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## Banking & Finance

### 1. SBI launches 'Gram Seva Program' across six states of India

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, the State Bank of India announced that it will adopt 30 remote villages across India under the 4th phase of the 'SBI Gram Seva' program. Under the flagship scheme of the SBI Foundation, the bank will adopt remote villages across Aspirational Districts in Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. Sanjay Prakash, MD & CEO, SBI Foundation

### 2. No charge for RuPay credit card use on UPI for transaction up to '2,000: NPCI

Acquirers shall categorize Small Offline Merchant as per the RBI circular dated December 6, 2017. Nil MDR (no interchange, PSP & app provider charges) shall apply for this category up to the transaction amount less than and equal to Rs 2,000," a circular issued by NPCI, which operates UPI, said.

However, UPI, along with RuPay debit cards, do not attract any charges.

### 3. RBI introduces Internal Ombudsman mechanism for Credit Information Companies

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on October 6 introduced the Internal Ombudsman mechanism for Credit Information Companies.

The RBI, in the 'Statement on Developmental and Regulatory Policies', had said it was necessary for all Credit Information Companies (CICs) to appoint Internal Ombudsman (IO) at the apex of their internal grievance redress mechanism by April 1, 2023.

### 4. Sebi cancels certificate of registration granted to Brickwork Ratings

The Securities and Exchange Board of India cancelled the recognition certificate granted to Brickwork Ratings India, one of the seven registered credit rating agencies in the country, for 'repeated lapses' and irregularities in 'discharging its duties'. Sebi said Brickwork, which counts Canara Bank as its promoter, had failed to take corrective measures despite penal action

### 5. JSW Cement secures Rs 400 cr as sustainability-linked loan from MUFG Bank

JSW Cement has raised Rs 400 cr from MUFG Bank India as its first sustainability-linked loan. While this credit line is the first sustainability-linked loan for the company, it is also MUFG Bank India's first transaction undertaken out of its new IFSC unit branch launched in August 2022 in the Gift City. Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group is headquartered in Tokyo. Parth Jindal- Managing Director of JSW Cement

### 6. LIC and Central Govt to divest 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank

LIC and Central Govt own close to 94% in IDBI Bank, of which the Centre has 45.48% stake and LIC has 49.24%, as of June 30. As per the plan, the Centre will divest a 30.48% stake while LIC will sell off 30.24%.

This would be the first attempt to privatise a public sector bank in India.

CCEA agreed to its strategic disinvestment and transfer management control in May 2021. IDBI was constituted as a Dev Fin'l Institute (DFI) in 1964 and later as a Bank in 2004.

### 7. SEBI Clarifies Guidelines Regarding Instruction Slip for Shares Pledging

To curb clients' abuse of the stockbroker's Power of Attorney (PoA), SEBI expanded the scope of the Demat Debit and Pledge Instruction (DDPI) for pledges and repeals of securities for margin purposes.

MF transactions executed on stock exchange order entry platforms and tenders for the public offering of shares through SE platforms would also be covered under DDPI. Share Pledge: A promoter shareholding in a company is used as collateral to avail a loan.

### 8. HDFC Bank launches SmartHub Vyapar Merchant app for SMEs

HDFC Bank announced the launch of SmartHub Vyapar Merchant app, a payments and banking solution for small and medium-sized businesses.

The app has been developed in partnership with a merchant Saas platform, Mintoak Innovations India.

It enables merchants to accept interoperable payments across multiple payment modes which include Cards, UPI and QR code. CMD of HDFC Bank: Sashidhar Jagdishan.

### 9. ICICI Bank launches Smart Wire for inward remittances

ICICI Bank has launched an online service to assist its customers in making SWIFT-based inward remittances more quickly and easily. The feature, known as "Smart Wire," enables inward remittance transactions to be completed electronically for both NRIs and resident customers. Customers can use the

"Smart Wire" service by logging into the internet banking platform. ICICI HQ- Vadodara; CMD- Sandeep Bakhshi.

#### **10. Primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) in all panchayats soon**

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that primary agricultural credit societies (PACS) will be set up in all panchayats of the country over the next five years to boost activities such as marketing of dairy products.

There are only 65,000 active PACS at present, and all panchayats will have one such body by 2027 to promote farming and dairy activities. PACS constitute the lowest tier of the three-tier Short-term cooperative credit in India.

#### **11. RBI cancels the licence of Pune-based the Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank Limited**

Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of Pune-based the Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank Limited as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. The bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on 10, Oct 2022, according to RBI. Payment to depositors will be made in compliance with the provisions of the DICGC Act, 1961

#### **12. MDs, CEOs of ARCs can't have more than 3 terms in office without a cool-off**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said managing directors (MDs) and chief executive officers (CEOs) of asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) cannot have more than three terms in office, with each term not exceeding five years. In addition, the retirement age of CEOs has been brought on a level pegging with CEOs of private banks, which is 70 years.

#### **13. RBI asks banks to set aside capital, provisions for unhedged FX exposure**

The Reserve Bank of India tweaked guidelines for banks on incremental capital and provisioning requirements in relation to unhedged foreign currency exposures, amid the weakness in the rupee vis-a-vis the US dollar. The revised rules will come into force from January 1, 2023. Entities which do not hedge their foreign currency exposures can incur significant losses.

#### **14. RBI asks banks to stop building positions in offshore market**

The central bank's move in 2020 came after studies showed that the foreign bank-dominated non-deliverable forward (NDF) market, over which the RBI had little influence, fuelled volatility and often led the spot rupee lower in times of stress. Letting Indian banks trade in the segment would give RBI more control.

#### **15. RBI and SEBI Issue Standard Operating Procedure for Inter-operable Regulatory Sandbox (IoRS)**

Financial products or service providers whose business models fall within the remit of more than 1 financial sector regulator such as RBI, SEBI, IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India), PFRDA (Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority) and IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority) will be considered for the testing under IoRS. RBI launched the final framework for Regulatory Sandbox in 2019.

#### **16. Amounts received as claims from credit guarantee company to be exempt from CRR, SLR**

The Reserve Bank of India has said the amounts received by them from the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) towards claims invoked and held by them pending adjustment of the same towards the relative advances, need not be treated as outside liabilities for the purpose of computation of deposits for maintaining statutory reserve ratios.

#### **17. Google Cloud gets MeitY accreditation to partner with public sector firms**

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has authorised Google Cloud to use cloud technology to address challenging issues for governmental organisations.

Google is now in a position to collaborate fully with Indian public sector organisations and take an active role in the country's digital transformation initiatives, particularly Project Meghraj.

#### **18. PM Modi dedicates 75 Digital Banking Units to the nation; Terms it a significant step in simplifying lives of common people**

PM dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units to the nation through video conferencing. The DBUs have been set up with the objective to ensure that benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country. It will provide digital banking facilities to people. The DBUs will enable those who do not have ICT infrastructure to access banking services digitally.



### **19. NHAH to offer NCDs yielding 8.05% for 25 years**

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari announced that the National Highways Infra Trust (NHAI InvIT) bonds, which he said will offer an effective return of 8.05% per annum. These InvIT bonds will be listed on BSE and NSE, providing an opportunity for investors to invest and trade, he added. These are of Non-Convertible Debenture.

### **20. Karnataka Bank bags digital transformation awards of CII**

Karnataka Bank has been awarded the National Digital Transformation Awards 'DX 2022 Awards' by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for best practice in digital transformation under the BFSI (banking, financial services and insurance) segment. It launched 'KBL NxT' in 2021 in a bid to emerge as the 'digital bank of future'. Mahabaleshwara MS, MD and CEO of Karnataka Bank.

### **21. RBL Bank, BookMyShow launch 'Play' credit card**

RBL Bank and BookMyShow have announced a partnership to launch a new 'Play' credit card. Earlier in 2016, RBL Bank had partnered with BookMyShow for the launch of 'Fun Plus' credit card.

BookMyShow customers can purchase the 'Play' credit card for an annual fee of Rs 500, while loyalty programme Superstars can get the card at zero cost. RBL Bank's MD & CEO: R Subramaniakumar.

### **22. IndusInd Bank to loan \$150 million from US DFC to support women entrepreneurs**

IndusInd Bank has executed an agreement with the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) for a \$150 million loan to expand its microfinance portfolio. The private sector lender will use the proceeds to lend to women borrowers in rural communities of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. IndusInd Bank MD and CEO - Sumant Kathpalia.

### **23. HDFC Securities opens women-only Digital Centre in Bengaluru**

HDFC Securities, has announced the opening of India's first Women-Only Digital Center (DC). This cutting-edge, all-female centre will assist both male and female investors. The company plans to hire more than 100 relationship managers for the women only DC. With the DCs, customers will be able to access support as and when they need it.

### **24. BSE India Launches Trading in Electronic Gold Receipts**

The Bombay Stock Exchange has launched Electronic Gold Receipt on its platform, a move that will help in efficient and transparent price discovery of the metal. It introduced two new products of 995 and 999 purity during the Muhurat trading on Diwali, and trading will be in multiples of 1 gram and deliveries in multiples of 10 gram and 100 gram. Sameer Patil, CBO at BSE

### **25. Northern Arc Capital raises \$50 million through NCDs from FMO**

Northern Arc Capital (NBFC) has raised \$50 million through non-convertible debentures from the Dutch entrepreneurial development bank FMO. Northern Arc will use half the proceeds to serve MSMEs and women entrepreneurs including three critical UN Sustainable Development Goals including SDG 8 (Decent Work & Economic Growth), SDG 5 (Gender Equality) & SDG 10 (Reduced Inequality). Ashish Mehrotra, MD & CEO of Northern Arc Capital

### **26. RBI revokes authorisation certificate of Chennai-based GI Technology**

The Reserve Bank of India, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 8 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, has revoked the Certificate of Authorisation (CoA) of the Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns in the company.

### **27. RBI lists 16 NBFCs in upper layer under its scale-based regulation.**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced the list of non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) in the upper layer under its scale-based regulation. Of the total NBFCs listed by the central bank, 10 are non-deposit taking NBFCs, five are deposit taking non-banks while Tata Sons is a core investment company.

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### 29. New debit, credit card rules kick in from Oct 1 with tokenisation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made it mandatory for all credit and debit card data used in online, point-of-sale, and in-app transactions to be replaced with unique tokens by September 30 this year. This added layer of security by way of tokenisation is expected to enhance users' digital payment experience.

### 30. Mastercard to launch 'carbon calculator' for Indian consumers

Global payments and technology company Mastercard is in talks with Indian banks to roll out its Carbon Calculator feature, which offers consumers an estimated carbon footprint for each of their purchases. Mastercard Carbon Calculator, developed in collaboration with Swedish fintech Doconomy, is currently used in over 25 countries. Michael Miebach is the chief executive officer of Mastercard.

### 31. Govt issues draft guidelines for listing of regional rural banks (RRBs); minimum net worth of Rs 300 cr required

The RRBs should have a track record of profitability and earned operating profit of minimum Rs 15 crore for at least three out of the previous five years, according to the draft guidelines issued by the finance ministry recently. Besides, there should not be any accumulated loss and the lender should have given return on equity of minimum 10% in 3 out of the preceding 5 yrs.



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## Economy

### 1. Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (2016=100) ' August 2022

The All-India CPI-IW for August, 2022 increased by 0.3 points and stood at 130.2 (one hundred thirty point two). The Labour Bureau has been compiling Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers every month on the basis of retail prices collected from 317 markets spread over 88 industrially important centres in the country.

### 2. Adani Ports, 12 other entities sign non-disclosure agreement to access data on Unified Logistics Interface Platform

Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) was part of the 'National Logistics Policy (NLP)'. It is an initiative for the logistics sector that aims to bring ease of doing business in the logistics sector by simplifying the logistics processes, improving its efficiency, bringing in transparency and visibility, and reducing logistics cost & time.

### 3. Inflation likely to come down to 5.2% owing to normal rains, ease in supplies: RBI report

The retail inflation to come under control at 5.2% down from 6.7% which RBI has forecast for the current year, RBI said in its 'Monetary Policy Report September 2022'.

The central bank is mandated to keep retail inflation in a range of 2-6%.

### 4. SIDBI'D&B SPeX, India's 1st Sustainability Index dedicated to MSMEs launched

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and Dun & Bradstreet signed an MoU to create the SIDBI -D&B Sustainability Perception Index (SIDBI ' D&B SPeX).

The index will be presented as a quantitative measurement for policy makers and enablers to nudge businesses towards adopting an ESG framework in their business strategy over the coming years. Sivasubramanian Ramann is CMD of SIDBI.

### 5. World Bank slashes India's economic growth forecast to 6.5% for FY23

The World Bank slashed its growth estimate for India by one percentage point to 6.5 per cent for FY23, citing the blowback of the Russia-Ukraine war and ongoing global monetary policy tightening. This is the lowest growth estimate by any multilateral agency for FY23. Reserve Bank of India pared its growth estimate for FY23 to 7 per cent from 7.2 per cent estimated earlier.

### 6. DPIIT notifies establishment of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS)

Under CGSS, DPIIT aims at providing credit guarantees to loans extended by Scheduled Commercial Banks, NBFCs and SEBI registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs).

The exposure to individual cases would be capped at Rs. 10 crore per case or the actual outstanding credit amount, whichever is less. The guarantee under scheme would be transaction based and umbrella based. Startup India Action Plan was launched on 16th January 2016.

### 7. RBI Launches Concept Note To Create Awareness About Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)

CBDC is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank. CBDC in India will be referred to as e' (digital Rupee).

It is not much different from banknotes, but being digital it is likely to be easier, faster and cheaper.

A central bank digital currency is the digital form of a country's fiat currency. Fiat money- government-issued currency not backed by physical commodity- gold/silver.

### 8. BSE gets SEBI nod for social stock exchange as separate segment

Bombay Stock exchange (BSE) has received in-principle approval from the capital market regulator SEBI for setting up the Social Stock Exchange as a separate segment.

SEBI had notified rules for the Social Stock Exchange (SSE) in July this year to provide an impetus to social enterprises with an additional avenue to raise funds. According to reports, India has more than 31 lakh Non-Profit Organisations.

### 9. Gross direct tax collection increases by over 23 % to Rs 8,98,000 crore in current financial year

The central government's gross tax collections have risen 24 per cent year-on-year in the current financial year, the Finance Ministry said. Net collections have grown 16 per cent year-on-year to Rs 7.45 lakh crore,

achieving over 52 per cent of FY23 Budget Estimate. The growth rate for corporate income tax is 16.73 per cent while that for personal income tax.

#### **10. BSE SME Platform achieves milestone of 400 Listed Companies**

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal attends the Listing Celebration of 400th company in BSE. BSE SME announced the listing of eight companies on its platform. This brings the total number of companies listed to 402, crossing a market capitalization of Rs 60,000 crore. The 400th company that got listed on BSE SME, Insolation Energy, opened for subscription from September 25 -29.

#### **11. IMF cuts India's FY23 GDP forecast to 6.8%, flags global inflation crisis**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report, cut its forecast for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in financial year 2022-23 (FY23) by 60 basis points (bps) to 6.8 per cent, warning of a long and tough economic winter. The outlook for India is for growth of 6.8 per cent in 2022, a 0.6 percentage point downgrade since the July. The IMF maintained a forecast of 6.1 per cent for FY24.

#### **12. India's forex reserves rise USD 204 million to USD 532.868 billion**

India's forex reserves rose by 204 million to 532.868 billion US dollar for the week ended October 7, 2022 on an increase in the value of gold holdings. Reserve Bank said that in the previous reporting week, the overall reserves had dropped by 4.854 billion to 532.664 billion US dollars. They were \$532.66 billion at the end of the previous week ended Sept. 30.

#### **13. India Registered Defence Exports Worth Rs 8,000 Crore In 6 Months Of FY 2022-23; Aims For Rs 35,000 Crore Target By FY 2025 End**

Gandhinagar is hosting India's biggest-ever defence exhibition to date - DefExpo 2022. This 12th edition of the event has been organised on the theme 'Path to Pride'.

"India had achieved exports of defence items and technology worth a record Rs 13,000 crore in 2021-22, which is likely to rise to Rs 17,000 crore in 2022-23,".

#### **14. Centre allows MSMEs to avail non-tax benefits for three years post reclassification**

The central government will allow all registered micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to continue to avail non-tax benefits in their respective categories for three years post re-classification, the MSME ministry said. Non-tax benefits include benefits of various schemes of the government, including public procurement policy, delayed payments, etc.

#### **15. Netherlands beats China, becomes India's third-largest export market**

The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh. It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations since FY22, thanks to a 106% surge in despatches until August this fiscal from a year before to \$7.5 billion. Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22 is now India's 8th biggest export market.

#### **16. Ministry of Panchayati Raj organizes 2-day National Training Workshop on People's Plan Campaign'2022 ' Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas**

Ministry of Panchayati Raj organized a two-day National Training Workshop on People's Plan Campaign'2022 ' Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas ' in New Delhi.

The objective of the Workshop was to build capacity of the officials / Elected Representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions for formulation of their thematic Panchayat Development Plans through different convergent actions.

#### **17. Coca-Cola's Sprite becomes billion-dollar brand in Indian market**

Global soft drinks major Coca-Cola Company said its lemon and lime-flavoured soft drink Sprite has become a \$1-billion brand in the Indian market. The company attributed the success of the brand to locally-adapted occasion-based global marketing campaigns. In February, the company informed investors that its brand Thums Up became a \$1-billion brand in India. James Quincey, chairman and chief executive officer of Coca-Cola.

#### **18. Eight core sectors' growth hits 9-month low at 3.3% in August**

The combined Index of Eight Core Industries increased by 3.3 per cent (provisional) as compared to the Index of August 2021. The production of Fertilizers, Coal, Refinery Products, Steel, Cement and Electricity industries increased in August 2022 over the corresponding period of last year.



### 19. India's unemployment rate drops to 6.43 per cent in September: CMIE

India's unemployment rate dropped drastically to 6.43 per cent in September on the back of increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas, data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).



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## National

### 1. Centre extends AFSPA in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh for 6 more months

The central government has extended for another six months the application of the disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, AFSPA in 12 districts of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. It has also been extended in certain parts of five other districts of the two northeastern states to facilitate the armed forces to continue the anti-insurgency operations.

### 2. 25% extra seats to be created for foreign students, HEIs: UGC guidelines

The University Grants Commission (UGC) said that Higher Educational Institutions can now create up to 25 percent supernumerary seats for foreign students while adopting a transparent admission process for them.

A seat remained unfilled in the supernumerary category, shall not be allocated to anyone other than an international student.

### 3. CBI launches 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking

The Central Bureau of Investigation has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' against illicit drug trafficking network, registering 127 new cases, arresting 175 people and seizing huge quantities of narcotic drugs.

The operation seeks to target drug networks with international footprints for action against handlers, operatives, production zones and support elements.

### 4. GatiShakti's network planning group recommends three road connectivity projects

Network Planning Group constituted under PM GatiShakti National Master Plan has examined and recommended the following projects: construction of a 4-lane highway from Gazipur - Ballia - Uttar Pradesh/Bihar state border, improvement and up-gradation of existing road from two-lane to four-lane in Uttar Pradesh and Moradabad & Kashipur bypasses in Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand.

### 5. Railways releases new all India time-table 'Trains At A Glance'

In an update that concerns all Indian Railways passengers, the national transporter has released its new All India Railway Time Table known as TRAINS AT A GLANCE or TAG. This new time-table is effective from 1st October 2022. Indian Railways has made the new Trains At A Glance available on its official website [www.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.indianrailways.gov.in).

### 6. UNESCO launches list documenting 50 iconic Indian heritage textiles

Handmade for the 21st Century: Safeguarding Traditional Indian Textile lists the histories and legends behind the textiles, describes the complicated and secret processes behind their making, mentions the causes for their dwindling popularity, and provides strategies for their preservation.

UNESCO New Delhi Director, Eric Falt. Director-General, Audrey Azoulay | UNESCO.

### 7. Adani Green commissions world's largest wind-solar hybrid plant in India

Adani Green Energy Ltd said it has commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The plant has a power purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) at Rs 2.69/kwh for 25 years, a company statement said. The project consists of 600 MW solar and 150 MW wind plants

### 8. FinMin allows airlines to avail up to Rs 1,500 crore loan under ECLGS

The Union Finance Ministry on Wednesday allowed airlines to avail of up to Rs 1,500 crore loan under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme, to help them tide over their cash flow problems. Earlier, an airline could avail of a loan of not more than Rs 400 crore under the ECLGS. The Centre in 2020 started the ECLGS to provide collateral-free and government-guaranteed loan

### 9. India emerges as largest producer of sugar in world

India has emerged as the world's largest producer and second largest exporter of sugar. In Sugar Season 2021-22, a record of more than five thousand lakh metric tons of sugarcane was produced in the country. Out of this, 35 lakh metric ton sugar was diverted to ethanol production and 359 lakh metric ton of sugar was produced by sugar mills. October to September is generally considered as the sugar season in India.

## **10. Pharma exporters body suspends membership of Maiden Pharmaceuticals**

Pharma exporters body Pharmexcil has suspended the membership of Maiden Pharmaceuticals, the Delhi-based drugmaker facing a probe after the World Health Organization (WHO) red-flagged four products following the death of 66 children in the West African country The Gambia.

## **11. PM Modi declares Gujarat's Modhera as India's first 24x7 solar-powered village**

PM Narendra Modi declared Modhera village in Gujarat as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village. Modhera, which is famous for a centuries-old Sun temple built during the Chalukya, will also be known as a 'solar-powered village', Modi said. The Modhera village is located 25 km from the Mehsana district of Gujarat, and about 100 km from Gandhinagar.

## **12. PM inaugurates Phase 1 of Education Complex, Modi Shaikshanik Sankul in Ahmedabad; Underlines importance of skill development**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase 1 of Modi Shaikshanik Sankul, an educational complex for needy students in Ahmedabad. The project will help provide facilities to students for holistic development. Addressing the occasion, the Prime Minister underlined the importance of skill development in order to ensure employment for youths.

## **13. Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States initiative launched on occasion of World Mental Health Day**

Establishing a new milestone in the field of mental health on the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS) initiative of Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare was launched. Government of India announced National Tele Mental Health Programme (NTMHP) in the Union Budget 2022-23

## **14. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launches Toyota's first of its kind pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles**

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari launched Toyota's first of its kind pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles in India. These vehicles will run on 100 percent petrol as well as 20 to 100 percent blended ethanol and electric power. The Minister said, 6 to 8 percent increase in agricultural growth rate is necessary for AtmaNirbhar Bharat.

