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Banking & Finance

1. RBI imposes Rs 1.76 crore penalty on Vakrangee for non-compliance with regulations

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.76 crore on Vakrangee Limited (the entity) for non-compliance with certain provisions of the White Label ATM (WLA) directions. The penalty has been imposed in respect to non-compliance with regulations on ATM deployment targets.

2. SEBI issues guidelines pertaining to the standardization of rating scales used by credit rating agencies(CRAs)

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a circular pertaining to the standardization of rating scales used by credit rating agencies(CRAs).

The circular will come into effect on 1 January 2023. CRAs will then have to report to SEBI their compliance with norms as ratified by their boards of directors within one quarter from date of applicability. Credit rating agencies(CRAs) in India are regulated by SEBI.

3. Zaggie and NPCI partner to launch multiple credit cards on RuPay network

Zaggie, a SaaS FinTech company, announced that it had collaborated with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to issue contactless credit cards on the RuPay network. Zaggie and NPCI, along with partner banks, would use this platform to launch multiple credit cards to address the ever-growing demand of corporates, SMEs, and consumers.

4. Chqbook taps NSDL Payments Bank to launch zero-balance digital current account

Chqbook, a neobank for small business owners, has launched a first-of-its-kind digital current account. Small business owners like kiranas, chemists, can open a current account instantly on the Chqbook App from their smartphone and in a language they are comfortable with. The current account is available in eight languages making it more accessible and easy to understand.

5. SBI logs highest-ever quarterly profit in the 2nd quarter

The State Bank of India (SBI) has reported its highest-ever quarterly profit of 13,265 crore rupees for the second quarter ended on the 30th of September. The Bank's quarterly profit is 74 per cent higher than the 7,627 crore rupees reported in the year-ago period. The asset quality of the bank also improved with Gross NPAs declining to 3.5 per cent this quarter.

6. India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp conducted in Dal Lake of Srinagar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated India Post Payments Bank for conducting India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp in Dal Lake of Srinagar, Jammu, and Kashmir. The camp was organised under an initiative called Niveshak Didi, was focused to raise financial awareness by adopting the women, by the women approach.

7. Aditya Birla Health, IDFC FIRST Bank tie up for bancassurance

Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHI), a standalone health insurer, has entered into a bancassurance partnership with IDFC FIRST Bank for distribution of health insurance products through the bank's digital platform and its wide distribution network. ABHI can provide health insurance facility to the deeper and underpenetrated parts of the country.

Mayank Bathwal, CEO - Aditya Birla Health Insurance

8. MUFG Bank partners M1xchange to digitize corporate trade finance

MUFG Bank has partnered with M1xchange to facilitate digital invoice financing for the bank's clients. Under M1xchange's TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System), MSME suppliers get early funding for their receivables under a bidding mechanism, and this is funded by MUFG Bank, which takes on the credit risk of the corporate buyers. Sundeep Mohindru, Managing Director & CEO of M1xchange

9. HDFC MF launches sectoral exchange-traded funds Nifty IT and Nifty Private Bank

HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd has announced the launch of two exchange-traded funds (ETFs) ' Nifty IT ETF and Nifty Private Bank ETF. These funds offer a passive way to gain exposure to the growing information technology and private bank space. HDFC Nifty IT ETF has the potential to capture global IT demand and requirements through India's leading IT companies. Navneet Munot, managing director and chief executive officer, HDFC Asset Management

10. SME lending startup ftcash gets NBFC licence from RBI

SME lending startup, ftcash has received a licence from the Reserve Bank of India to set up a non-banking financial company. With this, the company aims to disburse loans worth '100 crore in FY23. Headquartered in Mumbai, the company was founded in 2015 by Sanjeev Chandak, Deepak Kothari and Vaibhav Lodha.

11. Gujarat-based NBFC tops NARCL bid for consolidated construction

Gujarat-based NBFC Raj Radhe Finance has offered '130 crore to take over the debt of EPC company Consolidated Construction Consortium (CCC) topping National Asset Reconstruction Co Ltd's (NARCL) '100-crore offer.

Raj Radhe's offer was in response to a Swiss challenge called by banks after the anchor bid by NARCL last month.

12. Post RBI nod, 9 vostro accounts opened to facilitate overseas trade in rupee

Sberbank and VTB Bank-the largest and second-largest banks of Russia respectively-are the first foreign lenders to receive approval after the RBI announced the guidelines for overseas trade in the rupee in July.

"Nine accounts have been opened. One in UCO Bank, one in Sber, one in VTB and six with IndusInd Bank. These six are different Russian banks,".

13. RBI chooses five banks for retail digital currency pilot

State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and IDFC First Bank are on a shortlist of at least five lenders that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has roped in to work on the retail pilot of its central bank digital currency (CBDC). The pilot for the retail digital rupee is expected to go live soon, and more banks could be included in it.

14. Axis Bank launches 7th edition of knowledge summit 'Evolve' for MSMEs

The current edition is focused on the broader theme of 'Indian SMEs: Shifting Gears for Next Level Growth' with sub-themes such as 'Digitalisation to Building Indian SMEs' and 'Export Opportunities for SMEs in the New World Order'. Axis Bank hosted Evolve across 20 cities such as Mumbai, Chennai, Indore, Bhubaneswar, Lucknow, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, etc

15. Karnataka has highest installed grid-interactive renewable power capacity in India: RBI report

Karnataka came at the top position while comparing the total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power of all the states of the country. The state had a total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (mw).

Tamil Nadu, with 15,225 mw, came at the 2nd; Gujarat, with 13,153 mw, was at third position, according to Handbook of Statistics on Indian Statistics by RBI.

16. Balances under SDF to be included in Liquidity Coverage Ratio: RBI to Banks

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has told banks that overnight balances held by them under the standing deposit facility (SDF) will be eligible as 'Level 1 High Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA)' for computation of the Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR). This will enhance the ability of banks to achieve LCR.

17. GSTN now part of AA network to facilitate cash flow lending to MSMEs: RBI

In a major development, the Goods and Services Tax network (GSTN) has been included to the account aggregator (AA) network as a financial information provider (FIP) to facilitate cash flow lending to the micro, small, and medium enterprises, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said. Department of revenue shall be the regulator of GSTN for this specific purpose and GST returns.

18. Airtel Payments Bank rolls-out e-KYC based on face authentication

Airtel Payments Bank has taken yet another step towards digital inclusion and announced the launch of Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening for customers. The facility will further ease the account opening process making it seamless & convenient for customers. Airtel Payments Bank is the first Payments Bank in the country to offer this facility.

19. Canara Bank Starts Issuing Electronic Bank Guarantee In Partnership With NeSL

Canara Bank ushered in a new dawn of digital banking on its 117th Founder's day, with issuance of an Electronic Bank Guarantee in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited. Bank now offers an API based digital workflow of Bank guarantees which will eliminate physical issuance, stamping, verification and paper based record maintenance of Bank Guarantees.

20. ICICI Bank introduces deposit-linked loan and dollar bonds for NRIs at GIFT City

ICICI Bank has launched two new products-- Loan Against Deposits (LAD) and Dollar Bonds-- for NRI customers at its branch in GIFT City, the Gujarat-based emerging global financial and IT services hub. ICICI Bank is the first bank to offer these products in GIFT City.

21. Bank credit growth accelerates to 17.2% in September quarter: RBI data

Bank credit growth accelerated to 17.2 percent in the quarter ended September 2022 from 7 percent in the same period of the previous year, data from the Reserve Bank of India's "Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs: September 2022" showed.

RBI collects this data from all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), which include RRBs, SFBs, and payments banks. In the quarter ended June 2022, bank credit was at 14.2 percent.

22. RBI Asks Paytm To Reapply For Payment Aggregator Licence

One97 Communications that owns the Paytm brand said that the RBI has asked the Paytm Payment Services Limited (PPSL) to resubmit the application for a payment aggregator Licence within 120 calendar days.

A payment aggregator is 3rd-party that manages & processes merchants' online transactions with consumers, allowing merchants to be more hands-off in their payment process. Nakul Jain is the CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).

23. New credit card payment rule: RBI wants card issuers to revisit minimum amount due formula

RBI wants banks and card issuers to calculate the minimum amount due on credit card bills in a way that does not result in negative amortization.

"The unpaid charges or levies, or taxes shall not be capitalized for charging or compounding of interest," the central bank earlier said in a master direction 'Credit card and Debit card' Issuance and Conduct Directions, 2022.


24. Inclusion of Goods and Service Tax Network (GSTN) as a Financial Information Provider under Account Aggregator Framework

With a view to facilitate cash flow-based lending to MSMEs, it has been decided to include GSTN as a Financial Information Provider (FIP) under the Account Aggregator (AA) framework. Department of Revenue shall be the regulator of GSTN for this specific purpose and Goods and Services Tax (GST) Returns, viz. Form GSTR-1 and Form GSTR-3B, shall be the Financial Information. GST Council approved the change in GSTN ownership to 100% government-owned in March 2020.

25. SBI board approves raising Rs 10,000 crore via infrastructure bonds

SBI approved raising Rs 10,000 crore (including a green shoe option of Rs. 5,000 crores) through a public issue or private placement by issuing infrastructure bonds during the FY 2023.

The bank has a term loan pipeline of '2.5 lakh crore and expects demand from all sectors.




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Economy

1. GST Collection October 2022: 2nd highest ever

The gross GST revenue collected in the month of October 2022 was at '1,51,718 crore, the second highest monthly collection ever, next only to the collection in April 2022. Out of total collections, Central GST is Rs 26,039 crore, State GST is Rs 33,396 crore, Integrated GST is Rs 81,778 crore (including Rs 37,297 crore collected on import of goods). GST came into effect from 1st July 2017 in India.

2. Centre approves Rs 51,875 crore for P&K fertilizer for Rabi 2022-23

The Centre has approved an additional fertilizer subsidy of Rs 51,875 crore for the rabi or winter planting season, which runs from October 2022 to March 2023. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the new nutrient-based subsidy rates for phosphatic and potassic fertilisers.

3. India's October iron ore exports 'nearly zero': FIMI

India's iron ore exports dropped to "nearly zero" in October, and overseas shipments of the steelmaking raw material are expected to continue to languish due to higher export taxes and lower demand from China.

India in May raised export tax on low-grade iron ore lumps and fines - with iron content below 58% - to 50% from zero, and hiked the duties on pellets to 45% from 0. NMDC is the largest producer of iron ore in the country.

4. Unemployment rate surges to 7.77% in Oct against 6.43% in Sept: CMIE

Unemployment rate in India surged last month on the back of significant increase in rural unemployment rate, reversing the decline registered in September.

The data from the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy shows the unemployment rate in India stood at 7.77% in October compared to a four-year low of 6.43% in September. CMIE was established in 1976, primarily as an independent think tank.

5. Govt Notifies IIPDF Scheme for Financial Support for Project Development Expenses of PPP Projects

The Infrastructure Finance Secretariat (IFS), DEA, has come out with Scheme for Financial Support for Project Development Expenses of PPP Projects 'IIPDF Scheme' (India Infrastructure Project Development Fund Scheme) for providing necessary support to the PSAs, both in the Central and State Governments.

6. India's forex reserves reaches to 531.081 billion US Dollar.

India's forex reserves increased by 6.561 billion to reach 531.081 billion US Dollar for the week ended October 28. Foreign currency assets stood at 470.847 billion US Dollar. The value of gold reserves increased from 556 million to 37.762 billion US Dollar.

7. Russia becomes India's top oil supplier in Oct, surpasses Saudi Arabia and Iraq

Surpassing traditional suppliers Saudi Arabia and Iraq, Russia has emerged as the top oil supplier to India in October. The information provided by energy cargo tracker Vortexa shows that Russia, which made up for just 0.2 per cent of all oil imported by India in the year to March 31, 2022, supplied 935,556 barrels per day of crude oil to India in October-the highest ever.

8. Tamil Nadu pips Karnataka to emerge as the third-largest state in own tax revenues in H1 FY23

Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh take the first two positions. According to the provisional figures from Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Tamil Nadu has mopped up '68,638 crore in State's Own Tax Revenue collections between April-September against Karnataka's '66,158 crore tax collection. Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh mopped up '1,15,211cr and '1,02,687cr respectively

9. Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman approves India's First Sovereign Green Bonds Framework

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman approves the final Sovereign Green Bonds framework of India.

The approval is fulfillment of the announcement in the Union Budget FY 2022-23 by the Union Finance Minister that Sovereign Green Bonds will be issued for mobilising resources for green projects. A green bond is used to raise money for climate and environmental projects.

10. DGFT notifies amended Foreign Trade Policy norms for export benefits on rupee receipts

DGFT notified norms for permitting exporters to avail benefits under the foreign trade policy, even on realisation in rupee. The DGFT, under the commerce ministry, has already allowed invoicing, payment and settlement of exports and imports in Indian rupee, a move aimed at facilitating trade in the domestic currency.

11. India's Industrial Output jumps 3.1% in September against 0.8% fall in August

India's industrial output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew 3.1% in September, supported by a double-digit increase in electricity generation. India's electricity sector output grew in double-digits at 11.6% year-on-year to 187.4 on the IIP in September. While mining saw a 4.6% jump to 99.5, manufacturing posted a 1.8 per cent rise to 134.3.

12. Wholesale Price Index inflation in October eases to 8.39 per cent

Wholesale Price-based Inflation (WPI) for October eased to its lowest level since March 2021. Dropping below the double-digit mark for the first time since March of the year 2021, it eased to 8.39 per cent in October from 10.70 per cent in September.

13. India's retail inflation eases to 3-month low in October

India's retail inflation eased sharply to 6.77 per cent on an annual basis in the month of October from 7.41 per cent in September 2022. The number has remained above RBI's tolerance band of 2-6 per cent for the 10th consecutive month. Food inflation for October came in at 7.01 per cent as against 8.6 per cent a month before.

14. GST: NAA to Wind Up by Dec 1 2022, CCI to Consider Anti-Profiteering Complaints

All GST anti-profiteering complaints would be dealt with by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) from December 1 as the extended tenure of National Anti-profiteering Authority (NAA) ends this month. The NAA was set up in November 2017 under Section 171A of Goods and Services Tax (GST) law to check unfair profiteering activities by registered suppliers.

15. OECD cuts India FY23 GDP forecast to 6.6% on slowdown at home, global fears

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has cut its gross domestic growth forecast for India for the current financial year (FY23) to 6.6 per cent from 6.9 per cent, citing higher medium-term global uncertainty and slowing domestic economic activity. The agency said that India is set to be the second-fastest growing economy in the G-20 in FY23.

16. India's CAD pegged at 3-3.2% of GDP in FY23: CEA V Anantha Nageswaran

With rising domestic economic activity and an uptick in oil import bills, India's current account deficit is expected to be 3-3.2 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) for FY23, according to Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran. But he stressed the country's external sector remains robust.

17. India's unemployment rate dips to 7.2% in July-Sept 2022: NSO survey

Unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas declined to 7.2 per cent during July-September 2022 from 9.8 per cent a year ago, the National Statistical Office (NSO). Unemployment rate or joblessness is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons among the labor force.

18. Mutual fund investors to get dividend payments within 7 days from record date

SEBI has issued a circular on November 25 asking the mutual fund houses to pay the dividends within seven days from the record date.

It further directed that the record date should be two working days from the date of a public notice. In case of redemption or repurchase of units, the fund houses are told to pay out the proceeds within three working days.

19. SEBI releases uniform format for OTC trades in non-convertible securities

SEBI came out with a uniform format for reporting over-the-counter (OTC) trades in listed non-convertible securities.

Under the format, information pertaining to deal type -- whether brokered or direct -- ISIN, listed or unlisted security, issuer name, coupon rate, issue description, traded price, traded yield, trade date and time, settlement date & status to be disclosed.

20. India to receive first LNG cargo from Indonesia's Tangguh LNG

India has received its first cargo from Indonesia's Tangguh liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant at the Dahej terminal 28 Nov.

The LNG cargo is being transported by the BW Helios tanker.

The BW Helios picked up the cargo of 132,000 cubic metres at the Tangguh LNG loading facility on Sept. 18.

National

1. Finance Minister launches biggest ever Coal Mine Auction of 141 Mines

Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has Launched the 6th round of coal mine auction of the Ministry of Coal.

She pointed out that coal imports for power sector has come down by 41%.

Finance Ministry has extended Rs. 6000 crore incentive for coal gasification and Rs. 250 crore for exploration process. India is the second-largest coal-producing country, with production of 767 MTs in 2021.

2. President of India inaugurates the permanent North-East Campus of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC)

The President of India inaugurated the permanent North-East Campus of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) North East at Aizawl, Mizoram. With the main Campus in New Delhi, IIMC has five regional campuses at Dhenkanal in Odisha, Aizawl in Mizoram, Jammu in J&K, Kottayam in Kerala and Amravati in Maharashtra.

3. Union Minister inaugurates Centre for Policy Research in Maritime Studies (C-PRiMeS) in Chennai.

A Centre for Policy Research in Maritime Studies (C-PRiMeS) of Indian Maritime University (IMU) in Chennai was inaugurated by the Union Minister Shri Sarbananda Sonowal. The C-PRiMeS centre will undertake maritime studies and act as a think tank for the development of the marine economy.

4. Central government appoints 9 Judicial Members, 6 Technical Members to NCLT

The Central government has notified the appointment of fifteen members - including nine judicial members and six technical members - to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

The current appointment is for a period of five years or till the members attain the age of 65 years, whichever is earlier.

NCLT President Chief Justice (Retd) Ramalingam Sudhakar.

5. Mother Tongue Survey Of India Completed With Field Videography Of 576 Languages And Dialects

The Ministry of Home Affairs has successfully completed a mother tongue survey with field videography of 576 languages and dialects across the country.

The home ministry said the Linguistic Survey of India (LSI) is a regular research activity in the country since the 6th Five Year Plan.

6. MoHUA launches Transport4All through digital innovation challenge stage-2 and Citizen Perception Survey-2022

The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep S Puri launched the Transport4All challenge stage-2 and Citizen Perception Survey 2022 at an event in New Delhi.

The Transport4All challenge is an initiative of the MoHUA that aims at enhancing the mobility experience of citizens.

7. Nation-wide Campaign for Promotion of Digital Life Certificate

The Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Government of India has launched a Nation-wide Campaign for Promotion of Digital Life Certificate for Central Government pensioners for promoting the Life certificate through Digital mode and popularizes the Face Authentication technique. Jeevan Pramaan is a Life Certificate program affiliated with Aadhaar for pensioners.

8. Indian Railways accomplishes electrification of 82% of the total BG network

Indian Railways has embarked upon an ambitious plan of electrification of its complete Broad Gauge network which would not only result in a better fuel energy usage resulting in increased throughput, reduced fuel expenditure but also savings in precious foreign exchange. The Indian Railways has set a target of 100 % electrification of its network by Dec 2023.

9. DigiLocker users can now digitally store health records and link them with Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA)

DigiLocker, the authentic documents exchange platform under the MeitY has successfully completed its second-level of integration with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

DigiLocker can be used now as a health locker for storing and accessing health records such as vaccination records, doctor prescriptions, lab reports, hospital discharge summaries etc. Digital Locker was launched on 1st July 2015.

10. NFRA issues inspection guidelines to improve quality control at audit firms

Audit regulator, the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA), brought out a set of guidelines for monitoring the audit firms' quality and compliance standards.

Quality inspection guidelines is a step towards further improving quality of the audit profession.

11. India discontinues Air Suvidha form filling for international passengers

International travellers entering India will no longer be required to fill up the self-declaration form, called Air Suvidha, for COVID-19 related screening of passengers. Neither will passengers be required to submit a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR report

These relaxations come into effect from November 22.

12. Govt Unveils Framework To Curb Fake Reviews On Ecommerce Platforms

Called the 'Indian Standard (IS) 19000:2022 'Online Consumer Reviews ' Principles and Requirements for their Collection, Moderation and Publication', the framework was finalised after 30 days of consultation.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) will develop an assessment scheme within 15 days to assess the compliance of the norms. The framework was released by Consumer Affairs Secretary Rohit Kumar Singh.

13. NCLAT Stays CCI's INR 169 Cr Penalty On OYO

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) effectively stayed the INR 168.88 Cr penalty imposed by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) on hospitality major OYO.

OYO is now required to pay close to INR 17 Cr as the initial monetary fine to ensure hearing of their appeal in the Hon'ble NCLAT, said FHRAI secretary general Jaison Chacko. NCLAT, Chairperson: Justice Ashok Bhushan.

14. Zorba, India's first dog on anti-poacher duty, dies in Guwahati

Zorba, India's first dog to be deployed for tracking down poachers, died in Guwahati due to old age. The 12-year-old male Belgian Malinois was a member of 'K9', the nation's first dog squad for wildlife crimes.

Zorba was the first dog of the squad and he was credited with helping law enforcement authorities nab over 60 poachers.

15. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launches India's first Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways and Ayush, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal announced India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping (NCoEGPS) a major initiative by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping towards providing greener solutions. The announcement was made by the Union Minister at the recently concluded 'INMARCO 2022' in Mumbai.

16. India win IEC vice presidency and Strategic Management Board Chair for 2023-25 term

India won the International Electrotechnical Commission, IEC Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term. Mr. Vimal Mahendru will be the IEC Vice President representing India.

IEC is an international standard-setting body that publishes international Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies. SMB is apex governance body of IEC.

17. L&T To Construct Executive Enclave Housing New PMO, Cabinet Secretariat

Larsen and Toubro Ltd. will construct the Executive Enclave housing the Prime Minister's Office, cabinet secretariat, India House and the National Security Council Secretariat at a cost of Rs 1,189 crore.

Executive Enclave will be constructed under the ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project.

L&T and the company will have to complete the construction within 24 months.

18. Himalayan yak gets food animal tag; milk and meat to be used

Yak, a multi-purpose bovine, has been designated as a food animal by the FSSAI following the proposal of the Dirang (Arunachal Pradesh) based National Research Centre on Yak (NRC-Y)

Yak is found throughout the Himalayan region: Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, North Bengal, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Ladakh & Jammu and Kashmir, while wild Yak is found in Tibet.

19. Ministry of Power launches scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 4500 MW for five years under B (v) of SHAKTI Policy

Ministry of Power kicks off a Scheme for Procurement of Aggregate Power of 4500 MW on competitive basis or five years on Finance, Own and Operate (FOO) basis under B (v) of SHAKTI Policy.

PFC Consulting Limited has been designated as the Nodal Agency by the Ministry of Power and has invited bids for supply of 4,500 MW. Supply of electricity will commence from April 2023. SHAKTI: Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India

20. Cuttack Baliyatra enters Guinness World Records

The historic Cuttack Baliyatra has found a place in the Guinness World Records after achieving a feat of making 22,000 paper boats in 35 minutes. More than 2,100 students of 22 schools made the paper boats and created the world record at an event organised at Barabati Stadium by the district administration and Cuttack Municipal Corporation >

21. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to pay two-day visit to Cambodia on November 22

Apart from the ADMM-Plus meeting and India-ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting, the Raksha Mantri will hold bilateral discussions with Defence Ministers of the participating countries. During the talks, Shri Rajnath Singh will discuss defence cooperation matters and ways to further strengthen the mutually beneficial engagements.

