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GoI launched Agnipath military recruitment scheme

The Indian government has introduced the **Agnipath Military recruitment scheme**, a 4-year tenure scheme for the defense troops. The scheme will facilitate the induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures. The scheme has been planned and is being implemented by the Department of Military Affairs.

Here are the key details of the scheme:

- **'Agnipath'** is a short-term service youth recruitment scheme for the armed forces that operates across India. **Agniveers** will be the name given to those chosen for the scheme, and they will serve in a variety of terrain such as deserts, mountains, land, sea, and air.
- Approximately 45,000 people between the **ages of 17.5 and 21** will be inducted into the service for a four-year period under the scheme. The recruitment process will begin in the next 90 days, with the first batch expected to be completed by **July 2023**.
- In a one-time waiver, the Central government has increased the upper age limit for the Agnipath scheme from **21 to 23 years (First Batch only)**.
- The selection will be made using a centralised online method. Agniveers will be required to have the same educational requirements as normal officers in the armed forces.
- **Women will be inducted in the 'Agnipath' scheme as well.**
- After four years, Agniveers would be given the option to voluntarily apply for registration in the permanent cadre. These applications will be evaluated based on merit and service performance. It's possible that up to 25 per cent of submissions will be accepted.
- Agniveers will be hired for four years under the 'Agnipath' scheme and will get intensive military training. They will be given a monthly wage of **₹ 30,000 to ₹ 40,000** per month, plus allowances.

Monthly wages:

Year	Customized salary package	In hand Salary	Agniveer contribution to the corpus	GOI contribution to the Corpus fund
1st Year	30000	21000	9000	9000
2nd Year	33000	23100	9900	9900
3rd Year	36500	25580	10950	10950
4th Year	40000	28000	12000	12000
Total contribution to Seva Nidhi by Agniveers and GOI			5.02 Lakh	5.02 Lakh
Exit After 4 years			Rs 11.71 Lakh as Seva Nidhi Package (Including, interest accumulated on the above amount as per the applicable interest rates would also be paid.)	

Eknath Shinde to take oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra

Eknath Shinde, a rebel Shiv Sena MLA, will be sworn in as the new chief minister of Maharashtra. The dissident Shiv Sena faction led by **Eknath Shinde** and the BJP will form Maharashtra's new government after nearly ten days of intense power struggles. The Maha Vikas Aghadi government's authority in the state came to an end the day after **Uddhav Thackeray** resigned as chief minister. The Shinde camp announced that talks with the BJP have begun and that they will form the government.

KEY POINTS:

- When announcing Shinde's candidacy, **Fadnavis** stated that the BJP, the **Eknath Shinde** group, and 16 independents/smaller parties had all written letters of support to the governor. Shinde will take his oath in Raj Bhawan.
- **Devendra Fadnavis** takes oath as **deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra**
- **Uddhav Thackeray** resigned as chief minister of Maharashtra due to a mutiny within his own **Shiv Sena** party and the realisation that he would not be able to demonstrate his government's majority in the House.
- His resignation came after the **Supreme Court** declined to impose a stay on a floor test that the Governor had ordered.
- **JP Nadda** said that there will be a strong government in this state thanks to Amit Shah's support, which will result in rapid state development. The 50 MLAs have battled alongside me and given me this position of trust. I reassure them that I won't subject them to the same treatment they previously received.

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- He added that they shall put in nonstop effort to move this State toward development. Finding a diamond like Devendra Fadnavis is challenging. Even though he is not a member of the cabinet, they will always value his advice and suggestions.
- BJP now has close to 120 members. **Fadnavis** could have easily assumed the position of CM. He was kind and offered Balasaheb's shivsainik this position.

About the Maharashtra Uddhav Crisis:

- Following allegations of cross-voting in the Legislative Council elections, the crisis started on June 21.
- Following that, Uddhav Thackeray convened a hasty meeting of Shiv Sena MLAs. **Eknath Shinde**, the leader of the Sena, and 11 other MLAs were not identifiable.
- The missing Sena leaders were discovered camped out in opulent hotels in Surat, Guwahati, and finally Goa before returning to Mumbai. This was followed by a week of resort politics.

About Eknath Shinde:

- **Eknath Shinde** is an Indian politician who was born on February 9th, 1964.
- He served as the government of Maharashtra's Cabinet Minister for Public Works and Urban Development.
- He now represents Thane, Maharashtra's Kopri-Pachpakhandi constituency in the legislative assembly.
- Before he precipitated a serious political crisis, **Eknath Sambhaji Shinde** served as the PWD Cabinet Minister for the Maharashtra State Government (MSRDC, Public Undertaking) and is currently a Shiv Sena member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from the Kopri-Pachpakhandi (Vidhan Sabha constituency).
- There are 288 members of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.
- He was re-elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly for a total of four terms in 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2019.

RBI announces results of 1st Global Hackathon "HARBINGER 2021"

The Reserve Bank of India had launched its first global hackathon – "HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation" with the theme 'Smarter Digital Payments' which was communicated. The hackathon received encouraging response with 363 proposals submitted by teams from within India and from 22 other countries including the **USA, UK, Sweden, Singapore, Philippines, and Israel**. The Hackathon ran in three phases with shortlisting of proposals in the first phase, solution development in the second phase followed by the final evaluation in the third phase.

The third phase of final evaluation was held on May 26-27, 2022 in Bengaluru wherein 24 finalist teams presented their solutions for the problem statements to the jury of external experts who evaluated and selected the winners and runners-up based on parameters like innovation, technology, demonstration, user experience, security, ease of implementation.

The results of the Hackathon are as follows:

S. No	Problem Statement	Results
1	Innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital payment solutions for converting small-ticket cash transactions to digital mode.	Tone Tag (Brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd.) (INDIA)
2	Alternate authentication mechanism for digital payments	napID Cybersec Pvt. Ltd. (INDIA)
3	Context based retail payments to remove the physical act of payment	Tone Tag (Brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt. Ltd.) (INDIA)
4	Social Media Analysis and Monitoring tool for detection of digital payment fraud and disruption	TrustCheckr (INDIA)

Additional Info:

These innovative products are expected to bring additional benefits in the payments ecosystem viz. inclusion of the underprivileged through non-mobile payment solutions and prevention of digital payment frauds through smart-secure alternate authentication methods as well as timely analysis of social media posts.

RBI Monetary Policy: RBI raises repo rate by 50 bps to 4.90%

The six-member **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)** led by RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das** voted unanimously to raise repo rate by **50 basis points to 4.90 percent**. The Monetary Policy Committee has raised the repo rate in order to tackle elevated inflation. Standing Deposit Facility and Marginal Standing Facility rates also raised by 50 basis points. Standing Deposit Facility rate now **4.65 percent**, and Marginal Standing Facility rate now **5.15 percent**.

Consequently, the various rates are as under:

- Policy Repo Rate: **4.90%**
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): **4.65%**
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: **5.15%**
- Bank Rate: **5.15%**
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: **3.35%**
- CRR: **4.50%**
- SLR: **18.00%**

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All members of the Monetary Policy Committee:

- Dr. Shashanka Bhide,
- Dr. Ashima Goyal,
- Prof. Jayanth R. Varma,
- Dr. Rajiv Ranjan,
- Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra and
- Shri Shaktikanta Das

Key points:

- E-mandate on cards for recurring payments, limit upped from **Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000**.
- RBI allows linking of credit cards to **UPI platform**.
- Limits on individual home loans given by urban and rural co-operative banks are being revised upwards more than **100 percent** taking into account the rise in housing prices over the last decade.
- Rural co-operative banks can now extend finance to commercial real estate, or loans for residential housing projects, within the limit of **5%** of their total assets.
- Urban cooperative banks will now begin doorstep banking services to customers.
- India's exports have performed exceptionally well. As on June 3, 2022, India's forex reserves stood at **\$601.1 bn**.

RBI revises inflation projection:

- RBI revises inflation projection for **FY23 to 6.7 % from 5.7% earlier**
- For April-June 2022 revised to 7.5% from 6.3%
- For July-September 2022 revised to 7.4% from 5.8%
- For October-December 2022 revised to 6.2% from 5.4%
- For January-March 2023 revised to 5.8% from 5.1%

Real GDP forecast:

- **Real GDP forecast for FY23 retained at 7.2%**
- Q1 (April-June) 2022 GDP growth forecast at 16.2%
- Q2 (July-September) 2022 GDP growth forecast at 6.2%
- Q3 (October-December) 2022 GDP growth forecast at 4.1%
- Q4 (January-March '23) GDP growth forecast at 4.0%

IIFA awards 2022: Announced Check the complete list of winners

The International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) held in **Abu Dhabi**. This year the IIFA 2022 Awards was hosted by **Salman Khan, Maniesh Paul and Riteish Deshmukh**. Sidharth Malhotra's Shershaah dominated the awards this year, with the film winning in as many as five categories. Sardar Udham, Mimi and Ludo won in two categories each.

List of the winners of IIFA 2022:

- **Best Actor (Male):** Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)
- **Best Actor (Female):** Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- **Best Director:** Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)
- **Best Film:** Shershaah
- **Best Playback Singer Female:** Asees Kaur for 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)
- **Best Playback Singer Male:** Jubin Nautiyal for song 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)
- **Best Lyrics:** Kausar Munir for 'Lehra Do', 83
- **Best Music Direction:** A R Rahman for Atrangi Re and Jasleen Royal, Javed-Mohsin, Vikram Montrose, B Praak, Jaani for Shershaah
- **Best Male Debut:** Ahan Shetty (Tadap)
- **Best Female Debut:** Sharvari Wagh (Bunty Aur Babli 2)
- **Best Story Adapted:** Kabir Khan, Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan for 83
- **Best Original Story:** Ludo by Anurag Basu
- **Best Supporting Actor Female:** Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
- **Best Supporting Actor Male:** Pankaj Tripathi (Ludo)

QS World University Rankings 2023 released

Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London-based global higher education has released the **19th** edition of the world's most consulted international university ranking. **The QS World University Rankings 2023** ranks the top 900 universities based on 8 key ranking indicators. This is the largest ever ranking with 1,418 institutions across one hundred locations up from 1300 in the previous year.

Key points:

- The ranking was topped by the United States(US)'s **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** followed by the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom(UK) and Stanford University(US).
- **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**, Karnataka, ranked 155 gaining 31 places since 2022 ranking and emerged as the fastest rising South Asian university among the top 200 universities.
- 41 Indian varsities have been found place in the rankings. Among QS World University Rankings top 200 varsities, The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (155th) topped among Indian universities, followed by IIT Bombay (172nd) and IIT Delhi (174th).

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QS World University Rankings 2023: Globally

Rank	University	Overall Score
1	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Cambridge, United States	100
2	University of Cambridge Cambridge, United Kingdom	98.8
3	Stanford University Stanford, United States	98.5

QS World University Rankings 2023: List of top universities in India:

National rank	Name of university	Global rank /bracket
1	IISc Bangalore	155
2	IIT Bombay	172
3	IIT Delhi	174
4	IIT Madras	250
5	IIT Kanpur	264
6	IIT Kharagpur	270
7	IIT Roorkee	369
8	IIT Guwahati	384
9	IIT Indore	396
10	University of Delhi	521-30

French Open Tennis Grand Slam 2022

The **2022 French Open** was a **Grand Slam tennis tournament** played on outdoor clay courts. It was held at the **Stade Roland Garros in Paris, France**, from 22 May to 5 June 2022, comprising singles, doubles and mixed doubles play. **Iga Świątek** won the women's singles event, capturing her second French Open crown, and **Rafael Nadal** won the men's singles event, capturing his record-extending 14th French Open title.

In Grand Slam there are 5 categories

- Men's Singles
- Women's singles
- Men's Doubles
- Women's doubles
- Mixed doubles

List of Winners French Open 2022:

Title	Winner	Runner up
Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Casper Ruud (Norwegian)
Women's Singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Coco Gauff (US)

Title	Winner	Runner up
Men's doubles	Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador), Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands)	Ivan Dodig (Croatian), Austin Krajicek (US)
Women's doubles	Caroline Garcia (French), Kristina Mladenovic (French)	Jessica Pegula (US), Coco Gauff (US)
Mixed doubles	Ena Shibahara (JAPAN), Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands)	Joran Vliegen (Belgium), Ulrikke Eikeri (Norway)

IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022: India ranked 37th

India has seen the sharpest growth among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from **43rd to 37th rank** on the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022. The Index has been compiled by the **Institute for Management Development (IMD)**. Meanwhile, the top-performing Asian economies are **Singapore (3rd)**, **Hong Kong (5th)**, **Taiwan (7th)**, **China (17th)** and **Australia (19th)**.

India is also a driving force in the global movement to fight climate change and Mr. Modi's pledge of net-zero by 2070 at the COP26 summit in November 2021, sits in harmony with its strength in environment-related technologies in the ranking. The top five attractive factors of India's economy for business are – a skilled workforce, cost competitiveness, dynamism of the economy, high educational level and open and positive attitudes.

World Competitiveness Index 2022: Globally

- **Denmark** has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while **Switzerland** slipped from the top ranking to the second position and **Singapore** regained the third spot from fifth, a global study showed.
- Others in the top 10 include Sweden at the fourth position, followed by **Hong Kong SAR (5th)**, **the Netherlands (6th)**, **Taiwan (7th)**, **Finland (8th)**, **Norway (9th)** and **the USA (10th)**.

About the World Competitiveness Index 2022:

IMD business school in Switzerland and Singapore released the 2022 World Competitiveness Ranking. Its think-tank, IMD World Competitiveness Center, ranks 63 economies and assesses the extent to which a country promotes the prosperity of its people by measuring economic well-being via hard data and survey responses from executives.

Angelo Mathews and Tuba Hassan crowned ICC Players of the Month for May

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that Sri Lanka's batting star **Angelo Mathews** and Pakistan's debutante spin sensation **Tuba Hassan** have been voted the **ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for May 2022**. Fans can continue to vote every month for their favourite male and female cricketers across all formats of international cricket as part of the ICC Player of the Month initiative by registering at www.icc-cricket.com/awards.

Why this award is given to Angelo Mathews?

Mathews was selected the stand-out male player after piling on runs over the course of his side's impressive ICC World Test Championship series victory against Bangladesh. Mathews becomes the first Sri Lankan player to be named the Player of the Month since its inception in January 2021, scooping the award ahead of fellow nominees Asitha Fernando (Sri Lanka), and Mushfiquir Rahim (Bangladesh).

Why this award is given to Tuba Hassan?

On the other hand, Hassan was awarded the to honour after enjoying significant success with the ball during her debut international series. The 21-year-old leg spinner was instrumental in restricting scores set by opponents Sri Lanka in the three-game T20I series in Pakistan, where she captured the Player of the Series award, taking five wickets at an average of 8.8 and an economy rate of 3.66. In securing this month's award, Hassan overcomes fellow nominees in compatriot Bismah Maroof, and Jersey's Trinity Smith. Tuba is the first female player from Pakistan to win in the award.

Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga announced

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, the **AYUSH ministry** has announced to give the '**Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga**' for 2022 to two individuals and two organisations in recognition of their contributions in the space.

Award winners:

Two individuals **Bhikkhu Sanghasena** from Ladakh, Marcus Vinicius **Rojo Rodrigues** from Brazil and two organisations, "**The Divine Life Society**" from Uttarakhand and the **British Wheel of Yoga** from United Kingdom have been chosen for award. They will also receive ₹25 lakh as cash prize, a trophy and a certificate.

Key points:

- Sanghasena is the founder of the **Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre** in Leh, and a social and spiritual worker. Earlier, the Gandhi Peace Foundation conferred him with the World Peace Award in 2004.
- Rojo trained at **Kaivalyadhama School in Lonavla**, which was founded by **Swami Kuvalayananda**. Upon his return to Brazil, he acted as the main promoter of yoga in the country, emphasising on the scientific teachings of Swami Kuvalayananda.
- Similarly, the British Wheel of Yoga in the United Kingdom was founded by **Wilfred Clark in 1965**. He practiced yoga during his army service in the First World War. Later, he started teaching yoga and eventually opened up the Wheel. The organisation is now committed to promoting a better understanding of yoga through education and training programs.

About the award:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced these awards on the **second International Yoga Day** to felicitate individuals and organisations who have made a significant impact on society for a sustained time period through the promotion and development of yoga. The awards for the Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yogawas announced by the Prime Minister of India on the occasion of the **2nd International Day of Yoga celebrations at Chandigarh on 21st June, 2016**.

The selection of the awardees was made after a two-stage process that reviewed the contributions made by institutions and individuals that were shortlisted. The selections were done under four categories – international individual, international organisation, national individual and national organisation.

International Day of Yoga 2022

Global Liveability Index 2022 released

International Day of Yoga is celebrated world wide on **21st June** since **2015**. This year, the **8th** edition of the International Day of Yoga will be observed. Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. Today it is practised in various forms around the world and continues to grow in popularity.

India is celebrating Yoga Day:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at Mysuru Palace Ground where he performing Yoga, along with others on the eighth International Yoga Day. India is celebrating Yoga Day in the physical mode after a gap of two years owing to the COVID-19 pandemic. Modi is joined by 15,000 participants in the event.

International Yoga Day 2022: Theme

International Yoga Day 2022 will be celebrated on **21 June 2022** with the theme '**Yoga for Humanity**' across the world with great enthusiasm. As the pandemic COVID-19 continued this year also, yoga is helping people to stay energetic and have strong immune system.

What is Yoga and why do we celebrate it?

Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness. The International Day of Yoga aims to raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.

The significance of Yoga Day can be seen in the light of spreading awareness on the issue of mental and physical well-being. The International day of yoga also aims to inculcate a habit of meditation for the peace of mind and the self-awareness which is necessary to survive in a stress-free environment.

International Yoga Day: History

The United Nations General Assembly had declared June 21 as the International Day of Yoga in 2014 at the initiative of India with the support of 177 countries. The idea of International Day of Yoga was first proposed by Indian Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** during his speech at United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on 27th September 2014.

The annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities has just been released by the **Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)**, and **2022's Global Liveability Index** shows some marked differences from the previous year. The EIU, which is a sister organization to The Economist, ranked 173 cities around the world on a variety of factors, including health care, crime rates, political stability, infrastructure and access to green space.

2022's Global Liveability Index: The top 10

1. Vienna, Austria
2. Copenhagen, Denmark
3. Zurich, Switzerland
4. Calgary, Canada
5. Vancouver, Canada
6. Geneva, Switzerland
7. Frankfurt, Germany
8. Toronto, Canada
9. Amsterdam, Netherlands
10. Osaka, Japan and Melbourne, Australia (tie)

10 LEAST LIVEABLE CITIES AROUND THE WORLD IN 2022:

- Tehran, Iran
- Douala, Cameroon
- Harare, Zimbabwe
- Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Port Moresby, PNG
- Karachi, Pakistan
- Algiers, Algeria
- Tripoli, Libya
- Lagos, Nigeria
- Damascus, Syria

Key points:

- **Hong Kong** had the dubious honor of coming in first place, with **New York City, Geneva, London and Tokyo** rounding out the top five in Liveability versus cost of living.
- The cities in India have fared poorly in the list of the world's most liveable cities. India's national capital **New Delhi** has been ranked **112th** in the list of most liveable cities. While India's financial capital **Mumbai** is ranked at **117th position**.
- The **Pakistani city of Karachi and Bangladesh capital Dhaka** are among the least liveable cities in the world.
- **Ukrainian capital, Kyiv**, has not made it to the list after Russia invaded the country in February 2022. While, the ranking of Russian cities like Moscow and St Petersburg also fell over 'censorship' and western sanctions on the country.

National MSME Award 2022

The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Department, Government of Odisha has been awarded first prize in the category **"National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector"** by virtue of various developmental initiatives taken up for the development of MSMEs. **Bihar and Haryana** were second and third respectively.

Other awardees:

- **Kalahandi** has been awarded third prize in the category **"National MSME Award 2022 to Aspirational districts for outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector"** as the sectoral development was in the line of award parameters, according to an official statement issued by the state government.
- Similarly, **Sumeet Mohanty M/s Saferisk Insurance Brokers Private Limited**, Bhubaneswar has been awarded first prize in the category **"Award for Service Entrepreneurship - Service Small Enterprise (Overall)"**.
- In addition, **Sibabrata Rout M/s Amarnath Pest Management Technology, Cuttack** has also been awarded third prize in the category **"Award for Service Entrepreneurship - Service Micro Enterprise (Overall)"**.

About the awards:

Awards to States and UTs and Aspirational Districts for their contribution to the MSME, parameters like sector-specific policies & their performance, the efficacy of Facilitation Council, Grievance redressal, Y-o-Y growth of MSME budget, growth of MSME credit, implementation of the cluster approach, Udyam Registration, skill development programs, and awareness conducted, etc. were taken into account.

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- **Public sector banks (PSBs)** more than quadrupled their net profit in the **fiscal year 2021-2022**. During the financial year 2021-22, the aggregate profit of 12 state-owned banks was **Rs 66,539 crore, up 110 percent from Rs 31,816 crore in the previous year**. For the first time in years, all 12 state-owned banks made a profit. This was also a significant improvement over FY18, when just two of the 21 PSBs declared a profit.
- NBFC giant, **HDFC** has announced the collaboration with **global information technology services and consulting firm, Accenture** to digitally transform its lending business. The tie-up will revamp HDFC's customer experience and business processes to provide greater operational agility and efficiency, and drive business growth.
- **The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)**, India's largest insurer, has launched **"Bima Ratna"** – a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan. The new plan, which is aimed at the domestic market, provides both protection and savings.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, in light of the growing involvement of **non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)** in the financial system, has issued a set of standards for provisioning for standard assets by large NBFCs. The RBI published a framework for NBFC scale-based regulation in October of last year. NBFCs have a four-layer regulatory structure based on their size, activity, and perceived riskiness.
- The **Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF)** scheme had deployed more than 4.11 lakh **PoS, mobile PoS**, and other physical devices across the country as of April 30, 2022, according to the **RBI**. The scheme also had deployed 1,14,05,116 digital devices, including interoperable QR code-based payments such as **UPI QR** and **Bharat QR**.
- According to **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** data, India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves increased by USD 3.854 billion to USD 601.363 billion, owing to a substantial growth in the country's foreign currency assets.
- **Suryoday Small Finance Bank**, one of India's premier small finance banks, has established a cooperation with **Mobisafar** to provide banking services across India through all of **Mobisafar's franchises** and Business Correspondent network. The cooperation aims to increase financial inclusion by providing vital banking services to underbanked customers digitally, even in the most distant corners of the country.

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- **The Reserve Bank of India** has cancelled the licence of "**The Mudhol Co-operative Bank Limited, Bagalkot (Karnataka)**", thus restricting it from repayment of deposits and acceptance of fresh funds. The bank does not have adequate capital and earning prospects, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said while announcing the cancellation of licence.
- **ICICI Bank** has announced that it has partnered with digital EMI/pay-later platform **ZestMoney**, to expand its '**Cardless EMI**' facility for purchases on retail and e-commerce platforms. The partnership enhances affordability of customers of the Bank who can use pre-approved cardless credit to instantly buy products/ services using ZestMoney and take care of the cost into Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs).
- **Fino Payments Bank Limited** has partnered with **Go Digit General Insurance Limited**, one of India's fastest growing general insurers, to provide small and medium business owners with shop insurance coverage. Fino Payments Bank serves as a corporate representative for Go Digit.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has decided to increase the existing limits on individual housing loans provided by **cooperative banks**, taking into account the rise in housing prices since the limits were last revised and considering customers' needs for larger loans. (Click here to read the article)
- Payment solution provider, **OmniCard** has announced that it became the **1st RBI licensed PPI (prepaid payment instrument)** to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country. The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallets.
- **Indian Bank** launched its **KCC Digital Renewal scheme**, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes. The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project '**WAVE**' – **World of Advanced Virtual Experience**.
- Private sector lender, **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** has received capital markets regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI)** to launch and raise funds through an **initial public offering (IPO)**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** relaxed the limitations placed on **Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte Ltd** on onboarding new domestic clients. For non-compliance with **RBI** standards for data storage in India, **Mastercard** has been barred from onboarding new domestic users (debit, credit, or prepaid) onto its card network as of July 22, 2021.
- **Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, India (HSBC India)** has announced **USD 250 million** in lending support for high-growth, technology-led start-ups in India, which has the world's third-largest start-up ecosystem. HSBC will administer the lending via its commercial banking division. It has also not mentioned any specific timeframe for disbursement of the amount.
- Electric two-wheeler manufacturer **Ather Energy** has partnered **State Bank of India** to provide customers with vehicle financing. As part of the association Ather Energy customers will get instant loans at interest rates as low as **9.55 percent per annum**.
- **Canara HSBC OBC Life** has renamed itself as **Canara HSBC Life** following its third partner **Punjab National Bank's (PNB's)** decision to exit. PNB had acquired a stake in the company following the amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC). Currently, **Canara Bank holds 51% in the insurance arm, HSBC holds 26% and PNB 23%**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has raised the **Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA)** limit from **Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000** per transaction for e-mandates on cards, **Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs)** and **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** for recurring transactions. It implies, additional authentication will not be needed for payment of Rs 15,000 per transaction.
- The **Reserve Bank's Payments Vision 2025** plan, which wants to triple the volume of digital payments, is progressive, according to industry players, and intends to build India as a worldwide payments powerhouse. In light of rising geopolitical threats, the **RBI** released its **Payments Vision 2025** document, which discusses ring-fencing domestic payment networks, as well as the necessity to enforce domestic processing of payment transactions.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** is set to launch kids' savings account called **ENJOI, on Father's Day**. The SFB announced that this account introduces "**young kids**" to the financial world, encouraging them to develop an early habit of saving. It added that an ENJOI account will also help the kids to take their first step towards a new age and technology-oriented banking experience.
- The **Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** has declared the IT resources of **ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI** managing entity **NPCI** as 'critical information infrastructure', implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security and any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.

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- **Millath Co-operative Bank Ltd.**, Davangere, Karnataka, had its licence suspended by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, resulting in a capital shortage. As a result, the bank's banking operations will come to an end at the end of the day. According to a press release from the **RBI**, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Karnataka has also been asked to issue an order winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator.
- Bengaluru-based neobanking platform **Freo** has launched its digital savings account '**Freo Save**' in partnership with **Equitas Small Finance Bank**. With this launch, it has become the first consumer neobank in the country to provide full-stack neo-banking products, including smart savings account, credit and payments products, cards and wealth-growth products.
- **South Indian Bank** has launched a new portal called '**SIB TF Online**' for its corporate **EXIM customers**. The portal facilitates a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely. The customer can initiate the payment request over SIB TF Online after uploading the relevant supporting documents for the transaction.
- **Karnataka Bank** has launched online savings bank (SB) account opening facility through '**Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)**'. The facility enabled in the corporate website of the bank, empowers prospective customers to open an SB account through online process and complete KYC (know your customer) verification through a video call at their place of convenience.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the deadline for implementing a number of the master directives it issued on the issuance of debit cards and credit cards. by three months, from **July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2022**. The following **Master Direction provisions** will now go into effect on October 1, 2022 the central bank announced in a circular. This decision was made after taking into account various comments from industry stakeholders.
- In order to improve the quality of life for seniors, the **State Bank of India (SBI)** and the **Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)** of the Centre will work together to develop an integrated pension platform. SBI field employees were given sessions on pension policy reforms and digitization relating the disbursement of pensions to central government pensioners at a **two-day banker's awareness event in Udaipur, Rajasthan**.
- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has introduced **Dhan Sanchay**, a non-linked, non-participating individual savings life insurance plan that offers both protection and savings. This plan provides financial support to the family if the life assured dies prematurely during the policy's term.
- **DBS Bank India Ltd.** announced that it has purchased a 9.9% share in **Svakarma Finance**, a non-deposit taking, non-banking finance company that provides micro businesses with relevant financial solutions through a combination of direct lending and co-lending. **DBS Bank India's** extended franchise plan envisions considerable development in SME and consumer companies across over 300 sites and 500 branches.
- Funds parked by **Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks**, including through India-based branches and other financial institutions, jumped to a 14-year-high of 3.83 billion Swiss francs (over Rs 30,500 crore) in 2021, according to annual data from **Switzerland's central bank**. The rise in aggregate funds of Indian clients with Swiss banks, from 2.55 billion Swiss francs (Rs 20,700 crore) at the end of 2020, marks the second consecutive year of increase.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has given the **State Bank of India** preliminary approval for its proposed operations support subsidiary, which aims to reduce the cost-to-income ratio. Before introducing the new subsidiary across India, the bank will soon begin a pilot programme in a select areas. **Dinesh Kumar Khara**, the chairman of **SBI**, said that a subsidiary for operations assistance is being established. It aims to allay the worry over the cost to income ratio. They already have **RBI's** in-principle permission, and we'll be starting a trial programme soon.
- One of the top NBFCs, **Mufin Finance**, has received preliminary authorisation from the **RBI** to issue semi-closed prepaid payment instruments. Digital banks, fintech companies, and major consumer-facing applications are able to introduce features like digital payment solutions for lending thanks to a semi-closed **PPI licence**. Following well-known companies like **Bajaj Finserv, Manapurram, and Paul Merchants**, **Mufin Finance** is the fourth NBFC to get a similar licence from the **RBI**.

Economy Current Affairs

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has formed various committees through the **General Insurance Council (GIC)** to suggest reforms in several areas of general, reinsurance, and life insurance, including regulation, product, and distribution, among others, in order to overhaul the industry.
- **The United States** overtook **China** to become **India's top trading partner in 2021-22**, reflecting strong economic ties between the two countries. According to commerce ministry data, in 2021-22, bilateral trade between the US and India stood at **US\$ 119.42 billion** as against US\$ 80.51 billion in 2020-21. During 2021-22, India's two-way commerce with China aggregated at **\$115.42 billion** as compared to \$86.4 billion in 2020-21, the data showed.
- **GST revenue for May** stood at nearly **Rs 1.41 lakh crore**, a **44 per cent** increase over the same month last year, the Finance Ministry. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues came in lower than the record high collection in April at **Rs 1.68 lakh crore**. In March GST revenues were at **Rs 1.42 lakh crore**, while in February it was **Rs 1.33 lakh crore**.
- **India's economic growth** fell to 4.1 percent in January-March 2021-22, a four-quarter low, reflecting the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic's Omicron wave on the manufacturing sector and contact-intensive services. The **National Statistical Office** reduced its year-on-year **gross domestic product (GDP)** growth forecast for the full fiscal year 2021-22 to 8.7%, down from 8.9% anticipated in February. In the years 2020-21, the economy shrank by 6.6 percent.
- The **Central government** has handed Rs 86,912 crore to state governments, the **SGST (State Goods and Services Tax)**, fully compensating them for the **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**. Despite only having roughly Rs 25,000 crore in the **GST** compensation pool, the Centre made the whole amount. The remaining funds were paid from the Centre's own funds while the cess was being collected.
- The government has approved **8.1 per cent** rate of interest on **employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22**, an over four-decade low for about five crore subscribers of retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). Earlier in March this year, EPFO had decided to lower the interest on provident fund deposits for 2021-22 to **8.1 per cent from 8.5 per cent provided in 2020-21**.
- **The World Bank** has slashed its growth forecast for India for the current financial year to **7.5 percent**, a hefty **1.2 percentage points down from its previous forecast of 8.7 percent**.
- **The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)** has forecast India's GDP growth at **6.9 per cent for FY23**. This is 120 basis points lower than the **8.1 per cent** projection made in December. The lowest by a major bank or institution, saying the country had been adversely affected by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- The **Crypto Rupee Index** has been launched by **CoinSwitch (CRE8)**. According to the crypto exchange, it is India's first benchmark index for measuring the performance of the Indian Rupee-based crypto sector. **CRE8** monitors the performance of eight crypto assets that account for more than 85% of the entire market capitalization of crypto assets traded in Indian Rupee.
- **Fitch Ratings** upgraded **India's** outlook from **Negative** to **Stable**, noting diminishing downside risks to medium-term growth as a result of the country's strong economic recovery and the easing of financial sector problems. However, due to the impact of inflation on development momentum, the global rating firm has decreased its **GDP** growth prediction for 2022-23 from **8.5 percent** expected in March to **7.8 percent**.
- From FY19 through FY22, **Enhanced Access and Service Excellence-EASE** evolved over four year editions, catalysing improvements in a variety of areas in Public Sector Banks. The **EASENext** program's EASE 5.0 'Common reforms agenda' was designed for Public Sector Banks and was introduced by Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs **Nirmala Sitharaman** through video conference in New Delhi.

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- According to data released by the **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**, India's headline **retail inflation** rate eased to **7.04 percent in May** from April's near-eight-year high of 7.79 percent thanks to a favourable base effect. The fall in inflation in May is unlikely to do much to slow down the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) rate hike cycle. The **Consumer Price Index (CPI)** based inflation was **7.79 per cent in April**. In May 2021, the retail inflation stood at **6.3 per cent**.
- **Wholesale price inflation** spiked to **15.88% in May**, the highest since September 1991 as a surge in price pressure in food and fuel overwhelmed a moderation in the dominant manufactured product segment. In April, the WPI inflation was recorded at **15.08%**.
- Trade data released by the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** showed that India's May trade deficit widened to **\$24.29 billion** from \$6.53 billion a year ago.
- The **US Federal Reserve** increased its main interest rate by three-quarters of a percent, the largest increase in almost three decades, and signalled that more large rate increases are on the way, boosting the likelihood of another **recession**. The Fed's decision, announced following its most recent policy meeting, would boost its benchmark short-term rate to a range of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent, affecting many consumer and **commercial loans**. (Click here to read the article)
- The **47th meeting of the GST Council** will be held on **June 28 and 29, 2022 in Srinagar**. The GST Council is chaired by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**. This is the second time that the GST Council meeting is being held in Srinagar. Before the launch of the **Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017**, the 14th meeting of the Council was held on May 18 and 19 in the city.
- Fitch Ratings upgraded nine Indian institutions, including **SBI, ICICI Bank**, and **Axis Bank**, from negative to stable. **Bank of Baroda (BOB)**, **Bank of Baroda (New Zealand) Ltd**, **Bank of India**, **Canara Bank**, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)**, and **Union Bank of India** are among the other institutions to get a upgrade. Fitch Ratings has upgraded 9 India-based banks' Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) to Stable from Negative, while upholding their IDRs.
- According to official figures, the number of subscribers to **PFRDA's** two flagship pension schemes increased by more than 24% year on year to 5.32 crore as of May 31, 2022. According to the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**, the number of subscribers in various NPS plans climbed to 531.73 lakh by the end of May 2022, up from 428.56 lakh in May 2021, a year-on-year rise of 24.07 percent.

