-branded credit card

DBS Bank India has announced the launch of its first-ever credit card in India in partnership with Bajaj Finance Limited.

The Bajaj Finserv DBS Bank SuperCard, powered by Visa, is designed to de-clutter customers' wallets, eliminating the need to have multiple credit cards.

### 8. RBI doubles home loan limits of co-op banks

The limits for tier-I and tier-II UCBs have been revised from Rs 30 lakh to Rs 60 lakh and Rs 70 lakh to Rs 1.40 crore, respectively. These limits were last revised for UCBs in 2011 and for RCBs in 2009.

The RBI allowed urban cooperative banks to provide doorstep banking services to meet the needs of customers, especially senior citizens and differently abled persons.

### 9. RBI cancels The Mudhol Co-operative Bank's banking license on inadequate capital position

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the banking license of Karnataka-based The Mudhol Co-operative Bank citing inadequate capital situation. The bank is prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes, among other things, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits.

### 10. ICICI Bank partners with Zest Money to expand its 'Cardless' EMI facility

ICICI Bank announced its partnership with Zest Money, a digital EMI/pay later platform, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility. The customers of ICICI bank will be able to utilize Zest Money's flagship 'Pay-in-3' offering, where the bill would be split into three EMIs without extra costs. Customers can convert transactions up to Rs 10 lakh into EMIs,

### 11. Fino Payments Bank partners with Go Digit General Insurance Limited

Fino Payments Bank has partnered with Go Digit General Insurance Ltd to offer shop insurance policy to small & medium business owners. Fino is associated with Go Digit as a corporate agent. The tie-up will allow small and medium businesses to avail the benefits of Digit's My Business Policy in case of any adverse event. The policy will be valid for one year. The policy will also include in-built coverages like money in safe, money in transit, etc

## 12. Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy partners with SBI for vehicle financing

Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy has partnered with the State Bank of India for vehicle financing for its customers. The collaboration will enable customers, having pre-approved loan offers from SBI, to avail instant loans at low-interest rates starting from 9.55% p.a.

## 13. Mobisafar Services Pvt Ltd Partners with Suryoday Small Finance Bank Ltd

Suryoday Small Finance bank, one of India's leading small finance bank, has announced its partnership with Mobisafar to provide banking services through all Mobisafar's franchisees and Business Correspondent network across India.

Suryoday Small finance has been actively educating and promoting the benefits of social security schemes like PMSBY, PMJJBY & APY.

## 14. Bajaj Finance launches Financial Education Initiative, 'Har Time EMI On Time'

Bajaj Finance Limited, the lending arm of Bajaj Finserv Limited, a leading conglomerate in financial services, has launched its public awareness initiative 'Har Time EMI On Time', a digital campaign to drive awareness around the need and benefits of adopting good financial habits for a healthy financial future.

## 15. OmniCard becomes 1st RBI licensed PPI to launch cash withdrawal across all ATMs PAN India

OmniCard has announced that it became the 1st RBI licensed PPI (prepaid payment instrument) to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country.

The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallets.

## 16. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank gets SEBI's nod to float IPO

The Thoothukudi (Tamil Nadu)-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd, has received market regulator SEBI's approval to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).

The proposed IPO comprises a fresh issue of 1.582 crore shares and an offer for sale of 12,505 equity shares. The offer will constitute 10 per cent of the post-offer paid-up equity share capital.

## 17. RBI lifts restrictions on Mastercard over onboarding new customers

RBI lifted business restrictions on Mastercard.

On July 14 2021, RBI had announced the restrictions on Mastercard citing non-compliance with payments data storage rule

As per the 'Storage of Payment System Data' rules introduced in 2018, all foreign payment operators are required to ensure that the entire data relating to payment systems are stored in a system only in India

## 18. CASHe launches instant credit line on WhatsApp

Financial wellness platform CASHe has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on WhatsApp to provide customers with a fast, seamless and convenient way to access instant credit line by merely typing their name.

The firm offers an instant credit limit without the need for any documents, app downloads or filling up tedious forms.

## 19. Fitch Revises Outlook on 9 Indian Banks' IDRs to Stable; Affirms IDRs

Fitch Ratings has revised the Outlook to Stable from Negative on the Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings (IDR) of 9 Indian banks, while affirming their IDRs.

Fitch has also affirmed the Government Support Ratings (GSRs) for seven of them and the Shareholder Support Rating (SSR) on Bank of Baroda (New Zealand) Limited.

## 20. Microfinance loans grew 10% in FY22, shows Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN) data

The gross loan portfolio of India's microfinance industry grew 10% in 2021-22 to '2.85 trillion, according to data released by MFIN.

In terms of regional distribution of gross loans, the eastern, the northeastern and the southern states account for 64.3% of the total portfolio. Tamil Nadu has become the largest state in terms of portfolio outstanding followed by Bihar & WB.

## 21. RBI 'Payments Vision 2025' seeks 3-fold jump in digital payments

RBI aims to increase the number of digital payment transactions by more than 3X by 2025 and to curb the volume of cheque-based payments to less than 0.25% of the total retail payments.

The core theme of the vision documents is 'E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime' (4Es).

Document covers 47 specific initiatives and 10 expected outcomes. Payments Vision 2025 builds on the initiatives of Payments Vision 2019-21.

## 22. Equitas Small Finance Bank to launch exclusive savings account for kids

Equitas Small Finance Bank announced that it is all set to launch an exclusive savings account for kids named 'ENJOI'.

The savings account is aimed at introducing young kids to the financial world and encourage them to develop the saving habit early. The account will be launched on June 19 to coincide with Father's Day.

Equitas SFB: HQ: Chennai.

### 23. UPI goes to France; India named "country of the year" at Vivatech 2020

After the UAE, Singapore, Nepal, and Bhutan, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) said it has launched the Unified Payment Services (UPI) in Europe, starting with France.

NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) the international arm of NPCI has signed an MoU with France-based payments solution provider Lyra Network to accept UPI & Rupay cards in the country. Ashwini Vaishnav announced during his visit to France for the Viva Technology 2022 event.

### 24. Indian Bank Unveils KCC Digital Renewal Scheme

Public sector Indian Bank has unveiled KCC Digital Renewal Scheme enabling customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts through the digital platform.

Under the project WAVE - World of Advanced Virtual Experience initiative, Indian Bank MD and CEO, S L Jain launched the scheme which eliminates the need to visit a branch or submit added physical documents.

### 25. RBI suspends license of Millath Co-operative Bank due to inadequate capital

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cancelled the license of Millath Co-operative Bank Ltd., Davangere in Karnataka.

The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As such, it does not comply with the provisions of Section 11(1) and Section 22 (3) (d) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, says RBI.

### 26. HSBC India will lend \$250 million to Indian startups

Foreign lender HSBC India announced that it will lend \$250 million to startups in the country. The bank did not specify the timeframe for disbursement of the amount.

The lending will be done to high-growth, tech-led startups in the third largest startup ecosystem in the world, the lender said in a statement.

### 27. CIDCO gets SBI's Rs 5,000-crore line of credit for PMAY mega housing scheme

The Maharashtra government's town planning and infrastructure development authority, the City and Industrial Development Corporation (CIDCO), has secured a fund-based Line of Credit (LOC) worth Rs 5,000 crore from the State Bank of India (SBI) for the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) mass housing project in Navi Mumbai. SBI has sanctioned the line of credit at a very affordable rate of only 6%.

### 28. DBS Bank India acquires 9.9% stake in Svakarma Finance

DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) has acquired a 9.9 per cent stake in Svakarma Finance, a non-banking finance company, to deliver financial solutions to micro enterprises through a combination of direct lending and co-lending.

DBIL is among the first foreign banks in India to start operating as a wholly owned, locally incorporated subsidiary. DBIL is subsidiary of Singapore-based DBS and had acquired LVB in FY21.

### 29. CARD91, a global Payment Issuance Infrastructure company, announces strategic partnership with YES BANK and RuPay

Bengaluru-based CARD91, announced a strategic partnership with YES BANK and RuPay, the flagship product of the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). Through this partnership, CARD91 will create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments as well as maintain a real-time dashboard to generate insights.

### 30. RBI extends date for implementing provisions on credit, debit card issuance

RBI extended the timeline for implementation of certain provisions of the master directions it issued on issuance of debit cards and credit cards by three months from July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2022.

Issuers given more time for OTP-based activation, ensuring credit limit is not breached without cardholder's consent.

### 31. South Indian Bank launches EXIM trade portal 'SIB TF Online'

South Indian Bank has launched a new portal called 'SIB TF Online' for its corporate EXIM customers.

The portal facilitates a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely. The customer can initiate the payment request over SIB TF Online after uploading the relevant supporting documents for the transaction.

SIB: HQ: Thrissur; CEO: Murali Ramakrishnan; Tagline: Experience Next Generation Banking.

### 32. Government dept to collaborate with SBI to create integrated pension portal

During the two-day bankers' awareness programme in Udaipur, Rajasthan it was decided that immediate efforts are needed for the creation of an integrated pension portal by linking the existing portals of Centre's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) and the SBI to provide seamless services to pensioners.

### 33. [Karnataka Bank launches video-based customer identification process for account opening](#)

Karnataka Bank has launched online savings bank (SB) account opening facility through 'Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)'.

The facility enabled in the corporate website of the bank, empowers prospective customers to open an SB account through online process and complete KYC verification through a video call at their place of convenience. Karnataka Bank: MD and CEO:Mahabaleshwara MS; HQ: Mangalore

### 34. [ICICI Bank launches digital platform 'Campus Power' for students](#)

ICICI Bank launched a digital platform called 'Campus Power' to help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and abroad. The platform caters to the varied needs of the entire student ecosystem comprising students, parents, and institutes.

The new Campus Power platform assists users to explore financial products matching their needs.

### 35. [AU Small Finance Bank launches industry's first customisable credit card, LIT](#)

AU Small Finance Bank announced the launch of AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today) credit card which allows customers to choose the features they want in their card and also decide the time period they want those features for.

Instead of buying multiple cards for different categories, such as travel, shopping etc, the customer can opt for the categories of their preference under.

AU Small Finance Bank: MD & CEO:Sanjay Agarwal; HQ:Jaipur.

### 36. [RBI spent more to print '20, '50, '100, '200 notes in FY22](#)

Selling price of bank notes in the denomination of '20, '50, '100 and '200 rose in FY22. However, for notes in the denomination of '500, the prices have remained unchanged. Although notes of '500 denomination are the highest in terms of volume (34.9%) among all the paper notes in circulation, and also in terms of value (73.3%) their selling price has not seen any change. RBI spent '4,984.8 crore for printing currency in FY22.

### 37. [BOB Financial and Nainital Bank launch co-branded contactless RuPay credit card](#)

BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of Baroda and Nainital Bank ' established by Bharat Ratna Pt. Govind Ballabh Pant in 1922 (and managed by Bank of Baroda since 1973), today announced the launch of Nainital Bank ' BoB co-branded Contactless RuPay Credit Card.

### 38. [RBI extends card tokenisation deadline by 3 months](#)

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)announced an extension of the deadline for card data storage and tokenisation implementation by another three months to September 30, 2022 from June 30,2022.

As part of this initiative, merchants and payment aggregators are required to delete all card details and replace them with tokens.

### 39. [Acemoney launches offline UPI, wearable ATM cards](#)

Leading fintech services company Acemoney has launched UPI 123Pay payment & wearable ATM cards. UPI 123Pay payment allows people to carry out cashless transactions without smartphones or internet connections using feature phones.

Wearable ATM cards are gadgets designed as key chains & rings that enable people to carry out cashless transactions without ATM cards & phones. Acemoney is a fintech based out of Kerala

### 40. [RBI grants Prepaid Payment Instrument licence to Mufin Finance](#)

Mufin Finance, one of the leading NBFCs, has received in-principal RBI approval for issuance of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments.

A semi-closed PPI licence allows digital banks, fintech firms and large consumer-facing applications to roll out features such as digital payment solutions for lending.

Mufin Finance is the fourth NBFC to receive such a licence.

### 41. [SEBI gives UPI payment option to invest in public issues of REITs, InvITs](#)

SEBI provided an additional payment option of UPI or unified payments interface mechanism to retail investors to apply in the public issue of REITs and InvITs for application value up to Rs 5 lakh.

Earlier it decided to reduce the time taken for allotment and listing of units of privately placed InvIT after the closure of the issue to 6 working days as against 30 days.

### 42. [Airtel Payments Bank partners Axis Bank to digitise last mile cash collection](#)

Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Axis Bank to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions.

Under this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank will leverage the extensive reach of its digital-led neighbourhood banking model to support Axis Bank with the digitisation of last-mile cash collections.

## Economy

### 1. GST revenue jumps 44%; stands at Rs 1.41 lakh cr in May

GST revenue for May stood at nearly Rs 1.41 lakh crore, a 44 per cent increase over the same month last year, the Finance Ministry.

Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues came in lower than the record high collection in April at Rs 1.68 lakh crore.

In March GST revenues were at Rs 1.42 lakh crore, while in February it was Rs 1.33 lakh crore.

### 2. Coal Import Declines To 209 MT In 2021-22 Against 248 MT In 2019-20

Coal imports, which had reached a peak of 248 Million Ton (MT) in 2019-20, declined continuously during the next two years to 215 MT in 2020-21 and further to 209 MT in 2021-22.

Despite steep rise in actual demand of coal from 956 MT in 2019-20 to 1027 MT in 2021-22, coal imports have not increased.

Coal is a critical input for power, fertilizer, iron & steel and cement sector.

### 3. Govt ratifies 8.1% EPF interest rate for 2021-22, lowest in 4 decades

The government has approved 8.1 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22 -- an over four-decade low -- for about five crore subscribers of retirement fund body EPFO.

Earlier in March, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) decided to lower the interest on provident fund deposits for 2021-22 to 8.1% provided in 2020-21.

The 8.1 per cent EPF rate of interest is the lowest since 1977-78, when it stood at 8%

### 4. India's textiles exports highest-ever in FY22 at \$44.4 billion: Government

India recorded its highest-ever textiles and apparel exports in the financial year 2021-22 at USD 44.4 billion.

The exports tally, which also includes handicrafts, indicates a substantial increase of 41 per cent and 26 per cent over corresponding figures in FY21 and FY20, respectively.

USA was the top export destination for the country's textiles and apparel shipments. USA was followed by the European Union (18%), Bangladesh (12%) and UAE (6%)

### 5. OECD slashes India's GDP growth forecast to 6.9% in FY23

India's real GDP is projected to grow by 6.9% in fiscal year FY 2022-23 and 6.2% in FY 2023-24, as the country's economy loses momentum due to high inflation, and rising global energy and food prices, says the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its latest report.

### 6. Country's industrial activity jumps to 7.1 per cent in April against 1.9 per cent in March 2022

The country's factory output (IIP) accelerated by 7.1% in April, against 1.9% in March 2022. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data, the growth in IIP data during April is led by all the sectors. The manufacturing sector recorded a growth of 6.3%, the mining sector rose by 7.8% and the electricity sector climbed 11.8%. IIP is an index that details out the growth of various sectors in the economy

### 7. Fitch Ratings has revised its outlook on India's sovereign rating from 'negative' to stable

The rapid economic recovery in India made credit rating agency Fitch revise its outlook on India from negative to stable. It, however, has cut India's growth forecast for this year to 7.8% due to inflationary impact of the global commodity price. Previously, the agency predicted the growth of 8.5% for the fiscal year 2023. It maintained a rating of BBB- for the country.

### 8. CCEA approves increase of at least 1.5 times in MSP for Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23.

The approved rates are at least one and half times of the all India weighted average cost of production.

It will lead to greater investment and production. It will also provide assured remunerative prices for the farmers.

### 9. India's retail inflation eases to 7.04%

The retail inflation in May was estimated at 7.04 per cent, according to government data. The inflation has eased from a near eight-year high of 7.79 per cent recorded in April.

Inflation in the food basket was 7.97 per cent in May this year, marginally lower than 8.31 per cent in the previous month.

### 10. India's forex reserves slide by \$306 million to \$601 billion

India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves fell by \$306 million to \$601.057 billion for the week ended June 3 dragged by a sharp decline in the value of foreign currency assets.

In the previous week, the reserves had increased by \$3.854 billion to \$601.363 billion.

Gold reserves dipped by \$74 million to \$40.843 billion.

#### 11. US passes world's first 'right to repair' law for digital electronics

In a world's first, the New York state legislature has passed the "right to repair" bill that will require digital electronics manufacturers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to consumers and independent repair shops.

The "Fair Repair Act" comes after federal pressure to enforce consumers' rights to repair and refurbish their purchased goods.

#### 12. Russia overtakes Saudi Arabia to become India's 2nd biggest oil supplier

Russia has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine.

Iraq remained the top supplier to India in May & Saudi Arabia is now the third biggest supplier.

After the U.S & China, India is the world's third-largest consumer of oil.

#### 13. Creditors will now need to file info about defaults as Insolvency Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) amends rules

IBBI amended insolvency regulations, which now require creditors to file information regarding the assets and liabilities of their corporate debtors, along with other relevant financial information while initiating a corporate insolvency process.

Amendment also provides for filing copy of GST returns by operational creditors, along with e-way bills as evidence of debt

#### 14. Exim Bank estimates India's merchandise exports at \$117.2 bn in Q1FY23

The country's total merchandise exports are likely to be at USD 117.2 billion in the first quarter of FY23, according to India Exim Bank.

The total merchandise exports stood at USD 95.5 billion in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Non-oil exports continue to witness a double-digit growth of 12.6%, amounting to USD 93 billion, during first quarter of 2022-23.

#### 15. India's trade deficit widens to record \$24.29 billion in May

India's trade deficit widened to a record \$24.29 billion in May 2022 from \$6.53 billion in the same month last year due to a sharp jump in the country's imports, as per data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

The merchandise trade deficit in May 2022 is the highest ever monthly gap. On a year-on-year basis, it has surged by 271.96 per cent.

The trade deficit has widened sharply due to a jump in the country's imports.

#### 16. Adani Transmission gets 'green' tag for \$700-mn revolving loan facility

Adani Transmission Limited (ATL) has bagged the coveted green loan tag by Sustainalytics for its revolving facility worth \$700 million. This provides assurance on the green loan framework for ATL's revolving facility. A revolving loan facility is a flexible borrowing mechanism that enables the borrower to withdraw, repay, and withdraw again.

#### 17. 47th Meeting of Goods and Services Tax Council to be held in Chandigarh instead of Srinagar

The 47th meeting of the GST Council will be held on 28-29 June, 2022 at Chandigarh instead of Srinagar due to likely security issues.

The Council had last year set up a seven-member panel of state ministers, headed by Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, to suggest ways to augment revenue by rationalising tax rates. The GoM had last met in November 2021.

#### 18. Net direct tax collections for FY23 jump 45%

India's direct tax collections for the Financial Year 2022-23, as on 16 June 2022, showed net collections at Rs 3,39,225 crore compared with Rs 2,33,651 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, representing an increase of 45%.

Net collection in the current financial year has registered a growth of 171% over the corresponding period of financial year 2020-21.

#### 19. China takes over as biggest importer of Indian broken rice

China emerged as the top buyer of Indian rice during the pandemic, with the neighbouring country importing 16.34 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) or 7.7% of India's total rice export of 212.10 LMT in financial year 2021-22, according to an analysis of trade data.

The analysis shows that out of China's total rice import from India of 16.34 LMT, nearly 97 per cent was broken rice.



#### 20. India reports CAD of 1.2% of GDP in FY22 on widening trade deficit: RBI

India witnessed a current account deficit of 1.2 per cent of GDP in 2021-22 against a surplus of 0.9 per cent in FY2020-21 due to a wider trade deficit, the Reserve Bank said.

The Balance of Payments data suggested that goods imports stood at USD 618.6 billion in FY22 as against USD 398.5 billion in the year-ago period, leading to the widening of the trade deficit.

#### 21. PFRDA pension scheme subscribers up 24% to 53.2 million by May end

Subscribers under the two flagship pension schemes administered by PFRDA rose by over 24 per cent from a year ago to 5.32 crore as of May 31, 2022. The number of subscribers in various schemes under the National Pension System (NPS) rose to 531.73 lakh by the end-May 2022 from 428.56 lakh in May 2021. APY registered a growth of 31.6 per cent to 3.72 crore by end of May'22. The NPS was extended to all citizens of the country w.e.f. 1st May, 2009.

#### 22. AI Adoption Index introduced; AI can add \$500 bn to GDP by 2025: Nasscom

Nasscom has introduced 'AI Adoption Index' in a bid to assess trends of AI adoption in India.

The index was the first detailed assessment of AI adoption, beginning with four key sectors of banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI), consumer packaged goods (CPG), retail, healthcare and industrials and automotive. AI: the ability of digital computer to perform tasks commonly associated with humans.

#### 23. Consumption basket expanded, revamped consumer expenditure survey begins July 1

The government will launch fieldwork for the new Consumer Expenditure Survey on July 1, with the revamp including features such as three visits by an enumerator to a household to seek more detailed information on their consumption basket. The survey will cover around 1.2 lakh households in rural areas and around 84,000 households in urban areas. Consumer Expenditure Survey (CES) is usually conducted at quinquennial (every 5 years).

#### 24. To recoup payment for GST dues, nod for compensation cess levy till March 2026

In order to recoup payment for GST dues, the finance ministry has given an extension of nearly 4 years for the levy of GST compensation cess, till March 31, 2026.

The GST Council previously approved the repayment of loans intended to compensate states for the five years since the July 2017 rollout. This extension of the cess levy is in line with that permission.

#### 25. Cabinet approvals: Deregulation of Sale of Domestically Produced Crude Oil

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved 'Deregulation of Sale of Domestically Produced Crude Oil', where Government has decided to cease allocation of crude oil & condensate w.e.f. 01.10.2022. This will ensure marketing freedom for all Exploration & Production (E&P) operators.

All E&P companies will now be free to sell crude oil from their fields in domestic market. However, the ban on the export of crude oil will continue.

#### 26. Credit Card Spending Crosses Rs 1.13 Lakh Crore In May: RBI Data

Credit card spending has crossed Rs 1.13 lakh crore in May compared to Rs 1.05 lakh crore in the previous month according to official data.

The month-on-month rise in spending through cards indicates a pick-up in economic activity.

The data showed that 7.68 crore credit card holders spent about Rs 71,429 crore for buying online and spent Rs.42,266 cr at PoS machines in May. HDFC Bank had the highest number of credit cards at 1.72 crore in May followed by SBI



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### 1. Centre releases Rs 86,912 crore to states, clears GST compensation dues

The central government has released Rs 86,912 crore to state governments, clearing all the Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation due to them.

The Centre made the full payment despite only about Rs 25,000 crore being available in the GST compensation fund. The balance money has been paid from the Centre's own resources pending collection of cess.

### 2. Swati Dhingra to join Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee

Swati Dhingra has been appointed to the Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) by chancellor Rishi Sunak.

The MPC is responsible for deciding what monetary policy action the Bank of England will take to keep inflation low and stable. It meets eight times a year to set the Bank of England's own interest rate.

### 3. 7 more military airports to increase assistance to civil airlines

The government announced that seven more military airports would increase their contribution to civil aviation by giving working assistance and land to the Airports Authority of India (AAI).

### 4. 'eSanjeevani' integrated with NHA's Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

'eSanjeevani', Govt. of India's free Telemedicine service integrated with NHA's ABDM. This integration allows the existing users of eSanjeevani, the telemedicine service of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) to easily create their Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) and use it to link and manage their existing health records like prescriptions, lab reports, etc Dr. R. S. Sharma, CEO, NHA

### 5. CCEA clears sale of govt's 29.5% stake in Hindustan Zinc valued at '38,000 crore

The development would give a push to the government's disinvestment drive in the current financial year. The Centre has budgeted '65,000 crore from PSU disinvestment and strategic sale.

### 6. Union Minister Shri Bhagwant Khuba launches NSEFI's Pan-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign

The campaign was launched in an event at Bidar, Karnataka. The campaign is titled 'GHAR KE UPAR SOLAR IS SUPER' and aims at mobilizing local government, citizens, Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs), and Municipalities to spread awareness of Solar Rooftop. The ministry is working towards achieving target of 500 GW of non-fossil by 2030

### 7. India's largest gold reserves to be explored in Bihar

As per a Geological Survey of India (GSI) survey, around 222.88 million tonnes of the gold reserve are present in the Jamui district of Bihar. This amounts to 44 per cent of the total gold reserves in the country. The state government has accorded permission for exploration.

### 8. President Ram Nath Kovind addressed the centenary celebrations of Gita Press at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

President Ram Nath Kovind addressed the centenary celebrations of Gita Press, the world's largest publisher of Hindu religious texts.

The President said that 'Kalyan' magazine of Gita Press has a prestigious place as collectible literature from the spiritual point of view.

Gita Press was launched in 1923 by Jaya Dayal Goyanka.

### 9. India achieved 10% ethanol blending target in petrol months ahead of schedule: PM Modi

India has achieved the target of blending 10 per cent ethanol in petrol five months ahead of schedule, resulting in less carbon emissions, more savings for the country and better income for farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on World Environment Day and mentioned that in 2014 only 1.5 per cent ethanol was blended in petrol in India.

### 10. PM Modi addressed 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' in Shimla to mark the completion of eight years of the Union Government

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed 'Garib Kalyan Sammelan' in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Marking the completion of eight years of the BJP government, the programme was organised across the country at state capitals, district headquarters, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

Modi also released the 11th installment of financial benefits under the PM-KISAN scheme

Himachal Pradesh Governor: Rajendra Arlekar; Chief Minister: Jai Ram Thakur

### 11. Indian Railways increases online ticket booking limit through IRCTC website and app

The Railways Ministry said, it has decided to increase the limit of booking maximum six tickets in a month to twelve tickets by a user ID which is not Aadhaar-linked. The Ministry has also increased the limit of booking maximum twelve tickets in a month to 24 tickets by a user ID which is Aadhaar-linked.

### 12. Govt to monetise assets worth Rs 75,200 cr in coal mining sector in FY23

The government plans to monetise assets worth Rs 75,220 crore in the coal mining sector in the current financial year.