22. PM Modi attends public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha'

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi attended a public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' and paid homage to the sacrifices of unsung tribal heroes and martyrs of the freedom struggle. He performed Dhuni Darshan and paid floral tributes to the statue of Govind Guru whose death Anniversary fell on 30th October.



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International

1. Ghana assumes presidency of UN Security Council

During the month of November 2022, Ghana shall preside over the meetings of the Council (adoptions, debates and consultations) and, under its authority, shall represent the Security Council in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.

The Security Council, which is composed by 15 Member States, is the organ of the United Nations. President of Ghana, H.E. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo.

2. The 9th round of India-South Korea CEPA up-gradation negotiation held in Seoul.

The 9th round of India - South Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) up-gradation negotiation was held in Seoul. India raised serious concerns about the growing trade deficit between the two countries and discussed market access issues. It was agreed that the 10th round of CEPA upgradation negotiations will be hosted by India in early 2023.

3. G7 countries call for extension of grain deal

The Group of Seven (G7) countries have called for an extension of the UN-brokered grain deal after meeting in the western German town of Muenster. They strongly support the United Nations Secretary-General's call for the extension of the Black Sea Grain Initiative, which has reduced global food prices. They also urged Russia to heed the Secretary-General's call.

4. Switzerland sets record with world's longest passenger train

A Swiss railway operator has set a new record for completing a journey with the world's longest passenger train. The 1.9km (1.2 mile) train, which is composed of 100 coaches, completed a spectacular 25km journey through the Alps. The world record attempt took place to highlight Switzerland's engineering achievements, as well as to mark 175 years of Swiss railways.

5. IMF to provide \$4.5 bn loan for Bangladesh to combat economic crisis

Bangladesh and the IMF reached a preliminary agreement under which the global lender will provide a USD 4.5 billion support package to stabilise its economy and protect the vulnerable people.

Bangladesh is the third South Asian nation after Sri Lanka and Pakistan to secure a bailout package from the IMF to tide over the sharp rise in food and energy prices. Managing Director and Chairperson of IMF: Kristalina Georgieva (from Bulgaria).

6. Saudi Arabia commits \$2.5 bln for Middle East Green Initiative: Crown Prince

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman announced that the Kingdom will commit \$2.5 billion for the Middle East Green Initiative over the next 10 years.

This year's Middle East Green Initiative summit is co-chaired by the Saudi Crown Prince and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

7. 'Homer' is Cambridge Dictionary's Word of 2022

The Cambridge Dictionary announced its word of 2022 as 'homer'.

US informal

short for home run : a point scored in baseball when you hit the ball, usually out of the playing field, and are able to run around all the bases at one time to the starting base.

The other words that followed 'homer' were 'humor', 'caulk', 'tacit', and 'bayou', as per Cambridge dictionary.

8. Qatar signs world's 'longest' gas supply deal with China

QatarEnergy announced a 27-year natural gas supply deal with China, calling it the "longest" ever seen as it strengthened ties with Asia at a time when Europe is scrambling for alternative sources. The state energy company will send four million tonnes of liquefied natural gas annually from its new North Field East project to China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation.

Sports

1. PV Sindhu Launches Fit India School Week Mascots Toofan & Toofani

Fourth edition of Fit India School Week to kick off on 15th November 2022. Fit India Movement, which was launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in the year 2019, kicked off its annual 'Fit India School Week' programme in December of that same year, and is dedicated to encouraging schools in inculcating fitness habits and increasing awareness about fitness and sports.

2. T-20 Cricket World Cup: England beat Pakistan to lift the cup for 2nd time

In T20 world cup cricket, England created history by winning their second T-20 world cup title defeating Pakistan by five wickets at the Melbourne Cricket ground. They are now the only side who are the defending ODI and T20 World Cup champions.

3. FIFA World Cup 2022 to be played from Nov 20 in Qatar

FIFA World Cup 2022 will be played from 20th November to 18th December this year across five cities in Qatar. It is the first football World Cup to be held in winter, as well as the first to be hosted by an Arab country. The tournament will be played across eight venues. 28 teams have been placed in eight groups.

4. ATP Finals: Novak Djokovic clinches record-equaling 6th title, defeats Ruud in final

Serbian tennis star Novak Djokovic earned a record-equaling sixth ATP Finals singles title win, beating Norway's Casper Ruud in the summit clash.

Djokovic defeated his opponent by 7-5, 6-3 to walk away with a historic payday of \$4.7m. He has now equalled the record of Swiss legend Roger Federer, who has six ATP title wins.

Djokovic lifted his 91st tour-level trophy.

5. Tamil Nadu batter Narayan Jagadeesan breaks world record for highest ever List A score

Tamil Nadu batter Narayan Jagadeesan on Monday broke the world record for the highest ever individual score in List A cricket by hammering a 141-ball 277 against Arunachal Pradesh in Vijay Hazare Trophy here. The 26-year old bettered the record of Ali Brown's previous high of 268 for Surrey against Glamorgan in 2002. He also went past Prithvi Shaw for the highest score ever in Vijay Hazare Trophy.

6. Army Red Team wins 72nd Inter Services Volleyball Championship 2022-23

The Army Red Team has won the 72nd Inter Services Volleyball Championship 2022-23. The Army Red team emerged victorious with a set score of 3-1. The closing ceremony of the Championship was organised at Eagles Indoor Volleyball Stadium in Secunderabad.

Two teams of Indian Army, Red and Green besides one team each of Indian Navy & Indian Air Force participated in the event.

7. Madras Boat Club women lift Adyar trophy

The Madras Boat Club women lift Adyar trophy at the 81st Annual Madras-Colombo Rowing Regatta at Colombo. The hundred-year-plus-old event was held after a three-year gap owing to the pandemic. The first-ever Madras-Colombo Regatta was held way back in 1898 and is considered to be the second oldest sporting event next only to Oxford - Cambridge Regatta. Two rowing clubs: Madras Boat Club & Colombo Rowing Club organise the regatta alternately

8. Vishwanath, Vanshaj, Devika clinch gold medals at Youth World Boxing Championships

Indian boxers Vishwanath Suresh, Vanshaj, and Devika Ghorpade won gold medals at the IBA Youth Men's and Women's World Championships 2022 in La Nucia, Spain.

With 11 medals, India topped in the ongoing edition of the event, followed by Uzbekistan (10), Ireland (7) and Kazakhstan (7).

9. Canada claims first Davis Cup title with win over Australia in final

The final match of 2022 Davis Cup was held between Australia and Canada on November 27. Canada has won first Davis Cup title with win over Australia in final. The Australians have won the tournament 28 times before.

Felix Auger-Aliassime and Denis Shapovalov helped Canada to win its maiden Davis Cup title. The Davis Cup is billed as the 'World Championship of Tennis'.

Agreements & MoUs

1. MoU between India & Denmark on cooperation in field of Water Resources Development and Management

The Union Cabinet apprised of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Denmark on cooperation in the field of Water Resources Development and Management. The MoU is directed toward digitalization and ease of information access, integrated and smart water resources development and management among others.

2. BEE, SIDBI to jointly promote energy efficiency financing for MSMEs

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) have partnered to promote energy efficiency financing for MSMEs.

The Government of India has set up Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) on 1st March 2002 under the provision of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001.

Mr. Abhay Bakre, Director General of BEE.

Sivasubramanian Ramann, CMD of SIDBI.

3. Cochin Shipyard inks pact with IIT Madras for marine start-up engagement programme

Cochin Shipyard Limited and IIT Madras have signed an agreement to support start-ups in the maritime sector, which will provide a platform for young and talented entrepreneurs to develop products/services in the marine space with financial support provided by CSL. Under this initiative, start-ups can get up to '50 lakh as seed grants, '1 crore as prototyping grants.

4. NIIFL signs pact with JBIC to enhance Japanese investments into India

NIIFL signs pact with JBIC to enhance Japanese investments into India. JBIC and the GoI will invest in the India-Japan Fund, which will make equity investments in environmental preservation and low carbon emission strategies.

The MOU outlines a partnership framework between NIIF and JBIC, which is considering the establishment a bilateral India-Japan Fund (IJF). The Rs 40,000-crore NIIF, a quasi-sovereign wealth fund, was set up in December 2015.

5. Ministry of Rural Development signs MoU to support effective governance systems under DAY- NRLM

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has signed MoU with Gurugram-based Veddhis Foundation to support setting up of effective governance systems under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), strengthen State capacities, establish innovative models and implement the national strategy for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) and SHG convergence.

6. BSNL gets Centre's nod to sign Rs 26,821 crore 4G deal with TCS: Report

The Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) has received the central government's nod to go ahead with Rs 26,281 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), paving its way to launch 4G services in India. As reported by Economic Times (ET), TCS will set up the 4G lines and maintain the network for nine years.

BSNL will give Rs 10,000 crore worth of purchase orders to TCS soon. BSNL is a fully owned (10%) Government company.

7. National Museum, India and Kolding Museum, Denmark sign Memorandum of Understanding

In the beginning of March, 2023 Museum Kolding and the National Museum in New Delhi will open the joint exhibition "Silver treasures from Denmark and India". The exhibition is focused on the Danish and Indian Silver artefacts where both museums will show the best silver objects from their collections.

8. RSP renews MoU with Akshaya Patra Foundation for Mid-Day Meal Programme

Rourkela Steel Plant renewed its Memorandum of Understanding for Mid-Day Meal with Akshaya Patra Foundation on November 14 to mark the occasion of Children's Day. The MoU was signed at the Institute for periphery development.

9. Tata Power Solar Systems ties up with Union Bank of India

Tata Power Solar Systems (TPSSL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Renewable Energy (TPREL) has tied up with Union Bank of India (UBI), to help MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) sector switch to solar solutions. The objective of this collaboration is to improve access to green energy and save on the cost of electricity, thus making MSMEs more profitable.

10. BEL signs MoU with Armoured Vehicles Nigam Limited

The MoU aims at leveraging the complementary strengths and capabilities of BEL and AVNL (AVANI) to address domestic and export opportunities in the areas of Combat Vehicles, Main Battle Tanks (MBTs), Infantry Fighting Vehicles (IFVs), Armored Fighting Vehicles (AFVs) and related systems.

Mr Dinesh Kumar Batra, CMD, BEL, and Mr A N Srivastava, CMD, AVNL/AVANI.

11. Federal Bank ties up with JCB India to finance heavy equipment buyers

Federal Bank said that it has tied up with JCB India to finance the prospective buyers of heavy construction equipment and boost its loan portfolio. The private sector lender said it has inked a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with JCB India, a leading manufacturer of earthmoving and construction equipment. Shyam Srinivasan, Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank

12. Flipkart and Axis Bank partner to launch Super Elite Credit Card

In a bid to scale Flipkart's SuperCoins reward program, the e-commerce major and Axis Bank have partnered to launch Super Elite Credit Card. In an effort to scale the Flipkart SuperCoins reward programme and enhance the customer shopping experience, this card will serve extensive value to shoppers.

13. HDFC Bank, Flywire collaborate to offer edu digital payments

HDFC Bank Limited, India's largest private-sector bank, announced that it has partnered with Flywire Corporation, a global payments enablement and software company, to enable Indian payers to pay international education fees to higher education institutions all over the world in a seamless and digital manner.

14. Australian parliament approves free trade agreement with India

India and Australia would now implement the free trade agreement on a mutually agreed date as the Australian Parliament approved the pact between the two countries. The India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA) needed ratification by the Australian parliament before its implementation. In India, such pacts are approved by the Union Cabinet. Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese

15. BSE signs up TAC Security as cyber security partner

Risk and vulnerability management company TAC Security announced that it signed an agreement with the oldest stock exchange to ensure that the BSE is empowered with the highest possible level of cybersecurity.

BSE will get a holistic view of their risk-vulnerability management on a single platform using TAC Security's ESOF (Enterprise Security in One Framework).



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Schemes

1. DoT OKs 42 firms for telecom products PLI, incl 17 for design PLI

The ministry of communications has expanded the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for telecom and networking products with a total of 42 companies, including 28 medium and small enterprises (MSMEs), cleared for receiving sops for a total investment of Rs 4,115 crore.

A total of 31 companies were given approval on October 14, 2021 for the scheme.

2. Prime Minister of India urges citizens to visit Nadabet under Seema darshan.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged the citizens to visit Nadabet and other border areas as part of Seema darshan to further tourism. The Nadabet Seema Darshan Project is initiated with the objective of giving the citizens of the nation an opportunity to see firsthand the life style of the Border Security Force (BSF) personnel.

3. Centre sanctions '60000 cr long-term capex funds to states

The central government has sanctioned '60,000 crore of long-term capital expenditure funds to states this fiscal, making a strong beginning to the scheme announced earlier this year to build roads, ports, bridges, airports and highways across the country. The scheme envisages giving '1 trillion of 50-year interest-free loans to states, over and above the normal borrowing.

4. More than 25,000 ponds constructed under Mission Amrit Sarovar to overcome water crisis in rural areas

The government has completed the construction of more than 25,000 Amrit Sarovars within the 6 months. Under Mission Amrit Sarovar, a target has been set to build 50,000 Amrit Sarovars by 15th August, 2023. Mission Amrit Sarovar was launched on 24th April, 2022 with the resolve to build 75 Amrit Sarovars during the 75th year of independence as a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav

5. KVIC Chairman inaugurates the ambitious Re-Hab Project in Nainital

KVIC Chairman Shri Manoj Kumar inaugurated the ambitious Re-Hab Project (Reducing Human Attacks using Honey Bees) at village Chausla, in Forest Range Fatehpur, Haldwani, District Nainital today, where he also distributed 330 Bee-boxes, bee-colonies and toolkits along with the honey extractors to the rural beneficiaries in Chausla village, free of cost. Sweet revolution is popularly known as 'beekeeping' and is launched for honey production.

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Appointments & Resignations

1. Energy Efficiency Services Limited appoints Vishal Kapoor as CEO

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) has announced the appointment of Vishal Kapoor as its chief executive officer (CEO). Before joining EESL, he was working with the Ministry of Power as a joint , during which he led various government interventions, schemes, and reforms in the distribution sector. Founded in 2009, EESL is promoted by Ministry of Power, Government of India.

2. GSK India names Bhushan Akshikar as Managing Director

GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited has appointed Bhushan Akshikar as the new managing director (MD) in India. Currently, Akshikar is the commercial head of the general medicines business of GSK in India. His role will come into effect on December 1, 2022. The newly appointed MD joined GSK India in September 2011.

Akshikar will succeed Sridhar Venkatesh.

3. KV Kamath Appointed Chairman Of Jio Financial Services

KV Kamath has been appointed non-executive chairman of Reliance Strategic Investments, a wholly owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Ltd.

Reliance Strategic Investments is to be renamed as Jio Financial Services.

He has also been appointed on the board of Reliance Industries as an independent director for a period of 5 yrs.

4. GSMA elects Telefonica CEO Jos Mara Ivarez-Pallete Lpez as Chair, Airtel CEO Vittal as Deputy Chair

The GSM Association (GSMA) elected Jos Mara Ivarez-Pallete Lpez, the chief executive of Telefonica Group, as Chair, and Gopal Vittal, the chief executive of India's Bharti Airtel Group as Deputy Chair. The executives are members of the new GSMA Board of Directors elected for a two-year term.

The GSMA Board includes 26 members.

5. Meta India head Ajit Mohan steps down

Facebook-parent Meta's India head, Ajit Mohan, ended his four-year stint at the social media giant abruptly to become the Asia-Pacific head of rival Snap.

Mohan, who joined Meta in January 2019, had served as the founding chief executive officer of Disney's streaming platform Hotstar for four years before joining the social media giant.

6. Slovenia: Natasa Pirc Musar elected first female president

Lawyer Natasa Pirc Musar won the second round of Slovenia's presidential election on Sunday and will become the country's first female head of state.

She will succeed President Borut Pahor, a centrist politician who had already served two terms in office.

Pirc Musar had represented former US first lady Melania Trump in copyright and other cases in her native Slovenia. Ljubljana is Slovenia's capital and largest city.

7. WhatsApp India head Abhijit Bose, Meta India public policy head Rajiv Aggarwal step down

Shivnath Thukral, who is currently serving as the director of public policy at WhatsApp India, has been appointed the director of public policy for Meta India that includes Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. Earlier this month, Ajit Mohan, the head of Meta in India, had stepped down from his role.

Will Cathcart, Head of WhatsApp.

8. PFRDA appoints Suraj Bhan as chairman of NPS Trust

Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority has appointed Suraj Bhan as the chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust), responsible for managing funds under the National Pension System (NPS).

National Pension System Trust (NPST) was established by PFRDA as per the provisions of the Indian Trusts Act of 1882.

9. IIM Ahmedabad appoints Pankaj Patel as new Chairperson of the Board of Governors

The Indian Institute of Ahmedabad (IIMA) has announced the appointment of Pankaj R. Patel as the new Chairperson of its Board of Governors. Pankaj R. Patel succeeds Kumar Mangalam Birla, who completed his four years term yesterday. Patel, who will become the fourteenth Chairperson of the institute, has been a member of the IIMA Board of Governors for 8 years.

10. Enforcement Directorate chief SK Mishra gets one-year extension for third straight time

The Union Government gave a fresh one-year extension in service to the director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) Sanjay Kumar Mishra.

Meanwhile, last year, the government also introduced an ordinance that allows the mandatory two-year terms of the directors of the ED and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to be extended by up to three years.

11. Former bureaucrat Arun Goel appointed Election Commissioner

Former bureaucrat Arun Goel was appointed as Election Commissioner. Goel will join Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey in the poll panel.

Mr. Goel will demit office in December 2027 on attaining the age of 65 years.

Once he joins his new responsibility, Goel would be in line to be the next chief election commissioner.

12. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev wins Kazakh presidential election with 81.3% of vote

Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev secured a second term in election, winning 81.31% of the vote. Kazakhstan's Central Election Commission said the 69-year-old Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, who came to power in 2019, received 81.31 per cent of the vote. None of the five other candidates scored double digits in the vote. Capital: Astana Currency: Kazakhstani tenge

13. Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta Elected as a Member of International Committee for Weight and Measures (CIPM)

In a historic election, Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta, Director, CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL), New Delhi, has been elected as a member of the prestigious International Committee for Weights and Measures (CIPM). At present, CGPM is represented by 64 member countries and meets every 4th year at International Bureau of Weight and Measure (BIPM), France.

14. Bridgestone appoints Stefano Sanchini as head of India operations

Japanese tyre maker Bridgestone has appointed Stefano Sanchini as the head of its India operations with effect from January 1 next year.

He will replace Parag Satpute, who will be heading to Amsterdam (the Netherlands) to assume a new global role in Bridgestone's Solutions Business.

Sanchini is currently VP Region Middle-East and Africa, (MEA).

15. Former Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Rajiv Kumar joins advisory board of India Sotheby's

Rajiv Kumar, the former Vice-Chairman of the Niti Aayog, has joined the policy and advisory board of property consultant India Sotheby's International Realty.

Kumar will advise the company on policy and advocacy matters with the objective of promoting transparency and professionalism in the real estate sector, India Sotheby's International Realty (ISIR).

Amit Goyal, CEO, India Sotheby's International Realty.

16. Romal Shetty is CEO-designate of Deloitte India

Senior consultant Romal Shetty has been nominated CEO-designate of Deloitte India. Shetty has been a President, Consulting at Deloitte India and is based out of the Bengaluru office. He is a Fellow Member of the ICAI and a Certified Information Systems Auditor. He has 20 years of experience in advisory services across large scale transformation programs.

17. Sundararaman Ramamurthy to be new MD & CEO of BSE

Sundararaman Ramamurthy will replace Ashish Chauhan as new managing director and chief executive of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). Market regulator Securities & Exchange Board of India (Sebi) approved the appointment.

Indian Clearing Corporation Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of BSE, acts as the central counterparty to all trades executed on the BSE trading platform.

18. Former Health Secretary Preeti Sudan appointed as a UPSC member

Former Health Secretary Preeti Sudan has been appointed as a member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

The UPSC is headed by a chairperson and can have a maximum of 10 members. With her appointment, there is still a vacancy of four members in the Commission.

The oath was administered to her by the UPSC chairman Dr Manoj Soni.

Awards

1. French govt to honour Aruna Sairam with Chevalier award

Carnatic vocalist Aruna Sairam will be conferred the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite, the Knight of the Order of the Merit, by the French government. She has been selected for her singing talent and contribution to the development of Indo-France relations.

Aruna Sairam has received many awards, including the Padma Shri the Sangeetha Kalanidhi Award.

2. President Droupadi Murmu presents National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021 to nursing professionals

President Droupadi Murmu today presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2021 to the nursing professionals at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The awards are given to recognize the meritorious services rendered by nurses and nursing professionals to the society. It was instituted in 1973 by the Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry.

3. Arfa Khanum Sherwani to Receive Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman Award for 2022

The Gandhi Peace Foundation announced the award of its prestigious Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman for 2022 to The Wire's senior editor Arfa Khanum Sherwani.

The awardee for 2021 went to independent journalist and YouTuber, Ajit Anjum.

Gandhi Peace Foundation is based in Chennai.

4. Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong gets UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for 2022

The UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence has been given to Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong from Cameroon, President of the two NGOs Afrogiveness and Positive Youths Africa.

The Prize is named after its benefactor, former Indian artist, writer and diplomat Madanjeet Singh (1924-2013) who was also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador. UNESCO Headquarter- Paris

5. The 53rd edition of IFFI, the International Film Festival of India is all set to open to a colourful opening ceremony at Goa

The Austrian film, Alma and Oskar, directed by Dieter Berner, will open the festival. As many as 25 feature films and 19 non-feature films from India will be showcased in the 'Indian Panorama' while 183 films will be a part of international programming. The festival presents a special section for Asha Parekh, the 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke Award winner.

6. Journalist Danish Manzoor Bhat honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's 1st Global Humanitarian Award for COVID19 relief efforts

Danish Manzoor Bhat, originally hailing from Kashmir Valley, was honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's first Global Humanitarian Award this week at a ceremony held at the Consulate General of India in New York. Jaipur Foot USA is a world's largest non-profit for disabled. The award has been constituted to honour and recognise 'selfless work of Indians' who helped during pandemic.

7. KVG Bank gets award for Atal Pension Yojana enrolment

Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB) has bagged the national award from Pension Fund regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for significant enrolment under Atal Pension Yojana (APY). So far, the bank has enrolled 3,34,687 (cumulative) accounts under APY. During 2022-23, the bank enrolled 69,132 accounts against the target of 50,320. P Gopi Krishna, Chairman of KVGB Supratim Bandopadhyay, Chairman of PFRDA

8. Dalai Lama felicitated with Gandhi Mandela Award for lifelong efforts to promote peace

The 14th Dalai Lama was conferred the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022 at Thekchen Choeling in Dharamshala's McLeodGanj by Himachal Pradesh governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar. The Tibetan spiritual leader, receiving the peace prize from the New Delhi-based Gandhi Mandela Foundation. The Tibetan spiritual leader is the recipient of the 1989 Nobel Peace Prize.