- **HPCL and BOB co-branded contactless RuPay Credit Card** has been launched by BOB Financial and Hindustan Petroleum (HPCL) in collaboration with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The card has a number of advantages, including incentives for utility, supermarket, and department shop purchases.
- **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited (TPEML)**, a subsidiary of Tata Motors Ltd, and **Ford India Private Limited (FIPL)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the **Government of Gujarat (GoG)** for the potential acquisition of **FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility**.
- **Tata Projects** will build the national capital region's **new airport at Jewar**, after outbidding the **Shapoorji Pallonji Group** and **Larsen & Toubro for the contract**. While the deal size has not been disclosed, sources pegged it at over **Rs 6,000 crore**. Tata Projects, the infrastructure and construction arm of the Tata group, will construct the terminal, runway, airside infrastructure, roads, utilities, landside facilities and other ancillary buildings at the Noida International Airport.
- **Stashfin** is a neo banking platform which introduces **#LiveBoundless** – a credit line card **especially for women**. This card aims at giving women greater financial freedom. It also offers cashback rewards, welcome credits, Free ATM Withdrawals and deals.
- The **digital payment markets in India are expected to increase triple from the current three trillion dollars to ten trillion dollars in the coming four years, which is by 2026**. This was confirmed by the report issued by **PhonePe** after the collaboration with **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)**, the report was titled 'Digital Payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity'. The **report highlights the growth of India's digital payments in the last five years**.
- Former Indian cricket team captain, **MS Dhoni** has invested an undisclosed sum in Chennai-based **Garuda Aerospace**, India's leading **drone-as-a-service (DaaS) provider**. He will also be the face and **brand ambassador of the company**.
- **Bajaj Finance Limited**, the lending arm of **Bajaj Finserv Limited**, a global financial services conglomerate, has launched **Har Time EMI On Time**, a digital campaign to raise awareness about the importance and advantages of good financial habits for a secure financial future.

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- **Whatsapp** launched **SMBSaathi Utsav** initiative which aims to support small businesses by helping them to adopt digital mediums like **Whatsapp Business App**. Utsav has started the initiative with a pilot in **Jaipur's Johri Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar** where over 500 small businesses are being trained. The initiative was launched in the collaboration with Josh Talks. The **SMBSaathi Utsav is the second phase of the SMBSaathi campaign**.
- Chinese technology conglomerate **Tencent** has bought stake worth **USD 264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore)** in **Flipkart** from its co-founder **Binny Bansal** through its European subsidiary, according to official documents. Singapore-headquartered e-commerce firm Flipkart has operations in India only. Bansal holds around 1.84 per cent stake in Flipkart after selling part of his stake to **Tencent Cloud Europe BV**.
- As it approaches three years of operation, **XPay.Life**, which claims to be India's first blockchain-enabled transaction framework, has launched its **UPI** services aimed at rural India. **XPay.Life** claimed it is collaborating closely with regional rural banks and district co-operative banks to assist them bank more efficiently and provide full financial inclusion for the rural population with minimal disturbance. **XPay.Life** is a fintech startup.
- Financial wellness platform, **CASHe** has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on **WhatsApp** to provide customers with a fast, seamless and convenient way to access instant credit line by merely typing their name. The firm offers an instant credit limit without the need for any documents, app downloads or filling up tedious application forms.
- **Adani Transmission Limited's**, **\$700 million** revolving facility has been tagged as a '**green loan**' by **Sustainalytics**. This assures the green loan framework for the revolving facility. Sustainalytics had issued the independent SPO on the alignment of the reviewed framework with the current market standards and the extent to which the eligible project categories are credible and impactful.
- **Tata Power Solar Systems**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Tata Power**, has accomplished a remarkable feat by commissioning **India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala**. On a 350-acre water body, backwaters area, having an installed capacity of 101.6 Megawatt Peak. Tata Power Solar successfully built a scaffolding platform on the water body to make the entire solar plant float on water.

- **Acemoney** has launched **UPI 123Pay payment and wearable ATM cards**. The UPI 123Pay payment allows people to carry out cashless transactions without smartphones or internet connections using feature phones. The wearable ATM cards are gadgets designed as key chains and rings that enable people to carry out cashless transactions without ATM cards and phones.
- **Zomato (Online food delivery platform)** has announced the acquisition of **Blink Commerce (Blinkit)**, earlier known as **Grofers India**. The company's Board of Directors approved a proposal to acquire cash-strapped quick commerce company Blinkit for **Rs 4,447 crore**. Last year, Zomato extended USD 50 million loans to Grofers India Private Limited.
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International Current Affairs

- **Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau** has unveiled new legislation that would implement "some of the harshest gun control measures" in decades, including a "**freeze**" on the country's handgun purchases and sales. Trudeau cited a succession of mass shootings in Canada over the years, as well as recent assaults in the **United States**, as part of his government's motivation to propose **Bill C-21 during a press conference in Ottawa**.
- The **COVAX** facility, which is a worldwide effort co-led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the World Health Organization, with UNICEF as a key delivery partner, has received approximately 190 million doses of COVID 19 vaccines. **COVAX** is responsible for more than 62 percent of the doses delivered to **Bangladesh**.
- **Instagram** has launched an '**alert**' feature to help find missing children. The photo-sharing app has partnered with various organisations globally to set up the feature. The feature will display details about missing children on users' Instagram feed if they are in a specific area where an active search is taking place.

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- **The United Nations** has changed the **Republic of Turkey's** country name at the organisation from **"Turkey" to "Türkiye"**, following a request from Ankara for the change. UN spokesman **Stephane Dujarric** had been received from the Turkish foreign minister **Mevlut Cavusoglu** addressed to Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres**, requesting the use of **"Türkiye"** instead of **"Turkey"** for all affairs.
- **U.S.-led naval exercise in the Baltic Sea**, more than 7,000 sailors, airmen, and marines from 16 nations, including two aspiring NATO members, Finland and Sweden, began a nearly two-week. **BALTOPS**, an annual naval exercise that began in 1972, is not performed in response to any specific danger. The top US military officer stated in Sweden, the host of the **BALTOPS 22 exercise**, that it was especially vital for **NATO** to express support to the governments in **Helsinki and Stockholm**, ahead of the naval practice, which comprised 45 vessels and 75 aircraft.
- **Albania's parliament** has elected a top military official, General Major **Bajram Begaj** as its new president after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting. The outgoing President **Ilir Meta** signed the decree on Begaj's dismissal as Chief of General Staff of the AAF.
- **United Nations** has planned to provide humanitarian assistance of around **\$48 million** over a four-month period to **Sri Lanka**. New Delhi's financial assistance worth over **\$3 billion** since January to provide essential items, including food, fuel, cooking gas and medicines. Sri Lanka needs \$6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months, adding that \$5 billion is required to ensure day-to-day living and another \$1 billion to strengthen the Sri Lankan rupee.
- The **China Manned Space Agency** announced that three astronauts have been dispatched on a six-month mission to complete work on the country's permanent orbiting space station. The **Shenzhou-14** crew will stay aboard the **Tiangong** station for six months, overseeing the integration of two laboratory modules into the main Tianhe living room, which was launched in April 2021.
- **New York state legislature** is a world first, to pass the **law for Digital Electronics**. The **"right to repair"** bill enacted by the requiring digital electronics makers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to customers and independent repair businesses. After government pressure to safeguard customers' rights to repair and refurbish their purchased products, the **"Fair Repair Act"** was enacted.
- Members of the **European Parliament** have voted to ban the sale of **new petrol and diesel cars by 2035**. The move aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles. The voting was held on an amendment that would have allowed some auto emissions from new vehicles after 2035, which was rejected by Members of Parliament.
- **China** has released a **new geological map of the moon**, which it says is the most detailed to date, registering even finer details of the **lunar surface** than mapped by the US in 2020. The new map, which has details of craters and structures not charted before, will assist in further research of the moon.
- **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland** Elected to Serve as NonPermanent Members on **United Nations Security Council**.
- Britain's Queen **Elizabeth II** overtook Thailand's King to become the world's second-longest reigning monarch in history, after **France's Louis XIV**. Crowned in 1953, Queen Elizabeth II became the longest-serving British monarch in September 2015, surpassing her great-great grandmother **Queen Victoria**. Now she has overtaken **Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej**, who reigned for 70 years and 126 days between 1927 and 2016, to set another record.
- **The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the **Hindi language for the first time**. The resolution passed encourages the UN to continue disseminating important communications and messages in official as well as in non-official languages, including in Hindi language. The resolution also mentions **Bangla and Urdu** for the first time.
- **Russia** has overtaken **Saudi Arabia** to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind **Iraq** as refiners snap up **Russian crude available** at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine.
- US president **Joe Biden** is expected to name **Arati Prabhakar** as the head of the White House **Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)**. She will succeed **Eric Lander** who left the role nine months after his appointment after he admitted to bullying his staff and creating a hostile work environment during his tenure.
- **The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has organized an eight-day long **mango festival in Bahrain** to boost the export of Mangoes. 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of **West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha**, are being displayed at eight different locations of **Bahrain's Al Jazira** group supermarket.

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- **Radha Iyengar Plumb**, an Indian-American, is currently the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. **US President Joe Biden** has nominated Radha Iyengar Plumb to a top Pentagon position.
- Japanese Prime Minister, **Fumio Kishida** will attend this month's **NATO summit in Madrid**, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance. The June 28-30 gathering is seen as a crunch moment for the 30 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, four months into Russia's war in Ukraine.
- Somalia's President **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** has appointed a former chairman of the Jubbaland state election commission, **Hamza Abdi Barre** as the **Prime Minister**. The 48-year-old Hamza Abdi Barre from the semi-autonomous state of Jubaland replaced **Mohamed Hussein Roble**.
- **China** launched its third aircraft carrier, the country's most modern and first "completely domestically made" naval warship, as an aggressive **Beijing** pushed to expand its navy's range in the key **Indo-Pacific** area. According to the state-run **Xinhua** news agency, the **Fujian** is China's first domestically designed and built catapult aircraft carrier.
- **Pakistan** will continue to be on the "**Grey List**" of countries under increased monitoring of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, from the global money-laundering and terror-financing watchdog. Pakistan has been on the grey list of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since June 2018 for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing, and was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019.
- Colombia's presidency has been won by **Gustavo Petro**, a former rebel warrior who has pledged significant social and economic transformation. **Petro** will become Colombia's first left-wing president if he wins the presidential runoff election.
- **Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mangolia** has been added to the **World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO**. The decision was made during the **34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme** taking place in Paris, France.
- The **US** prioritises its bilateral relationship with **New Delhi** and views **India** as a "very crucial" strategic ally in the strategically significant **Indo-Pacific** region, according to the White House, which also noted that each country must make its own choices about **Russia**. Because **Russia** began a "special military operation" in the neighbouring **Ukraine**, the US-led Western nations have imposed punishing sanctions on it.
- In **Sri Lanka**, the government has amended the **minimum age limit for women leaving for foreign employment** as domestic aides to **21 years of age**. The decision was announced at the weekly Cabinet meeting. However, the minimum age limit for **Saudi Arab has been set at 25 years, and 23 years for the other countries in the Middle East**. The minimum age limit announced as 21 for the rest of the Middle East countries other than Saudi Arabia.
- **South Korea** launched its first satellite successfully using a homegrown rocket, boosting the nation's expanding aerospace ambitions and proving it has the necessary technologies to build larger missiles and launch spy satellites in the midst of tensions with rival **North Korea**. The **Science Ministry** reported that the three-stage Nuri rocket successfully launched a working "performance verification" **satellite to a target altitude of 435 miles from South Korea's space launch facility on a southern island**.
- **Three new remote sensing satellites** were successfully launched by **China from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in the Sichuan Province in southwest China. The satellites were launched by a Long March-2D carrier rocket at 10:22 a.m. (local time) as part of the **Yaogan-35** family and successfully entered the intended orbit.
- The **Commonwealth of Nations** now has 56 member nations after the admission of **Togo** and **Gabon**. The two historically French-speaking nations were formally admitted to the union at the **Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting**, which was presided over by Rwandan President **Paul Kagame** in **Kigali**, the country's capital.
- **Iran** has submitted an application to become a member in the group of emerging economies known as the **BRICS**. Iran's membership in the BRICS group, which includes **Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa**, "would result in added values for both sides," Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesperson. **Argentina** had also applied to join the group. Argentina's President **Alberto Fernandez**, currently in Europe, has in recent days reiterated his desire for Argentina to join BRICS.
- The **United Kingdom government** has announced a partnership with leading businesses in India to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in the UK from September, in celebration of the **75th anniversary of India's independence**. Additionally, the British Council in India is offering around 18 scholarships for women in **science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)** covering over **12,000 courses across more than 150 UK universities**.

National Current Affairs

- The government intends to launch **Jan Samarth**, a unified platform for the delivery of multiple initiatives administered by several ministries and departments, in order to make life easier for the average man. The new portal will initially enrol 15 credit-linked government initiatives, as part of the **Narendra Modi** government's objective of minimum government maximal governance.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced that India has become one of the world's fastest growing economies. He was addressing at an occasion where he announced the **PM-CARES** for Children Scheme's benefits. In the midst of the pandemic's negative mood, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** stated that India relied on its strength.
- Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor, **Manoj Sinha** and Union minister **Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **north India's first Industrial Biotech Park** constructed at **Ghatti near Kathua**. The Industrial Biotech Park at Kathua will transform the economy and enable scientists to tackle the challenges of climate change. The enabling infrastructure will fuel a new wave of innovation and impact various sectors, from health and agriculture to cosmetics and materials.
- National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE)** has launched an online portal to simplify the process of recognition of **teacher education programs** in **higher education institutions**. The portal launched to streamline the process seeks to help right from the time of inviting application for courses till the stage of issue of recognition orders including the inspection of institutions. The applications for the recently launched four-year integrated **teacher education programmes (ITEP)** applications will be processed on this portal.
- '**Yoga for Humanity**' has been chosen as **the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga** to be organised in India and across the globe on **June 21**. The theme has been selected after much deliberation and consultation and it appropriately portrays how yoga served humanity in alleviating suffering during the peak of the pandemic. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** announced the theme in his "Maan Ki Baat" broadcast.
- Shri Ram Nath Kovind**, India's President, today inaugurated the 59th Maha Adhiveshan of the **Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan** in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. Ayurveda means **Science of Life** in Sanskrit. The term 'pathy' is used to describe a variety of medical systems around the world. It refers to the method of treating an illness once it has manifested. However, in Ayurveda, disease prevention is prioritised alongside healing.
- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, **Anurag Thakur** has launched a nationwide '**Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle rally**' on World Bicycle Day. Thakur said that by riding a bicycle we can accomplish the goal of the Fit India Movement, the Khelo India movement, the Clean India movement & Healthy India movement. Fit India Movement, Khelo India movement, Clean India movement & Healthy India movement all can be accomplished by riding a bicycle. It'll also cut down the pollution level.
- National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**, Chairman **Dr GR Chintala** has launched "**My Pad My Right programme**", in **Leh**. The programme launched by **Nabard's NabFoundation** with machinery and materials of a cost of Seven and half Lakh rupees.
- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has paid tributes to **Sant Kabir** and inaugurated **Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre** and **Swadesh Darshan Yojana** at Kabir Chaura Dham, Maghar, Uttar Pradesh.
- At Raxaul in Bihar**, the union minister for health and family welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers **Mr. Mansukh Mandaviya**, inaugurated the **National Food Laboratory of FSSAI**. Under the bilateral agreement between **Indo-Nepal**, this laboratory was **established to reduce the time of testing of food samples** imported from Nepal to Raxaul.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched a special series of coins that are also 'visually impaired friendly'. The coins of **Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations** will have the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) design**. They are not commemorative coins and will be part of circulation. These new series of coins will remind people of the goal of amrit kal and motivate people to work towards the development of the country.
- Union Home and Cooperation Minister, **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the newly built **National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi**. This institute is to promote and preserve the tribal heritage and culture and the nerve centre of tribal research issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields. It is being established at a cost of **10 crore rupees**.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** said that the era of incremental change is over and urged higher educational institutions to focus on exponential development in order to develop future-ready workers. India has demonstrated its technical capability in many programmes such as **UPI, Direct Benefit Transfer, and Aadhar**, and that we must build on this strength and create a future-ready workforce to accept the changes resulting from **Industrial Revolution 4.0**.