## **15. Mumbai airport makes 100% switch to green energy**

The Adani group-AAI operated Mumbai airport on 10 October said it has switched to green energy sources, fulfilling 95 per cent of its requirement from hydro and wind, while the rest 5 per cent from solar power. The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport was the first in India to launch hybrid technology which has been solely running on green energy since April.

## **16. Cabinet extends Rs 22,000 crore as one time grant to oil PSUs to cover losses in domestic LPG**

The Cabinet has also approved 22,000 crore rupees as one time grant to Public Sector Undertakings, Oil Marketing Companies for losses in Domestic LPG. This will help them to continue their commitment to the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan, ensuring unhindered domestic LPG supplies.

## **17. Amit Shah unveils 15ft high statue of Jayaprakash Narayan in Sitab Diara**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled a 15-foot high statue of socialist icon Jayaprakash Narayan at his ancestral village of Sitab Diara in Saran district of Bihar. UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath was also present at the programme to mark the 120th birth anniversary of the veteran leader. Shah unveiled the statue on the premises of JP's ancestral house in Lala Ka Tola.

## **18. India's national highway construction pace slows to 19.44 kms a day in April-September**

"The ministry has constructed 3,559 KMs of National Highways up to September in 2022-23 as compared to 3,824 KMs constructed up to September in 2021-22," the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said in its monthly summary for the Cabinet for September 2022.

India has awarded 4,092 kms of highway projects during April-September this year.

## **19. Govt accords infrastructure status to data centres with over 5 MW capacity**

Data centres that are "housed in a dedicated/centralized building for storage and processing of digital data applications with a minimum capacity of 5 MW of IT load" will be considered eligible for infrastructure status.

The capacity of data centres is measured in terms of power they consume which reflects on the scale of the server they are hosting in their facilities.

#### **20. Education minister inaugurates IInvenTiv, all-IITs R&D showcase at IIT Delhi**

Education and Skill Development Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated IInvenTiv - the first-ever all-IITs Research and Development, R&D Showcase at IIT Delhi.

The two day event which will conclude on October 15, brings academia and industry under one roof to showcase India's global R&D strength.

#### **21. DENV-2, a more lethal dengue virus variant**

DENV-2, a more lethal dengue virus variant, is extremely severe or harmful in its effects and can cause symptoms of severe dengue. The DENV-2 variant of dengue has been rapidly spreading in several parts of India for the past few months.

Dengue is a vector-borne disease or viral infection which is transmitted by mosquitoes.

#### **22. CAQM reiterates to Central/State Govts to strictly implement actions under GRAP in view of air quality index**

Commission for Air Quality Management in National Capital Region (NCR) Delhi and Adjoining Areas (CAQM) has reiterated to all implementing agencies of the Central and State Governments to strictly implement actions under Stage I of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) in view of the air quality index. GRAP is a set of emergency measures taken to reduce air pollution.

#### **23. India stands third in the world in terms of fish production: MoS Dr. L Murugan**

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr. L Murugan said, India stands third in the world in terms of fish production. He has also said that the ministry has taken several steps to improve fish production, export and infrastructure development in the last eight years like The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. India is the 2nd largest aquaculture nation

#### **24. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurates India's First Aluminum Freight Rake at Bhubaneswar Railway Station**

Union Minister for Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's First Aluminum Freight Rake - 61 BOBRNALHSM1 at Bhubaneswar Railway Station. This is a dedicated effort for Make in India program as it has been fully designed and developed indigenously in collaboration with RDSOHINDALCO and Besco Wagon.

#### **25. Centre approves India's 1st cable-cum-suspension bridge across Krishna river**

The central government approved construction of an iconic cable stayed-cum-suspension bridge across Krishna river connecting Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and passing through the Nallamala forest range. The two-storeyed cable bridge with four-lane carriageway across Krishna river was approved by the standing committee on finance.

#### **26. Govt approves increase in Minimum Support Price for all Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24**

The Government has approved the increase in the Minimum Support Prices for all mandated Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24. Government has increased the MSP to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The absolute highest increase in MSP has been approved for lentil (Masur) at Rs.500 per quintal followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs.400 per quintal. The MSP is fixed on the recommendations of Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices

#### **27. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri dedicates Asia's largest Compressed Biogas Plant CBG to people of Punjab**

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri today dedicated a Asia's largest Compressed Biogas Plant CBG to the people of Punjab. The plant set up in 20 acres has been commissioned with an Foreign Direct Investment of 220 crore rupees by Verbio AG one of the Germany's leading bioenergy company.

#### **28. Jio overtakes BSNL to become largest landline service provider in August**

Reliance Jio became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With 7.35 million landline connections as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator and hitherto market leader BSNL's 7.13 million connections, according to the latest data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Third-placed MTNL provided 2.6 million connections.



### **29. CCI imposes monetary and non-monetary sanctions on MakeMyTrip, GoIbibo and OYO for indulging in anti-competitive conduct**

The Competition Commission of India imposed monetary penalties of '223.48 crore on MakeMyTrip-Goibibo(MMT- Go) and '168.88 crore on OYO for indulging in anti-competitive conduct in the hotel segment of their business and thereby contravened the Competition law. CCI had also directed MMT-Go to amend its market behaviour, for indulging in anti-competitive conduct.

### **30. CCI Finds Google Guilty Of Abusing Dominant Position; Imposes Rs 1,337-Crore Penalty**

The Competition Commission of India has found Google guilty of abusing its dominance in the Android mobile device ecosystem, and online search market. The regulator has imposed a penalty of Rs 1,377 crore on the global tech giant and also directed to cease and desist from indulging in anti-competitive behaviour.

CCI is a statutory body within Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

### **31. Ten Heads of States, including French, extend their support to PM Modi's unique initiative, Mission LiFE**

As many as 10 Heads of States, including France President Emmanuel Macron have extended their support to Prime Minister Modi's a unique initiative, Mission LiFE, a global mass movement to protect and preserve the environment. PM Modi launched Mission Lifestyle for Environment, in the presence of the UN Secretary-General António Guterres, at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat.

### **32. PhonePe launches green data center with Dell Technologies and NTT**

The 4.8-megawatt facility, which occupies 13,740 sq ft at Mahape, Navi Mumbai, is built and designed with advanced alternative cooling technologies like Direct Contact Liquid Cooling (DCLC) and Liquid Immersion Cooling (LIC).

This is also PhonePe's first green data centre in India which will help the fintech reduce its carbon emissions and meet sustainability goals.

### **33. India's first 'Migration Monitoring System' inaugurated in Mumbai**

Country's first 'Migration Monitoring System', which provides updated information on migrant pregnant women, lactating mothers and children instantly on a single system, was inaugurated in Mumbai. The system developed by Department of Women and Child Development. The information of seasonal migrant women and children will be available immediately.

### **34. Prime Minister launches the first phase of 'Rozgar Mela' to provide jobs to 10 lakh youth in Central Government**

PM Modi launched the 'Rozgar Mela', a recruitment drive for 10 lakh personnel. Earlier in June, the prime minister had asked various government departments and ministries to undertake the recruitment of 10 lakh people on a "mission mode" in the next year and a half. Recruiting either by themselves or through recruiting agencies such as UPSC, SSC, and Railway Recruitment Board.

### **35. PFRDA revises equity exposure permitted in NPS for Tier I and Tier II accounts**

For Tier 1 and Tier II National Pension System (NPS) accounts, the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has modified the equity allocation standards. According to the new regulation, subscribers can allocate up to 75% of their funds to equity (E) under active choice in a Tier-I account without any tapering requirements once they turn 51 years of age.

### **36. CCI Imposes '936.44 Crore Cost On Google, Says Google Play's Mandatory Billing System For Paid Apps & In-App Purchases Unfair**

The Competition Commission of India has imposed more than nine hundred 36 crore rupees penalty on Google in yet another antitrust probe for anti-competitive practices in relation to its Play Store policies. The Commission also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline. The CCI had imposed a penalty of 1337 crore rupees on Google on 20th October 2022. The CCI has given 30 days to implement the corrective measures and modify its conduct

### **37. 3-Day Indian Urban Housing Conclave 2022 At Rajkot Witnesses More Than 5,000 Visitors**

Indian Urban Housing Conclave (IUHC) 2022, the 3-day Expo-cum-Conference at Rajkot, Gujarat, ended. The conclave was inaugurated by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 19th October 2022 at a mega event, wherein he also inaugurated Light House Project (LHP) Rajkot under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) and handed over the house keys to the beneficiaries.

### **38. Japan seeks Geographical Indication tag for nihonshu, an alcoholic beverage**

The Embassy of Japan in New Delhi is seeking a Geographical Indication (GI) tag for nihonshu. It is also the first time a product from Japan has filed for a GI tag at the Geographical Indication Registry. Nihonshu is an alcoholic beverage also known as Japanese sake. Nihonshu is an integral part of the lifestyle and culture in Japan.

### **39. Government's Swachhata Campaign 2.0 earned Rs 254 crores from scrap disposal**

The government had earned Rs 254.21 crore from scrap disposal under the ongoing Special Cleanliness Campaign 2.0, being implemented in all government offices across India, said Union Minister Jitendra Singh. The Special Campaign 2.0, which started from October 2 and will go on till October 31

### **40. Shiprocket becomes first inter-city logistics provider to join ONDC network**

Shiprocket, a shipping and logistics solutions provider, has gone live on the government's Open Network for Digital Commerce and made its first successful transaction. Shiprocket said it is the first inter-city logistics provider to plug into the ONDC network, enabling sellers from all segments to ship products to cities and towns across India. Saahil Goel, CEO and co-founder, Shiprocket

### **41. Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah presides over the 'Chintan Shivir of Home Ministers of the States'**

The Union Minister for Home and Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah presided over the 'Chintan Shivir of Home Ministers' of States at Surajkund, Haryana on October 27 and 28, 2022. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, addressed the Chintan Shivir through video conferencing.

### **42. Indian Railways to observe a month long Mega Safety Drive from 28th October**

Ministry of Railways has directed Zonal Railways to launch a month long safety drive w.e.f. 28.10.2022 to remove any gaps in maintenance of fixed assets, locomotives and rolling stock and strengthening safety on Indian Railways. During the drive, it will be ensured that extant procedures are being conformed and monitoring of Human Factors shall be done.

### **43. Defence minister Rajnath Singh virtually launches two helipads in Ladakh, unveils 75 infra projects by BRO worth Rs.2180 crore**

Mr. Rajnath Singh dedicated to the nation 75 infrastructure projects at a total cost of Rs.2180 crore built by the Border Roads Organisation at a function organised at D-S-DBO road in Ladakh on October 28.

The 75 projects - 45 bridges, 27 roads, 2 Helipads & one Carbon Neutral Habitat' are spread across 6 states & 2 UTs.

Two helipads are in Hanle and Thakung in Ladakh.

### **44. Govt notifies changes to IT Rules 2021, grievance panel to hear complaints**

The government officially notified changes to Information Technology Rules of 2021, paving the way for the setting up of one or more centrally appointed grievance appellate committees (GACs).

The Centre would establish one or more GACs within 3 months from the date of commencement of the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Amendment Rules, 2022.

GACs shall consist of one chairperson and two whole-time members appointed by the govt.

### **45. PM Modi lays foundation stone of transport aircraft manufacturing project at Vadodara**

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of C-295MW transport aircraft manufacturing project at Vadodara, Gujarat. It will be India's first transport aircraft manufacturing project worth around 22,000 crore rupees. C-295MW transport aircrafts will be manufactured in India by private companies, Airbus Defence and TATA consortium. India will be 12th such country which have capabilities of transport aircraft manufacturing.

### **46. PM Modi inaugurates or lay foundation stones for Rs 29,000-cr projects during Gujarat tour**

PM has dedicated various development projects worth over '7200 crores in Ambaji, Gujarat. He laid the foundation stone of over 45,000 houses built under PM Awas Yojana. He also laid the foundation stone of Taranga Hill ' Ambaji ' Abu Road New Broad-Gauge Line and the development of pilgrimage facilities at Ambaji temple under PRASAD scheme.

### **47. PM Modi inaugurates phase-1 of Ahmedabad Metro rail project**

The Prime Minister flagged off the Ahmedabad Metro Rail project. The Ahmedabad Metro Rail Project is a monumental boost to multimodal infrastructure connectivity. Phase-I of the Ahmedabad Metro project

comprises about 32 km of the East-West corridor from Apparel Park to Thaltej and the North-South corridor between Motera to Gyaspur.

#### **48. Vande Bharat Express 2.0: PM flags off new train between Gandhinagar and Mumbai**

The Prime Minister flagged off the new & upgraded version of Vande Bharat Express between Gandhinagar and Mumbai. It is equipped with advanced state-of-the-art safety features including an indigenously developed Train Collision Avoidance System - KAVACH.

#### **49. ONDC starts beta testing with consumers in 16 pin codes of Bengaluru**

Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), an initiative of the Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has opened its network to consumers in 16 locations across the city of Bengaluru. Consumers can place their orders in two domains ' groceries and restaurants through buyer apps participating on the ONDC network.

#### **50. Apple gets its 3rd iPhone manufacturer in India - Pegatron opens plant in TN**

The Pegatron plant has been set up by the Taiwanese electronics major under Centre's popular Production Linked Incentive scheme (PLI), in an industrial park (Mahindra city) in Chengalpattu near Chennai. It is the third Apple vendor to manufacture iPhones in India after Foxconn and Wistron.

#### **51. Prime Minister launches 5G services in India**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 5G services. 5G technology will provide seamless coverage, high data rate, low latency, and highly reliable communication. It will also increase energy efficiency, spectrum efficiency and network efficiency. The applications of 5G will be in sectors with high digital technology maturity, like Industry 4.0, Smart Cities, and Fintech.

#### **52. Swachh Survekshan Awards: Indore Gets India's Cleanest City Tag for 6th Time in a Row, Surat Retains 2nd Rank**

President Murmu presents awards to cleanest States and cities in Swachh Survekshan 2022. Madhya Pradesh got the first position among States, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Indore was adjudged the cleanest city for the sixth time in a row followed by Surat and Navi Mumbai with populations of above one lakh.

#### **53. Telangana government hikes ST reservation in educational institutions, government jobs from 6% to 10%**

The Telangana government raised the reservation for Scheduled Tribes (ST) by 4 per cent in the state's educational institutes and government services with immediate effect.

The ST reservation in the state has been increased from 6 per cent to 10 per cent. The government has announced the decision keeping in mind the state's 10 per cent ST population.



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## International

### 1. Google to build its first cloud region in Greece

Alphabet Inc's Google will set up its first cloud region in Greece, giving a boost to the country's efforts to become a world cloud computing hub. A cloud region usually is based around a cluster of data centres. Google's investment comes two years after Microsoft Corp. decided to build a data centre hub in the country.

Prime Minister of Greece- Kyriakos Mitsotakis

Capital of Greece- Athens

### 2. IFC Launches Financing Platform to Respond to Global Food Crisis and Build Resilient Food Systems

Responding to rising food insecurity, World Bank's private sector investment arm, the International Finance Corp. has launched a new, \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production. The platform will supplement the World Bank's commitment of US\$30 billion in response to the food crisis.

### 3. RATS SCO decides to counter threats from international terror groups operating from Afghanistan

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Thirty eight meeting of the Council of the Regional Anti Terrorist Structure of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (RATS SCO) was held in New Delhi.

### 4. NATO to kick off nuclear drills involving B-52 bombers

NATO would launch its annual nuclear exercise "Steadfast Noon", with up to 60 aircraft taking part in training flights over Belgium, the North Sea and Britain to practise the use of U.S. nuclear bombs based in Europe. Belgium is hosting the drills that will involve 14 countries and up to 60 aircraft, including the most advanced fighter jets on the market and U.S.

### 5. Guinness World Records Officially Declares Monday 'Worst Day Of The Week'

Guinness World Records has designated Monday as the 'worst day of the week' on the premise that it - as the first day of the week - is found by many to be slow and extremely boring because one has to work after the weekend.

### 6. FATF removes Pakistan from 'grey list' after four years

The financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed Pakistan from its grey list after four years. This has adversely impacted Pakistan's imports, exports, and remittances and limited its access to international lending. Pakistan has been on the Paris-based watchdog's grey list for deficiencies in its counter-terror financing and anti-money laundering.

### 7. Big push for One Health: FAO, UNEP, WHO, Animal health body lay out plan

FAO, together with the United Nations Environment Programme, the World Organisation for Animal Health and the World Health Organization launched the One Health Joint Plan of Action (2022-2026). Four international organizations have formulated an action plan to sustainably balance and optimize the health of humans, animals, plants and ecosystems.

### 8. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) blacklists Myanmar, calls for due diligence to transactions in nation

FATF has put Myanmar on the 'black list' and has called on members to apply enhanced due diligence to business relations and transactions in Myanmar.

FATF blacklist, officially designated as High-Risk Jurisdictions subject to a Call for Action, identifies nations with weak anti-money laundering counter-terrorist funding regulatory frameworks. FATF: President: T. Raja Kumar; HQ: Paris, France.

### 9. Anna May Wong to be first Asian American featured on US currency

Anna May Wong is set to become the first Asian American to appear on US currency. This year, four other quarters were into production featuring poet and activist Maya Angelou; the first American woman in space, Sally Ride; Cherokee Nation leader Wilma Mankiller; and suffragist Nina Otero-Warren. Anna May Wong died aged 56 in 1961.



### 10. WHO releases first-ever list of fungal infection, flags global health threat

The World Health Organisation has published a report highlighting the first-ever list of fungal "priority pathogens" ' a catalogue of the 19 fungi that represent the greatest threat to public health. The WHO fungal priority pathogens list is the first global effort to systematically prioritize fungal pathogens. The WHO has similar lists for viruses and bacteria.

### 11. Tesla CEO Elon Musk unveils prototype of humanoid Optimus robot

Tesla CEO Elon Musk revealed a prototype of a humanoid robot "Optimus" robot that shares some AI software and sensors with its cars' Autopilot driver assistance features.

It contains a 2.3kWh battery pack, runs on a Tesla SoC, and has Wi-Fi and LTE connectivity.

Musk predicted it could hit a price of "probably less than \$20,000".

### 12. China withdraws anti-AUKUS resolution at IAEA due to lack of support

Under the AUKUS alliance, Australia plans to acquire at least eight nuclear-powered submarines. The alliance has largely been seen as a response by the three countries to the increasingly aggressive and assertive behaviour of China across the Indo-Pacific. India successfully scuttled China's attempt to pass an anti-AUKUS (Australia, UK and the US) resolution at IAEA meet



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## Sports

### 1. National Games 2022: Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu, fencer Bhavani Devi bag gold

Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu and olympic fencer Bhavani Devi won the gold medal at the 36th National Games. While Chanu walked away with the title after lifting 84 kg in snatch and 107 kgs in clean and jerk, Devi won the women's sabre competition, earning her the third consecutive gold medal.

She also won gold medals in the 2011 and 2015 editions.

### 2. U20 World Champion Antim Panghal wins wrestling gold in National Games 2022

Antim Panghal, the World under-20 champion, made an impressive debut at the National Games 2022 as she won the gold medal in women's 53kg wrestling.

She beat Priyanshi Prajapati of Madhya Pradesh by fall in the final.

Olympian Elavenil Valarivan won the gold medal in the women's rifle shooting.

### 3. Rohan Bopanna & Matwe Middelkoop clinch Men's Doubles title at ATP 250 Tel Aviv Watergen Open, Tennis

In tennis, India's Rohan Bopanna and his Dutch partner Matwe Middelkoop clinched the ATP 250 Tel Aviv Watergen Open men's doubles title.

They notched up a 6-2, 6-4 victory over the third seeded Mexican-Argentine pair of Santiago Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in the final.

It was Bopanna's third ATP title of the season and 22nd overall.

Novak Djokovic lifted the Tel Aviv Watergen Open men's singles title beating Marin Cilic.

### 4. Kiren Rijiju, Anurag Singh Thakur launch Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 on Gandhi Jayanti

The launch of Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 took place at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium in New Delhi this morning on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

The third edition was jointly launched with a Fit India Plog Run by Law and Justice Minister Kiren Rijiju and Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur. It will go on till 31st of October. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Fit India movement in 2019.

### 5. Aldrin beats Sreeshankar for long jump gold; Amlan and Jyothi emerge fastest man and woman of National Games

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin qualified for 2023 World Championship with a 8.26m (8.25m qualification mark) leap in his final attempt at the National Game.

Amlan Borgohain of Assam & Jyothi Yarraji of Andhra Pradesh emerged as the fastest man and woman in 100m dash events.

Rosy Meena Paulraj cleared 4.20m to go past VS Surekha's earlier national mark of 4.15m set in 2014.

Jyothi won with a time of 11.51 seconds and Amlan clocked 10.38s in the final.

### 6. Rohit Sharma becomes first Indian to complete 400 T20 appearances

Rohit Sharma became the first Indian cricketer to complete 400 appearances in the Twenty20 format during the second T20I against South Africa in Guwahati.

Ex-West Indies white-ball captain Kieron Pollard (614) holds the record for most appearances in the format and is currently the only cricketer with over 600 T20 appearances.

### 7. Harmanpreet Singh named FIH Player of the Year

India star defender Harmanpreet Singh was named the FIH Player of the Year in the men's category. He won the title for the second successive time.

The other three players in the elite list are as follows:

Teun De Nooijer (Netherlands)

Jamie Dwyer (Australia)

Arthur van Doren (Belgium). The Fdration Internationale de Hockey (FIH) HQs in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### 8. Novak Djokovic Takes 90th Career Title With Astana Open Victory

Novak Djokovic claimed the 90th title of his career and the fourth of 2022 with a dominant straight-sets victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the ATP final in Astana.

The Serb won in Tel Aviv a week ago, his first singles tournament since wrapping up a seventh Wimbledon crown and 21st Grand Slam title in July. Astana is the capital city of Kazakhstan.

#### **9. Pooja Patel becomes first athlete to win Gold in Yogasana**

At the 36th National Games, Pooja Patel of Gujarat has become the first athlete to win gold in Yogasana. Yogasana is one of the five sports to be played at the National Games this year for the first time. This Indian indigenous sport made its debut at the Khelo India University Games earlier this year. Mallakhamba, Skateboarding, Golf and Soft Tennis are the other sports.

#### **10. Goa to host 37th National Games in October 2023: IOA**

The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year. The state government of Goa also conveyed its in-principle approval to IOA to host the National Games in 2023. Goa got the rights to host the National Games in 2008 but hasn't been able to host the games for a number of reasons.