9. Chiranjeevi named Indian Film Personality of the Year at IFFI 2022

Veteran actor Chiranjeevi was named the Indian Film Personality of the Year at the opening ceremony of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. The announcement was made by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting Anurag Thakur at the film festival. This year's edition also features retrospectives on Dadasaheb Phalke awardee Asha Parekh.

10. 39 schools across country awarded Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for 2021-22

39 schools from across the country have been awarded the Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar for the 2021-22 academic session, the Ministry of Education announced. The schools selected from among the 8.23 lakh entries include 28 government and aided while 11 are private schools. The awarded schools also include two Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, one Navodaya Vidyalaya and three KV

11. Film 'Dear Diary' wins 53-Hour Challenge for 75 creative minds

The second edition of '75 Creative Minds of Tomorrow' at International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa concluded with the award ceremony for the film 'Dear Diary' which won the challenge.

The competition provided a challenge to the 75 Creative Minds selected from all over the country to produce a short film on their idea of India@100, all in 53 hours.

The winning film highlights the issue of women's safety.

12. Sangeet Natak Akademi announces winners for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021

The Akademi announced 128 winners of the Akademi Puraskar and 10 eminent personalities in the field of performing arts as Akademi Fellows.

It announced the names of 86 artists who have won the one-time Sangeet Natak Akademi Amrit Award under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM).

It also announced the names of 102 artists for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar.

13. eGramSwaraj and Audit Online of Ministry of Panchayati Raj wins GOLD AWARD under the National Awards for e-Governance

e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the GOLD AWARD under the category "Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation" of the National Awards for e-Governance.

The award was given during the 25th National Conference on e-Governance at Jammu.

14. Youngest entrepreneur Ravi Kumar Sagar conferred with the prestigious Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar

Ravi Kumar Sagar, 22, one of the youngest founders and CEO of RK'S INNO group was conferred with the most prestigious Dr. Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar.

Dr. Kalam Seva Puraskar is hosted every year by Vandhe Bharat Foundation and LeadIndia Foundation to commemorate the birth anniversary of the late former President of India Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam.

15. Film Bazaar concludes at IFFI in Goa; Bangladesh film 'Agantuk' wins Prasad DI award

The 16th edition of Film Bazaar concluded with Bangladesh feature 'Agantuk' being named the winner of the Prasad DI award.

Film Bazaar, dedicated to discovering, supporting and showcasing South Asian content, was held from November 20 to 24 on the sidelines of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa.

16. Ministry of Health wins award for Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach

The pavilion of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been awarded for 'Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach' at 41st India International Trade Fair 2022 held at Pragati Maidan, Delhi.

It successfully engaged the audience and disseminated information by way of organizing quiz competitions on TB, No Tobacco, Vector borne diseases etc.

17. Iranian film 'Nargesi' wins ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at IFFI 53

Iranian film Nargesi by Director Payam Eskandari has won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 53rd edition of International Film Festival of India, given for a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.

The film is about a man with Down's syndrome and the burden and consequences it creates in his life.

18. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya wins UNESCO Award for cultural heritage conservation

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya (CSMVS) was conferred with the 'Award of Excellence' at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022.

The jury applauded the 'heroic' CSMVS project which is 'part of the Victorian Gothic and Art Deco Ensembles of Mumbai.

Ranks & Reports

1. GER improved in 2021-22 at primary, upper primary, and higher secondary levels of school education compared to 2020-21

Ministry of Education released a detailed report on Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) 2021-22 on school education of India.

In 2021-22 total students enrolled in school education from primary to higher secondary stood at 25.57 crore as compare to 25.38 crore enrolment in 2020-21, registering an increase of 19.36 lakh enrolments.

2. Reliance Industries India's best employer, in top 20 worldwide: Forbes

Reliance Industries, the country's largest company by revenues, profits and market value, is India's best employer and the world's 20th best firm to work with, according to Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022. The global ranking was topped by South Korean giant Samsung Electronics, followed by US giants Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet and Apple.

3. India has cheapest manufacturing cost globally, bags 31st position: Report

India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam, according to a report. According to the US News and World Report, out of 85 nations, India has bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking. India featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category.

4. State of Food and Agriculture Report 2022 published by FAO

The United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization published state of food and agriculture report 2022. The report looks into the drivers of agricultural automation, including the more recent digital technologies. Based on 27 case studies, the report analyses the business case for adoption of digital automation technologies in different agricultural production systems.

5. Report of Expert Committee on SVAMITVA Scheme released

The Report of Expert Committee on SVAMITVA Scheme was released during the National Conference on SVAMITVA Scheme and Rural Planning held on 3rd November, 2022 at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The report, released by Sunil Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, provides the guiding principles that States may adopt in order to realize the objectives of the SVAMITVA Scheme. SVAMITVA Scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

6. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat releases Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report 2022

The assessment was carried out jointly by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) and States/UTs, which can be used for taking suitable interventions by various stake-holders. As per the 2022 assessment report, the total annual ground water recharge for the entire country is 437.60 billion cubic meters (BCM) and annual ground water extraction for the entire country is 239.16 BCM.

7. India saved \$4.2 billion in fuel costs through solar power: Report

An amount of USD 4.2 billion has been saved by India in fuel costs through solar power generation in the first half of 2022, and 19.4 million tonnes of coal which would have further stressed an already strained domestic supply, according to a report 'The sunny side of Asia'.

The majority of the estimated savings were in China with \$21 billion in fossil fuels imports.

8. WHO releases first data on global vaccine market since COVID-19

WHO's Global Vaccine Market Report 2022 shows that inequitable distribution is not unique to COVID-19 vaccines, with poorer countries consistently struggling to access vaccines that are in-demand by wealthier countries.

According to WHO, affordability is also an obstacle to vaccine access.

9. Report on Municipal Finances: RBI

RBI has released the Report on Municipal Finances, compiling and analyzing budgetary data for 201 Municipal Corporations (MCs) across all States.

Theme of the report is 'Alternative Sources of Financing for Municipal Corporations'.

Findings: Municipal finances are dominated by property tax collections and devolution of taxes and grants from upper tiers of government.

10. India needs to increase urban infrastructure investments to \$55 billion a year: World Bank

The report, titled 'Financing India's Infrastructure Needs: Constraints to Commercial Financing and Prospects for Policy Action', estimated that India would need \$840 billion over the next 15 years.

Currently, the central and state governments finance over 75% of city infrastructure, while urban local bodies (ULB) finance 15% through their own surplus revenues.

11. International Men's Day 2022: The world is marking International Men's Day on November 19.

International Men's Day is marked annually on November 19. This year, the theme for 2022 is 'Helping Men and Boys'. The day honours the men in our lives and the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements they contribute to our society. It was started in the February of 1992 by Thomas Oaster.

12. India has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022

India has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 report released recently. In its latest version of 2022, the report maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in four different pillars technology, people, governance, and impact.

13. Discounts lift Russia's fertiliser exports, becomes top supplier to India: Report

Russia for the first time became the biggest fertilizer supplier to India in the first half of the 2022/23 fiscal year by offering discounts over prevailing global prices, cornering more than a fifth of the market share. India's fertilizer imports from Russia surged 371% to a record 2.15 million tonnes in the first six months of the year started on April 1.

14. IIT Delhi in top 50 of Times Higher Education Employability Rankings

The Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi is the only Indian educational institution among top 50 in the Global University Employability Rankings by Times Higher Education (THE). Globally, the US continues its dominance with four universities in the top five, led by Massachusetts Institute of Technology, California Institute of Technology and Harvard University as top three



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Important Days

1. CSIR-NIScPR Celebrates 'International Open Access Week-2022'

International Open Access Week is celebrated worldwide to create awareness about the open access scholarly publishing among researchers and publishers. It is celebrated globally during the last full week of October. In the year 2022, The International Open Access Week, entered in its fifteenth year of celebration.

2. President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 7th India Water Week

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 7th India Water Week on November 1, 2022 at Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

7th IWW 2022 will bring together policymakers, statesmen, and innovators under one roof intending to identify and build technological, political, economic, and social security for 'Water Security for Sustainable Development with Equity'. Union govt has a vision of ensuring 100% water availability across India by 2024.

3. BIS observes Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and Vigilance Awareness Week 2022

As per the instructions of Central Vigilance Commission, Vigilance Awareness Week, 2022 will be observed in the Ministry from 31st October to 6th November, 2022. The Vigilance Awareness Week would commence with the Integrity Pledge' on 31st October at 11:00 am at all locations.

4. International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict

On November 6th every year, the UN observes the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. The day seeks to make people aware of the consequences that war and conflict have on the environment.

5. National Cancer Awareness Day | 7th November

National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7th November. This day is observed annually to highlight the significance and promote awareness about the diagnosis, treatment, and early detection of the disease. National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7th November for the last 8 years coinciding with the birth anniversary of the Nobel-prize-winning scientist Madame Curie. World Cancer Day is observed on February 4th every year.

6. Infant Protection Day | 7th November

Infant Protection Day is celebrated yearly on November 7 with the sole purpose of raising awareness about the safety of newborn lives and giving them proper care. The day is marked to talk about the protection and development of infants at the most crucial and vulnerable time of their lives.

7. World Radiography Day | 8th November

World Radiography Day is celebrated on 8 November each year. The date marks the anniversary of the discovery of x-radiation by Wilhelm Roentgen in 1895. This was an accidental discovery by Professor Rontgen when he was working with a cathode-ray tube in his laboratory. The day is commemorated by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technology, Theme for 2022-'Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety'

8. National Legal Service Day | 9 November

National Legal Services Day is observed on November 9, every year to commemorate the commencement of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987. This act came into force on the same day in 1995. On National Legal Services Day, legal awareness camps are held to bring awareness to people about the availability of free legal aid. Hon'ble Dr. Justice D. Y. Chandrachud, Supreme Court of India is Executive Chairman- NALSA

9. World Kindness Day 2022: November 13

World Kindness Day was formed in 1998, to promote kindness throughout the world and is observed annually on November 13 as part of the World Kindness Movement. It is observed in many countries including the United States, Canada, Japan, Australia and the U.A.E. World Kindness Day presents us with the opportunity to reflect upon unifying human principles. Theme for World Kindness Day 2022 is "Be kind whenever possible."

10. International Day for Tolerance | 16 November

The UN proclaimed 1995 to be the Year of Tolerance & on November 16 of the same year, UNESCO adopted the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance. The UN made the decision to establish International Tolerance Day in 1995 as a way to honour Mahatma Gandhi's 125th birthday that year. Madanjeet Singh, who served as the UN's goodwill ambassador, sponsored the celebrations in 1995

11. Indian Army commemorates 60 years of Battle of Walong

Indian Army celebrated Diamond Jubilee of the Battle of Walong. Sixty years ago during the 1962 Sino - India war, the Indian Army gave a bloody nose to the Chinese in the Battle of Walong. The month-long Diamond Jubilee Celebrations started on 17 October 2022, and it was culminated at Walong on 16 November 2022.

12. World Philosophy Day | 17 November

World Philosophy Day is observed every year on the 3rd Thursday of November. The day was proclaimed by UNESCO and was first celebrated on 21 November 2022. Philosophy is the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence, especially when considered an academic discipline. It is also a theory or attitude that acts as a guiding principle for behaviour. The theme for the 2022 World Philosophy Day is 'The Human of the Future'.

13. World Antimicrobial Awareness Week - 18 to 24 November

World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW) is a global campaign celebrated each year between 18-24th November with the slogan Antimicrobials: Handle with Care. The aim is to increase global awareness and understanding of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and promote best practice among One Health stakeholders to reduce emergence and spread of drug-resistant pathogens.

14. Women's Entrepreneurship Day | 19 November

Women's Entrepreneurship Day is observed every year on November 19. To acknowledge the role of women in the economic growth of society, the day was started by the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organisation. The campaign for Women's Entrepreneurship Day 2022 is #choosewomen. Women's Entrepreneurship Day is celebrated to honour the accomplishments of female entrepreneurs

15. World Heritage Week 2022 | 19- 25 November

The World Heritage Week in 2022 will be held between November 19 and November 25. The World Heritage Week celebration aims to raise awareness about traditional and cultural practices. UNESCO and several other international organisations observe World Heritage Week. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) also observes World Heritage Week.

16. World Fisheries Day to be celebrated

World Fisheries Day is celebrated on 21st November every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the world. It started in 1997 where 'World Forum of Fish Harvesters & Fish Workers' met at New Delhi leading to formation of 'World Fisheries Forum' with representatives from 18 countries and signed a declaration.

17. World Children's Day | November 20

World Children's Day, Universal Children's Day 2022: According to the United Nations (UN), World Children's Day is celebrated on 20 November. First established in 1954 as Universal Children's Day, it is celebrated each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare.

18. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims | 20 November

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims (WDR) is commemorated on the third Sunday of November each year by United Nations to remember the many millions killed and injured on the world's roads, together with their families, friends and many others who are also affected. The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims was started by RoadPeace in 1993.

19. Africa Industrialization Day | 20 November

Africa Industrialization Day is celebrated on November 20 each year. It is a time when governments and other organizations in many African countries examine ways to stimulate Africa's industrialization process. On December 22, 1989, the UN General Assembly also proclaimed this date to be Africa Industrialization Day. It was first observed on November 20, 1990.

20. World Television Day | 21 November

The United Nations General Assembly declared November 21 as World Television Day in its (resolution 51/205 of 17 December 1996) because of the impact of television in bringing attention to the conflicts and threats to peace and security, as well as its potential to sharpen the focus on other major issues, including economic and social issues. The United Nations held its first World Television Forum on 21 and 22 November 1996.

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22. International day for the elimination of violence against women | 25 November

The International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women is observed on November 25, every year. It is a day to pay tribute to the Mirabal sisters, the Dominican Republic activists who were murdered at the order of Rafael Trujillo in 1960. The United Nations aims to raise awareness about gender-based violence against women. The theme 2022 is UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls

23. Constitution Day 2022: November 26

India celebrates Constitution Day, or National Law Day, every year on November 26 as it marks the day the Indian Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

In 2015, the Government of India decided to establish November 26 as Constitution Day to advance "constitutional values among residents".

Constitution Day is also known as Samvidhan Divas. Indian Constitution is the largest written constitution in the world with 1,17,360 words

24. National Milk Day: November 26

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is celebrating 'National Milk Day' to commemorate 101st birth anniversary of the 'Father of the White Revolution in India', Dr. Verghese Kurien, in Bengaluru.

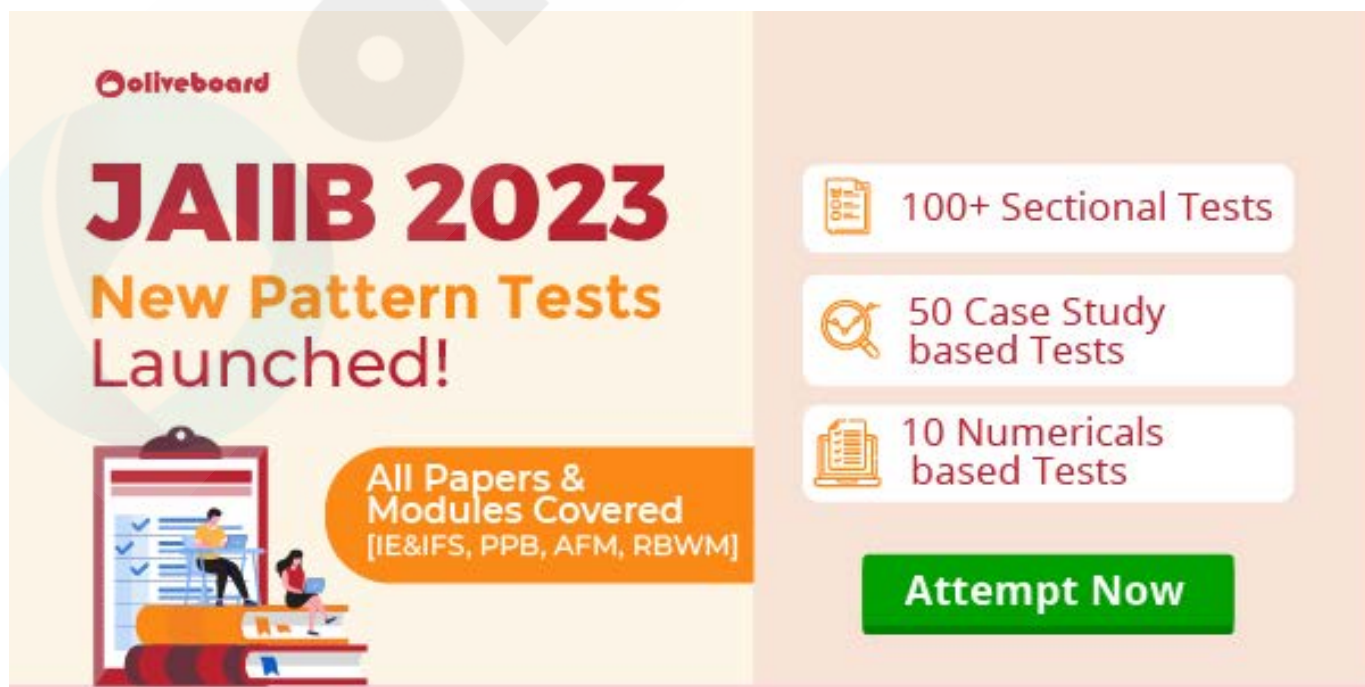
The prestigious National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022 will also be conferred during the event. Dr. Verghese Kurien also known as the Milkman of India

25. Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare: November 30

Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is commemorated on November 30. This internationally marked day was adopted by the United Nations to remember the victims of chemical warfare. The day aims to encourage efforts for eliminating the use of chemical weapons and remember those who have suffered because of such warfare. During WWI, chemical weapons killed more than 100,000 people.

26. International Jaguar Day celebrated at National Zoological Park, Delhi

International Jaguar Day was created to raise awareness about the increasing threats facing the jaguar and the critical conservation efforts ensuring its survival. Observed annually on November 29, International Jaguar Day celebrates the Americas' largest wild cat as an umbrella species for biodiversity conservation and an icon for sustainable development. While many cats avoid water, jaguars are great swimmers.



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Summit & Conferences

1. 'India Chem 2022' to be organised on 2-3 November

Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals & Fertilizers Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, will inaugurate the India Chem 2022 on 2nd November 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi with the theme 'Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India'. Department of Fertilizers is organizing the 12th edition of INDIA CHEM in association with FICCI. India's export of chemicals for 2021-22 has hit a record at US\$ 29,296 Million.

2. Narendra Singh Tomar addresses the 'Expansion of Horticulture Value Chain in India' event in Pune

Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar addresses the 'Expansion of Horticulture Value Chain in India' event in Pune.

This programme was organized by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, in which people related to horticulture field including farmers, FPOs, start-ups and bankers were present. India is the second largest producer of fruits and vegetables in the world after China.

3. Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurates the Shilp Samagam-2022

Virendra Kumar inaugurated the SHILP SAMAGAM-2022 in, New Delhi.

Addressing the inauguration function Dr. Virendra Kumar said that through various channel partners of the three corporations - NBCFDC, NSFDC and NSKDFC under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is providing a good market system for the sale of products made by the artisans.

4. Narendra Singh Tomar chairs steering committee meeting of National Natural Farming Mission

During the meet, the portal (<http://naturalfarming.dac.gov.in/>) was launched which has been developed by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. It contains all the information about the mission, implementation outline, resources, implementation progress, farmer registration, blog etc., which will be useful for the farmers.

5. Army Commanders' Conference commences in New Delhi

The conference, to be held in the national capital from November 7 to 11, will hold discussions pertaining to "transformational imperatives for a future-ready force" for enhanced operational effectiveness. The Army Commanders' Conference is an apex-level biannual event that is held in April and October. The Andaman and Nicobar Command is India's only tri-services command. Commander-In-Chief, Andaman Nicobar Command- Lt Gen Ajai Singh.

6. India to participate in World Travel Market at London

India will participate in the World Travel Market 2022 in London which is one of the largest international travel exhibitions. The theme of this year's exhibition is - the Future of Travel Starts Now. India is participating in the WTM 2022 to showcase itself as a preferred destination for tourism. Many stakeholders are participating as co-exhibitors in the India Pavilion.

7. NCPCR holds workshop on 'Child Rights: Contemporary Challenges in Telangana'

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights which is mandated to spread child rights literacy held a one day Orientation cum Sensitization programme on 'Child Rights: Contemporary Challenges in Telangana' in Hyderabad which was inaugurated by the Governor of Telangana and Lt. Governor of Puducherry, Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan. Priyank Kanoongo is the chairperson of the NCPCR.

8. Sarbananda Sonowal to inaugurate 2-day PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit to be held in Varanasi

The Indian Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), under the aegis of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is organizing the 'PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit' on 11th - 12th November, 2022.

The summit will bring about greater awareness about the PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan with focus on infrastructure development in the waterways. National Waterway 1 (Haldia to Allahabad) is the longest national waterway in India.

9. 'Data for development' will be the key focus of India's upcoming G-20 Presidency

The Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the G-20 summit on Wednesday revealed that the principle of "data for development" will be an integral part of the overall theme of India's upcoming G-20 Presidency. India will assume G20 Presidency for one year, beginning December 1, 2022.

10. 4th Edition of Indian Chemicals Council Sustainability Conclave inaugurated in New Delhi

Theme of the two-day event is 'boardrooms to Community-ESG, Carbon Neutrality, Operational Safety, Greener Solutions'. The Conclave aims to promote sustainability in the management of the entire life cycle of chemicals. It is being organized jointly with UNEP and International Council of Chemical Associations with support of Chemicals and Environment ministry of India.

11. Union Minister Piyush Goyal addresses 21st World Congress of Accountants in Mumbai

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has said that India is a bright shining spot in the world economy amidst global economic uncertainty. He said this while addressing the 21st World Congress of Accountants in Mumbai. The 21st World Congress of Accountants 2022 is being hosted by The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India in Mumbai in Hybrid mode. Theme for the WCOA 2022 is 'Building Trust Enabling Sustainability'.

12. Fourth edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue to start in New Delhi

The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) will start in Delhi from 23rd November. IPRD is an apex level international annual conference of the Indian Navy. The National Maritime Foundation is Navy's knowledge partner and chief organizer of each edition of the event. The theme of IPRD-2022 is the 'Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative'.

13. India reaffirms strong commitment to strengthen IORA to promote peace, security and prosperity in Indian Ocean Region

India participated in 22nd Council of Ministers's meeting of the Indian Ocean Rim Association held at Dhaka in Bangladesh. The Indian delegation was led by Minister of State for External Affairs Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh. India showed strong commitment to strengthening IORA to promote peace, security and prosperity in the Indian Ocean Region as well as in the Indo-Pacific.