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- The 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo was launched by Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**, on the occasion of **World Food Safety Day**. As per FSSAI, the design of Ayurveda Aahar logo is such that it contains initial letters of words **Ayurveda and Aahar in English and Devanagari**. In this logo, Hindi letter Aa, and English letter 'A' have been merged in a way that they appear to be single form.
- Michigan, USA-based IT Services & IT Consulting company **Information Data Systems (IDS)** has unveiled the **Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN)** (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse). Union Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India (GoI) launched the initiatives in the presence of officials from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) at an event held at the AICTE Auditorium in New Delhi.
- The **Indian National Center for Space Promotion and Authorization (IN-SPACe)** was established in Ahmedabad by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. **Amit Shah**, the Union Home Minister, was also present at the ceremony. After inaugurating the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) in Ahmedabad, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** reviewed its headquarters.
- Union Finance Minister, **Nirmala Sitharaman** has inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST "**Dharohar**" in **Goa** as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance, being celebrated from **June 6 to 12**. The two-storey 'Blue building', which was earlier known as **Alfandega**, during the period of Portuguese rule in Goa, has been standing on the banks of the **Mandovi River in Panaji** for more than 400 years.
- To encourage openness and public partnership, the Union Government has developed the **Rashtriya Puruskar Portal**, which invites nominations for numerous awards given by various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies. The Portal intends to make it easier for public to propose people and organisations for various prizes given out by the Indian government.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Jagatguru Sreesant Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu Village near Pune**, dedicated to the 17th-century seer. Sant Tukaram was a Warkari saint and poet, famously known for Abhanga devotional poetry and community-oriented worship through spiritual songs known as Kirtans. He lived in Dehu.
- **Rajesh Exports**, a gold retailer based in **Bangalore**, has announced plans to invest \$3 billion to build India's first display manufacturing plant. This is a major revolutionary investment as **Display manufacturing Industry** has traditionally been absent from India's diverse electronics manufacturing industry. As the world steadily recovers from the chip shortage, countries all around the world are enacting measures to stimulate domestic semiconductor manufacturing investment.
- The first train to be operated between **Coimbatore and Shirdi** by a private operator, under the '**Bharat Gaurav**' scheme of the **Indian Railways**, was flagged off. Ministry of Tourism has informed that the first ever Bharat Gaurav Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore north to Sainagar Shirdi route. The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Jal Bhushan Building at Raj Bhawan** in Mumbai. Maharashtra Chief Minister Udhav Thackeray, Dy CM Ajit Pawar, Environment Minister Aaditya Thackeray and the State Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari were also present on the occasion. The PM also inaugurated an underground '**Gallery of Revolutionaries**' museum dedicated to the luminaries of the freedom struggle, at the Raj Bhavan.
- Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has inaugurated **National Yoga Olympiad 2022** and quiz competition in **New Delhi**. The National Yoga Olympiad is being organised jointly by the **Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training**.
- **Yoga Mahotsav** was organised by the Ministry of Culture in partnership with the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** at Purana Qila in the national capital. The event was held as part of the celebrations for the **International Day of Yoga 2022**.

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- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research and lay the foundation stone for **Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital** at **IISc Bengaluru**. The **Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital**, with its eighty-two beds, will be built on the campus of **IISc Bengaluru**, assisting in the integration of science, engineering, and medicine at the prominent institute.
- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched an innovative project **National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN)** in New Delhi. NIPUN is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM to train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.
- The country's first-ever, '**Balika Panchayat**', has started in five villages of **Gujarat's Kutch district**. The initiative aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation in politics. The Panchayat has started in **Kunaria, Maska, Motagua, and Vadsar villages of the Kutch district**.
- '**Single-Use Plastic**' use to be outflow from **July 1st, 2022 by the Union government**. Single-use plastics, particularly those made of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, will be illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute, sell, and use starting on **July 1, 2022, nationwide**. A national task group has also been established by the Environment Ministry to make coordinated efforts in this area.
- The new office complex for the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, "**Vaniya Bhawan**," and the "**National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade**" (**NIRYAT**) portal, which will provide data on India's international trade, will both be officially inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The department of commerce and the department for the promotion of industry and internal trade will both use the facility, which will serve as an integrated and contemporary office complex.
- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has unveiled its patented indigenous solar cook top, "**Surya Nutan**", developed by the oil refiner's Faridabad R&D centre. Surya Nutan will aid in reducing India's CO₂ emissions drastically and keep our citizens insulated from the vagaries of the high international fossil fuel prices.
- **Jyotirgamaya**, a festival celebrating the brilliance of underappreciated performers, was launched in New Delhi by **Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy**. Sangeet Natak Akademi organised this festival as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** and on the occasion of **World Music Day** to highlight the talent of rare musical instruments from all across the country, including street performers and train entertainers.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister for Jammu and Kashmir, officially opened the Seismology Observatory in the Dandayal neighbourhood of the Udhampur district. The **Ministry of Earth Sciences** spent 20 lakh rupees to establish the third such Center in J&K.
- **First Bharat Gaurav tourist train** connecting places associated with the **Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal** was flagged off from the **Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi**. The Bharat Gaurav train carrying 500 tourists from India will arrive at the Janakpur Dham railway station in Nepal.
- **Piyush Goyal**, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated a "**Mango Festival**" in **Brussels, Belgium** to raise awareness among Europeans and establish a market for Indian mangoes in Europe. India is a big supplier of mangoes to the rest of the globe, but most of the mangoes end up in the Middle East rather than Europe.
- To bring all matters relating to narcotics under one department, the government is reportedly considering moving the administration of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and the **Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988** from the finance ministry to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.
- Union minister for Road Transport and Highways, **Nitin Gadkari** has approved the Draft GSR Notification to introduce **Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program)**, wherein automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests.
- Following a 12-day exhibition at the **Batsagaan Temple** on the grounds of **Gandan Monastery, Mongolia**, in honour of Mongolian Buddha Purnima, the four Holy Relics of the Lord Buddha returned to **India**. The sacred relics were presented to Union Minister **Shri Arjun Meghwal** in Ghaziabad. Due to high demand from the Mongolian people, the presentation of the holy relics had to be extended by a few days.
- During his visit to **Nagaland**, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Narendra Singh Tomar**, officially inaugurated the **Dimapur Honey Testing Laboratory**. The honey testing facility will support beekeepers and producers in testing their produced honey.

States Current Affairs

- **Uttarakhand government** has announced the formation of a **5-member drafting committee** to implement the much-debated **Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state**. The retired Supreme Court judge **Ranjana Desai**, who currently heads the Delimitation Commission of India is the Head of the committee. Other members of the committee are: Delhi High Court judge **Pramod Kohli**, ex-state chief secretaries **Shatrughan Singh**, **Manu Gaud** and **Surekha Dangwal**.
- A survey by the **Geological Survey of India** has stated that a gold reserve of around **222.88 million tonnes** including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are present in the **Jamui district of Bihar**. The **Nitish Kumar** government in Bihar has now decided to give permission for the exploration of what is being called as India's largest gold reserve.
- **Karnataka** Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** has launched a new health and wellness app **AAYU** to address and help heal chronic diseases and lifestyle disorders through yoga. **Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA)** collaborated to develop the App with **RESET TECH**, an AI-driven integrated health-tech platform that aims to deal with chronic diseases and lifestyle conditions through yoga and meditation.
- **The World Health Organization (WHO)** has chosen Jharkhand for the **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022**, in recognition of the state's efforts to reduce tobacco usage. The award will be presented to the State Tobacco Control Cell of the Health Department in New Delhi in honour of World No Tobacco Day. The coveted award, which honoured the State Government's achievements in reducing tobacco usage, was given by the National Tobacco Control Program in Jharkhand.
- **Gujarat's Climate Change Department** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to join the worldwide 'Save Soil' initiative. **Sadhguru**, the Founder and Spiritual Leader of Isha Outreach, and **Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Patel** signed a Memorandum of Understanding in Ahmedabad.
- **Telangana, India's 28th state**, was founded on **2nd June 2014**. Telangana celebrates its Formation Day to mark the people's contribution to forming a separate state outside of Andhra Pradesh. Telangana's 30 districts honour this day by hoisting the national flag.
- **The Punjab government** has decided to abolish the **physical stamp papers** in an attempt to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of State revenue. Punjab Revenue Minister **Bram Shanker Jimpa** launched the '**e-stamp facility**' here. Following this, stamp paper of any denomination can now be obtained via '**e-stamp**', which includes computerised print-out from any stamp vendor or from banks authorised by the State government.
- **The Tamil Nadu government** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of the Postal Department. IPPB would transfer it to the doorstep services at a cost of **Rs 70 per digital life certificate**. Almost most than **7.15 lakh** State government pensioners/ family pensioners submit their life certificate during July, August and September every year.
- **The Meghalaya government** key initiative of e-proposal system, part of **Meghalaya Enterprise Architect** has won a coveted **UN Award- World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) prize** at Geneva in Switzerland. Secretary General of ITU, Houlin Zhao presented the winner award to Chief Minister **Conrad K Sangma** in the WSIS Forum Prizes 2022, held at Geneva, Switzerland. Post this there was voting to select the best 90 projects which were invited in Geneva, Switzerland for the final award.
- In **Rajasthan**, a Special Health Care Abhiyan '**Anchal**' has been launched in the **Karauli district for pregnant women**. More than 13 thousand women have benefited from this Abhiyan. During the campaign, 13,144 pregnant women were tested for their hemoglobin levels, out of which 11,202 were found to be anemic. These women were advised to take the right medicine and necessary nutritious diet. They were also advised to keep themselves stress-free.
- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister **MK Stalin** flagged off the luxury cruise liner "**Empress**" from **Chennai port**. The eleven-storey tourist vessel can accommodate up to two thousand passengers and about 800 crew members.
- **Rajasthan** Chief Minister(CM) **Ashok Gehlot** has announced that the state government is set to introduce the **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** to the State's sportspersons. He made the announcement while addressing the inauguration and player award ceremony at **Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur, Rajasthan**.

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- Chief Minister **P.S. Golay**, during the World Environment Day celebrations, declared **Blue Duke** as the **State Butterfly of Sikkim**. The announcement was made at **Saramsa Garden near Ranipool** during the event organized by the Forest department. Blue Duke, a native butterfly species of Sikkim, edged past another contender Krishna Peacock to be announced as the State Butterfly of Sikkim.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister **Jagan Mohan Reddy** launched the '**14400**' app. This app has been developed by **Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)**. This app is customized for the people to register corruption-related complaints against the officials in the state. This app also aims to ensure fool-proof evidence to present before the court. A complaint can be filed through a **toll-free number 14400**.
- **The Tamil Nadu government** recently launched **Naan Mudhalvan (I am the first)**. Under this programme, Tamil Nadu government has now launched **Nalaya Thiran (Tomorrow's ability)**. In this programme, **50,000 college students** will train with the knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem solving using technologies. The Tamil Nadu government has created the Nalaya Thiran program to help the industry get skilled students.
- The chief minister (CM) of Goa, **Pramod Sawant** has launched a '**Beach Vigil App**', a collaboration between **Information Technology (IT) sector and tourism sector** that aims to benefit tourists and the institutions working in the beach tourism sector in a holistic management of beaches.
- **Sital Sasthi** is a sacred Hindu festival is being celebrated in **Odisha**. This week-long special festival highlights the marriage of **Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati**. According to the Hindu calendar, Sital Sasthi is observed on the sixth day of the Jyestha month during the Shukla Paksha.
- **The Baikho festival** is celebrated in the state of **Assam**, which is called as gateway to northeast India. It is celebrated by **Rabha tribes of India**. The Baikho festival is celebrated annually. It is celebrated to bring in auspicious harvest season and to fill it with abundant crops and good health.
- **M.K. Stalin**, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, unveiled the logo and mascot for the **44th Chess Olympiad**, which will take place in **Mamallapuram** next month. Between July 28 and August 10, approximately 2,000 players from over 180 countries will compete in the international event. **Mr. Stalin** also unveiled a countdown clock for the Olympiad at the Greater Chennai Corporation's headquarters, Ripon Buildings.
- **The Himachal Pradesh government** gave nod to a drone policy as it seeks to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the hill state. The '**Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022**' was approved by the chief minister **Jai Ram Thakur**. The policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of **Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD)**.
- **Andhra Pradesh** Chief Minister, **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched **YSR Yantra Seva Scheme** and flagged off the distribution of tractors and combine harvesters at Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister YS Jagan Reddy flagged off the state-level mega distribution of tractors and combine harvesters under YSR Yantra Seva Pathakam in Guntur.
- **Kerala** Chief Minister, **Pinarayi Vijayan** has inaugurated a cancer diagnostics and research centre here, which is slated to be the country's first oncology laboratory for comprehensive cancer diagnostic services. **Karkinos Healthcare's advanced centre** for cancer diagnostics and research will serve as a central lab for analysing specimens at molecular and genomic levels to aid in personalised targeted therapy, predicting possible response to treatment and evaluate response by liquid biopsy.
- **The Karnataka government** has launched '**The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System**' or **FRUITS** software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes. FRUITS software will facilitate single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitized land record system for authenticating ownership.
- **Tamil Nadu** Chief Minister, **MK Stalin** launched the **Ennum Ezhuthum scheme** to bridge the learning gap that was caused due to the **COVID pandemic among students aged below eight**. The scheme aims to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy by 2025. It was launched at an event in **Azhinjivakkam panchayat union middle school, Tiruvallur**.
- **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA), Mumbai** has become India's 1st airport to launch a one-of-its-kind **Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill)** to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport. With this, Mumbai will become the first city in India to establish a one-of-its-kind hybrid power project at its airport.
- **Unmesh**, a three-day international literary festival, opened at Gaiety Theater in **Dublin**. The event will bring together approximately 425 writers, poets, translators, critics, and notable figures from 15 nations, representing over 60 languages. Union Minister of State for Culture **Arjun Ram Meghwal** gave the festival its official start.

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- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled the renovated **Shree Kalika Mata temple** at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panchmahal district. At the temple, he also conducted Puja with customary customs. A 'Dhwaja' was raised at full mast atop the shrine by **Mr. Modi**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** presented a statue of **Dr B R Ambedkar**, the author of the Indian Constitution, at the inauguration of new campus of **Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University**. He also showcased 150 'Technology Hubs' at the ceremony, which were created by revamping **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) around Karnataka**.
- **Tamil Nadu** replaced **Bihar and West Bengal** to become the largest state in terms of outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans. According to MFIN Micrometer Q4 FY21-22, a quarterly report published by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN), the gross loan portfolio (GLP) of **Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022 stood at ₹36,806 crore**. It was followed by **Bihar (₹35,941 crore) and West Bengal (₹34,016 crore)**.
- Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti, **Bishweswar Tudu** inaugurated the **20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) and 13th Krishi Fair 2022** at Saradhabali in **Puri, Odisha**. The two fairs which aimed at preserving tribal culture and promoting innovation in agriculture respectively will continue for five days and conclude on **24th June**.
- **Assam** has become the **36th State** to implement the **One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)** scheme. With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, and Union Territories, making food security portable throughout the country.
- In order to advance rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas of **Uttarakhand**, the **World Bank** has approved a project costing Rs. 1,000 crore. The watershed department will carry out the **Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project**.
- In Gujarat, the Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** has launched the **17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'**, the drive to enrol students in primary schools in the state. The three-day enrollment drive begins from **Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district**. Chief Minister Patel said that the dropout rate of students' reduced drastically following the mass enrolment drives of the children. He said that the drop out rate has been reduced to just 3.07 percent from 37.22 percent in 2002.
- The people of **Goa** has celebrated the **Sao Joao festival**, the feast of **St John the Baptist** with traditional enthusiasm after a two-year coronavirus-induced gap. The festival is dedicated to Saint John the Baptist, who baptised Lord Jesus on the river of Jordan and is celebrated at the onset of monsoon.
- **Kerala state government** has issued orders regarding the implementation of a medical insurance "**MEDISEP**" scheme for government employees and pensioners and the deduction of premium from the salary of June 2022 and pension of July 2022. **MEDISEP scheme** is applicable to government employees, pensioners/family pensioners and their eligible family members and employees and pensioners of universities that receive grant in aid from the state government and the local self-government institutions.
- Devotees were finally permitted to take part in the annual **Ambubachi Mela** at Assam's renowned **Kamakhya Temple** after a two-year absence. The head priest of **Maa Kamakhya Devalaya**, or "Bor Doloi," **Kabinath Sarma**, explained that the "Pravritti" was used to symbolically close the temple doors for four days as part of the rites. The door will be unlocked or **Nivriti** in the morning of the first day.
- **The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)** will be launched the **One Health pilot in Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The programme is aimed at bringing stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges. DAHD in collaboration with the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)** and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as implementation partner is implementing the One-Health Framework undertaking project in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

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- **Uddhav Thackeray** has resigned as the **Chief minister of Maharashtra**. This comes immediately after the Supreme Court refused to stay Maharashtra Governor's direction to the **Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA)** government to take a floor test in the Assembly. **Mr. Eknath Shinde** had revolted against the Sena chief with **39 MLAs** and had been stationed in **Guwahati since June 22**. (Click here to read the article)

Schemes/Committees

- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** has formed various committees through the **General Insurance Council (GIC)** to suggest reforms in several areas of general, reinsurance, and life insurance, including regulation, product, and distribution, among others, in order to overhaul the industry.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will distribute the 11th instalment of cash benefits totaling Rs 21,000 crore to more than 10 million farmers in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan)** initiative. Modi will meet with beneficiaries of 16 schemes and programmes conducted by nine central ministries via video conferencing as part of a nationwide event called **Garib Kalyan Sammelan**, according to a statement from the agriculture ministry.
- The **Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP)** has been extended for another five years, until FY26. According to a statement from the union ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises, the **PMEGP** has been authorised for continuance throughout the **15th Finance Commission Cycle** for five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, with an outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has released the benefits of the **PM CARES for Children scheme for children** who lost their parents due to the **Covid-19 pandemic**. PM Modi has promised Rs 4,000 a month for basic needs, financial support for schooling, scholarship for higher education, and free treatment up to **Rs 5 lakh**.
- **Jan Aushadhi** stores surpassed Rs 100 crore for the first time. More than 1,600 generic pharmaceuticals, 250 surgical equipment, nutraceuticals, Ayush products, and Suvidha Sanitary pads are available in Jan Aushadhi locations. The **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** is implemented by the **Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)**.
- In March 2019, PM **KUSUM Yojana** or **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana** was launched by the **government of India**. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana supports the farmers financially to install solar irrigation pumps for cultivation. Farmers will get a 60% subsidy to set up tubewells and pump sets individually. In this article, we will highlight the objectives, features, Eligibility, and benefits of the PM KUSUM Yojana.
- Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar** has launched the Scheme **"SHRESHTA"-Scheme** for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas. The **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)** has been formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest. **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)** provides for high quality education for meritorious but poor SC students in CBSE-affiliated reputed residential schools across the country.
- **SEBI**, the market regulator, has revamped its mutual fund advisory committee. According to the latest update with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), the 25-member advisory council will be chaired by **Usha Thorat**, a former Deputy Governor of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. Previously, the panel consisted of 24 people.
- **Har Ghar Dastak 2.0** is relaunched by the **government of India** to facilitate the vaccination process in all the states of India and the union territories from **1st June to 31st July 2022**. The states and union territories are advised to take the campaign seriously this time to make people aware and make India fully vaccinated. The campaign's main aim is to immunize people by taking the vaccine and enjoying the benefits. (Click here to read the article)
- This year, 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of the Central Government's dream initiative, **Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)**. The effort began slowly but grew in popularity as newer airlines, such as Star Air, began to explore this vast untapped market. According to analysts, **UDAN** is a gamechanger in the aviation business since it allows the average person to commute between smaller cities in minutes rather than hours and at a reasonable cost. Over 415 **UDAN** routes connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports and water aerodromes, benefiting over 92 lakh people.