The monetisation of coal blocks is likely to generate a revenue of Rs 52,200 crore, followed by Rs 20,320 crore from projects on Mine Developer and Operator (MDO) model, Rs 2,000 crore from discontinued mines and Rs 700 crore from washeries.

### 13. HM Amit Shah inaugurates new building of National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi

Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the National Tribal Research Institute will play a crucial role in tribal development.

Inaugurating the newly-built National Tribal Research Institute at India Institute of Public Administration Campus in New Delhi.

It is being established at a cost of ten crore rupees.

### 14. Practice-Based Learning Programme Launched For Climate Change Management

Aiming to build capacity among 5,000 urban leaders in climate change adaptation in conjunction with the World Environment Day that was observed on 5 June, the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and World Resources Institute (WRI) India, jointly announced 'Leaders in Climate Change Management' (LCCM), a practice-based learning programme.

### 15. PM Modi Inaugurates & Lay Foundation Stone Of Multiple Development Projects In Gujarat

Prime Minister participated in a programme named 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan'. During the programme, he inaugurated and lay the foundation stone of development initiatives worth about Rs 3050 crores at Khudvel, a tribal region in Navsari. This includes the inauguration of 7 projects, foundation stone laying for 12 projects and Bhumi Pujan of 14 projects.

### 16. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) sets new Guinness World Record, lays 75-km long highway in 105 hrs

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has announced that a new Guinness World Record was created by NHAI in laying 75 km of bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH53 in 105 hours and 33 minutes.

The project implemented by NHAI and Raj Path Infracon Pvt Ltd.

### 17. Prime Minister inaugurates headquarters of IN-SPACE at Bopal, Ahmedabad

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE) at Bopal, Ahmedabad. It is an autonomous and single window nodal agency in the Department of Space for the promotion, encouragement and regulation of space activities of both government and private entities. The establishment of IN-SPACE was announced in June 2020.

### 18. Finance Minister dedicates to the nation Dharohar ' National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa

Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman dedicated to the nation, 'Dharohar' - the National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week. Museum showcases not only the artefacts seized by Indian Customs but also depicts various aspects of work performed by the Customs Department.

### 19. Union Home and Co-operation Minister chairs 25th Western zonal council meeting at Diu

Amit Shah chaired the Western zonal council meeting at Diu. Various issues related to Inter-state boundary, security, infrastructure transport and industries were discussed during the meeting. The Home Minister stressed the need for early investigation of rape and sexual offenses against women and children and stringent punishment in a time bound manner in these cases. Western council comprises Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu

### 20. Maruti Suzuki Installs Asia's Largest 20 MWp Solar Plant At Manesar, Haryana

Maruti Suzuki has set up a 20 MWp solar power plant at its Manesar facility in a bid to maximise the utilisation of renewable energy in its operations. The power plant will contribute 28,000 MWH2 annually to the group's manufacturing unit and which is equivalent to the energy required for the production of more than 67,000 units. The expansion is aimed at reducing at least 20,000 tons of CO2 emissions annually.

### 21. Maiden Service Of Bharat Gaurav Train Commences From Coimbatore North To Sainagar Shirdi

The first service of the theme-based Bharat Gaurav Train from Coimbatore North to Sainagar Shirdi started its journey.

With this, Southern Railway becomes the first zone in Indian Railways to get the first Registered service provider under the 'Bharat Gaurav' Scheme and commence the operations of the maiden service from Coimbatore North to Sainagar Shirdi.

## 22. Union Civil Aviation Minister awards first Type Certificate under Drone Rules to IoTech World Avigation Private Ltd

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia awarded the first Type Certificate under Drone Rules to IoTech World Avigation Private Limited in New Delhi. This company is one of India's leading manufacturers of Kisan drones.

There are 14 drone prototypes that are currently undergoing certification tests. The number of Type Certified prototypes may exceed 100 in 3 years. IoTech has received the Type Certificate in 34 days.

## 23. PM Modi inaugurated 'Kranti Gatha' and reconstructed 'Jal Bhushan' in Mumbai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kranti Gatha', a newly created Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries inside the underground British-era bunker at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. He also inaugurated the newly reconstructed 'Jal Bhushan', the residence and office of the Governor of Maharashtra.

The bunker that was discovered below Raj Bhavan in 2016.

## 24. PM inaugurated Jagadguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu in Pune

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Shila Mandir of Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj at Dehu village near Pune. Sant Tukaram was a Warkari saint and poet, famously known for Abhanga devotional poetry and community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans. He lived in Dehu.

## 25. Cabinet approves mega 5G auction

The Union Cabinet has approved the auction of airwaves capable of offering fifth generation, or 5G, telecom services, including ultra high-speed Internet, and gave its nod for setting up of captive 5G networks by big tech firms.

The spectrum auction of over 72 GHz will start on July 26, 2022.

## 26. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates National Yoga Olympiad 2022

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated National Yoga Olympiad - 2022 and quiz competition in New Delhi.

The National Yoga Olympiad is being organised jointly by the Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training from June 18-20.

## 27. PM Modi inaugurates Delhi's Pragati Maidan tunnel, five underpasses

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 1.3-km-long Pragati Maidan tunnel and five underpasses on Mathura Road.

The Pragati Maidan corridor has been built at a cost of more than Rs 920 crore and is funded entirely by the Union government. It is aimed at providing hassle-free access to the new world-class exhibition & convention centre being developed at Pragati Maidan. The tunnel is 1.6 KM long.

## 28. India's First Road Constructed From Steel Slag Inaugurated In Surat

Union Steel Minister Ram Chandra Prasad Singh has opened a 1km six-lane highway in Surat using around 1 lakh tonnes of treated steel slag from ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India's Hazira manufacturing plant. It was developed in collaboration with the Central Road Research Institute (CRRI), a laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR).

## 29. India's first 'Balika Panchayat' formed in five villages of Gujarat

India's first-ever girl Panchayat, "Balika Panchayat" was started in 5 villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. It aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation of girls in politics.

This is a unique initiative of the Women and Child Development Welfare department of Gujarat under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign. "Balika Panchayat" is managed by people in the 11-21 age group.

## 30. Centre mandates 3-yr health insurance plan for surrogate mothers

According to the new surrogacy rules, the intending couples will need to purchase a general health insurance cover in favour of a surrogate mother for a period of 36 months from an insurance company or an agent recognized by IRDAI for an amount which is sufficient to cover all expenses for all complications arising out of pregnancy and postpartum delivery complications.

## 31. World Bank approves \$245 million loan to modernise India's railway logistics infrastructure

The World Bank has approved a USD 245 million loan to support India's efforts to modernize rail freight and logistics infrastructure.

The Rail Logistics project will help India shift more traffic from road to rail, making transport -- both freight and passenger -- more efficient and reducing millions of tonnes of GHG emissions. Indian Railways is the fourth-largest rail network in the world.

## 32. Delhi airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy

GMR Group-run Delhi Airport has become first airport in India to run entirely on hydro and solar power from June 1st in a major step toward achieving the goal of becoming a Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030. Delhi International Airport Limited has signed a long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) with a Himachal Pradesh-based hydropower producing company for supply.

### 33. [Validity of expiring FCRA licences of NGOs extended till September 30,2022](#)

The Union Home Ministry extended till September 30 the validity of all FCRA registered NGOs. The validity of the registration certificates of such entities whose validity was extended till June 30 and whose renewal application is pending will stand extended till September 30, 2022 or till the date of disposal of renewal application, whichever is earlier.

### 34. [BIS formulates performance standards for Electric Vehicle Batteries](#)

Bureau of Indian Standard, National Standard Body of India, has published standards for Test Specifications for Lithium-ion Traction Battery Packs and Systems (Performance Testing) for Electrically Propelled Road Vehicles. The standard IS 17855: 2022 for these battery packs and systems is harmonized with ISO 12405-4: 2018. India has over 12 lakh electric vehicles and 1,742 public charging stations.

### 35. [NCW organizes workshop on Gender Responsive Governance for elected women representatives](#)

The National Commission for Women (NCW) organized a workshop on Gender Responsive Governance for elected women representatives (MLAs) under 'She Is A Changemaker' project, a pan-India capacity-building programme of the Commission for improving leadership skills of women representatives at all levels. Chairperson of National Commission for Women: Rekha Sharma

### 36. [Shri Ashwini Vaishnav launches Policy & Portal of e-auction for Commercial earning, Non-Fare Revenue \(NFR\) contracts](#)

Indian Railways has taken steps to bring Commercial Earning and Non-Fare Revenue contracts under the ambit of electronic auction through Indian Railway e-Procurement System (IREPS), in line with prevailing e-auction of scrap sale. Shri Ashwini Vaishnav launched e-auction for Commercial earning, Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) contracts in Rail Bhavan. In 2020, govt announced it would fully electrify its extensive railway network by 2023.

### 37. [Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurates 'Jyotirgamaya' festival showcasing talent of unsung performers in New Delhi](#)

Union Culture Minister Kishan Reddy inaugurated Jyotirgamaya- a festival showcasing the talent of unsung performers in Delhi. As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and on occasion of World Music Day, Sangeet Natak Akademi has organised this festival to showcase the talent of rare musical instruments from across the country, including street performers and train entertainers. Sangeet Natak Akademi was set up in 1953 for the promotion of performing arts in India.

### 38. [Sh. Nitin Gadkari Approves Draft GSR Notification To Introduce Bharat NCAP](#)

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has approved the Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program), wherein automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests. Bharat-NCAP will serve as a consumer-centric platform allowing customers to opt for safer cars based on their star ratings.

### 39. [Coal Ministry Action Plan to Enhance Coking Coal Production Substantially](#)

India has produced 51.7 MT raw coking coal during the financial 2021-22 which is 15 % more as compared to 44.8 MT during FY21. Domestic raw coking coal production continues to witness increasing trend in the current fiscal as well with production of 8.3 MT, as per the figures up to May'22, which is 20% more compared to 6.9 MT during the same period of previous year.

### 40. [Cabinet approvals: Categorisation of CDRI as International Organisation](#)

The Government approved the categorisation of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as an 'International Organisation' & signing of the Headquarters Agreement (HQA) with CDRI for granting it the exemptions, immunities and privileges as contemplated under the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947.

CDRI was launched by PM Modi during the United Nations Climate Action Summit in 2019.

### 1. Canada introduces new legislation to 'freeze' handgun ownership

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has announced new legislation that his government says will usher in 'some of the strongest gun control measures' in decades, including a 'freeze' on the buying and selling of handguns in the country. A mandatory buyback program for "assault-style weapons" will go into effect later this year if the bill passes.

### 2. UN approves Turkey's request to change name to Turkiye

The United Nations granted Turkey's request to change its name from Turkey to Turkiye, Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

The change came into force immediately at the time when the world body received a letter from Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu to the UN chief.

### 3. UNGA adopts resolution on multilingualism, mentions Hindi language for first time

In a significant initiative, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time.

Hindi @ UN' project was launched in 2018 with an objective to enhance the public outreach of the United Nations in the Hindi language. The resolution also mentions Bangla and Urdu for the first time.

### 4. Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland elected to UNSC as non-permanent members

Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique & Switzerland were elected to the UNSC as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term and will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway at the horse-shoe table from January 1 next year. They will join Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, the UAE, and the 5 permanent members China, France, Russia, the UK and the USA.

### 5. Lord Buddha's Holy Relics from India reach Mongolia for Buddha Purnima festivities

In a special gesture towards the people of Mongolia, four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha are being taken from India to Mongolia for an 11-day exposition as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima.

A 25-member delegation, led by Union Minister of Law and Justice Kiren Rijiju accompanying the sacred relics. Capital: Ulaanbaatar; Currency: Mongolian tgrg.

### 6. Cabinet approves Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre at Colombo

The Union Cabinet has approved a memorandum of association (MoA) by India for the establishment of BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Centre in Colombo.

The MoA was signed by the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation member countries at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

### 7. US central bank announces its biggest interest rate rise in nearly 30 years to rein in rising inflation

US central bank has announced its biggest interest rate rise in nearly 30 years to rein in surging inflation. The Federal Reserve said it would increase its benchmark rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to a range of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent.

It is the largest rate hike since 1994.

### 8. European Parliament votes to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035 to fight climate change

Members of the European Parliament have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035. The move aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles.

The European Union assembly voted in Strasbourg, France to require automakers to cut carbon-dioxide emissions by 100 percent by the middle of the next decade.

### 9. Somali president appoints Hamza Abdi Barre as prime minister

Somali president Hassan Sheikh Mohamud appointed Hamza Abdi Barre, a former chairman of the Jubaland state election commission, as the country's Prime Minister.

Last month Mohamud won the presidency for the second time, having previously served from 2012 to 2017. Somalia: Capital: Mogadishu; Currency: Somali shilling

### 10. Pakistan remains in FATF 'grey list' for terror financing, money laundering, but nearing exit

Pakistan got a reprieve from the Paris based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) international watchdog as it announced that the country could be removed from the 'grey list' after a visit by a fact-finding team to verify the measures it has taken to deal with terror financing.

FATF noted Pakistan's claims of actions to curb terror funding.

Marcus Pleyer is the President of FATF

#### 11. China launches third, most 'advanced aircraft' carrier named 'Fujian'

China launched its third aircraft carrier, the country's most advanced as well as the first "fully domestically built" naval vessel, as an aggressive Beijing sought to extend the range of its navy in the strategic Indo-Pacific region.

The Fujian is China's first domestically designed and built catapult aircraft carrier.

#### 12. World's largest freshwater fish found in Cambodia

The world's largest recorded freshwater fish, a giant stingray, has been caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia, according to scientists from the Southeast Asian nation and the United States.

The stingray, captured on June 13, measured almost four meters (13 feet) from snout to tail and weighed slightly under 300 kilograms (660 pounds).

#### 13. Mongolia's Khuvsgul lake added to UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves

Mongolia's Khuvsgul Lake National Park has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO.

Khuvsgul Lake is located in the northern Mongolian province of Khuvsgul near the Russian border, holding nearly 70 per cent of Mongolia's fresh water, or 0.4 per cent of the world's total.

#### 14. Citizen's initiative declares monkeypox outbreak a 'pandemic', urges WHO action

The World Health Network (WHN) - an independent coalition of scientists formed in response to the Covid-19 threat - said it considered the monkeypox outbreak a 'pandemic' and urged the World Health Organization (WHO) to make such a formal declaration.

The WHN pointed to over 3,500 confirmed monkeypox cases in 58 countries and said the outbreak is expanding rapidly.

#### 15. Sri Lanka revises Minimum Age for Migrant Domestic Workers

Sri Lanka has decided to amend the Minimum Age for Migrant Domestic Workers to 21 years. For Saudi Arabia the minimum age is 25 years, and for other Middle Eastern Countries is 23 years, and for all other countries is it 21 years. Current PM of Sri Lanka: Ranil Wickremesinghe;

#### 16. G7 leaders pledge 600 billion for developing countries

G7 leaders pledged to raise \$600 billion in private and public funds over 5 years to finance needed infrastructure in developing countries and counter China's Belt and Road project.

U.S. President Joe Biden and other G7 leaders relaunched the newly renamed "Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment," at G7 summit at Schloss Elmau in southern Germany.

#### 17. Iran launches a solid-fueled rocket 'Zuljanah' into space

Iran has launched a solid-fueled rocket into space. Named Zuljanah, this 25.5 meter-long rocket is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms that will ultimately gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran's space industry. Zuljanah is named for the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

#### 18. South Korea launches homegrown Nuri rocket carrying satellites into orbit

South Korea successfully launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket.

The three-stage Nuri rocket, built by the government's Korea Aerospace Research Institute 'together with hundreds of local companies, 'blasted off from the Naro Space Center in Goheung' on the southwestern tip of South Korea.

#### 19. US and its allies have launched a new initiative called 'Partners in the Blue Pacific'(PBP)

The PBP is a five-nation(USA,Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the United Kingdom) 'informal mechanism' to support Pacific islands and to boost diplomatic, economic ties in the region.

Announced on June 24, it speaks of enhancing 'prosperity, resilience, and security' in the Pacific through closer cooperation.

#### 20. West African states Gabon and Togo join Commonwealth

Gabon and Togo joined the Commonwealth becoming the latest nations with no historic ties to Britain to enter the English-speaking club headed by Queen Elizabeth II.

The 54-nation group of mostly former British colonies accepted Togo and Gabon's application for membership on the final day of its leadership summit in Rwanda. They are the first new members to join the Commonwealth since Rwanda in 2009.

### 1. Sakshi Malik, Divya Kakran, Mansi Ahlawat win gold medals at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup

Rio Olympics bronze medallist Sakshi Malik (62 kg category) won her first international gold medal in almost five years at the Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament at Almaty in Kazakhstan.

Two-time Asian champion Divya Kakran and Mansi Ahlawat also bagged golds in the 68kg and 57kg categories, respectively.

Sakshi Malik last won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Championships in 2017.

### 2. Sergio Perez wins Monaco Grand Prix

Red Bull's Sergio Perez registered his first Formula One win of the season in the rain-marred Monaco Grand Prix.

He finished ahead of Ferrari's Carlos Sainz and teammate Max Verstappen.

Meanwhile, it was Perez's third career win which also makes him the most successful Mexican driver in F1.

### 3. Indian men's hockey team defeats Japan 1-0 to bag bronze in Asia Cup

The Indian men's hockey team beat Japan 1-0 to clinch the bronze medal in the Asia Cup.

It had missed out on a chance to reach the Asia Cup 2022 final after playing out a thrilling 4-4 draw against South Korea at the GBK Sports Complex Hockey Stadium.

South Korea beat Malaysia 2-1 in a thrilling final.

### 4. Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches Khelo India Youth Games -2021 in Haryana's Panchkula

The fourth edition of games will be held from June 4 till June 13 and the events will not only be held at Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in Panchkula but also in Chandigarh, Ambala, Shahabad and Delhi as well.

### 5. Swapnil Kusale-Ashi Chouksey win 50m rifle 3P mixed gold, India end ISSF World Cup on 2nd spot

Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won the gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) mixed team competition at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Baku, Azerbaijan.

This was India's second gold in the tournament after the trio of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita won in 10m air rifle women's event. India had also bagged 3 silvers in the tournament and finished second behind Korea.

### 6. Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur Inaugurates Sports Complex Named After Wrestler KD Jadhav In Pune University

Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Khashaba Jadhav Sports Complex on the premises of Savitribai Phule University in Pune on May 28.

Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav was an Indian athlete. He is best known as a wrestler who won a bronze medal at the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki. He was the first athlete from independent India to win an individual medal in the Olympic

### 7. India beat Poland 6-4 in final to clinch inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship

India beat Poland 6-4 in final to clinch the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland. India, ended their campaign with an unbeaten record.

Earlier, India first outplayed Malaysia 7-3, pumping in four goals in the second half in a stunning show before beating Poland 6-2 in the second match of the day.

### 8. Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launches national aero sports policy

Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has launched a national aero sports policy, which established a four-tier governance structure to promote 11 disciplines including ballooning, para gliding and aerobatics.

The policy has been made with a vision of making India one of the top air sports nations by 2030. Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) will be the apex governing body.

### 9. Tamil Nadu CM launches logo, mascot of 44th Chess Olympiad

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin launched the official logo and mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad.

The mascot 'Thambi' is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'. The words "Chess Believe" are seen on its shirt.

### 10. Avani Lekhara wins second gold at Chateauroux 2022 World Cup

Paralympic champion Avani Lekhara continued her rich vein of form to clinch her 2nd gold medal at Chateauroux 2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup in France. The promising shooter from Rajasthan has already won the R2 - Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 gold with a world record effort and ensured India a quota for Paris 2024 Paralympics Games.

### 11. Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand clinches 3rd place in Norway Chess tournament

Indian Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand defeated Norway's Aryan Tari in the ninth and final round of the Classical section to clinch the third place in Norway Chess tournament.

Anand won the Armageddon round against Norwegian after the classical match ended in a 22-move draw.



#### 12. [India's star teenager GM R Praggnanandhaa wins Norway Chess Open](#)

India's Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament after netting 7.5 points from nine rounds. The rising Indian star finished a point ahead Marsel Efroimski and Jung Min Seo, who tied for 2nd place. The 16-year old GM, the top-seed, remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over compatriot V Praneet.

#### 13. [Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title](#)

Haryana emerged champions in the fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games to dethrone defending champions Maharashtra in Panchkula.

It was the boxers who packed a punch in their performances on the final day to help Haryana take the final lead, leaving Maharashtra behind in second spot.

Haryana ended their campaign with a grand tally of 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze.

#### 14. [IISM launches pathbreaking India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing](#)

India's leading sports management college, International Institute of Sports Management (IISM) has launched.

India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing in the country as part of a series that will aim to enrich students with industry knowledge.

IISM, founded by former India international cricketer Nilesh Kulkarni, has been a pioneer in Sports Management Studies. IISM HQ:- Mumbai.

#### 15. [Angelo Mathews, Tuba Hassan crowned ICC Players of the Month for May](#)

The International Cricket Council (ICC) on June 13 announced that Sri Lanka's batting star Angelo Mathews and Pakistan's debutante spin sensation Tuba Hassan have been voted the ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for May 2022.

Mathews becomes the first Sri Lanka player to be named the ICC Player of the Month since its inception in January 2021.

#### 16. [Formula One: Max Verstappen wins Azerbaijan GP to become Red Bull's most successful driver](#)

Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix to extend his Formula One championship lead over Ferrari's Charles Leclerc.

Verstappen and Perez are one and two in the drivers' championship, followed by Charles Leclerc and Mercedes' George Russell.

#### 17. [Indian para-power- lifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar win bronze medals in Asia Oceania Open Championships](#)

Indian para-powerlifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar have won bronze medals on the opening day of World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea.

Manpreet Kaur, won the bronze medal in the 41 kg category.

In men's category, Parmjeet Kumar, also won the bronze medal in 49 kg category.

#### 18. [Dr Jaishankar and Shri Anurag Thakur inaugurate first-ever SAI Squash Courts at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium](#)

External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated the Squash Courts at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi.

These are the first-ever Squash courts opened by the Sports Authority of India in any centre across the country.

#### 19. [Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra wins gold at Kuortane Games in Finland](#)

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the Kuortane Games in Finland, beating reigning world champion Anderson Peters

The 24-year-old Chopra's opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance.

#### 20. [India's Pranati Nayak wins bronze in Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships](#)

Pranati Nayak has bagged a bronze medal in the vault section of the 9th Asian Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Doha, Qatar. This is Pranati's second medal in the Asian Championships, making her the only Indian to win two medals in the Continental Championships.

With this score, Pranati finished behind South Korea's Yeo Seo-Jeong (14.084) & Shoko Miyata (13.884) of Japan

#### 21. [SAI gives go-ahead to release Rs 6.52 crore as Out of Pocket Allowance to 2189 Khelo India Athletes](#)

Sports Authority of India has sanctioned to release a total of Rs 6.52 Crore as an Out of Pocket Allowance (OPA) for a total of 2189 Khelo India Athletes (KIAs) across 21 disciplines, including para, for the months of April to June 2022.

A financial assistance of Rs 6.28 lakhs is allocated for each residential athlete including an OPA of Rs.1.20 lakh. The funding has been done as per the Khelo India Talent Development (KITD) Scheme

## 22. India's Anahat Singh wins Asian Junior Squash title in under-15 category

Indian player Anahat Singh won the gold medal in the girls Under-15 category at the Asian Juniors Squash Championships in Pattaya, Thailand.

The 14-year-old Anahat defeated Kwong Ena of Hong Kong 3-0 in the final to claim the top prize. She is the only Indian girl to win the US Junior Open in any category and the British Junior Open.

## 23. FIFA unveils host cities for 2026 World Cup

FIFA has announced the 16 North American cities that will host the World Cup in 2026.

Eleven cities in the U.S., along with three cities in Mexico and two in Canada, will host the 48-team tournament, an expansion from the previous 32-team count. It will be the first time three nations have been appointed to host the World Cup.

## 24. Indonesia Open 2022: Viktor Axelsen retains men's singles title; Tai Tzu Ying won women's singles

Danish player Viktor Axelsen successfully defended his badminton Indonesia Open title after beating China's Zhao Jun Peng 21-9, 21-10 in the men's singles final.

Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei saw off Asian champion Wang Zhi Yi of China to win her third women's singles crown at the tournament (after titles in 2016 and 2018).

## 25. Canadian Grand Prix 2022: Max Verstappen holds off Carlos Sainz to win in Montreal

Red Bull's Max Verstappen held off Carlos Sainz's charging Ferrari to win the Canadian Grand Prix and surge 46 points clear in the Formula One world championship after his 150th race.

The 24-year-old Dutch driver took his 26th career win 0.9 of a second ahead of Spaniard Sainz, who closed the gap and set up a thrilling final chase thanks to a safety car deployment.

## 26. Sunil Chhetri becomes joint 5th highest goalscorer in international football history

Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history.

Chhetri achieved this feat during their AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong where he scored his 84th goal. He has now equalled legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas goals scoring exploits on the international level. In October 2021, Chhetri surpassed legendary football player Pele's record of 77 goals.

## 27. Indian women's Wrestling team wins Under-17 Asian Championship with total of eight gold in Kyrgyzstan

Indian women's Wrestling claimed Under-17 Asian Championship title with a total of eight gold at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze. Japan had to be content with the runners-up trophy with 143 points and Mongolia finished third with 138 points.

## 28. Cyclist Ronaldo scripts history, becomes first Indian to win silver in Asian championships

Ronaldo Singh scripted history as he became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver in a continental tournament in the senior category by finishing second in the sprint event on the concluding day of the Asian Track Championship in New Delhi.

The Indian cycling team finished fifth with 23 medals (2 Gold, 6 Silver, 15 Bronze).

## 29. Weightlifter Gurunaidu Sanapathi becomes Youth World Champion

Gurunaidu Sanapathi has become India's first weightlifter to win a gold at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico. The 16-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a total effort of 230kg (104kg+126kg) in the boy's 55kg event.

Besides Sanapathi, compatriot Soumya S. Dalvi bagged the bronze.

## 30. Rumeli Dhar retires from all forms of international cricket

India seam bowling all-rounder Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket. The 38-year old, who featured in 18 T20Is, 78 ODIs and four Tests for India, posted a message on her social media to announce the same.