14. Udaipur gears up to host first G20 Sherpa Meeting in India from Dec 4 to 7

The City of Lakes, Udaipur is gearing up to host the first G20 Sherpa Meeting in India from 4 to 7 December.

The meeting is aimed at fostering growth and building bonds amongst the twenty nations.

The G20 Sherpa meeting is expected to be held at the Darbar Hall at the City Palace Udaipur. The former CEO of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant is the G20 Sherpa from India.

15. Karnataka to host 'Indian Travel Exhibition' India's leading Travel and Tourism Expo in February 2023

'Indian Travel Exhibition' is to be held from 24 ' 26 February 2023, at Manpho Convention Centre, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

It will showcase a variety of destinations from different sectors such as pilgrimages, adventures, culture & heritage, beaches, hills and much more. The event will have over 250 participants from over 7 countries and over 20 Indian states.

16. Third Global High-Level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) at Muscat, Oman.

The World Antimicrobial Awareness Week 2022 concluded on November 25, with the Muscat Ministerial Manifesto on AMR being agreed upon at the Third Global High-level Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance.

The 2-day conference which began in the Omani capital of Muscat November 24, follows two earlier high level conferences held in the Netherlands in 2014 & 2019

The theme of the meeting was : The AMR Pandemic: From Policy to One Health Action.

17. Prasar Bharati hosting ABU General Assembly 2022 in New Delhi

Prasar Bharati, India's Public Service Broadcaster, is hosting the 59th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) General Assembly 2022. The conference began in New Delhi on 25th of November and will continue till 30th of this month.

The theme of this year's assembly is Serving the People: Media's Role in Times of Crisis. The event coincides with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The ABU is a nonprofit, professional association of broadcasting orgs of Asia & Pacific.

Science & Technology

1. DRDO carries out maiden test of Phase-II of ballistic missile defence

'The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft. It is propelled by a two-stage solid motor and equipped with the indigenously-developed advanced control system, navigation, and guidance algorithm to precisely guide the vehicle to the target,'.

2. India's first private sector rocket Vikram-S to launch in November

Skyroot Aerospace is set to lift off the country's first privately developed rocket into space.

The Prarambh mission is expected to launch in the second week of November on a demonstration flight with the Vikram-S launch vehicle.

The company has already received a technical launch clearance from IN-SPACe.

3. Jitendra Singh dedicates to the nation, India's first national repository for life science data- 'Indian Biological Data Center'

Jitendra Singh dedicated to the nation India's first national repository for life science data- 'Indian Biological Data Center' (IBDC) at Faridabad, Haryana.

Jitendra Singh said, as per the BIOTECH-PRIDE guidelines of the Government of India, IBDC is mandated to archive all life science data generated from publicly-funded research in India.

4. ISRO successfully launches first ever private Rocket from Sriharikota

India's first ever private Vikram Suborbital rocket was launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The rocket reached an altitude of 89.5 km with three payloads weighing a total of 83 kilogram.

The rocket safely splashed in the waters of the Bay of Bengal at around 115 km after the lift-off from Sriharikota.

5. ISRO To Launch PSLV-C54/EOS-06 Mission On 26 November

The Indian Space Research Organisation will launch PSLV-54/ EOS-06 mission with Oceansat-3 and eight nano satellites on board from Sriharikota spaceport on November 26. EOS-06 (Oceansat-3) plus eight nano satellites (BhutanSat, 'Anand' from Pixxel, Thybolt two numbers from Dhruva Space, and Astrocast - four numbers from Spaceflight USA) will be launched.

6. ISRO conducts 200th consecutive successful launch of RH200 sounding rocket

RH200, the versatile sounding rocket of ISRO, has registered its 200th consecutive successful launch from the shores of Thumba, Thiruvananthapuram.

The Rohini Sounding Rocket (RSR) series have been the forerunners for ISRO's heavier and more complex launch vehicles, with a continued usage even today for atmospheric and meteorological studies. ISRO chairman S Somanath.

7. China Plans To Build Nuclear-Powered Moon Base In 6 Years

China plans to build its first base on the moon by 2028, ahead of landing astronauts there in subsequent years as the country steps up its challenge to NASA's dominance in space exploration.

The lunar base will likely be powered by nuclear energy.

It will consist of a lander, hopper, orbiter and rover, all of which would be constructed by the Chang'e 6,7 and 8 missions.

8. Chennai-Based Space Start-Up Agnikul Cosmos Sets Up India's First Private Launchpad At Sriharikota

Agnikul Cosmos, a space-tech start-up based in Chennai, has set up India's first-ever launchpad at a facility in Sriharikota. The launchpad, which will be operated by a private player, was designed by Agnikul and later executed with the help of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Center (IN-SPACe).

9. India's SARAS radio telescope provides astronomers clues to the nature of Universe's first stars and galaxies

Scientists have determined properties of radio luminous galaxies formed just 200 million years post the Big Bang, a period known as the Cosmic Dawn thus providing an insight to the properties of the earliest radio loud galaxies that are usually powered by supermassive black holes. SARAS was deployed over Dandiganahalli Lake & Sharavati backwaters in Karnataka in 2020.

10. NASA's Artemis 1 Orion capsule sets new flight record

NASA's Artemis 1 Orion capsule has set a new space flight record for spacecraft designed to carry humans by travelling 401,798 kilometers from Earth.

The record was previously held by Apollo 13 which logged the record on April 14, 1970 by travelling 400,171 kilometers.

The Artemis 1 Orion capsule was launched without any plan to break the record.

11. EasyJet, Rolls-Royce Test "World's 1st Hydrogen-Run" Aircraft Engine

Airline EasyJet and aircraft engine maker Rolls-Royce had successfully tested a hydrogen-powered aircraft engine, in what the British companies described as a world first for aviation.

Green hydrogen is widely seen as better for the environment than jet fuel.

Green hydrogen for the tests had been generated using tidal and wind energy from Scotland's Orkney Islands.



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Defence

1. Goa Maritime Symposium 2022

Fourth edition of biennial Goa Maritime Symposium was conducted successfully by the Indian Navy at Goa from 31 October to 01 November 2022.

The theme for GMS-22 was 'Maritime Security Challenges in the Indian Ocean Region: Converting Common Maritime Priorities into Collaborative Mitigation Frameworks'.

2. Joint Military Training-2022 With Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF)

The 11th edition of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Republic Singapore Air Force (RSAF) commenced at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda. The RSAF is participating in JMT-2022 with F-16 aircraft, while the IAF would field the Su-30 MKI, Jaguar, MiG-29 and LCA Tejas aircraft.

3. Indian Army has approved Project Sanction Orders for five Make -2 projects.

Make -2 projects are essentially Industry funded projects involving design, development and innovative solutions by Indian vendors for development of prototypes. Indian Army is already progressing with 43 ongoing projects under the Make -2 procedure of Capital Acquisition.

4. Maritime Partnership Exercise with Royal Australian Navy Conclude in the Bay of Bengal

A Maritime Partnership Exercise involving Royal Australian Navy(RAN) ships HMAS Adelaide and HMAS Anzac and Indian Navy Ships Jalashwa and Kavaratti along with their embarked helicopters was held in the Bay of Bengal from 02 to 03 Nov 2022. This was part of Australia's Indo-Pacific Endeavour 2022 (IPE 22).

5. Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) is on an official visit to Japan.

Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) is on an official visit to Japan from 05 to 09 Nov 22, where he will witness the International Fleet Review (IFR) conducted by the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) at Yokosuka to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of its formation.

6. Indian Army reserves Drone Kill Systems, IWTS for MSMEs, startups under Make II projects

The Indian Army has reserved Drone Kill System and Infantry Training Weapon Simulator (IWTS) projects for MSMEs and startups under the Make II scheme.

To give a further boost to the ongoing projects, Indian Army approved Project Sanction Orders (PSOs) of five Make II projects.

Each IWTS will facilitate training of 10 personnel at any one point of time.

7. DRDO launches testing, evaluation facility for sonar systems of Indian Navy

DRDO launched the hull module of the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization and Evaluation (SPACE) facility at Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) in Kochi recently.

It is a state-of-the-art testing and evaluation facility for sonar systems developed for use by the Indian Navy onboard various platforms, including ships, submarines and helicopters.

8. Indian Army launches single window facility 'Veerangana Sewa Kendra' for welfare and grievances redressal of Veer Naris

Taking yet another step in leveraging technology, the Indian Army with a motto of 'Taking Care of Our Own, No Matter What' launched this facility.

The VSK will be available as a service to the Indian Army Veterans Portal

www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in. The system caters to registering grievances with tracking, monitoring, and regular feedback to the applicant.

9. Third edition of Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22 to commence in india

The exercise will be undertaken along the entire seven thousand 516 km coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India. It will involve all the Coastal States and Union territories. this exercise was conceptualised in 2018 to validate various measures that have been instituted towards enhancing maritime security since 26/11 terror attack.

10. Indian Army celebrates 242nd Corps of Engineers Day today

Indian Army is celebrating the 242nd Corps of Engineers Day on November 18th. The Corps of Engineers provides combat engineering support, develops infrastructure for armed forces and other defence organisations and maintains connectivity along our vast borders besides providing succour to populace during natural disasters.

11. Army registers IPR of new design and camouflage pattern uniform

The Army has obtained the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for its new combat uniform and is also training civil and military tailors for stitching as per the specified design.

The process for registration of the new camouflage pattern and design to establish ownership has been completed by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark, Kolkata.

12. INS Trikand Participated in The Combined Maritime Forces Focused Operation - Sea Sword 2

INS Trikand participated in the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) led Focused Operation 'Sea Sword 2' in the Northwest Arabian Sea. This effort is part of the Indian Navy's commitment to ensuring safety of the seas and collective security in the region as espoused by the SAGAR vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India. INS Trikand (F51) is a Talwar-class frigate of the Indian Navy.

13. South Western Command conducts Integrated Fire Power Exercise in Thar desert of Rajasthan

South Western Command of Indian Army conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, 'SHATRUNASH' at MFFR in Thar desert of Rajasthan. The exercise witnessed use of multi farious firing platforms in integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres. Capability of indigenous platforms inducted as part of the 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' or 'Make in India' initiative were seen.

14. India carries out successful training launch of Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-3 in Odisha

India carried out a successful training launch of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile, Agni-3 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. The successful test was part of routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command. The launch was carried out for a predetermined range and validated all operational parameters of the system.

15. Indian, Indonesian troops engage in joint training exercise 'GARUDA SHAKTI' in Karawang

A contingent of Indian Special Forces troops are currently engaged in a bilateral joint training Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI with Indonesian Special Forces at Sangga Buana Training Area, in Karawang. The Exercise is the eighth edition of the series of bilateral exercises under this banner and this is a part of military-to-military exchange programs.

16. Indian Navy Conducts Exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr with Oman

The Indian Navy's guided missile stealth frigate, INS Trikand, offshore patrol vessel, INS Sumitra, and Maritime Patrol Aircraft, Dornier, participated in the 13th Edition of the Indian Navy (IN) - Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) bilateral exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' (Sea Breeze). The first IN-RNO exercise was conducted in 1993. This year marks 30 years of IN-RNO bilateral exercise.

17. NCC Celebrating 74th anniversary of its Raising today

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is celebrating 74th anniversary of its Raising Day on November 27th. This largest uniformed youth organisation in the world was raised in 1948.

The day is being celebrated all over the country with cadets participating in march past, cultural activities and social development programmes.

18. Indian Navy launches new survey vessel 'Ikshak'

The Indian Navy launched 'Ikshak', the third of the four survey vessels (Large) project, being built by GRSE/L&T was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.

Contract for building four SVL ships was signed between MoD and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata on 30 October, 2018 for a total cost of '2435 crore.

19. Samanvay 2022: Annual Joint HADR exercise of Indian Air Force

Indian Air Force is conducting the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' from 28th to 30th November 2022 at Air Force Station in Agra.

The exercise aims to provide a unique platform for the exchange of domain knowledge, experience and best practices with the participating ASEAN members.

Books & Authors

1. Khalid Jawed's *The Paradise of Food*, translated into English from Urdu by Baran Farooqi, wins the 2022 JCB Prize for Literature

The Paradise of Food (Juggernaut) by Khalid Jawed, translated from Urdu by Baran Farooqi has won the Rs 25 lakh JCB Prize for Literature. This year's shortlist of five novels consisted entirely of translated works. While translated works from Bengali and Malayalam have featured on previous JCB shortlists.

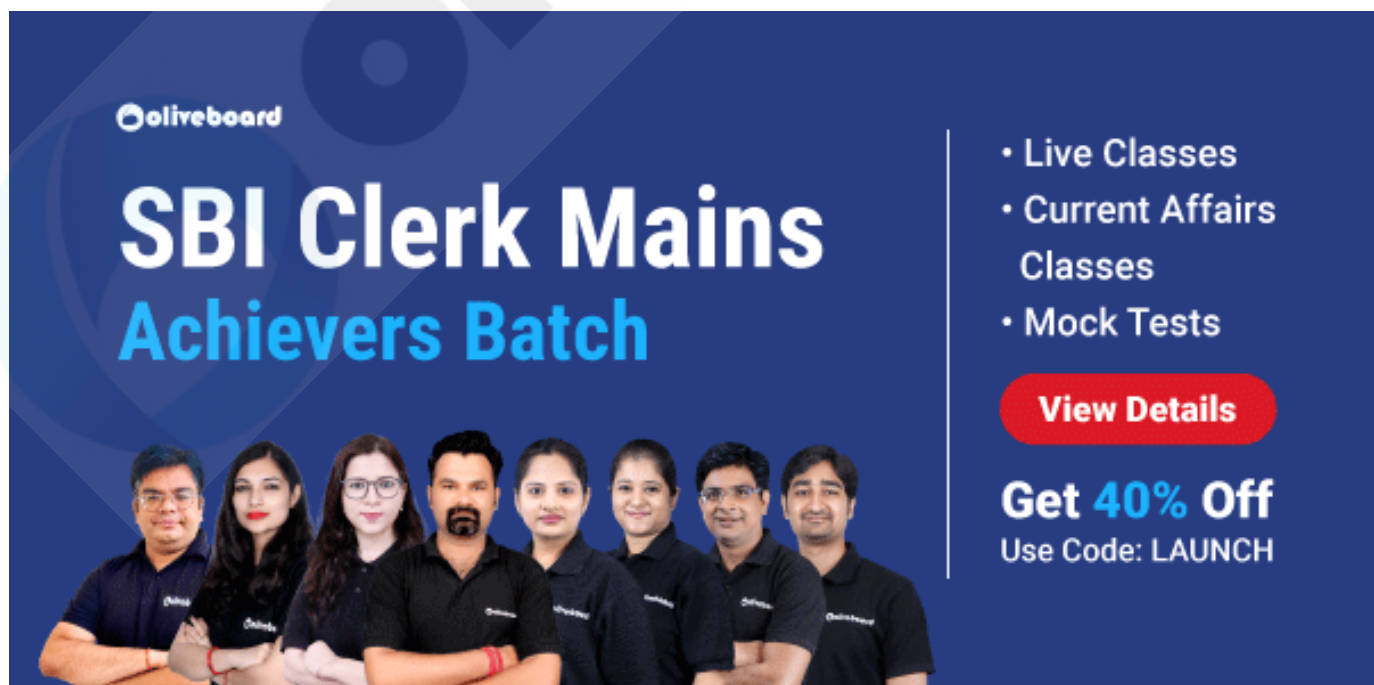
2. Gautam Borah's new book '*Nalanada ' Until we meet again'* launched by Ruskin Bond

Gautam Borah, a senior management professional and the author of the widely acclaimed book '*Monetising Innovation*', launches his new book '*Nalanada ' Until we meet again'*'. '*Nalanda- until we meet again'* is a gripping story of romance, vengeance, and an age-old mystery. It's a story of Neil and Aanchal.

3. Dharmendra Pradhan launches the book '*India: The Mother of Democracy*'

Union Education & Skill Development Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan released the book '*India: The Mother of Democracy*' prepared and published by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) in New Delhi.

The book is an attempt to showcase the democratic ethos ingrained in India since the dawn of civilisation.



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Miscellaneous

1. A Student-Scientist Connect Programme was organized under the Jigyasa programme of CSIR.

A Student-Scientist Connect Programme organized by CSIR-NIScPR. This programme was conducted under the Jigyasa programme of CSIR. The students were familiarized with the contributions and technologies of CSIR laboratories that form a part of our daily life activities and were encouraged to be a part of such S&T innovations that contribute to nation building.

2. National Mission for Clean Ganga Organizes Ganga Utsav - The River Festival

The central aim of the Ganga Utsav- The River Festival 2022 is to celebrate all the rivers of India (Nadi Utsav). NMCG has been celebrating Ganga Utsav since 2017 every year on 4th November, the day on which river Ganga was declared the National River of India in the year 2008.

3. Rajasthan's eight-day Pushkar Fair began on November 1st

Pushkar Fair is also known as the largest camel fair of the country. Apart from the buying and selling of livestock, it has become an important tourist attraction. Competitions such as the 'matka phod', 'longest moustache' and 'bridal competition' are the main draws for this fair which attracts thousands of tourists.

4. 41st India International Trade Fair to begin in New Delhi

The 41st edition of India International Trade Fair (IITF) will be held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. This year the theme of the trade fair is 'Vocal For Local, Local to Global.' Nearly 2500 domestic and foreign exhibitors are participating in the trade fair to showcase their products and services.

5. Jio strongest telecom brand in India: TRA

Billionaire Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio is India's strongest telecom brand in India, ahead of Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea Ltd, according to brand intelligence and data insights company TRA. TRA, formerly Trust Research Advisory, in its 'India's Most Desired Brands 2022' ranked companies according to their brand strength.

6. UGC asks higher education institutions to adopt 'Professors of Practice' guidelines

University Grants Commission has asked higher education institutions to initiate necessary steps to engage professionals and industry experts as Professors of Practice in their institutes. It is inline with the recommendations of National Education Policy 2020 is to impart holistic and multidisciplinary education in higher education institutions.

7. DEA, MoHUA and the World Bank Group jointly organise a 5-day Cities Creditworthiness Academy Workshop

The Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance (MoF); Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA); and the World Bank Group are jointly organising a 5-day focused workshop titled 'Cities Creditworthiness Academy' with the view to create an enabling ecosystem for financing future cities of India.

8. Power System Operation Corporation Limited is now Grid Controller of India Limited

India's National Grid Operator 'Power System Operation Corporation Limited (POSOCO)' today announced that POSOCO has changed its name to 'Grid Controller of India Limited'. The change in name has been made to reflect the critical role of Grid Operators in ensuring integrity, reliability, economy, resilience and sustainable operation of the Indian Electricity Grid.

9. 3 Indian cities among largest data centre markets in Asia-Pacific

Hyderabad, Chennai and New Delhi have emerged as three of the top data centre markets in the Asia-Pacific region, as per a Knight Frank report. As a result, cities like Hyderabad, New Delhi and Chennai are registering significant data centre market growth, with circa 300MW to 400MW of IT capacity either live, committed or under construction in each location.

10. Assam: India's longest train, Vivek Express, to operate from Dibrugarh twice a week

The services of the country's longest train, Vivek Express, that connects Assam with the southernmost tip of Tamil Nadu will be available twice a week beginning November 22, a Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR). The Dibrugarh- Kanyakumari Vivek Express, which was flagged off on November 19, 2011, covers a distance of 4,189 km and traverses through nine states in over 80 hours

11. Himalayan Yak Gets FSSAI Approval as 'Food Animal'

The Himalayan Yak has been approved as a 'food animal' by the Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI). The move is expected to help slow the decline of the high-altitude bovine animal population by incorporating it into the conventional milk and meat industries, according to an official at the National Research Centre (NRC) on Yak in Dirang, West Kameng district

Obituary

1. 'Steel Man of India' Jamshed Irani passes away at 86

Known as the 'Steel Man of India', former Tata Steel MD Dr Jamshed J Irani passed away. He was 86. He was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to industry.

2. Ela Bhatt, SEWA founder & women's activist, passed away

Born in Ahmedabad on September 7, 1933, Bhatt, a lawyer, first joined the legal department of Textile Labour Association (TLA), and later founded SEWA in 1972, born out of the women's wing of TLA. She received the Ramon Magsaysay award and the Padma Bhushan Awards.

3. Independent India's first voter Master Shyam Saran Negi passes away

The country's first voter 106-year old Master Shyam Saran Negi passed away on November 5, after a prolonged illness. He was a resident of Kalpa in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. Shyam Saran Negi exercised his franchise 34 times in the life of 106 years which made him a conscious citizen.

4. RL Kashyap, Indian Mathematician & Professor Died

RL Kashyap dies on Nov 11 at age of 84. RL Kashyap was honored with Padma Shri in 2021 by the President of India. In 1982, he represented the Kashyap Information Criterion (KIC) to select the best model from a set of mathematical candidate models with different numbers of unknown parameters. These parameters are adjusted to adapt the models to data.

5. Rasna founder Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta passes away at 85

Mr. Khambatta is the man behind the ubiquitous beverage that was served at all family gatherings, birthday parties in the 80s and 90s, now available across 60 countries.

Khambatta was also the Chairman of Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust and Rasna Foundation.

Rasna is now the world's largest soft drink concentrate manufacturer.

6. Babu Mani, former Indian football team captain, dies aged 59

Babu Mani, who was an integral part of the Indian football team in the 1980s, died after a prolonged battle with liver-related issues. He was 59. Babu Mani made his India debut against Argentina in Kolkata during the 1984 Nehru Cup and went on to play 55 matches for the country. He was also a part of the first Indian squad to qualify for the Asian Football Confederation. Mani was also a part of Indian team which won gold medals at the 1985 and 1987 Olympics.

7. Vikram S Kirloskar, Vice Chairperson of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, passes away

Vikram Kirloskar, Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt. Ltd and one of the stalwarts of India's automotive industry who was also the face of Toyota in India passed away at the age of 64.

A 4th generation member of the group founded by Laxmanrao Kirloskar in 1888, Vikram Kirloskar joined the business after college as a production-engineering trainee.



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Person in news

1. Amit Dasgupta appointed as a member in the Order of Australia

Amit Dasgupta on Thursday was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship.

As Consul-General of India to Australia from 2009 to 2012, Dasgupta was a staunch advocate for the principles of multiculturalism, which underpins contemporary Australia.

2. Suryakumar Yadav becomes 1st Indian player to score 1,000 T20I runs in a calendar year

Star Indian batter Suryakumar Yadav became the first Indian player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year. The batter accomplished this feat in his side's final Super 12 stage match against Zimbabwe at Melbourne. In 28 innings this year, Suryakumar has scored 1,026 runs at an average of 44.60.