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- Union Railway Minister, **Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched “**StartUps for Railways**”, an important initiative in the field of innovation. Aiming at bringing about innovative solutions to problems like rail fracture, reduction of time between two trains and other passenger related issues. The innovation policy is expected to bring about scale and efficiency in the field of operation, maintenance and infrastructure creation through participation of very large and untapped startup ecosystem.

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **Israel** has inked its first free trade agreement with an Arab country, with the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. The agreement was signed in Dubai by Israel's Economy and Industry Minister **Orna Barbivay** and the UAE's Economy Minister **Abdalla Bin Touq Al Marri**. According to an official statement released by Israel's Ministry of Economy and Industry, the comprehensive, significant, and ground-breaking agreement is expected to increase bilateral trade in goods and services, increase Israeli exports to the **United Arab Emirates**, and provide customs exemption on 96% of trade between the countries: food, agriculture, cosmetics, medical equipment, medication, and more.
- State-owned and telecom infrastructure provider **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd** has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with geographic information system software and solutions provider **Esri India** to address the requirement of users in the government sector.
- **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with **Muthoot Finance** to offer gold loans through **Airtel Thanks app**. There will be no-processing charge on the loan. Muthoot Finance will provide up to 75 per cent of the pledged gold value as a loan. The loan facility will also be available at the 5 lakh banking points for Airtel Payments Bank.
- **India and Canada** have signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen bilateral collaboration on **climate change, environmental preservation, and conservation**. On the sidelines of the Stockholm+50 summit, Union Environment Minister Bhopender Yadav and his Canadian colleague Steven Guilbeault signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- The **Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA)** has inked MoUs with the State Bank of India (**SBI**), Bank of Baroda (**BOB**), Punjab National Bank (**PNB**), and Small Industries Development Bank of India (**SIDBI**).
- The **BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR)** Innovation Center and the **BRICS New Growth Bank (NDB)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to enhance bilateral cooperation and boost BRICS countries' common development. The name BRICS stands for **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa**, a group of emerging markets. It is home to more than 40% of the worldwide population and a quarter of the global economy.
- **HDFC Bank**, a private sector bank, has inked an agreement with **100X.VC**, a premier early-stage venture capital firm, to support start-ups. The bank will extend its full array of specialised services and facilities targeted for start-ups, known as Smart-Up, to all enterprises linked with **100X.VC** under the terms of the deal. In addition, the bank will issue further credit lines and assess investment potential in these businesses.
- **LinkedIn**, the world's largest professional network, will invest **USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 crore)** in partnership with **United Nation's Women** to advance women's economic empowerment. The project will launch a pilot in **Maharashtra** to cultivate the digital, soft and employability skills of 2,000 women and present them with a range of career-building opportunities through job fairs, mentoring sessions and peer-to-peer networks.
- Union Communication Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** said that UPI and **Rupay card** services will be available in France soon, giving a huge boost to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Rupay cards. The overseas branch of India's National Payments Corporation (NPCI) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with France's Lyra Network for the acceptance of UPI and Rupay in the country.
- **Zomato and Jio-bp** have entered into an agreement to support Zomato's commitment towards “**The Climate Group's EV100 initiative of 100 per cent EV fleet by 2030.**” The collaboration is poised to accelerate EV adoption in the rapidly growing Indian delivery and transportation segment.
- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance)** announced that it has partnered with **PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe)**, a digital payments platform, to offer motor insurance to PhonePe's 380 million users, placing a significant bet on the digital distribution and direct-to-customer space.

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- **The National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI)** flagship product, **RuPay**, and **CARD91**, a worldwide payment infrastructure powering B2B payments, have established a strategic agreement (**NPCI**). Through this collaboration, **CARD91** will develop a card management system that will enable businesses to introduce a range of co-branded card products and to keep track of a real-time dashboard to produce insights. As a result, **CARD91** will be able to increase its market share in the Indian payments industry.
- **The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE)** have approved the merger of multiplex chain **PVR** and **Inox Leisure**. According to their separate exchange filings, **PVR** and **Inox Leisure** received observation letters from the BSE on June 20 and 21 with "no unfavourable observations" and "no objection," respectively.
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Defense Initiatives (DI)**, **Belarus**, and **Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus)**. The MoU is signed to build cooperation amongst the three companies for the supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for Indian Air Force's helicopters.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- President **Ram Nath Kovind** has given justice **Pradip Kumar Mohanty** the additional charge of **Lokpal chairperson** after justice **Pinaki Chandra Ghose** completed his term as the Lokpal chief.
- Leading UK-based academic, **Dr Swati Dhingra** has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the **Bank of England's** interest rate-setting committee. Dhingra will replace current external member, Michael Saunders, who has been on the **MPC since August 2016**.
- Former State Bank of India executive **Natarajan Sundar** joined **National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)** as **Managing Director and CEO** on May 30.
- Senior scientist **Rajesh Gera** has been appointed as the **Director-General, National Informatics Centre (NIC)**, a Personnel Ministry order issued. He is currently Deputy Director-General in the NIC.
- A 1988-batch Indian Police Service officer **S L Thaosen** has been appointed as the new **Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)**.
- Senior IPS officer, **Zulfikar Hasan** has been appointed as the new **Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)**. The official order stated that Zulfikar Hasan has been appointed "for a tenure up to his superannuation on **31.10.2024**".
- **Punjab & Sind Bank Limited**, an Indian nationalised bank, announced that its **MD & CEO, S Krishnan** to retire from the role, with effect from May 31, 2022.
- **Ashwani Bhatia** has taken charge as a **whole-time member (WTM)** at the market regulator **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)**. Bhatia was previously the managing director of the state-owned **State Bank of India (SBI)**.
- **Javier Olivan**, the current chief growth officer at **Meta Platforms**, will take over as the company's chief operating officer after Sheryl Sandberg stepped down from the post. Olivan has been with Meta, formerly known as Facebook, for several years, contributing to its explosive expansion. Olivan will be responsible for the advertising and business products while continuing to head infrastructure and corporate development.
- The government has appointed **A Manimekhalai** as **managing director of Union Bank of India**. Canara Bank executive director Manimekhalai replaced **Rajkiran Rai G**, who retired on May 31 after a five-year stint. With her assuming the charge, Manimekhalai becomes the first woman managing director of Union Bank of India.
- The government has appointed **Swarup Kumar Saha** as head of **Punjab & Sind Bank**. Saha, who is the executive director of Punjab National Bank (PNB), replaced **S Krishnan**, who also superannuated on May 31.
- **The International Aluminium Institute (IAI)**, the only body representing the global primary aluminium industry, has announced the appointment of **Satish Pai** as its new Chair.
- **Alok Kumar Choudhary** has taken charge as the new **Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI)**. His appointment comes in the wake of the superannuation of **Ashwani Bhatia** as Managing Director on May 31, 2022. Choudhary was previously Deputy Managing Director (Finance) at the bank. As the new MD, he will be handling retail business and operations.
- **Ramkrishna Mukkavilli** becomes the first Indian to recognized by United Nations Global Compact as Global SDG Pioneer.

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- **International Monetary Fund**, Managing Director **Kristalina Georgieva** has announced the appointment of Indian national **Krishna Srinivasan** as director of the **Asia and Pacific Department (APD)** from June 22.
- Music Maestro, **AR Rahman** has been appointed as ambassador of **The Season of Culture**, which marks the **75th anniversary of India's independence**. It was officially launched, by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of the British Council Barbara Wickham.
- **Mayank Kumar Agrawal**, director general of Doordarshan and Doordarshan News, has been assigned additional responsibility as Prasar Bharati's chief executive officer. Agrawal succeeds **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**, who served as CEO of the state broadcaster for five years.
- **N J Ojha** has been appointed as ombudsman for a two-year term under the **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**. Ojha has the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, award awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.
- UN Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** has appointed senior Indian diplomat **Amandeep Singh Gill** as his envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for **international digital cooperation**. The UN describing him as a "**thought leader on digital technology**" who has a solid understanding of how to leverage the digital transformation responsibly and inclusively for progress on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has appointed **R Subramaniakumar** as the **MD & CEO of RBL Bank**. He has been appointed at RBL for three years from the date of taking charge. He is a former managing director and chief executive director of state-run Indian Overseas Bank. He was appointed the administrator of **Dewan Housing Finance Co Ltd** after the mortgage financier's board was superseded.
- Ambassador **Rabab Fatima**, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations has been appointed as the **Under Secretary General of the United Nations**. Secretary General **Antonio Guterres** has announced the appointment of Ambassador Fatima. She succeeds **Courtenay Rattray** of Jamaica who was appointed as the Chef de Cabinet.
- The government has appointed industrialists **Anand Mahindra, Pankaj R Patel and Venu Srinivasan**, and former IIM (Ahmedabad) professor **Ravindra H Dholakia** as non-official directors on the central board of the Reserve Bank. The nominations have been made for four years by the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**.
- Former Supreme Court judge **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** is believed to have been chosen as the next head of the **Press Council of India (PCI)**. **Justice Desai** recently served as the chairman of the Delimitation Commission on **Jammu and Kashmir**, which was established to redesign the Union Territory's assembly constituencies.
- Former Karnataka High Court judge, **Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil** was sworn in as the **Lokayukta of Karnataka**. Governor **Thaawarchand Gehlot** administered the oath of office to Justice Patil. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah, ministers in the State Government and legislators attended the programme, and greeted Justice Patil.
- Industry body **Cellular Operators' Association of India (COAI)** named **Pramod K Mittal**, President of Reliance Jio Infocomm, as the **new Chairperson of the association for 2022-23**. Mittal was previously the Vice-Chairperson of the COAI, whose members include Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea (VIL).
- According to a **Verizon news** release, **Sowmyanarayan Sampath**, an Indian American, will be the new CEO of **Verizon Business**. **Sampath** joined Verizon in 2014 and will continue in his present role as Chief Revenue Officer for Verizon Business until June 30.
- The appointment of new chief justices to five high courts has been approved by the government. The appointment for Uttarakhand, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gauhati has been announced by the Ministry of Law and Justice. (Click here to read the article)
- Senior Diplomat **Ruchira Kamboj**, currently Indian ambassador to Bhutan, has been appointed as the **next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations** at New York.
- Former Australia cricketer, **Lisa Sthalekar** has become the **first female president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA)**, the sport's international player's association.
- **P Udayakumar**, Director (Plng and Mktg), **NSIC**, took additional responsibility as **CMD NSIC** with effect from 20 June 2022.

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- Shanghai-headquartered **New Development Bank (NDB)** of the BRICS countries has appointed former bureaucrat **Dr D J Pandian** as the **Director-General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)**, the bank announced.
- Entrepreneur **Ranjit Bajaj** has been named chairman of advisory committee to assist the Supreme Court-appointed **Committee of Administrators (CoA)** which is running the day-to-day affairs of **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**.
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** appointed former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP), **Dinkar Gupta** as the **Director General** of the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**.
- **S.S. Mundra**, a public interest director to lead the world's largest stock exchange, according to the **BSE**. **Justice Vikramajit Sen** will be replaced by **Mr. Mundra**.
- **Anil Khanna** has been appointed the **acting President of Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**. The Delhi High Court has ordered that **Narinder Dhruv Batra** cannot continue as the President of the IOA and appointed **Anil Khanna** as acting president.
- Former Drinking and water Sanitation Secretary, **Parameswaren Iyer** has been appointed as the new **Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog** for 2 years. He will succeed **Amitabh Kant**.
- The Central government has appointed senior IPS officer **Tapan Kumar Deka** as **Director of Intelligence Bureau**. Deka will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director **Arvind Kumar**, whose tenure ends on June 30.
- **Samant Kumar Goel's** contract as secretary of the intelligence agency's **Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)** was extended by the Centre on June 24 by another year.
- IRS officer **Nitin Gupta** has been appointed as the new **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman**. Gupta, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the 1986 batch of the Income Tax cadre, is serving as the Member (investigation) in the Board and is scheduled to retire in September next year.
- The chief govt of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Firm (IRARC), **Avinash Kulkarni**, has been chosen to head the **India Debt Decision Firm (IDRCL)**.
- The **International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** believes that substantial progress has been made in enhancing the culture and leadership of the sport. **Mohammed Jalood** has been elected as the organization's president.

- **Mukesh Ambani's** eldest son **Akash Ambani** will take over as chairman of **Jio Infocomm's** board, the digital division of Reliance industries, in what is viewed as the 65-year-old billionaire's succession planning. Mukesh Ambani has resigned as the company director effective from 27 June.

Ranks and Reports

- **The Reserve Bank of India's Banknote Survey of Consumers'** findings revealed that, among banknotes, **Rs100** was the most preferred while **Rs 2,000** was the least preferred denomination. The survey, that was published in the Reserve Bank of India Annual Report this year said that Rs 100 notes were most preferred among Indians, while Rs 2000 notes were the least preferred. The RBI survey also found out that the total number of Rs 2000 notes comprised only 214 crores or 1.6 per cent of the total currency notes in circulation.
- **Forbes magazine** has released the **7th edition of the Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia List 2022**, featuring 10 categories each honouring 30 individuals under the age of 30. The list was edited by **Rana Wehbe Watson**. The honourees on the list represent 22 countries and territories across the Asia-Pacific region. **India tops the list in terms of the number of entries with 61, followed by Singapore (34), Japan (33), Australia (32), Indonesia (30) and China (28).**
- **Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2022** was released by the **Times Higher Education (THE)**. The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore** continued to be the best institute of the country. It ranked at **42nd place**. India was the third most-represented country, behind Japan and mainland China with 71 institutions. 17 Indian universities topped the list under top 200. (Click here to read the article)
- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Chairman and Managing Director, **Mukesh Ambani** has regained the position of India as well as **Asia's richest man**, replacing **Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani**. Tesla CEO Elon Musk remains the world's richest person with a net fortune of \$227 billion.
- **TCS** has maintained its tenth place among the top worldwide **BPM (business process management)** suppliers in 2021, according to Everest Group. The ranking is based on a combination of revenue (**TCS** has more than \$3 billion in revenue) and revenue growth (14-16 percent over 2020). **ADP, Teleperformance, Accenture, Concentrix, and Sitel Group** were the top five BPM companies in terms of sales. The top five fastest-growing corporations year over year were **Tech Mahindra, Telus International, Majorel, Teleperformance, and Comdata.**

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- In the 2022 **Environment Performance Index (EPI)**, an analysis by **Yale and Columbia University** researchers that gives a data-driven evaluation of the situation of sustainability around the world, **India** came in last out of 180 countries. Climate change, environmental public health, and biodiversity are among the 40 performance factors used by the EPI to rank 180 nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **On the occasion of World Food Safety Day**, Union Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** released the **4th State Food Safety Index**. The **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)** compiled the report to assess states' performance across five food safety categories. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Recently, **Forbes Real Time Billionaires List** was declared. It featured the list of the richest person around the world. The chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries Ltd, **Mukesh Ambani** and the chairperson of Adani Group, **Gautam Adani** are also in the list of top 10 richest persons in the world. In the "Bloomberg Billionaires Index", **Mukesh Ambani** is in eighth spot, and **Gautam Adani** is in ninth position. **Elon Musk** topped both the lists.
- According to the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)**, **India** jumped one position to **7th** among the top recipients of **foreign direct investment (FDI)** in the last calendar year (2021) despite FDI inflows into the country declining. While the **United States** (\$367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI, **China** (\$181 billion) and **Hong Kong** (\$141 billion) also retained second and third position, respectively. Among the top 10 host economies for FDI, only India saw a decline in its FDI inflows.
- **The National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021** was published recently. The report was released on June 13, 2022. NeSDA helps the respective governments improve their delivery of citizen centric services and shares best practices across the country for all States, UTs and Central Ministries to emulate. DARPG embarked on the second edition of NeSDA study in January 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#)).
- Providing a boost for **Kerala's start-up ecosystem**, the State has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in **Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)**. The State has also been ranked **fourth** in global ranking in the GSER, drawn up jointly by policy advisory and research organisation Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network. In the first GSER published in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia and 20th in the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)** annual report for July 2020-June 2021, the all-India female **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** in ordinary status grew 2.3 percent to 25.1 percent in 2021, up from 22.8 percent the previous year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As per **Kantar Brandz, 2022 'Most Valuable Global Brands report'**, 4 Indian companies namely, **Tata Consultancy Service (TCS)**, **HDFC Bank**, **Infosys** and **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** were featured among the top 100 global biggest brands. **Apple** retains its 1st position to become the first trillion-dollar brand with a brand value of USD 947.1 billion followed by **Google, Amazon and Microsoft**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India ranked third** globally for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 with 15.4 GW, behind only **China (136 GW)** and **the US (43 GW)**. According to a report, despite the Covid-19 pandemic's promise of a global green recovery, this historic opportunity has been lost. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 by Coursera** states that India's proficiency in data science has reduced from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022, leading to a 12-rank drop. In terms of overall skills proficiency, India has slipped 4 places to be ranked **68th globally and 19th in Asia**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Speedtest Global Index** released by network intelligence and connectivity insights provider Ookla showed that **India recorded 14.28 Mbps** median mobile download speeds in the month of May, slightly better than 14.19 Mbps in April 2022. With this, the country is now three notches up in its global ranking and is at **115th position**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to World Gold Council Report, **India** has emerged as the **4th largest recycler** in the world and country has recycled **75 tonnes in 2021**. According to the WGC report titled '**Gold refining and recycling**', **China** topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metal, followed by **Italy** in the second position with 80 tonnes and **the US** in the third rank with 78 tonnes in 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports Current Affairs