#### **11. Cristiano Ronaldo scripts yet another incredible record, nets 700th club goal of his career**

Cristiano Ronaldo has reached 700 club career goals after scoring in Manchester United's 2-1 Premier League win over Everton. Ronaldo's 700 goals have come in 944 games for Sporting Lisbon, United, Real Madrid and Juventus. He is the highest men's international scorer with 117 goals in 189 games for Portugal. He is also the top scorer in Champions League history with 140 goals.

#### **12. Services retain Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy; Sajan Prakash and Hashika Ramachandra crowned Best Athletes**

The 36th National Games came to a poignant end here at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium with Services Sports Control Board, Kerala's Sajan Prakash and Karnataka's Hashika Ramchandra walking away with the top honours.

Honourable Vice-President Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar gave away the coveted Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy to the hybrid contingent of Services. Services cornered 61 gold, 35 silver and 32 bronze.

#### **13. India finish fifth with one gold, one silver & two bronze medals at the ISSF World Shooting Championships 2022**

At the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Shotgun, India finished fifth with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals in Osijek, Croatia. Shotgun powerhouses Italy, Great Britain and USA, took the top three spots. Men's Skeet Team finished ninth among 22 teams and Women's Skeet Team finished Tenth.

#### **14. Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil wins World Championship gold and Olympic quota for Paris 2024 Games**

18-year old Rudranksh Patil won gold in men's 10m air rifle event in the ISSF World Championship here, becoming only the second Indian to achieve the feat after the legendary Abhinav Bindra.

Patil also secured a 2024 Paris Olympics quota for the country in the process.

Overall, Patil is the sixth Indian shooter to win gold in World Championships.

#### **15. ICC to promote gender equality in tie-up with UNICEF**

The International Cricket Council has entered into a partnership with UNICEF to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket.

The partnership will be activated in the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia where all 16 nations will hold 'Cricket 4 Good Coaching Clinics' with up to 40 school children taking part in each one.

#### **16. 18-year-old Rudranksh becomes 2nd Indian shooter to win 10m air rifle gold at ISSF**

Young Rudranksh Patil on Friday won gold in men's 10m air rifle event at the ISSF World Championship at Cairo, Egypt, becoming only the second Indian to achieve the feat after Abhinav Bindra. Patil is the sixth Indian shooter to win gold in World Championship. The Indian trio of Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Kiran Ankush Jadhav, and Arjun Babuta won the gold medal in 10m.

#### **17. Indian Women Cricket Team Won Asia Cup for the 7th Time**

India defeated Sri Lanka in the final of Women's Asia Cup to clinch the title a record-extending 7th time at the International Cricket Stadium, Sylhet. A superb bowling effort helped the Harmanpreet Kaur-led side restrict the Lankans to 65 for 9. Renuka Singh Thakur claimed three wickets while Rajeshwari Gayakwad and Sneha Rana claimed two wickets each.

### **18. Jyothi Yarraji becomes first Indian woman to clock sub-13 seconds in 100m hurdle**

Jyothi Yarraji has created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles while smashing her own record at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru. She had won the same event in the National Games in Gandhinagar in a time of 12.79 seconds. The 23-year-old Yarraji is representing Railways.

### **19. Indian Naval Academy to conduct Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022 in Kerala from 18th - 21st October**

Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala will conduct Indian Navy Sailing Championship 2022 at Marakkar Watermanship Training Centre in Kerala. This mega championship is the largest intra-Navy sailing regatta in which nearly one hundred yatchpersons from all three Indian Naval Commands will participate. This Sailing Championship is to commemorate Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and khelo India

### **20. ISSF World Championship: Ramita Jindal crowned world champion in 10 meter Air Rifle Women Junior event in Cairo**

India's Ramita Jindal was crowned world champion in the 10-meter Air Rifle Women Junior event at the International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt. Tilottama Sen won a second medal for India at the event, a bronze, after she shot 261.0 in the ranking round to finish third.

### **21. Tazuni unveiled as mascot for 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup**

Penguin Tazuni has been unveiled as the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand.

She is based on the Eudyptula penguin species - or little penguin as they are affectionately known - endemic to the two countries' coastlines to symbolize the unity between the co-hosts.

### **22. Fifth Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh**

Union minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur said that the 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Madhya Pradesh from 31 January to 11 February, 2023.

The upcoming edition of the Khelo India Youth Games will feature a total of 27 disciplines; with water sports being included for the first time in the history of the games. Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

### **23. Fifth Khelo India Youth Games-2022 to be held in Madhya Pradesh in January-February next year**

The Fifth Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in Madhya Pradesh. The games will be held from 31st January to 11th February next year. This was announced by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur. Khelo India Youth Games was started in 2016 and provided a very effective platform to the youth of the country to showcase their performance and talent Haryana hosted the 4th Khelo India Youth Games

### **24. 10th National Pencak Silat championship inaugurated at Sher-e- Kashmir Indoor Sports Stadium in Srinagar**

The 10th National Pencak Silat championship for Senior and master Men and Women was inaugurated amid enthusiasm and fervour at Sher-e- Kashmir Indoor Sports Stadium in Srinagar. The event sponsored by J&K Sports Council is being organized by the Pencak Silat Association of J&K under the banner of the Indian Pencak Silat Association. Pencak silat is an umbrella term for a class of related Indonesian martial arts.

### **25. Akanksha Vyavahare creates three new national records at Khelo India weightlifting meet**

Maharashtra-based weightlifter Akanksha Vyavahare created three new national records in the 40kg weight category at the Khelo India National Ranking Women's Weightlifting tournament held in Ghaziabad, Noida. Akanksha bettered her existing Snatch national record, by lifting 60kg. She recorded 71kg in the Clean & Jerk, and on the process, registering a total lift of 131kg.

### **26. Saudi Arabia wins bid to host 2029 Asian Winter Games at NEOM**

Saudi Arabia has won a bid to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games at a planned mountain resort in the Gulf Arab state's \$500 billion flagship NEOM project.

NEOM is Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's most ambitious project under the kingdom's Vision 2030 development plan to reduce reliance on oil and transform the economy, including by developing sports.



NEOM is a 26,500-square-km high-tech development on the Red Sea.

### 27. India defeats Australia to win third Sultan of Johor Cup

India defeated Australia to win Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 in shootout 5-4 after a 1-1 draw.

This is the third time India has won the Sultan of Johor Cup.

The Indians have won the age group tournament twice -- 2013 and 2014 -- and finished second best four times in 2012, 2015, 2018 and the last edition of the event in 2019.

### 28. FIFA World Cup: Spain U-17 women retain title

Defending champion Spain beat Colombia 1-0 to win the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup at the D. Y. Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. Nigeria stood at the third spot.

### 29. BCCI implements pay equity policy for Women Cricketers

In an attempt to bridge pay parity between India's male and female international cricketers, the match fee for both will be same as India moves into a new era of gender equality in cricket.

As a result, the women cricketers will be paid Rs. 15 lakh, Rs. 6 lakh and Rs. 3 lakh, respectively, for Test, ODI and T20Is, respectively. BCCI president: Roger Binny.

### 36th National Games - Haryana's Anish wins gold medal in Men's Rapid Fire Pistol event

In the 36th National Games, Anish of Haryana won gold medal in Men's Rapid Fire Pistol event at Ahmedabad in Gujarat. Ankur Goyal of Uttarakhand and Gurmeet of Punjab win silver and bronze, respectively.



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## Agreements & MoUs

### 1. Agriculture ministry, NAFED sign MoU to boost international year of millets 2023

The department of agriculture, farmers welfare and the national agricultural cooperative marketing federation of India signed an MoU to boost the initiative to promote millets towards the celebration of the international year of millets 2023.

Both organisations will work together for the promotion and marketing of millet-based products.

In 2018, the government decided to mark the national year of millets.

### 2. Historic MoU signed to launch India's Rupay debit card in Oman

National Payments Corporation of India and Central Bank Of Oman signed a historic MoU to launch the Rupay debit card in Oman, paving the way for a new era of financial connectivity. In west Asia, RuPay card is used or is in the process of being used in the UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia. UAE was the first country in the gulf where RuPay was launched during PM Modi's 2019 visit. It was launched in Singapore in May 2018, followed by Bhutan and the Maldives.

### 3. Bureau of Indian Standards signs MoU with Testing, Inspection, Certification (TIC) Council

The MoU aims to promote and harmonise the implementation of standards and quality, safety and sustainability practices in laboratories.

Also aims to improve the responsiveness for laboratories and exchange and disseminate the global best practices in the field of laboratories. BIS is the National Standard Body of India.

### 4. NTPC and GE Gas Power ink MoU to decarbonize power generation

In its efforts to adopt advanced powering technology to decarbonize power generation in India, NTPC Ltd., the country's largest power generating utility, and GE Gas Power signed a MoU for feasibility to demonstrate of hydrogen co-firing blended with natural gas in GE's 9E gas turbines installed at NTPC's Kawas combined-cycle gas power plant in Gujarat. India has a total Thermal installed capacity of 236.1 GW of which 58.6% from coal.

### 5. All India Institute of Ayurveda signs MoU with National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan

The All India Institute of Ayurveda under AYUSH ministry, and the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan have signed an MoU for academic establishment. AIST is a reputed and one of the largest public research organizations in Japan, focusing on technologies and on 'bridging' the gap between innovative technological seeds and commercialisation

### 6. NSIC signs MoU with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank

The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), a Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of MSME signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Utkarsh Small Finance Bank in New Delhi under its Bank tie-up Scheme.

Through the agreement, it aims to support the MSMEs with their credit requirements. Sh. Gaurang Dixit, CMD, NSIC.

### 7. Ashok Leyland, IIT Madras tie up to develop hybrid EVS using turbine tech

Ashok Leyland, the flagship company of Hinduja group and a leading commercial vehicle manufacturer, and researchers at the National Centre for Combustion Research and Development have joined hands for development and commercialisation of 'swirl mesh lean direct injection system' for developing hybrid electrical vehicles using turbine technology. NCCRD is an arm of IIT Madras

### 8. Haryana finalises MoU with Dubai for investment promotion, land development

The Haryana government announced that the government of Dubai has finalized a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with it for cooperation in various economic activities. Under the terms of the MoU, the Government of Dubai shall identify a suitable entity to assist with identifying the potential areas of collaboration, assessing the viability of projects in Haryana.

### 9. Paytm partners with Jana Small Finance Bank for deployment of card devices

One97 Communications Limited, which owns the Paytm brand, has partnered with Jana Small Finance Bank to deploy card machines to further drive digitisation among merchants across the country. This partnership

will enable Jana Bank to extend Paytm's All-in-one EDC machines to its existing and potential customers, providing a one-stop solution for digital payment needs. Ajay Kanwal- MD & CEO, Jana Small Finance Bank

#### **10. IDBI Bank signs MoU with Vay Network Services Pvt. Ltd. (Vayana Network) as its first Fintech partner for e-SCF solutions**

IDBI Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding with Vayana Network as its first fintech partner for end-to-end digitalization services. This partnership, the bank said, aims to contribute in the growth of the supply chain finance penetration in India, which is less than 1% of gross domestic product and contributes only 5% of the outstanding banking assets. Rakesh Sharma, managing director and chief executive, IDBI Bank

#### **11. NHIDCL signs MoU with IIT Patna for innovation in highways construction**

National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd (NHIDCL), a central public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna for cooperation in innovative solutions for highways construction.

#### **12. Coal India inks MoU with Rajasthan govt to set up 1,190 MW solar power plant**

The Coal India Limited (CIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam limited (RVUNL) for setting up a 1190 MW solar power plant in Bikaner district of Rajasthan. The plant will be installed in a 2000MW solar park being developed by RVUNL in Poogal area of Bikaner.

#### **13. Army signs MoU with 11 banks for providing banking facilities to Agniveers**

The Army has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with eleven banks for providing banking facilities to Agniveers after they don the uniform. The banks have offered soft loans to exiting Agniveers to promote and enhance their entrepreneurial skills. The Agniveers will have a four-year contractual job. The new human resource policy is applicable to Army, Air Force, and Navy.

#### **14. Google collaborates with Assam Government to power digitalised learning and skill development for students and youth in the State**

Google signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support and accelerate the Government of Assam's mission to promote digital growth and development in the State. Under this new initiative, Google will collaborate with the Assam Government's Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department to strengthen their school digitization efforts with digital learning tools.

#### **15. GAME signs MoU with NRLM to enable financial access for the growth of 10 lakh women entrepreneurs over 3 years.**

Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship signed a MoU with DAY-National Rural Livelihood Mission to enable financial access for the growth of 10 lakh women entrepreneurs over 3 years. As per the MoU, GAME and NRLM will strengthen non-farm livelihoods by building the capacity of women entrepreneurs to access finance and grow their enterprises. Suresh Gundappa-CEO, GAME

#### **16. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) & Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) Collaborate for innovations in Financial Product & Services**

The collaboration between IPPB and RBIH will explore projects which shall have impact on the masses by: ----->Leveraging the deep rural reach of IPPB-Department of Posts (DoP) to take Rural Finance to a billion Indians.

----->Enabling access to sustainable and secure finance services to every segment of the society, through research and innovation. Shri Rajesh Bansal, CEO - RBIH.; J Venkatramu, MD & CEO, IPPB.

#### **17. NIRDPR, NHSRC sign MoU to promote healthcare in rural areas**

The National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), Hyderabad and the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), New Delhi signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in order to collaborate in developing capacity-building and skills under Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRI) on healthcare issues.

The MoU will initially be for five years. NIRDPR, Director General: G Narendra Kumar.

#### **18. Mahindra Finance partners India Post Payments Bank to enhance credit access**

Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited announced a strategic alliance with India Post Payments Bank to provide loan access to a bigger consumer base. As part of this agreement, IPPB will offer MMFSL

with lead referral services for Passenger Vehicles, 3-Wheeler, Tractor, and Commercial Vehicle Loan categories, as well as cash EMI deposit facilities at Post Offices.

### **19. NLC India inks MoU with National Institute of Wind Energy for onshore, offshore wind power projects**

NLC India Ltd has entered into a MoU with National Institute of Wind Energy, an autonomous R&D institution under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, for Strategic Collaboration in developing onshore and offshore wind power projects in India. This MoU is aimed at synergizing the technical expertise of NIWE and the project development capabilities of NLCIL.

### **20. SJVN signs MoU with APDCL to develop 1,000 MW floating solar projects**

State-run power company SJVN signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) at Guwahati for developing 1000 MW floating solar power projects in Assam by incorporating a joint venture company. SJVN will invest '6000 crore in the state for developing the project. SJVN chairman - Nand Lal Sharma

### **21. Tata Steel's Dutch arm signs MOU to supply Ford with green steel after 2030**

Tata Steel has inked an agreement with carmaker Ford to supply "zeremis green steel" from its Netherlands-based IJmuiden plant after the unit shifts to hydrogen-based steel making. In Europe, Tata Steel is working to switch to low-carbon technologies to manufacture steel in the UK and the Netherlands. Zeremis carbon lite steel is described as 100 per cent carbon neutral.

### **22. Indian Navy, Drone Federation to jointly develop advanced maritime UAVs**

The Technology Development and Acceleration Cell (TDAC) of the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) under the Indian Navy and Drone Federation of India (DFI) have joined hands to collaboratively work towards promoting indigenous development, manufacturing and testing of a drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Navy. President of Drone Federation of India, Smit Shah.

### **23. SAIL signs agreement with AAI to facilitate commercial operations at Rourkela airport under UDAN scheme**

SAIL and the Airport Authority of India, AAI signed an Operation and Management agreement in New Delhi to facilitate commercial operations from Rourkela in Odisha. SAIL, in 2018, had signed a MoU for the use of its own airport, under the UDAN scheme, for the operation of commercial flights.

AAI, on behalf of SAIL-Rourkela Steel Plant, will operate and manage the airport.

### **24. Bharat Electronics signs pact with Meslova for developing products, services in artificial intelligence/machine learning**

Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics (BEL) has signed an agreement with Hyderabad-headquartered Meslova Systems, for cooperation in the areas of artificial intelligence and machine learning (AI&ML) for air defence (AD) systems/platforms for the Armed Forces.

### **25. Shri Dharmendra Pradhan signs MoU with FIFA and AIFF for implementing Football4Schools initiative in India**

Dharmendra Pradhan, on behalf of the Ministry of Education signed the MoU with FIFA President, Gianni Infantino and President, All India Football Federation, Kalyan Chaubey on behalf of respective organizations.

'Football4Schools' aims to empower 25 million young boys and girls in India through sports-integrated learning.



## Schemes

### 1. PM's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors ' YUVA 2.0 ' Launched

Education Ministry launched YUVA 2.0(Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country.

In view of the significant impact of the first edition of YUVA with large-scale participation from young and budding authors in 22 different Indian languages and English, YUVA 2.0 has been launched.

Theme:Democracy(institutions, events, people, constitutional values'past, present,future)

### 2. KVIC holds SFURTI Mela at Dilli Haat from Oct 1-15

Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) is hosting a 15 day SFURTI Mela at Dilli Haat, INA in New Delhi from October 1, 2022.

Under SFURTI, traditional artisans are organized into clusters for manufacturing value added traditional products to enhance their income.

These clusters cover traditional sectors such handloom, handicrafts, khadi, coir, agro-products, etc.

### 3. Centre extends ethanol subsidy scheme till March 2023

The Centre has extended the timeline for disbursement of loans up to March 31 under the ethanol blending programme interest subsidy scheme, notified first in 2018, to facilitate entrepreneurs to complete their projects while availing of government support. In April, the deadline for submitting applications under the scheme was extended six months. The deadline was September

### 4. Tamil Nadu is the only State to achieve Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022 Q1 and Q2

Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only State which has achieved the target for 2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections till date, according to official data. Of the 1.25 crore households in Tamil Nadu, 69.57 lakh households have received tap connections till date. The percentage of households (55.63%) with tap connections.

### 5. Betiyan Bane Kushal: Empowering girl child for future in-demand skills

The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) organized a National Conference on skill development in Non-Traditional Livelihood (NTL) for Girls 'Betiyan Bane Kushal'. The conference held on 11 Oct 2022, was organised to mark the International Day of the Girl Child. It emphasizes the need for skill development of the girl child in non-traditional methods of livelihood.

### 6. PM Modi releases 12th installment of Rs 16,000 crore to farmers under PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today released the 12th installment amount of 16 thousand crore rupees to farmers under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi through Direct Benefit Transfer. Inaugurating the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 in New Delhi. Mr Modi also launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana - One Nation One Fertilizer.

### 7. PM Modi kickstarts distribution of PMJAY-MA Yojana Ayushman cards in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi kickstarted the distribution of PMJAY-MA Yojana Ayushman cards in Gujarat via video conferencing on 17 October. Prime Minister launched the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in 2018 - the largest health insurance scheme in the world providing coverage of up to Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for primary, secondary and tertiary care

### 8. Total balance in PM Jan Dhan accounts crosses '1.75-lakh crore mark

As per the latest Government data, the total balance stood at '1,75,225 crore as on October 5, 2022, as the total number of beneficiaries touched 47 crore. Women beneficiaries own a larger chunk in the scheme at 26.16 crore account of which the bulk (31.42 cror accounts) are in rural and semi-urban areas.

Launched in August 2014, PM JMDJY has recently completed 8 years.

### 9. Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana significantly reduced patients' out-of-pocket expenditure: Mansukh Mandaviya

Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said, Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana has significantly reduced patients' out-of-pocket expenditure. It has helped in savings of 18 thousand crore rupees for the citizens in the last 8 years. The scheme ensures easy reach of affordable quality medicines to the people in every nook and corner of the country. More than 8700

## Appointments & Resignations

### 1. T Rajkumar re-elected as Chairman of Confederation of Indian Textile Industry

Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) has unanimously re-elected T Rajkumar as Chairman during its 64th Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The newly reconstituted Committee elected the top team with Rakesh Mehra as Deputy Chairman, CITI and Ashwin Chandran as Vice Chairman of CITI.

### 2. Captain Ibrahim Traore appointed Burkina Faso president

Captain Ibrahim Traore has been appointed as Head of State, Supreme Head of the Armed Forces.

In the west African country's second coup in nine months, President Paul-Henri Damiba was deposed by Traore and a group of soldiers on September 30.

Capital of Burkina Faso: Ouagadougou.

Currency: West African CFA franc.

Burkina Faso's Prime Minister, Albert Ouedraogo.

### 3. Arunachal Governor B.D. Mishra assumes additional charge as Governor of Meghalaya

Arunachal Pradesh governor Brig. (Dr) B.D. Mishra (retired) took oath as the governor of Meghalaya in addition to position of Arunachal Pradesh.

The senior most Judge of the Meghalaya High Court Justice Hamarsan Singh Thangkhiew administered the oath of office to Mishra at a function at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Shillong.

### 4. SBI General Insurance announces the appointment of Kishore Kumar Poludasu as its new MD & CEO

SBI General Insurance has announced the appointment of Kishore Kumar Poludasu as its new managing director & chief executive officer. He was nominated by the parent company, State Bank of India, for the position and has been appointed w.e.f 4 October 2022.

SBI General Insurance was established in 2009.

### 5. Sanjeev Kishore takes over as director general ordnance

Sanjeev Kishore, a 1985 batch officer of the Indian Ordnance Factory Service, has taken over as the director general ordnance (C&S), Ministry of Defence said in a statement.

Kishore assumed charge of the new role on 1 October, 2022. He replaced M K Garg. Before taking over the charge of DGO, Kishore was the additional director general ordnance at the Directorate of Ordnance

### 6. SK Gupta assumes charge as GAIL CMD

State-run GAIL said that Sandeep Kumar Gupta has assumed the charge of Chairman and Managing Director of the country's largest gas utility. Before joining GAIL, he held the position of Director (Finance), from August 2019, on the Board of Indian Oil Corporation. Gail owns and operates a diversified business portfolio including over 14,500 km of natural gas pipeline network,

### 7. Centre Appoints Delhi HC Judge Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma As Presiding Officer Of UAPA Tribunal

The Central Government has appointed Delhi High Court judge Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma as the Presiding Officer of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal which will review the ban imposed on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliated organisations.

The UAPA Tribunal consists of only one person, who has to be a High Court judge.

### 8. RBI approves reappointment of YES Bank MD and CEO Prashant Kumar for 3 years

Mr. Kumar was appointed as the head of the bank after YES Bank was bailed out by a consortium of lenders and put under the YES Bank Reconstruction Scheme in March 2020. Prior to joining YES Bank, Kumar was Deputy MD and CFO of State Bank of India.