## 31. National Kiteboarding championship to be held in Tuticorin from June 27

The third edition of the National Kiteboarding Championship will be held in Tuticorin.

The event will see over 50 athletes from all over the country competing for top honours.

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

The three-day event will be held under the aegis of the Yachting Association of India (YAI). Kiteboarding will be making its debut in Olympics at Paris in 2024.

## 32. Archery World Cup Stage 3: Deepika & Co bag silver, India end with three medals

At the Archery World Cup Stage 3 in Paris mixed team pair of Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha won gold by defeating host nation France.

Jyothi then added another silver medal to her name after losing the women's compound individual final against UK's Ella Gibson.

Indian women's recurve team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat & Simranjeet Kaur settled for a silver medal.

### 33. Navjeet Dhillon wins gold medal in discus throw at Qosanov Memorial 2022

India's female discus thrower Navjeet Dhillon clinched the gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Kazakhstan. Navjeet, who is eyeing a place in the Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games, won the women's discus throw event with a 56.24m effort.

### 34. Dhanalakshmi becomes 3rd fastest Indian woman in 200m

Tokyo Olympian Dhanalakshmi Sekar clocked her personal best time of 22.89s to win the 200m sprint at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Dhanalakshmi is only the third Indian woman to run sub-23s after national record holder Saraswati Saha (22.82s) and Hima Das (22.88s).

Another Indian Dutee Chand was third with a time of 23.60s.

### 35. Olympic Champion Sydney McLaughlin breaks own 400m hurdles world record

Olympic Champion Sydney McLaughlin broke her own world record in the 400-meter hurdles at the US outdoor track and field championships.

She crossed the finish line at Hayward Field in 51.41 seconds, breaking her own record of 51.46 set last year at the Tokyo Games.

### 36. Deepak Punia wins bronze in U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022

Tokyo Olympian Deepak Punia won a bronze medal after defeating Maksat Satybaldy in the 86kg freestyle weight category at the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

India won 25 medals in all in the U23 meet in the event, including 10 gold medals.

### 37. Mohammed Jalood elected president of the International Weightlifting Federation

Iraqi official Mohammed Jalood was elected president of the International Weightlifting Federation.

Jalood is a longtime IWF official who held the post of general secretary until before this.

Jalood is the first permanent president since Tams Ajn stepped down in 2020 after 44 years.

IWF is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### 38. Novak Djokovic becomes 1st player to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams

Novak Djokovic became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon-woo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court his 80th win in Wimbledon.

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## Agreements & MoUs

### 1. India-Senegal sign three MoUs for cultural exchange, cooperation in youth matters and visa free regime for officials

Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu, who is on a three-nation tour to Senegal along with a government delegation, has signed three MoUs -(cultural exchange, cooperation in youth matters and visa free regime for officials) with the West African country to further deepen bilateral partnership in various areas. Senegal's Capital: Dakar; Currency: West African CFA franc.

### 2. T.N. signs MoU with India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for pensioners' digital life certificate

Tamil Nadu government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the IPPB for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of the Postal Department. The doorstep services of the IPPB, for obtaining digital life certificate through Jeevan Pramaan Portal to avoid hardship of coming in person for aged pensioners/family pensions.

### 3. Tata Projects wins bid to build Jewar Airport, beats SP Group and L&T

Tata Projects will build the national capital region's new airport at Jewar, after outbidding the Shapoorji Pallonji Group and Larsen & Toubro for the contract. The new airport is expected to be functional by 2024. Natarajan Chandrasekaran is the Chairman of the Board at Tata Sons

### 4. C-DOT signs agreement with VVDN Technologies and WiSig Networks to develop 5G Open RAN

The Centre for Development of Telematics has signed an agreement with WiSig Networks Private Limited and VVDN Technologies Private Limited for collaboration in the area of Open RAN-based Radio Network for 5G solution. The Ministry of Communications said that it is a major step for Indigenous development of 5G Open RAN under Aatmanirbhar Bharat Initiative.

### 5. India, Canada sign MoU for cooperation on environmental protection, climate action

The MoU was signed by environment minister Bhupender Yadav and his Canadian counterpart Steven Guilbeault in Stockholm. The two countries will collaborate, exchange information and expertise, and support each other's climate and environmental goals through effective, long-term solutions that also advance economic growth and create jobs.

### 6. Chandigarh Administration, IAF sign MoU on Heritage Centre in Sector 18

The UT Administration and the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU on the Indian Air Force Heritage Centre coming up at the Government Press building in Sector 18 in Chandigarh. The centre will have simulators, decommissioned aircraft, aero engines and other IAF artefacts. The centre will include virtual reality and AI technology.

Chandigarh Administrator: Banwarilal Purohit; Chief of the Air Staff:VR Chaudhari

### 7. Israel signs first Arab free trade agreement with UAE

Israel has signed a free trade agreement with the United Arab Emirates, its first big trade accord with an Arab state and a move aimed at boosting trade between the two Middle Eastern nations. The trade agreement defined tax rates, imports and intellectual property, which would encourage more Israeli companies to set up offices in the UAE.

### 8. BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center signs MoU with BRICS bank

The BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries.

The BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center was launched in Xiamen in December 2020. NDB: President: Marcos Troyjo; HQ: Shanghai.

### 9. HDFC Bank signs MoU with 100X.VC to support start-ups

HDFC Bank signed an MoU with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm, to engage more deeply with the start-up community.

The Bank will extend its full suite of specialised services and facilities tailored for start-ups, known as Smart-Up, to all the firms associated with 100X.VC.

### 10. LinkedIn, UN Women join hands to create employment opportunities for women

LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, said it will invest USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 crore) in partnership with UN Women to advance women's economic empowerment.

The project will launch a pilot in Maharashtra to cultivate the digital, soft and employability skills of 2,000 women.

The three-year regional collaboration will digitally upskill women.

#### 11. MoU signed by implementation partners for India's first graphene research and innovation centre

MoU was signed between the Digital University of Kerala, the Centre for Materials and Electronic Technology (C-MET) and Tata Steel to set up India Innovation Centre for Graphene in Kochi, which is slated to be the country's first research and development knowledge centre for graphene.

The university is the first on-campus digital varsity in the country.

#### 12. Zomato and Jio-bp tie-up for EV

Zomato and Jio-bp have entered into an agreement to support Zomato's commitment towards 'The Climate Group's EV100 initiative of 100 per cent EV fleet by 2030.'

Jio-bp, the fuel and mobility joint venture between Reliance Industries Ltd and bp, will provide EV mobility services to Zomato and access to 'Jio-bp pulse' battery swapping stations for last-mile delivery.

#### 13. UPEIDA signs MoUs with PSBs to boost investment in UP Defense Industrial Corridor

Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has signed MoUs with SBI, Bank of Baroda, PNB and SIDBI to boost investment in the UP Defense Industrial Corridor.

In addition to this, UPEIDA also signed an MOU with the IIT Kanpur Research and Technology Park Foundation for research and development in the field of aerospace and defence ecosystem.

#### 14. IIT-M, army partner to set up 5G testbed at Indore military college

Army Training Command (ARTRAC) is partnering with IIT-Madras to set up a 5G testbed at Military College of Telecommunication in Indore's Mhow to help the army to utilise 5G technology for its operational use, especially along the international borders.

#### 15. GE Steam Power inks USD 165 mn pact to supply 3 nuclear steam turbines to BHEL

GE Steam Power has signed a USD 165 million contract with BHEL for the supply of three nuclear steam turbines out of six units for NPCIL's domestic nuclear program- phase 1 being developed at Gorakhpur, Haryana (units - 1 to 4 (GHAVP)) and Kaiga (Kaiga-5&6) Karnataka.

Today, GE's steam turbine technology operates in 50 per cent of the world's nuclear power plants.

#### 16. Indian Navy inks pact with DG Shipping for transition of Indian navy personnel into merchant navy

MoU has been signed between Indian Navy & Directorate General of Shipping to facilitate transition of Indian Navy personnel into the merchant navy.

Under the provisions of the pact, the DG Shipping has envisioned certification of Indian Navy personnel in accordance with the International STCW (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) conventions.

#### 17. ONDC partners with NABARD to activate e-commerce in agri tech

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) is working to activate e-commerce in the agriculture domain in partnership with NABARD. ONDC and NABARD have come together to host the NABARD-ONDC Grand Challenge (hackathon) which aims to establish market linkages for the enabled players with market ready Farmers Producers Organisations (FPOs) in the country.

ONDC is a non-profit Section 8 company established by DPIIT to develop open e-commerce.

#### 18. C-DOT signs agreement with Galore Networks for collaborative development of end-to-end 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) products

Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) is keen on building robust partnerships with various stakeholders of indigenous 5G ecosystem including local industry and start-ups. C-DOT and Galore Networks have signed an agreement for collaborative development of end-to-end 5G RAN products & solutions. C-DOT has developed its indigenous 4G solution and is keenly working in the area of 5G.

#### 19. Liberty General Insurance partners with Peerless Financial Products Distribution

Liberty General Insurance has entered into a corporate agency agreement with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFDDL) to enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products through Peerless' network of 42 branches across the country.

#### 20. Bharat Electronics signs MoU with Belarus firm for the supply of Airborne Defense Suite

Bengaluru-headquartered defence PSU, Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus) to build cooperation amongst the three companies for the supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for Indian Air Force's helicopters.

#### 21. BSE, MACCIA join hands to create awareness on SME listing across Maharashtra

BSE said it has collaborated with the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture to promote and create awareness in the state on the benefits of listing on its SME platform.

Being the apex chamber and primary body of all associations, MACCIA represents the highest MSMEs in the state.

## 22. Protean and PayNearby partner to offer e-PAN Services

Protean eGov Technologies Ltd (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd) & PayNearby have partnered to offer PAN-related services for PayNearby's retail partners through Aadhaar and biometric or SMS-based OTP authentication for their customers.

Protean accepts and processes PAN applications on behalf of the Income Tax Department, Government of India.

Under the collaboration, PayNearby will work as the PAN Service Agency (PSA) of Protean.

## 23. Cabinet approvals: MoU between Dept of Science and Tech India and Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore

Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Narendra Modi was apprised of an MoU signed between the Department of Science and Technology of India and Ministry of Trade and Industry of Singapore on Cooperation in the fields of Science, Technology and Innovation.

MoU will provide a mechanism and help in creating and ecosystem that will promote innovation and entrepreneurship. The MoU was signed in February 2022.

## 24. Cabinet approvals: Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between MNRE, India and IRENA

Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi was apprised of a Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), India and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

The aim of the Agreement is to drive ambition, leadership and knowledge on green energy transitions based on renewable energy in India.

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## Schemes

### 1. Govt extends PMEGP scheme till FY'26 with Rs 13,554 crore outlay

The government on Monday approved the continuation of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.

The outlay approved for the continuation of the scheme during the 15th Finance Commission cycle is Rs 13,554.42 crore.

Since its inception in 2008-09, about 7.8 lakh micro enterprises have been assisted.

### 2. PM Modi releases 11th installment of PM-KISAN benefits worth Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 crore families

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 11th instalment of financial benefits worth Rs 21,000 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme to more than 10 crore farmers in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.

Under the PM-KISAN, financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year is provided to the eligible farmer families, payable in three equal instalments of Rs.2000.

### 3. Ro-Ro services: Shipping Ministry proposes guidelines for 1900-crore coastal ferry projects

The centre has floated draft guidelines for operating Roll-on, Roll-off (Ro-Ro) ferry services on India's coastline.

Ministry said that it is financially supporting 45 projects with total project cost of Rs 1900 crore under the gambit of Sagarmala including 4 projects in Andhra Pradesh, 2 projects in Odisha & one each in Tamil Nadu and Goa.

### 4. Govt Launches NIPUN Scheme To Upskill Construction Workers

The project NIPUN is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to train over 1 lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also. 'NIPUN' i.e. National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers.

### 5. Assam becomes the 36th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card scheme

Assam has become the 36th State to implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme.

With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, and Union Territories, making food security portable throughout the country.

ONORC is a scheme that will nationalise a beneficiary's ration card by a process called Aadhaar Seeding.

### 6. 7th Anniversary to commemorate launch of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban celebrated by MoHUA

MoHUA organised a virtual event on today to celebrate 7 years of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), which was launched by PM Modi on 25th June 2015. The event was presided by Shri Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. MoHUA has launched Affordable Rental Housing Complexes, under PMAY-U for urban migrants.

### 7. DoT introduces design-linked incentive scheme, extends telecom PLI by 1 yr

The Department of Telecom has launched an incentive scheme for design-led manufacturers and extended the duration of the Rs 12,195 crore production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme by a year. The incentive for design-led manufacturing is part of the PLI scheme. PLI scheme was notified on February 24, 2021.

### 8. Swachh Bharat Mission- Urban 2.0 launches Revised Swachh Certification Protocols to sustain Open Defecation Free Status

Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), has launched the Revised Swachh Certification Protocols for ODF, ODF+, ODF++, and Water+ certifications. The Revised Swachh Certification Protocols is more functionality-oriented and has been simplified for officials and citizens to understand it better. Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 was launched on 1st October 2021.

### 9. Union Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda launches second phase of GOAL programme in New Delhi

Arjun Munda launched the second phase of Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) programme, a joint initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Meta (FaceBook) to digitally upskill 10 lakh youth by promoting entrepreneurship amongst tribal communities of the country.

GOAL Program was launched on 15th May 2020 by Facebook in partnership with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

#### 10. Union government launches pilot project on 'One Health' in Karnataka

The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD), Government of India, launched the pilot project on 'One Health' in Karnataka.

It is a multi-sectoral approach that takes into consideration human, animal and environment health and the inter-connectivity and the interdependence of the three for holistic health.

Uttarakhand & Karnataka were selected for the pilot. DAHD is piloting the project with financial support of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.



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## Appointments & Resignations

### 1. Rajesh Gera appointed DG National Informatics Centre

Rajesh Gera has been appointed as the Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC).

The NIC, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), was established in 1976 with the objective to provide technology-driven solutions to central and state governments.

### 2. Retired SBI senior executive Natarajan Sundar joins NARCL as MD CEO

Former State Bank of India executive Natarajan Sundar has joined National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) as managing director and CEO.

Karnam Sekar, Malvika Sinha named independent directors; NARCL Board now has 5 nominees from shareholder banks.

### 3. Centre elevates top IPS officer SL Thaosen as SSB chief, Zulfiquar Hasan named new DG BCAS

Senior IPS officers Zulfiquar Hasan and S L Thaosen have been appointed as the new directors general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) respectively.

Sh. Hasan has been appointed for a tenure up to his superannuation on 31.10.2024.

Sh. Thaosen's order said he has been appointed as the DG, SSB up to 30.11.2023.

### 4. Sanjay Kumar Verma selected as CMD, MECON Ltd

Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) recommended Sanjay Kumar Verma for the Chairman and Managing Director of MECON Limited. Currently, he is serving as Director (Commercial) in the same organization.



#### 5. Former SBI MD Ashwani Bhatia takes charge as whole-time member at Sebi

Ashwani Bhatia took charge as a whole time member (WTM) at market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

Bhatia was previously the managing director of state-owned State Bank of India (SBI).

After Bhatia's joining, Sebi now has three WTM. Sebi's current chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch.

#### 6. Punjab & Sind Bank MD & CEO S Krishnan retires

Punjab & Sind Bank Limited, an Indian nationalised bank, announced that its MD & CEO S Krishnan to retire from the role, with effect from May 31, 2022.

Prior to joining Punjab & Sind Bank as MD & CEO, Krishnan was Executive Director of Syndicate Bank and Canara Bank.

He started his carrier in Indian Bank in January, 1983.

#### 7. SAI DG Sandip Pradhan gets another tenure extension of more than 2 years

Sports Authority of India Director General Sandip Pradhan was granted a tenure extension of more than two years in his present capacity by the Government of India.

It's the second extension granted to Pradhan. In May 2020, his tenure was extended by two years.

#### 8. Xiaomi names new head for India unit

The Indian unit of Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi Corp said it has appointed founding member Alvin Tse as its general manager. Also, Anuj Sharma will rejoin the company as the chief marketing officer.

#### 9. DD Director-General Mayank Kumar Agrawal given additional charge of Prasar Bharati CEO

Doordarshan and Doordarshan News Director-General Mayank Kumar Agrawal has been given the additional charge of Prasar Bharati Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Mr. Shashi Shekhar Vempati who appointed as CEO of the public broadcaster in June 2017, on the recommendation of a three-member committee headed by the then Vice-President completed his tenure of years.

#### 10. IMF appoints Krishna Srinivasan APAC director

The International Monetary Fund has named Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as Director of the Asia Pacific Department.

Prior to focusing on Asia Pacific, he was Deputy Director in the Western Hemisphere Department, monitoring the economies of Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, and the Caribbean.

IMF's Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva.

#### 11. Delhi High Court Appoints Former Justice Pankaj Naqvi As Administrator To Handle Affairs Of Judo Federation Of India

Delhi HC appointed former Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Pankaj Naqvi, as administrator to handle day to day affairs of Judo Federation of India. Justice Yashwant Varma also directed that in the interim, the erstwhile President, General Secretary & Treasurer of the Federation shall extend all cooperation to the Administrator in conducting the affairs of the Federation.

#### 12. R Subramaniakumar is new MD & CEO of RBL Bank

The board of directors have approved the appointment of Mr. R Subramaniakumar as Managing Director & CEO of the Bank for a period of three years with effect from date of his taking charge, under Section 35B of the Banking Regulation Act 1949,". The announcement comes nearly 6 months after RBL Bank's long-term MD & CEO Vishwahir Ahuja had stepped down.

#### 13. N J Ojha appointed as MGNREGA ombudsman

N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman for a two-year term under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme .

Ojha has the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, award awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint. N J Ojha:- The former in-charge registrar and university engineer for MS University.

#### 14. UN appoints Bangladesh's Rabab Fatima appointed as high representative for LDCs

The United Nations has appointed Rabab Fatima of Bangladesh as high representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries & Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS).

She succeeds Courtenay Rattray of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.

She is the current ambassador and permanent representative of Bangladesh to the UN in New York.

#### 15. COAI names Reliance Jio's Pramod Mittal as Chairperson for 2022-23

Industry body COAI named Pramod K Mittal, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, as the new Chairperson of the association for 2022-23.

Mittal was previously the Vice-Chairperson of the Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI), whose members include Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (VIL).

Mittal will replace Ajai Puri as the COAI Chairperson. COAI: Founded:1995; HQ: New Delhi

#### 16. Centre Appoints Justice RP Desai As Chairperson Of Press Council Of India

Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai was appointed as Chairperson of Press Council of India.

Her predecessor is former Supreme Court judge Justice CK Prasad, who held office from 2014 to 2022.

Justice Desai was a judge of the Supreme Court from 13 September 2011 to 29 October 2014.

#### 17. RBI approves reappointment of P.N. Vasudevan as MD, CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the extension of the tenure of Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB) Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) P.N. Vasudevan for one year beginning July 23, in line with the request of the bank, the SFB informed exchanges on June 15.

Vasudevan founded Equitas in 2007 as a microfinance institution (MFI). Equitas HQ: Chennai.

#### 18. Six high courts get new chief justices

5 High Court(HC) judges were elevated as chief justices(CJ). CJ of Telangana HC, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, was transferred to the Delhi High Court in the same capacity.

Appointments as CJ:

Vipin Sanghi-Uttarakhand HC; Amjad A Sayed - Himachal Pradesh HC;S S Shinde - Rajasthan HC;Rashmin M Chhaya - Gauhati HC; Ujjal Bhuyan - Telangana HC.

#### 19. Ex-rebel fighter Gustavo Petro wins Colombia's presidency

Former rebel Gustavo Petro became Columbia's first leftist leader after defeating Rodolfo Hernandez.

Environmental activist Francia Marquez will become Columbia's first Black vice president. Columbia:

Capital:Bogot; Currency:Colombian peso

#### 20. R Kavita Rao appointed as director of NIPFP

Eminent economist R Kavita Rao has taken charge as the director of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) for a five-year term.

NIPFP founded in 1976 is a centre for research in public economics and policies.

Although the institute receives an annual grant from the Ministry of Finance, and various state governments, it is an autonomous institution. Rao has replaced Pinaki Chakraborty.

#### 21. Lisa Sthalekar appointed first woman president of Federation of International Cricketers' Associations

Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA) announced former Australian cricketer Lisa Sthalekar as its President at the FICA Executive Committee meeting held in Nyon, Switzerland, making her the first woman's cricketer to hold the position.

Lisa Sthalekar succeeds Vikram Solanki as FICA President.

#### 22. P Udayakumar assumes office as Chairman-cum-Managing Director, NSIC

P Udayakumar, Director (PIng & Mktg), NSIC assumed additional charge of CMD NSIC.

National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), is an ISO 9001-2015 certified Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). NSIC has been working to promote, aid and foster the growth of micro, small and medium enterprises in the country.

#### 23. RBI appoints former SBI official Chalasani in advisory committee of Srei Group

RBI appointed former SBI official Venkat Nageswar Chalasani as a member in the advisory committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Limited (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Limited (SEFL).

He replaces R Subramaniakumar who resigned from the Advisory Committee with effect from June 22, 2022.

#### 24. Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran elected new president of India International Centre

Shyam Saran, a former Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Nuclear Affairs and Climate Change has taken over as the President of India International Centre.

He succeeds N N Vohra and will take charge on June 23.

His first book 'How India Sees the World' was published in 2017. He has recently published his second book 'How China Sees India and the World'. India International Centre is located in Delhi.

#### 25. Randeep Guleria gets another 3 months extension as AIIMS director

Dr. Randeep Guleria has got a three months extension for the second time as director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi. Guleria's term was set to end on March 24 this year.

Dr. Guleria, a noted pulmonologist, has played a key role in India's covid-19 management and was appointed as AIIMS director in 2017 for a period of five years.

#### 26. Tapan Deka appointed new IB director, RAW chief Samant Goel gets one-year extension

The Central government gave one-year extension in service to Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief Samant Goel and appointed senior IPS officer Tapan Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau.

Deka will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director Arvind Kumar, whose tenure ends on June 30.

### 27. Parameswaran Iyer appointed NITI Aayog's new CEO

The government has appointed Parameswaran Iyer as the new chief executive officer of the NITI Aayog after the term of the incumbent CEO Amitabh Kant comes to an end on June 30.

In 2016, Iyer was appointed by the government to head the drinking and sanitation department and lead the Swachh Bharat Mission.

Kant was appointed as the CEO of the NITI Aayog on February 17, 2016.

### 28. Anil Khanna appointed the acting President of IOA

The Delhi High Court ordered that Narinder Dhruv Batra cannot continue as the President of the IOA and appointed Anil Khanna as acting president.

Batra's removal means that his membership of International Olympic Committee will also come to an end as the coveted position was linked to his IOA presidency.

### 29. IRARC's Avinash Kulkarni to head India Debt Resolution Company

The chief executive of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Company (IRARC), Avinash Kulkarni, has been selected to head the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) which will be the sole agent to resolve more than '83,000 crore of bad loans to be acquired by the government-backed National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).

He replaces Manish Makharia.

IDRCL is a private sector company controlled by private sector banks that own a 51% share

## Awards

### 1. Jharkhand to get WHO award for tobacco control

Recognising its efforts in controlling tobacco consumption, the World Health Organization (WHO) has selected Jharkhand for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022.

NTCP was launched in Jharkhand in 2012 when the tobacco prevalence rate in the State was 51.1 per cent, of which 48 per cent were smokeless users, according to the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS)-1 report.

National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP).

### 2. Anna Qabale Duba From Kenya Wins The First Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2022, Worth \$ 250,000

Anna Qabale Duba from Marsabit County in Kenya has been announced as the winner of the Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award in an award ceremony held at Atlantis The Palm, Dubai. The winner was announced by Dr. Azad Moopen, & the award was presented by H.H. Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of Dubai Civil Aviation Authority, Chairman & Chief Executive of Emirates.

### 3. Meghalaya Wins Best Project Award at UN World Summit

The Meghalaya government key initiative of e-proposal system, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architect has won a coveted UN Award- World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) prize at Geneva in Switzerland.

According to a agency report, the state received the best project award in the category of the role of governments in the promotion of ICTs for development.

### 4. President Ram Nath Kovind confers one Kirti Chakra and 14 Shaurya Chakras in New Delhi

President has conferred 1 Kirti Chakra and 14 Shaurya Chakras during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2) at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi.

The President also conferred 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals and 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of an exceptional order. Kirti Chakra (posthumously):- Ct Altaf Hussain Bhat, Constable, J&K Police.

### 5. MIFF 2022: Sanjit Narwekar conferred with V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement award

The 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF) opened with a ceremony that saw the Dr V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement award being conferred on National award-winning author and documentary filmmaker Sanjit Narwekar to commemorate his body of work.

The award comprises a cash prize of Rs10 lakh, a trophy and a citation.

#### 6. Kashmiri RJ receives UNICEF award for work during COVID-19 pandemic

Radio Jockey Umar Nisar (RJ Umar), who hails from south Kashmir, has been awarded the '01 Best Content Award' and the Immunization Champion award by UNICEF at the annual Radio4Child 2022 Awards in Mumbai. RJ Umar is the only RJ from Jammu and Kashmir to be selected for this award.

#### 7. Dutch film 'Turn Your Body to the Sun' bags Golden Conch award for the Best Documentary at MIFF 2022

The Dutch documentary film 'Turn Your Body to the Sun' that tells the incredible story of a Soviet Prisoner of War, has won the prestigious Golden Conch award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022. The film is directed by Aliona Van der Horst.

#### 8. Journalist Wesley Morgan has won the 2022 William E. Colby Award

He won the award for his book, 'The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley,' (Random House, 2021).

#### 9. RBI announces results of its First Global Hackathon - HARBINGER 2021

The Reserve Bank had launched its first global hackathon - 'HARBINGER 2021 ' Innovation for Transformation' with the theme 'Smarter Digital Payments' in 2021. The Hackathon had four problem statements.

#### 10. 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning organised in New Delhi

The 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning, DSDP was organised in New Delhi where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region. Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts.

#### 11. 2nd edition of DSDP Excellence Awards held in New Delhi

The 2nd edition of 'Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning' (DSDP) were organised at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi where top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region.

Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra respectively were ranked top three.

#### 12. Author and Zen Buddhist priest Ruth Ozeki wins Women's Prize for Fiction

Renowned US-Canadian author, film-maker, and Zen Buddhist priest Ruth Ozeki has won the Women's Prize for Fiction this year for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness'.

Ozeki's fourth novel, 'The Book of Form and Emptiness' tells the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, after the tragic death of his father, starts to hear the voices of objects speaking to him.

#### 13. PM's Awards for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga for the Year 2021

Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh, Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil and two organisations, The Divine Life Society from Uttarakhand and the British Wheel of Yoga from United Kingdom have been chosen for the award.

Ayush Ministry said, the winners will be felicitated with a trophy, certificate and cash award of 25 lakh rupees.

#### 14. S M Krishna, Narayana Murthy, Prakash Padukone selected for 'Kempegowda International Award'

Karnataka State Government has chosen former Chief Minister S.M. Krishna, N.R. Narayana Murthy of Infosys and former Indian badminton player Prakash Padukone for the first edition of 'Kempegowda International Award' to be conferred on the occasion of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Jayanthi on June 27 in the presence of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a plaque.

#### 15. Indian Startup IG Drones Wins The Prestigious Global Airwards Best Drone Organization Award

Delhi-based drone enterprise platform leader IG Drones has been awarded "Best Drone Organization ' Start-up Category" by Airwards. IG Drones was selected for the award for its approach to helping local communities and providing access to technology to diverse stakeholders during natural disasters and disasters.

## Ranks & Reports

### 1. India's economic growth estimated at 8.7% in FY22, Q4 GDP slows to 4.1%

India's GDP grew by 4.1% in the fourth quarter of FY22. Meanwhile, the overall growth recorded for the financial year 2021-22 is estimated at 8.7% as against the contraction of 6.6% in FY21.

The estimate of 8.7% for FY22 is the highest in 22 years in terms of back series data.

The nominal GDP grew by 19.5% in the financial year 2021-22.

GVA for FY22 came in at 8.1% compared to a contraction of 4.8% in the preceding fiscal.

### 2. India Core Sector Output Grows 8.4% In April

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 143.2 in April 2022, which is an increase of 8.4 per cent (provisional) as compared to the Index of April 2021.

The production of Coal, Electricity, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Cement and Natural Gas industries increased in April 2022 over the corresponding period of last year.

### 3. Elon Musk, world's richest man, was 2021's highest paid CEO

Elon Musk 'the world's richest man' was the top-paid chief executive officer in 2021, according to the Fortune 500. Musk drew a salary of around \$23.5 billion (roughly Rs 1,82,576 crore) after he exercised some Tesla stock options awarded in a 2018 multiyear 'moonshot' grant.

According to the Fortune 500, that was by far the biggest paycheck a CEO ever received.

### 4. India beats China to become world's 3rd strongest Air Force in the Global Air Powers Ranking 2022

The World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA) has released the Global Air Powers Ranking of 2022, which ranked the Indian Air Force as the 3rd strongest Air Force in the world. As per the report, the Indian Air Force was ranked higher than the Chinese Air Force but also the Japan Air Self-Defense Force, the Israeli Air Force, & the French Force in strength.

### 5. Mukesh Ambani richest in Asia, up at 8th rank on Bloomberg Billionaires list

Reliance Industries chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani became Asia's richest man on June 3. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Ambani who has a net worth of \$99.7 billion added \$9.69 billion in 2022.

According to the list, Tesla boss Elon Musk is the world's richest with \$227 billion wealth, followed by Amazon's Jeff Bezos with \$149 billion.

Adani with a net worth of \$98.7 billion is ranked 9th.

### 6. Indian digital payments market to reach \$10 trillion by 2026: Report

India's digital payments market is expected to increase more than threefold from the current three trillion dollars to \$10 trillion by 2026, as per the latest report by PhonePe in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group (BCG).

The report highlights how India's digital payments landscape has witnessed a growth over the past five years. Report Title: 'Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity'

### 7. The Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia, 2022

22 countries and territories are represented on the list with India ranking first in terms of number of entries (61), followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) and China (28).

Some of the Indians featured include:

Shiv Parekh, Founder - hBits

Namya Mahajan, Siddhant Sachdeva and Vishal Sunil, Cofounders - Rocket Learning etc.

26.8 was the average age of the list with the youngest being a 14 year old.

### 8. India ranks lowest in global environment performance index by US researchers

India scored the lowest among 180 countries in the 2022 Environment Performance Index (EPI), an analysis by researchers of Yale and Columbia University which provides a data-driven summary of the state of sustainability around the world. The EPI ranks 180 countries on 40 performance indicators including climate change, environmental public health, biodiversity, among others.

### 9. IISc overtakes IITs to clinch first spot among 41 Indian institutes in QS rankings' top 1,400

Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru has emerged as the topmost Indian institute, ranking at the 155th spot, in the QS World University Rankings 2023 released.

Globally, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) remained at no. 1 spot for a record eleventh consecutive year, while University of Cambridge rose to 2nd place, and Stanford University remained in 3rd. IIT Bombay and IIT Delhi, ranked 172 and 174 in the current rankings respectively.

#### 10. Over 1.18 Crore Payment Devices Deployed Across Country Till April : RBI Data

More than 4.11 lakh PoS, mobile PoS and other physical devices were deployed across the country under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme as on April 30, 2022, the RBI said.

The PIDF scheme subsidises deployment of Points of Sale infrastructure in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and northeastern states of the country.

#### 11. India's FDI rank rises to 7th position despite falling inflows: UNCTAD

According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, India jumped one position to 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in 2021 despite FDI inflows into the country declining. In its World Investment Report UNCTAD said FDI inflows into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year.

#### 12. Union Minister Jitendra Singh to release 2nd edition of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh will release the second edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021).

The NeSDA 2021 report has been prepared covering the assessment of States, Union Territories with a focus on Central Ministries on their effectiveness in delivering online services to citizens.

#### 13. Female labour participation rises to 25.1 per cent in 2020-21

The all-India female labour force participation rate (LFPR) in usual status has increased 2.3% in 2021 to 25.1% as compared to 22.8% a year ago, shows the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) annual report for July 2020-June 2021. The Worker population ratio (WPR) in usual status for persons of all ages in India is 39.8%. the unemployment Rate (UR) in usual status for persons of all ages in India is 4.2%.

#### 14. 'Digital News Report 2022' was published by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism (RISJ).

India's position has jumped to the 20th spot among the 46 countries surveyed; an improvement from last year's 31st rank.

The Times of India scored the highest in terms of brand trustworthiness, at 75%, closely followed by All India Radio at 72% while The Print (61 percent), Republic TV (57 percent), and The Wire (57 percent) scored the lowest.

#### 15. Kerala's Startup Ecosystem Ranked Best In Asia For Affordable Talent, In Global Report

The startup ecosystem in Kerala has been ranked as the best in Asia and fourth in terms of Affordable Talent in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER).

While Bengaluru ranked 22nd in the global startup ecosystem index due to major improvements in its market reach and access to funding, Delhi moved up an impressive 11 places coming in at No. 26, with Mumbai at No. 36.

In the first GSER published in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia and 20th in the world.

#### 16. Bengaluru Ranked Fifth In The World For Tech VC Investment; 22nd Overall In Global Startup Ecosystem

IT hub Bengaluru claimed the number one spot in Asia and the fifth rank globally for tech venture capital investment this year, according to a new report and research findings.

The Global Startup Ecosystem Report was launched by innovation policy advisory and research firm Startup Genome at the London Tech Week 2022 (June 13-17).

#### 17. India jumps 6 places to 37th rank on IMD's World Competitiveness Index; Denmark tops the chart

India has witnessed the sharpest rise among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by the Institute for Management Development, largely due to gains in economic performance.

Denmark has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while Switzerland slipped to 2nd.

Other ranks: Singapore(3rd),Sweden (4th) and Hong Kong SAR(5th) etc.

#### 18. 'Migration in India 2020-21', released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)

As per the report, after the onset of Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, 0.7% of India's population was a 'temporary visitor' in households during July 2020-June 2021.

Covid may have forced return of 51.6% urban men to villages.

The survey pegged the rural migration rate at 26.5 per cent and urban migration rate at 34.9 per cent with the overall migration rate at 28.9%. It estimated the number of rural migrants at 21 crore and urban migrants at 11 crore.

### 19. [India added 3rd highest renewable power capacity in 2021 after China, US: Report](#)

India added around 15.4 gigawatts (GW) of renewable power capacity in 2021, the third highest after China (136 GW) and the United States (43 GW), according to a global status report released. The REN21's renewables 2022 global status report noted that with this growth, India is now the third-largest market in the world for new solar photovoltaics (PV) capacity. India ranked 4th in the world for total solar energy installations (60.4 GW)

### 20. [India's tech proficiency skill improves, but lags in Data Science: Coursera](#)

Coursera's latest Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 revealed that in terms of overall skills proficiency, India has slipped four places to be ranked at the 68th position globally. In Asia, India stands in the 19th position. India's technology proficiency levels increased from 38% to 46%. Proficiency in data science has dipped from 38% in 2021 to 26 percent in 2022. Cloud Computing is Indians' strongest skill as per the report.

### 21. [Nearly 5 mn in India displaced due to climate change, disasters in 2021: Global Trends Report by the UN Refugee Agency \(UNHCR\)](#)

As per the report, nearly five million people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021.

The report highlighted that globally 100 million people were forced to flee their homes last year.

The largest displacements in the context of disasters in 2021 occurred in China (6.0 million), the Philippines (5.7 million) and India (4.9 million).

### 22. [Burgundy Private Hurun's list: Razorpay, Ola, Swiggy biggest gainers in unlisted firms, NSE emerge as most valued](#)

Razorpay, Ola Cabs, Swiggy, and Parle Products were among the top ten unlisted companies that witnessed a massive rise in their valuation last year, as per the Burgundy Private Hurun India 500 ' Special Report. Stock exchange, National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) outpaced Serum Institute of India in becoming the most valued unlisted firm.

Financial services, Healthcare, Software & Services are among the biggest contributors.

### 23. [94% of domestic workers worldwide lack comprehensive social security: ILO](#)

Only 6% of domestic workers worldwide have access to comprehensive social protection with women who constitute 76.2% of the total domestic workforce particularly more vulnerable in the absence of adequate social benefits, the International Labour Organization (ILO) said.

Region-wise, in Europe and Central Asia, 57.3% of domestic workers are legally covered for all benefits. A little more than 10% have such a right in the Americas.

### 24. [CVC-constituted panel ABBFF gives advice on 84 bank fraud cases](#)

Headed by former Vigilance Commissioner T M Bhasin, ABBFF was set up in August 2019, by CVC in consultation with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for conducting first-level of examination in the cases of frauds reported by Public Sector Banks (PSBs), Public Sector Financial Institutions (PSFIs) before these cases were reported to the external investigative agencies viz. CBI, etc.

### 25. [Four Indian companies join Apple, Google & Amazon as world's top 100 brands](#)

Four Indian companies namely TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys and LIC were featured in the 'Most Valuable Global Brands' by Kantar Brandz 2022

TCS was the most valuable brand coming out of India, which sat on the 46th spot of the list. It was second in Asia Pacific Region second to Samsung.

Apple was the most valuable brand in the world, with a brand value of \$947 billion. HDFC Bank was the fourth biggest bank in the world in terms of brand value.

### 26. [India ranks fourth in global gold recycling; recycled 75 tonnes in 2021: WGC](#)

India has emerged as the 4th largest recycler in the world and the country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021, according to a World Gold Council (WGC) report.

According to the WGC report titled 'Gold refining and recycling', China topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metal, followed by Italy in the second position with 80 tonnes. US was at the third rank with 78 tonnes recycled in 2021.

### 27. [India jump two places to 104 in FIFA ranking](#)

In the overall rankings, Brazil remained on top, three months after taking the top spot from Belgium

2nd. Argentina jumped one place to third at the expense of France 4th who paid the price for four winless games in the UEFA Nations League. England, Spain, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal and Denmark complete the top-10. The next FIFA world ranking will be out on August 25.

The Blue Tigers are placed just below New Zealand (103rd).

### 28. Global Liveability Index: EIU

The cities in India have fared poorly in the list of the world's most liveable cities. India's national capital New Delhi has been ranked 112th in the list of most liveable cities. While India's financial capital Mumbai is ranked at 117th position.

Austrian capital Vienna has once again topped the list of most liveable cities in the world in the list of 140 cities. Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, has not made it to the list after Russia invaded the country.

### 29. India gains rank on Ookla Speedtest Global Index in May

Speedtest Global Index released by network intelligence and connectivity insights provider Ookla showed that India recorded 14.28 Mbps median mobile download speeds in the month of May, slightly better than 14.19 Mbps in April.

With this, India is at 115th position.

India improved its global ranking for overall fixed median download speeds, from 76th in April to 75th in May. Norway and Singapore are on top spots for global mobile speeds and fixed broadband speeds

### 30. Inequality of Income in India has declined significantly since Financial Year 2017: SBI Ecowrap research report.

India's poverty ratio has also declined to 17.9% in 2020-21 from 21.9% in 2011-12, the report said.

It also says that the income inequality in the country has also declined during the Covid-19.

India has done quite well during pandemic in terms of navigating income shocks across deciles of population. Report authored by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, SBI.

### 31. 100% electric two-wheelers penetration by FY27, NITI Aayog report forecast

NITI Aayog and Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) in a report have optimistically forecast 100 per cent penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by FY2026-27.

The report was titled 'Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India'.

The sale of electric two-wheelers may cross 220 lakh units by FY2028-29, it said.

TIFAC is an autonomous organization set up in 1988 under the Department of Science & Tech

### 32. Green Hydrogen Market In India Likely To Reach \$340 Billion By 2050: NITI Aayog, RMI Report

Report highlights that green hydrogen can substantially spur industrial decarbonisation and economic growth for India in the coming decades, which is critical for India to achieve its net-zero ambitions by 2070.

The report concludes that hydrogen demand in India could reach \$8 billion by 2030 and \$340 billion by 2050. Report Title: Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India

### 33. India to have 122 unicorns in next 2-4 years in 25 cities: ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022.

Report said India's future unicorns are currently worth \$49 billion, an increase of 36% compared to last year. 17 gazelles & 7 cheetahs from last year's index hit unicorn valuation this year.

Hurun India's findings showed that Bengaluru continues to be the start-up capital of India with home to 46 probable Unicorns, followed by Delhi NCR (25) and Mumbai (16). India's future unicorns are currently worth \$49 bn with an increase of 36% over last yr.

### 34. Mumbai most expensive Indian city for expatriates; Hong Kong tops globally, reveals Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living survey

According to Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living survey, Mumbai (127) is the costliest city in India in terms of both living expenses and accommodation costs for expatriates.

This is followed by New Delhi (155), Chennai (177), Bengaluru (178), and Hyderabad (192), while Pune (201) and Kolkata (203) are the least expensive Indian cities in the ranking. Globally, Hong Kong ranked first followed by Zurich, Geneva, Basel, Bern, Tel Aviv etc.



## Important Days

### 1. 'Yoga for Humanity' is the Theme for International Day of Yoga 2022

Theme for the 8th edition of International Day of Yoga is "Yoga for Humanity." The Ministry of Ayush has chosen this theme for the 8th International Day of Yoga 2022, which will be held on June 21, 2022 in India and around the world. Mysuru, Karnataka, will host the main event of the IDY 2022 demonstration.

### 2. World Milk Day 2022: June 1

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations adopted June 1 as World Milk Day in 2001. The day is marked to recognise milk as global food and to celebrate the dairy industry.

The theme for World Milk Day 2022 is 'Dairy Net Zero' by cutting down the greenhouse gas emission of the industry over the next 30 years. India is among the largest producers of milk.

### 3. World Bicycle Day 2022: June 3

World Bicycle Day is observed on June 3. The day is marked to spread awareness about the benefits of using a bicycle. According to the United Nations, the day highlights the 'uniqueness, longevity and versatility of the bicycle'. The day is observed since 2018 after a resolution was passed by the United Nations, during its 72nd Regular Session of the United Nations General.

### 4. World Food Safety Day | June 7

Every year, June 7 is observed as World Food Safety Day around the world. The intent behind the day is to promote awareness and encourage adequate steps to prevent, detect and manage foodborne risks.

The day was set aside by the United Nations in 2018 to raise awareness of food safety.

This year, the theme of World Food Safety Day is, 'Safer Food, Better Health'.

### 5. World Oceans Day 2022: June 8

World Oceans Day is celebrated annually on 8 June to remind us of the important role of the oceans in sustaining our livelihoods and the necessity to prevent them from destruction. According to the United Nations (UN), oceans are the lungs of our planet and a major source of food and medicine, and a critical part of the biosphere. 2022 theme:- "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean."

### 6. International Level Crossing Awareness Day | June 9

According to the Ministry of Railways, since the elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings, the number of rail accidents has reduced to zero, attaining a major milestone towards the safety of the public.

From 2014 to 2022, an amount of Rs 32,661 crore has been allocated by the government for the elimination of Unmanned Level Crossings.

### 7. World Day Against Child Labour: 12 June

Every year on June 12, the World Day against Child Labour is observed to focus attention on global extent of the cause and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. This year, the celebrations are set to focus on the theme "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour". According to a report by UN body, around 152 mn children worldwide are engaged in child labour, The UN body established the World Day Against Child Labor in 2002.

### 8. International Albinism Awareness Day 2022: June 13

The International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD), annually observed on June 13, represents the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism. Albinism is a non-contagious, genetically inherited ailment that results in the lack of melanin in the skin, eyes, and hair.

This year theme is 'United in making our voice heard.'

### 9. NCPCR To Celebrate Elimination of Child Labour Week During 12th To 20th June

National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) is celebrating Elimination of Child Labour Week in the honour of World Day Against Child Labour in the 75 places as part of the '75th anniversary celebrations of India's independence ' 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' in different districts starting from 12th June to 20th June, 2022. Priyank Kanoongo: Present chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

### 10. World Blood Donor Day 2022: June 14

June 14 is observed as World Blood Donor Day to promote awareness about the need for blood donation and thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood.

The host nation for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is Mexico.

This year theme:- 'Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives'.

### 11. International Day of Family Remittances - June 16

The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and is observed on 16 June. IDFR recognizes the 230 million migrant workers, women and men, who send money home to over 800 million family members.

Remittances or cross-border person-to-person payments of relatively small value serve as a vital lifeline to developing world. Theme: Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion.

### 12. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought - June 17

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is marked every year on 17 June. The day focuses on turning degraded land into healthy or fertile soil to combat desertification.

In December 1994, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) decided on a resolution to observe 17 June as World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought. This year, the theme for the day is - Rising up from drought together.

### 13. World Sickle Cell Day - June 19

World Sickle Cell Day is marked every year on 19 June with an aim to raise awareness about sickle cell disease.

Individuals who live with this disease have haemoglobin S, an atypical haemoglobin molecule which distorts red blood cells into a sickle or a crescent shape. The disease is usually transmitted from parents to children.

### 14. World Refugee Day | June 20

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

The 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol help protect them.

### 15. International Olympic Day | June 23, 2022 theme -Together, For a Peaceful World.

To highlight the importance of sports and games in our lives, International Olympic Day (or World Olympic Day) is observed across the world on June 23 every year. Doctor Gruss, a Czech IOC member, presented the idea of a World Olympic Day in 1947. A year later, the day was observed to mark the birth of the modern Olympic Games.

### 16. United Nations Public Service Day - 23 June

The United Nations General Assembly designated June 23 as Public Service Day on December 20, 2002.

The day recognises the value and virtue of public service to communities.

The theme for this year's event is 'Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.'

### 17. International Widow's Day - 23 June

In the year 2010, the United Nations acknowledged 23 June as International Widows' Day. The day aims to gather support for widows and to spread awareness about their situation.

It is estimated that there are nearly 258 million widows around the world. Practically one in every ten widows live in extreme poverty, as per the United Nations.

### 18. International Day of Women in Diplomacy | June 24

The General Assembly in 2022 proclaimed 24 June of each year the International Day of Women in Diplomacy, adopting by consensus a resolution today reaffirming that the participation of women, on equal terms with men, at all levels of decision-making is essential to the achievement of sustainable development, peace and democracy.

### 19. National Monuments Authority observes Martyrdom Day of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Red Fort

National Monuments Authority observed the Martyrdom Day of the great warrior Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Red Fort in New Delhi. Baba Banda Singh Bahadur was a great Sikh warrior and a commander of Khalsa army who defeated the Mughals and liberated a large part of North India from oppressive Mughal rule and established the Khalsa rule in Punjab.

### 20. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2022 | June 26

The theme for International Day Against Drug Abuse 2022 is 'Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises'

The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, or World Drug Day, is marked on 26 June every year to strengthen action and cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse.

### 21. Micro-Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Day 2022: 27 June

The United Nations General Assembly designated 27 June as 'Micro-, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises Day' to raise awareness of the tremendous contributions of micro-, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

MSMEs account for 90% of businesses, 60 to 70% of employment and 50% GDP worldwide. This year, the International Trade Centre (ITC) marks the 5th anniversary of MSME Day.

### 22. National Statistics Day 2022, Theme- Data for Sustainable Development

In recognition of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis's notable contributions in the fields of statistics, statistical systems, and economic planning, the Government of India in 2007, designated June 29 as the "Statistics Day" in the category of Special Days to be celebrated every year at the National level.

'Statistics', derived from the Latin word "status" means "political state" or "government".

### 23. International Day of the Tropics - 29 June

International Day of the Tropics is observed on June 29 annually. It highlights the challenges faced by the nations of the Tropics.

Tropics are the regions around the equator that lie between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres, respectively.

This belt hosts about 40% of the Earth's population and 80% of biodiversity.

### 24. World Asteroid Day - 30 June

World Asteroid Day (also known as International Asteroid Day) is an annual UN-sanctioned global awareness campaign event observed on June 30, which is the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event of 1908.

The theme of Asteroid Day 2022 is 'small is beautiful.'

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## Summit & Conferences

### 1. Two-day 'National Education Ministers' Conference' to be held in Gujarat

National Education Ministers' Conference is to be held in Gujarat on 1st & 2nd June, 2022. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan along with MoS Rajeesh Chandrasekhar, MoS Skill Development and Entrepreneurship & Electronics & Information Technology Annapurna Devi, MoS for Education; Dr Subhash Sarkar & senior officials of the Ministry of Education will participate. Education Ministers of States/UTs are will be participating in the conference.

### 2. India and Sweden Host Industry Transition Dialogue in Stockholm

India and Sweden hosted the Industry Transition Dialogue in Stockholm, as a part of their joint initiative i.e. Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT). The LeadIT initiative lays specific focus on hard to abate sectors that are key stakeholders in the global climate action and require specific interventions.

### 3. 118th meeting of the India-Pakistan Permanent Indus Commission

The 118th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission (PIC) comprising of Indus Commissioners of India and Pakistan was held in New Delhi.

The Indian delegation was led by Shri A.K. Pal, the Indian Commissioner for Indus Waters and the visiting Pakistan delegation was led by Mr Syed Muhammad Mehar Ali Shah, the Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters.

### 4. Ministry of Tourism launches the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveller campaign

Ministry of Tourism, in partnership with United Environment Program (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) organized National Summit on Developing Sustainable & Responsible Tourist Destinations in New Delhi. On the occasion, the Ministry of Tourism launched the National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and Responsible Traveller Campaign.

### 5. President of India Inaugurates Visitor's Conference 2022

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, inaugurated the two-day Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and Directors of Institutions of National Importance at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The President is the Visitor of 161 Central Institutes of Higher Education.

### 6. PM Modi to inaugurate Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi and address the gathering.

It is being organised by the Department of Biotechnology and Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).

The theme of the Expo is 'Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat'.

### 7. Defence Minister inaugurates 3 day 39th Commanders Conference of ICG

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the three-day 39th Commanders' Conference of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in New Delhi.

The event was marked by the presence of Defence Secretary Dr Ajay Kumar, DG ICG VS Pathania and other senior officials of the Ministry of Defence and the ICG. Virender Singh Pathania, is the current Director General of the Indian Coast Guard.

### 8. Dharmendra Pradhan Calls For Nurturing Students As Future Entrepreneurs

A two-day Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities and Directors of Institutions of National Importance concluded.

On the second day of the conference, Mr. Nunzio Quacquarelli, Founder and CEO, QS ranking gave a presentation on International rankings of Higher Education Institutions: Indian Universities in QS World University Rankings.

The President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the conference.

### 9. India To Host Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meet On June 16-17

India will host the Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the 16th and 17th.

External Affairs Spokesman Arindam Bagchi said, this will be the first meeting hosted by India in New Delhi and it will be accompanied by 12th Edition of Delhi Dialogue.

The Ministerial Session will be attended by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and ASEAN's Ministers. He said the theme of the Delhi Dialogue is, Building Bridges in the Indo-Pacific.

#### 10. Geneva to host the twelfth WTO Ministerial conference this year

The 12th WTO Ministerial Conference is all set to begin in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of almost 5 years. The key areas of discussions & negotiations this year's conference include WTO's response to the pandemic, Fisheries subsidies negotiations, Public Stockholding for Food security, WTO Reforms and Moratorium on Custom Duties on Electronic transmission. The Conference will be co-hosted by Kazakhstan.

#### 11. PM Modi To Chair First National Conference Of Chief Secys In Dharamshala On 16-17th June

In a bid to bolster the relationship between the Centre and State governments, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the first National Conference of Chief Secretaries at HPCA Stadium in Himachal Pradesh's Dharamshala on 16th and 17th June.

The focus of the conference is on the rapid and sustained economic growth in partnership with the states.

#### 12. National Conference on Competition Law to be held in New Delhi as part of Ministry of Corporate Affairs Iconic Week celebrations

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) is organizing a National Conference on Competition Law in New Delhi as part of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Iconic Week celebrations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Union Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Rao Inderjit Singh will deliver the inaugural address as the Chief Guest.

#### 13. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 in New Delhi

Inaugurating Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 in New Delhi, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari emphasized on maintaining equilibrium between ecology, environment and development. He said the government's priority is green hydrogen and by using biotechnology we can increase the productivity of Biomass.