3. Navi Technologies signs MS Dhoni as brand ambassador

Sachin Bansal-backed Navi Technologies Ltd which sells financial products like personal loans, home loans, and general insurance, etc., has appointed MS Dhoni as its brand ambassador. Dhoni will be the face of the company's branding initiatives.

The company has launched its first digital advertisement with the cricketer on Hotstar.

4. Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo becomes first male player to score in 5 World Cups

Cristiano Ronaldo made history as the first male player to score in five World Cups in Portugal's opening game in Qatar against Ghana.

The first player to score in five World Cups, men's or women's, was Marta in 2019, and Christine Sinclair matched the feat that same year.

Lionel Messi, Miroslav Klose, Pele and Uwe Seeler are the players who have scored at four World Cups.

5. Health Ministry appoints first woman Paralympic medalist Deepa Malik as Ni-kshay Mitra ambassador

The MoHFW appointed Padma Shri, Khel Ratna Arjuna Awardee Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador, an initiative under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan.

The 'Ni-Kshay Mitra' initiative was launched by President Droupadi Murmu which strives to provide aid to tuberculosis-afflicted patients on three levels --nutritional, additional diagnostic, and vocational support.

Union Health & Family Welfare Minister (MoHFW): Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

6. P.T. Usha elected as president of Indian Olympic Association

PT Usha elected as the IOA chief unopposed. A multiple Asian Games gold medallists and a fourth-place finisher in the 1984 Olympics 400m hurdles final, filed her nomination papers for the top job.

Usha is the first sportsperson to have represented the country and also become IOA chief since Maharaja Yadavindra Singh, who played a Test match in 1934. PT Usha is fondly known as the 'Payyoli Express'.

7. India's 100 Richest 2022: Gautam Adani tops Forbes rich list, Falguni Nayar debuts

The Forbes 2022 list of India's 100 richest is finally here, according to which, the combined wealth of India's 100 richest grew by \$25 billion to touch a colossal \$800 billion. The top 10 richest Indians are worth a cumulative \$385 billion.

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani has bagged the top spot on the list with a net worth of a whopping \$150 billion.

Insurance

1. Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund launches SAHYOG campaign

Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC Limited, a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited and an investment manager to Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund, has announced the launch of SAHYOG, an initiative to empower your support staff and their families.

2. InsuranceDekho partners with LIC to offer latter's products

InsuranceDekho, an insurtech, has entered into a strategic partnership with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) through which the latter's products will be available for all customers on its platform pan-India.

Partnership with LIC would enable InsuranceDekho to provide the entire gamut of insurance solutions to customers throughout the country. Ankit Agrawal, CEO and Co-founder, InsuranceDekho.

3. Private equity funds can directly invest in insurers: IRDAI

IRDAI allowed private companies to directly invest in insurance companies, making investment through a special purpose vehicle (SPV) optional. Investors can now take a 25% stake in insurance companies without being designated as promoter.

Promoters of listed entities have been allowed to dilute their stake up to 26% in insurance companies.

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India & World

1. India donates USD 2.5 million to support education, healthcare of Palestinian refugees

India presented a cheque of USD 2.5 million, the second tranche of the pledged USD 5 million annual support, to a UN agency that will go directly to serve the schools, health centres and other basic services run by the organisation to support Palestinian refugees.

India has given USD 22.5 million to the UNRWA since 2018. UNRWA: a UN agency that supports the relief and human development of Palestinian refugees

2. Hyderabad infrastructure company to build Mongolia's first greenfield oil refinery

Hyderabad-based Megha Engineering and Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) has bagged a project to build Mongolia's first greenfield oil refinery, on the outskirts of the capital city, Ulaanbaatar. The project is aimed at reducing the East Asian country's dependency on Russian oil imports. The refinery would be built using a line of credit from the central government. Engineers India Limited is project management consultant for this G2G partnership project

3. Taiwanese and Indian businesses ink MoU for collaboration in electronics, green tech

The Taiwanese and Indian firms signed three MoUs at the 2022 India-Taiwan Industrial Collaboration Summit.

The MoUs were signed for collaboration in electronics manufacturing and green technologies.

The summit was jointly held by Taiwan's Chinese National Federation of Industries (CNFI) and India's industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveils the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency

India will assume the presidency of the powerful G20 grouping from the current chair, Indonesia, on December 1, and hold the post for a year.

The G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government is scheduled to be held on September 9 and 10, 2023 in New Delhi.

The G20 was formed in 1999 in the backdrop of the financial crisis of the late 1990s.

5. Mangroves as carbon sink: India joins five-nation alliance at COP27

Calling for integration of mangroves conservation with the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD+) programmes for carbon sequestering, India joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) at the COP 27 at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. India is among the first five countries to join the MAC. The others are Australia, Japan, Spain, and Sri Lanka.

6. GreenCell Express secures \$40 million loan from ADB to produce 255 e-buses

The Asian Development Bank signed a \$40 million financing package with GreenCell Express Private Limited to develop 255 electric battery-powered buses (e-buses) to serve 5 million people a year on 56 intercity routes in India and enhance the safety of passengers, especially women, through improved security features including panic buttons connected to command controls.

7. India hosted the 2nd BIMSTEC Agriculture Ministers meeting

India hosted the 2nd Agriculture Ministerial-level meeting of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) under the chairmanship of the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar. Agriculture ministers of Bhutan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand participated in the meeting. BIMSTEC headquarters is located in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

8. 9th meeting of India-U.S. Economic and Financial Partnership

Indian Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and United States Treasury Secretary Dr. Janet L. Yellen met on 11 November 2022 for the 9th meeting of India-U.S. Economic and Financial Partnership.

The U.S. Treasury and MoF launched our Economic and Financial Partnership in 2010 as a framework to cement the economic bonds between two nations.

9. MEA S Jaishankar meets Ukrainian counterpart; discuss nuclear concerns in conflict

Indian External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar is accompanying Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, who is leading the Indian delegation to the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit, which are both being held in Cambodia. He met his Ukrainian counterpart, Dmytro Kuleba on the sidelines of the programs in Cambodia.

10. US Removes India From Its Currency Monitoring List

The US Department of Treasury has removed India from its Currency Monitoring List of major trading partners after the past two years. The list merits close attention to the countries' currency practices and

macroeconomic policies. Along with India, Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam have also been removed from the list. Once on Currency Monitoring List, an economy remains there for at least two consecutive years.

11. India-Russia-Iran plan trilateral meet on Afghanistan on sidelines of Moscow format meet

The fourth meeting of the Moscow format of consultations on Afghanistan will take place on November 16 in Moscow with India expected to play a major role in negotiations to establish stability in Afghanistan. India-Russia-Iran will hold a trilateral meet focusing on Afghanistan on sidelines of the Moscow format meet with the three having similar concerns over Afghanistan.

12. India, Australia convene fifth bilateral Cyber Policy Dialogue in New Delhi

The Cyber Policy Dialogue was held under the auspices of the India-Australia Framework Arrangement on Cyber and Cyber-Enabled Critical Technology Cooperation and Plan of Action 2020-2025 for a comprehensive and deeper cyber cooperation. The Cyber Policy Dialogue provides a bilateral platform to discuss a range of high-profile issues of mutual interest.

13. CRISIL revises India's GDP forecast for FY23 down from 7.3% to 7%

CRISIL has revised its forecast for India's real gross domestic product (GDP) growth to 7 per cent for the current fiscal (2022-23) from 7.3 per cent estimated previously.

Consequently, CRISIL expects India's GDP growth to slow to 6 per cent in fiscal 2024, down from the 6.5 per cent estimated previously. The risks to the forecast remain tilted downwards, as per the report.

14. Vice-President Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar attends FIFA world cup opening in Qatar

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar embarked on a two-day visit to Qatar during which he represented India at the inauguration of the FIFA World Cup.

Dhankhar is visiting Doha at the invitation of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar.

India and Qatar would be celebrating 50 years of the establishment of full diplomatic relations next year.

15. Goldman Sachs slashes India's GDP forecast for 2023 to 5.9%

Gross domestic product (GDP) may expand by 5.9% in the calendar year 2023 from an estimated 6.9% this year, Goldman economists led by Andrew Tilton wrote in a report.

Further, the firm expects headline retail inflation to ease to 6.1% next year from an estimated 6.8% this year.

India's GDP grew by 8.7% in 2021-22.

Goldman Sachs, CEO: David M. Solomon.

16. Defence Minister to co-chair 4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will co-chair the 4th India-France Annual Defence Dialogue with the French Armed Forces Minister Sebastien Lecornu on his visit to India from 26-28 November.

This is the first visit of Mr Sebastien Lecornu as French Minister of Armed Forces to India. He also visits India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant.

17. India & Colombia review bilateral relations & discusses cooperation in international fora

India and Colombia have reviewed bilateral relations and discussed cooperation in international fora. Secretary East in the Ministry of External Affairs Ministry, Saurabh Kumar held discussions with his Colombian counterpart Francisco Jose Coy Granados. Bogota is the largest city and the capital of Colombia.

18. India to send utility helicopter unit to UN peacekeeping mission in Mali

India will send a helicopter unit to the UN peacekeeping operations in Mali, which is facing with a crisis as several countries have withdrawn or announced plans to withdraw from it. Bangladesh and Pakistan will each be sending an armed helicopter unit to the operation known as Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in Mali (MINUSMA). MINUSMA, set up in 2013, has 17,622 personnel.

19. India - Malaysia joint military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti -2022'

India - Malaysia joint military Exercise 'Harimau Shakti -2022' commenced at Pulai, Kluang, Malaysia on 28th November and will culminate on 12th December 22. Exercise HARIMAU SHAKTI is an annual training event between the Indian and Malaysian Army which is being conducted since 2012.

Environment

1. HARIT Aaykar initiative by Income Tax Department for increasing greenery and creating micro forests

The Income Tax Department has launched the HARIT Aaykar (Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax) initiative. Under this initiative, the Department resolves to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around Income Tax Department's buildings and other public areas.

2. UNFCCC (COP 27) scheduled to be held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

The Environment minister of India, Shri Bhupender Yadav will attend the 27th Session of Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) scheduled to be held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 6-18 November, 2022. India to invite all countries to join LiFE movement ' Lifestyle for Environment, a pro-people and pro-planet effort. COP 27 is named as the COP of 'Implementation'.

3. At Ramsar COP14, China Pledges to Expand and Protect Wetlands

China plans to incorporate 11 million hectares of wetlands into its national park system and implement about 30 wetland restoration projects.

The pledges were made during 14th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, or Ramsar COP14, which is being jointly held in the central Chinese city of Wuhan and Geneva in Switzerland. Ramsar Convention, named after city of Ramsar(Iran), where convention was signed in 1971.

4. Portugal is one of 30 organizations/countries so far to join drought resilience alliance at COP27

Spain and Senegal have launched the International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA), which is joined by 29 countries, including China, the United States and Portugal, the European Union and 30 organisations.

The IDRA was launched by Spanish prime minister, Pedro Snchez, and Senegalese president, Macky Sall, in Egypt, during the 27th UNCCC (COP 27). As of now, India is not a part of IDRA.

5. The International Solar Alliance (ISA) releases \$1 trillion roadmap for scaling solar investment, deployment

ISA has released a roadmap to mobilise \$1 trillion by 2030 to meet the investment requirements for scaling up deployment of solar power projects.

The roadmap- Our Solar Future: Roadmap to Mobilise \$1 trillion by 2030- was made at the COP27 meet in Sharm El Sheikh on Wednesday by the ISA, World Resources Institute (WRI) and Bloomberg Philanthropies. International Solar Alliance is headquartered at Gurugram.

6. Cop 27: Breakthrough Agenda countries set priorities

Signatories to decarbonisation initiative, the Breakthrough Agenda, have mapped out 25 actions to be taken by next year's UN Cop 28 climate summit, to speed the transition to a low-carbon economy. The group has 47 signatories, including Australia, China, the UAE, the European Commission and all G7 nations.

India is also a signatory to the coalition.

7. UN announces high-tech, satellite-based global methane detection system

The Methane Alert and Response System (MARS) was launched at the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the UNFCCC in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

MARS is a part of global efforts to slow climate change by tackling the global warming gas.

The new satellite-based system will now help governments detect methane emissions and tackle them. Methane is an 80 times more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

8. Nine New Countries Join Global Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA) at COP27 in Egypt

Belgium, Colombia, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, the UK, and the US have joined the Global Offshore Wind Alliance (GOWA) during COP27 in Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt.

The alliance aims to bring together governments, the private sector, international organisations and other stakeholders to accelerate the deployment of offshore wind power. Denmark became home to the world's first offshore wind farm in 1991.

9. The Adaptation and agriculture thematic day at COP27 in Egypt focused on how the world will feed eight billion people.

Four initiatives were taken in today's session to address transformation of agrifood systems, the integration of climate responses to peace and security, the improvement of the quality of life of the most vulnerable in Africa by 2030, and delivery of healthy diets respectively.

10. India submits low emission development strategy at COP27

India on Monday submitted its Long-Term Low Emission Development Strategy to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), during the ongoing 27th Conference of Parties (COP27), which is aimed at rational utilisation of national resources with due regard to energy security.

11. Mumbai becomes the first city in South Asia to top CDP's climate action list

As Egypt hosted COP27, Mumbai has become the first Indian city to be added to the A-list in the 5th Annual Cities Report published by CDP, a non-profit organisation that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions ' recognises the important role that cities play in taking bold actions to mitigate and adopt to climate change.

12. India's proposal for enhance protection to Leith's softshell turtle adopted

India's proposal for enhancing protection status to Leith's softshell turtle was adopted at 19th meeting of the CoP to the CITES held in Panama City from November 14 to 25.

Leith's softshell turtle is a large freshwater soft-shelled turtle which inhabits rivers and reservoirs. It is endemic to peninsular India.

It is listed on Schedule IV of the Wild Life Act, 1972.

Leith's softshell turtle is now part of Appendix I of CITES from Appendix II.

13. NITI Aayog releases study report on 'Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage (CCUS) Policy Framework'

The report explores the importance of Carbon Capture, Utilisation, and Storage as an emission reduction strategy to achieve deep decarbonization from the hard-to-abate sectors. The report outlines broad level policy interventions needed across various sectors for its application.



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1. Initiatives taken by EC to make elections accessible for Specially Abled people.

Election Commissioner Anoop Chandra Pandey launched the PWD App 2.0 and a Training Module on sensitization of election at the National Conference of PWD Icons for Accessible Elections in New Delhi. The App aims to provide election information to Specially Abled people in a friendly way.

2. Google launches 'FloodHub', a platform to forecast flood

Google, an American technology giant, has launched a platform that displays flood forecasts, namely 'FloodHub'. This platform shows the area and time where floods could occur, in order to inform people about the natural calamity and authorities can assist them with effectively. The technology giant has also expanded its AI flood forecasting services to 18 counties.

3. DPIIT launches startup applications for registration on MAARG portal

The Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade launched startup applications for registration on the MAARG portal, the National Mentorship Platform by Startup India. MAARG portal, (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience&Growth) is a one stop platform to facilitate mentorship for startups across diverse sectors, functions, stages, geographies, and background.

4. Supreme Court launches portal to file online RTI applications

The Supreme Court launched its online portal through which citizens can file applications under the Right to Information Act for matters related to the court.

The portal can be used only by Indian citizens to file applications, first appeals and to make payment for fees under the Right to Information Act.



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Acquisitions & Mergers

1. AirAsia exits AirAsia India, sells 16.33% stake to Air India for Rs 156 cr

Malaysia-based AirAsia Group has exited AirAsia India by selling its remaining 16.67 per cent stake to Tata Group-owned Air India for Rs 155.64 crore.

AirAsia Group said AirAsia India can use the "AirAsia" brand name for 12 months.

AirAsia India has been making losses since its first commercial flight on June 12, 2014.

2. LIC buys additional stake in Voltas for Rs 635 crore

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has increased its shareholding in Voltas by buying an additional 2 per cent stake.

Voltas is engaged in the business of air conditioning, refrigeration, electro-mechanical projects as an EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) contractor both in domestic and international market.

3. Tata Group To Acquire Bisleri For Rs 7,000 Cr, Bisleri Chairman Ramesh Chauhan

Tata Consumer is set to acquire India's largest packaged drinking water company, Bisleri, for an estimated Rs 6,000-7,000 crore.

Chairman Ramesh Chauhan is aiming to disinvest Bisleri International to Tata Consumer Products three decades after selling soft drink brands Thums Up, Gold Spot, and Limca to Coca-Cola.

4. Tata Sons announces merger of Air India and Vistara; Singapore Airlines to own 25.1% in merged entity

The Singaporean carrier would emerge as a 25.1% owner of Air India, as part of a deal that would merge its Vistara joint venture with Tata Sons, into Air India.

As part of the transaction, Singapore Airlines (SIA) will invest \$252 mn. into Air India, Singapore Airlines said, with the pair aiming to complete the merger by March 2024.

Tata Group Chairman, N Chandrasekaran. Goh Choon Phong, Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Airlines.

5. YES Bank acquires 9.9 per cent stake in JC Flower Arc

YES Bank has signed a share purchase agreement (SPA) with JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC), purchasing a 9.9 percent interest in the ARC.

YES Bank's board of directors approved the sale of stressed loans worth Rs 48,000 crore to JC Flowers on September 20 after receiving no other rival proposals.

6. NDTV founders Prannoy Roy, Radhika Roy resign from RRPRH board; transfer shares to Adani holding company

News broadcaster New Delhi Television Ltd's (NDTV's) promoter firm RRPR Holding had transferred shares constituting 99.5 per cent of its equity capital to Adani group-owned Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL).

The transfer of shares will give the Adani group control over a 29.18 per cent stake in NDTV.

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Agri-Business

1. Centre formulates action plan to promote exports of millets and value-added products of millets

To promote shipment of nutri-cereals, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry through its apex agricultural export promotion body, APEDA has prepared a comprehensive strategy to promote Indian millets exports across the globe commencing December 2022.

The proposal of India that was supported by 72 countries lead to UNGA declaring 2023 as International Year of Millets in 2021. India exports millets products worth of USD 34.32 million during 2021-22.

2. National Fisheries Development Board awarded 'India Agribusiness Awards 2022'

National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad was one of the organisations to be awarded with 'India Agribusiness Awards 2022' for the best Agribusiness Award under Fisheries Sector for the exemplary work done in fisheries sector.

3. Paddy Procurement Crosses 231 LMT Mark benefiting over 13.50 Lakh Farmers

Paddy procurement for KMS 2022-23 (Kharif crop) crossed 231 LMT of paddy upto 10.11.2022 against the previous year corresponding paddy purchase of about 228 LMT. Over 13.50 Lakh farmers have already been benefited from the ongoing KMS procurement operations with MSP value of Rs. 47644 crores. MSP of paddy in this KMS 2022-23 is fixed at Rs. 2,040 per quintal.



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Legal

1. Law Commission constituted after 4 years; retired Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi appointed chairperson

The Central Government has constituted the 22nd Law Commission of India with former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi as its Chairperson. The Centre has also appointed former Kerala High Court judge Justice KT Sankaran, Prof. Anand Paliwal, Prof. DP Verma, Prof.(Dr) Raka Arya and Shri M. Karunanithi as members of the Commission.

2. Draft notification issued to supersede the All India tourist vehicle (Authorisation or Permit) Rules, 2021

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has issued a draft notification to supersede the All India Tourist Vehicle (Authorisation or Permit) Rules, 2021. with the proposed rules, the tourist permit regime is expected to be further streamlined and strengthened.



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PSUs

1. BEL, DMRC inks MoU to jointly develop i-CBTC

Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (DMRC) for jointly developing the Indigenous Communication-based Train Control System (i-CBTC), an important milestone in India's journey towards self-reliance in Rail and Metro operations.

Manoj Joshi: Chairman, DMRC Ltd; Dinesh Kumar Batra, BEL chairman, and managing director.



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States/UTs

Andhra Pradesh

1. PM Modi lays foundation stone for redevelopment of Visakhapatnam Railway Station

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Visakhapatnam Railway Station in Visakhapatnam city, Andhra Pradesh. Visakhapatnam Junction is a major railway station located in Visakhapatnam and is on the Howrah'Chennai main line. Till now, it is operated by East Coast Railway.

Arunachal Pradesh

1. PM Modi dedicates Kameng hydro power station to Nation implemented by NEEPCO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 600 MW Kameng hydro power project in Arunachal Pradesh's West Kameng district to the nation.

The Kameng hydro power project has been developed at a cost of more than Rs 8,450 crore in an area spread over more than 80 km in West Kameng district.

Bihar

1. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar inaugurates Ganga water supply project in Rajgir

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar inaugurated an ambitious scheme in Nalanda district, under which flood waters will be treated for supply to households in the southern part of the state.

Kumar, following the inauguration of Ganga Water Supply Scheme (GWSS) in Rajgir, said the project will facilitate supply of 135 litres of treated Ganga water every day for each person in a household.

Goa

Goa CM Pramod Sawant launches Purple Fest logo

Chief Minister Pramod Sawant launched logo of Purple Fest at a function held in Manohar Parrikar Memorial Hall of Sanjay Centre for Education.

Purple Fest, the three-day event is to kick start in January, 2023.

Purple Fest ' Celebrating Diversity, a first-of-its-kind inclusive festival that embraces, expresses and celebrates persons with disabilities.

Gujarat

1. Jio rolls out 5G services in all Gujarat districts

Jio announced it has rolled out its True 5G network in every headquarters of Gujarat's 33 districts, thereby making the western state the first state in India to get 100% coverage of 5G services in the state.

As a model state, Jio said it would launch a series of True 5G-powered initiatives in Gujarat and then extend it across the country.

Haryana

1. Haryana Forest Department and USAID launch initiative to increase tree coverage.

Haryana State Government's Forest Department and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) announced the launch of the 'Trees Outside Forests in India (TOFI)' program in the state. The new program will enhance carbon sequestration, support local communities and strengthen the climate resilience of agriculture.

2. Nitin Gadkari approves 4-Laning of Bhiwani-Hansi road section of NH-148B under Bharatmala Pariyojana in Haryana

Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, announced that the Bharatmala Pariyojana's 4-Laning of Bhiwani-Hansi Road Section in the districts of Bhiwani and Hisar, with a budget of Rs. 1,322.13 crore (US\$ 161.79 million), has been authorised.

According to him, the project would enable swift transportation and improved inter-district connection in Haryana.

Karnataka

1. Google Signs MoU With Karnataka Govt To Spur Startups From Tier-2, 3 Cities

In yet another boost for start-ups in Karnataka, Google has now partnered with the state government to support emerging local start-ups & create opportunities through digital skilling. The Indian start-up ecosystem is the world's third largest such ecosystem, with Karnataka being the start-up hub of India. Google will provide underserved youth & job seekers with scholarships

Kerala

1. Kerala is first state to launch 'One India One Gold Rate' policy

Kerala is the first state in India which introduced a standard gold price based on the bank rate. The decision to introduce uniform price on 916 purity 22 carat gold has been taken at a meeting between

officials of Malabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country and key members of All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association

Maharashtra

1. Adani Properties wins Dharavi redevelopment project rights with Rs 5,069cr bid

Adani Properties, real estate development company owned by Gautam Adani-led Adani Group, has bagged the rights to redevelop Asia's biggest slum, Dharavi, spread over 600 acres of prime land in the heart of the country's commercial capital, Mumbai.