YES Bank, India's fourth largest private sector Bank was incorporated in the year 2004.

### 9. Bank of India Mutual Funds appoints Mohit Bhatia as CEO

Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd has announced that it has appointed Mohit Bhatia as its chief executive officer. Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd is a wholly-owned subsidiary of

Bank of India. As per industry estimates, Bank of India Mutual Fund had an average AUM of '3,054.36 for the July- September quarter.

#### **10. Smriti Mandhana unveiled as Gulf Oil India ambassador**

Indian cricket star Smriti Mandhana has signed on as a brand ambassador of lubricant manufacturer Gulf Oil India.

She joins current men's cricket ace Hardik Pandya and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni as an ambassador for the company. Gulf Oil Lubricants India Ltd (GOLIL) is a part of the Hinduja Group.

#### **11. Dr Akhilesh Gupta assumes additional charge of Secretary SERB**

Dr Akhilesh Gupta, Senior Adviser at the Department of Science and Technology (DST) assumed additional charge of Secretary of the Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB) on October 8, 2022 after Dr Sandeep Verma relinquished charges as Secretary SERB on completing his tenure on October 7. Science and Engineering Research Board is a statutory body established in 2009.

#### **12. Austrian president Alexander Van der Bellen secures second term**

Austria's current President Alexander Van der Bellen has secured a second six-year term in office.

He obtained more than 50% of the vote in an election, avoiding a second-round run-off, according to a forecast.

The projection by pollster SORA put Van der Bellen, a 78-year-old former leader of the Greens, on 54.6% with a margin of error of 2.1 percentage points. Austria, Capital: Vienna; Currency: Euro.

#### **13. A Balasubramanian re-elected Amfi chairman, Radhika Gupta vice-chairperson**

A Balasubramanian has been re-elected as the chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), and Radhika Gupta as the vice-chairperson of the industry body. As the chairman of AMFI, A Balasubramanian will also continue as the ex-officio chairman of the AMFI Financial Literacy Committee.

#### **14. AU Small Finance Bank re-appoints R V Verma as chairman**

AU Small Finance Bank re-appointed former head of National Housing Bank (NHB) Raj Vikash Verma as its non-executive chairman.

Sh. Verma, who also served as a whole-time member of the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), took charge as part-time chairman of the bank on April 8, 2020.

#### **15. Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan assumes charge as whole-time member at Sebi**

Former banker Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan took charge as the fourth whole time member (WTM) in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), filling the position vacant since November 2021.

Narayan, who has been a member of various advisory committees of Sebi and RBI, has been appointed for an initial period of three years.

#### **16. Infosys President Ravi Kumar S Resigns**

IT services major Infosys on October 11 informed the stock exchanges that Ravi Kumar S has resigned as President of the company.

In his role as President, Ravi Kumar S led the Infosys Global Services Organization across all industry segments. Infosys CEO: Salil Parekh

#### **17. Justice AM Magray appointed as Chief Justice of J&K, Ladakh High Court**

The Central Government notified the elevation of Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey as Chief Justice of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

Meanwhile, Justice Pankaj Mittal has been transferred to Rajasthan as Chief Justice of Rajasthan HC and Justice PB Varale is appointed as Chief Justice of Karnataka HC.

#### **18. Odisha MP Aparajita Sarangi elected Asia Pacific Group's Inter-Parliamentary Union panel member**

Lok Sabha MP from Odisha Aparajita Sarangi has been elected as a member of the executive committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union from Asia Pacific Group (APG) countries. Sarangi bagged 12 out of the total 18 available votes in the election to the post. The election was held in Kigali, Rwanda. Sarangi will represent India on the 15-member executive committee of the union. The IPU is the global organization of national parliaments. HQ- Geneva, Switzerland

### **19. MEA's Dr Adarsh Swaika appointed India's next ambassador to Kuwait**

Dr Adarsh Swaika, a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait. Avtar Singh, a Director in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea. Guinea is a country in West Africa.

Capital: Conakry

### **20. Partha Satpathy appointed as next Indian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Partha Satpathy presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina: Sarajevo.

The Bosnia-Herzegovina Convertible Mark (BAM) is the national currency of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

### **21. Abdul Latif Rashid elected new Iraq President by Parliament**

Kurdish politician Abdul Latif Rashid was elected as president by Iraq's Parliament, according to two lawmakers, paving the way for the formation of a new government and ending a year of deadlock.

Rashid, 78, is a British-educated engineer and was the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010.

### **22. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud appointed the 50th Chief Justice of India**

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud as the Chief Justice of India with effect from November 9, 2022. Justice Chandrachud will take over as the 50th Chief Justice of India after the retirement of the incumbent CJI UU Lalit.

As the CJI, Justice Chandrachud will have a term of over two years, till November 10, 2024.

### **23. Kaustubh Kulkarni elevated as JP Morgan India head**

The bank said Madhav Kalyan, who is the current country head for India, will be heading the Asia Pacific payments division effective November 1, succeeding Sridhar Kanthadai who will be moving into a new role as co-head of global payment rails and payment VAS.

Navin Wadhvani will be head of investment banking for India now.

### **24. Roger Binny Succeeds Sourav Ganguly As BCCI President**

Roger Binny, former Indian cricket team star and member of the 1983 World Cup-winning team, was named as the 36th president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Binny, in his recent stint, was the Karnataka State Cricket Association President and will now leave his position in the state body.

The very first President of BCCI was Mr. R E Grant Govan.

### **25. Ranbheer Singh Dhariwal appointed CEO of Max Life Pension Fund**

Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. has appointed Ranbheer Singh Dhariwal as chief executive officer (CEO) of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Max Life Pension Fund Management Ltd., effective 15 October. Dhariwal will be responsible for managing and expanding Max Life Pension Fund and lead end-to-end business operations.

### **26. Thamban Meloth appointed as director of Goa-based NCPOR**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the proposal for the appointment of Dr. Thamban Meloth, Scientist G', NCPOR to the post of Director, National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa.

On behalf of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), NCPOR has been designated as the nodal agency to deal with various facets of the IODP program in India.

### **27. Bharati Das appointed as the new Controller General of Accounts**

The Centre has appointed Bharati Das, as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. She is the 27th Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance.

The Controller General of Accounts is the principal advisor on accounting matters of the Union Government. C.S. Swaminathan was the first Controller General of Accounts (CGA) of India.

### **28. Credit platform Yubi appoints Atanu Chakraborty as Chairman**

Yubi (formerly CredAvenue), a possibility platform which powers the discovery, execution and fulfilment of credit, has announced the appointment of Atanu Chakraborty as the independent chairman of its board. Chakraborty is also currently the chairman of the board of HDFC Bank.



Gaurav Kumar-founder and CEO, Yubi

### **29. Adani Group appoints Arun Bansal as CEO Adani Airport Holdings Ltd**

Adani Airport Holdings has again rejigged its top management, naming Ericsson veteran Arun Bansal its chief executive, said several people close to the matter. Bansal, who spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company, was most recently its president for Europe and Latin America.

### **30. Swedish Parliament elects Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson**

The Swedish parliament elected Ulf Kristersson ' the conservative Moderate Party leader ' as the Prime Minister at the head of a coalition that is being supported by a once radical far-right party. Mr. Kristersson, 59, was elected by 176-173 votes. Mr. Kristersson will be replacing Magdalena Andersson, who heads Sweden's largest party, the Social Democrats. Sweden Capital: Stockholm

### **31. Pradeep Singh Kharola appointed CMD, India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)**

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Kharola as Chairman & Managing Director, ITPO in the rank and pay of Secretary to the Government of India on a contract basis for a period of two years.

Kharola will continue to hold the charge of the post of Chairman, National Recruitment Agency till appointment of a regular incumbent in his place.

### **32. Aramane Giridhar named defence secretary, Sanjay Malhotra new revenue secretary**

Road Transport and Highways Secretary Aramane Giridhar will be new defence secretary, after the retirement of Ajay Kumar on October 31.

National Highways Authority of India chairperson Alka Upadhyaya will be the new road and transport secretary replacing Giridhar.

Sanjay Malhotra will be the new revenue secretary after Tarun Bajaj completes his term on November 30.

### **33. Liz Truss Resigns, Will Be U.K.'s Shortest-Ruling Prime Minister**

Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned after a brief and chaotic tenure that saw her announce a massive package of unfunded tax cuts before unwinding most of it in the face of a market rout.

Truss, 47, quit after just 44 days in office, and will become the shortest-ruling prime minister in British history.

### **34. Ex-Infosys President Ravi Kumar joins Cognizant**

Former Infosys president Ravi Kumar is joining Cognizant as President Americas, said the company in a regulatory filing. He will take on the position from January 16, 2023. Kumar will be reporting directly to Brian Humphries, CEO Cognizant. Cognizant also announced the appointment of Prasad Sankaran who will be heading the software and platform engineering (SPE) services.

### **35. Shri Jaxay Shah nominated as the new Chairman of Quality Council of India**

Jaxay Shah, former Chairman of CREDAI and founder Chairman of Savvy Group has been appointed as the Chairman of Quality Council of India for a period of three years effective from 21st October 2022. The incumbent chairman succeeds the former McKinsey India Chief Adil Zainulbhai who served as the Chairman of QCI through three terms for a period of eight years from 2014-2022.

### **36. Hardayal Prasad quits as PNB Housing Finance MD, Girish Kousgi to replace him**

PNB Housing Finance's managing director Hardayal Prasad has resigned from his role, citing personal reasons. He is being replaced by Girish Kousgi, who has been the managing director and chief executive officer of Can Fin Homes.

The company has asked deputy managing director Amitabh Chatterjee to manage the affairs of Can Fin Homes in the interim period.

### **37. ICICI Bank reappoints Sandeep Bakhshi as MD, CEO for 3 years**

ICICI Bank's board of directors has reappointed Sandeep Bakshi as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) for a period of three years.

He was appointed as the bank's MD and CEO since October 15, 2018. He has served as Wholtime Director and the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the bank prior to his appointment as MD and CEO.

### **38. Indian Banks' Association re-elects PNB's AK Goel as chairman**

The Managing Committee of the Indian Banks' Association re-elected A K Goel, Managing Director & CEO, Punjab National Bank, as the Chairman of the Association for the term 2022-23. The Committee also elected three Deputy Chairmen: Dinesh Kumar Khara, Chairman, State Bank of India ; A S Rajeev, MD & CEO, Bank of Maharashtra; and Madhav Nair, Country Head & CEO, Mashreq Bank N Kamakodi, Managing Director & CEO, City Union Bank, elected as the Honorary Secretary.

### **39. Ashwini K.P. Becomes First Indian to Be Appointed Independent Expert on Racism by UNHRC**

UN Human Rights Council appointed the first Asian and first Indian as an independent expert on racism and related intolerance. The 47-member UN human rights body, based in Geneva, endorsed the appointment of activist and professor of political science, Ashwini K.P as Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance

### **40. Sankarasubramanian named Principal Scientist of ISRO's Aditya-L1 mission**

Sankarasubramanian K has been designated Principal Scientist of the Aditya-L1 mission of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

Aditya-L1 is the first observatory-class space-based solar mission from India.

Sankarasubramanian is a senior solar scientist at the UR Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), Bengaluru.

### **41. Rishi Sunak Appointed Britain's Next Prime Minister By King Charles III**

Rishi Sunak was appointed the U.K.'s prime minister after meeting King Charles III at Buckingham Palace, the third person to assume the mantle this year with the hopes of soothing the political and economic turmoil that marked Liz Truss' brief tenure, after she replaced Boris Johnson.

This is the 1st time King Charles has appointed a prime minister since taking the throne

### **42. Govt appoints Sangeeta Verma as acting chairperson of CCI**

The government appointed Sangeeta Verma as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The appointment follows full-time Chairperson Ashok Kumar Gupta demitting office in October 2022. Verma is currently a member at the regulator. Gupta had taken over as the CCI chairperson in November 2018.

### **43. Mata Amritanandamayi appointed as Chair of C20**

The Government of India has appointed Mata Amritanandamayi as the Chair of Civil 20 (C20), an official engagement group of the G20.

The G20 members consist of 19 countries plus the European Union and C20 is its platform for civil-society organisations (CSOs) to bring forth non-government and non-business voices to the G20 leaders.

### **44. Shefali Juneja elected as chairperson of UN's Air Transport Committee**

Shefali Juneja, India's representative to the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), has been elected as the chairperson of United Nations' specialized aviation agency's Air Transport Committee (ATC). India secured this position in ICAO after 28 years when Juneja was unanimously elected to the post. She is the first woman to represent India in the ICAO.

### **45. Lula da Silva defeats Bolsonaro to return as Brazil's President for third time**

Twenty years after first winning the Brazilian presidency, the leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva defeated incumbent Jair Bolsonaro in an extremely tight election that marks an about-face for the country after four years of far-right politics.

Da Silva's inauguration is scheduled to take place on January 1, 2023. He last served as president from 2003-2010.

### **46. IFS Rajesh Ranjan appointed as next Indian envoy to Ivory Coast**

Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Dr. Rajesh Ranjan has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire. Rajesh Ranjan is presently working as High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana. Yamoussoukro is the capital of Cote d'Ivoire.

### **47. Tata Trusts ropes in Cyrus Mistry's cousin Mehli Mistry as trustee on board**

Tata Trusts has inducted Cyrus Mistry's cousin Mehli Mistry as a trustee on board of Sir Ratan Tata Trust and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.

The inclusion takes place even as Tata Trusts announced the retirement of its first professional CEO Srinath Narasimhan, 60, who was appointed in 2020.

#### 48. Sujoy Lal Thaosan, Anish Dayal Singh Appointed New DGs of CRPF, ITBP

Sujoy Lal Thaosan is currently working as the director general (DG) of the border guarding force Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and holding the additional charge of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) DG post fell vacant on Friday after IPS officer Kuldiep Singh (1986-batch) retired.

#### 49. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inducts first indigenously developed LCH, named Prachand, into Indian Air Force in Rajasthan

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inducted the first indigenously developed light combat helicopters (LCH) into Indian Air Force at Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

The Light Combat Helicopter has been developed by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL).

According to the Ministry of Defence, 10 helicopters would be for the IAF and five will be for the Indian Army.

#### 50. ISRO scientist Anil Kumar elected VP of International Astronautical Federation

Senior Indian Space Research Organisation Scientist A K Anil Kumar has been elected as the Vice-President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF). Anil Kumar is currently working as Associate Director, ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC). IAF is world's leading space advocacy body with 433 members in 72 nations.

#### 51. Lalit Bhasin elected new President of Indo-American Chambers of Commerce

The Indo-American Chamber of Commerce (IACC) has appointed eminent lawyer Lalit Bhasin as its national president. Before being elected as the National President of the IACC, Bhasin was the executive vice president of the chamber. Bhasin is the 54th National President of IACC, which was set up in October 1968. Headquartered in Mumbai.



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## Awards

### 1. Swachh Survekshan Grameen 2022 awards: Telangana wins first prize, Haryana second

Telangana won the first prize under the large states category under the Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2022 which looks into the sanitation status of rural areas.

Haryana secured the second position while Tamil Nadu was third.

The awards were presented by President Droupadi Murmu. The Swachh Survekshan Gramin-2022 award is given by the Jal Shakti ministry

### 2. Valley of Words Book Awards: 'Tagore & Gandhi' wins in English non-fiction

Anees Salim's The Odd Book of Baby Names (English fiction) and Rudrangshu Mukherjee's Tagore & Gandhi: Walking Alone, Walking Together (English non-fiction) were among the eight that were adjudged the best books of the year at the 'Valley of Words Book Awards'.

The PFC-VoW Book Awards is considered one of the most comprehensive independent literary award in India. Hindi fiction was won by Khela written by Neelakshi Singh.

### 3. Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 awarded to Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger

The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 was awarded to

->Alain Aspect (France)

->John F. Clauser (USA)

->Anton Zeilinger (Australia)

"for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science".

Their results have cleared the way for new technology based upon quantum information. John Bardeen is the only laureate who has been awarded the physics prize twice.

### 4. Carolyn R Bertozzi, Morten Meldal & K Barry Sharpless awarded 2022 Nobel prize in chemistry for development of 'click chemistry'

American chemist Karl Barry Sharpless, who shares the Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022 with Carolyn R. Bertozzi, also from the US, and Denmark's Morten Meldal, is a two-time winner.

They won this year's Nobel for laying the basis of "click chemistry" -- a functional form of chemistry used in mapping DNA and developing pharmaceuticals.

### 5. India's PR Sreejesh, Savita Punia voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeepers of Year

Savita Punia, the captain of the Indian women's hockey team, and veteran goalkeeper PR Sreejesh both received the FIH goalkeeper of the year title in the men's and women's categories.

The third individual to receive the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year title twice is Sreejesh.

Sreejesh also reached 250 international appearances during the course of the season. At the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, where Indian men won the silver medal.

### 6. Pune IITM scientist Roxy Koll receives 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal

Roxy Mathew Koll, a scientist at the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), received the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal. Koll was selected for his outstanding research in Earth and space sciences. He will also be conferred as a Fellow of the AGU. The medal is named in honour of professor Devendra Lal, a distinguished geophysicist

### 7. French author Annie Ernaux wins 2022 Nobel Prize for Literature

The Nobel prize in literature has been awarded to French author Annie Ernaux, for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory.

Last year's Nobel literature prize went to the Tanzanian-born, UK-based writer Abdulrazak Gurnah.

The prize is awarded by the Swedish Academy and is worth 10 million Swedish crowns.

### 8. Ales Bialiatski, Russia's Memorial and Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties win Nobel Peace Prize 2022

The Norwegian Nobel Committee on Friday declared Belarusian activist Ales Bialiatski, Russian human rights organisation Memorial, and the Ukrainian NGO Center for Civil Liberties (CLL) as the winners of the



2022 Nobel Peace Prize. The three of them have been awarded for "outstanding effort to document war crimes, human rights abuses, and abuse of power".

### **9. Nobel Prize 2022 in Economics awarded to Ben Bernanke, Douglas Diamond and Philip Dybvig**

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the 2022 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel to Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond and Philip H. Dybvig (all 3 from US) "for research on banks and financial crises."

Notably, Bernanke has served as the 14th chairman of the US Federal Reserve from 2006 to 2014.

### **10. Hyderabad wins the prestigious 'World Green Cities Award 2022'**

The city of Hyderabad has bagged the prestigious 'World Green City Award 2022' beating Paris, Bogota, Mexico City, Montreal, and Fortaleza in Brazil. Additionally, the city has also won 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' at the International Association of Horticulture Producers 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea. Hyderabad is the only Indian city selected

### **11. Prakash Padukone honoured with SJFI medal**

Badminton legend Prakash Padukone was awarded the Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) medal for 2019 at a ceremony at the Karnataka State Cricket Association. The medal was instituted in 2018, with Vijay Amritraj the first winner. The award function for 2019 was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **12. Sri-Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka bags Booker Prize 2022 for his magnum opus 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'**

'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida', which came ten years after Karunatilaka's prize-winning novel 'Chinaman: The Legend of Pradeep Mathew', was praised by judges for the 'ambition of its scope and the hilarious audacity of its narrative techniques.'

Damon Glut, last year's Booker Prize winner presented the author with 50,000 pounds in prize money.

### **13. Karim Benzema wins Ballon d'Or as Alexia Putellas retains women's prize**

Karim Benzema was awarded the 2022 Ballon d'Or at a ceremony in Paris after a stellar 2021-22 season saw him lead Real Madrid to a Champions League and LaLiga double.

Barcelona's midfielder Gavi won the Kopa Trophy, the award presented to the best player under age 21.

Spain's Alexia Putellas retained the women's prize of the most prestigious individual award in football.

Benzema & Putellas recently bagged Europe's Footballer of the Year award too.

### **14. U.P. bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021**

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu bagged top three positions in PMAY-U awards. Gujarat gets 5 'Special Category' awards; J&K adjudged 'Best performing UT'. Gujarat won special category awards for performance related to Affordable Rental Housing Complexes and 'Convergence with other Missions'. Union Housing and Urban Affairs minister Hardeep Puri presented the award

### **15. Barbara Metcalf bags Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022**

American historian and internationally acclaimed scholar of South Asian history and Islam, Barbara D Metcalf, received the Sir Syed Excellence International Award for 2022.

The annual award is given by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) on its founder Sir Syed Ahmad Khan's birth anniversary.

This year, AMU is marking the 205th anniversary of Sir Syed.

### **16. IIT Madras wins national intellectual property award for 2021, 2022.**

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) has won the 'National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 and 2022'. This award is given out by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. The officials decide the winner on the basis of the patent applications, grants and commercialisation. V. Kamakoti - Director of IIT Madras

### **17. Hyderabad Haleem wins 'Most Popular GI' food award**

In competition with 17 food items from across India with a Geographical Indication (GI) status -- including the Rasogulla, Bikaneri Bhujia and Ratlami Sev -- the Hyderabad Haleem beat all of them to bag the 'Most Popular GI' award in the food category.

It was awarded by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

In 2010 the Hyderabad Haleem was first accorded the GI status.

### **18. Ukrainian people win EU's 2022 Sakharov freedom prize**

The European Parliament has awarded its top human rights prize to the people of Ukraine. The Sakharov Prize for freedom of thought named after the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov and has been awarded annually since 1988 to individuals and organizations defending human rights and freedoms. Other nominees included Wikileaks founder Julian Assange and 'Truth Commission'.

### **19. SS Rajamouli's RRR wins Best International Film award at Saturn Awards in LA**

SS Rajamouli directed blockbuster RRR won the Best International Film award at the 50th Saturn Awards in Los Angeles.

This is the 2nd time Rajamouli won the Saturn Award. He had won the award for 'Baahubali: The Conclusion'.

RRR won the Best International Film against other movies, including Downton Abbey: A New Era, Eiffel, Riders of Justice, Silent Night, & I'm Your Man.

### **20. President Droupadi Murmu presents Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to President's Bodyguard**

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Silver Trumpet and Trumpet Banner to the President's Bodyguard at a ceremony in Rashtrapati Bhavan. President's Bodyguard is celebrating 250 years of its raising which is coinciding with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The President's Bodyguard is the oldest regiment in the Indian Army.

### **21. West Bengal gov't's Lakshmir Bhandar bags the SKOCH Award**

West Bengal has bagged the prestigious SKOCH award in the women and child development category for its popular 'Lakshmir Bhandar' scheme.