#### 14. Egypt hosts Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Sharm El Sheikh

Egypt hosted the Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Sharm El Sheikh today. The two-day conference was jointly organized by the House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha S. Phangon Konyak is representing India at the Conference.

#### 15. Three-day International literary festival Unmesha held in Himachal Pradesh

In Himachal Pradesh 3-day international literary festival 'Unmesha' was organized at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla.

'Unmesha' ' a celebration of expression ' is the biggest international literary festival in the country so far. Over 425 writers, poets, translators, critics and distinguished personalities from 15 countries, representing over 60 languages attended. Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the festival.

#### 16. Women soldiers participate in 4-day 'Women Peace and Security' Seminar in Mongolia

Women soldiers of the Indian Army participated in the four-day 'Women Peace and Security' Seminar at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. The four-day event was held under the auspices of Mongolian President Ukhnaa Khurelsukh.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the first deployment of Mongolian peacekeepers to UN peacekeeping operations.

#### 17. MHA organises conference on Cyber Safety and National Security in New Delhi

Ministry of Home Affairs organised a National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi ' Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Union Minister Amit Shah was the Chief Guest at the conference.

The conference is part of the efforts to create mass awareness for the prevention of cybercrimes in the country.

#### 18. Union Home Minister Mr. Shah addressed the National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security in New Delhi

During the Conference, Amit Shah said that transactions through Unified Payment Interface (UPI) have crossed one trillion US dollar mark in financial year 2022 and today India is first in global digital transactions. He said, India accounted for 40 percent of the total global digital payments in 2021 and BHIM-UPI are no longer just an Indian app but have become global.

#### 19. PM participates in the 14th BRICS Summit

PM Narendra Modi led India's participation at the 14th BRICS Summit, convened under the Chairship of President Xi Jinping of China on 23-24 June 2022, in a virtual format. The High-level Dialogue on Global Development, non-BRICS engagement segment of the Summit, was held on 24 June. Theme: Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development

## 20. Mansukh Mandaviya chairs the Seminar on Production & Use of Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia in Process Industry

Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers and Health & Family Welfare, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed a 2-day seminar being organized on the subject 'Production and use of Green Hydrogen and Green Ammonia in Process Industry' by Department of Chemical Engineering, IIT Delhi, Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers in association with Fertilizer Association of India. ACME Group to setup world's first integrated green hydrogen and ammonia plant in Bikaner

## 21. Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurates the National Conference on Millets ' The future superfood for India

Union Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Prahlad Singh Patel, inaugurated the National Conference on Millets on the theme 'The Future Super Food for India' in New Delhi, organized by industry body ASSOCHAM with the support of M/o Food Processing Industries. It has been organized to discuss opportunities and challenges in ensuring food and nutritional security Nearly 41% of total global production of millets was met by India in 2020.

## 22. NCW Organizes Seminar on Anti-Human Trafficking Awareness

NCW in collaboration with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) organized a one-day seminar on Anti Human Trafficking Awareness. It discussed introduction, concept, patterns and existing response systems of human trafficking and the psycho sociological impact of trafficking as well as the role of civil society organizations in its prevention. NCW has established an Anti-Human Trafficking Cell (AHTC) on 2nd April, 2022.

## 23. 'Forensic Science Capabilities: Strengthening for Time-bound and Scientific Investigation' assembly chaired by Amit Shah

Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah chaired the assembly of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs, at Kevadia, in Gujarat.

The meeting reviewed the forensic science capabilities available in the country and Shah said the home ministry is committed to achieving the conviction rate of up to 90 per cent in crime cases. National Forensic Science University is located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.



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### 1. India Sets Up First & Asia's Largest Liquid-Mirror Telescope In Uttarakhand's Devasthal

India has commissioned a one-of-a-kind liquid-mirror telescope atop a mountain in Uttarakhand's Himalayan range that will monitor the sky for transitory or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids. International Liquid Mirror Telescope (ILMT) is the country's first and largest liquid-mirror telescope.

### 2. US Frontier Supercomputer Named Fastest in the World

US Department of Energy's Frontier supercomputer was designated as the fastest computing system in the world, part of the agency's growing portfolio of developmental computing technologies.

Housed in the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee, It stands out with 2 exaflops computing power, which translates to 2 quintillion calculations per seconds.

### 3. Kiya.ai launches India's first banking metaverse Kiyaverse

Kiya.ai, a digital solutions provider serving financial institutions and governments globally, announced the launch of India's first-ever banking metaverse - Kiyaverse.

In the first phase, Kiyaverse will allow banks to extend their own metaverse for clients, partners, and employees, through services that will include Relationship Manager & Peer Avatars and Robo-advisors.

Kiya.ai MD and CEO: Rajesh Mirjankar; HQ: Mumbai

### 4. Union Cabinet Approves Transfer Of 10 In-Orbit Communication Satellites From Govt To NSIL

The Union Cabinet has approved the transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from Government of India (GoI) to M/s.NewSpace India Ltd. (NSIL), a wholly-owned Public Sector Enterprise of GOI under the administrative control of the Department of Space.

The Union Cabinet has also approved increasing the authorized share capital of NSIL from Rs.1000 crore to Rs.7500 cr.

### 5. 'First time in history': Cancer vanishes from every patient's body in drug trial

According to New York Times, in the small clinical trial conducted by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 18 patients took a drug called Dostarlimab for around six months, and in the end, every one of them saw their tumours disappear.

According to experts, Dostarlimab is a drug with laboratory-produced molecules and it acts as substitute antibodies in the human body.

### 6. IISc scientists develop miniproteins that may prevent COVID infection

Researchers at IISc Bangalore have designed a new class of artificial peptides or miniproteins that they say can render viruses like SARS-CoV-2 inactive. According to the study, published in the journal Nature Chemical Biology, the miniproteins can not only block virus entry into our cells but also clump virus particles together, their ability to infect.

### 7. India Brings Forth First Homegrown COVID-19 Vaccine Anocovax For Animals

The country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine Anocovax for animals, developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, (NRC), was launched by Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh.

Anocovax is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) vaccine for animals. The immunity induced by Anocovax neutralizes both Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2.

### 8. Minister of Education launches Polyversity- World's Largest Educational Metaverse & Bharat Blockchain Network

IDS launched Bharat Blockchain Network (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse) in the presence of Dharmendra Pradhan ' Minister for Education and Skill and Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India and AICTE officials at an event organised at AICTE Auditorium.

The event is to upskill or reskill one crore students in emerging technologies.

### 9. China releases world's 'most detailed' map of Moon

China has released a new comprehensive geologic map of the moon, the "most detailed" to date, which is expected to make a vital contribution to scientific research, exploration and landing site selection on the Earth's only natural satellite.

The new comprehensive geologic map of the moon is to a scale of 1:2,500,000, the "most detailed to date".

### 10. NASA's DAVINCI Mission Will Plunge Through the Hellish Atmosphere of Venus

NASA's DAVINCI mission to Venus is scheduled for launch in 2029. A new paper details this upcoming journey, a daring mission that could shed new light on the scorching hot planet's mysterious, and potentially habitable, past.

DAVINCI stands for Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry, and Imaging.

#### 11. IIT Madras develops robot to clean septic tanks without human intervention

Named 'HomoSEP', ten units are planned to be deployed across Tamil Nadu and the researchers are in touch with sanitation workers to identify the locations.

Gujarat and Maharashtra are being considered for the deployment of the robots that have been developed with an aim to eliminate manual scavenging in the next phase.

#### 12. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) develops an Indian Standard for 'Non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay'

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the National Standards Body of India, has developed an Indian Standard, IS 17693: 2022 for 'non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay'.

Named as 'Mitticool refrigerator', Shri Mansukh Bhai Prajapati from Gujarat is the innovator behind the refrigerator which projects an eco-friendly technology.

#### 13. India's GSAT-24 satellite launched, entire capacity leased to Tata Play

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana. GSAT-24, built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), was launched by French company Arianespace.

GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs. Entire capacity on board leased to Tata Play.

#### 14. ISRO's PSLV-C53 to launch 3 Singapore satellites on June 30

ISRO said it will be launching - the second dedicated commercial mission of its commercial arm NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) - 'PSLV-C53' carrying three satellites from Singapore on June 30.

The launch vehicle carrying DS-EO satellite along with two other co-passenger satellites is scheduled to lift off from the Second Launch Pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. NSIL is a PSU and commercial arm of ISRO established in 2019 under adm control of DoS.

#### 15. Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurates the Seismology Observatory in Udhampur district of J&K

In Jammu and Kashmir, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the Seismology Observatory in Dandayal area Udhampur district.

The third such Centre in J&K has been set up by the Ministry of Earth Sciences at a cost of 20 lakh rupees. A complete seismic record of Udhampur, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban and many other districts will be prepared at the observatory. India Meteorological Department is nodal agency for monitoring seismic activity in India

#### 16. CAPSTONE Launches to Test New Orbit for NASA's Artemis Moon Missions

A small NASA-financed spacecraft called CAPSTONE was launched from New Zealand. The spacecraft, about the size of a microwave oven, will study a specific orbit where NASA plans to build a small space station for astronauts to stop at before and after going to the moon's surface.

## Defence

#### 1. Indian Navy commissions ALH MK III aircraft built by INAS 325

Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325, operating the indigenously built ALH MK III aircraft, was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar at an impressive ceremony held at INS Utkrosh, Port Blair.

The unit is the second ALH MK III Squadron commissioned into the Indian Navy.

#### 2. MoD inks Rs 2,971-cr contract with BDL to procure ASTRA Mk-I missile system

The Defence Ministry has signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for the supply of ASTRA MK-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) Air to Air Missile (AAM) and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy at a cost of Rs 2,971 crore under Buy (Indian-IDD) category.

#### 3. Indian Navy to bid farewell to two ships INS Nishank, INS Akshay in Mumbai

The Indian Navy will bid farewell to its two ships INS Nishank and INS Akshay, at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Both the ships will be decommissioned at Naval Dockyard after 32 years of being at the forefront of safeguarding the maritime interests of the nation.



#### 4. India, China reviews situation along Line of Actual Control during 24th WMCC meeting

The 24th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) was held recently.

The Indian delegation was led by the Additional Secretary (East Asia) from the Ministry of External Affairs. The Director-General of the Boundary and Oceanic Department of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs led the Chinese delegation.

#### 5. Russia tests its latest hypersonic Zircon missile

The Russian navy has conducted another test of a prospective hypersonic missile, a demonstration of the military's long-range strike capability amid the fighting in Ukraine.

The launch was the latest in a series of tests of Zircon, which is set to enter service later this year. Zircon is capable of flying at nine times the speed of sound and has a range of 1,000 km.

#### 6. India, Bangladesh hold joint military exercise 'Ex SAMPRITI-X' as part of bilateral defence cooperation

A joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh. The exercise 'Ex SAMPRITI-X' will continue till June 16 as part of bilateral defence cooperation.

The Indian contingent is being represented by a battalion of the Dogra regiment.

This is the 10th edition of the joint military exercise.

#### 7. Border Coordination Conference between BSF-BGB concludes in Bangladesh

A 4-day Inspector General BSF- Regional Commander BGB level Border Coordination Conference between India and Bangladesh was held in Sylhet.

A five-member Border Security Force (BSF) delegation was led by IG BSF Sumit Sharan. Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) was led by Brigadier General Tanvir Gani Chowdhury, Regional Commander, Chittagong.

#### 8. DAC headed by Rajnath Singh clears proposals worth Rs 76,390 crore

Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), in a meeting chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for Capital Acquisition Proposals of the Armed Forces amounting to Rs 76,390 crore under 'Buy (Indian)', 'Buy & Make (Indian)' and 'Buy (Indian-IDD)' categories.

#### 9. Defence Minister Enhances Funding Under TDF Scheme Of DRDO To Rs 50 Cr

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the enhancement of funding under the Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme of the Ministry of Defence to Rs 50 crore per project from Rs 10 crore. The TDF scheme, executed by DRDO supports the indigenous development of components, products, systems and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.

#### 10. 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol begins in Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca

The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between the Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC) and Indonesian Navy is being conducted in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca.

The 38th CORPAT is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries.

#### 11. Prithvi-II missile successfully test-fired during night time

India successfully test-fired its indigenously developed, nuclear-capable Prithvi-II missile during night time as part of a user training trial from a test range off the Odisha coast.

The trial of the surface-to-surface missile, which has a strike range of 350 km, was carried out from a mobile launcher from the launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur. Prithvi-II is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kilogram of warheads.

#### 12. Indian Army, IAF practice aerial insertion and landing on water for rapid deployment into hostile territory

Special Forces of the Indian Army and Indian Air Force carried out a 2-day joint exercise at the Gobind Sagar Reservoir in Himachal Pradesh to validate the aerial insertion and deployment of operatives through water parachute jumps.

In November 2021, Army had carried out its first-ever airborne insertion exercise at high-altitude locations at the border with China in Ladakh.

#### 13. ICG inducts indigenously designed, developed Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III in Chennai

The Indian Coast Guard's Eastern Region inducted the indigenously designed and developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark III, the first aircraft of the newly created '840 Squadron'.

The new squadron will be stationed at Chennai, the headquarters of the Eastern Region of the Coast Guard. Three more ALHs will be added to the inventory of '840 Squadron' shortly. ALH MK-III was indigenously designed & developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

#### 14. Defence Ministry approves setting up of 'BRO Cafes' at 75 border locations across 12 states/UTs

Ministry of Defence approved setting up of wayside amenities under the brand of 'BRO Cafes' at 75 locations on different sections of roads with BRO across 12 states and Union territories.

These are intended to provide basic amenities and comfort to tourists and lead to boosting of economic activities in border areas, besides generating employment for local people.

#### 15. 38th edition of India'Indonesia Coordinated Patrol

The navies of India and Indonesia on June 13 began an 11-day coordinated patrol in Andaman Sea and Malacca Strait.

The 38th edition of the exercise IND-INDO CORPAT, conducted for the first time after the COVID-19 pandemic, will take place till June 24.

The two navies have been carrying out CORPAT along their International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) since 2002.

The patrol commenced on June 13 with the arrival of KRI Cut Nyak Dien at Port Blair.

#### 16. IAF To Participate In Tactical Leadership Programme With Egyptian Air Force

Indian Air Force would be participating in Tactical Leadership Programme at Egyptian Air Force Weapon School from 24 Jun ' 24 Jul 22 in Egypt.

It is a unique exercise with Air assets in a Large Force Engagement environment, simulating various conflict scenarios.

The exercise is aimed at enhancing defence cooperation between two countries and the exchange of best practices. Desert Warrior is a military exercise conducted by Air forces of India and Egypt.

#### 17. India, Malaysia hold talks to enhance defence cooperation under the existing Malaysia India Defence Cooperation Meeting (MIDCOM)

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh held a Video Conference with Senior Defence Minister of Malaysia, YB Dato 'Seri Hishammuddin Tun Hussein on June 27, 2022.

A wide range of issues concerning bilateral, regional and defence industrial cooperation were discussed during the meeting.

The next MIDCOM is scheduled to held in July 2022.

#### 18. 4th Synergy Conference between Indian Army & Defence Accounts Department held in New Delhi

The day-long conference was co-chaired by Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) Lt Gen BS Raju & Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)Rajnish Kumar and attended by senior officers of Indian Army and DAD. The primary agenda of the conference included deliberations on AGNIPATH scheme & schedule for timely implementation of a system for pay and allowances for Agniveers.

#### 19. High speed Expendable Aerial Target - ABHYAS - successfully flight-tested off Odisha coast

ABHYAS ' High speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) was successfully flight-tested from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

The performance of the aircraft at low altitude including sustained level and high manoeuvrability was demonstrated during the test flight.

ABHYAS is designed & developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment of DRDO.

#### 20. India, Australia hold 9th Army to Army Staff Talks in Dehradun

The 9th Army to Army Staff Talks (AAST) between the Australian Army and Indian Army were conducted in Dehradun.

AAST focused on joint military exercises, training cooperation, and preparing a roadmap for enhanced Defence Cooperation between both the Armies.

Talks were held at Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.

## Books & Authors

#### 1. Dharmendra Pradhan Along With Anurag Thakur Release Books Titled 'Loktantra Ke Swar' And 'The Republican Ethic'

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan along with Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Sports Shri Anurag Thakur released books 'Loktantra ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic' having selected speeches of the President of India Ram Nath Kovind. This is the fourth volume of the series.

In this volume,President expresses his inner most thoughts on issues and personalities.

#### 2. PM releases Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'

PM Modi released Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'

He expressed the hope that the book that was released today will present the Constitution in a comprehensive manner.

Ram Bahadur Rai is a senior Hindi journalist. He was awarded Padma Shri, the fourth highest civilian award of India, in 2015.

## Miscellaneous

### 1. PepsiCo to invest Rs 186 cr on expanding its largest food plant in India

PepsiCo India plans to expand its largest greenfield food manufacturing plant in Kosi Kalan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. The unit produces Lays potato chips. The plan entails a cost of Rs 186 crore, taking the overall investment by the firm in UP to Rs 1,022 crore.

Chairman and CEO, PepsiCo: Ramon L. Laguarta

### 2. IKEA India to open first store in Bengaluru on June 22

IKEA India (part of the Ingka Group), the global Swedish home furnishings retailer said that it will open doors to its store in Bengaluru, located at Nagasandra on June 22, 2022.

The large-format store will be connected to the Nagasandra metro station, which will support a faster and more comfortable commute, making the store accessible for the many people in Bengaluru.

Two big format IKEA stores are operational in Hyderabad and Navi Mumbai.

### 3. 'Abnormal' dinosaur egg in India digs up new questions for evolution

A staff of researchers from the University of Delhi has found a novel set of fossilised dinosaur eggs, with one egg nesting inside the different on the Dinosaur Fossil National Park, in Dhar District of Madhya Pradesh. While eggs-within-eggs are uncommon phenomena, they're to date identified to happen solely in birds and have by no means identified in reptiles. This discovery brings out newer connections between reptilian and avian evolution.

### 4. Microsoft shuts down Internet Explorer after 27 years

Microsoft has stopped offering services of the internet browser Internet Explorer from June 15, 27 years since its inception.

Users will now be redirected towards Microsoft's browser Edge, which was launched in 2015.

The first version of the Internet Explorer was released in 1995. The company released the last version of the browser, Internet Explorer 11 in 2013.

### 5. Google announces startup accelerator program for women founders

Google announced a startup accelerator program for women founders which will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring. The inaugural batch of the 'Google for Startups Accelerator ' India Women Founders' will accept up to 20 women-founded co-founded startups in the country, and support them through a three-month program.

## Obituary

### 1. Singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, better known as KK, passes away

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The singer fell ill while performing at an event in Kolkata. One of the most versatile singers of the Indian film industry, KK has recorded songs in several languages, including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Bengali.

### 2. J&K National Panthers Party Chief Bhim Singh passes away

National Panthers Party Chief Professor Bhim Singh passed away at his residence in Jammu after a prolonged illness, officials said. He was 80.

Singh was the founder and Chief Patron of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP), a political organisation which seeks "ultimate revolution", based in the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

### 3. Renowned Santoor maestro Pandit Bhajan Sopori passes away

Renowned Santoor maestro Pandit Bhajan Sopori passed away today in Gurugram. He was 74. He was suffering from colon cancer. He was former Director of Music at All India Radio and looked after Hindustani Classical Music. Along with Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma, he is credited to have brought santoor, a lesser known Kashmiri instrument, into the global limelight.

### 4. Freedom fighter Anjalai Ponnusamy dies aged 102

Freedom fighter Anjalai Ponnusamy, who fought for India's independence from colonial Britain, died, aged 102.

At the age of 21, Anjalai joined the Rani of Jhansi Regiment ' the women's regiment of the Indian National Army ' in the hopes of discarding the yoke of British colonialism from the Indian people.

#### [5. Sony ex-CEO Nobuyuki Idei, who led brand's global growth, dies at 84](#)

Nobuyuki Idei, who led Japan's Sony from 1998 through 2005, steering its growth in the digital and entertainment businesses, has died.

He was 84.

During his seven years as CEO from 1998, Mr Idei made an immense contribution to Sony's evolution as a global company. Tokyo-based Sony is among Japan's stellar brands, having brought the world the Walkman portable music player.

#### [6. Eminent Urdu scholar Professor Gopi Chand Narang passes away](#)

One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists Professor Gopi Chand Narang has passed away. He was 91. He breathed his last in the United States.

A recipient of Padma Bhushan and Sahitya Akademi Awards, Prof. Narang published more than 65 scholarly and critical books on language, literature, poetics and cultural studies in Urdu, Hindi and English.

#### [7. Well-known photojournalist R Raveendran passes away](#)

Well-known photojournalist R Raveendran, who clicked the iconic picture of Delhi University student Rajiv Goswami setting himself on fire during the Mandal Commission agitation that intensified the protests leading to VP Singh government's resignation, passed away.

#### [8. Asian Games Double Gold Medallist And Olympian Hari Chand Dies Aged 69](#)

Long-distance runner Hari Chand, who won two gold medals at the 1978 Bangkok Asian Games, passed away at his native village Ghorewaha in Hoshiarpur district, Punjab.

He won a gold medal at the 1975 Asian Championship in 10,000 metre and a bronze medal in 5,000 metre.

Later, he won two gold medals at the 1978 Asian Games in Bangkok in the 5000m and 10,000m events

He also participated in two Olympic Games in 1976 and 1980.

#### [9. Maruti India's first MD, Dr V Krishnamurthy, the 'father of public sector undertaking in India, passes away at 97](#)

Dr. V Krishnamurthy, former MD, Maruti Udyog (Maruti Suzuki, at present) passed away. The veteran was appointed as the company's first vice-chairman and MD in 1981.

He was honoured with Padma Shri in 1973, the Padma Bhushan in 1986 and the Padma Vibushan in 2007, respectively.

He is credited to make Maruti a passenger vehicle OEM. He was chairman of BHEL and SAIL as well.

#### [10. Noted lyricist, author and journalist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away](#)

In Kerala, noted lyricist, author and journalist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away at a private Medical College Hospital in Thrissur. He was 86.

A former Staff Artist with AIR, Krishnankutty penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books. He retired as an Assistant Editor with the Malayala Manorama daily.

#### [11. Pallonji Mistry, Chairman Of Shapoorji Pallonji Group And Largest Individual Shareholder In Tata Group, Passes Away At 93](#)

Sh. Mistry was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of industry and trade. The Shapoorji Pallonji Group's construction unit is behind some of Mumbai's iconic landmarks such as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) building, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) building, Hong Kong Bank, Grindlays Bank, Standard Chartered Bank and Brabourne Stadium.

#### [12. Olympic Medallist And Hockey World Cup Winner Varinder Singh Dies At 75](#)

Olympic and World Cup medallist Varinder Singh, who was an integral part of some of India's memorable victories in the 1970s, died in Jalandhar.

Varinder Singh was part of the gold-medal winning Indian team at the 1975 men's Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur. This remains India's only gold medal at the prestigious tournament.

## Person in news

### 1. Rafael Nadal Defeats Casper Ruud For 14th Roland Garros Title

Rafael Nadal captured his 14th Roland Garros title and a record-extending 22nd Grand Slam trophy, dispatching Norwegian Casper Ruud.

By earning a 22nd Grand Slam crown, the Spaniard has moved further clear of Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer in the Grand Slam race, with the Serbian and Swiss tied on 20 major titles.

### 2. Shreyas G. Hosur becomes the first Indian Railways officer to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon

Creating a history of sorts, Shreyas G. Hosur, became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon, considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world.

This event includes 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling and 42.2 km of running.

He completed the event in 13 hours and 26 minutes in Hamburg, Germany.

### 3. Mithali Raj announces retirement from all forms of international cricket

Indian cricketer and the Test and ODI captain of the country's women's national cricket team Mithali Raj announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket.

Under Mithali, Indian women's cricket made some giant strides on the global cricketing map, the biggest one being making the final of the 2017 Women's World Cup final against England at Lord's.

### 4. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli becomes first Indian to be recognised as Global SDG pioneer by UNGC

Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the Founder and Managing Director of Maithri Aquatech, was previously selected as India's SDG Pioneer by the UN Global Compact Network India (GCNI) earlier this year, for his work in building water security with nature-based water solutions across India and 27 countries spanning South East Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Following this, he was recognized as one of the 10 new SDG Pioneers for 2022.

### 5. Virat Kohli Becomes The First Indian To Reach 200 Million Followers On Instagram

Former team India cricket captain Virat Kohli became the first Indian to reach 200 million followers on Instagram.

The 33-year-old is also the most followed cricketer in the world and the third most followed sports person in the world after Cristiano Ronaldo (450M) and Lionel Messi (333M).

### 6. Shooter Avani Lekhara Sets World Record To Win Gold At Para World Cup

Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para Shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 in Chateauroux, France.

The 20-year-old shooter broke her own world record of 249.6 to secure her a spot at the 2024 Paris Paralympics. Poland's Emilia Babska bagged the silver medal with a total of 247.6.

### 7. Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill appointed as UN Chief's envoy on technology

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill as his envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation. Amandeep Singh Gill has been India's permanent representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016-to 2018.

### 8. Sh. Ratan Tata conferred honorary D.Litt by HSNL University

Tata Group Chairman Emeritus Ratan Tata has been conferred honorary D.Litt. by Maharashtra's second state cluster university, HSNL University, as a mark of appreciation towards his unparalleled contribution for the society. The Governor of Maharashtra and the Chancellor of the university Bhagat Singh Koshyari awarded the degree.

### 9. Anand Mahindra, Pankaj Patel, Venu Srinivasan, Ravindra Dholakia Appointed to RBI Central Board

Mahindra & Mahindra Group chairman Anand Mahindra and TVS Motor Company Chairman Emeritus Venu Srinivasan has been nominated by the Indian government to join the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) board as part-time directors. ZyduS Lifesciences' chairman Pankaj Patel and Ravindra Dholakia, a former professor of the Indian Institute of Ahmedabad were also appointed.

### 10. Neeraj Chopra sets new national record on return at Paavo Nurmi Games

Tokyo Olympics champion Neeraj Chopra broke his own national record to win the men's javelin throw silver medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games 2022 in Turku, Finland.