Adani Properties' bid of Rs 5,069 crore emerged as the highest, while DLF bid amount was Rs 2,025 crore. SVR Srinivas, CEO, Dharavi Redevelopment Project.

2. Maharashtra In Talks With Centre To Get Back Shivaji's Sword From UK

The Maharashtra government has approached the Centre to get back a sword of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj which is in a museum in the United Kingdom.

Maharashtra government wants to bring back Shivaji's 'Jagdamba sword' from the UK by 2024, the 350th anniversary of the Maratha ruler's coronation as Emperor of his empire.

Madhya Pradesh

3. Indore plans India's first retail municipal green bond for solar plant

Indore is planning to issue the nation's first local government bond targeting individual investors, with proceeds used to fund a solar power project. Indore Municipal Corp. seeks to raise as much as Rs 260 crore (\$31.8 million) via a 10-year bond sale. It is also set to be the country's maiden municipal green bond designed for retail investors.

Manipur

1. Sangai Festival begins in Manipur

The largest tourism festival of Manipur, the Sangai Festival began in Manipur. The festival named after the State Animal which is found only in Manipur have been organised. The theme of the festival is 'festival of oneness'. The ten days festival is expected to attract tourists in Manipur. Union Minister of Tourism, Culture and DoNER G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated the festival Chief Minister of Manipur: N. Biren Singh

Nagaland

1. SBI commits to finance 1000 entrepreneurs in Nagaland through partnership with Business Association

The State Bank of India (SBI) in collaboration with the Business Association of Nagas (BAN) has decided to help 1000 entrepreneurs with financing.

An MoU has been signed between the two parties to facilitate ease of doing business and finance MSMEs of Naga entrepreneurs in the state.

Rajasthan

1. PM Modi declared Rajasthan's Mangarh Dham national monument

Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared Mangarh Dham as a National Monument in the Banswara district of Rajasthan. He stated that the Mangarh Dham is a symbol of the persistence and sacrifice of tribals. The dham, a memorial for around 1,500 tribals massacred by the British army in 1913, located in the district on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, a region with a tribal population

Sikkim

1. President of India laid the foundation of various central and state government projects at Gangtok, Sikkim.

The President inaugurated the Atal Setu viaduct connecting West Bengal and Sikkim at Rangpo on National Highway 10; the two-lane Chisopani traffic tunnel including approach roads in East Sikkim. The President also laid the foundation stone for the National Institute of Technology, Khamdong, East Sikkim.

Tamil Nadu

1. Tamil Nadu introduces India's first elephant death audit framework

In a first of its kind initiative in India, Tamil Nadu has brought out the 'Tamil Nadu Elephant Death Audit Framework' to document reasons for elephant deaths for better accountability.

The framework will improve transparency, assist all stakeholders in assessing the results and ultimately facilitate standardization and more credible comparisons of cause of mortality.

2. Arittapatti village in Madurai notified as first biodiversity heritage site in Tamil Nadu

The Tamil Nadu government issued a notification declaring the Arittapatti village near Melur in Madurai district as a biodiversity heritage site under Section 37 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002.

The site is situated in an area of 193.21 hectare and is the first Biodiversity Heritage Site (BHS) to be notified in the state.

Telangana

1. India's first Street Circuit Car Racing begins in Hyderabad

The first ever Street Circuit Car Racing of the country began in Hyderabad. This is the first round of Indian Racing League (IRL) 2022 organised ahead of Formula E race to be held in the city on February 11 next year. The IRL is also the trial run for the track for E Formula.

2. Telangana scores a double win at Unesco heritage conservation awards

The list of the 2022 UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation announced at Bangkok included the Stepwells in the Qutb Shahi Tomb complex at Golconda, which were selected for the Award of Distinction, while the Domakonda Fort in Kamareddy was selected for the Award of Merit.

3. Telangana to have first Integrated Rocket Facility of country by Skyroot Aerospace

Telangana will have the first Integrated Rocket Design, Manufacturing, and Testing Facility of the country in Hyderabad by Skyroot Aerospace.

The Hyderabad-based startup, incubated at T-Hub, launched the country's first private rocket, Vikram-S, earlier this month.

Uttar Pradesh

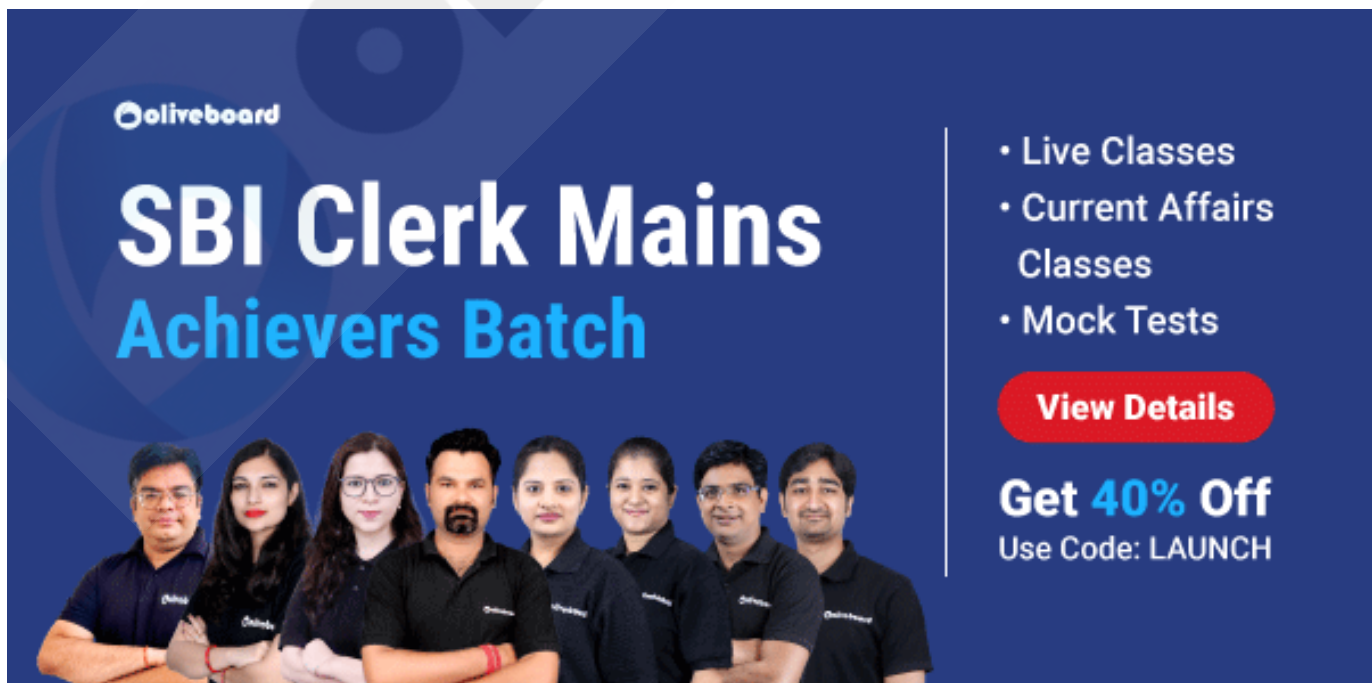
1. Tamil sangamam in Varanasi to be opened by Prime Minister

PM Modi inaugurated the Kashi Tamil sangamam in Varanasi. The objective of sangamam is to rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi - two of the country's most important and ancient seats of learning.

Uttarakhand

1. Uttarakhand HC to be shifted to Haldwani from Nainital

The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani. This decision was taken in a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun.



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Committees

1. SEBI panel suggests steps to boost exchange governance

The panel chaired by G Mahalingam was tasked with proposing governance norms at Market Infrastructure Institutions such as stock exchanges, depositories and clearing houses. Organisational classification at MIIs should be based on functions and categorised into three verticals: critical operations; regulatory, compliance and risk management; and other functions.

2. Centre forms panel to revamp MGNREGA job guarantee scheme

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) setting up a committee to find out reasons for gaps in implementation and under-utilisation of funds under the scheme in several states with low per capita income.

The panel is also tasked with suggesting measures to make the scheme more efficient in its functioning across the country.

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Important CA

1. UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurates North India's first hyperscale data centre Yotta D1 in Greater Noida

The first of six data centre buildings in the Greater Noida Data Center Park, Yotta D1, has been set up with an investment of around Rs 1,500 crore.

It has been put up by Yotta Infrastructure, a new-age digital transformation service provider, at its Greater Noida data centre park. Yotta Infrastructure is a subsidiary of Mumbai-based Hiranandani Group.

2. RBI CBDC: Digital Rupee pilot to start from November 1; SBI, HDFC, 7 other banks to participate in wholesale launch

The regulator has identified nine banks including State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, YES Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC for the participation in the pilot.

The use case for this pilot is settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities. Use of e'-W is expected to make the inter-bank market more efficient.

3. UP's Ranipur tiger reserve becomes 53rd tiger reserve of India, confirms minister Bhupender Yadav

Uttar Pradesh's Ranipur Tiger Reserve has become the 53rd tiger reserve of India. The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km, of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and buffer area is 299.05 sq km.

Besides this, it is also the fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh. Apart from Ranipur, the state has three tiger reserves' Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh.

4. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty win French Open men's doubles title

They defeated 25th ranked Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han of Chinese Taipei.

For the Indian duo, The French Open marks their third world tour title after the 2019 Thailand Open and the 2022 Indian Open. Satwik and Chirag have also become the first Indian pair to win a Super 750 tournament. The tournament took place at the Stade Pierre de Coubertin in Paris, France.

5. Centre approves Maharashtra's first Electronics Manufacturing Cluster at Ranjangaon, Pune

As part of its objective to strengthen the electronics manufacturing ecosystem in India, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has approved the greenfield Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) with the project cost of Rs 492.85 crores to be set up in Ranjangaon Phase III, near Pune in Maharashtra. Now 97% of all mobile phones used by Indian customers were domestically manufactured.

6. Arunachal Pradesh to get Northeast's first fish museum under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampad Yojana

A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki. The museum would be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP), sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries. It will have all fish species of the state and serve as a training centre for fisherfolks.

7. Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee approves commercial cultivation of genetically modified mustard

A genetically modified hybrid variety of mustard, also known as GM mustard, has received Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee's, a state-run biotech regulator, recommendation for commercial cultivation. It is the first genetically modified crop in the country to get approval in two decades. GEAC works under the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

8. Small sized loans of upto Rs 10 crores now account for 60% of bank loans

The share of smaller loans ' of up to Rs.10 crore ' in total loans has increased to 60 per cent in 2022 from 45 per cent in 2014 according to RBI deputy governor Michael Patra.

Industry has been a major recipient of bank credit but its share in total credit has come down from 60 per cent to 27 per cent during 1972-2022, broadly equal to that of services and retail loans.

9. Puneeth Rajkumar conferred 'Karnataka Ratna' posthumously

Karnataka's highest civilian award the 'Karnataka Ratna' was conferred posthumously on late actor Puneeth Rajkumar , on the occasion of the 67th Kannada Rajyotsava (the state formation day). He is the 9th recipient of this prestigious honour.

The Karnataka Ratna award consists a full silver plaque and a 50-gram gold medal.

Karnataka Ratna was last awarded to Dr. Virendra Heggade for social service in 2009.

10. Goa hosts Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Asia Pacific Conference

Goa is hosting the three day Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Conference from 1st to 3rd November 2022.

'Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local' is the theme of this year's conference. It will help shape future of Asia's aviation industry and turn the Complete Air Traffic System(CATS) Global Council's vision for skies of 2045 into reality.

11. NARCL to make its first acquisition in Jaypee Infratech

The National Asset Reconstruction Co (NARCL) emerged as the winning bidder for the debt of Jaypee Infratech at a Swiss challenge auction after lenders failed to draw counterbids.

Phoenix ARC, Aditya Birla ARC and ARCIL were among some of the stressed-asset buyers that submitted expressions of interest for Jaypee Infratech.

12. Bank of Baroda launches BoB World Opulence, BoB World Sapphire premium debit cards

BoB announced the launch of two new premium Debit Cards for its customers ' bob World Opulence ' a super-premium Visa Infinite Debit Card and bob World Sapphire ' a Visa Signature Debit Card. The two debit card variants come packed with a best-in-class and powerful rewards proposition exclusively designed for the Bank's High Networth Individual (HNI) customer segment. Managing Director/CEO, Bank of Baroda: Sanjiv Chadha.

13. Indian Exim Bank inks pact with Southern Africa's leading bank to boost India-Africa trade

Export-Import Bank of India (India Exim Bank) has concluded a Master Risk Participation Agreement for supporting trade transactions with FirstRand Bank (FRB) Limited. The agreement was signed in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the India - Southern Africa Regional Conclave.

The agreement has been signed under India Exim Bank's Trade Assistance Programme.

14. UPI transactions grow 7.7 per cent to 730 crore in October

UPI transactions in India surged 7.7 per cent to 730 crore and the total value stood at more than Rs 12.11 lakh crore in October from 678 crore worth Rs 11.16 lakh crore in September.

The number of instant interbank fund transfer through IMPS (Immediate Payment Service) in October stood at 48.25 crore and the value was at Rs 4.66 lakh crore. NPCI is an umbrella organisation for all retail payments system in India.

15. HDFC ERGO has launched first-of-its-kind satellite index-based Farm Yield Insurance Policy

HDFC ERGO has announced the launch of a technology backed farm yield insurance policy for farmers.

This is a first-of-its-kind insurance solution, where a satellite-based index will be used to provide localized farm level coverage. It will provide comprehensive cover across the crop life cycle from sowing to harvesting, basis satellite-based data. CMD of HDFC ERGO: Ritesh Kumar.

16. SpaceX launches world's most powerful rocket 'Falcon Heavy' on Space Force mission

The secretive USSF-44 mission, the first operational national security mission for Falcon Heavy, is being launched by SpaceX's rocket for the American Space Force. The Space Test Program-2 (STP-2) mission, launched in June 2019, carried experimental satellites on a test flight for the Pentagon.

Falcon Heavy mission was the 1st in more than three years by Elon Musk's SpaceX. The Falcon Heavy is the tallest and most powerful rocket presently in use.

17. Tata Steel's Jamshedpur Steel Plant becomes India's first to achieve ResponsibleSteel Certification

The Company received ResponsibleSteel Certification for three facilities in Jamshedpur.

The Company's Steel Works, Tubes Division and Cold Rolling Mill (Bara) in Jamshedpur have joined an exclusive group of steel producing sites around the world to receive the ResponsibleSteel Certification, which also includes some of the other renowned steel manufacturers in the world. T. V. Narendran, CEO & MD, Tata Steel.; Annie Heaton, CEO, ResponsibleSteel.

18. First woman director "Dr G Hemaprabha takes charge at ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute

Dr G Hemaprabha was appointed Director of the institute up to 2024 on the recommendations of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board, New Delhi, under the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

Hemaprabha is the first woman director of the 111-year-old institution.

ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute, location, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

19. Ministry of Education releases report on Performance Grading Index for States/UTs

Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSE&L), Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States/UTs for 2020-21.

The prime objective of PGI is to promote evidence-based policy making and highlight course correction to ensure quality education for all. So far, DoSE&L has released PGI report for the year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

20. Union Cabinet approves naming new Arunachal Pradesh airport as 'Donyi Polo Airport'

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Narendra Modi, has approved the naming of Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar as 'Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar'.

The resolution was passed by the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh to name the airport as 'Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar', which reflect the people's reverence of the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo).

21. India Post Payments Bank conducts India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), established under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication with 100% equity owned by the Government of India, conducted India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp with an initiative called 'Niveshak Didi' to promote Financial Literacy 'By the women, for the women', in Srinagar, J&K.

22. Permacrisis is declared as Collins Dictionary word of the year

Permacrisis - a word describing the feeling of living through a period of war, inflation, and political instability - has been chosen as Collins Dictionary's word of the year.

Permacrisis is one of six words on the list that are new to CollinsDictionary.com, and was first noted as a word in academic contexts in the 1970s.

23. Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022 to be held in Kochi from 4th to 6th November, 2022

nion Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri Pinarayi Vijayan will jointly inaugurate 15th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference & Expo 2022 in Kochi on 4th November, 2022.

It focuses on the theme of 'Azadi@75 ' Sustainable AatmaNirbhar Urban Mobility'.

24. Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta takes charge as Bharat Petroleum Chairman & MD

Vetsa Ramakrishna Gupta assumed additional charge as chairman and managing director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) -- the second 'Maharatna' oil PSU to get an interim head in the absence of a regular appointment.

Mr. Gupta, Director (Finance) at BPCL, succeeds Arun Kumar Singh, who superannuated on October 31, a company statement said.

25. Ganga Utsav ' The River Festival to be celebrated on 4th November, 2022

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) is organizing Ganga Utsav- The River Festival 2022 on 4th November, 2022 in New Delhi.

One of the main objectives of Ganga Utsav 2022 is to celebrate our rivers and spread awareness on the significance of river rejuvenation across river basins in India.

26. Adani New Industries installs India's largest wind turbine, taller than Statue of Unity

A wind turbine taller than the world's tallest Statue of Unity with blades spanning wider than the wingspan of a jumbo jet has been installed at Mundra in Gujarat by Adani New Industries Ltd as part of its renewable energy expansion plans.

The turbine has been installed by Mundra Windtech Ltd (MWL), a wholly-owned subsidiary incorporated by Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL). India has the fourth highest wind installed capacity in the world.

27. Gender wealth gap in APAC largest in India at 64%: report

Women, on average, are expected to reach retirement with just 74% of the wealth accumulated by men, a new global study - The 2022 WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity report by advisory, broking and solutions company WTW has revealed. In APAC, the gender wealth gap is the largest in India at 64%.

28. Israeli PM Lapid Concedes Defeat; Benjamin Netanyahu Set To Become Next Prime Minister

Israeli PM Yair Lapid has conceded defeat in the general elections and congratulated opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu, whose coalition of right-wing parties secured a comfortable majority in parliament to form the next government and end the political impasse plaguing the country.

Netanyahu's party won 32 seats, while outgoing PM Yair Lapid's Yesh Atid got 24 seats.

29. Asian Continental Chess C'ship: India's R Praggnanandhaa and PV Nandidhaa win titles

India's Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa and Women's Grandmaster PV Nandidhaa claimed the men's and women's titles respectively at the Asian Continental Chess Championship in New Delhi.

The triumph also earned Praggnanandhaa a ticket to the next FIDE World Cup.

Harsha Bharathakoti took the second spot on the basis of a better tie-break score while Adhiban was third.

30. IMFA MD Subhrakant Panda to succeed Sanjiv Mehta as FICCI President

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) announced Subhrakant Panda as its President-Elect, who is currently serving as FICCI's Senior Vice President.

Panda is the Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA), the largest and fully integrated manufacturer of ferro alloys in the nation with in-house mining and power generation. Established in 1927, FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organisation in India.

31. First time: CRPF appoints 2 women cadre officers as IG of RAF, Bihar sector

In a first, the CRPF has appointed two women officers from its cadre as Inspectors General (IG) of its specialised anti-riots unit RAF and the Bihar Sector.

Annie Abraham has been appointed as the IG of the blue duangree donning Rapid Action Force (RAF) while Seema Dhundia has been posted as the IG of the Bihar Sector. Sujoy Lal Thaoson: 37th Director-General of Central Reserve Police Force.

32. UIDAI tops Grievance Redressal Index third month in a row

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has been again placed at the top amongst all Group A Ministries and Departments for resolving public grievances in the rankings report published by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) for the month of October 2022. This is the third month in a row when UIDAI has topped the rankings.

33. Aibawk becomes the first cluster to get completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)

Aibawk cluster in the Aizwal district of Mizoram has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). SPMRM was launched by the Prime Minister in February 2016 with a vision to provide amenities to rural areas which are perceived to be urban and have the potential to stimulate local economic development.

34. NITI Aayog launches the fourth edition of 'Innovations for You' coffee table book

Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of NITI Aayog today launched the fourth edition of 'Innovations for You' coffee table book featuring 75 successful women entrepreneurs of India. These women entrepreneurs are supported by Atal Incubation Centres (AICs) of AIM, NITI Aayog. The book captures success stories of these start-ups supported through Atal Incubation Centres.

35. Centre constitutes panel for strengthening assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions.

Union Government has constituted a committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions. The mandate of the Committee is to prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020. It will be headed by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur.

36. Indian men's squash team win their first ever gold medal at Asian Team Championships

In Squash, Indian men's team clinched their first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships. They defeated Kuwait in the final in straight sets in Cheongju, South Korea. It was Saurav Ghoshal and Ramit Tandon who won their games in the final to dole out a 2-0 defeat to Kuwait.

37. World Tsunami Awareness Day celebrated on November 5th.

In December 2015, the UN General Assembly designated 5 November as World Tsunami Awareness Day, calling on countries, international bodies and civil society to raise tsunami awareness and share innovative approaches to risk reduction. Japan started this observance after its repeated, bitter tsunamis experience.

38. ADB clears USD 350 million loan to improve road connectivity in Maharashtra.

Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to improve the road connectivity of key economic areas in Maharashtra. It will build on the Maharashtra State Road Improvement Project approved by ADB in April 2020 to upgrade state highways and major district roads.

39. Kishor K Basa Appointed Chairman Of National Monuments Authority

Kishor K Basa has been appointed as the chairman of National Monuments Authority (NMA). National Monuments Authority (NMA) under the Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India has been setup as per provisions of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains AMASR (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2010 which was enacted in March, 2010.

40. Guyana President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali to be chief guest at 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated once in every two years to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India. It will be held from 8th to 10th January next

year in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The theme of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is - Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal.

41. Francesco Bagnaia Becomes First Italian To Win MotoGP Title Since Rossi In 2009

Francesco Bagnaia finished ninth in the Valencia Grand Prix to become the first Italian MotoGP champion since Valentino Rossi in 2009.

The Ducati rider, who trailed outgoing champion Fabio Quartararo by 91 points mid-season, completed his astonishing comeback with ninth place behind race winner Alex Rins.

42. Asian Hockey Federation CEO Tayyab Ikram elected as new FIH president

Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief.

Ikram defeated Marc Coudron of Belgium 79-47 in the 48th FIH Congress held virtually.

Seif Ahmed was the acting president of the FIH following Batra's resignation.

43. Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman: NSA Ajit Doval, late CDS Gen Rawat among others to be awarded

National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, late Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat among five distinguished people have been selected for the 'Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman' this year.

Others to be conferred the award are Chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification Prasoon Joshi, late Girish Chandra Tiwari 'Girda' and late Viren Dangwal.