Instituted in 2003, SKOCH Award is given to best of governance, inclusive growth, excellence in technology and applications, change management, corporate leadership, corporate governance, citizen services delivery, capacity building etc.

### **22. Svante Pbo wins Nobel Prize 2022 in Physiology or Medicine**

Swedish scientist Svante Pbo has been awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize for Physiology "for his discoveries concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution."

The prizes carry a cash award of 10 mn. Swedish kronor.

Last year's recipients were David Julius and Ardem Patapoutian for their discoveries into how the human body perceives temperature and touch. Svante Pbo's father Karl Sune Detlof Bergstrm won the same prize in 1982.

### **23. Swachh Survekshan Awards: Indore Gets India's Cleanest City Tag for 6th Time in a Row, Surat Retains 2nd Rank**

President Murmu presents awards to cleanest States and cities in Swachh Survekshan 2022. Madhya Pradesh got the first position among States, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Indore was adjudged the cleanest city for the sixth time in a row followed by Surat and Navi Mumbai with populations of above one lakh.

## Ranks & Reports

### 1. Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu top two destinations for foreign tourists in 2021: Union ministry report

The Union Tourism Ministry released a report on which revealed that Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu registered the most number of foreign tourist visits with 1.26 million and 1.23 million respectively in 2021. The report also stated the number of foreign tourist arrivals during 2021 decreased to 1.52 million - a nearly 44 per cent decline compared to 2020 - citing Covid-19

### 2. Trade and Development Report 2022: UNCTAD

UNCTAD projects that world economic growth will slow to 2.5% in 2022 and drop to 2.2% in 2023. The global slowdown would leave real GDP still below its pre-pandemic trend, costing the world more than \$17 trillion ' close to 20% of the world's income.

The average growth rate for developing economies is projected to drop below 3%.

### 3. 56 mn Indians may have turned poor in 2020 due to pandemic: World Bank

The World Bank in its latest 'Poverty and Shared Prosperity' made fresh estimates of poverty using a new extreme poverty line based on the purchasing power parity (PPP) of \$2.15, the earlier one being at \$1.9. About 56 million Indians may have plunged into extreme poverty in 2020 as a result of the pandemic, increasing the global tally by 71 million.

### 4. Jharkhand, West Bengal top in worst state list in terms of child marriages: MHA

According to the latest demographic sample survey by the Union Home Ministry, the percentage of girls getting married before attaining majority is as high as 5.8 in Jharkhand. Around 54.9% of girls are married in West Bengal before attaining the age of 21 years, the figure for Jharkhand is 54.6% as against the national average of 29.5%, said the survey.

### 5. 'Education 4.0 Report' 2022- Released By The World Economic Forum (WEF)

A World Economic Forum report states that, India's school-to-work transition process continues to face significant obstacles due to lack of coordinated efforts. The school-to-work transition process is still facing major hurdles in India and a lack of coordinated efforts has resulted in an isolated skilling system that has not been able to achieve its maximum potential

### 6. India up six places for reducing inequality, ranks 123 globally: CRII

The 2022 Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index is the first detailed analysis published looking at governments' policies and actions to fight inequality during the first two years of the pandemic. It reviews the spending, tax and labour policies and actions of 161 governments during 2020'2022.

India has moved up six places to rank 123 out of 161 countries. Norway leads the CRII followed by Germany and Australia.

### 7. 15 states among achievers in logistics performance index 2022: DPIIT report

Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat are among the 15 states and UTs categorised as achievers in the logistics index chart 2022, according to a report released by the commerce and Industry Ministry. The index is an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports and economic growth.

### 8. Living Planet Report 2022: Wildlife populations decline by 69% in 50 years

There has been a 69 per cent decline in the wildlife populations of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish, across the globe in the last 50 years, according to the latest Living Planet Report by World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The highest decline (94 per cent) was in the Latin America and the Caribbean region, the report showed. Marco Lambertini, director-general of WWF. Ravi Singh, secretary-general ceo of WWF India

### 9. Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: IISc tops among Indian Universities

In Times Higher Education Rankings 2023, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has secured the top place among the Indian universities. Five Indian universities made it into the world's top 500 varsities. IISc has been placed under 251-300 bracket. University of Oxford has once again topped the world ranking list- for 7th time in a row.

### **10. India ranks 107th out of 121 countries on Global Hunger Index**

India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99). Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.

India's child wasting rate of 19.3% is worst in the world; shows improvement in child stunting, child mortality indicators

With a score of 29.1, India has a level of hunger that is serious. GHI is jointly released by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe every October.

### **11. Haryana best-governed in big states: Public Affairs Index 2022**

Haryana has emerged as the best-governed among 18 big states of the country, according to the Public Affairs Index 2022 prepared by a Bengaluru-based think tank. It was followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka. Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India. Union Territories are not part of the report.

### **12. India lifted 415 million out of poverty in 15 years, says UN**

The UNDP report noted that the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on poverty in India cannot be fully assessed because 71% of the data from the 2019-2021 'Demographic and Health Survey' for the country were collected before the pandemic. The incidence of poverty fell from 36.6% in 2015-2016 to 21.2% in 2019-2021 in rural areas and from 9.0% to 5.5% in urban areas.

### **13. India Gate Basmati Rice Recognized as World's Number 1 Basmati Rice Brand**

India Gate, the flagship brand of KRBL, has been recognized as the world's No. 1 Basmati Rice Brand in a market study conducted by a leading global research company.

The quantitative study by Mordor Intelligence covers research of White and Brown Basmati Rice Category across continents like Americas, Europe, Asia-Pacific, and Middle East & Africa. Anil Kumar Mittal, Chairman and Managing Director, KRBL Limited.

### **14. UIDAI tops Grievance Redressal Index for second consecutive month**

The Unique Identification Authority of India has topped among all Group A Ministries, Departments and Autonomous Bodies for resolving public grievances in the rankings report published by Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for September, said the Ministry of Electronics & IT. This is the second consecutive month UIDAI has topped the rankings.

### **15. India ranks 41st among 44 nations on pension index**

India stood at 41 position out of 44 countries in 2022 with marginal improvement in its index value compared to 40th position out of 43 countries assessed on the Global Pension Index in 2021, shows the Mercer CFS Global Pension Index survey.

Iceland topped the list, followed by the Netherlands, while Thailand ranked last, according to the survey.

### **16. India 3rd in list of centi-millionaires, to overtake China by 2032**

India ranks third in the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires-individuals with assets of more than Rs 830 crore (\$100 million), a new report has revealed. Out of the world's 25,490 centi-millionaires, India has 1,132, beating countries like the UK, Russia and Switzerland, in a swift growing and powerful class of super-rich tech titans, CEOs. Report released by international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners

### **17. Gautam Adani beats Mukesh Ambani to secure top spot in Forbes list of India's 100 Richest**

According to the 2022 Forbes list of India's 100 Richest, Gautam Adani topped the chart with a net worth of \$150 billion. Adani overtook Mukesh Ambani, whose net worth is reportedly \$88 billion. Radhakrishna Damani, Cyrus Poonawalla, Shiv Nadar, Savitri Jindal, Dilip Shangavi, the Hinduja brothers, Kumar Mangalam Birla and the Bajaj family fills the top 10.

### **18. Drones to provide \$100-b GDP boost, 5 lakh jobs in India, says WEF(World Economic Forum) report**

Putting drones at the centre of a technology-led transformation of Indian agriculture can help boost the country's GDP by 1-1.5% and create at least five lakh jobs in the coming years, the WEF said in 'Using Technology to Improve a Billion Livelihoods' report.

The report was written by the WEF's Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution, India, with Adani Group.



### **19. National Statistical Office released the Employment Outlook of India**

The National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released the press note on Employment Outlook of the country covering the period September, 2017 to August, 2022 based on the administrative records available with selected government agencies to assess the progress in certain dimensions.

### **20. India suffered income loss of 5.4% of GDP due to heatwave in 2021: Report**

India suffered an income loss of 5.4% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the highest among the G20 nations in 2021, according to the new report of Climate Transparency. The report highlighted that India witnessed a record heatwave that greatly affected workers, labour migrants, low-income households, and the homeless, and reduced the yields of wheat crops.

### **21. 97% phones used in country are made in India: Union Minister Rajeev Chandrasekhar**

In 2014, over 92 percent of mobile phones used in India were imported, today over 97 percent of mobile phones used in India are made in India. Today we export electronic devices worth \$12 billion (roughly Rs. 98,800 crore), MoS Rajeev Chandrasekhar said.

### **22. Delhi's IGI airport is now world's 10th busiest airport: Study**

The Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022, reported Official Airline Guide (OAG). The busiest airport in the world as of October 2022 is Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport having serviced 47,47,367 seats.

### **23. Emissions in India, 6 other nations top pre-Covid levels**

The UNEP report, titled 'Emissions Gap Report 2022: The Closing Window ' Climate Crisis Calls For Rapid Transformation of Societies', has found that in India and six other top emitters, emissions have rebounded and increased after the pandemic. The top seven emitters are China, the EU27, India, Indonesia, Brazil, the Russian Federation and USA

### **24. Pather Panchali declared best Indian movie by FIPRESCI**

The feature film Pather Panchali(1955) by renowned director Satyajit Ray has been named the best Indian movie of all time by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI).

Others on the list include: Meghe Dhaka Tara, Bhuvan Shome, Elippathayam, Ghatashraddha, Garm Hava, Charulata, Ankur, Pyaasa and Sholay. The list by FIPRESCI consists of top 10 films in Indian cinematic history.

### **25. India likely to see biggest jump in energy demand globally, says IEA in its World Energy Outlook report.**

India is likely to see the world's biggest rise in energy demand this decade, with demand climbing 3% annually due to urbanisation and industrialisation.

While the push for renewable energy will see it meeting as much as 60 per cent of the growth in demand for power, coal will continue to meet a third of overall energy demand by 2030 and another quarter will be met by oil.

### **26. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) recognised as country's most sustainable oil & gas company**

BPCL a Maharatna and Fortune Global 500 Company has achieved the No.1 rank for 3rd time in Indian oil and gas sector for its sustainability performance in the 2022 edition of the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings.

BPCL scored 65 percentage points against an industry average of 31.

### **27. India's Defence ministry is world's biggest employer: 'Statista' report**

India's Ministry of Defence is the world's biggest employer with 2.92 million people, which includes combined active service personnel, reservists and civilian staff, according to a report in 'Statista'.

A close second to the Indian Defence Ministry is the US Department of Defense which employs 2.91 million people. Statista is Germany-based private org that provides data and statistics abt world issues.

### **28. 103 million people forcibly displaced worldwide, reveals UNHCR report**

The number of people forcibly displaced from their homes due to persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations and events seriously disturbing public order globally surged to 103 million in the first half

of 2022, meaning that one in 77 people on Earth is forcibly displaced, according to the latest report from UNHCR. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is headquartered in Geneva.

### 29. WHO Global TB Report 2022

According to the report, 21.4 Lakh TB cases notified in India in 2021, 18% higher than 2020. Over 22 crore people screened for TB in 2021 across the country for early detection and treatment of TB.

Under the new initiative Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan, more than 40,000 Nikshay Mitra supporting over 10.45 Lakh TB patients all over the country. India aims to eliminate TB by 2025 - five years ahead of the global target.



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## Important Days

### 1. World Habitat Day: 3 October

World Habitat Day is celebrated annually on the first Monday of every October.

World Habitat Day 2022 aims to focus on the growing inequalities and vulnerabilities that have been a result of COVID-19, climate and conflict.

Theme of 2022: "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind".

World Habitat Day was first celebrated in 1986 with 'Shelter is My Right' as a theme.

### 2. World Space Week, 4-10 October

World Space Week is an international celebration of science and technology, and their contribution to the betterment of the human condition. The United Nations General Assembly declared in 1999 that World Space Week will be held each year from October 4-10. The World Space Week 2022 theme is 'Space and Sustainability'

### 3. World Animal Day | 4 October

October 4 is marked as World Animal Day, a global initiative for animal rights that aims at ensuring better standards for animal welfare. The theme for World Animal Day is a 'shared planet' which highlights that the world belongs to every living creature and not just humans. World Animal Day coincides with the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals.

### 4. National Wildlife Week | October 2 to October 8.

The 68th Wildlife Week is being celebrated across the country from October 2 to October 8. The Wildlife Week is celebrated to bring awareness among the citizens to preserve the wildlife. Wildlife Week was conceptualized in 1952 with the overall goal of raising awareness to serve the long-term goal of safeguarding the lives of wildlife through critical action.

### 5. World Teachers' Day 2022: October 5

World Teachers' Day or International Teachers day is celebrated across the globe on October 5.

World Teachers' day is a joint initiative of UNESCO, UNICEF, ILO and Education International.

UNESCO proclaimed October 5 as World Teachers' Day in 1994.

The theme of World Teachers' Day is 'The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers'.

India has been celebrating September 5 as Teacher's Day since 1962.

### 6. World Cotton Day | 7 October

The initiative of World Cotton Day started in 2019, when four cotton producers in sub-Saharan Africa' Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali, popularly called the Cotton Four, proposed a World Cotton Day celebration on 7 October in the World Trade Organization. The United Nations has officially recognised this World Cotton Day. The theme for 2022 is Weaving a better future for cotton.

### 7. Indian Air Force Day 2022 | 8th October

The Indian Air Force was officially established on October 8, 1932, as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire which honoured India's aviation service during World War II with the prefix Royal. Its first aircraft came into being on April 1, 1933 with six RAF-trained officers and 19 Havai Sepoys (air soldiers).

IAF is celebrating the 90th foundation day this time.

### 8. IREDA celebrates "Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas"

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) observed the "Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas", to create cybersecurity awareness among all employees.

Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas is an initiative launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs that requires all government organizations to spread cybersecurity awareness.

Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas is observed on first Wednesday of every month.

### 9. Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day on October 9

IFS Day is celebrated on 9 October every year.

On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas. With independence, there was a near-complete

transition of the Foreign and Political Department into what then became the new Ministry of External Affairs.

#### **10. World Mental Health Day | 10 October**

The overall objective of World Mental Health Day is to raise awareness of mental health issues around the world and to mobilize efforts in support of mental health.

The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.

2022 theme: "Making Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority".

#### **11. National Post Day | October 10**

National Post Day is celebrated on October 10 every year and it is an extension of World Post Day, which is celebrated on October 9. National Post Day is celebrated to mark the role played by the Indian postal department in over 150 years. Postal service was introduced in India by the British. It was founded in 1854 by Lord Dalhousie. Post offices in India follow a 6-digit PIN Code, which was introduced in India in 1972.

#### **12. Indian Army celebrated 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army**

The 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army was celebrated across the country on 09 Oct 2022 to commemorate its raising by the first Governor General Shri C Rajagopalachari on this day in 1949. Lieutenant General Preet Mohindera Singh, Director General of Territorial Army paid tribute to the fallen heroes of the Territorial Army by laying a wreath at the National War Memorial

#### **13. International Day of the Girl Child 2022 | October 11**

Every year, the International Day of Girl Child is celebrated on October 11 with the aim of empowering girls and amplifying their collective voice across the globe. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) organizes events to promote the power and potential of girls.

The year 2022 also marks the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl. 2022 Theme: 'Our Time Is Now - Our Rights, Our Future.'

#### **14. World Arthritis Day 2022 | 12 October**

Every year since 1996, October 12 is observed as World Arthritis Day. This day was designed to raise awareness across the globe of the prevailing impact of Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases, also known as RMDs. Arthritis is a disease that affects the joints. Its frequent symptoms are joint pains, swelling, stiffness, redness on the skin, and reduced motion in the joint. The theme for this year is 'It's in your hands, take action.'

#### **15. International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction | 13 October**

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction is marked on 13 October every year to celebrate how people and communities across the globe are reducing their exposure to disasters and raising awareness about the significance of reigning in the risks that they face. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was formed in 1989 after a call by the UNGA

#### **16. World Standards Day 2022 | 14 October**

Every year October 14, World Standards Day is observed it is also known as International Standards Day, strives to educate consumers, policymakers, and businesses about the value of standardisation. It was decided to commemorate the first gathering of representatives from 25 nations in London in 1956, which marked the launch of international body to facilitate standardisation. 2022 World Standards Day is centred on the concept of 'Build Back Better'

#### **17. International E-Waste Day 2022 | 14 October**

Each year, International E-Waste Day is held on 14 October, an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste and the necessary actions to enhance circularity for e-products. International E-Waste Day was developed in 2018 by the WEEE Forum to raise the public profile of waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling and encourage consumers to recycle. 2022 Theme: Recycle it all, no matter how small!

#### **18. October 15 | World Students' Day**

World Students' Day is widely celebrated on October 15 to mark the birth anniversary of former president APJ Abdul Kalam. Though United Nation has yet to announce October 15 as World Students' Day, it is being celebrated since 2010.



Dr Kalam was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in 1990 and Bharat Ratna in 1997.

### **19. International Day of Rural Women 15 October**

International Day of Rural Women is celebrated on 15 October every year, and this day is dedicated to the millions of women who live in remote, rural areas.

The theme for International Day of Rural Women 2022: Rural Women, key for a world free from hunger and poverty.

### **20. Global Handwashing Day 2022 | October 15th**

The day was first established in Stockholm, Sweden in the year 2008. Later, the United Nations General Assembly marked it as Global Handwashing Day.

The theme for this year's Global Handwashing Day is 'Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene.'

### **21. 16 October 2022 | World Food Day**

World Food Day is observed annually on 16 October to highlight the millions of people worldwide who cannot afford a healthy diet and the need for regular access to nutritious food. The theme for 2022 is **Leave NO ONE behind.**

It commemorates the founding of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization in 1945.

### **22. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty | 17 October**

The International Day for the Eradication of Poverty can be traced back to 17 October 1987, to commemorate the victims of extreme poverty, violence and hunger. More than a hundred thousand people gathered at the Trocadero in Paris. This was where the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was signed in 1948. On December 22, 1992, the UNGA declared 17 October as the day. Theme for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: 'Dignity For All in Practice.'

### **23. World Trauma Day | 17th October**

Every year, 17th October is celebrated as World Trauma Day. This day highlights the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world and the need to prevent them.

Amongst all the causes, Road Traffic Accident (RTA) is the leading cause of trauma across the world. Trauma means "any injury caused to the body".

### **24. World Statistics Day 2022 | 20 October**

World Statistics Day 2022 is celebrated annually on October 20th to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives. The day celebrates the role of statistics and statisticians in improving the world we live in and marks the anniversary of the founding of the United Nations Statistical Commission in 1947. The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is 'Data for Sustainable Development'.

### **25. World Osteoporosis Day 2022 | 20 October**

World Osteoporosis Day is celebrated on October 20 every year. It aims to highlight the silent bone disease and raise awareness about its prevention and treatment. The day is also observed to celebrate good bone health and to understand why it is important to take care of your body. Osteoporosis is a medical condition in which bones become very weak and brittle. The theme for World Osteoporosis 2022 is 'Step Up For Bone Health'

### **26. Police Commemoration Day 2022 | 21 October**

Every year, India celebrates Police Commemoration Day on October 21 to honour the police personnel who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties. The day remembers the sacrifices made by the 10 policemen who were martyred during a Chinese firing in 1959. The Police Commemoration Day Parade is held every year since 2012 at the Police Memorial in Chanakyapuri, Delhi

### **27. 7th Ayurveda Day | 23rd October**

The 7th Ayurveda Day is celebrated worldwide on 23rd October. Dhanawantari Jayanti is being celebrated as Ayurveda Day since 2016 to promote the country's most ancient and well-documented system of medicine. This year's Ayurveda Day is being celebrated with the theme - 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda', to propagate benefits of Ayurveda to larger and grass root community.

### **28. United Nations Day 2022 | 24th October**

United Nations Day is observed on October 24 every year to commemorate its official creation in 1945. The UN General Assembly declared October 24 as the anniversary of Charter of the UN in 1947 and they decided to devote the date to make people aware the aims and achievements and to gain their support further.

### **29. World Development Information Day 2022: 24th October**

Each year the United Nations marks October 24 as World Development Information Day. This day is observed to create awareness towards the problems surrounding development in different nations and how to overcome them. The day is marked on the same day as United Nations Day, which was formed on October 24, 1945.

### **30. World Polio Day | 24th October 2022**

World Polio Day is observed every year on 24th October. Rotary International founded World Polio Day to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team that developed a vaccine against the disease in 1955. In 2021, the Global Polio Eradication Initiative launched the Polio Eradication Strategy 2022-2026. WHO Director- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus Rotary International President- Jennifer Jones

### **31. Global Media and Information Literacy Week, 24-31 October**

Global Media and Information Literacy Week is observed from 24th- 31st of October. In 2021, the UN Assembly decided to commemorate Media and Information Literacy week, citing the need for the dissemination of factual, timely, targeted, clear, accessible, multilingual and science-based information. 2022 Theme: Nurturing trust - A Media and Information Literacy Imperative. The 11th Global Media and Information Literacy Week is hosted by Nigeria in Abuja.

### **32. Disarmament Week 2022 | 24-30 October**

On October 24 the day United Nations was established in 1945 Disarmament Week commences. It was after the United Nations General Assembly had a special session on disarmament in 1978 that Disarmament Week was first observed. The organisation marks October 24 to October 30 as Disarmament Week each year. The United Nations Disarmament Commission was established in 1952. 2022 Theme: Disarmament: Securing Humanity's Future.

### **33. Indian Army celebrates 76th infantry day on 27th October**

Infantry Day is celebrated on October 27 every year to pay homage to the soldiers who fought for the country and laid down their lives in the line of duty. The Infantry day is celebrated to mark the day when the infantry of the Indian army, led by 1st battalion of the Sikh Regiment, made its way into the Srinagar airfield in Jammu and Kashmir in 1947.

### **34. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage | 27th October**

On October 27, 1980, the Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images was adopted in the 21st General Conference of the UNESCO at Belgrade, Serbia. The 33rd session of UNESCO's General Conference in 2005 proclaimed October 27 as World Day for Audiovisual Heritage to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the 1980 recommendations. Theme: 'Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies'

### **35. International Animation Day 2022 | 28th October**

International Animation Day is celebrated on 28 October every year since the year 2002. The International Animated Film Association declared the International Animation Day. This day recognises the main open execution of Charles-Emile Reynaud's Theatre Optique at the Grevin Museum in Paris, 1892. IAD was started by ASIFA, an individual from UNESCO.