Neeraj Chopra registered a best throw of 89.30m.

Finland's Oliver Helander won gold with a personal best throw of 89.83m.

2022 season's world leader Anderson Peters of Grenada claimed the bronze with 86.60m.

### 11. Biden Nominates Indian American Radha Iyengar Plumb to Top Pentagon Position

US President Joe Biden nominated security expert Radha Iyengar Plumb to the post of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment.

She is currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense.

Prior to her appointment as Chief of Staff, Plumb was the Director of Research and Insights for Trust and Safety at Google.

### [12. Indian American Sowmyanarayan Sampath Appointed CEO of Verizon Business](#)

Indian American Sowmyanarayan Sampath will lead Verizon Business as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective 1 July 2022.

Sampath will directly report to Hans Vestberg, Verizon Chairman and CEO.

Before joining Verizon, Sampath worked at KPMG and Boston Consulting Group.

### [13. Aarti Prabhakar to be appointed as Science Advisor to US President](#)

An Indian-origin physicist is likely to be appointed US President Joe Biden's next science adviser. It is also expected that she would be nominated by the President as director of the White House Office of Science and Technology (OSTP), though that appointment needs the nod of the Senate and could take months.

### [14. Queen Elizabeth II is the second-longest reigning monarch in history](#)

The head of the British royal family, Queen Elizabeth II, became the second-longest reigning monarch in world history.

Taking the throne on Feb. 6, 1952, the queen has ruled the realm for 70 years and 127 days.

She just surpassed the lengthy reign of former Thai King Bhumibol Adulyadej, who ruled from 1946 until his death in 2016.

French King Louis XIV remains in the top having served as monarch for more than 72 yrs.

### [15. Odisha's Shreya Lenka becomes India's first K-pop star, joins Blackswan](#)

Shreya Lenka, an 18-year-old girl from Odisha's Rourkela, has been selected as the fifth member of popular South Korean pop band Blackswan formed by DR Music.

Lenka, who goes by stage name Sriya, will be joining the original members of the girl group -- Youngheun, Fatou, Judy and Leia -- along with Gabriela Dalcin (Gabi) from Brazil as the sixth member. She was selected after participating in the six-month-long global auditions.

### [16. Vijay Amritraj honoured with Golden Achievement Award by ITF and International Tennis Hall of Fame](#)

In recognition of his outstanding impact on the sport of tennis as a player, promoter, and humanitarian, India's Vijay Amritraj has been named the 2021 recipient of the Golden Achievement Award.

The Golden Achievement Award is presented annually by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation. Amritraj remains the highest-ranked ATP singles player from India in ATP history at no.16

### [17. Khushi Patel from United Kingdom wins Miss India Worldwide 2022](#)

Khushi Patel, a biomedical student from the United Kingdom, has been declared the winner of the Miss India Worldwide 2022, the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India.

Roshani Razack from Guyana was declared Miss Teen India Worldwide 2022.

Vaidehi Dongre from the US was declared the first runner up on Friday night while Shrutika Mane was adjudged the second runner up.

### [18. England's Eoin Morgan bids adieu to international cricket](#)

England's Eoin Morgan has retired from international cricket with immediate effect.

Morgan, who led England to 50-over World Cup glory in 2019, captained England in a record 126 ODIs and 72 T20s. His 118 wins as skipper across the two formats is also a record. He retires with a slew of records to his name, including most ODI runs for England (6,957).

### [19. Mukesh Ambani steps down as Director of Reliance Jio, son Akash named Chairman](#)

Mukesh Ambani has resigned as a Director in Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited with the company's Board on June 28, approving his elder son Akash Ambani's appointment as the Chairman.

In regulatory filing, Reliance Jio, the telecom arm of the Reliance group, said the Board of Directors at its meeting held on June 27 approved the appointment of Akash Ambani.

## Insurance

### 1. IRDAI eases capital requirement for insurers to offer PMJJBY schemes

In order to facilitate more participation of insurers under PMJJBY, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has reduced the capital required to be held by insurers offering PMJJBY, by almost 50 per cent.

### 2. Govt revises premium to 436 for flagship insurance schemes PMJJBY, PMSBY

The government has revised the premium rates of its two flagship social security schemes, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY & Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PMSBY. Premium rates for PMJJBY has revised to 436 from the earlier premium of 330 rupees per annum. For the PMSBY, the revised premium will be 20 rupees instead of the existing 12 rupees per annum.

### 3. IRDAI cuts solvency margins for crop insurers

Regulator IRDAI reduced the solvency margin requirement for general insurers providing crop insurance, a decision expected to unlock Rs 1,400 crore of funds for them to undertake more business.

Solvency margin, a key indicator of financial health of an insurer, refers to the difference between its value of assets & liability. Regulator fixes the solvency margin for insurers. Reforms is undertaken to increase insurance penetration in the country.

### 4. Canara HSBC Life rebrands due to Punjab National Bank(PNB) exit

Canara HSBC OBC Life has renamed itself as Canara HSBC Life following its 3rd partner PNB's decision to exit. PNB had acquired a stake in the company following the amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce. Currently, Canara Bank holds 51% in the insurance arm, HSBC holds 26% & PNB 23%.

With PNB exiting, the stake is likely to be acquired by existing shareholders. Canara HSBC Life MD: Anuj Mathur

### 5. LIC introduces 'Dhan Sanchay' savings life insurance plan

Dhan Sanchay plan is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that offers a combination of protection and savings.

The plan is available for a term of minimum 5 years to maximum 15 years. It provides level income benefit, increasing income benefit, single premium level income benefit and single benefit.

### 6. Bajaj Allianz launches industry-first 'Global Health Care' plan

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance announced the launch of a new health insurance product 'Global Health Care'. It is a comprehensive health indemnity insurance product that provides seamless cover to the policyholder for planned as well as emergency treatment availed for domestic and international usage.

## India & World

### 1. Cabinet Approves India-UAE MoU On Cooperation In Industries & Advanced Technologies Sector

India-UAE bilateral trade, valued at US\$ 180 billion (Rs.1373 crore) per annum in the 1970s has increased to US\$ 60 billion (Rs.4.57 lakh crore) making the UAE, India's third-largest trading partner for the year 2019-20 after China and the US.

India and the UAE signed a bilateral 'Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement' (CEPA) on 18/02/2022.

### 2. Cabinet Approves MoU Signed Between India & USA In Health Sector

The MoU has been signed by the Department of Biotechnology, Government of the Republic of India (DBT) and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), USA to contribute towards the development of new, improved and innovative biomedical tools and technologies to prevent and treat HIV, TB, Covid-19.

### 3. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hands over 12 high-speed guard boats to Vietnam

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over to Vietnam 12 high-speed guard boats built under a USD 100 million Line of Credit granted to the Southeast Asian country by India.

The boats were given at a ceremony in Hong Ha shipyard.

The initial five boats were manufactured at the L&T Shipyard in India and remaining seven were built in Hong Ha shipyard.

#### [4. U.S. announces \\$ 122 mn aid to India to address disease threats](#)

The United States has announced a funding of \$122 million to top three Indian medical research institutions to prevent avoidable epidemics, early detection of disease threats, and rapid and effective response. The fund will be distributed to the three top Indian health research institutions -- ICMR, NIV(Pune) and NIE(Chennai)

#### [5. India-Japan hold first Finance Dialogue in New Delhi](#)

Mr. Masato Kanda, Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, Japan, and Mr. Ajay Seth, Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, held the first India-Japan Finance Dialogue in New Delhi. India-Japan financial cooperation, which had been held at the level of Deputy Director-Generals, was upgraded to the level of Vice Minister/Secretary.

#### [6. India, Poland sign legal help treaty on criminal matters](#)

India and Poland have signed a mutual legal assistance treaty on criminal matters (MLAT) to help both countries in investigation and prosecution of crimes, including those related to terrorism.

Poland became the 45th country with which New Delhi has signed an MLAT on criminal matters.

Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry for concluding MLATs in criminal matters.

#### [7. India-Bangladesh holds 7th Round of Joint Consultative Commission in New Delhi](#)

The seventh round of the India-Bangladesh Joint Consultative Commission was held in New Delhi. It was co-chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and his Bangladesh counterpart Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen. Jaishankar said India is looking forward to working on new areas of cooperation with Bangladesh including artificial intelligence, cyber security, startups, fintech. This was the first physical JCC meeting after the Covid-19 pandemic.

#### [8. India and EU re-launch negotiations for India-EU free trade agreement after over 8 years](#)

India had started negotiations for a trade pact, dubbed the Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA), with the 27-country economic bloc in 2007, but the talks stalled in 2013 as both sides failed to reach an agreement on key issues, including customs duties on automobiles and spirits, and the movement of professionals.

#### [9. Piyush Goyal inaugurates 'Mango Festival' in Belgium](#)

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated a 'Mango Festival' organised in Brussels to create awareness among the Europeans and create a market for Indian mangoes in Europe.

India is a big supplier of mangoes to the rest of the globe, but most of the mangoes end up in the Middle East rather than Europe.

#### [10. Indian delegation led by Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran visits Sri Lanka](#)

An Indian government delegation led by Chief Economic Advisor V. Anantha Nageswaran arrived to assess Sri Lanka's economic conditions and examine whether another tranche of financial package needs to be disbursed to the island nation.

The support from India ranges from economic assistance of close to USD 3.5 billion to helping secure Sri Lanka's food, health etc.

#### [11. S. Jaishankar meets Rwandan counterpart to discuss Commonwealth summit agenda, bilateral ties](#)

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held talks with his Rwandan counterpart Vincent Biruta.

Dr. Jaishankar arrived in Rwanda on Wednesday on a four-day visit to attend the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). He will be representing Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the summit of the 54-nation bloc on June 24-25. Rwanda's President- Paul Kagame.

#### [12. World Bank approves additional \\$250m to improve education results for children in Gujarat](#)

The World Bank Board of Executive Directors today approved additional financing of \$250 million for Outcomes for Accelerated Learning (GOAL), a program which aims to improve education results for children across the state of Gujarat. This financing will benefit an additional 3,000 schools that have been disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. World Bank was established in 1944.

#### [13. Union Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal Receives The Holy Kapilvastu Relics Of Lord Buddha Brought Back From Mongolia](#)

The four Holy Relics of Lord Buddha came back to India after being displayed for 12 days at the Batsagaan Temple within the premises of Gandan Monastery, Mongolia as part of celebrations of Mongolian Buddha Purnima. Union minister Shri Arjun Meghwal received the holy relics at Ghaziabad.

Ukhnaa Khurelsukh, President of Mongolia.

Mongolia Capital: Ulaanbaatar. Mongolia Currency: Mongolian Togrog.



#### 14. [India-UK launches joint Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme](#)

Joint statement by UK Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar on the establishment of an India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme to be hosted in New Delhi was released.

The Academy programme will equip young diplomats from all Commonwealth Member States with expertise and training on global challenges.

#### 15. [INS Satpura arrives at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii to participate in RIMPAC-22](#)

INS Satpura entered Pearl Harbour in Hawaii on 27 Jun 22 to participate in the 22nd biennial, multi-lateral Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC-22). The exercise is organised by the US Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM).

27 countries are participating in the current edition of the multi-dimensional exercise.

## Environment

#### 1. [Greenko commences construction of world's largest integrated renewable energy storage project in Andhra Pradesh](#)

Greenko Group, a Hyderabad-based clean energy firm, has initiated the construction of the world's largest integrated RE storage project with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, performing the first concrete pour ceremony for the facility at Kurnool district.

The project is scheduled to get commissioned by the last quarter of 2023.

#### 2. [Twin Tropical Cyclones - 'Asani And Karim'](#)

Cyclones Asani & Karim, titled after the northern and southern hemispheres are twin cyclones that formed last month at almost uniform longitude and are now sliding away. Karim (was given by the South African country Seychelles) is classified as a category II hurricane.

Asani (named by Sri Lanka. It means 'wrath' in Sinhalese), a Severe Cyclonic Storm over the Bay of Bengal.

#### 3. [National Thermal Power Corporation \(NTPC\) Issued Biodiversity Policy for Conservation & Restoration of Biodiversity](#)

NTPC Ltd, India's largest integrated energy producer, has issued a new Biodiversity Policy 2022 to establish a broad vision and guiding principles for biodiversity conservation, restoration, and enhancement.

This Biodiversity Policy is an essential component of the NTPC Environmental Policy. Its goals are consistent with environmental and sustainability policies.

#### 4. [No mining within 1 km of protected forests, orders Supreme Court](#)

In a bid to protect wildlife biodiversity in the country, the Supreme Court has said each protected forest should have a 1-km radius of eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) and no mining shall be permitted there. The Chief Conservator of Forests should make a list of existing structures under the sensitive zone and submit the report to the court within three months.

#### 5. [Chilika home to 176 fishing cats, finds world's 1st survey](#)

The Chilika Lake, Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, has 176 fishing cats, according to a census conducted by Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP).

This is the world's first population estimation of the fishing cat, which has been conducted outside the protected area network. The CDA says fishing cats are globally threatened cats that occur in wetlands

#### 6. [Maharashtra gets 12 new conservation reserves and three wildlife sanctuaries](#)

The 18th State Wildlife Board meeting has chaired by Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray approved 12 new conservation reserves that will cover an area of 692.74 sq km and two new sanctuaries (including a flamingo sanctuary) covering an area of 298.61 sq km. In addition, the board also cleared the extension of Lonar wildlife sanctuary area and 10 endangered wildlife habitats.

#### 7. [India's newest recorded snail named after Western Ghats](#)

The Western Ghats of Maharashtra have yielded a carnivorous land snail new to the world of science.

The Haploptychius sahyadriensis, recorded from the northern Western Ghats of Maharashtra, is the third member of the genus Haploptychius. The other two 'H. andamanicus and H. pfeifferi' were recorded in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the 1860s.

#### 8. World's biggest plant discovered off Australian coast

The largest known plant on Earth - a seagrass roughly three times the size of Manhattan - has been discovered off the coast of Australia.

Using genetic testing, scientists have determined a large underwater meadow in Western Australia is in fact one plant.

It is believed to have spread from a single seed over at least 4,500 years.

The seagrass covers about 200 sq km. The team stumbled upon the discovery by accident at Shark Bay.

#### 9. New thick-thumbed bat species discovered in bamboo forest in Meghalaya

A team of scientists has discovered a new species of thick-thumbed bat from a bamboo forest near Lailad in Ri-Bhoi district in Meghalaya, which is adjoining to Nongkhyllam Wildlife Sanctuary.

With this new discovery, the total number of bat species known from India stands at 131 species with Meghalaya harbouring the highest bat diversity with 67 species. The bat species was named after the state as *Glischropus meghalayanus*.

#### 10. World's biggest bacterium found in Caribbean mangrove swamp

The bacterium is named *Thiomargarita magnifica* or "magnificent sulfur pearl" and can reach a length of 2 centimetres. It is roughly 50 times larger than all known giant bacteria.

The thin white filament, approximately the size of a human eyelash, is by far the largest bacterium known to date.

First example of this bacterium was found in archipelago of Guadeloupe in 2009.

#### 11. Menar bird village to be developed as wetland

Recognised as the 'bird village' following community-driven conservation efforts, Menar in Udaipur district is set to be notified as Rajasthan's new wetland. This will pave the way for getting the Ramsar site status for this rural heartland of the Mewar region. The two lakes in the village 'the Brahma and Dhandh' play host to a large number of migratory birds in winter.

#### 12. India assures world community of its commitment to protect at least 30% of lands, waters and oceans

At the UN Ocean Conference at Lisbon, India assured the world community that it is committed to protecting at least 30% of lands, waters and oceans & adhering to its commitment of 30 X 30 by 2030.

Theme of the conference is 'Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions'.

## Apps & Portals

#### 1. Cabinet allows procurement by cooperatives through GeM portal

The Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to expand the mandate of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) by allowing procurement by cooperatives.

Presently, the registration of cooperatives as buyers was not covered within the existing mandate of GeM. The decision was taken by the Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

#### 2. Punjab govt launches DSR portal to facilitate farmers

Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann recently launched a portal to facilitate paddy farmers opting for the direct seeding of rice (DSR). The initiative will be instrumental in compiling data about each farmer who has opted for this water-saving technology besides ensuring payment of '1,500 per acre after verification of genuine beneficiaries.

#### 3. NHA launches public dashboard for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

The National Health Authority under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has launched a public dashboard for real-time information on the scheme.

The ABDM public dashboard displays detailed information on the core registries under the mission 'Ayushman Bharat Health Account numbers, Health care Professionals Registry and Health Facility Registry. Chief Executive Officer of National Health Authority: Dr. R.S. Sharma

#### 4. PM Modi launches Jan Samarth Portal for credit-linked govt schemes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the national portal for credit-linked government schemes 'Jan Samarth Portal.

Prime Minister participated in the 'Iconic Week Celebrations' of the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Corporate Affairs at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The week (June 6-11) is being celebrated as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Jan Samarth Portal is a one-stop digital portal linking government credit schemes.

#### 5. SMBSaathi Utsav: WhatsApp Launches New Initiative To Help Small Businesses

WhatsApp India has launched SMBSaathi Utsav ' an initiative to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums such as the WhatsApp Business App to run their business.

The initiative of WhatsApp aims to educate and help small businesses unlock the potential of their business through WhatsApp.

#### 6. Goa Govt Launches 'Beach Vigil App' To Enhance Tourist Experience, Safeguard Beaches

The chief minister of Goa Pramod Sawant has launched a 'Beach Vigil App". The CM said that the app aims to benefit institutions working in beach tourism sector and also the tourists. The Beach Vigil App aims to do a holistic management of beaches.

Beach Vigil App Drishti workers, police and other stakeholders can raise issues for safeguarding tourists' interests.

#### 7. Cabinet approves agreement with UN for a wayfinding app

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for the signing of an agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

#### 8. India's Science & Tech Department Launches Geospatial Self-certification Portal

In a major step towards liberalization of the geospatial industry in India, the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST) has launched the Self Certification Portal. Portal will essentially cut down time spent on obtaining clearances and approvals drastically for Geospatial companies, researchers, academia & innovators for carrying out Geospatial related activities. The Portal has been developed in collaboration with the National Information Centre (NIC)

#### 9. PM Modi inaugurates Vanijya Bhawan and launches NIRYAT portal in Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated "Vanijya Bhawan", a new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Delhi and also launched a new portal -- NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade) which will provide a one-stop platform for stakeholders to get all necessary information related to India's foreign trade.

#### 10. PADMA, The Centralised Pay System For Indian Coast Guard Launched

Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA), an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard was inaugurated by Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence.

This module has been developed under the aegis of Defense Accounts Department and will be operated by Pay Accounts Office Coast Guard, Noida.

#### 11. Govt launches e-learning portal 'Dak Karmayogi' to enhance competency of Dak Sevaks and dept employees

'Dak Karmayogi', an e-learning portal of the Department of Posts was launched by Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and MoS Communications Devusinh Chauhan in Delhi.

'Dak Karmayogi' portal will enhance the competencies of about four lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks and departmental employees.

This portal has been developed under the vision of 'Mission Karmayogi'.

## Acquisitions & Mergers

#### 1. Reliance Brands Limited(RBL) to acquire 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's India toy manufacturing biz

RBL through a joint venture arrangement with Plastic Legno SPA will acquire a 40% stake in the latter's toy manufacturing business in India.

Plastic Legno SPA is owned by the Sunino group that boasts more than 25 years of toy production experience in Europe.

Reliance Brands already has a strong presence in the Indian toy industry with its portfolio of Hamleys.

#### 2. CCI approves acquisition of shareholding in Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approves acquisition of shareholding of 26% in Hitachi Construction Machinery Co., Ltd. by HCJI Holdings G.K., Citrus Investments, HCJ Holdings 2 G.K., Japan Industrial V ' GP K.K., and other investors from Hitachi Ltd on a fully diluted basis.

### 3. ADIA to buy 20% in IIFL Home Finance, largest such investment in the space

Sovereign wealth fund Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) will buy a 20% stake in IIFL Home Finance for '2,200 crore, valuing the mortgage lender at Rs 11,000 crore.

This will be the largest equity investment in India's affordable housing finance segment by a financial investor.

### 4. Shiprocket acquires majority stake in rival Pickrr for roughly \$200 million

E-commerce logistics solutions company, Shiprocket has signed a deal to acquire a majority stake in its competitor Pickrr for roughly \$200 million, in a mix of cash and equity transaction.

Set up in 2017, software-as-a-service (SaaS) company Shiprocket started off as DIY technology stack focusing on social sellers and SMEs.

Pickrr was started in 2018. Shiprocket founder and chief executive: Saahil Goel

### 5. Shriram Group receives RBI nod for merger of financial services business

The Shriram Group has secured RBI approval for the merger of Shriram City Union Finance and Shriram Capital Ltd with Shriram Transport Finance Company in a consolidation set to create the largest retail finance NBFC in the country. The merged entity will be named Shriram Finance Ltd.

The scheme has to secure nods from the IRDA and other regulators as well.

## Agri-Business

### 1. Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates Food Laboratory of FSSAI at Raxaul in Bihar

The laboratory has been established under the Indo-Nepal bilateral agreement to reduce the time in the testing of imported food samples brought into Raxaul from Nepal. Earlier, all the imported samples having legal sanctity were being sent to National Food Laboratory at Kolkata, for testing.

### 2. IIM Ahmedabad launches country's first Agri Land Price Index

The Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA) in collaboration with Indian agri-land marketplace SFarmsIndia has announced the launch of IIMA-SFarmsIndia Agri Land Price Index (ISALPI), a first-of-its-kind land price index that will record and present 'quality controlled' data of prices of agricultural land across the country.

## PSUs

### 1. RITES, Senegal firm sign MoU for cooperation in Rail sector

RITES Ltd., the leading Transport Infrastructure Consultancy and Engineering company, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Grands Trains DU Senegal (GTS-S.A), a railroad company of Senegal, on technical cooperation in the railway sector.

The MoU facilitates RITES to offer its services for the operation and maintenance of the railway network and sidings. RITES Headquarters: Gurugram, Rahul Mithal Chairman and Managing Director of RITES.

### 2. ONGC Videsh announces oil discovery in Colombia

ONGC Videsh (OVL), a subsidiary and overseas arm of State-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has made an oil discovery in the recently drilled well, Urraca-IX, in CPO-5 block, Llanos Basin, Colombia.

OVL had earlier discovered commercial oil in the lower sand play in Mariposa & Indico fields in the block in 2017 and 2018 which are producing 20000 barrels of oil /day

### 3. Indian Oil unveils indoor solar cooking stove 'Surya Nutan'

Indian Oil Corporation has unveiled Surya Nutan, a solar cooking system developed indigenously. The three models, priced in the range of Rs 12,000 and Rs 23,000, are kitchen connected and rechargeable.

Surya Nutan will 'minimize radiative and conductive heat losses'.

It was unveiled in the presence of Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri. IOC Chairperson: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

#### 4. Cochin Shipyard delivers two Autonomous Electric Barges to Norway-based ASKO Maritime AS

The 67-meter-long barges were delivered as Full Electric Transport Ferries powered by an 1846 kWh battery. It can transport 16 fully loaded Standard EU Trailers in one go across the fjords in Norway.

ASKO project is an ambitious project in Norway, which is partially funded by the Norwegian government as a part of a green shipping programme aimed at emission-free transport.

## States/UTs

### Andhra Pradesh

#### 1. Andhra Pradesh Govt launches YSR Yantra Seva Scheme

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched YSR Yantra Seva Scheme and flagged off the distribution of tractors and combine harvesters at Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur district. About 10,750 YSR Yantra Seva Centres would be set up at each Rythu Bharosa Centres level at a cost of '2,016 crore and 1,615 harvesters will be made available at cluster level.

### Assam

#### 1. Assam celebrates Baikho festival for good harvest and rain

Baikho festival is a celebration of good harvest. It is an ancient tradition that is predominantly observed by the Rabha Tribe.

Rabhas are a Tibeto-Burman community who reside majorly in Lower Assam, Garo hills and West Bengal's Dooar region. They are among the plains tribe in Assam. They are an agriculture based community who have distinctive culture and celebrations.

### Goa

#### 1. Goa celebrates 'Sao Joao' festival

A large number of people participated in the boat parade in Siolim village of Goa's Bardez taluka, marking the beginning of revelry in the 'Sao Joao' festival. The festival sees revellers plunging into water bodies in the morning to commemorate the day in the name of St John De Baptista who was believed to have baptised Jesus Christ.

### Gujarat

#### 1. Foundation Stone Laid for Olympic-Level Sports Centre in Ahmedabad

Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah laid the foundation stone for the new international sports complex in Naranpura area of Ahmedabad city. The ambitious project will be completed in the next 30 months on 20.39 acres of land at a cost of Rs 631.77 crore.

#### 2. Union Cabinet approves development of new greenfield airport in Dholera

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the proposal for development of Phase I of New Greenfield Airport at Dholera, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs 1,305 crore, to be completed within 48 months.

The airport is planned for operationalisation from the year 2025-26.

#### 3. PM Modi inaugurated redeveloped Kalika Mata temple in Gujarat's Pavagadh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped Kalika Mata temple atop the Pavagadh hill in the Panchmahal district of Gujarat.

According to the Gujarat information department, 'After the ascent of Pavagadh in the fifteenth century, the peak of the temple was dilapidated for the last five centuries. The summit has now been redesigned with a new look.'

Gujarat Chief Minister: Bhupendra Patel

## Haryana

### 1. Haryana, Israel sign pact on water cooperation

Israel and the Haryana government signed a joint declaration in integrated water resources management and capacity building.

The joint declaration was signed by Ambassador Eynat Shlein, head of Mashav, Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Haryana government.

## Himachal Pradesh

### 1. Himachal Pradesh becomes the first Indian state to approve a policy for drones

In a major step forward, the Himachal Pradesh government gave nod to a drone policy as it seeks to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the hill state.

The 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD).

## Karnataka

### 1. India's first centralised AC railway terminal in Bengaluru becomes operational.

The ultra luxury Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal in Karnataka's capital city Bengaluru was made operational.

The Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express chugged through the station to mark this special occasion. According to the railway officials, the air-conditioned SMV Railway Terminal is a '314 crore project. It has solar rooftop panels and rainwater harvesting mechanism.

### 2. The Karnataka government has released the 'FRUITS' software for farmer initiatives.

The Karnataka government has established the 'The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' or FRUITS software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the programmes. For authenticating ownership, the FRUITS software would allow for single registration utilising an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi computerised land registry system.

### 3. PM Modi inaugurates B R Ambedkar School of Economics campus in Bengaluru

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the new campus of Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University in Bengaluru and also unveiled a statue of the architect of Indian Constitution installed at the campus.

At the event, he also unveiled 150 Technology Hubs' that have been developed by transforming the Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across Karnataka.

### 4. PM Modi inaugurates Centre for Brain Research at IISc Bengaluru

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research and laid the foundation stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital at IISc Bengaluru.

The Centre for Brain Research is developed as a one of its kind research facility & focuses on conducting vital research to provide evidence-based public health interventions to manage age-related brain disorders.

### 5. Sh. Basavaraj Bommai inaugurates Ikea's store in Bengaluru, urges management to give more jobs to locals

Karnataka's Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai opened Swedish furniture and home furnishing retailer Ikea's large outlet at Nagasandra on the Pune expressway.

The Ikea store in Bengaluru is 500,000 sq.ft in area and the company hopes to attract about seven million visitors a year. It has employed about 1000 direct workers. IKEA India CEO - Susanne Pulverer.

## Maharashtra

### 1. Maharashtra Government Approves Name Change For Aurangabad As Sambhajinagar, Osmanabad As Dharashiv

Maharashtra State government cabinet took some important decisions

-Approval to rename Navi Mumbai International Airport as late DB Patil International Airport was made.

-Implement turmeric research and processing policy for the state. In Hingoli district, Hon. Balasaheb Thackeray Turmeric Research and Training Center will be set up

### 2. Uddhav Thackeray resigns as Maharashtra CM ahead of floor test

Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on June 29 announced his resignation, minutes after the Supreme Court refused to stay the floor test called by Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari in the assembly scheduled for June 30.

Uddhav Thackeray served as the 19th CM of the state.

## Nagaland

### 1. Inauguration of Honey Testing Lab in Nagaland by Union Agriculture Minister

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Honey Testing Laboratory at Dimapur, Nagaland. He also visited the Bamboo Museum and Organic AC Market. Nagaland: CM:Neiphiu Rio; Governor:Jagdish Mukhi.

## Odisha

### 1. Union Minister Bishweswar Tudu Inaugurates 20th Folk Fair, 13th Krishi Fair In Odisha's Puri

Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti, Bishweswar Tudu inaugurated the 20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) and 13th Krishi Fair 2022 at Saradhabali in Puri, Odisha. The two fairs which aimed at preserving tribal culture and promoting innovation in agriculture respectively will continue for five days and conclude on 24th June.

### 2. Government of Odisha partners with Ultimate Kho Kho League to own a franchise

The Odisha government has taken ownership of a team in the soon-to-be-launched Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK) league.

This will be the second direct sports venture for the Odisha government. The government also has ownership of the hockey team Kalinga Lancers, in the Hockey India League in 2013.

### 3. Odisha govt bags first prize in National MSME Award 2022

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Department, Government of Odisha has been awarded first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector" by virtue of various developmental initiatives taken up for the development of MSMEs. Bihar and Haryana were second and third respectively.

### 4. Odisha-based 'Mo Bus' service named recipient of prestigious UN Public Service Award

An Odisha-based public transport service is among the 10 global initiatives honoured with a prestigious United Nations award on Wednesday for their role and efforts in helping the world recover better from COVID-19. The 2022 UN Public Service Award winners were announced by Liu Zhenmin, United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

## Punjab

### 1. Chandigarh: PGI's Resource Centre For Tobacco Control Awarded By WHO

Recognising its efforts in advancing tobacco control, the WHO has awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award.

### 2. Punjab launches e-stamping facility; abolishes physical stamp papers of all denominations

In a decision to bring more efficiency and check the pilferage of state revenue, the Punjab government has abolished physical stamp papers. The stamp paper of any denomination can now be obtained via e-stamp (computerized print-out) from any stamp vendor or from banks authorised by the state government. This decision will at least save Rs 35 Crore annually.

## Rajasthan

### 1. Sh. Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates And Lays Foundation Stone Of 9 NH Projects Worth Rs 1357 Crore In Rajasthan

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari Inaugurated and laid foundation stone of 9 NH(National Highways) projects of 243 km length worth Rs 1357 Crore in Rajasthan.

25 new bypasses were announced in Rajasthan at a cost of Rs 5,000 crore. Besides, a provision of Rs. 200 crore has been made for ROB on state highways under Setubandhan Yojana.

## Sikkim

### 1. Blue Duke declared as the State Butterfly of Sikkim

Chief Minister P.S. Golay, during the World Environment Day celebrations, declared Blue Duke as the State Butterfly of Sikkim.

Blue Duke, a native butterfly species of Sikkim, edged past another contender Krishna Peacock to be announced as the State Butterfly of Sikkim.

## Tamil Nadu

### 1. [Tamil Nadu CM forms panel to frame statute to ban online rummy](#)

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has instituted a four-member committee to assist the state government in preparing an ordinance to ban online rummy game. The team is led by retired Madras High Court Justice Chanduru.

## Telangana

### 1. [Centre to celebrate Telangana formation day on June 2 with Amit Shah as chief guest](#)

This event marks the first time that the Government of India will be celebrating 'Telangana Day' or 'Telangana Formation Day' to ensure that it is commemorated in a befitting manner.

The Ministry of Culture will organise the celebrations at Dr Ambedkar International Centre on June 2. Union Home Minister Amit Shah will be the chief guest at the programme.

## Uttar Pradesh

### 1. [President Kovind inaugurates Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre in UP](#)

The President Ram Nath Kovind paid tributes to Sant Kabir and inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre and Swadesh Darshan Yojana on June 5, 2022) at Kabir Chaura Dham, Maghar, Uttar Pradesh.

He described Kabir's life as an ideal example of communal solidarity. His Samadhi and Mazar exist in the same premise which is a rare example of communal unity.

### 2. [UPEIDA signs MoUs with SBI, BOB, PNB and SIDBI to boost investment in UP Defence Industrial Corridor](#)

As part of its ongoing support to the investors in the UP Defence Industrial Corridor, the UPEIDA has collaborated with three major nationalized banks of the country -- State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda and Punjab National Bank and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), one of the 4 All India Financial Institutions regulated and supervised by RBI.

## Uttarakhand

### 1. [Uttarakhand government tables Rs 65,571.49 crore budget](#)

The proposed Rs 65,571.49 crore budget includes Rs 49,013.31 crore of revenue expenditure and Rs 16,558.18 crore of capital expenditure.

The highest allocation of ' 1,500 crore was proposed in the budget for payment of pensions to the old, widows without anyone to depend on, abandoned women, differently-abled and economically weak farmers. Allocated'500 crore for Nanda Gaura Yojana, which aims to improve gender ratio.

### 2. [World Bank approves project to promote rain-fed farming in Uttarakhand](#)

The World Bank has approved a project worth '1,000 crore for taking rain-fed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand.

The project named Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project will be implemented by the watershed department.

The project is aimed at reducing green house gas emissions for funding by the World Bank.

### 3. [Utricularia Furcellata: Rare carnivorous plant found for first time in western Himalayan region](#)

An extremely rare carnivorous plant has been found for the first time in the western Himalayas by the forest department officials of India's snowbound Uttarakhand state.

In September 2021, a team from the Research Wing of the Uttarakhand Forest discovered the Utricularia Furcellata plant in Uttarakhand's Mandal valley, Chamoli district, at an elevation of 4,800 feet. The plant was last spotted in the nation in 1986 in Meghalaya state's northeastern region

## Delhi

### 1. [Delhi govt to name colonies & streets after Babasaheb Ambedkar](#)

Following the Central government's guideline advising against the usage of the word 'Harijan', the Delhi government is set to replace the word 'Harijan' from names of colonies & streets and name them after B.R. Ambedkar instead.

Delhi will be one of the first states in the country to curb the use of the word which many people claim is "offensive and derogatory".



Jammu and Kashmir

#### 1. J-K LG rolls out accidental insurance cover of Rs 15 lakh for govt employees

Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha rolled out on an accidental insurance cover of Rs 15 lakh for government employees in the union territory.

Jammu and Kashmir Bank will extend the insurance cover.

Sinha also launched the bank's 'Phone Pe Loan' facility for government employees.

The bank has contracted with Oriental Insurance Company for extending the cover,

## Committees

#### 1. Sebi rejigs mutual fund advisory committee

Markets regulator Sebi has restructured its advisory committee on mutual funds.

The 25-member advisory committee will be chaired by former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Usha Thorat, according to the latest update with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

Earlier, the panel had 24 members.

#### 2. SEBI forms Building Advisory Committee to advise on premises related matters

Capital markets regulator SEBI has formed a Building Advisory Committee, which will advise and assist it in all the premises related matters such as planning, acquisition and furnishing.

The seven-member committee will be headed by B K Katyal, former Chief General Manager at RBI.

#### 3. CoA appoints Ranjit Bajaj as Chairman of the Advisory Committee overseeing AIFF

The 12-member group will be led by Mr Ranjit Bajaj, the former owner of I-League club Minerva Punjab FC and one of the most vocal critics of the incumbent Praful Patel regime at AIFF. The three-member CoA, comprised of Justice AR Dave, Dr SY Quraishi, and Bhaskar Ganguly, has put in place a setup that will advise it on every aspect of the game.

#### 4. IAMAI announces committee to study issues faced by venture capital (VC) firms in India

The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) announced setting up a committee to hold public policy consultations for building an industry network of VC firms.

Vikas Agnihotri, operating partner at SoftBank Investment Advisers, will chair the committee & Shweta Rajpal Kohli, chief public policy officer, Sequoia India & Southeast Asia, will be the co-chair.

#### 5. SEBI forms advisory panel to hybrid securities to enable larger retail play

SEBI has set up an advisory committee on hybrid securities, which will make recommendations for giving a fillip to the growth of such instruments, including measures focusing on ease of issuance and attracting domestic and global capital.

The 20-member committee will be chaired by K V Kamath, Chairperson of National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development. REITs and InvITs are classified as hybrid securities and are relatively new in India.

#### 6. SEBI appoints Prof. V. Ravi Anshuman to head 16-member panel

SEBI has recently reconstituted its research advisory committee, which is in charge of promotion, development and maintenance of databases necessary for capital market regulation research.

This 16-member panel will be headed by Professor V. Ravi Anshuman, Chairperson and faculty, Finance & Accounting, IIM Bangalore.

## Most Important CA

### 1. Govt approves appointment of Canara Bank ED A Manimekhalai as Union Bank MD & CEO

A Manimekhalai is the first woman MD and CEO of Union Bank of India and replaces Rajkiran Rai. G who held the position of Union Bank chief since 2017.

Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Executive Director at Indian Overseas Bank, has been appointed MD and CEO for three years.

Swarup Kumar Saha has been appointed MD and CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank for 3 years. He will replace S Krishnan.

### 2. Airtel Payments Bank partners with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans on Airtel Thanks app

Airtel Payments Bank's customers can now apply for a gold loan from Muthoot Finance within a minute on the Airtel Thanks app. Muthoot Finance gives as much as 75 per cent of the pledged gold value as a loan.

Customers get doorstep disbursals for loan amounts of '50,000 and above. Anubrata Biswas - Managing Director & CEO, Airtel Payments Bank.

### 3. CoinSwitch launches CRE8, a benchmark index for crypto market in INR

Crypto investing app CoinSwitch has launched the cryptocurrency rupee Index (CRE8), a benchmark index to measure the performance of the Indian rupee-based crypto market. CRE8 tracks the performance of eight crypto assets representing over 85 per cent of the total market capitalisation of cryptos traded in Indian rupee. The index is based on real trades on the CoinSwitch app Ashish Singhal - Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), CoinSwitch.

### 4. Iga Swiatek wins French Open 2022, beats Coco Gauff in final

Poland's Iga Swiatek won the French Open women's singles title by beating American Coco Gauff 6-1, 6-3 in the final. World number one Swiatek claimed her second Grand Slam title, she had won at Roland Garros in 2020.

The cup has been named Suzanne-Lenglen cup & is awarded to the women's singles french open champion since 1979.

This victory was her 35th win a row. Swiatek is the fourth youngest player to win her second title.

### 5. Bill Gates, World Bank President to attend LiFE Movement's launch by PM Modi

Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, World Bank President David Malpass, along with others, will take part in the launch a global initiative 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement' by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### 6. 50th World Environment Day | June 5th, 2022

June 5 is marked by the United Nations as World Environment Day (WED), a day set aside since 1973 to promote worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.

In 2018 India hosted the day ' the theme was 'Beat Plastic Pollution'.

Pakistan was the global host for the big day in 2021.

Sweden is the host this year. The year 2022 marks the 50th WED. and the theme is 'Only One Earth'.

### 7. HDFC partners with Accenture for digital transformation

HDFC Ltd has partnered with Accenture to digitally transform its lending business.

The collaboration will revamp HDFC's customer experience and business processes to provide greater operational agility and efficiency, and drive business growth. Renu Sud Karnad - Managing Director, HDFC Ltd

### 8. Rubber Board's electronic trading platform 'mRube' to go live from June 8

mRube, the electronic trading platform promoted by Rubber Board will go live from June 8, 2022. The Ahmedabad-based i-Sourcing Technologies is the technology partner. mRube follows a simple one-time registration.

### 9. Nuclear-capable Agni-4 Ballistic Missile successfully tested from Odisha

India successfully carried out a training launch of nuclear-capable Agni-4 Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

The successful test of Agni-4 reaffirms India's policy of having a "credible minimum deterrence" capability.

### 10. Indian Army Contingent Participates In 'Ex Khaan Quest 2022' Hosted By Mongolia

A Multinational Peacekeeping exercise 'Ex Khaan Quest 2022' featuring participation from military contingents from 16 countries has commenced in Mongolia.

Mr Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh, the President of Mongolia inaugurated the Exercise.

Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the LADAKH SCOUTS.

#### 11. Hindalco Industries MD Satish Pai, appointed the new chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI)

Hindalco Industries MD Satish Pai has been appointed the new chairman of the International Aluminium Institute (IAI), the body representing the global primary aluminium industry. Earlier serving as vice-chairman, he succeeds Ben Kahrs, chief innovation officer, Alcoa Corporation. Miles Prosser, Secretary General of IAI. The IAI was established in 1972. HQs- London, UK.

#### 12. Bajram Begaj elected as Albania's new president

Albanian lawmakers elected Bajram Begaj, who held the post of the Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF), as the new president of Albania, with 78 votes in favor, four against and one abstained at a parliament session. Albania: Prime Minister:Edi Rama; Capital:Tirana; Currency:Lek

#### 13. PM Modi launches new series of coins with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav design

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a special series of coins that are also 'visually impaired friendly'. The coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations will have the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) design. They are not commemorative coins and will be part of circulation. AKAM - initiative of Govt of India to celebrate & commemorate 75 years of Independence.

#### 14. Tamil Nadu tops in the 4th food safety index

Tamil Nadu topped the State Food Safety Index (SFSI) this year, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra. Among the smaller States, Goa stood first, followed by Manipur and Sikkim.

Among the Union Territories, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh secured the first, second and third ranks. The rating is done by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

#### 15. Alok Kumar Choudhary appointed State Bank of India MD for 2 years

The centre has appointed Alok Kumar Choudhary as State Bank of India (SBI) managing director for a period of two years. Choudhary, who was deputy managing director (finance) until this appointment, had started his career at SBI as a probationary officer.

He would hold the position of MD till his superannuation on June 30, 2024.

#### 16. Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launches EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' for PSBs

Nirmala Sitharaman launched 5th edition of Enhanced Access and Service Excellence-EASE 5.0, which spells out the common reforms agenda for PSBs under EASENext program. EASE 5.0 will focus on digital customer experience, and integrated & inclusive banking. The initiatives will be across diverse themes- business growth, profitability, risk, customer service, operations, etc.

#### 17. Cabinet clears 'Agnipath' scheme for recruitment of youth in Armed Forces

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that the Union Cabinet has approved a recruitment scheme for Indian youth to serve in the Armed Forces.

The scheme is called 'Agnipath' and the youth selected under this scheme will be known as 'Agniveers'. About 46,000 of them will be recruited this year.

#### 18. WPI inflation in May accelerates to 15.88% on higher food prices - historically the highest in 31 years since September 1991

India's wholesale price index (WPI)-based inflation rate shot up to a record high of 15.88% in May in the current 2011-12 series. With this, WPI-based inflation has been in double-digits for 14 consecutive months. The latest figure also makes it historically the highest in 31 years since September 1991 (16.31 per cent).

#### 19. India, Israel, UAE And US Form New I2U2 Grouping, 1st Summit Next Month

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden, Israeli Prime Minister Neftali Bennett and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan would attend the first-of-its-kind virtual summit of the I2U2 grouping next month for discussions of the food security crisis and other areas of cooperation.

Virtual summit of 4 countries would take place from July 13 to 16.

#### 20. India's Life Expectancy at Birth Grows by 2 Years to 69.7 in 2015-19; Still Below Global Average of 72.6

India's life expectancy at birth has increased up to 69.7 in the 2015-2019 period, data from the sample registration system (SRS) shows. It has taken almost 10 years to add two years to life expectancy & is still well below the global average of 72.6.

Odisha has had the highest increase, of over 24 years, from 45.7 to 69.8 years followed by Tamil Nadu. India added 20 years to its life expectancy at birth - 49.7 in 1970-75 to 69.7 in 2015-19

#### 21. PM launches historic torch relay for 44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi.

The Prime Minister will also address a gathering on the occasion.

India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad Torch Relay.

FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich handed over the torch to PM Modi, who in turn handed it over to Vishwanathan Anand. Olympiad is being hosted in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years.

## 22. RBI raises limit of e-mandates for transactions up to Rs 15,000

RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions. It implies, additional authentication will not be need for payment of Rs 15,000 per transaction.

## 23. Neeraj Chopra to lead 37-member athletics team for CWG 2022

The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) named a 37-member Indian athletics team, to be led by Olympic champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham from July 28 to August 8.

Indian track and field athletes had won one gold (Neeraj Chopra), one silver (Seema Punia) and one bronze (Navjeet Kaur Dhillon) in the 2018 Gold Coast CWG.

AFI president: Adille Sumariwalla

## 24. China's Xi Jinping to host 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23

Chinese President Xi Jinping will host the 14th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Summit in Beijing on June 23.

The Dialogue will be held in virtual format under the theme of "Foster a Global Development Partnership for the New Era to Jointly Implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development".

## 25. National Reading Day - June 19

The day is celebrated in honour of P N Panicker, considered the Father of Kerala's Library and Literacy Movement.

It also marks the beginning of the month-long Digital Reading celebrations.

It was started as a Reading Day celebration on June 19, 1996, by the Government of Kerala in association with the P N Panicker Foundation.

In 2017, PM Narendra Modi launched the National Reading / Digital Reading Month in Kochi.

## 26. CIET, NCERT under Department of School Education & Literacy wins UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for 2021.

Use of ICT under a comprehensive initiative called PM eVIDYA by Department of School education, Ministry of Education (MoE), particularly during COVID-19 pandemic won the prize.

Award honours creative ideas to utilising new technology to improve educational & lifetime possibilities for all people in accordance with SDG Goal 4 on Education.

PM eVIDYA was launched on May 2020 Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET) is a constituent unit of NCERT

## 27. Govt declares ICICI, HDFC, NPCI's IT resources as critical information infra

Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), in the notification dated June 16, declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure', implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security and any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.

## 28. International Yoga Day 2022 "| June 21

PM Modi led the celebrations of the International Day of Yoga in Karnataka's Mysuru.

He spoke the importance of Yoga in everyone's lives while extending greetings on the 8th International Day of Yoga.

The highlight of this year is "Guardian Ring of Yoga" which brings to fore the concept of "One Sun, One Earth". Theme of this International Yoga Day is 'Yoga for Humanity'.

## 29. SCO approves the Plan for conduct of the Joint Border Operation Friendship Border 2022

8th meeting of the heads of the border services of the member states of SCO was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of India.

The Plan for the preparation and conduct of the Joint Border Operation Friendship Border 2022 was reviewed and approved.

Members supported an initiative of China to organise a joint border operation, "Solidarity-2023", next year.

## 30. Delhi's IGI airport best in India and South Asia, 37th among world's top 50

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport has been adjudged the best in India and South Asia for 4th consecutive year at the Skytrax World Airport Awards.

The airport also improved its overall ranking to 37th from last year's 45th position.

Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru bagged the Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia.

Hamad International Airport is the World's Best Airport for the second year.

### 31. Ruchira Kamboj Appointed As India's Permanent Representative To UN

Senior diplomat Ruchira Kamboj was appointed India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.

Ruchira Kamboj, a 1987-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, is presently serving as India's envoy to Bhutan.

She will succeed T S Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the UN.

### 32. NDB appoints ex-bureaucrat Dr D J Pandian to head its India Regional Office in Gift city

Shanghai-headquartered New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries has appointed former bureaucrat Dr D J Pandian as the Director-General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).

Pandian earlier served as the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Beijing-based Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

### 33. Agnipath Scheme 2022

The scheme, announced on June 14, provides for the recruitment of youths between the age bracket of 17.5 years to 21 for 4 years with a provision to retain 25% of them for 15 more years. Later, upper age limit was extended to 23 years for recruitment only in 2022.

On completion of the engagement period of 4 years, Agniveers will be paid one time 'SevaNidhi' package.

Personnel recruited under this system are to be called Agniveers.

### 34. Sovereign Gold Bond Scheme 2022-23 opens for subscription

The first tranche of Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) scheme for the current financial year opened for subscription on June 20. The issue price of gold has been fixed at Rs 5,091 per gram.

SGB Scheme 2022-23 ' Series I will be open till June 24, 2022. Investors applying online and paying online get a discount of Rs 50 per gram.

The issue date will be 28 June 2022.

### 35. Jammu and Kashmir to host G20 meetings in 2023; five-member coordination panel constituted

Jammu and Kashmir will host the 2023 meetings of the G20, an influential group of the world's major economies.

The government of the union territory set up a five-member high-level committee for overall coordination.

India will hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and convene the first G20 leaders' summit in 2023. India would be a member of the G20 Troika from December 1, 2021, to November 30, 2024.

### 36. Senior IPS officer Dinkar Gupta appointed Director General of NIA

Former Punjab DGP Dinkar Gupta was appointed as the new Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA), an anti-terror probe agency formed after the 26/11 attack in Mumbai. Gupta will hold the post of NIA chief till March 31, 2024.

Director General of CRPF Kuldip Singh was given additional charge of the NIA in May last year after the retirement of Y C Modi.

### 37. India Successfully Test-Fires VL-SRSAM Missile From Indian Naval Ship Off Odisha Coast

DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully flight-tested Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from an Indian Naval Ship at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, is meant for neutralising various aerial threats at close ranges including sea-skimming targets. VL-SRSAM can engage incoming aircraft at any altitude between 3 mts and 4,000 mts.

### 38. Government of India hosted its first-ever National Logistics Excellence Awards in New Delhi

The National Logistics Excellence Awards aim to acknowledge the many logistics service providers in the country that have been able to display innovation, diversity & efficiency.

With 169 entries and 12 categories for awards in 1st edition, the Ministry of Commerce and Industries undertook year-long process of identifying, categorising, and selecting qualified applications

National Logistics Excellence Awards has been launched by Ministry of Commerce & Industry

### 39. Ambubachi Mela 2022: 4-day-long festival commences in Guwahati's Kamakhya temple

The four-day-long Ambubachi Mela has kickstarted on June 23 at the famous Kamakhya temple atop the Nilachal Hills in Assam's Guwahati after a gap of two years. Due to the devastating floods in the state, the festival is being observed in a subdued manner this year. This is the most important religious event of the temple and is also a significant part of the state's tourism. Kamakhya temple is among the major 18 Maha Shakti Peethas in all 108 Shakti Peethas.

#### 40. Madhya Pradesh wins maiden Ranji Trophy title, beats Mumbai by six wickets in final

Madhya Pradesh kept its date with the record books, winning its maiden Ranji Trophy title with a six-wicket victory over Mumbai. Madhya Pradesh now becomes the fourth first-time winner of the Ranji Trophy in the last five seasons - joining Gujarat, Vidarbha (two-time winners now) and Saurashtra. Mumbai made it to the Ranji Trophy final for a record 47 times. Mumbai (then Bombay) with 41 titles, holds the record of winning the most number of titles

#### 41. Tata Power commissions India's largest floating solar power project

Tata Power Solar Systems Limited (Tata Power Solar), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has accomplished a remarkable feat by commissioning India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala on a 350-acre water body, backwaters area, having an installed capacity of 101.6 Megawatt Peak.

Mr. Ashish Khanna, President ' Renewables, Tata Power. Dr. Praveer Sinha, CEO, and MD, Tata Power.

#### 42. Bengaluru's Digantara, Hyderabad startup Dhruva become first to get IN-SPACE authorisation

Bengaluru's Digantara and Hyderabad-based Dhruva Space became the first two private firms to receive authorization letters late on. The letters were handed over after the DeSSEI conference in Bengaluru. Both firms will be launching their payloads as part of Isro's PSLV-C53 mission scheduled for a June 30 launch. Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre(IN-SPACE) chairman- Pawan Goenka

#### 43. IAF conducts 1st Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program's capstone seminar

The first Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program was conducted by the Indian Air Force, with the capstone seminar held at the Air Force Auditorium in New Delhi (WASP). The College of Air Warfare and Centre for Air Power Studies supervised the seminar's operation.

The aim of WASP is to foster strategic thought and awareness among IAF personnel. Air Chief Marshal -VR Chaudhari.

#### 44. IRS officer Nitin Gupta appointed new CBDT chairman

Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

The post of the CBDT chief was being held in an additional capacity by Board member and 1986-batch IRS officer Sangeeta Singh after J B Mohapatra retired on April 30.

The CBDT is headed by a Chairman and can have six members who are in the rank of special secretary.