- **Supernovas** won the **Women's T20 Challenge 2022** with a four-run victory over **Velocity** in the title clash. West Indies T20 specialist **Deandra Dottin** shined with both bat and ball as she powered Supernovas to a record **third Women's T20 Challenge title triumph** with a four-run victory over Velocity. The Women's T20 Challenge is an Indian women's cricket 20-20 tournament organised by BCCI.
- In **Nur Sultan, Kazakhstan**, India earned its first ever medal at the IBSA Judo Grand Prix. The Indian Blind and Para Judo Association's **Judoka Kapil Parmar** deserves heartfelt praising for bringing medals to the country. It's worth noting that 18 of the 21 countries that competed won medals. Several countries, including Iraq, Switzerland, and India, earned their first medals in the IBSA Grand Prix as a result of these.
- The Red Bull racing driver **Sergio Pérez (Mexican)** has won the **Formula 1 (F1) Grand Prix (GP) De Monaco 2022** with 25 points, held at Circuit de Monaco, Monaco, Europe. The event took place between May 27 to May 29 2022. With this victory, Sergio Pérez becomes the first Mexican to win the Monaco Grand Prix, and the first North American to win it since Gilles Villeneuve in 1981.
- The government wants to have international level grounds and venues for all sports for the Olympics in Ahmedabad with the **Sardar Patel Sports Complex, Narendra Modi Stadium, Naranpura Sports Complex**, and three more sports complexes. **Amit Shah**, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, laid the foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Sunday (29 May) at a cost of Rs 632 crore.
- **India** defeated **Japan 1-0** to win **bronze at the Men's Hockey Asia Cup 2022** in Jakarta, Indonesia. Japan had seven penalty corners while India had just two but India led the circle penetration stats 11-10. India were down to 10 men in the last minute of the match but they managed to hold on and win their second bronze medal at the Asia Cup.
- **Sakshi Malik**, Rio Olympics Bronze medallist won her **first international gold medal at the Bolat Turlykhanov Cup** in almost five years. She showed a very impressive performance this year in Bolat Turlykhanov Cup.
- **The Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched the National Air Sport policy 2022 (NASP 2022)**. The vision of NASP 2022 is to make **India one of the top sports nations by 2023**. The policy ensures to provide safe, affordable, accessible, enjoyable, and sustainable air sports in India.
- **India beat Poland 6-4** in final to clinch the inaugural **FIH Hockey 5s championship** in **Lausanne in Switzerland**.
- Indian women's cricket team captain, **Mithali Raj** (39 years old), hailing from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, announced her **retirement from all forms of International cricket**. Previously in September 2019, she retired from twenty 20 International (T20Is) but continued to play One Day Internationals (ODIs) and Test cricket.
- Indian cricket star **Virat Kohli** has crossed the **200 million followers mark** on the social media site **Instagram**. With this, he became the first Indian to have 200 million followers on Instagram. Kohli is also the third most followed sportsperson on Instagram. Portugal football star **Cristiano Ronaldo** tops the chart with 451 million followers, ahead of Argentina football captain and FC Barcelona legend **Lionel Messi** with 334 million followers.
- **Avani Lekhara**, the **Tokyo Paralympics winner**, won gold in the **Para Shooting World Cup** in **Chateauroux, France**, with a world record score of 250.6 in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1.
- Young Indian Grandmaster, **R. Praggnanandhaa** emerged winner in the **Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament** here with 7.5 points from nine rounds.
- **Rahul Srivasthav P** of Telangana has become **India's 74th Grandmaster**, achieving the title after breaking the 2500 (Elo points) barrier in live FIDE ratings during the 9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy.
- Hosts **Haryana** won the **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021** title with **52 gold medals** on the final day. Haryana also won 39 silver and 46 bronze medals, taking their overall medal tally to 137 medals – the highest cumulative haul by any state. The late surge helped Haryana leapfrog the 2020 champions **Maharashtra** on the KIYG medals table.
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** won the **Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022** (his fifth victory of the season). In the process, Verstappen became the most successful driver in the Red Bull of all time. Red Bull's **Sergio Perez** came second and Mercedes' **George Russell** came at the third spot.
- **The 2022 Indonesia Masters badminton tournament** (officially known as the Daihatsu Indonesia Masters) took place at the Istora Gelora Bung Karno, Jakarta, Indonesia. Olympic champions **Viktor Axelsen** and **Chen Yufei** clinched the respective men's and women's singles titles at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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- At the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico, Indian weightlifter **Saanapathi Gurunaidu** won gold in the men's 55 kilogramme category event. On the first day of the IWF competition, two other additional Indian weightlifters, **Vijay Prajapati** and **Akansha Kishor Vyavhare** also won medals, they won the silver medals.
- India's ace javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** set a new national record as he threw **89.30 metres** at the **Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland**. Chopra's earlier national record was **88.07m** which he had set in Patiala in March last year. He had won the Tokyo Olympics gold with a throw of 87.58m on August 7, 2021. Neeraj Chopra is India's first ever Olympic gold medallist in athletics and only the second individual gold medallist at Olympics. Chopra's 89.30m effort will take him to fifth spot in the world season leaders' list.
- India's **Nitin Menon** has retained his place in the **ICC Elite Panel** and is set to make his maiden appearance as a neutral umpire in Sri Lanka later this month. A BCCI official told PTI that Menon has got a one-year extension from the International Cricket Council. The 38-year-old from Indore remains the only **Indian in the 11-member Elite Panel of Umpires**.
- Neeraj Chopra** will be leading a **37-member Indian athletics team** at the upcoming Commonwealth Games, the Athletics Federation of India announced. The Tokyo Olympics gold medallist will be the flag bearer in Birmingham as star sprinters like **Hima Das** and **Dutee Chand** booked their berth for the Games that will be held from July 28 – August 8.
- Matches for the **2026 World Cup** will be held in **11 US cities** as well as three host sites in **Mexico** and two in **Canada**, soccer's world governing body, FIFA, announced. The 16 host cities will be: **Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Guadalajara, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Monterrey, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the historic torch relay for the **44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi**. This year, for the very first time, International Chess Federation, FIDE, has instituted the Chess Olympiad Torch, a part of the Olympic tradition. India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad Torch Relay.
- Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the **Kuortane Games in Finland**, beating reigning world champion **Anderson Peters of Grenada**. The 24-year-old Chopra's opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance.
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** narrowly claimed his sixth victory of the Formula 1 season after withstanding pressure from Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** in the closing stages of the Canadian Grand Prix.
- Indian Men's football team captain, **Sunil Chhetri** scored his **84th International goal** against **Hong Kong** during the **Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers** and equalled the record of Real Madrid and Hungarian Football Legend **Ferenc Puskás**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian women's Wrestling team** has won five medals to claim **Under-17 Asian Championship title** with a total of **eight gold** at **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**. India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze. **Japan** had to be content with the runners-up trophy with 143 points and **Mongolia** finished third with 138 points.
- Skalzang Rigzin**, the first mountaineer from India to ascend **Mount Annapurna's** top without the aid of oxygen was welcomed by **Leh** with open arms. After successfully summiting Annapurna and Lhotse in Nepal, he was welcomed by other mountaineers at the Leh Airport. With 16 days of gap between climb of **Mt Annapurna** on April 28 and **Mt Lhotse** on May 14, **Skalzang Rigzin** has set a record to conquer two summits without oxygen supplements.
- Rumeli Dhar**, the India seam-bowling allrounder, has announced her **retirement from international cricket**, at the age of 38. Dhar played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England, at Brabourne in 2018.
- The Indian football team** reaped a good harvest of its impressive Asian Cup qualification campaign as it gained two places to jump to **104th in the latest FIFA world rankings** released. **Brazil** remained on top, three months after taking the top spot from **Belgium** (2nd).
- Madhya Pradesh** wrote history as they won their maiden **Ranji Trophy title**, beating tournament heavyweights **Mumbai by 6 wickets** in the final at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
- Indian women's discus thrower, **Navjeet Dhillon** won the gold medal at the **Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan**.
- Ace sprinter **Sekar Dhanalakshmi** ran her personal best time to win **200m gold at the Qosanov Memorial Athletics**. Dhanalakshmi ran a creditable sub-23 second, clocking 22.89s to better her earlier personal best of 23.14s she had come up last year. Dhanalakshmi is only the third Indian woman to run sub-23s after national record holder **Saraswati Saha (22.82s)** and **Hima Das (22.88s)**.

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- Olympic gold medallist, **Sydney McLaughlin** broke her own **women's 400 metres hurdles** world record at the U.S. championships in Eugene, Oregon, winning the final in **51.41 seconds**. Sydney previously set the record with a 51.90-seconds performance at the U.S. Olympic trials a year ago, only to shatter that figure in Tokyo, collecting gold in 51.46.
- **Novak Djokovic** became the first player in history to win **80 matches in all four Grand Slams** when he defeated **Kwon Soon-woo** 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court his **80th win in Wimbledon**. By virtue of his victory, the former world no.1 tennis players has created history winning his 80th match at the Wimbledon. The six-time champion has become the first male player in the Open Era to win 80 or more match at all four grand slams.
- Tokyo Olympian **Deepak Punia** won a bronze medal after defeating **Maksat Satybaldy (Kyrgyzstan)** in the 86kg freestyle weight category at the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**.

Summits And Conferences

- **The Border Coordination Conference** between **India and Bangladesh** was opened at Sylhet by Inspector General BSF-Regional Commander BGB. According to a Border Guards Bangladesh official press release, the four-day seminar will end on June 2. (BGB). The Indian team arrived in Bangladesh via the **Integrated Check Post (ICP)** in Dawki, Meghalaya, where they were greeted by top BGB personnel.
- The **Permanent Indus Commission conference**, which is held yearly under the **Indus Waters Treaty (IWT)** 1960, began with **India and Pakistan**. The Indus discussions have survived the tie-freeze since both countries regard it as a requirement of the **IWT**. According to the ministry of external affairs, the two sides are expected to meet at least once a year, alternately in India and Pakistan, under the terms of the treaty.
- **Gujarat** will host the two-day **National Education Ministers' Conference**. The meeting will be attended by Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**, as well as other union ministers and state and union territory education ministers. Deliberations on how to boost the country's education ecosystem are likely to take place during this conference. It will concentrate on the implementation of the **National Education Policy 2020**, school skilling, and digital projects such as the National Digital Education Architecture and the National Educational Technology Forum, among others.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the **'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement'**, a global initiative, and asserted that its vision is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it. The launch initiated **'LiFE Global Call for Papers'** inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities and research institutions etc to influence and persuade individuals, communities and organisations across the world to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle.
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** said that India is the land of **Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi**, who exemplified what it means to live for others. While electronically addressing the **Rotary International World Convention**, the Prime Minister made the comment. The Rotarians have been described as a true mix of people "Every Rotary gathering of this scale is like a mini-global assembly."
- The Secretariat of the **Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)** in **Dhaka** celebrated the **25th Anniversary** of the regional organisation on **BIMSTEC Day**. The evolution of BIMSTEC over the last 25 years from the signing of the Bangkok Declaration on June 6 in 1996, and highlighted milestones such as the establishment of the Secretariat in Dhaka in 2014 and the signature of the BIMSTEC Charter during the Fifth Summit in Colombo on March 30, 2022.
- **The 12th World Trade Organization's (WTO) Ministerial Conference (MC12)** opened at WTO headquarters in **Geneva, Switzerland**. During the four-day meeting, members of the trade organization will hold discussions on such issues as TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver for COVID-19 vaccines, pandemic response, fishery subsidies, agriculture, food security, as well as the WTO's reform and its future work priorities.

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- First-ever **India-European Union (EU) Security and Defence Consultations** held in **Brussels, Belgium**. The consultations were held in accordance with the decision taken at India-EU Summit in July 2020. Consultations were co-chaired by Joint secretary of Ministry of Defence **Somnath Ghosh** and Joint Secretary (Europe West) of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) **Sandeep Chakravorty** from India and Director Security and Defence Policy, from European Union.
- **The Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians** has been started in **Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt** to address climate change. The two-day conference is being jointly organized by the **House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**.
- In **New Delhi**, Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** kicks off the Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022. Inaugurating the **Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 (IDS-2022) – Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070**, he stated that developing alternative fuels is critical to overcoming electricity shortages. He believes that taking a one-sided, idiosyncratic attitude to these issues is harmful to the country.
- At **Vigyan Bhawan** in the national capital, the Ministry of Home Affairs will organise a National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav). Union Minister **Amit Shah** will be the conference's Chief Guest, according to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. The seminar is part of the country's efforts to raise public awareness about cybercrime prevention.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** will host the **2023 meetings of the G20**, an influential group of the world's major economies. J&K government has set up a five-member high-level committee for overall coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the Union Territory. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, India will hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and convene the first G20 leaders' summit in 2023.
- Europe's biggest startup conference, "**Vivatech 2020**" has recognized **India** as the "**country of the year.**" It is a tremendous honour for India to be named "country of the year" in Vivatech 2020. This is due to the contribution of the Indian startups to the world. This is the recognition of Indian startups.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** said at a virtual summit of the five-nation grouping sponsored by China that the consequences of the **Covid** epidemic on the global economy are still apparent and that cooperation among the **BRICS** countries can be a beneficial part of its recovery. The **BRICS** member nations, according to the prime minister, share a similar approach to managing the world economy.

- Union Minister of State for M/o Food Processing Industries, **Prahlad Singh Patel** has inaugurated the **National Conference on Millets**. The theme of the conference is '**The Future Super Food for India**' in New Delhi, organised by industry body **ASSOCHAM** with the support of M/o Food Processing Industries. The conference has been organised to discuss opportunities and challenges in ensuring food and nutritional security.
- **At the G7 meeting in Germany, United States** and other major nations came to an agreement at their summit's conclusion to concentrate on **China's** growing threats, despite the fact that the three-day G7 meeting's most pressing issue was **Russia's conflict in Ukraine**. In a communique, the Group of Seven countries articulated a strategy for challenging **Beijing** regarding its economic policies and human rights violations. (Click here to read the article)

Awards & Recognition

- Filmmaker **Shaunak Sen's** documentary **All That Breathes**, India's only entry at **Cannes Film Festival 2022**, has won the **2022 L'Oeil d'Or**, the festival's top prize for documentaries. "L'Oeil d'Or goes to a film that, in a world of destruction, reminds us that every life matters, and every small action matters. The award includes a cash prize of **5,000 euros (₹4.16 lakh approximately)**."
- **The 17th edition** of the **Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF 2022)** confers **Dr V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award** on noted author and documentary filmmaker **Shri Sanjit Narwekar** to commemorate his exquisitely deep, remarkably diverse and inspiring body of work. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles **Piyush Goyal** presented the award to Sanjit Narwekar along with a cash prize of **Rs 10 lakhs (Rs 1 million)**, Golden Conch and a citation.
- Radio Jockey **Umar Nisar (RJ Umar)** from South Kashmir, has been awarded the '**01 Best Content Award**' and the Immunization Champion award by **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)** at the **annual Radio4Child 2022 Awards** in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The award was presented by multi-Grammy Award-winning music composer, environmentalist, and UNICEF celebrity supporter **Ricky Kej**, OIC UNICEF, UP Dr **Zafrin Chowdhury**, chief of communications and advocacy and partnerships, UNICEF India.