### **36. World Stroke Day 2022: 29th October**

World Stroke Day is celebrated annually on 29 October to create awareness among people about the serious effects of strokes as well as what measures can be taken to minimise the burden of this life-threatening condition.

This year the theme of World Stroke Day 2022 is "Raising Awareness of the Signs of Stroke and the Need for Timely Access To Quality Stroke Treatment." World Stroke Organization (WSO) established the World Stroke Day.

### **37. World Savings Day | October 30**

World Savings Day is marked every year on October 30 in order to raise awareness about the importance of savings. Also known as World Thrift Day, the day hopes to educate individuals about the benefits of storing their savings in a bank instead of letting them lie about in other places.

The theme for World Savings Day 2022 is 'Savings can make all the difference',

### **38. India celebrates 31st October as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day is celebrated on 31 October every year and it also marks the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The National Unity Day was celebrated for the first time in 2014. Sardar Patel was the first Deputy PM of India and also the first Home Minister of India.

### **39. World Cities Day on 31st October**

The 31st of October is celebrated as World Cities Day. The aim is to promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, enhance cooperation among countries and cities in meeting opportunities and addressing challenges of urbanization, and contribute to sustainable urban development. The overall World Cities Day theme is Better City, Better Life. The theme for 2022 is 'Act Local to Go Global'.

### **40. PFRDA to observe National Pension System Diwas on October 1**

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, PFRDA will observe 1st of October as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas) to promote pension and retirement planning among the citizens. PFRDA is organising this campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

### **41. International Day of Older Persons**

International Day of Older Persons is recognised on 1 October. The overall umbrella theme for the United Nations International Day of Older Persons in 2022 is 'Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World.'

In Madhya Pradesh, voters of 100 years or above are being honoured by the State Election Commission on International Day of Older Persons in the state.

### **42. National Voluntary Blood Donation Day**

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is celebrated in India on 1st of October every year to share the need for and importance of the blood of an individual. It was first started celebrating in the year 1975 through the Indian Society of Blood Transfusion and Immunohaematology. More than 2.5 lakh people have voluntarily donated blood under the Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav.

### **43. Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti To Celebrate Swachh Bharat Diwas, 2022 on 2nd October**

Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti will be commemorating the birth anniversary of Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi as Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD) on 2nd Oct 2022. DDWS implements two flagship programs of the central government viz; Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) and Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

### **44. 2nd OCTOBER | International Day of Non-Violence**

Every year, Gandhi Jayanti is celebrated on October 2. Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869. This year, Gandhi Jayanti will mark the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. In 2007, the United National General Assembly announced October 2 as the International Day of Non-violence to honour Gandhi's ways.

## Summit & Conferences

### 1. MSME ministry organizes SC-ST hub conclave in Gujarat

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises organized a National SC-ST Hub Conclave at Ahmedabad, Gujarat on 28th September 2022 to spread awareness about the National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme and other Schemes of the Ministry.

NSSH is aimed at capacity enhancement and promoting entrepreneurship culture amongst the SC-ST population for enhancing their participation.

### 2. 3-day Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers concludes; Govt approves '26,000 crore to install 25,000 mobile towers

The government has approved '26,000 crore for installation of 25,000 mobile towers in 500 days. The financial support for the project will be provided by Universal Services Obligation Fund and will be implemented by Bharat Broadband Network.

It was announced at the recently concluded 'Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers' in New Delhi.

### 3. MoS Darshana Jardosh to inaugurate two-day Textile and handloom show on Oct 11 in New Delhi

FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) is organizing a two-day Textile and handloom show titled 'Anshukam' in New Delhi on October 11, 2022.

Union State Minister of Textiles and Railways Darshana Jardosh will inaugurate the event hosted by the apex body of business women.

The theme for the show is 'Weaving Stories Through threads'.

### 4. 'Conference on Industry 4.0: Challenges Ahead and Way Forward' was inaugurated

Union Minister for Heavy Industries Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey inaugurated 'Conference on Industry 4.0: Challenges Ahead and Way Forward', at Kevadia Gujarat.

The Conference being organised by Ministry of Heavy Industries aimed at sensitising industrial sectors in the country to adopt digital manufacturing processes and to promote automation and innovation in the industry. Industry 4.0 refers to the cyber-physical transformation of manufacturing.

### 5. DPIIT holds National Workshop on 'Ease of Doing Business'

Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) conducted a National Workshop on 'Ease of Doing Business' in New Delhi.

In the workshop, the panelists emphasized on having at least one change agent to initiate the transformation in every State.

Also highlighted steps towards developing India as a preferred investment destination. 7 states are 'top achievers' in 'State Ease of Doing Business' report by MoCI in June.

### 6. First seminar of Agni Tattva campaign under LiFE mission held in Leh

The first conference of the Agni campaign was organised in Leh, on the theme of 'Sustainability and Culture'. Power Foundation of India in association with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA) is currently running a campaign to create awareness on Agni Tattva under LiFE - Lifestyle for environment.

### 7. Second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress inaugurated in Hyderabad

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the United Nations World Geospatial Congress (UNWGIC) 2022 in Hyderabad. The goal of this year's UNWGIC is to promote a broad dialogue on global geospatial information management with all relevant governments, non-governmental organisations, academia, and the private sector. Theme of UNWGIC 2022 is 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind'

### 8. Indian Road Congress took place in Lucknow from Oct 8 ' 11

Union Minister of Road Transport and highways Nitin Gadkari along with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath jointly inaugurated the 81st annual session of the Indian roads Congress in Lucknow. On the occasion, He made the announcement that road projects worth eight thousand crore rupees have been approved for Uttar Pradesh it includes 13 Road Over Bridges.



### **9. All India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries from October 14-17**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of All India Conference of Law Ministers and Law Secretaries on October 15.

The three-day conference is being hosted by the Ministry of Law and Justice at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

### **10. India participates at 6th East Asia Summit Education Minister's Meeting**

India participated at the 6th East Asia Summit Education Minister's Meeting held in Hanoi, Vietnam. Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) Ministry of Education Ms. Neeta Prasad virtually addressed the gathering and informed about the key initiatives of National Education Policy 2020 and India's collaborative efforts in education and research with partner countries.

### **11. 5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance begin in New Delhi under India's presidentship**

The 5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance began in New Delhi on 17th October 2022, under India's presidentship. Participants from 109 countries will be sharing their experiences towards a low-carbon economy through promotion of solar energy at the 4-day event. The Assembly is the apex decision-making body of ISA. ISA Director General - Ajay Mathur

### **12. India to Host SCO National Coordinators Meet**

Close on the heels of SCO RATS (counter-terror) meet in New Delhi, India will host the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) national coordinators' meeting on Oct 17-18 in Delhi to give a boost to its Eurasian agenda of inclusive connectivity, trade & effective counter-terror measures.

This will be the first such national coordinator meet under the Indian SCO presidency.

### **13. 90th General Assembly of Interpol from 18 to 21 October being held in India**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi opened the INTERPOL General Assembly, the supreme governing body of the world's largest international police organization.

The 90th Annual General Assembly of Interpol is taking place between October, 18-21 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) special director Praveen Sinha is Interpol's delegate for Asia. INTERPOL President Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi.; INTERPOL Secretary General Jrgen Stock.

### **14. 22nd World Blockchain Summit held in Dubai**

The 22nd global edition of the World Blockchain Summit was held in Dubai's. The Summit is an attempt to bring experts including government and investors together to initiate conversation and action on blockchain. The next Summit will be held in Bangkok in December 2022. The Summit is a global series of gatherings that take place in 19+ destinations across the world.

### **15. India, France re-elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance**

India and France have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the ISA. ISA Director General Ajay Mathur said, Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh has been re-elected as the President of International Solar Alliance. He said, France Minister of State for Development Chrysoula Zacharopoulou has been re-elected as Co-President.

### **16. Interpol launches first global police metaverse at 90th General Assembly, held in New Delhi.**

Interpol launched the first ever metaverse specifically designed for law enforcement agencies worldwide during its 90th General Assembly in Delhi. This 'fully operational' Interpol Metaverse allows registered users to tour a virtual facsimile of the Interpol General Secretariat headquarters in Lyon, France without any geographical or physical boundaries Interpol Secretary General - Jurgen Stock

### **17. 14th World Spice Congress to be held in 2023 in Mumbai**

The 14th World Spice Congress will be held from February 16 to 18, 2023 at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

The World Spice Congress, which is organized by Spices Board India along with various trade and export forums, will be conducted on the sidelines of India's G20 presidency.

### **18. 14th Edition of World Spice Congress (WSC) to be held at Mumbai from 16-18 February 2023 on the sidelines of the G20 Meet**

The world's largest exclusive business platform for the spice sector, 14th World Spice Congress (WSC), organized by Spices Board India (Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India) in association with

various trade and export forums, is scheduled to be held at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra during 16-18 February 2023.

### **19. 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting held on Agro-Forestry under co-chairmanship of Agriculture Minister**

Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar today virtually co-chaired the 7th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry. The Agriculture Ministers from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participated in the meeting.

### **20. MoS for External Affairs V Muraleedharan attends Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa**

Minister of State for External Affairs, V. Muraleedharan attended the 8th Dakar International Forum on Peace and Security in Africa. The Dakar Forum has become a key event for policy discussions on Africa. This is the first time that India participated at the Ministerial level in the event. Mr. Muraleedharan interacted with the Indian community in Dakar.

### **21. Union Education Ministry to organise 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' month-long programme from November 16**

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras along with the Banaras Hindu University will serve as knowledge partners for Kashi Tamil Sangamam, an initiative to bring to light the academic, economic, social and cultural relations between Varanasi and the State.

The entire tour is free of cost and those interested may register at <https://kashitamil.iitm.ac.in>.

### **22. FM Nirmala Sitharaman addresses 7th Annual Meeting of Board-of-Governors of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

Addressing the theme 'Financing Infrastructure in a Crisis-Prone World', Mrs. Sitharaman appreciated AIIB for its continued commitment and dedication to assist members and for providing high-quality development finance.

India has the largest project portfolio within AIIB.

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting was 'Sustainable Infrastructure Toward a Connected World'. India is a Founding Member and the second-largest shareholder in AIIB.

### **23. First conference on Akash Tatva ' Akash for Life to be held from November in Dehradun**

The first conference on Akash Tatva - Akash for Life, will be held from November 5th to 7th in Dehradun. The three-day conference will showcase blending of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought.

35 eminent speakers will share their thoughts on various dimensions of Akash Tattva during the Dehradun Conclave.

### **24. Fiji to host 12th World Hindi Conference in 2023**

Fiji is the first country in the Pacific to hold the 12th World Hindi Conference. The conference would be taking place under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Government of Fiji from February 15-17, 2023 & external affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar will lead the Indian delegation for the Conference.

The 11th World Hindi Conference was held in Mauritius. Suva, capital of Fiji; Fijian dollar, currency of Fiji.

### **25. Windergy 2023 to be held in Chennai in October next year**

The 5th edition of India's only comprehensive International Trade Fair and Conference, Windergy India 2023 will be held from 4th October to 6th October 2023 in Chennai.

It is organised by Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA) and PDA Ventures Pvt Ltd.

### **26. 1st ASEAN-India Start-up Festival 2022**

ASEAN - India Start-Up Festival 2022 has been held in Jakarta, Indonesia from October 27-30, by the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI), in partnership with the Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST), through the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) of Indonesia and Start-up Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC) IIT Kanpur.

## 27. ECI to host two-day international conference from October 31 in New Delhi

Election Commission will host a two-day international conference beginning 31st of October in New Delhi on the theme 'Role, Framework & Capacity of Election Management Bodies'. The conference will be inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar. The concluding session will be chaired by Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey. ECI was established on 25th January 1950.



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## Science & Technology

### 1. India's Mars orbiter craft completes eight years in orbit

India's Mars orbiter craft has completed eight years in its orbit, well beyond its designed mission life of six months. The Mars Orbiter Mission -- a technology demonstration venture -- is the maiden interplanetary mission of the national space agency, the Indian Space Research Organisation. It Launched on November 5, 2013, the probe was successfully inserted on 24 Sept 2014

### 2. Vida V1, first-ever Hero MotoCorp EV scooter, launched in India

Hero MotoCorp has taken the wraps off their new electric scooter under the sub-brand, Vida. The automaker launched the V1 as the first electric scooter of the brand, as it looks to catch up with newer firms who have taken the lead in the country's clean mobility push.

The Hero Vida V1 would be first launched in New Delhi, Jaipur and Bangalore.

### 3. Chandrayaan-2 spectrometer maps abundance of sodium on moon for first time

Chandrayaan-2 mapped the abundance of sodium on the Moon for the very first time using the Chandrayaan-2 Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer (CLASS) on board the orbiter.

Built at the UR Rao Satellite Centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bengaluru, CLASS provides clean signatures of the sodium line thanks to its high sensitivity and performance.

### 4. Adani Data Networks Gets Licence For Full Fledge Telecom Services

Adani Data Network has been granted unified licence for access services, which enables it to provide all telecom services in the country.

Adani Data Networks Ltd., a unit of Adani Enterprises Ltd, acquired the right to use 400MHz of spectrum in the 26GHz millimetre wave band worth Rs 212 crore for 20 years in the recent 5G spectrum auction.

### 5. India's first Covid cure Vincov-19 completes second phase clinical trial

VINS Bioproducts, based in Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and the University of Hyderabad, has announced the successful completion of Phase 2 clinical trials of VINCOV-19, India's first antidote and a cure against SARS-CoV-2 virus. The product basically contains equine polyclonal antibodies (EpAbs) against the Covid

### 6. President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility at IIT Guwahati

President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility and a high-power active and passive component laboratory of SAMEER at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati. The Param Kamrupa, one of its kind supercomputers in the North East region, installed under the National Supercomputing Mission.

### 7. CERT-In and Power-CSIRTs jointly conduct Cyber Security Exercise 'PowerEX-2022'

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in collaboration with Power-CSIRTs (Computer Security Incident Response Teams in Power sector), successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise 'PowerEX' for 193 invited Power Sector Utilities. The Objective of the exercise was to 'Recognize, Analyse & Respond to Cyber Incident in IT & OT Systems'.

The theme of exercise was 'Defending Cyber induced disruption in IT & OT infrastructure'

### 8. Hyderabad-based CCMB part of world's largest genomic study

The Hyderabad-based Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology has become part of the world's largest and most diverse genomic study covering 54 lakh individuals. It identified 12 thousand 222 places in the human genome that are associated with human height. The study 'A saturated map of common genetic variants associated with human height' was published in Nature Journal.

### 9. ISRO launches 36 OneWeb satellites in 1st commercial launch for LVM-3

The Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) launched a constellation of 36 broadband satellites developed by OneWeb to Low Earth Orbit on Sunday. The ISRO confirmed that LVM3-M2/OneWeb India-1 Mission successfully placed 36 satellites into intended orbits.

This is the first commercial launch for LVM-3 and the mission is being conducted under an agreement. Agreement was between OneWeb and New Space India Limited (NSIL).



### 10. PM launches Mission DefSpace for Armed Forces

With an aim to harness India's power in space to benefit the people of to the entire globe, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'DefSpace Mission' with 75 Challenges at DefExpo2022. The space programme aims to develop innovative solutions for the Defence Forces through industry & startups. The initiative will prepare India for future possibilities in space domain.

### 11. IIT-Madras and NASA researchers study microbes on space station

Indian Institute of Technology Madras and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers have studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station. This will help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimise any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts.

### 12. Indian scientists develop first indigenous Overhauser Magnetometer

Indian scientists at the Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG) have developed an indigenous Overhauser Magnetometer, one of the most accurate magnetometers extensively used by all magnetic observatories around the world, making way for reducing the cost of sampling and sensing experiments essential for geomagnetic sampling, Indian Institute of Geomagnetism (IIG), location: Navi Mumbai.

### 13. China launches a COVID-19 vaccine inhaled through the mouth

The vaccine, a mist that is sucked in through the mouth, is being offered for free as a booster dose for previously vaccinated individuals.

The Chinese city of Shanghai has started administering this inhalable COVID-19 vaccine in what appears to be a world first.

It was developed by Chinese biopharmaceutical company Cansino Biologics Inc.

### 14. RIL becomes first Indian company to post earnings call on metaverse

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) posted the proceedings of its second quarter earnings call on the metaverse, becoming the first Indian firm to use the medium to engage with its stakeholders.

The earning call, which can be accessed through any device (even a smartphone) was produced in partnership with GMetri -- a no-code metaverse creation platform, sources said.

### 15. NASA Announces Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Study Team Members

NASA announced that it has selected 16 individuals to be part of its independent study team on unidentified aerial phenomena(UAP). UAP refers to things in the sky that cannot be identified as aircraft or natural phenomena, or in common parlance,UFOs.

The 9-month independent study will begin on Oct 24. A full report containing the team's findings will be released in mid-2023



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## Defence

### 1. India signs deal with Armenia for export of missiles, weapon systems

In a significant move to boost India's defence export, the country has signed an export order for missiles, rockets, and ammunition to Armenia because of its conflict with Azerbaijan.

In a first, India will also export indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers.

Armenia is also set to get anti-tank rockets as well as a range of ammunition from India under the deal.

### 2. Indian Navy Conducts Offshore Security Exercise, 'Prasthan'

The Offshore Security Exercise, 'Prasthan' in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Kakinada was conducted by Eastern Naval Command. The Half Yearly Exercise was conducted in the KG basin to validate SOPs, address various contingencies and strengthen the command & control organisation towards Maritime Security.

### 3. INS Tarkash reaches South Africa to participate in 7th edition of IBSAMAR

INS Tarkash reached Port Greqhrea, also known as Port Elizabeth in South Africa to participate in the seventh edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise among Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies. The harbour phase of IBSAMAR VII includes professional exchanges such as damage control and fire-fighting drills, and interaction among special forces. IBSAMAR, Multi ' National Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South Africa

### 4. Nuclear-powered INS Arihant carries out successful launch of SLBM

INDIA'S STRATEGIC Strike Nuclear Submarine INS Arihant on Friday carried out a successful launch of a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM). The Ministry of Defence has said that the test is significant for the SSBN programme, which is a crucial element of India's nuclear deterrence capability.

### 5. PM Modi unveils HTT-40 - indigenous trainer aircraft for IAF

Prime minister Narendra Modi unveiled an indigenously built aircraft - the Hindustan Turbo Trainer (HTT-40) - at the 12th DefExpo in Gujarat's Gandhinagar. The HTT-40 is a basic trainer plane designed and developed for the Indian Air Force - as another example of the government's 'aatmanirbhar Bharat' scheme - by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

### 6. India Successfully Test Fires New-Generation 'Agni Prime' Ballistic Missile

India successfully test-fired made-in-India new-generation medium-range ballistic missile 'Agni Prime' from the Odisha coast, Defence Research and Development Organisation or DRDO sources said. The sleek missile was test fired from a mobile launcher from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island. The missile's strike range is between 1,000 km and 2,000 km.

### 7. Indian, US militaries conduct 'Tiger Triumph' exercise

The Indian and US militaries carried out a three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise in Visakhapatnam in line with the growing strategic cooperation between the two countries. The first exercise based out of Visakhapatnam, took place in 2019 and featured more than 500 US Marines and sailors and approximately 1,200 Indian sailors, soldiers, and airmen.

### 8. Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise 'Simbex' - 2022

The Indian Navy is hosting the 29th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) from 26 to 30 October, 2022 at Visakhapatnam.

SIMBEX-2022 is being conducted in two phases ' Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam from 26 to 27 October 2022 followed by the Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal from 28 to 30 October 2022. SIMBEX series of exercises began in 1994 and were initially known as Exercise Lion King.

### 9. IAF, French Air and Space Force (FASF) carry out bilateral exercise Garuda-VII at Air Force Station Jodhpur

Indian Air Force (IAF) and FASF are participating in a bilateral exercise, named Garuda VII, from 26 October to 12 November 2022 at Air Force Station Jodhpur.

1st, 3rd and 5th editions were conducted in India in 2003, 2006 and 2014 at Air Force Stations Gwalior, Kalaikunda and Jodhpur. The second, fourth and sixth editions were conducted in France in 2005, 2010 and 2019.

### 10. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inducts first indigenously developed LCH, named Prachand, into Indian Air Force in Rajasthan

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inducted the first indigenously developed light combat helicopters (LCH) into Indian Air Force at Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

The Light Combat Helicopter has been developed by state-run aerospace major Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL).

According to the Ministry of Defence, 10 helicopters would be for the IAF and five will be for the Indian Army.



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## Books & Authors

### 1. Former RBI governor Bimal Jalan authored book 'From dependence to Self Reliance: Mapping India's Rise as a Global Superpower'

From Dependence to Self-Reliance sheds light on some of the priorities that the government can implement at present, as well as in the future, in light of past experience. Written by former governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), this book is based on extensive research and data, and provides a way forward to developing India as an economic stronghold. From Dependence to Self-Reliance divided into three sections: Economy, Governance & Politics

### 2. Book edited by Union Minister Hardeep Puri released to celebrate 100 years of Delhi University

As Delhi university celebrates its centenary, Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched an anthology of writings by its well-known alumni titled 'Delhi University: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years' and reminisced the time he spent in DU's Hindu College and noted that a good institution is defined by its student body. The book is edited by Puri himself. The book begins with a foreword by Amitabh Bachchan



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## Miscellaneous

### 1. 'SARANG ' The Festival of India in Republic of Korea' enthralled art, music lovers in South Korea

Indian Embassy in Seoul, South Korea organized its much sought-after annual flagship cultural program 'SARANG ' The Festival of India in Republic of Korea' which enthralled the South Korean art and music lovers with a fusion of Indian and Korean dance and music in a grand spectacle running over two weeks. The celebrations were organised as part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'

### 2. Kati Bihu observed across Assam

In Assam, Kati Bihu was observed on October 18. Kati marks a crucial phase of the year for every farming household in terms of the beginning of the harvest season and the relocation time of rice saplings. People of Assam will light lamps outside their homes as well as in paddy fields in the evening praying for a better crop in the next season. People also plant a Tulsi outside their homes and worship Goddess Lakshmi.



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## Obituary

### 1. Tulsi Tanti ' founder of Suzlon Energy, dies of cardiac arrest at age 64

Suzlon Energy founder Tulsi Tanti, popularly known as India's 'wind man', died of cardiac arrest at 64. One of the pioneers of the wind energy business in India and a globally renowned expert on clean energy, Tanti envisioned the opportunity in the renewable energy industry back in 1995 when the global wind energy market was dominated by international players.