#### 45. MoE's first-ever school index 'Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D)' for districts; 3 Rajasthan districts top

Top performing districts were Jaipur, Sikar and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan. They scored more than 80% overall under the various parameters defined.

PGI-D structure has a total weightage of 600 points under 6 categories.

Index organises districts in 10 grades, highest being 'Daksh' & lowest 'Akanshi-3'.

The Rajasthan toppers found a place in 'Utkarsh'(81-90%) grade in 2019-20.

Index were based on data from academic years 2018-19 and 2019-2020.

#### 46. UN Ocean Conference kicks off in Lisbon

A five-day UN Ocean Conference kicked off yesterday with the Kenya and Portugal being the co-hosts.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh is leading the Indian delegation.

Leaders from over 130 countries from across the world will deliberate for five days to find an international agreement on protecting the world's oceans, seas and marine resources. Sustainable Development Goal 14 is about "Life below water".

#### 47. NITI Aayog launches report 'India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy' on gig economy in India

Gig workers are typically those who work freelance, contractual, temporary, or on-call basis.

It is estimated that in 2020-21, 77 lakh workers were engaged in gig economy. They constituted 2.6% of the non-agricultural workforce or 1.5% of the total workforce in India.

It is expected to expand to 2.35 crore workers by 2029-30.

#### 48. World Bank approves \$250 mn loan for India's road safety programme

World Bank has approved the financing of \$250 million to support the Government of India's Program for Strengthening Road Safety.

With only 1% of the world's vehicles, India accounts for almost 10% of all crash related deaths. The poor households bear a higher proportion of the socio-economic burden with over 70% of victims in poor households. According to World Bank study, road crashes are estimated to cost 5 to 7% of GDP in India

#### 49. Indigenously-developed Laser-Guided ATGM successfully tested by DRDO & Indian Army

Indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) was successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Army at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar on June 28, 2022. Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr G Satheesh Reddy.

#### 50. KK Venugopal Re-Appointed Attorney General For Three Months

Celebrated advocate Kottayan Katankot Venugopal, was re-appointed the Attorney General for India for three months.

Sh. Venugopal, the oldest person to occupy the post, was appointed as the Attorney General for India in July 2017, succeeding Mukul Rohatgi.

1st Attorney General of India- Motilal C. Setalvad.

#### 51. Cabinet approvals:Govt approves Rs 2,516 cr for computerisation of 63k Primary Agriculture Credit Societies

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (Capped) approved computerisation of 63,000 functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) over 5 years with a total budget outlay of Rs 2,516 cr. The Centre's share would be Rs 1,528 crore. The PACS constitute the lowest tier of the three-tier short-term cooperative credit (STCC) with 130 million farmers as its members.

#### 52. Sandeep Kumar Gupta to be next chairman of GAIL, succeeds Manoj Jain

Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director for Finance at Indian Oil Corporation, has been picked to head India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd.

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Gupta, 56, for the post of chairman and managing director of GAIL after interviewing 10 candidates.

He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on August 31.

GAIL is India's largest gas transmission and gas marketing company.

#### 53. India's marine product exports clocks an all-time high, over 30% increment recorded

India's marine product exports recorded an all-time high for the year 2021-22. The growth clocked a high of over 30 per cent rounding Rs.57,586.48 crores (USD 7.76 billion).

The Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value.

The major importers included USA, China, EU, South East Asia, Japan and the Middle East.



### Question-Answer

1. What is the theme for the 8th edition of International Day of Yoga?

Answer - Yoga for Humanity

2. Who has been appointed as DG National Informatics Centre?

Answer - Rajesh Gera

3. Which of the following states has been selected by World Health Organization (WHO) for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022?

Answer - Jharkhand

4. Who wins The First Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award 2022?

Answer - Anna Qabale Duba

5. Who has joined National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) as managing director and CEO?

Answer - Natarajan Sundar

6. Who has been appointed as the new director general of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

Answer - S L Thaosen

7. Which of the following bank has recently announced that its MD & CEO S Krishnan to retire from the role?

Answer - Punjab & Sind Bank

8. Indian men's hockey team has recently won bronze medal in the Asia Cup by defeating \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer – Japan

9. Mr. Sandip Pradhan recently got a tenure extension of more than 2 years. Which organisation does he belong to?

Answer – SAI

10. India has commissioned a one-of-a-kind liquid-mirror telescope in which of the following places in Uttarakhand?

Answer – Devasthal

11. In June 2022, C-DOT signed an agreement with VVDN Technologies and WiSig Networks to develop 5G Open RAN. What does 'T' in C-DOT stand for?

Answer - Telematics

12. With which of the following state/UT did the Indian Air Force (IAF) sign an MoU for the upcoming Indian Air Force Heritage Centre ?

Answer – Chandigarh

13. What is the current rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22?

Answer - 8.1%

14. Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won the gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) mixed team competition at the ISSF World Cup recently. What was the final rank of India in the tournament?

Answer - 2nd

15. The World's first population estimation of which of the following species was revealed to be 176 by the Chilika Development Authority (CDA), recently ?

Answer - Fishing Cats

16. Recently, President Ram Nath Kovind addressed the centenary celebrations of Gita Press. Gita Press is located in

Answer – Gorakhpur

17. Which edition of Commanders' Conference of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has recently held in New Delhi?

Answer - 39<sup>th</sup>

18. What is the current Marginal Standing Facility rate, as decided by June 2022 RBI MPC Meeting?

Answer - 5.15 percent

19. What was the theme of World Oceans Day 2022?

Answer - Revitalisation: Collective Action for the Ocean

20. The asset monetisation target of NITI Aayog for the coal ministry for FY23 is\_\_\_\_\_.

Answer - Rs 6,060 crore

21. Which of the following function is related to Standing Deposit Facility?

Answer - Reduce the excess liquidity

22. Alok Kumar Choudhary has appointed as the managing director of which of the following bank?

Answer - SBI Bank

23. Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para Shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's \_\_\_\_\_ air rifle standing in France.

Answer - 10m

24. Rajarani Temple is located in which of the following places?

Answer – Bhubaneswar



25. Who among the following has been appointed as the new MD and CEO of the RBL Bank?  
Answer - R Subramaniakumar
26. Which among the following country has not been elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024?  
Answer - Mexico
27. Which among the following was the theme of the World Day against Child Labour 2022?  
Answer - Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour
28. Which of the following is an unsecured short-term promissory note issued at a discount by creditworthy corporates, primary dealers, etc?  
Answer - Commercial Papers
29. A staff of researchers from the University of Delhi has found a novel set of fossilised dinosaur eggs, with one egg nesting inside the different on the Dinosaur Fossil National Park. Where is Dinosaur Fossil National Park located ?  
Answer - Madhya Pradesh
30. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23. Who is the chairman of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs?  
Answer - Narendra Modi
31. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights is celebrating Elimination of Child Labour Week in the honour of World Day Against Child Labour in how many places as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav from 12th June to 20th June, 2022?  
Answer - 75
32. Which of the following state has recently launched a "Beach Vigil App" to do a holistic management of beaches?  
Answer - Goa
33. Geneva, Switzerland to host the twelfth WTO Ministerial conference in 2022. Which of the following nation will co-host the conference?  
Answer - Kazakhstan
34. Which of the following state wildlife board has recently approved the construction activity for the water supply scheme to the Jayakwadi bird sanctuary?  
Answer - Maharashtra
35. Angelo Mathews has been voted ICC Men's Player of the Month for May 2022. He belongs to which of the following international team?  
Answer - Srilanka
36. Which of the following has launched the pathbreaking India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing?  
Answer - International Institute of Sports Management
37. Which of the following nation has passed world's first 'right to repair' law for digital electronics?  
Answer - USA
38. N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman for which of the following scheme?  
Answer - MGNREGA
39. Which of the following nation will host the World Blood Donor Day in 2022?  
Answer - Mexico

40. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will chair the first National Conference of Chief Secretaries in Himachal Pradesh's Dharamshala. How many themes have been identified for detailed deliberations in this Conference?  
Answer – 3
41. What was India's rank in 'Digital News Report 2022' published by the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism?  
Answer – 20
42. Which of the following bank signed an MoU with 100X.VC, a leading early-stage venture capital firm, to engage more deeply with the start-up community?  
Answer - HDFC Bank
43. Industry body Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI) named Pramod K Mittal as its new chairperson. He is associated with  
Answer - Reliance Jio
44. BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center signed an MoU with the BRICS NDB to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries. Who is the President of NDB?  
Answer - Marcos Troyjo
45. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated 'Kranti Gatha', a newly created Gallery of Indian Revolutionaries inside the underground British-era bunker at Raj Bhavan in  
Answer - Mumbai
46. What is the theme of 2022 International Day of Family Remittances?  
Answer - Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion
47. What is the name of the robot developed by IIT Madras to clean septic tanks without human intervention?  
Answer - HomoSEP
48. Recently, who among the following was nominated by US President Joe Biden to the post of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment?  
Answer - Radha Iyengar Plumb
49. The United States has announced a funding of \_\_\_\_\_ to top three Indian medical research institutions to prevent avoidable epidemics, early detection of disease threats, and rapid and effective response.  
Answer - \$122 million
50. What is Equitas Small Finance Bank's exclusive savings account for kids named as?  
Answer - Enjoi
51. As per Global Trends Report by the UNHCR, the largest displacements in the context of disasters in 2021 occurred in  
Answer – China
52. Who was reappointed as the MD and CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB)?  
Answer - P.N. Vasudevan
53. Which of the following bagged the coveted green loan tag by Sustainalytics for its revolving facility worth \$700 million recently?  
Answer - Adani Transmission Limited
54. Which of the following district came second on the 2nd edition of 'Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning' (DSDP)?  
Answer – Cachar

55. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the Unified Payment Services (UPI) in Europe, starting with  
Answer – France
56. The country's total merchandise exports are likely to be at \_\_\_\_\_ in the first quarter of FY23 according to Exim Bank.  
Answer - USD 117.2 billion
57. The Shriram Group recently secured the approval of who among the following for the merger of its entities?  
Answer – RBI
58. RBI in its 'Payments Vision 2025' aims to increase the number of digital payment transactions by more than \_\_\_\_\_ by 2025.  
Answer - 3-fold
59. Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai was appointed as chairperson of  
Answer - Press Council of India
60. Recently, with which country has India signed a mutual legal assistance treaty on criminal matters?  
Answer – Poland
61. Where was UNMESH International Literature Festival, the largest literature festival in India held?  
Answer - Himachal Pradesh
62. India's direct tax collections for the Financial Year 2022-23, as on 16 June 2022, showed net collections at \_\_\_\_\_  
Answer - Rs.3.39 lakh crore
63. RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ per transaction for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions.  
Answer - Rs 5,000, Rs 15,000
64. Where is the Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University located?  
Answer – Bengaluru
65. Which of the following nation will conduct the 9th round of joint border operations of the border services of the competent authorities of the SCO member states "Solidarity - 2023" next year?  
Answer - China
66. Where was the 20th Folk Fair inaugurated recently?  
Answer – Odisha
67. Project NIPUN is an initiative of the  
Answer - Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs
68. Theme of 2022 International Yoga Day is  
Answer - Yoga for Humanity
69. Which of the following airport was adjudged the best in India and South Asia for 4th consecutive year at the Skytrax World Airport Awards?  
Answer - Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
70. How many cities in the US will host the FIFA World Cup in 2026?  
Answer – 11
71. Surya Nutan is a solar cooking system developed indigenously by  
Answer - Indian Oil Corporation

72. Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks in India shall maintain a minimum Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of  
Answer - 9%
73. Recently, which state government has taken ownership of a team in the soon-to-be-launched Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK) league?  
Answer - Odisha
74. ONDC has been launched by Government of India to enable local commerce across segments, such as mobility, grocery, food order and delivery, hotel booking and travel, among others, to be discovered and engaged by any network-enabled application. What is the full form of ONDC?  
Answer - Open Network for Digital Commerce
75. Global Liveability Index is released by \_\_\_\_  
Answer - Economist Intelligence Unit
76. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced an extension of the deadline for card data storage and tokenisation implementation from June 30, 2022 to \_\_\_\_  
Answer - September 30, 2022
77. Which of the following shipyard delivered two Autonomous Electric Barges to Norway-based ASKO Maritime AS recently?  
Answer - Cochin Shipyard Ltd
78. The first WASP was conducted by the Indian Air Force on June 24, with the capstone seminar held at the Air Force Auditorium in New Delhi. What does WASP stand for?  
Answer - Warfare & Aerospace Strategy Program
79. Ministry of Education's first-ever school index 'Performance Grading Index for Districts (PGI-D)' for districts was released. 3 districts from \_\_\_\_ topped the list.  
Answer - Rajasthan
80. Where was a Honey Testing Laboratory launched by Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar recently?  
Answer - Nagaland
81. A 5-day UN Ocean Conference is being hosted by \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer - Kenya, Portugal
82. Which of the following Indian Navy Ship is participating in the 22nd biennial, multi-lateral Rim of the Pacific exercise (RIMPAC-22)?  
Answer - INS Satpura
83. An automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard was inaugurated by Rajnish Kumar recently. It is called  
Answer - PADMA
84. Pallonji Mistry passed away recently. He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of  
Answer - industry and trade
85. National Statistics Day is celebrated on June 29 annually in recognition of contributions made by  
Answer - Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis
86. Eoin Morgan has retired from international cricket recently. He represented  
Answer - England
87. Area-wise which state has the second largest forest cover in India?  
Answer - Arunachal Pradesh

88. According to section 45ZL of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, on which day the RBI publishes the Minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting?  
Answer - 14th day
89. Gangotri Glacier is located in which district of Uttarakhand?  
Answer - Uttarkashi
90. Gabon and Togo joined the Commonwealth as latest nations at the Commonwealth Leadership Summit that was held in  
Answer - Rwanda
91. Novak Djokovic became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams recently. He achieved this feat when he defeated \_\_\_\_\_ for his 80th win in Wimbledon.  
Answer - Kwon Soon-woo
92. Which of the following launched an industry-first 'Global Health Care' plan recently?  
Answer - Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
93. Which of the following nation is not part of a new initiative called 'Partners in the Blue Pacific'?  
Answer - Canada
94. SEBI recently gave UPI payment option to invest in public issues of REITs, InvITs for application value up to  
Answer - Rs 5 lakh
95. KK Venugopal was re-appointed as \_\_\_\_\_ for three months.  
Answer - Attorney General for India
96. Maharashtra state cabinet approved the renaming of \_\_\_\_\_ as Sambhajnagar, and that of \_\_\_\_\_ as Dharashiv.  
Answer - Aurangabad, Osmanabad
97. Government approved computerisation of \_\_\_\_\_ functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) over 5 years with a total budget outlay of Rs 2,516 cr.  
Answer - 63000
98. Which of the following is the third costliest city in India in terms of both living expenses and accommodation costs for expatriates, according to Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living survey?  
Answer - Chennai
99. With which of the following bank did Airtel Payments Bank partner with to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions, recently?  
Answer - Axis Bank
100. What is the name of the NASA-financed spacecraft about the size of a microwave oven that was launched recently from New Zealand?  
Answer - CAPSTONE
101. According to report titled 'Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India', by NITI Aayog and RMI, green hydrogen market in India could reach \_\_\_\_\_ by 2050.  
Answer - \$340 billion
102. Report 'Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India' by NITI Aayog and TIFAC, forecast 100 per cent penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer - FY2026-27
103. Sandeep Kumar Gupta has been picked to head  
Answer - GAIL

104. The 9th Army to Army Staff Talks (AAST) between the Australian Army and Indian Army were conducted at Indian Military Academy located in  
Answer - Dehradun
105. India successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed HEAT, ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. What does E in HEAT stand for?  
Answer - Expendable
106. Which edition of Synergy Conference between Indian Army & Defence Accounts Department was held in New Delhi recently?  
Answer - 4<sup>th</sup>
107. According to RBI data, credit card spending has crossed \_\_\_\_\_ in May compared to Rs 1.05 lakh crore in April.  
Answer - Rs 1.13 lakh crore
108. According to ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022, India will have \_\_\_\_\_ new unicorns (startups valued over \$1 billion) in the next 2-4 years.  
Answer - 122
109. KK Venugopal was re-appointed as Attorney General for 3 months recently. What is the usual tenure followed for Attorney General in India?  
Answer - 3 year
110. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) having been categorised as an International Organisation, will enjoy exemptions, immunities and privileges as contemplated under \_\_\_\_\_ of the United Nations (Privileges & Immunities) Act, 1947  
Answer - Section-3
111. According to which article can the Governor summon the House and call for a floor test for the government to prove its majority?  
Answer - Article 175(2)
112. The Union Cabinet apprised the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). Where is IRENA headquartered?  
Answer - Abu Dhabi
113. Union cabinet approved computerization of 63,000 functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) over a period of 5 years with a total budget outlay of  
Answer - Rs. 2516 crore
114. According to recent RBI data, which of the following banks had the highest number of credit cards at 1.72 crore in May?  
Answer - HDFC bank
115. The latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed that 7.68 crore credit card holders spent about \_\_\_\_\_ for buying online.  
Answer - Rs 71,429 crore
116. Australian Army delegation is on a visit to India from June 25 to August 01. They visited CLAWS, an independent think tank located in  
Answer - New Delhi
117. TIFAC is an autonomous organization under  
Answer - Department of Science & Technology

118. Who released the report titled "Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India" recently?  
Answer - NITI Aayog
119. Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India, is a report released by NITI Aayog and  
Answer – RMI
120. According to Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living survey, which is the costliest city in India in terms of both living expenses and accommodation costs for expatriates?  
Answer - Mumbai
121. According to Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living survey, which is the most expensive city for international employees?  
Answer - Hong Kong

## QUICK LEARNERS

### BANKING

POLICY RATES & RESERVE RATIOS	PERCENTAGE
Policy Repo Rate	4.90%
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	4.65%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	5.15%
Bank Rate	5.15%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.00%

### APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT	POST
Rajesh Gera	DG of National Informatics Centre
Natarajan Sundar	MD and CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)
SL Thaosen	DG of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)
Zulfiquar Hasan	DG of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)
Sanjay Kumar Verma	CMD, MECON Ltd
Ashwani Bhatia	Whole-time member at SEBI
S Krishnan	<i>Retired</i> as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank
Sandip Pradhan	DG of Sports Authority of India
Alvin Tse	General Manager of Xiaomi India
Mayank Kumar Agrawal	Additional charge as CEO of Prasar Bharti Already Director-General of Doordarshan and Doordarshan News
Krishna Srinivasan	Director of the Asia Pacific Department, IMF
Pankaj Naqvi	Administrator, Judo Federation of India. He was former Allahabad High Court judge
R Subramaniakumar	MD & CEO of RBL Bank
N J Ojha	MGNREGA ombudsman
Rabab Fatima	High representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries & Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS)
Pramod Mittal	Chairperson of Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)
Former Justice RP Desai	Chairperson of Press Council of India.
P.N. Vasudevan	MD, CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank
Justice Vipin Sanghi	Chief Justice of Uttarakhand HC
Justice Amjad A Sayed	Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh HC
Justice S S Shinde	Chief Justice of Rajasthan HC

Justice Rashmin M Chhaya	Chief Justice of Gauhati HC
Justice Ujjal Bhuyan	Chief Justice of Telangana HC
Justice Satish Chandra Sharma	Chief Justice of Delhi HC
Gustavo Petro	President of Colombia
R Kavita Rao	Director of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP)
Lisa Sthalekar	First woman president of Federation of International Cricketers' Associations
P Udayakumar	Chairman-cum-Managing Director of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
Venkat Nageswar Chalasani	Member in the advisory committee of Srei Group.
Shyam Saran	President of India International Centre
Randeep Guleria	<i>Extension as</i> Director of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi.
Tapan Deka	Director of Intelligence Bureau
Samant Goel	<i>Extension as</i> Chief of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
Parameswaran Iyer	CEO, NITI Aayog
Anil Khanna	Acting President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
Avinash Kulkarni	Head of India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL)

## AWARDS

WINNER	AWARD
Jharkhand	WHO award for tobacco control
Anna Qabale Duba	Aster Guardians Global Nursing Award
Meghalaya	UN Award- World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) prize
Ct Altaf Hussain Bhat, Constable, J&K Police	Kirti Chakra (posthumously)
Sanjit Narwekar	Dr V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement award at Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF) 2022
Umar Nisar	'01 Best Content Award' and the Immunization Champion award by UNICEF
Dutch film 'Turn Your Body to the Sun'	Golden Conch award for the Best Documentary at MIFF 2022
Journalist Wesley Morgan	2022 William E. Colby Award
Rajkot, Gujarat	First place in 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning
Ruth Ozeki	Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness'
Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil The Divine Life Society from Uttarakhand British Wheel of Yoga from United Kingdom	PM's Awards for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga for the Year 2021
S M Krishna, Narayana Murthy, Prakash Padukone	Kempegowda International Award
IG Drones	Best Drone Organization in Start-up Category by Airwards



## IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
June 1	World Milk Day	Dairy Net Zero
June 3	World Bicycle Day	
June 7	World Food Safety Day	Safer Food, Better Health
June 8	World Oceans Day	Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean
June 9	International Level Crossing Awareness Day	
June 12	World Day Against Child Labour	Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour
June 13	International Albinism Awareness Day	United in making our voice heard
June 12 - 20	Elimination of Child Labour Week by National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)	
June 14	World Blood Donor Day 2022	Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives
June 16	International Day of Family Remittances	Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion
June 17	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Rising up from drought together
June 19	World Sickle Cell Day	
June 20	World Refugee Day	
June 21	International Day of Yoga	Yoga for Humanity
June 23	International Olympic Day	Together, For a Peaceful World
June 23	United Nations Public Service Day	Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals
June 23	International Widows' Day	
June 24	International Day of Women in Diplomacy	
June 26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking	'Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises
June 27	Micro-Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Day	
June 29	National Statistics Day	Data for Sustainable Development
June 29	International Day of the Tropics	
June 30	World Asteroid Day	Small is beautiful

## OBITUARY

OBITUARY	RELATED FIELD
Krishnakumar Kunnath	Singer
Bhim Singh	National Panthers Party Chief
Pandit Bhajan Sopori	Santoor Maestro
Anjalai Ponnusamy	Freedom fighter
Nobuyuki Idei	Former CEO of Sony
Professor Gopi Chand Narang	Urdu scholar
R Raveendran	Photojournalist
Hari Chand	Long-distance runner, Asian Games Double Gold Medallist
Dr V Krishnamurthy	Maruti India's first MD
Chowalloor Krishnankutty	Lyricist, author and journalist
Pallonji Mistry	Chairman Of Shapoorji Pallonji Group
Varinder Singh	Olympic Medallist And Hockey World Cup 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	Himanta Biswa Sarma	Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
Bihar	Patna	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Bhupesh Baghel	Anusuiya Uikey
Goa	Panaji	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Gujarat	Gandhi Nagar	Bhupendra Patel	Acharya Dev Vrat
Haryana	Chandigarh	Manohar Lal Khattar	Bandaru Dattatraya
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Jai Ram Thakur	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Jharkhand	Ranchi	Hemant Soren	Ramesh Bais
Karnataka	Bengaluru	Basavaraj Bommai	Thaawarchand Gehlot
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Shivraj Singh Chauhan	Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Eknath Shinde	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Manipur	Imphal	N Biren Singh	La. Ganesan
Meghalaya	Shillong	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Satya Pal Malik
Mizoram	Aizawl	Pu Zoramthanga	Dr Kambhampati Haribabu
Nagaland	Kohima	Neiphiu Rio	Jagdish Mukhi
Odisha	Bhubaneshwar	Naveen Patnaik	Ganeshi Lal
Punjab	Chandigarh	Bhagwant Mann	Banwarilal Purohit
Rajasthan	Jaipur	Ashok Gehlot	Kalraj Mishra
Sikkim	Gangtok	PS Golay	Ganga Prasad
Tamil Nadu	Chennai	M. K. Stalin	R. N. Ravi
Telangana	Hyderabad	K. Chandrasekhar Rao	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan
Tripura	Agartala	Dr. Manik Saha	Satyadeo Narain Arya
UttarPradesh	Lucknow	Yogi Aditya Nath	Anandiben Patel
Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
West Bengal	Kolkata	Mamata Banerjee	Jagdeep Dhankhar

## UNION TERRITORIES, LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS & ADMINISTRATORS

UNION TERRITORY	LT. GOVERNOR & ADMINISTRATOR
Andaman and Nicobar Island (UT)	Admiral D K Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
Chandigarh (UT)	Banwarilal Purohit (Administrator)
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Delhi (NCT)	Vinai Kumar Saxena (Lieutenant Governor)
Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	Manoj Sinha (Lieutenant Governor)
Lakshadweep (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Puducherry (UT)	Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge) (Lieutenant Governor)

Ladakh (UT)	Radha Krishna Mathur (Lieutenant Governor)
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## UNION MINISTERS & PORTFOLIO

UNION MINISTER	PORTFOLIO
Narendra Modi	Ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space
Rajnath Singh	Ministry of Defence
Amit Shah	Ministry of Home Affairs Ministry of Cooperation
Nitin Gadkari	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Nirmala Sitharaman	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Piyush Goyal	Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministry of Textiles Ministry of Consumer affairs, food and public distribution
Narendra Singh Tomar	Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Ministry of External Affairs
Arjun Munda	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Smriti Zubin Irani	Ministry of Women and child Development
Dharmendra Pradhan	Ministry of Education Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Pralhad Joshi	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Ministry of coal Ministry of Mines
Narayan Tatu Rane	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)
Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Ministry of Minority Affairs
Dr. Virendra Kumar	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Giriraj Singh	Ministry of Rural Development Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Ministry of Civil Aviation
Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Ministry of Steel
Ashwini Vaishnaw	Ministry of Railways Ministry of Communications Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Ministry of Jal Shakti
Kiren Rijju	Ministry of Law and Justice
Raj Kumar Singh	Ministry of Power Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Hardeep Singh Puri	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Mansukh L. Mandaviya	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Bhupender Yadav	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry of Labour and Employment
Mahendra Nath Pandey	Ministry of Heavy Industries

Parshottam Rupala	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
G. Kishan Reddy	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Tourism Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
Anurag Singh Thakur	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports



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