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- Former West Indies captain, **Daren Sammy** has been conferred with the **Sitara-i-Pakistan Award for Services to Pakistan** during a ceremony. The 38-year-old all-rounder was being recognized for his role in helping bring **international cricket back to Pakistan**.
- Director of Ruchi Foodline, Eastern India's leading food brand and Odisha's No.1 spices company, **Rashmi Sahoo** has been presented the **Times Business Award 2022**. She was given the award by renowned Bollywood actor and social activist Sonu Sood. The award was given in the category of **Eastern India's Leading READY -TO-EAT brand**.
- The Dutch documentary film "**Turn Your Body to the Sun**", which tells the incredible story of a Soviet Prisoner of War, has won the prestigious **Golden Conch award** for the **Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022**. (Click here to read the article)
- **Indian Railways** is observing **World Environment Day on 5th June, 2022** in an appropriate and befitting manner keeping in line with the theme of this year's World Environment Day. In a gala ceremony, on 1st June 2022, in Berlin, Indian Railways have been awarded by the **UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA)** in the category of "**Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology**" for feeding Solar Energy directly to 25 KV AC Traction System.
- **The World Health Organisation** has awarded the **Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC)** of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the **Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh** with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award. The Resource Centre for Tobacco Control provides information related to tobacco control in India, including circulars and orders, policies and legislations, multidisciplinary publications.
- Industrialist and philanthropist, **Ratan Tata** was presented with **Honorary Doctor of Literature** by Maharashtra Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshiyari** at Raj Bhavan Mumbai. The Honorary doctorate was presented to Mr. Ratan at the First Special Convocation of the HSNL University. The Governor said the honour for Ratan Tata is in effect the honour of the entire Tata family and Tata Group.
- **Qatar's Hamad International Airport** has been named the **World's Best Airport** for the second year running. The announcement took place at the **Skytrax 2022 World Airport Awards**, held at Passenger Terminal EXPO in Paris, France. (Click here to read the article)
- Recently, **UNESCO** recognized the use of **information and communication technology (ICT)**, under a comprehensive initiative called **PM eVIDYA** by the department of school education, Ministry of Education. The schooling models saw a paradigm shift during the unprecedented times of Covid-19. The technological interventions aided in building crisis-resilient learning systems. (Click here to read the article)
- US-Canadian author, film-maker and Zen Buddhist priest, **Ruth Ozeki** has won the **Women's Prize for Fiction** this year for her novel "**The Book of Form and Emptiness**". Ozeki's fourth novel, 'The Book of Form and Emptiness' tells the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, after the tragic death of his father, starts to hear the voices of objects speaking to him. She was announced as the winner of the **£30,000 prize** at a ceremony in London, beating nominees including Elif Shafak, Meg Mason and Louise Erdrich.
- **Mo Bus**, Odisha-based public transport service has been honored with a prestigious **United Nations award**, for their role and efforts in helping the world recover better from Covid19. The public transport service has been recognised for its role in "**promoting gender-responsive public services to achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals)**", the UN said.
- Former Karnataka chief minister **S M Krishna**, Infosys founder and IT industry veteran **N R Narayana Murthy**, and former badminton player **Prakash Padukone**, have been selected for the '**Kempegowda International Award**', which has been instituted beginning this year.
- Indian tennis great, **Vijay Amritraj** has been named the 2021 recipient of the **Golden Achievement Award** by the **International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation**. In recognition of his outstanding impact on tennis as a player, promoter, and humanitarian, Amritraj was honoured in London.
- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** had called for entries for the programme mentioned in the caption. The decision was made to jointly reward **Professor Renu Jatana**, a former dean of Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur, Rajasthan, and **Dr. Sagar Sanwariya**, an assistant professor at Government Girl's College in Nathdwara, Rajasthan, under this programme for their book **Vittiye Prabhand**. An **Award scheme for writing books originally in Hindi on Economics/Banking/Financial issues** was been introduced by the **Reserve Bank of India**.

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- The winner of the longest-running Indian beauty pageant outside of India, **Miss India Worldwide 2022**, was announced as British biomedical student **Khushi Patel**. **Shrutika Mane** was named the second runner up, and **Vaidehi Dongre** from the US was named the first runner up. The top 12 competitors at the pageant were the champions of other international competitions.
- The winners of the **21st edition** of the **Transilvania International Film Festival** were applauded at the Awards Ceremony, organised in the Unirii Square in Cluj-Napoca. **Utama**, the debut film of director **Alejandro Loayza Grisi**, was chosen as this year's big winner and awarded the **10,000 euro Transylvania Trophy**.
- The Delhi-based leading Drone enterprise platform company **IG Drones** has been felicitated with the **"Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category"** by **Airwards**. IG Drones has been selected for the award for its approach of helping local communities and giving access to technology to various stakeholders during natural disasters and calamities.

Important Days

- Every year **Global Day of Parents** is observed on the **1st of June** globally. The Global Day of Parents is an annual event that celebrates the importance of parents in children's lives. The theme for Global Parent Day 2022 is 'Family Awareness', awareness internationally. Being conscious of one's own and one's family's emotional and physical well-being might be critical.
- **The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations** adopted **June 1** as **World Milk Day**. The day is marked to recognise milk as global food and to celebrate the dairy industry. The day is intended to provide an opportunity to bring attention to activities that are connected with the dairy sector. The day has been observed on June 1 each year since **2001**.
- **World Bicycle Day** is marked on **3rd June** every year to recognise bicycling as a way to get a sustainable form of travelling that also ensures one's physical well being. The day celebrates the tradition of cycling and its significant role in keeping our health fit. Cycling is a multidimensional exercise with numerous health benefits.
- Every year on **June 4th**, the United Nations (UN) observes the **International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression** to raise awareness of the children who have been victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse around the world. On this day, the United Nations reaffirms its commitment to preserve children's rights.
- The **UN Russian Language Day** is observed annually on **06 June**. It is one of the six official languages used by the United Nations throughout the Organization. The day was established by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** in **2010**.
- **International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing** is organized every year on **5th June**. The day is the opportunity to draw attention to the threats posed by IUU fishing activities to the sustainable use of fisheries resources as well as to ongoing efforts to fight these activities.
- **World Food Safety Day** is celebrated globally on **June 7** every year as per the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. World Food Safety Day aims to transform food systems to deliver better health sustainably and prevent foodborne diseases. This year, the theme is **'Safer food, better health'**. WHO also launched a campaign to inspire global participation.
- **The World Oceans Day** is celebrated on **June 8** every year across the globe. The day is commemorated to remind people of the importance of the oceans and the major role they play in everyday life. **"Revitalization: collective action for the ocean"** is the theme for World Oceans Day 2022, a year framed by the UN Decade of Ocean Science and the celebration of the United Nations Ocean Conference, two years after being cancelled because of the pandemic.
- **World Accreditation Day (WAD)** is celebrated on **June 9** every year. WAD has been established by the joint efforts of the **International Accreditation Forum (IAF)** and the **International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC)**. This year the theme for World Accreditation Day 2022 is **"Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment."**
- **World Brain Tumour Day** is observed every year on **8 June** with an aim to create awareness about brain tumours. It is a mass or growth of abnormal cells in your brain. There are two types of brain tumors, **noncancerous (benign)**, and **cancerous (malignant)**. In 2022, the theme of World Tumor Day is **'Together We Are Stronger'**.
- **12 June** marks the **World Day Against Child Labour** under the theme **"Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour."** 2022 Theme: **"Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour"**.
- **International Albinism Awareness Day** is observed by the United Nations on **June 13** every year. The day represents the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism. The theme for International Albinism Awareness Day 2022 is **"United in making our voice heard"**.

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- **World Blood Donor Day** is observed globally on **14 June** every year. The day is celebrated to promote awareness about the need for blood donation and thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. The Theme for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is **“Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives”**.
- **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR)** is celebrating **Elimination of Child Labour Week** in the honour of **World Day Against Child Labour**. It is being celebrated in 75 places as part of the “75th anniversary celebrations of India’s independence – “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav” in different districts starting from **12th June to 20th June, 2022** as a significance to pay attention to the problem of child labour and to find ways to eradicate it.
- **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)** is annually observed on **15 June**. The day aims to draw attention to the impact of elder abuse. It also highlights how the abuse is perpetuated and what can be done to combat it. This year theme of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2022 **“Combating Elder Abuse”**.
- On **15th June, Global Wind Day** is celebrated across the world, annually and it is marked as a day of discovering the possibilities of wind power. Global Wind Day 2022 is based on the theme is **celebrate to enjoy the benefits of Wind energy and providing education to the individuals about the power and potential of wind energy to change the world**.
- **The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR)** was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and is observed on **16 June**. This year, the United Nations is continuing last year’s theme for International Day of Family Remittances: **recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion**.
- The **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought** is observed on **17 June** each year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The theme of 2022 Desertification and Drought Day **“Rising up from drought together”**. The global observance of the event will take place in **Madrid, Spain**, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) has announced.
- **International Day for Countering Hate Speech** falls on **June 18**. According to the UN, hate speech is any kind of speech or writing that attacks or discriminates against a person or a group based on religion, ethnicity, nationality, race, color, descent, gender, or any other identity factor.
- Every year, the world observes **Sustainable Gastronomy Day on 18 June**. The objective of this day is to recognise the practices associated with sustainable food consumption, especially with the art of collecting and preparing the food we eat. To make this day a memorable one, the organisations work in collaboration with global and regional bodies to observe the day.
- **International Picnic Day** is celebrated annually on **18 June**. On this day, people spend time with their loved ones and go for picnics to get a break from their monotonous everyday routine. A picnic is a very good way to not only spend some quality time but also explore new feast spots.
- **The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict** is an international event conducted by the United Nations (UN) on **June 19** each year. The theme for this year’s observance of International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is **‘Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural and operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.’**
- **World Refugee Day** is celebrated every year on **20 June**. World Refugee Day was designated as an International Day by the **UN (United Nations)**. While the theme of World Refugee Day 2022 has not been rolled out, last year it was **“Together we heal, learn and shine.”**
- **International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice** is observed globally on **21st June**. This day bring awareness about solstices and equinoxes and their significance for several religions and ethnic cultures. The Summer Solstice is the day of the year when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky. It happens on **June 21st this year**.
- **World Music Day** is celebrated every year on **June 21**. The day gives respect to the art form of music that binds people across culture, region, language and religion. The theme for World Music Day 2022 is **“Music on the intersections”**.
- **International Olympic Day** is celebrated on **June 23rd** across the globe. The day is primarily celebrated to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games. This year, the theme for the International Olympic Day is **“Together For A Peaceful World.”**
- With the aim to appreciate the value of public institutions and public servants, **June 23** is observed as **United Nations Public Service Day**. The theme for this year’s event is **“Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.”**

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- **International Widows' Day** is observed across the world on **23 June**. The day aims to gather support for widows and to spread awareness about their situation. The theme for last year's International Widows' Day was "Invisible Women, Invisible Problems". This year's theme is - "**Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence**".
- The "**Day of the Seafarer**" is celebrated annually on June 25 to honour the vital contribution that seafarers make to **global trade** and the **economy**, frequently at considerable personal sacrifice to themselves and their families.
- **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking**, also known as **World Drug Day**, is conducted by the United Nations. It is observed on **June 26** annually. "**Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises**" is the theme for 2022's celebration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.
- **The United Nations General Assembly** on December 12, 1997, adopted a resolution to proclaim **June 26** as the **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture**.
- Recognising the potential of the MSME and their role in strengthening economies, **June 27** is celebrated as the **Micro-Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Day**.
- **The National Insurance Awareness Day** is observed on **28 June**. The main objective of the day is to make people aware about the several benefits of investing in an insurance plan or policy.
- **International Day of the Tropics** is observed globally on **29 June**. The International Day of the Tropics celebrates the extraordinary diversity of the tropics while highlighting unique challenges and opportunities nations of the Tropics face.
- **National Statistics Day** is observed in India on **June 29** each year. The day aims to raise public awareness of the value of statistics in everyday life as well as in the planning and development process. The celebrated statistician, Professor **Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**, is recognised on National Statistics Day for his contributions to economic planning and statistics. Additionally, the Indian Statistical Institute's founder, Professor PC Mahalanobis, celebrates his birthday on 29 June. The theme of National Statistics Day 2022 is '**Data for Sustainable Development**'.
- **June 30** is observed as the **International Day of Parliamentarism** every year to commemorate the date on which the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** was founded. In 2022, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and its Member Parliaments will mark the International Day of Parliamentarism under the theme of **public engagement**.

- **World Asteroid Day (also known as International Asteroid Day)** is an annual UN-sanctioned global awareness campaign event observed on **June 30**, which is the anniversary of the **Siberian Tunguska event of 1908**. To provide knowledge to the general public about the importance of asteroids in history, and the role they play in our solar system today. The theme of Asteroid Day 2022 is "**small is beautiful**."

Defence Current Affairs

- **INS Gomati** was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard under the command of **Captain Sudip Malik**. INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on **16 April 1988** by then Defence Minister, KC Pant, at Mazgaon Dock Ltd, Bombay.
- **The Defence Ministry** has signed a contract with the defence public sector undertaking **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** for the supply of the indigenously developed **Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR)** air to air missiles and associated equipment for the **Indian Air Force (IAF)** and the Navy at a cost of **Rs 2,971 Crore**.
- A heritage centre to showcase the role of the **Indian Air Force** in various wars and its overall functioning will come up at **Chandigarh**. The '**IAF Heritage Centre**' will be set up jointly by the force and the **Chandigarh administration**. An MoU between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the IAF for setting up of the centre was inked. The ceremony was attended by **Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari**.
- **India-Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation**, a joint military training exercise **Ex SAMPRITI-X** is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 05 June to 16 June 2022. The aim of the exercise is to strengthen interoperability between the two armies and to understand each other's tactical drills and operational techniques.
- **India** has successfully executed a nuclear-capable **Agni-4 ballistic missile** from **APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha**. The missile has the range of around **4,000 kilometres**. Earlier, India successfully test-fired an extended range version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter jet.
- **Indian Army** participates in a multinational exercise "**Ex Khaan Quest 2022**" where 16 other countries also took part in **Mongolia**. President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurated the Exercise as the host. Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the LADAKH SCOUTS.

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- **The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, the procurement of military equipment and platform was approved. The equipment and platforms are worth Rs 76,390 crores from domestic industries.** This decision was taken to emphasize the governmental program Aatmanirbhar Bharat Campaign, which implies India will depend less on foreign supplies and decrease spending on international trading.
- **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** authorized an increase in financing for MSMEs and startups under the Ministry of Defence's Technology Development Fund (TDF) plan. The initiative, which encourages the development of indigenous components, products, systems, and technologies, will now have a maximum project value of **Rs 50 crore, up from Rs 10 crore** previously.
- **The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between the **Indian Navy Units of Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC)** and **Indonesian Navy** is being conducted from June 13 to 24 2022 in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca. The 38th CORPAT is the first post pandemic Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two countries.
- **The Indian government** has introduced the **Agnipath Military recruitment scheme**, a 4-year tenure scheme for the defense troops. The scheme will facilitate the induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures. The scheme has been planned and is being implemented by the Department of Military Affairs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has test-launched Short-Range Ballistic Missile, **Prithvi-II** from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha. This missile system is capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision. It is an indigenously developed, surface-to-surface missile. It is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines. Its range is **350 km** and can carry one-ton payload.
- In the Indian Coast Guard, a new air squadron known as **840 Squadron** was established in Chennai, with an **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III** aircraft as its first aircraft.
- **Shanan Dhaka**, daughter of Sundana village of Rohtak, has secured the first rank in the examination for admission to the **country's first women's NDA batch**. Shanan has secured 10th position in Boys' examination and first position in Girls' examination across the country.

- **The Border Roads Organization** will build 75 outlets along various route segments in 12 states and union territories under the name "**BRO Cafes**," as permitted by the **Ministry of Defense**. These are designed to offer fundamental comforts and amenities to visitors, increase economic activity in border regions, and create jobs for the local population.
- **Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)**, an automated Pay & Allowances module for the **Indian Coast Guard** was inaugurated by Shri Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence. The CGDA emphasized that the Government has campaigned for Digital India to ensure dedicated services and reduce manual intervention at every level & to promote E-Governance in a big way.

Science and Technology

- Adani Green subsidiary **Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited** has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, contributing significantly to India's green energy effort. The plant will be India's first hybrid **wind-solar power producing facility**. The hybrid power plant, which combines solar and wind generating, unlocks the full potential of renewable energy by eliminating generation intermittency and providing a more stable option to meet rising power demand.
- **Param Ananta**, is a state of the art supercomputer at **IIT Gandhinagar** dedicated to the nation under the **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**. It is a joint initiative of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), which was commissioned. This indigenous software stack is developed by C-DAC and is a Make in India initiative.
- According to the **59th edition of the Top500 list of the world's most powerful supercomputers** unveiled by Germany, ORNL's Supercomputer **Frontier from the US**, a supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture and equipped with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors, outperformed Japan's Supercomputer Fugaku to become the world's fastest supercomputer.
- **Dr S Somanath**, the chairman of the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, inaugurated ANANTH Technologies' spacecraft manufacturing unit at **Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park**. The new state-of-the-art spacecraft manufacturing facility can conduct assembly integration and testing of four large spacecraft simultaneously.