### 2. Former Uttar Pradesh CM Mulayam Singh Yadav Passes Away

Mulayam Singh Yadav, the founder of the Samajwadi Party and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, passed away of illness at the age of 82. Yadav was admitted at the Medanta Hospital in Gurugram, Haryana, due to ill health where he breathed his last.

### 3. Karnataka Legislative Assembly deputy speaker Anand Mamani passes away at 56

Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly Vishwanath Chandrashekar Mamani, also known as Anand Mamani, died in a private hospital in Bengaluru. He was 56.

Anand Mamani was a three-time legislator from the Savadatti constituency in the Belagavi district.

### 4. Red Bull Formula One owner Dietrich Mateschitz dies at 78

Austrian billionaire Dietrich Mateschitz, the co-founder of energy drink company Red Bull and founder and owner of the Red Bull Formula One racing team, has died. He was 78.

The Red Bull Racing team has enjoyed success in Formula 1, winning the constructors' championship in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013.



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## Person in news

### 1. **Writer-academic Madhav Hada to be awarded 32nd Bihari Puraskar**

Writer Dr. Madhav Hada will be awarded the 32nd Bihari Puraskar for his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri', the KK Birla Foundation announced.

Named after famous Hindi poet Bihari, the award is given every year for an outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani. It carries a cash prize of '2.5 lakh. The recipient is chosen by a selection committee headed by chairman Hemant Shesh.

### 2. **Indian American Dr Vivek Lall receives Lifetime Achievement award in US**

Vivek Lall, an Indian-origin General Atomics Global Corporation chief executive, is honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President Joe Biden with the citation of 'With Grateful Recognition'.

He is serving as a US Technical Team Member to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) Science and Technology (STO) with the Pentagon.

### 3. **ESA astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti becomes first European female ISS commander**

Italian astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti has officially become the first European woman to command the International Space Station (ISS).

Cristoforetti, 45, took over from Oleg Artemyev, becoming the fifth European commander of the ISS after Frank De Winne, Alexander Gerst, Luca Parmitano and Thomas Pesquet.

### 4. **Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel Wins UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award**

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations refugee agency's prestigious Nansen award for her "leadership, courage and compassion" in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of desperate people at the height of the Syria crisis.

UN High Commissioner for Refugees : Filippo Grandi.

### 5. **Actor Pankaj Tripathi declared 'National Icon' by Election Commission of India**

For his association with the Election Commission of India (ECI) in creating awareness amongst voters, Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been declared as the 'National Icon' of ECI. The actor was chosen for the honour by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar for keeping in view his commitment to the cause and wide appeal across the country.

### 6. **Indian-origin Surgeon General Dr Vivek Murthy is US representative on WHO executive board**

President Joe Biden has nominated US Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy to serve as the country's representative on the executive board of the World Health Organization.

He was confirmed by the US Senate in March 2021 to serve as the 21st Surgeon General of the country. He previously served as the 19th Surgeon General under President Barack Obama.

### 7. **Pankaj Advani wins his record 25th World title in Kuala Lumpur**

Indian cueist Pankaj Advani defended his World Billiards Championships (150-up) title for the 5th time, beating compatriot Sourav Kothari in the best-of-7 frames final at the High End Snooker Club in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for a record 25th title at the global level.

Pankaj's last world title came over 12 months ago in Qatar where he won the IBSF Six-Red Snooker World Cup.

### 8. **Max Verstappen retains F1 world title after dramatic Japan win**

Red Bull driver Max Verstappen was declared Formula One world champion after winning a dramatic rain-shortened Japanese Grand Prix. Red Bull's Verstappen crossed the line first and he was then awarded the title when second-place finisher Charles Leclerc was given a five-second penalty, dropping him to third.

Red Bull, team principal: Christian Horner.

### 9. **MS Dhoni launches Made-in-India 'Droni' camera drone**

Indian cricket star Mahendra Singh Dhoni has launched the made-in-India camera drone named 'Droni' with advanced features manufactured by Garuda Aerospace.

According to the company's founder and CEO, Agnishwar Jayaprakash, the product will be available in the market by the end of 2022.

## **10. Mohammed Rizwan and Harmanpreet Kaur seal ICC Player of the Month crowns for September**

Pakistan ace Mohammad Rizwan claims the ICC Men's Player of the Month award, while India's inspirational captain Harmanpreet Kaur is named the recipient of the ICC Women's Player of the Month award.

Harmanpreet Kaur becomes India's first winner of the ICC Women's Player of the Month thanks to her leading role in her team's first ODI series victory in England since 1999.

## **11. Dr. A K Anil Kumar ISRO's Senior Scientist elected as Vice President of IAF**

Dr. A K Anil Kumar is elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) during its Annual Conference International Astronautical Congress (IAC) 2022 held in Paris during 18-22 September 2022.

Founded in 1951, the International Astronautical Federation (IAF) is the world's leading space advocacy body with 433 members in 72 countries.

## **12. Discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur banned for three years for use of steroid**

Top Indian discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur was banned for three year for using prohibited substance Stanazolol, the Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) has announced.

Her ban will be effective from March 29, 2022.

Kamalpreet had finished sixth at the Tokyo Games in a splendid show.

Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU), Head: Brett Clothier. The discus was introduced as part of the pentathlon in the Ancient Olympics of 708BC.

## **13. Dr Prashant Garg, LVPEI Executive-Chair Elected As Member Of Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis**

The Executive Chair of Hyderabad-based L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI), Dr. Prashant Garg has been elected as a member of the prestigious Academia Ophthalmological Internationalis (AOI).

The membership in AOI is limited to 100 active members.

Dr. Garg becomes the fifth from India to ever receive this honour.

## **14. Bandhan Bank ropes in Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador**

Bandhan Bank has brought Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador. Bandhan Bank is a pan India bank that provides banking services through its 5,644 banking outlets spread across 34 of the 36 states and union territories in the country. As per the company, Ganguly will help amplify the brand message of the bank and endorse the products and services of the bank. Chandra Shekhar Ghosh, MD and CEO, Bandhan Bank.

## **15. Magnus Carlsen wins Meltwater Champions Chess Tour 2022 with event to spare**

World champion from Norway Magnus Carlsen sealed the overall Meltwater Champions Chess Tour title for the second year running ' this time with an event to spare ' after storming into the semifinals of the Aimchess Rapid.

Norway's world No. 1, going for a hat-trick of tournament wins in the Tour's penultimate event, took a USD50,000 prize.

## **16. HCL's Shiv Nadar named country's most generous philanthropist, donated Rs 3 crore per day**

With an annual donation of Rs 1,161 crore, Software giant HCL's founder, Shiv Nadar, has bagged the title of 'India's Most Generous', as per the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022.

Wipro's Azim Premji slipped to the 2nd spot with an annual donation of Rs 484 crore.

Rohini Nilekani emerged as the most generous woman philanthropist with a donation of Rs 120 crore.

## **17. Aman Sherawat becomes first-ever Indian wrestler to win gold at U-23 World Championships**

18-year-old Aman Sehrawat created history as he became the first-ever Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships.

Aman defeated Ahmet Duman of Turkey by 12-4 in the 57 Kg category final.

Earlier in the tournament, Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers created history by bagging three medals at the championships.



### 18. President Xi Jinping secures third term as China leader

Chinese leader Xi Jinping began his unprecedented third five-year term on October 23, 2022 in even firmer control of the ruling Communist Party after filling the newly announced Politburo Standing Committee (PBSC) with all of his allies.

Xi, 69, has emerged as the most powerful leader since party founder Mao Zedong.

### 19. Yuvraj Singh named brand ambassador of T20 World Cup for the Blind

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) announced former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind to be held in India in December.

The participating countries for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind are India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

### 20. Tata Power board approves appointment of ex-home secretary Rajiv Mehrishi as independent director

The board "unanimously approved" Mehrishi's appointment as an "additional director (non-executive, independent), not liable to retire by rotation, for a term of five years with effect from October 28, 2022.

The ex-bureaucrat "fulfils the criteria of independence" as required under the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013.



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## Insurance

### 1. Aditya Birla Health Insurance launches Activ Fit for young & healthy adults

Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd has announced the launch of Activ Fit, a comprehensive health insurance plan for young and healthy adults.

Targeted at consumers who are health aware and active, this new product by ABHICL is a first-of-its-kind in the industry and looks at rewarding them for their good health behaviour.

### 2. HDFC Life launches Insure India Campaign

HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurers has launched the 'Insure India' campaign that is aimed at educating Indians on the benefits of life insurance as a product category. The objective of this campaign is to educate Indians about life insurance thereby motivating them to secure their future with this unique financial product that offers benefits.

### 3. LIC launches 'Dhan Varsha' ' single premium savings and protection plan

Life Insurance Corporation of India(LIC) launched 'Dhan Varsha', a close-ended single premium plan offering savings and protection. The individual the non-participating plan will be available for sale until the end of the current financial year, and will have a tenure of 10 years or 15 years, LIC said in a statement. Founded: 1 September 1956 Chairperson: M R Kumar Headquarters: Mumbai

### 4. Foreign reinsurers can repatriate up to 20% of assigned capital: IRDAI

Insurance sector regulator Irdai has allowed foreign reinsurance branches, including Lloyd's India, to repatriate up to 20% of the excess assigned capital to attract more players and allow free movement of capital. As per Irdai norms, the registration of branch offices of foreign reinsurers other than Lloyd's have 'assigned capital' and net owned funds (NOFs) as the capital.

### 5. Healthsure has partnered ManipalCigna Health Insurance to launch India's first flexi top-up insurance

Employee benefits insurtech Healthsure has partnered ManipalCigna Health Insurance to launch India's first flexi top-up insurance which allows employees to personalize and upgrade their corporate health insurance plans. By paying a nominal add-on premium, employees can upgrade their cover, which can even be continued in a personal capacity post-employment.



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## India & World

### 1. EXIM Bank extends \$100- mn LoC to Maldives for development projects

Exim Bank India has extended a line of credit of USD 100 million to the Maldives for financing developmental projects.

With the signing of this LOC agreement, Exim Bank has now 311 lines of credit covering 67 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America Oceania, and the CIS, with credit commitments of around USD 32.31 billion. MS. HARSHA BANGARI: Managing Director, India EXIM Bank; The Bank was set up in 1982.

### 2. Petroleum Minister to lead US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, will lead an official and business delegation to Washington DC and Houston, USA, from 6-11 October 2022.

In Washington DC, the Hon'ble Minister will co-chair the Ministerial dialogue of the US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (USISCEP) with Jennifer Granholm. Jennifer Granholm, Secretary of Energy, USA.

### 3. India, New Zealand navies sign pact on White Shipping Information Exchange

Indian Navy signed an agreement on White Shipping Information Exchange with the Royal New Zealand Navy to promote greater transparency in the Maritime Domain, the Ministry of Defence. White shipping information refers to exchange of relevant advance information on the identity and movement of commercial non-military merchant vessels.

### 4. India US announce launch of new energy storage task force to support clean energy transition

The US and India have launched a new task force under the Strategic Clean Energy Partnership, which focus on the accelerated deployment of energy storage technologies. The US Department of Energy and India's Ministry of Power launched the Energy Storage Task Force to help scale up and accelerate deployment of energy storage technologies to facilitate clean energy transition USA and India second and third largest energy consumers respectively. China is First.

### 5. NPCI collaborates with Worldline to support UPI, RuPay payments in Europe

French multinational payment services firm Worldline has collaborated with NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL), the global arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), to support Indian digital payment modes in Europe.

The first target markets for NIPL are set to include Benelux and Switzerland with further plans for expansion.

Ritesh Shukla, CEO of NIPL.

### 6. Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme Joint Statement extended till 2027

The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is implementing a focused bilateral collaborative programme known as the Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme (VAP), jointly with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA, since July 1987. The current five-year VAP Joint Statement has been extended till 2027.

### 7. JSW Steel joints United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative

JSW Steel is the fifth Indian company in the "Industrial Mining and Manufacturing" category to join the UN Global Compact initiative. JSW Steel, the flagship company of the diversified \$22 billion JSW Group, on October 11 announced that it has joined as the newest participant of the UNGC network - the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative.

### 8. Indus Waters Treaty: World Bank appoints chairman of Court of Arbitration

The World Bank has appointed a neutral expert and a chairman of the Court of Arbitration regarding the Kishenganga and Rattle hydroelectric power plants, in view of disagreements between India and Pakistan over the 1960 Indus Water Treaty. Michel Lino has been appointed as the Neutral Expert and Sean Murphy has been appointed as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration.

### 9. UCO Bank opens special rupee account with Russia's Gazprombank

Russia's Gazprombank opened a special rupee account with state-owned UCO Bank, paving the way for bilateral trades between Moscow and New Delhi. The move would help increase imports of cheaper oil from Russia.

Earlier, the Reserve Bank of India came out with a bespoke special rupee account for bilateral trades between rupee and any other currencies besides the US dollar.

#### **10. Cyclonic Storm Sitrang makes landfall in Bangladesh, weakens into Depression**

Cyclone Sitrang made its landfall in a densely-populated low-lying area of Bangladesh on 24th October. The cyclone is said to have moved towards Bangladesh from the north Bay of Bengal at a speed of 56 kmph, causing moderate to heavy rain and squally weather in West Bengal's coastal districts of South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas and East Midnapore

#### **11. Australia approves commercial release of GM variety of Indian Mustard**

Even as India awaits clearance of genetically modified mustard, the regulatory authority in Australia approved the commercial cultivation of the genetically modified Indian mustard species called 'Brassica juncea' for herbicide tolerance. Scientists said this is the first time genetically modified variety of Indian mustard received commercial approval anywhere in the world.

#### **12. Tata and Airbus to make C-295MW transport aircraft for IAF in Vadodara**

India's Tata group and Airbus will make the C-295 transport aircraft in the country, the government said, the first such production by a local private company amid a push for an expansion of defence manufacturing.

Airbus will deliver 16 aircraft in flyaway condition between September next year and August 2025, while the rest will be made by Tata group. Guillaume Faury: Airbus Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

#### **13. Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addresses Second G20 Health Ministers Meet**

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the 2nd G20 Health Ministers Meeting in Bali, Indonesia. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the progress & way forward on priorities in the healthcare sector.

He also encouraged all G20 members to contribute their public keys to the proposed Global Federated Public Trust Directory for ensuring seamless worldwide mobility of people & goods.

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare.

#### **14. Malabar becomes 1st Indian jeweller to import 25 kg gold from UAE under CEPA**

Retail jewellery major Malabar Gold and Diamonds has become the first jeweller in India to import 25 kg gold under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between India and the UAE. The gold has been imported through ICICI Bank with one percent duty rebate under the agreement. The CEPA between India and the UAE came into effect on May 1, 2022.

#### **15. India to contribute \$500,000 for UN Trust Fund for Counter-Terrorism**

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar announced at the plenary session of UNSC special meeting of the Counter Terrorism Committee (CTC) that India will contribute USD 500,000 to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism this year to aid capacity-building support to member states in combating terrorism.

India is hosting the 2-day anti-terrorism meeting in Delhi.

#### **16. Indian Navy participates in maiden trilateral exercise with Mozambique, Tanzania**

Indian Navy participated in Maiden Trilateral Exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania. Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter, and MARCOS (Special Forces).

This exercise came soon after the Gandhinagar Declaration which was adopted in the recently concluded India-Africa Defence Dialogue in Gandhinagar.

#### **16. India abstains on UNSC resolution condemning Russia's referenda and annexation in Ukraine**

The US and Albania tabled a draft resolution at the UNSC condemning Russia's referenda and annexation of four Ukrainian territories. The UN Security Council voted on the resolution. Since Russia vetoed the resolution, it did not get adopted. Among the 15 nations of the Council, 10 voted in favour of the resolution, and four India, China, Gabon, and Brazil abstained.



## Environment

### 1. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has constituted a Cheetah Task Force

The Taskforce was constituted for monitoring Cheetah introduction in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh and other suitable designated areas.

The Task Force shall be in-force for a period of two years.

Task Force to review progress and monitor the adaption and health status of Cheetahs. Cheetahs were reported extinct seven decades ago in India.



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## Apps & Portals

### 1. DGT launches Bharatskills Forum for easy access to skill-related content

The Directorate General of Training (DGT) has launched Bharatskills Forum, a new feature allows sharing of books, notes, videos, question bank, etc. for skill learners.

This facility shall act as a digital warehouse for the skilling community by allowing sharing of contents in various forms like handwritten trainers' or trainees' notes, PDFs, scanned copies, etc.

### 2. RBI launches DAKSH- Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System

Shri Shaktikanta Das, Governor, launched a new SupTech initiative named DAKSH - Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System", which is expected to make the Supervisory processes more robust. DAKSH means 'efficient' & 'competent', reflecting the underlying capabilities of the application.

### 3. Rajnath Singh launches Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot website for citizens to contribute to martyrs' families

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched a website that will enable citizens to contribute to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF), which is a tri-service fund.

The portal -- 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' (MBKS) ' was launched during a function at the National War Memorial complex in New Delhi.

Amitabh Bachchan is the Goodwill Ambassador for the portal.

### 4. Union Minister Jitendra Singh launches integrated pensioners' portal

Union Minister of state for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh launched the Single Integrated Pensioners' Portal. The portal is developed in collaboration with State Bank of India and aimed at 'Ease of Living' for the central government pensioners. All remaining 16 pension disbursing banks will now begin their integration with Bhavishya

### 5. Union Minister Fagga Singh Kulaste inaugurates Saras Food Festival-2022 in New Delhi

Fagga Singh Kulaste inaugurated the Saras Food Festival and said the govt will take steps to establish Saras stalls by women SHGs in all state capitals, major cities and metros, airports and railway stations for widening the reach of marketing.

He launched the e-commerce portal [www.esaras.in](http://www.esaras.in), for better and more effective marketing of the products prepared by women of SHGs Fagga Singh is Union Minister of State for Rural Development.

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## Acquisitions & Mergers

### 1. PayU calls off \$4.7 bn acquisition of BillDesk; Prosus terminates deal after 13 months

Prosus NV, which owns PayU, has terminated a USD 4.7 billion (about Rs 38,400 crore) deal to acquire Indian payments firm BillDesk, saying certain conditions precedent were not met. Prosus, the global investment arm of South African multinational Nasper, on August 31 last year announced the acquisition of BillDesk in an all-cash deal. BillDesk : Founder(s): M.N. Srinivasu; Ajay Kaushal; Karthik Ganapathy.

### 2. Adani Ports receives NCLT approval to acquire 58.1% in Gangavaram Port

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd has received approvals from the National Company Law Tribunals at Ahmedabad and Hyderabad for acquiring 58.1 per cent stake in Gangavaram Port Ltd through the composite scheme of arrangement. With this stake purchase, GPL will become a fully-owned subsidiary of APSEZ. The acquisition of GPL is priced at around Rs 6,200 crore

### 3. V-Mart acquires e-commerce startup LimeRoad for Rs 31 crore

Fashion retailer V-Mart Retail (V-Mart) has acquired e-commerce platform LimeRoad for a lump sum cash of around Rs 31.12 crore.

The Gurgaon-based startup LimeRoad was founded in 2012 by Suchi Mukherjee, Ankush Mehra and Prashant Malik.

Lalit Agarwal, managing director of V-Mart Retail.

### 4. CCI clears Verventa Holdings, Carlyle Group's stake purchase in YES Bank

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the proposed Rs 8,900 crore deal wherein two entities will buy stakes in Yes Bank.

CA Basque Investments, part of the Carlyle Group, and Verventa Holdings, an affiliate of funds managed by Advent International are to acquire 10 per cent stake each in the private sector lender.

### 5. Dabur acquires 51% stake in Badshah Masala for Rs 587.52 crore

Dabur announced the acquisition of a 51 percent stake in Badshah Masala for a cash consideration of Rs 587.5 crore. The acquisition is expected to be completed before March 31, 2023.

This will mark Dabur's entry into the over Rs 25,000 crore branded spices and seasoning market in India. Hemant Jhaveri - Managing Director at Badshah Masala.



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## Agri-Business

### 1. NABARD holds Stall-in-Mall exhibition at Esplanade Mall in Rasulgarh, Bhubaneswar

Handlooms and Handicrafts occupy a major share in supporting a large number of livelihoods in the rural economy. To upkeep the tradition, integrate the weavers and artisans, and provide training, design development, credit, etc, NABARD has been supporting for setting up of Off-Farm Producer Organisations (OFPOs) across the country.

### 2. UNDP partners Arya.ag, FWWB India to strengthen value chain in agriculture

UNDP partners Arya.ag, FWWB India to strengthen value chain in agriculture, allied sectors  
The UNDP has selected Arya.ag and Friends of Women's World Banking, India (FWWB India) as partners to implement enterprise promotion and value chain interventions in agriculture and allied activities.

### 3. Centre To Start Rs 500 Cr Accelerator Programme To Enhance Agri Startups Initiatives

In the Agri Startup Conference organised during PM Kisan Samman Sammelan at Pusa Mela Ground, Delhi, the agriculture minister informed that A Rs. 500 crore accelerator programme for taking forward and popularising the successful initiatives of agri startups will be started. A cell will also be created to work as a single window agency for agri startups.



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## PSUs

### 1. NMDC Signs MoU with RailTel for ICT and Digital Solutions

MoU builds on the partnership that NMDC already has with the National Railway Telecom which has been providing MPLS VPN at 11 of NMDC's locations, and Internet Leased Lines at 7 locations, and High-Definition Video Conferencing solutions since 7 yrs.

RailTel Corporation is a 'Mini Ratna (Category-I)' PSU.

NMDC, a Navratna Company is India's largest producer of Iron ore.

CMD, NMDC, Shri Sumit Deb; NMDC's headquarters: Hyderabad

### 2. REC, PFC Ink Pact To Finance 1320 MW Coal-fired Buxar Power Plant In Bihar

Power Finance Corporation (PFC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) signed a Memorandum of Loan Agreement (MoA) with SJVN Thermal Private Ltd (STPL) to finance the 1,320 MW coal-based Buxar Thermal Power Plant (BTPP) in Bihar, even as its project cost increased by at least Rs 1,733 crore in over three years.

R S Dhillon, CMD PFC; N L Sharma, CMD SJVN; Vivek Kumar Dewangan, CMD REC.



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## States/UTs

### Andhra Pradesh

#### 1. World Bank extends unconditional loan of \$250 million for SALT project in Andhra Pradesh

World Bank (WB) has extended an unconditional loan of \$250 million to the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the State government.