44. Virat Kohli and Nida Dar crowned ICC Players of the Month for October

Virat Kohli claimed the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Player of the Month following a series of star performances as India charged their way to the ICC Men's T20 World Cup semi finals, while Pakistan's veteran all-rounder Nida Dar is the ICC Women's Player of the Month thanks to her sensational form in their Women's Asia Cup campaign.

ICC launched the Player of the Month Awards for men and women in January 2021.

45. Last eight years had been hotter than any year prior to 2015, says WMO report

World Meteorological Organization said in a report that Each of the last eight years had been hotter than any year prior to 2015, as the COP27 UN Climate Summit opened in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt. The report said that Earth has warmed more than 1.1 degrees Celsius since the late 19th century, with about half of that increase occurring in the past 30 years. WMO Secretary-General Petteri Taalas

46. Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurates India Pavilion at 27th Session of Conference of Parties of UNFCCC (COP 27)

Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated India Pavilion at the 27th Session of Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27) at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt. India's Pavilion has been designed with the theme of LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment. The Pavilion will send out the message of LiFE through various audio-visuals, Logo and 3D models.

47. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy notifies National Bio Energy Programme

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India has notified the National Bioenergy Programme MNRE has continued the National Bioenergy Programme for the period from FY 2021-22 to 2025-26. The Programme has been recommended for implementation in two Phases. The Phase-I of the Programme has been approved with a budget outlay of Rs. 858 crore.

48. DRDO launches testing, evaluation facility for sonar systems of Indian Navy

Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) launched the hull module of the Submersible Platform for Acoustic Characterization and Evaluation (SPACE) facility at Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory (NPOL) in Kochi.

SPACE facility is based on the concept design and requirements projected by NPOL and has been constructed by M/s L&T Shipbuilding, Chennai.

49. World's first Vedic Clock to be installed in Ujjain, MP Minister Mohan Yadav lays foundation stone

The world's first Vedic Clock will be installed in Ujjain ' the city of Lord Malakal. The foundation stone was laid at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain for this mega project, being taken up by the state government at an estimated cost of Rs 1.62 crore. The observatory was constructed by Maharaja Sawai Raja Jaisingh of Jaipur in 1719.

50. Forbes Asia's Power Businesswomen 2022 list features 3 Indian women

Forbes unveiled its 2022 Asia's Power Businesswomen list, honoring 20 outstanding women in business across the Asia-Pacific region.

Soma Mondal, the chairperson of Steel Authority of India Ltd, Namita Thapar, executive director at India business of Emcure Pharma, and Ghazal Alagh, co-founder and chief innovation officer of Honasa Consumer, are on the list.

51. International Week of Science and Peace | 9-15 November

The United Nations has designated the International Week of Science and Peace to take place during the week in which November 11th falls. This year, it will occur between November 9th and 14th. However, it was first observed in 1986 as a non-governmental initiative that gained significant international participation.

52. Indian Navy participates Malabar Naval Exercise in Japan

India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise in Yokosuka of Japan. Australia, Japan and the USA are also participating in the Malabar Naval Exercise. Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta are ready to demonstrate at the event. The MALABAR exercise was initiated in 1992 between the navies of India and the USA

53. Justice DY Chandrachud takes oath as 50th Chief Justice of India

Justice DY Chandrachud took oath as the new Chief Justice of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Justice DY Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. Justice Chandrachud succeeded Justice UU Lalit. Born in 1959, Justice Chandrachud was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of India on the 13th of May 2016. Justice Chandrachud will have a tenure till November 10, 2024.

54. Govt declares census, NPR database as critical information infrastructure

The government has declared as critical information infrastructure certain databases related to the Census and the National Population Register (NPR).

In a notification, the Union home ministry said the decision has been taken after exercising the powers conferred to it under the Information Technology Act, 2000, (Amended 2008). The Information Technology Act of 2000 defines Critical Information Infrastructure.

55. In a 1st, two people receive transfusions of lab-grown blood cells

Two people in the U.K. are the first ever to receive transfusions of lab-grown red blood cells. The pair are healthy volunteers in the "Recovery and survival of stem cell originated red cells" (RESTORE) trial, a one-of-a-kind clinical trial taking place at Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge. There are 150 Billion red blood cells in one ounce of blood.

56. QS Asia University Rankings 2023: IIT Bombay Is Best Educational Institute In South Asia

IIT Bombay is the top educational institute in South Asia, as per the recently released QS Asia University Rankings 2023.

IIT Bombay bagged 40th position in the QS ranking followed by IIT Delhi which secured rank 46.

The Asia University Ranking 2023 was released by the international ranking agency - Quacquarelli Symonds.

57. India to host Women's World Boxing Championships in 2023

India will host the women's world boxing championships in 2023 in New Delhi where a new review system based on artificial intelligence will be used for the first time, the game's global governing body (IBA) said.

India will host the women's premier event, two years after the country was stripped of the hosting rights of the men's event for not paying the requisite fee. IBA President: Umar Nazarovich Kremlev.

58. Mumbai wins Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2022

Mumbai defeated Himachal Pradesh to win the 2022 edition of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. It was the first time that Mumbai won the trophy.

Tamil Nadu and Karnataka were the dominant teams when it comes to SMAT. However, both teams were not able to do well in this edition.

Himachal Pradesh won Vijay Hazare Trophy last time around and reached the finals of SMAT this year.

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is a Twenty20 competition played in India and organized by BCCI.

59. November 10: World Science Day for Peace and Development 2022

November 10 as World Science Day for peace and development highlights the importance of science in our society. The day also plays an important role in engaging a wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.

The theme for this year's World Science Day for Peace and Development is 'Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development.'

60. NPCI launches open source licence model for BHIM App to help banks launch their UPI apps

NPCI has announced the launch of an open source licence model for its BHIM App. Under this initiative towards attaining the goal of 'Digital Payments for All', the NPCI will licence the source code of BHIM app to regulated entities which do not yet have a Unified Payments Interface (UPI) app of their own, to empower them to launch their own UPI app.

61. National Education Day: November 11

National Education Day is celebrated on November 11 every year to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad served as the first Minister of Education of independent India from 1947 to 1958 in Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's cabinet. This year, the theme for National Education Day is "Changing Course, Transforming Education."

62. Neeraj Chopra becomes 'Friendship Ambassador' of Switzerland

Switzerland Tourism has appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as its Friendship Ambassador. In this development, the athlete will promote the sporty, stunning and adventurous outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers.

63. PM unveils 108-foot-long bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru

The statue is built to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, the founder of the city, towards the growth of Bengaluru. Conceptualised and sculpted by Ram V Sutar of the Statue of Unity fame, 98 tonnes of bronze and 120 tonnes of steel have gone into making this statue. It is called 'Statue of Prosperity' in Bengaluru. Chief Minister of Karnataka: Basavaraj Bommai. Governor of Karnataka: Thawar Chand Gehlot

64. MoRTH issues award for first MMLP in the Country

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) is developing 35 Multi-Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs), out of which 15 MMLPs are prioritized in the next three years.

MMLP Chennai at Mappedu being developed in 184.27 acres is 1st MMLP awarded to M/s Reliance Industries Limited for which Prime Minister laid the Foundation Stone on 26.05.2022. MMLP is defined as a freight-handling facility with a minimum area of 100 acres (40.5 Ha)

65. IFFI 53 presents the first feature film in Indian film history to have a star cast comprising only indigenous people

'Dhabari Quruvi' is the first film in the history of Indian cinema to star only people from indigenous communities. Directed by National Award-winning filmmaker Priyanandan, the film also has the distinction of having been shot completely in the tribal language of Irula.

The film is being presented at the 53rd edition of the IFFI, which is set to open in Goa on 20 Nov 2022.

66. Union Minister of Power & New and Renewable Energy launches the Green Energy Open Access portal

Green Energy open Access is allowed to any consumer with load limit reduced from 1000 kW to 100 kW. The portal will allow consumers to access green power easily through transparent, simplified, uniform and streamlined procedure.

Consumers would benefit from Access to Green Power. Approval for GEOA which will be granted to a Consumer in a time bound manner within 15 days.

67. Mysuru ' Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express & Kashi Bharat Gaurav Trains flagged off by PM

Narendra Modi flagged off the Vande Bharat Express between Mysuru and Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Chennai Central today at KSR Bengaluru Railway Station. This is the fifth Vande Bharat Express started in the country and the first such train of south India. The Prime Minister also flagged off Bharat Gaurav Kashi Darshan Train at KSR Railway Station, Bengaluru

68. Government notified E-waste (management) rules 2022

The government has notified E-waste (management) rules 2022, which will come into force from 1 April 2023 and apply to every manufacturer, producer refurbisher, dismantler and recycler of e-waste. Producers of electronic goods have to ensure at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023 with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025. 95% of e-waste in India is recycled by the informal sector.

69. Centre amended Aadhaar Rules

The Centre amended Aadhaar regulations, advising card holders to update documents supporting their information at least once every 10 years from the date of enrolment to ensure the accuracy of the data.

The amendment said users may update their documents to ensure the continued accuracy of their information in the Central Identities Data Repository. More than 133 crore Aadhaar cards have been issued as of June 2022.

70. World Pneumonia Day 2022: November 12

The day aims to raise awareness about pneumonia and highlights its symptoms, prevention and treatment. Also, this day marks an opportunity to highlight the need for early diagnosis, so individuals affected by the disease can seek timely and effective care, which is necessary.

The World Pneumonia Day 2022 theme is "Championing the fight to stop pneumonia." According to WHO, pneumonia killed 170,180 children under the age of 5 in 2019.

71. New Zealand's Greg Barclay re-elected ICC chairman

Greg Barclay has been re-elected unopposed as ICC chairman for another two-year term after Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC) chief Tavengwa Mukuhlani pulled out of the contest.

Jay Shah replaced former president Sourav Ganguly as the BCCI representative on the ICC board while Arun Dhumal will be sitting on the chief executives' committee.

72. ASEAN agrees in principle to admit East Timor as 11th member

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member.

The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, will also be granted observer status at high-level ASEAN meetings. ASEAN established on 8th August 1967 and its HQs located in Jakarta, Indonesia.

73. Union Bank of India rings 104th Foundation Day with launch of Vyom App

Union Bank of India, the country's fifth largest public sector bank, marked its 104th foundation day on 11 November 2022.

Union Vyom App, the bank's super app, is a one-stop shop for all financial goods. The Vyom app is equipped to provide consumers with a one-of-a-kind banking experience in which they may conduct transactions that go beyond traditional banking.

74. Uttar Pradesh to Host Khelo India National University Games in 2023-24

The Uttar Pradesh government will be hosting the Khelo India National University Games in 2023-24 in four cities of the state. These cities are Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Noida.

Around 4,500 athletes, representing 150 universities across the country will be vying for top honours in 20 disciplines, including rowing, basketball, judo, kabaddi, wrestling, swimming etc. The first edition of the Khelo India University Games has been held in Odisha (2020).

75. Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) tops PSU lenders' list in Q2 credit growth

The second quarter of 2022 saw the Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) outperform other public sector lenders in terms of percentage loan growth.

Union Bank of India came in second with an increase of 21.54 percent to Rs 7,52,469 crore. State Bank of India (SBI), took third place with an 18.15% increase in gross advances.

SBI, chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara. BoM, MD & CEO: AS Rajeev; A. Manimekhalai, MD & CEO, Union Bank of India.

76. World Diabetes Day 2022 | November 14th

World Diabetes Day provides an opportunity to raise awareness of diabetes as a global public health issue and what needs to be done, collectively and individually, for better prevention, diagnosis, and management of the condition.

This year's theme, 'access to diabetes education', underpins the larger multi-year theme of 'access to care'.

77. India celebrates Children's Day on November 14

Children's Day is celebrated each year on the birth anniversary of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, which is on November 14.

Before 1964, India celebrated Children's Day on November 20 (the United Nations observes it on this day.) However, after the death of Pandit Nehru in 1964, it was decided that his birthday be celebrated as Children's Day.

78. Ministry of Rural Development signs MoU with Veddhis Foundation for National Rural Livelihood Mission

Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has signed an MoU with Gurugram-based Veddhis Foundation to enable effective governance of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana ' National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM), strengthen state capacities, establish innovative models and implement the national strategy for Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI) and SHG convergence.

79. Indian shooters dominate 15th Asian Air Rifle Championships winning gold medals

In the 15th Asian Air Rifle Championships held in Daegu, South Korea, Indian shooters won gold medals in all four team events. The trio of Arjun Babuta, Kiran Ankush Jadhav, and Rudrank Balasaheb Patil started the day with a gold medal, beating Kazakhstan 17-11 in the final of the men's 10 metre air rifle event.

80. India announces additional contribution of \$5 million to ASEAN-India science and technology fund

India announced an additional contribution of USD 5 million to the ASEAN-India science and technology fund to enhance cooperation in sectors of public health, renewable energy and smart agriculture. The announcement came during the three-day visit of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar to Cambodia for ASEAN-India and East Asia summits.

81. Venki Ramakrishnan awarded UK's royal Order of Merit

India-born Nobel laureate Professor Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III in recognition of his distinguished service to science. The UK-based molecular biologist is among six appointments made to the historic order by the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death and the first to be appointed by Charles.

82. Gaurav Dwivedi appointed Prasar Bharati CEO

Gaurav Dwivedi has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati. He will have a five-year tenure from the date he assumes charge.

Earlier, Dwivedi was the Chief Executive Officer of MyGovIndia.

Shashi Shekhar Vempati was the CEO of Prasar Bharati from 2017 to 2022. Prasar Bharati is a parent organization of Doordarshan.

83. Navy conducts 'Prasthan', an offshore security exercise off Mumbai

The Indian Navy conducted a structured exercise to evaluate organizational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea. The Indian Navy named the exercise 'Prasthan'.

'Prasthan' is conducted twice a year under the aegis of Headquarters, Western Naval Command.

84. 2025 Kabaddi World Cup To Be Hosted By UK's West Midlands region

The UK region will become the first destination outside of Asia to host this event.

The tournament, organized by England Kabaddi, Scottish Kabaddi, and the British Kabaddi League, will feature at least 16 teams (men and women).

World Kabaddi Federation was founded in 2003. It was incorporated under section 25 of the companies Act, 1956 on September 30, 2005. Ashok Das, President of the World Kabaddi Federation and England Kabaddi.

85. Achanta Sharath Kamal to receive Khel Ratna Award 2022

Table Tennis star Achanta Sharath Kamal is set to receive Dhyani Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2022, according to an announcement from the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

A total of 25 athletes including shuttlers Lakshya Sen, HS Prannoy, woman boxer Nikhat Zareen, athletes Eldhose Paul, Avinash Sable have been nominated for the Arjuna Award this year.

86. Tata Motors, Cummins sign MoU for 'Net Zero' emission vehicles

To collaborate on the design and development of low and zero-emission propulsion technology solutions for commercial vehicles in India, including hydrogen-powered internal combustion engines, fuel cells, and battery electric vehicle systems, Cummins and Tata Motors have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

87. 17th G20 Summit begins in Bali, Indonesia

During the Summit, G20 Leaders will deliberate upon key issues of global concern under the Summit theme of "Recover Together, Recover Stronger". Three working sessions will be held as part of the G20 Summit Agenda. These are food and energy security, health, and digital transformation.

88. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas being celebrated across the country

President Droupadi Murmu will pay tributes to Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Ulihatu village in Khunti district of Jharkhand on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas. Union Government has declared 15th November as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas to commemorate the contributions of tribal communities in the nation's history and culture.

89. Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award will be given to Spanish film director Carlos Saura at 53rd IFFI

IFFI 53 - the annual film festival will be hosted in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2022. The Austrian film 'Alma and Oskar', directed by Dieter Berner, will open the annual festival while Krzysztof Zanussi's

'Perfect Number' is the closing film. France is the 'Spotlight' country and 8 films will be screened under 'Country Focus' package.

90. NMDC Sweeps PRCI Excellence Awards 2022

NMDC bagged the Champion of Champions Award, sweeping the 16th PRCI Global Communication Conclave 2022, to bring home fourteen Corporate Communication Excellence Awards. The awards were presented at the Global Communication Conclave organised by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) in Kolkata.

91. "In our LiFEtime" Campaign launched by India at COP 27

National Museum of Natural History (NMNH), under the Ministry of Environment and UNDP, jointly launched 'In Our LiFEtime' campaign to encourage youth between the ages of 18 to 23 years to become message bearers of sustainable lifestyles. This campaign envisions to recognize youth from around the world taking climate action initiatives that resonate with the concept of LiFE.

92. Government nominates Vivek Joshi as Director on RBI's central board

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that the government has nominated Vivek Joshi to its central board. Joshi who is the secretary of the Department of Financial Services, will hold the position of Director at RBI.

Notably, Joshi took charge as the Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS) under the Ministry of Finance since November 1, 2022.

93. India-US joint military training exercise Yudh Abhyas commenced

18th edition of India-US joint military training exercise Yudh Abhyas will begin today in Auli, Uttarakhand. The 15-day-long exercise will focus on high altitude and extremely cold climate warfare. Yudh Abhyas is conducted annually between India and US with the aim of exchanging best practices, Tactics, Techniques and Procedures between the Armies of the two nations.

94. NASA set to launch Artemis 1 on 16th November 2022

NASA plans to launch its new mega Moon rocket mission Artemis 1 tomorrow from Florida. After the two failed attempts, NASA is planning the first launch of the Space Launch System rocket, the most powerful ever designed by it. Artemis 1 will be the first integrated flight test of NASA's Deep Space Exploration Systems that will enable human exploration to the Moon and Mars.

95. India and Sweden hosts LeadIT Summit, on the sidelines of COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt

The Leadership for Industry Transition- LeadIT initiative focuses on low carbon transition of the hard to abate industrial sector. It was highlighted that the current phase of LeadIT is set to conclude in 2023 and the next year is the time to reflect on the performance and achievements so far.

96. India becomes the world's second largest producer of steel

Union Minister of Steel Jyotiraditya Scindia has said that the country which was earlier a net importer of the steel has now become a net exporter. He informed that India has also moved from 4th largest producer of steel to the second largest producer of steel at global scale.

97. DCGI chief VG Somani gets three months extension

The government has extended the term of Dr VG Somani, the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) by three more months. As the head of CDSCO, the DCGI plays a critical role in ensuring quality of medicines, approves new drugs and vaccines and regulates clinical trials.

98. National Press Day : 16th November

Every year on 16th November, National Press Day is observed to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI). This year marks the 56th anniversary of the Press Council of India's foundation.

The council is typically presided over by a retired Supreme Court judge and 28 additional members, 20 of whom are representatives of Indian media organisations. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, current & the first women chairperson of the PCI.

99. Ex-Chief Economic Advisor Arvind Virmani Appointed As Full-Time Member Of NITI Aayog

The Prime Minister has approved the appointment of Shri Arvind Virmani, Founder, Chairman, Foundation for Economic Growth & Welfare as Full-Time Member, NITI Aayog with immediate effect. He served as a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monetary Policy from February 2013 to August 2016. Arvind Virmani served as the Chief Economic Advisor in the finance ministry (2007-2009).

100. Jaguar Land Rover Chief Executive Officer Thierry Bollor resigns

Jaguar Land Rover Chief Executive Officer Thierry Bollor tendered his resignation from the company for personal reasons.

Adrian Mardell will take over as the interim CEO. He has been a part of Jaguar Land Rover for 32 years and a member of the Executive Board for three years.

N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, Tata Motors and Jaguar Land Rover

101. Phrygian cap symbolising French republic chosen as 2024 Paris Olympics mascot

The Phrygian cap, the symbol of the French republic but wearing sneakers as a nod to the present, was unveiled as the mascot for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

The Olympic Phryge ((pronounced fri-jee-uhs) is a bit smaller, the Paralympic Phryge is a bit slimmer and has a blade on his right leg because it is a Phryge with an impairment. "The two share an Olympic motto - 'Alone we go faster - but together we go further.'"

102. Mary Kom elected as the Chairperson of Athletes Commission of IOA

6-time World women's boxing champion Mary Kom was elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

The vice Chairperson position went to Sharath Kamal, the table tennis ace.

The athletes commission nominated Olympic medallists PV Sindhu & Gagan Narang for inclusion in the electoral college for the Executive Council of the IOA.

103. IFSCA signs MoU with RBI in the field of regulation, supervision of regulated entities

The International Financial Services Centres Authority, IFSCA and the Reserve Bank of India have signed a MoU for collaboration in the field of regulation and supervision of regulated entities. The IFSCA is a unified regulator responsible for development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in the IFSCs across the country.

104. NCW launches Digital Shakti 4.0 focussing on making women digitally skilled and aware

Digital Shakti Campaign is a pan-India project on digitally empowering and skilling women and girls in the cyberspace. It aims to train women and girls to use technology to their advantage and to keep themselves safe online. The NCW launched it in collaboration with CyberPeace Foundation and Meta.

105. Achanta Sharath Kamal becomes the first Indian to be elected in ITTF's Athletes' Commission

Star Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF). Eight athletes including four male and four female, were elected from Asia, Africa, the Americas, Europe, and Oceania and will serve in the Athletes' Commission for four years from 2022 to 2026.

106. Meta appoints Sandhya Devanathan as India head

Facebook parent Meta has appointed Sandhya Devanathan as the Vice President of Meta India. Devanathan, who is leading the company's gaming vertical for the Asia Pacific (APAC) market, will transition to her new role on January 1, 2023 and will report to Dan Neary, Vice President, Meta APAC.

107. President Sh. Murmu appoints Dr CV Ananda Bose as Governor of West Bengal

President Droupadi Murmu appointed Dr CV Ananda Bose as the Governor of West Bengal. Manipur Governor La Ganesan had been holding the additional charge of West Bengal since July after the former Governor, Jagdeep Dhankhar, became India's Vice President.

Dr. Bose is the first ever Fellow of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration in Mussoorie.

108. Gianni Infantino set to get third term as FIFA president

FIFA president Gianni Infantino is getting four more years in charge of football's governing body after no candidate stepped up to challenge him.

Infantino won a five-candidate race in 2016 to replace Sepp Blatter, and was re-elected unopposed in 2019. He's now set to stay in the job beyond the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico. FIFA Headquarters location: Location: Zrich, Switzerland.

109. IPC suspends Russian, Belarusian committees with immediate effect

The International Paralympic Committee voted to suspend the National Paralympic Committees (NPCs) of Russia and Belarus with immediate effect, placing their para-athletes' hopes of competing at the 2024 Paralympics in jeopardy.

Both NPCs were suspended for their "inability to comply with their membership obligations under the IPC Constitution".

110. Retired BPCL chairman Arun Kumar Singh to be next head of ONGC

Oil refining and marketing company BPCL's former chairman Arun Kumar Singh is likely to be the new chairman of India's top oil and gas producer ONGC -- the first instance of a top PSU board-level position going to a person aged over 60.

ONGC was founded on 14 August 1956 by the Government of India.