The SALT is the first project in the school education sector to be funded by the World Bank without any precondition.

#### 2. Andhra Pradesh: Mondelez India plant in Sri City bags WEF award

Mondelez India's factory in the Sri City in Tirupati district has bagged the World Economic Forum's fourth Advanced Industrial Revolution (4IR) 'Digital Lighthouse award'.

Founded in 2016, the factory is among the first FMCG plants in India to receive an award for 'digital excellence' driven by advanced technologies and sustainable practices.

### Goa

#### 1. DGCA issues aerodrome licence for GMR group-run Mopa airport in Goa

Aviation watchdog Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has given the aerodrome licence for the new airport at Mopa in Goa, paving the way for starting commercial flights operations from there soon. The Mopa airport, will be operated by GMR group. This will be the second airport in Goa, where already there is an operational airport at Dabolim in Mormugao city. Currently, there are 131 operational airports in the country.

### Gujarat

#### 1. President launches 'herSTART' platform for women entrepreneurs in Gujarat

President Droupadi Murmu launched 'herSTART', an initiative of the Gujarat University Startup and Entrepreneurship Council (GUSEC) aimed at supporting women-led startups.

The 'herSTART' platform will boost innovation and start-up efforts of women entrepreneurs and also help them connect with various government and private enterprises.

#### 2. Gujarat declared as 100% 'Har Ghar Jal' state, every household now has tap water connection

Gujarat was declared as a 'Har Ghar Jal' state, meaning all households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps. As per the government data, all 91,73,378 houses in the state now have water connections.

Jal Jeevan Mission is a flagship programme of Government of India which was announced from the ramparts of Red Fort by PM Modi on August 15, 2019.

### Haryana

#### 1. Gurugram To Get "World's Largest Safari", Park To Cover Over 10,000 Acres

Haryana will develop the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range.

The 10,000-acre safari park will cover Gurugram and Nuh districts.

At present, Sharjah is home to the largest curated safari park outside Africa. Opened in February 2022, the Sharjah Safari covers an area of about 2,000 acres.

### Himachal Pradesh

#### 1. PM Modi lays foundation stone of Rs 350 cr Medical Device Park in Nalagarh, HP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the Medical Device Park at Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh on October 5, 2022, which will be built at a cost of about Rs 350 crore.

During his one-day visit to the northern hilly state, the PM inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth over Rs 3650 crore.

#### 2. PM inaugurates Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in Una, Himachal Pradesh

Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Bulk Drug Park and dedicated the Indian Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Una to the nation. Prime Minister also flagged off the inaugural

run of the new Vande Bharat Express from Amb Andaura, Una to New Delhi, it will be the fourth Vande Bharat train to be introduced in the country.

## **Karnataka**

### **1. Karnataka: K Sivan, among 67 to receive Rajyotsava awards**

Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chairman K Sivan, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) chairman BV Naidu and 65 others will be honoured at the 2022 Rajyotsava Awards on November 1.

The list of 67 awardees, as well as 10 organisations that will be awarded, was released by the Department of Kannada and Culture.

## **Kerala**

### **1. Kerala's Pullampara is India's first fully digital literate panchayat**

Pullampara became the first grama panchayat in the country to attain full digital literacy among its residents.

The 'Digi Pullampara' project was launched on August 15, 2021 to impart digital education to the most underprivileged sections of society in the panchayat.

### **2. Kerala govt launches mobile app to prevent cyber crimes against children**

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the 'Kunjapp', a mobile application to prevent cyber crimes against children in the state. Vijayan also inaugurated the training for the newly appointed Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) members at Kovalam. Child exploitation can be reported through the application.

## **Madhya Pradesh**

### **1. Ujjain's Mahakal Corridor: PM Modi inaugurates Rs 856-crore 'Mahakal Lok' project in Ujjain**

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the Mahakaleshwar Temple corridor development project in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain. The Hindu temple is dedicated to lord Shiva & is among the 12 celebrated Jyotirlingas in India.

The corridor measures over 900 m in length and will house around 200 statues & murals of lord Shiva and goddess Shakti, among other religious figures. Ashish Pathak, CEO of Ujjain Smart City.

### **2. In a first, Home Minister Amit Shah releases MBBS textbooks in Hindi**

Madhya Pradesh government has become the first state in the country to have started an ambitious project wherein now medical students can opt for studying MBBS in Hindi, instead of English, as is the norm for the rest of the country. At an event in state capital Bhopal, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Hindi version of three subjects.

### **3. Wildlife board approves Durgavati Tiger Reserve as new tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh**

Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board approved a new reserve for tigers of Panna Tiger Reserve, one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the linking of the Ken-Betwa rivers. The 2,339 square kilometres new tiger reserve, to be called Durgavati Tiger Reserve, will spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts. In 2020, UNESCO included PTR in a global network of biospheres

## **Maharashtra**

### **1. REC signs Rs 30,483 Cr agreement for 9 metro projects in Mumbai Region**

The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with REC Limited, a central government undertaking, for the funding of '30,483 crores for the ongoing nine lines of Metro projects in Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR). The MMRDA has said that the funding, which has been raised from REC, at the rate of 7.59%

## **Meghalaya**

### **1. Meghalaya govt announces first-ever 'Mental Health and Social Care Policy'**

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day, the Meghalaya government announced the state's first-ever draft 'State Mental Health and Social Care Policy'. The policy aims to promote overall mental health and well-being and facilitate appropriate access and care pathways for common and severe mental health concerns. Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik Meghalaya Chief Minister: Conrad Kongkal Sangma

## 2. Mawmluh Cave in Meghalaya first Indian Geoheritage Site recognised by UNESCO

Mawmluh Caves located in the East Khasi Hills district has made it to the first 100 geological heritage sites listed under International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS) by UNESCO. The first 100 sites were chosen from 56 countries.

With 7.2 km, it is the fourth longest cave in the Indian subcontinent and is referred to locally as Krem Mawmluh.

### Nagaland

#### 1. Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio launches universal health insurance scheme

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launched a universal health insurance scheme for the people of the state.

The Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) will be implemented in convergence with the Ayushman Bharat scheme of the Centre.

The scheme has been categorised into CMHIS Employees and Pensioners (EP), and CMHIS (General).

### Odisha

#### 1. Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik launches 'Football for All' programme for promotion of sport among children

Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik on launched 'Football for All' in the state to take the culture of football to the grassroots. The Programme has been initiated by FIFA in Odisha in partnership with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology & Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences. This is the first such program of FIFA in India that aims at promoting football among school students

#### 2. DGCA grants aerodrome licence to Odisha's Jeypore airport

The Directorate General of Civil Aviation granted aerodrome licence to Odisha's Jeypore airport. The airport will now be able to handle scheduled commercial flights under the government's regional connectivity scheme UDAN, or Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik. The airstrip at Jeypore had become functional in 1962 at the time of inception of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited at Sunabeda,

#### 3. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Inaugurates India's Second National Model Vedic School in Puri

Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the country's second Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya in Puri, with the objective of spreading knowledge of the Vedas among people.

The RAVV or the National Model Vedic School has come up on the campus of the Central Sanskrit University. Maharishi Sandipani Rashtriya Ved Vidya Pratishthan is the first such school in Madhya Pradesh.

### Punjab

#### 1. NABARD sanctions Rs 222 crore to strengthen school infrastructure in rural Punjab schools

National Bank For Agriculture And Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs 221.99 crore to strengthen school infrastructure in rural schools in Punjab. NABARD has sanctioned the money from the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for the construction of 2,328 additional classrooms, 762 labs, and 648 playgrounds in rural schools in all 23 districts of Punjab. Dr. G.R. Chintala - Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

#### 2. Asia's Largest BioGas Plant Inaugurated In Sangrur, To Prevent Stubble Burning In 45,000 Acres

Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in Sangrur, Punjab.

The plant has been commissioned with a Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) of Rs 220 crore by Verbio AG, one of Germany's leading Bio-energy companies.

### Rajasthan

#### 1. Jakson Green to invest Rs 22,400 cr in green hydrogen project in Rajasthan

Jakson Green has inked a pact to invest Rs 22,400 crore to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project, in phases, in Rajasthan. The company has signed a MoU with the government of Rajasthan to this effect. Jakson Green will set up a 3,65,000 tons per annum Green Hydrogen & Green Ammonia plant along with an integrated hybrid renewable power complex



## Tamil Nadu

### 1. Country's first slender loris habitat in Karur, Dindigul districts of TN notified

Tamil Nadu government has notified the country's first Kadavur slender loris sanctuary covering 11,806 hectares in Karur and Dindigul districts of the State.

Slender lorises are small nocturnal mammals and are arboreal in nature, as they spend most of their life on trees.

The species has a wide range of ecological role and importance to play in the terrestrial eco system.

### 2. Tamil Nadu is the only State to achieve Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022 Q1 and Q2

Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only State which has achieved the target for 2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections till date, according to official data. Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh visited Chennai and reviewed the progress of work pertaining to Jal Jeevan Mission for assured potable tap water by 2024.

## Uttar Pradesh

### 1. Uttar Pradesh government forms state's first all-woman PAC battalions

The Uttar Pradesh government announced the formation of the state's first three all-woman battalions of the Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC).

Also, women's help desks were set up at all 1,584 police stations of the state by appointing women beat constables.

The battalion has been named after Veer Naris.

### 2. Uttar Pradesh govt bags Rs 16,000-crore deal for data centre projects

Under this proposed policy, the state is planning to set up smaller capacity data centres in the hinterland across the state. The policy will aim to attract private sector investment to attain Rs 30,000 crore in the next five years. Data centre projects in UP include those of Hiranandani Group, Adani Group, NTT Japan, and Web Werks, among others.

### 3. Centre approves Terai Elephant Reserve in Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh is all set to get a new elephant reserve soon, as the Union ministry of forest, environment and climate change (MoFECC) has given its nod to the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER), which will be spread in a 3,049 sq km area, including Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR). It will be the second elephant reserve in UP and India's 33rd.

## Delhi

### 1. Delhi CM announces 15-point Winter Action Plan to check air pollution.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced a 15-point Winter Action Plan to curb air pollution in the national capital. It includes the introduction of an electric vehicle policy in 2020 and 24-hour electricity supply, air-pollution level had declined in the last four years. It will also install anti-smog guns and mobile anti-smog guns to curb pollution.

### 2. Delhi LG launches one-time property tax amnesty scheme 'SAMRIDDHI 2022-23'

Delhi Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena launched a one-time property tax amnesty scheme 'SAMRIDDHI 2022-23', saying it will provide a major relief to lakhs of residential and commercial property owners in the city. SAMRIDDHI, is an acronym for Strengthening and Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi

## Jammu and Kashmir

### 1. Sh. Amit Shah inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 240 development projects worth about Rs 2,000 crore in Srinagar

Amit Shah said that the expressway from Nangal to Baramulla & from Baramulla to Uri has been built at a cost of Rs. 850 cr. A 43-km road has been built connecting Baramulla to Gulmarg at a cost of Rs. 85 cr to help tourists travelling from Gulmarg to Baramulla. He said that over one lakh families are being brought under the ambit of education through a scheme of Rs. 847 cr. Union Home and Cooperation Minister : Amit Shah.

### 2. First green tech based incubation centre of India to come up at NIT Srinagar

Technology Business Incubation or Inclusive TBI (i-TBI) is a three-year initiative supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) for educational institutions, idea-generators, innovators and

entrepreneurs to support the innovative ideas, startup initiatives and promote self-employment and job creation through incubation.

### 3. J&K Tourism department inaugurates Bird Festival at Pahalgam in South Kashmir

In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, a first of its kind Bird Festival 2022 was inaugurated at Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district.

The Bird Festival is being organised by the J & K Tourism Department in collaboration with Sanctuary Nature Foundation.

Kaleej Pheasant is J&K's UT bird.

### Lakshadweep

#### 1. Two More Indian Beaches Make It To List Of World's Cleanest Beaches, Tally Now 12

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said that two more Indian beaches were added to the list of the cleanest beaches in the world and received the prestigious Blue Flag certification. The Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat beach, both in Lakshadweep, have received the Blue Flag certification. This has taken India's tally of Blue Beaches to 12.

### Ladakh

#### 1. CESL sets up first integrated solar charging station in Ladakh region

Convergence Energy Services (CESL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd (EESL) under the Ministry of Power has established a first-of-its-kind solar-powered charging plaza for electric vehicles in the Ladakh region.

EV carport constitutes 100 kW solar PV panels with a 860 kW/hour lithium-ion battery storage system.

Mahua Acharya, MD & CEO of CESL. The integrated carport was inaugurated by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh R K Mathur in Leh



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## Committees

### 1. Three-member panel to study on SC status for Dalit converts

The Centre has appointed a three-member commission, headed by former Chief Justice of India K G Balakrishnan, to consider the possibility of granting SC status to 'new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes' but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism. According to 2011 Census, scheduled castes account for 16.6% of the total population.

### 2. Panel on sustainable finance submits suggestions to IFSCA

A committee of experts headed by CK Mishra on sustainable finance, constituted by the International Financial Services Centres Authority at the GIFT City, has recommended developing a voluntary carbon market, framework for transition bonds, enabling de-risking mechanisms, promoting regulatory sandbox for green fintech & facilitating the creation of a global climate alliance.

Mr. Tapan Ray, MD & Group CEO of Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT).

### 3. Govt forms expert committee to probe WHO report on deaths of children in Gambia

The Centre has formed a four-member expert committee to investigate the report sent by the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the deaths of 66 children in Gambia by consumption of cough syrups from Sonipat-based company Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited. The Expert committee will be chaired by Vice Chairperson of Standing National Committee on Medicines Dr YK Gupta.

### 4. NAREDCO sets up finance committee to help builders procure funds from banks, NBFCs

National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO), an apex body formed under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, has set up a committee that will enable member developers to easily access funds from banks and financial institutions based on merit and viability of the projects.

Merchant bankers Resurgent India will be actively associated with the NFC. Satish Kumar, Chairman, NAREDCO Finance Committee (NFC).

### 5. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) sets up health insurance consultative committee

IRDAI announced to set up a 15-member Health Insurance Consultative Committee with an aim to achieve the goal of universalization of health insurance in the country.

Committee, headed by IRDAI member Rakesh Joshi, has been tasked to identify the challenges in carrying out the health insurance business smoothly & make recommendations to facilitate ease of doing business.

Debasish Panda: IRDAI Chairperson.

### 6. 24-member IRDAI panel to develop insurance cover for rural population

IRDAI has set up a 24-member committee headed by Thomas M Devasia to develop and suggest an affordable and comprehensive cover for the rural population.

The committee will explore and recommend on how to bring about synergies in the working and operations of 'Bima Vahak', 'Bima Vistaar' and the digital platform 'Bima Sugam'.

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<b>Anish Dayal Singh</b>	Director General (DG) of Indo-Tibetan Border Police
<b>Kaustubh Kulkarni</b>	Head of JP Morgan India

## AWARDS

WINNER	AWARD
<b>Alain Aspect</b>	Nobel Prize in Physics 2022
<b>John F. Clauser</b>	Nobel Prize in Physics 2022
<b>Anton Zeilinger</b>	Nobel Prize in Physics 2022
<b>Karl Barry Sharpless</b>	Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022
<b>Carolyn R. Bertozzi</b>	Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022
<b>Morten Meldal</b>	Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2022
<b>Svante Pbo</b>	Nobel Prize for Physiology 2022
<b>Roxy Mathew Koll</b>	American Geophysical Union's (AGU) 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal
<b>Annie Ernaux</b>	Nobel Prize in Literature 2022
<b>Ales Bialiatski</b>	Nobel Peace Prize 2022
<b>Russian human rights organisation Memorial,</b>	Nobel Peace Prize 2022
<b>Ukrainian NGO Center for Civil Liberties (CLL)</b>	Nobel Peace Prize 2022
<b>Ben S. Bernanke</b>	Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences 2022
<b>Douglas W. Diamond</b>	Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences 2022
<b>Philip H. Dybvig</b>	Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences 2022
<b>Hyderabad</b>	World Green City Award 2022
<b>Prakash Padukone</b>	Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) medal for 2019
<b>Shehan Karunatilaka</b>	Booker Prize 2022
<b>Karim Benzema</b>	2022 Ballon d'Or
<b>Alexia Putellas</b>	2022 Ballon d'Or Feminin
<b>Barbara D Metcalf</b>	Sir Syed Excellence International Award for 2022
<b>Indian Institute of Technology Madras</b>	National Intellectual Property Awards 2021 and 2022
<b>Hyderabad Haleem</b>	Most Popular GI award
<b>People of Ukraine</b>	Sakharov Prize 2022
<b>RRR movie</b>	Best International Film award at the 50th Saturn Awards

## IMPORTANT DAYS

DATE	DAY	THEME
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	International Day of Older Persons	Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas)	NA
<b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day	NA
<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	International Day of Non-violence	NA
<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Swachh Bharat Diwas	NA
<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	World Habitat Day	Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind
<b>October 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup></b>	World Space Week	Space and Sustainability
<b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b>	World Animal Day	Shared Planet
<b>October 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup></b>	Wildlife Week	NA
<b>October 5<sup>th</sup></b>	World Teachers' Day	The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers
<b>October 7<sup>th</sup></b>	World Cotton Day	Weaving a better future for cotton
<b>October 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Indian Airforce Day	NA
<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Day	NA
<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	World Post Day	Post for Planet
<b>October 9<sup>th</sup></b>	73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army	NA
<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	World Mental Health Day	Making Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority
<b>October 10<sup>th</sup></b>	National Post Day	
<b>October 11<sup>th</sup></b>	International Day of Girl Child	Our Time Is Now - Our Rights, Our Future
<b>October 12<sup>th</sup></b>	World Arthritis Day.	It's in your hands, take action
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	Substantially increase the availability and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessment for people by 2030
<b>October 14<sup>th</sup></b>	World Standards Day	Shared Vision for a Better World
<b>October 14<sup>th</sup></b>	International E-Waste Day	Recycle it all, no matter how small
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	World Students' Day	The transformation of education begins with teachers
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	International Day of Rural Women	Rural Women, key for a world free from hunger and poverty
<b>October 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Global Handwashing Day	Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene
<b>October 16<sup>th</sup></b>	World Food Day	Leave NO ONE behind

<b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b>	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty	Dignity For All in Practice
<b>October 17<sup>th</sup></b>	World Trauma Day	NA
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	World Statistics Day	Data for Sustainable Development
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	World Osteoporosis Day	Step Up For Bone Health
<b>October 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Police Commemoration Day	
<b>October 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	7th Ayurveda Day	Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	United Nations Day	NA NA
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	World Development Information Day	NA
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup></b>	World Polio Day	World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup></b>	Global Media and Information Literacy Week	Nurturing trust - A Media and Information Literacy Imperative
<b>October 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup></b>	Disarmament Week	Disarmament: Securing Humanity's Future
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	76 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Day	NA
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	World Day for Audiovisual Heritage	Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies
<b>October 28<sup>th</sup></b>	International Animation Day	
<b>October 29<sup>th</sup></b>	World Stroke Day	Raising Awareness of the Signs of Stroke and the Need for Timely Access To Quality Stroke Treatment.
<b>October 30<sup>th</sup></b>	World Savings Day	Savings can make all the difference'
<b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day	NA
<b>October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	World Cities Day	Act Local to Go Global

## OBITUARY

OBITUARY	RELATED FIELD
<b>Tulsi Tanti</b>	Founder of Suzlon Energy
<b>Mulayam Singh Yadav</b>	Founder of the Samajwadi Party and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh
<b>Vishwanath Chandrashekar Mamani</b>	Deputy Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly
<b>Dietrich Mateschitz</b>	Red Bull Formula One owner

## IMPORTANT STATIC & CURRENT INFO

### INDIAN STATES, CAPITALS, CHIEF MINISTERS & GOVERNORS

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Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati	Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy	Biswa Bhusan Harichandn
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Chhattisgarh	Raipur	Bhupesh Baghel	AnusuiyaUikey
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Haryana	Chandigarh	Manohar Lal Khattar	BandaruDattatraya
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Uttarakhand	Dehradun	Pushkar Singh Dhami	Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh
West Bengal	Kolkata	Mamata Banerjee	La. Ganesan

### UNION TERRITORIES, LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS & ADMINISTRATORS

UNION TERRITORY	LT. GOVERNOR & ADMINISTRATOR
Andaman and Nicobar Island (UT)	Admiral D K Joshi (Lieutenant Governor)
Chandigarh (UT)	Banwarilal Purohit (Administrator)
Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Delhi (NCT)	Vinai Kumar Saxena (Lieutenant Governor)
Jammu and Kashmir (UT)	Manoj Sinha (Lieutenant Governor)
Lakshadweep (UT)	Praful Patel (Administrator)
Puducherry (UT)	Dr.Tamilisai Soundararajan (Addl. Charge) (Lieutenant Governor)
Ladakh (UT)	Radha Krishna Mathur (Lieutenant Governor)



**UNION MINISTERS & PORTFOLIO**

<b>UNION MINISTER</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>
<b>Narendra Modi</b>	Ministry of personnel, public grievances and pensions Department of Atomic Energy Department of Space
<b>Rajnath Singh</b>	Ministry of Defence
<b>Amit Shah</b>	Ministry of Home Affairs Ministry of Cooperation
<b>Nitin Gadkari</b>	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
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<b>Piyush Goyal</b>	Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ministry of Textiles Ministry of Consumer affairs, food and public distribution
<b>Narendra Singh Tomar</b>	Ministry of agriculture and Farmers welfare
<b>Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar</b>	Ministry of External Affairs
<b>Arjun Munda</b>	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
<b>Smriti Zubin Irani</b>	Ministry of Women and child Development Ministry of Minority Affairs
<b>Dharmendra Pradhan</b>	Ministry of Education Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
<b>Pralhad Joshi</b>	Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs Ministry of coal Ministry of Mines
<b>Narayan Tatu Rane</b>	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
<b>SarbanandaSonowal</b>	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy (AYUSH)
<b>Dr. Virendra Kumar</b>	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
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<b>Jyotiraditya M. Scindia</b>	Ministry of Civil Aviation Ministry of Steel
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<b>Mansukh L. Mandaviya</b>	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
<b>Bhupender Yadav</b>	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry of Labour and Employment
<b>Mahendra Nath Pandey</b>	Ministry of Heavy Industries
<b>ParshottamRupala</b>	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
<b>G. Kishan Reddy</b>	Ministry of Culture Ministry of Tourism Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
<b>Anurag Singh Thakur</b>	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

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