111. ISRO to launch the first-ever private Rocket from Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh

India's first-ever private launch of Vikram Suborbital rocket will take place at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The Mission Prarambh will carry three customer payloads Space Kidz India, Bazoomq Armenia and N-Space Tech India. A non-government entity, the start-up Skyroot Aerospace Private limited had developed the single-stage Vikram Suborbital rocket.

112. PM to inaugurate first greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh

PM will inaugurate first greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh - 'Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar'. Airport's name reflects the age-old indigenous reverence to Sun ('Donyi') and the Moon ('Polo') in Arunachal Pradesh. PM also will dedicate a 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the Nation.

113. CEC Shri Rajiv Kumar invited as International Observer for forthcoming Elections in Nepal

Shri Rajiv Kumar will be leading a delegation of ECI officials as State guest in Nepal from 18th November to 22nd November, 2022. ECI had been chairing the Association of World Election Bodies, which is the world's largest international organization in the field of election management - since Sept 2019 to October 2022.

114. NTPC team wins GOLD award in 47th ICQCC-2022

NTPC's QC Team from Unchahar ABHYUDAYA has won the "GOLD" award in the 47th International Convention on Quality Control Circle (ICQCC-2022). The theme for ICQCC-2022 was 'Built Back Better through Quality Efforts'. NTPC QC Team presented on "Frequent Choking of Collecting tanks of AHP-IV".

115. World Toilet Day - November 19

World Toilet Day is held annually since 2013 to celebrate toilets and raises awareness for the people living without access to sanitation. The

2022 theme of 'World Toilet Day' is 'Making the Invisible Visible'.

The Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) is organizing 'Swachhta Run' across rural India.

116. SBI gets Rs 1,240 crore from German KfW for solar projects

State Bank of India signed a 150 million euro (Rs 1,240 crore) loan agreement with the German development bank KfW for funding solar projects. The long-term loan, under the Indo-German solar partnership, will facilitate new and upcoming capacities in the solar sector and further contribute to the country's goals announced during the COP26.

117. India ranks high in climate protection, bags 8th position in Climate Change Performance Index

India climbed 2 spots to bag 8th position out of 63 in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023.

The rankings by Germanwatch, NewClimate Institute and the Climate Action Network are based on how well the countries are doing to halve their emissions by 2030 -- an essential aspect to keep the 1.5-degree Celsius goal within reach and prevent dangerous climate change India held the tenth position in 2022 and 2021. It came in 9 place on the list in 2020.

118. Govt raises maximum tenure of PSU Banks' MD and CEO from 5 years to 10 years

The government has increased the maximum term for the MD and CEO of public sector banks (PSBs) from 5 to 10 years, subject to a retirement age of 60, as per a government notification. This also applies to all PSBs' full-time directors.

The amendment would be known as the Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Scheme, 2022.

119. Manika Batra wins bronze at Asian Cup, first Indian woman to clinch medal at event

Manika Batra became the first Indian woman to win a medal in the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup after shocking world number six Hina Hayata of Japan in the bronze playoff.

The \$200,000 event featured the top 16 players in the men's and women's singles from the continent based on world rankings and qualifications.

Besides the historic bronze, Manika won \$10,000 as prize money. The 33rd Asian Cup took place in Bangkok from 17 November to 19th November 2022.

120. India to assume chair of Global Partnership on AI

India will take over the chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).

The minister of state for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar will represent India at the GPAI meeting. It will be held on 21 November in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from France, which is the outgoing Council Chair.

121. Health ministry includes coronary stents in National List of Essential Medicines, 2022

After considering all aspects of coronary stents, it has been recommended that coronary stent is an essential medical device which has been notified as a 'drug' under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 & therefore, it should be included in National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM), 2022,".

This move will help make these life-saving medical devices more affordable.

122. Government withdraws export duty on steel

Government has withdrawn export duty on steel. It has withdrawn the export duty on iron ores lumps and Fines below 58 percent iron content, iron ore pellets and the specified steel products including pig iron. The import duty concessions on Anthracite, coking coal, coke and semi coke and ferronickel have also been withdrawn. The measures will provide a fillip to the domestic steel industry and boost exports.

123. ICICI Bank, Bajaj Finance see highest FPI inflows in July-September

ICICI Bank and Bajaj Finance saw the highest foreign portfolio investor (FPIs) inflows, at Rs 64,991 crore and Rs 25,708, respectively, during the three-month period ended September this year. Conversely, Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services saw the highest FPI outflows at Rs 44,622 crore and Rs 17,838 crore, respectively, during this period.

124. Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated Geo Smart India 2022 Summit in Hyderabad

Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated Geo Smart India 2022 Summit in Hyderabad. About 2500 representatives from about 500 government, private, organisations working on geospatial technology have attended the three-day summit. Minister said the country is spearheading a new wave of socioeconomic prosperity fueled by cutting-edge technology and innovation.

125. India launches official website of SCO for 2023-'For a SECURE SCO'

India has launched the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as it will host the next SCO summit as a chairman of organisation in 2023. India received the SCO rotating presidency yesterday in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. India will hold the presidency of the grouping for a year until September 2023.

126. RBI allows HDFC Bank, Canara Bank to open vostro account for Rupee trade with Russia

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allowed HDFC Bank Ltd and Canara Bank Ltd to open a special "vostro account" for trade in Rupees with Russia.

Vostro accounts are accounts a bank holds on behalf of another, often foreign bank, and this forms a key part of correspondent banking.

127. National Payments Corporation of India in talks with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on volume cap deadline to 30%

National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is in talks with the Reserve Bank on the implementation of its proposed December 31 deadline for limiting the volume cap of players to 30 per cent.

At present, there is no volume cap. So, two players -- Google Pay and PhonePe -- account for a market share of about 80 percent. Dilip Asbe is the MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

128. Shortfall of 80% docs, specialists across country's community health centres: RBI data

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in the seventh edition of its statistical publication titled 'Handbook of Statistics on Indian States 2021-22', stated that as per the health ministry data, community health centres across the country lack around 79.90% of mandatory health specialists including surgeons, OB&GY, physicians and paediatricians.

129. Global recognition to family planning measures; India receives EXCELL Award at International Conference on Family Planning

India's family planning measures got appreciation on a global stage with the country receiving Excellence in Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards -2022. The award was received at the International Conference on Family Planning held in Pattaya, Thailand. India came out as the only country which bagged this award in the 'country category' at the conference.

130. IIT Guwahati director T G Sitharam appointed AICTE chairman

Professor T G Sitharam, director at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati has been appointed as the new chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

He has been appointed for a period of three years.

Sitharam has replaced Mamidala Jagadesh Kumar, chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC) who was temporarily appointed as AICTE chairman.

131. EU-India signs an 'Intent of Cooperation on High Performance Computing and Quantum Technologies'

Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY), Government of India and the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG CONNECT), European Commission signed an "Intent of Cooperation on High Performance Computing (HPC), Weather Extremes & Climate Modeling and Quantum Technologies". Virtual ceremony was held simultaneously at MeitY, New Delhi & at DG CONNECT, Brussels.

132. India's Purnima Devi Barman Is One of UNEP's 'Champions of the Earth' for 2022

India's Purnima Devi Barman, an Assam-based wildlife biologist, is one of the five 'Champions of the Earth' for this year, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced.

Barman won the award this year in the 'Entrepreneurial Vision' category, for her trail-blazing work in protecting the greater adjutant stork, called 'hargila' in Assamese. United Nations Environment Programme, (UNEP) Headquarters location: Nairobi, Kenya.

133. Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation settles claims worth Rs 8,516.6 crore in FY22: Report

According to the DICGC's annual report, of the ' 8,516.6 crore claims settled by the DICGC, Rs 5,059.2 crore were for liquidated and merged banks, and Rs 3,457.4 crore were for banks subject to the RBI's All Inclusive Directions (AID).

The Deposit Insurance Scheme covers all commercial banks in India, including foreign bank branches, local area banks, regional rural banks. The DICGC, a wholly owned subsidiary of the RBI, insures bank deposits.

134. SBI continues to lead debit card market, HDFC leads credit cards for October 2022

The country's largest lender, State Bank of India continues to dominate the debit card, market in October 2022, with a 29% share, revealed data by 1 Lattice (previously PGA Labs).

In the credit cards market, India's largest private sector bank, HDFC bank led the share with a whopping 21 per cent.

The lead was followed by SBI Card (19%), ICICI Bank (17%), Axis Bank (11%).

135. CSE and DST join hands to develop EV batteries suited for India

This joint initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) is aimed at addressing these gaps and to create a platform that will assess, evaluate and identify technology solutions that are safe, have locally appropriate supply chain systems and can be customized for the various vehicle applications.

136. Government approves continuation of interest subvention scheme for short-term crop loans

The government has approved the continuation of interest subvention scheme for short-term loans of up to Rs 3 lakh for agriculture and allied activities availed through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the current and the next fiscals.

An additional interest subvention of 3 per cent per annum is provided to farmers who repay loans in time.

Under the scheme, farmers get loan at a concessional interest rate of 7 per cent.

137. Shri Vinit Kumar takes over the charge of CEO, KVIC

Shri Vinit Kumar has been appointed as CEO, Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC), under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.

He has served as the Chairman of Syama Prasad Mukherjee Port, Kolkata (erstwhile Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Port, Kolkata).

138. Anwar Ibrahim sworn in as Malaysian PM after post-election deadlock

Malaysia's veteran opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim will be the country's new prime minister, after a turbulent 25-year pursuit for the job that saw him jailed twice.

King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah appointed Anwar after meeting candidates for prime minister and newly elected members of parliament.

139. IDFC FIRST Bank launches FIRSTAP, country's first sticker-based debit card

IDFC FIRST Bank has launched FIRSTAP, the country's first sticker-based debit card, in association with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), to facilitate transactions by simply tapping the sticker on a Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled point-of-sale terminal.

The sticker-based Debit Card is one third the size of a regular debit card.

V Vaidyanathan, managing director and chief executive officer at IDFC First Bank Ltd.

140. PM Modi remains world's most popular leader with approval rating of 77 %

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains the world's most popular leader among 22 world leaders with an approval rating of 77 percent. This was revealed in a Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US based consulting firm Morning Consult.

Mexico President Andrs Manuel Lpez Obrador stands at second position followed by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. US President Joe Biden is placed at 9th place followed by UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak.

141. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah Al Sisi to be Chief Guest of Republic Day celebration 2023

President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah Al Sisi will be the Chief Guest at Republic Day celebrations on 26th January next year. This is the first time that President of Egypt will be the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day.

Both countries are celebrating the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations this year. Egypt has been invited as a 'Guest Country' during G-20 in 2022-23.

142. 'Austra Hind-22': India-Australia joint military exercise from 28 November to 11 December 2022

The bilateral training exercise 'Austra Hind 22' between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army will take place from 28 November to 11 December 2022 at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges, Rajasthan.

The Indian Army is represented by troops from the Dogra Regiment. The exercise will be a yearly event conducted alternatively in India and Australia.

143. SEBI brings in buying, selling of mutual funds under insider trading rules

SEBI has amended norms to bring buying and selling of mutual fund units under the ambit of insider trading rules.

At present, insider trading rules are applicable to dealing in securities of listed companies or those proposed to be listed, when in possession of Unpublished Price Sensitive Information (UPSI) whereas mutual funds are excluded from the def of securities.

144. 'Nai Chetna' gender campaign launched

The National Rural Livelihood Mission's Nai Chetna gender campaign was launched in Tamail Nadu under the leadership of Kudumbashree. The nationwide campaign, organised by the Union government, aims to enable women to acknowledge gender-based violence, prepare them to raise their voices against it, and provide them with knowledge about their rights.

145. India wins IEC vice presidency and Strategic Management Board Chair for 2023-25

India has won the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term.

India's representative Vimal Mahendru -- a member of the Indian National Committee of the IEC and various technical committees of the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS-India) -- was elected as IEC vice president. IEC, Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

146. RBI to launch first pilot for retail digital rupee from December 1; SBI, ICICI Bank & 6 other banks identified for participation

"The pilot would cover select locations in closed user group (CUG) comprising participating customers and merchants. The e'-R would be in the form of a digital token that represents legal tender. It would be issued in the same denominations that paper currency and coins are currently issued. It would be distributed through intermediaries, i.e., banks".

147. Kirit Parikh Panel recommends \$4-6.50/unit gas price band for old fields

The government-appointed gas price review panel headed by Kirit Parikh has summited its recommendations to the Oil Ministry. The panel's suggestion on gas prices includes removing caps on gas prices in three years. Also, it has recommended a price band of \$4-6.50/unit for gas from old fields. On October 1, 2022 prices of natural gas were increased 40 per cent.

QUICK LEARNERS

BANKING

Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR)	4.50%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR)	18.00%

POLICY/EXCHANGE RATE & RESERVE RATIO	PERCENTAGE
Policy Repo Rate	6.25%
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	6.00%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate (MSF)	6.50%
Bank Rate	6.50%

APPOINTMENT	POST
Vishal Kapoor	CEO of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
Bhushan Akshikar	MD of GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals Limited
KV Kamath	Non-executive chairman of Reliance Strategic Investments
Jos Mara Ivarez-Pallete Lpez	CEO of Telefónica Group
Gopal Vittal	Deputy Chairman of Telefónica Group
Natasa Pirc Musar	President of Slovenia
Suraj Bhan	Chairman of the National Pension System Trust (NPS Trust)
Pankaj R. Patel	Chairperson of IIM Ahmadabad Board of Governors
Arun Goel	Election Commissioner
Kassym-Jomart Tokayev	President of Kazakhstan
Prof. Venu Gopal Achanta	Member of International Committee for Weight and Measures (CIPM)
Stefano Sanchini	Head of Bridgestone India operations
Rajiv Kumar	Member of Policy and advisory board of property consultant India Sotheby's International Realty
Romal Shetty	CEO-designate of Deloitte India
Sundararaman Ramamurthy	MD & CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
Preeti Sudan	Member of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
G Hemaprabha	Director of ICAR-Sugarcane Breeding Institute
Vetsa Ramakrishna Gupta	Chairman & MD of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)
Subhrakant Panda	President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
Kishor K Basa	Chairman of National Monuments Authority (NMA)
Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau	President of the International Hockey Federation (FIH)
Justice DY Chandrachud	Chief Justice of India
Neeraj Chopra	Friendship Ambassador of Switzerland
Greg Barclay	Chairman of International Cricket Council
Gaurav Dwivedi	CEO of Prasar Bharati
Arvind Virmani	Full-Time Member, NITI Aayog
Mary Kom	Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)
Achanta Sharath Kamal	Member of Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)
Sandhya Devanathan	Vice President of Meta India
CV Ananda Bose	Governor of West Bengal
Gianni Infantino	President of FIFA
Arun Kumar Singh	Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
T G Sitharam	Chairman of All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
Vinit Kumar	CEO of Khadi & Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
Anwar Ibrahim	Prime Minister of Malaysia

AWARDS

WINNER	AWARD
Aruna Sairam	Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite
Arfa Khanum Sherwani	Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman 2022
Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong	UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence 2022
Danish Manzoor Bhat	Jaipur Foot USA's first Global Humanitarian Award 2022
Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank (KVGB)	National award from Pension Fund regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)
14th Dalai Lama	Gandhi Mandela Award 2022
Chiranjeevi	Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022
e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project	GOLD AWARD under the category "Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation" of the National Awards for e-Governance.
Ravi Kumar Sagar	Dr. Abdul Kalam Seva Puraskar 2022
Bangladesh Film Agantuk	Prasad DI award 2022 at IFFI
Iranian film Nargesi	ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal 2022 at IFFI
Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Vastu Sangrahalaya	UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation-2022.
Late Puneeth Rajkumar	Karnataka Ratna 2022
Virat Kohli	International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Player of October 2022
Nida Dar	International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Player of October 2022
Venki Ramakrishnan	UK's Royal Order of Merit
NMDC /National Mineral Development Corporation	Champion of Champions Award,
India	Excellence in Leadership in Family Planning (EXCELL) Awards - 2022
Purnima Devi Barman	UNEP's Champion of Earth 2022
Sharath Kamal Achanta	Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022
Seema Punia	Arjuna Award 2022
Eldhose Paul	Arjuna Award 2022
Avinash Mukund Sable	Arjuna Award 2022
Lakshya Sen	Arjuna Award 2022
Prannoy HS	Arjuna Award 2022
Amit	Arjuna Award 2022
Nikhat Zareen	Arjuna Award 2022
Bhakti Pradip Kulkarni	Arjuna Award 2022
R Praggnanandhaa	Arjuna Award 2022
Deep Grace Ekka	Arjuna Award 2022
Shushila Devi	Arjuna Award 2022
Sakshi Kumari	Arjuna Award 2022
Nayan Moni Saikia	Arjuna Award 2022
Sagar Kailas Ovhalkar	Arjuna Award 2022
ElavenilValarivan	Arjuna Award 2022
Omprakash Mitharval	Arjuna Award 2022
Sreeja Akula	Arjuna Award 2022
Vikas Thakur	Arjuna Award 2022
Anshu	Arjuna Award 2022
Sarita	Arjuna Award 2022
Parveen	Arjuna Award 2022
Manasi Girishchandra Joshi	Arjuna Award 2022
Tarun Dhillon	Arjuna Award 2022
Swapnil Sanjay Patil	Arjuna Award 2022

Jerlin Anika J	Arjuna Award 2022
Jiwanjot Singh Teja	Dronacharya Award 2022
Mohammad Ali Qamar	Dronacharya Award 2022
Suma Siddharth Shirur	Dronacharya Award 2022
Sujeet Maan	Dronacharya Award 2022
Dinesh Jawahar Lad	Dronacharya Lifetime Achievemnet Award 2022
Bimal Prafulla Ghosh	Dronacharya Lifetime Achievemnet Award 2022
Raj Singh	Dronacharya Lifetime Achievemnet Award 2022
Ashwini Akkunji C.	Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022
Dharamvir Singh	Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022
B.C Suresh	Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022
Nir Bahadur Gurung	Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award 2022

IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
November 1st - 5th	7th India Water Week	Water Security for Sustainable Development with Equity
31st October – 6th November	Vigilance Awareness Wee	NA
November 5th	World Tsunami Awareness Day	NA
November 6th	International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict	NA
November 7th	National Cancer Awareness Day	NA
November 7th	Infant Protection Day	NA
November 8th	World Radiography Day	Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety
November 9th	National Legal Services Day	NA
November 9th - 15th	International Week of Science and Peace	NA
November 10th	World Science Day for peace and development	Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development
November 11th	National Education Day	Changing Course, Transforming Education.
November 12th	World Pneumonia Day	Championing the fight to stop pneumonia.
November 13th	World Kindness Day	Be kind whenever possible
November 14th	National Children's Day	NA
November 14th	World Diabetes Day	Access to diabetes education
November 15th	Day Of Eight Billion	NA
November 16th	International Day of Tolerance	NA
November 16th	National Press Day	NA
November 17th	World Philosophy Day	The Human of the Future'
November 18th	World Day For Prevention Of Child Sexual Abuse	NA
November 18th	National Naturopathy Day	Naturopathy: an Integrative medicine
November 18th- 24th	World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)	NA
November 19th	World Toilet Day	Making the Invisible Visible
November 19th	Women's Entrepreneurship Day	#choosewomen
November 19th- 25th	World Heritage Week	NA
November 20th	World Children's Day	NA

November 20th	World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims	NA
November 20th	Africa Industrialization Day	NA
November 21st	World Fisheries Day	NA
November 21st	World Television Day	NA
November 25th	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women	UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls
November 26th	Constitution Day	NA
November 26th	National Milk Day	NA
November 28th	Red Planet Day	NA
November 29th	International Jaguar Day	NA
November 29th	International Day Of Solidarity With The Palestinian People 2022	NA
November 30th	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare	NA

OBITUARY

OBITUARY	RELATED FIELD
Dr Jamshed J Irani	Former TATA Steel MD
Ela Bhatt	Lawyer
Shyam Saran Negi	First Voter of Independent India
RL Kashyap	Mathematician
Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta	Founder of Rasna
Babu Mani	Football Player
Vikram Kirloskar	Vice Chairman, Toyota Kirloskar Motor

IMPORTANT STATIC & CURRENT INFO

INDIAN STATES, CAPITALS, CHIEF MINISTERS & GOVERNORS

STATE	CAPITAL	CHIEF MINISTER	GOVERNOR
Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandn
Arunachal Pradesh	Itanagar	Pema Khandu	Brigadier B.D. Mishra (retd)
Assam	Dispur	HimantaBiswaSarma	Prof. Jagdish Mukhi
Bihar	Patna	Nitish Kumar	Phagu Chauhan
Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Bhupesh Baghel	AnusuiyaUikey
Goa	Panaji	Pramod Sawant	P.S. Sreedharan Pillai
Gujarat	Gandhi Nagar	Vijaybhai R. Rupani	Acharya Dev Vrat
Haryana	Chandigarh	Manohar Lal Khattar	BandaruDattatraya
Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	Jai Ram Thakur	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Jharkhand	Ranchi	Hemant Soren	Ramesh Bais
Karnataka	Bengaluru	Basavaraj Bommai	Thaawarchand Gehlot
Kerala	Thiruvananthapuram	Pinarayi Vijayan	Arif Mohammed Khan
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	Shivraj Singh Chauhan	MangubhaiChhaganbhai Patel
Maharashtra	Mumbai	Eknath Shinde	Bhagat Singh Koshyari
Manipur	Imphal	N Biren Singh	La. Ganesan
Meghalaya	Shillong	Conrad Kongkal Sangma	Brigadier B.D. Mishra (retd)
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	Tamilisai Soundararajan
Tripura	Agartala	Dr. Manik Saha	Satyadeo Narain Arya
Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow	Yogi Aditya Nath	Anandiben Patel
Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
West Bengal	Kolkata	Mamata Banerjee	C V Ananda Bose

UNION TERRITORIES, LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS & ADMINISTRATORS

UNION TERRITORY	LT. GOVERNOR & ADMINISTRATOR
Andaman and Nicobar Island (UT)	Admiral D K Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
Chandigarh (UT)	Banwarilal Purohit (Administrator)
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Delhi (NCT)	Vinai Kumar Saxena (Lieutenant Governor)
Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	Manoj Sinha (Lieutenant Governor)
Lakshadweep (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Puducherry (UT)	Dr. Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge) (Lieutenant Governor)
Ladakh (UT)	Radha Krishna Mathur (Lieutenant Governor)

UNION MINISTERS & PORTFOLIO

UNION MINISTER	PORTFOLIO
Narendra Modi	Ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space
Rajnath Singh	Ministry of Defence
Amit Shah	Ministry of Home Affairs Ministry of Cooperation
Nitin Gadkari	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Nirmala Sitharaman	Ministry of Finance Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Piyush Goyal	Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministry of Textiles Ministry of Consumer affairs, food and public distribution
Narendra Singh Tomar	Ministry of agriculture and Farmers welfare
Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Ministry of External Affairs
Arjun Munda	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Smriti Zubin Irani	Ministry of Women and child Development Ministry of Minority Affairs
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)
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 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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