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- **The first liquid mirror telescope in the country** and the largest in Asia – was commissioned atop **Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand**. This will now keep a watch on the overhead sky to identify transient or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids.
- **Kiya.ai**, a digital solutions provider serving financial institutions and governments globally, announced the launch of India's first-ever banking metaverse "**Kiyaverse**". In the first phase, Kiyaverse will allow banks to extend their own metaverse for clients, partners, and employees, through services that will include Relationship Manager & Peer Avatars and Robo-advisors.
- **The transfer of ten in-orbit communication satellites** to public sector business **NSIL**, which is under the administrative jurisdiction of the Department of Space, has been authorized by the **Union Cabinet**. The cabinet also authorized expanding **NewSpace India Limited's (NSIL)** permitted share capital from **Rs 1,000 crore to Rs 7,500 crore**. NSIL was required under the space sector reforms to conduct end-to-end commercial space operations and to operate as a full-fledged satellite operator.
- India will attain the unique distinction of launching the first **Human Space Mission 'Gaganyaan'** as well as the first **Human Ocean Mission in 2023**, according to **Space and Earth Sciences Minister Dr Jitendra Singh**. Testing for both the Space and Ocean manned missions have evolved to an advanced stage, and that the remarkable accomplishment would be performed in the second half of 2023, while speaking at the **World Oceans Day festivities in New Delhi**.
- **NASA** is set to launch a mission called "**DAVINCI Mission**". DAVINCI stands for "**Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission**". The mission will fly by Venus and explore its harsh atmosphere in **2029**. It will be the first mission to study Venus by means of both flybys and descent. Spacecraft is likely to explore layered Venusian atmosphere. It will reach Venusian surface by **June 2031**. The mission would capture data about Venus, that scientists are trying to measure since early 1980s.
- **Microsoft** has announced the retirement of **27-year-old Internet Explorer (IE)** as the firm's oldest browser will be completely phased out from **June 15**. Microsoft released the first version of Internet Explorer in **1995** as an add-on package for **Windows 95**, the antediluvian era of web surfing dominated by the first widely popular browser, Netscape Navigator. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google** announced a startup accelerator program for women founders. The program will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring. **Google for Startups Accelerator India – Women Founders** will run from **Jul-2022 to Sep-2022**. The program is part of a larger effort by Google towards improving the representation of women across different sections of India's digitally-trained workforce — be it entrepreneurship, professionals looking to upskill or young graduates seeking a headstart on their career.
- Union Communications Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** announced at the Viva Technology 2022 event that India will have full-fledged 5G services by March 2023. **Vaishnaw** told that the 5G spectrum auction will be concluded by the end of July, adding that Telecom is the key source of digital consumption, and it is very vital to introduce trusted solutions in telecom.
- The **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** has developed a robot that can clean septic tanks without the need for humans. Ten units are expected to be distributed across **Tamil Nadu** under the name "**HomoSEP**," and researchers are in contact with sanitation workers to determine where they will be placed.
- **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** launched **GSAT-24**, following the space reforms leasing the entire satellite's capacity to **Direct-to-Home (DTH)** service provider Tata Play. This was the company's first "demand-driven" communication satellite mission. The satellite, developed by the **Indian Space Research Organization for NSIL**, was successfully launched into geostationary orbit from **Kourou in French Guiana** by the Ariane 5 rocket (South America).
- **Two communication satellites** from Malaysia and India will be launched into geostationary orbit by the European space agency **Arianespace**. The Ariane-5 rocket will launch the two satellites, which together weigh more than 10,000 kilograms, from the spaceport in **Kourou, French Guiana**.
- US-based technology major **Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)**, Oracle's cloud services platform, has introduced the '**OCI dedicated region**' for the Indian market. It will enable customers to leverage public cloud services on their premises while meeting strict latency, data residency, and data sovereignty requirements.

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- **Garuda Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.**, an integrated drone manufacturer and drone-as-a-service (DAAS) provider based in India, would invest **Rs 115 crore** in the construction of a production facility in **Malaysia**. The decision is made to establish a drone manufacturing plant in Malaysia, with a daily production capacity of around **50 drones**. The components would be imported from India and other nations.
- **The Indian Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE)** has started authorising Indian private firms, marking the beginning of private space sector launches in India. Dhruva Space Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad and Digantara research & technologies Pvt. Ltd. Bengaluru, were authorised by IN-SPACE on June 24 to launch their payloads.
- **The NASA researchers** successfully launched **CAPSTONE spacecraft** to the moon from New Zealand. The launch took place on **Rocket Lab's Electron rocket**. Mission CAPSTONE stands for **Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment**.

Books & Authors

- **India's leading sports and Management institute, the International Institute of Sports & Management (IISM)** in Mumbai, Maharashtra, launched India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing titled **"Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success"** authored by noted Sports author **Vinit Karnik**.
- Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister, **Dharmendra Pradhan** along with Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Sports **Anurag Thakur** released books **'Loktantra ke Swar'** and **'The Republican Ethic'**, having selected speeches of the President of India Ram Nath Kovind. This is the fourth volume of the series featuring the fourth year of the presidency of Ram Nath Kovind. The compilation includes speeches on a wide range of subjects. E-books were also released on the occasion.
- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released **Ram Bahadur Rai's** book **'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'**. Prime Minister noted Shri Ram Bahadur Rai's life-long quest for searching for new ideas and desire to bring something new before the society. He expressed the hope that the book that was released today will present the Constitution in a comprehensive manner.

- The biography of billionaire industrialist, **Gautam Adani**, titled **"Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India"** will hit the stands in October, announced Penguin Random House (PRHI). The book written by journalist-author **RN Bhaskar**, claims to bring to light, for the first time, the unknown aspects of one of the richest men in the world.
- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** on the eve of 8th International Yoga Day released a book titled **Ashtang Yoga** authored by **Dr Sonu Phogat**. Manohar Lal Khattar said that every person should have a resolution for Yoga and he has to connect himself with the resolution.
- A new biography of one of India's most firebrand union leaders and former Central minister **George Fernandes** will trace his journey from the streets of Bombay to the corridors of power in Delhi, announced the **Penguin Random House India (PRHI)**. **"The Life and Times of George Fernandes"**, written by **Rahul Ramagundam**, will be released under Penguin's 'Allen Lane' imprint on July 25.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- The **17th edition** of the **Mumbai International Film Festival** for Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation films (MIFF-2022) began with a colourful opening ceremony at the **Nehru Centre, Worli in Mumbai, Maharashtra**. MIFF 2022 has got an overwhelming response from filmmakers across the world, receiving a whopping eight hundred 8 film entries from 30 countries.
- **Sachin Tendulkar** will continue as **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 'Goodwill Ambassador'** for a record **20th year**, working for the welfare of underprivileged children. The iconic cricketer has been associated with UNICEF for a long for various causes. In his almost two-decade-long partnership with UNICEF, he has been vital in furthering the campaigns, especially the ones aimed at providing a better future for underprivileged children.
- **Harini Logan** was eliminated from the **Scripps National Spelling Bee** once, then reinstated. She missed four words in a gruelling standoff against **Vikram Raju**, including one that would have given her the title. In the first-ever lightning-round tiebreaker, Harini finally claimed the trophy.
- Following the Central government's guideline advising against the usage of the word 'Harijan', the **Delhi government** is set to replace the word 'Harijan' from names of colonies & streets and name them after **Babasaheb Ambedkar** instead. In this vein, Social Welfare Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam has tabled a proposal to rename all streets and colonies under Delhi Government titled as **'Harijan' after Dr Ambedkar**.

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- The **Arignar Anna Zoological Park** is one such park that is worried about the increasing pollution near the park which is threatening the animals. **The officials of the Arignar Anna Zoological Park have introduced a new method to keep a check on the littering of plastic bottles and pollution inside the park.**
- **mRube**, the electronic trading platform promoted by **Rubber Board** will go live from June 8. The Ahmedabad-based **i-Sourcing Technologies** is the technology partner. mRube follows a simple one-time registration. KN Raghavan, Executive Director will launch the beta version of the electronic platform at a function in the presence of the Rubber Producer Society and other industry representatives.
- For wildlife observers and experts, **the fishing cat census in Chilika** has some hopeful news. In Chilika, the total number of feline species was discovered to be **176, with a range of 131-237 individuals**. This was the first time a population estimate of the fishing cat was undertaken outside of a protected area network anywhere in the globe. The **Chilika Development Authority (CDA)** collaborated with The Fishing Cat Project to undertake the estimating study (TFCP).
- **Maruti Suzuki India** has installed a 20 MW solar carport at its **Manesar, Haryana**, site. The project is projected to provide the organisation with 28,000 MWh of electricity per year. According to the firm, the energy generated by this initiative will be similar to the energy required to create nearly 67,000 cars every year. This is Asia's largest solar carport, according to the business.
- Creating a history of sorts, **Shreyas G. Hosur**, became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling '**Ironman**' Triathlon, considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world. This event includes **3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling and 42.2 km** of running. He completed the event in 13 hours and 26 minutes in **Hamburg, Germany**.
- Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** revealed that **NHAI** had set a new Guinness World Record by building 75 kilometres of bituminous concrete in a single lane on NH53 in 105 hours and 33 minutes. Gadkari commended **NHAI** and **Raj Path Infracon Pvt Ltd** engineers, contractors, consultants, and workers for the project's efficient execution, which contributed to the world record's successful completion.
- Agriculture Minister, **Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched the country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine "**Anocovax**" for animals, developed by Haryana-based **ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC)**. Anocovax is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) vaccine for animals. The immunity induced by Anocovax neutralises both Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2.
- **The Indian government** has finalized deals with **South Africa and Namibia** to get the planet's fastest animals, cheetahs that became extinct in India and will be released into the wild at **Kuno Palpur, Madhya Pradesh, by the end of 2022**. Initially, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed for 10 years, which can be extended for another five years. There will be **12 cheetahs from South Africa and 8 from Namibia** and more will be followed in subsequent years.
- **Bhogeshwara**, reportedly the elephant with the **longest tusks in Asia**, died of natural causes at the **age of 60**. The wild elephant, also known as **Mr Kabini**, was found dead in the Gundre range of **Karnataka's Bandipur Tiger Reserve**. According to forest department officials, Bhogeshwar's tusks were **2.54 meters and 2.34 meters long**. Known for its gentle temperament, the elephant frequented the Kabini backwaters for the last three decades.
- The ultra luxury **Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal** in Karnataka's capital city **Bengaluru** was made operational. The Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express chugged through the station to mark this special occasion. According to the railway officials, the air-conditioned SMV Railway Terminal is a **Rs 314 crore project**. It has solar rooftop panels and rainwater harvesting mechanism.

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- To supplement oxygen supply capacities, the Delhi Government, in collaboration with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** India, has built an oxygen producing facility at **G. B. Pant Hospital** in New Delhi.
- In Leh, Ladakh, **Amara Raja Power Systems** will build the country's first green hydrogen fueling station for the **National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)**. According to the **Amara Raja** company, the pilot project would create a minimum of 80 kg of 99.97 percent pure hydrogen each day, which will be compressed, stored, and delivered. The contract has been awarded to **NTPC**, which expects to operate five hydrogen fuel cell buses in the region.
- Singer **Justin Bieber** has revealed he is suffering from a health condition called **Ramsay Hunt Syndrome**, which has caused full facial paralysis on one side of his face. A viral infection, Ramsay Hunt Syndrome is caused by varicella-zoster virus and affects facial nerve near the ear. Three different neurological syndromes carry the name of Ramsay Hunt syndrome.
- **The world's largest living plant** has been identified in the shallow waters off the coast of **Western Australia**. The sprawling seagrass, a marine flowering plant known as **Posidonia australis**, stretches for more than 112 miles (180 kilometers) in Shark Bay, a wilderness area protected as a World Heritage site.
- Filmmaker **Srijit Mukherji** has dropped the trailer of "**Shabaash Mithu**", a **Taapsee Pannu**-starrer biopic on former India women's cricket team captain **Mithali Raj**. The film is set to hit theatres on July 15. The film has been written by **Priyan Aven** who makes her debut as a screenplay writer with **Shabaash Mithu**.
- The **enormous stingray Moul Thun** snagged on the end of line by a fisherman was larger than any fish ever seen, the hunter was aware. The 42-year-old fisherman from **Kaoh Preah**, an isolated island in the **Mekong River**, in northern **Cambodia**, didn't realise was that the ray would eventually be designated the largest documented freshwater fish in the world.
- The **26th Sindhu Darshan Yatra** will start in **Leh** with the reception of the yatris, according to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, RSS Senior Leader **Indresh Kumar**. After **Ladakh** became a Union Territory, yatris from all over the nation would see the rapid development there, according to the RSS Senior Leader **Indresh Kumar**.

- **India** is proposing a number of policies to encourage the establishment of carbon capture facilities by **high carbon emission** industries like steel, cement, and thermal plants. Production-linked incentive programmes, viability gap funding, or carbon credits could all be used to offer incentives. The government might issue carbon credits that can be exchanged on carbon exchanges or a **PLI programme** that would tie incentives to how much carbon is gathered and used.
- **Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport** has become the **first airport in the country** to run entirely on **hydro and solar power** from this month in a major step toward achieving the ambitious goal of becoming a **Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030**.
- In a **Caribbean mangrove swamp**, researchers found the largest bacterium known to science. While the majority of bacteria are tiny, this one is so large that it can be seen with the unaided eye. It is by far the largest bacterium known to date, according to **Jean-Marie Volland**, a marine biologist at the **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory** and a co-author of a paper reporting the finding in the journal *Science*. The thin white thread is about the size of a human eyelash.

Obituaries

- 29-year old Punjabi singer, **Sidhu Moose Wala** was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Jawaharke village of Mansa district, Punjab. The incident happened a day after the Punjab Police ordered the withdrawal of security of his security along with more than **420 people**, including former MLAs, Jathedars of two Takhts, heads of Deras, and police officers.
- **Bujar Nishani**, a former **Albanian President** had died at 55 due to a health problem. President Bujar Nishani born on 29 September 1966 in Durrës, Albania, was well known for his centre-right political affiliation with the leftist coalition.
- Noted Bollywood singer **KK (Krishnakumar Kunnath)** who mesmerized music lovers for over three decades is no more. The 53-year-old singer died in Kolkata after a live performance. KK was regarded as one of the top singers of Bollywood. KK sang in **Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Assamese**.
- National Panthers Party Chief Professor, **Bhim Singh** passed away at his residence in Jammu after a prolonged illness. He was 80. Singh was the founder and Chief Patron of the **Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (JKNPP)**, a political organisation which seeks "ultimate revolution", based in the Indian union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

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- Santoor maestro and Padma Shri awardee, **Bhajan Sopori** has passed away at the age of 73. The santoor player was born in **Sopore in Kashmir Valley in 1948** and belonged to the **Sufiana Gharana of Indian classical music**. He was the great-grandson of Pandit Shankar Pandit, who had developed the style popularly known as the 'Sufi Baaj' (style), based on Sufiana Qalam and Hindustani Classical music.
- Freedom fighter **Anjalai Ponnusamy**, who fought for India's independence from colonial Britain, died, aged 102. At the age of 21, Anjalai joined the Rani of Jhansi Regiment – the women's regiment of the Indian National Army – in the hopes of discarding the yoke of British colonialism from the Indian people.
- **Nobuyuki Idei**, who led Japan's Sony from 1998 through 2005, steering its growth in the digital and entertainment businesses, has died. He was 84. During his seven years as CEO from 1998, Mr Idei made an immense contribution to Sony's evolution as a global company. Tokyo-based Sony is among Japan's stellar brands, having brought the world the Walkman portable music player.
- Long distance great **Hari Chand**, a two-time Olympian and a **double Asian Games gold medallist**, passed away in Jalandhar. He was 69. Chand won the 5000 and 10,000m gold at the 1978 Bangkok Asiad and also the 10,000m title at the 1975 Asian Championships in Seoul.
- Renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, theorist, literary critic, and former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi Professor, **Gopi Chand Narang** has passed away at 91. He was a Professor Emeritus at the **University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia**. He has been honoured with the **Padma Bhushan (2004) and Sahitya Akademi Awards (1995)**. He incorporated a range of modern theoretical frameworks, including stylistics, structuralism, post-structuralism, and Sanskrit poetics.
- Veteran photojournalist, **R. Raveendran** passed away at the age of 69. He was the recipient of numerous photography awards and is known for his iconic photo of **Rajiv Goswami** setting himself on fire during the Mandal agitation in the Capital. He has worked in AFP and ANI.
- **Dr V Krishnamurthy**, former chairman of public sector undertakings such as **Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog (now Maruti Suzuki)**, passed away. He is widely regarded as the 'Father of Public Sector Undertakings' and a mentor to prominent figures in business.

- In Kerala, noted lyricist, author and journalist, **Chowalloor Krishnankutty** passed away at a private Medical College Hospital in Thrissur. He was 86. A former Staff Artist with AIR, Krishnankutty penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books. He retired as an Assistant Editor with the Malayala Manorama daily.
- Renowned business tycoon **Pallonji Mistry** has passed away at the age of 93. He was the Chairman of the **Shapoorji Pallonji Group**, one of the largest business firms in India. He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of industry and trade.
- Indian hockey stalwart and member of the gold medal winning 1975 World Cup team, **Varinder Singh** passed away. He was 75. Singh was part of the gold medal-winning **Indian team at the 1975 men's Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur**.

Static Takeaways

- National Council for Teacher Education Founded: 1995, India;
- National Council for Teacher Education Headquarters: New Delhi.
- India Post Payments Bank Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- India Post Payments Bank Founded: 1 September 2018.
- Canadian Prime Minister: Justin Trudeau
- Canada capital is Ottawa, while its largest city is Toronto.
- EPFO Founded: 4 March 1952, New Delhi;
- EPFO Headquarters: New Delhi.
- LIC Headquarters: Mumbai;
- LIC Founded: 1 September 1956.
- Tata Motors Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Tata Motors Ltd Founded: 1945, Mumbai.
- National Informatics Centre (NIC) Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Informatics Centre (NIC) Founded: 1976.
- Sashastra Seema Bal Founded: 1963;
- Sashastra Seema Bal Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Bureau of Civil Aviation Security Founded: January 1978.
- Punjab & Sind Bank Limited Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Punjab & Sind Bank Limited Founded: 24 June 1908.
- SEBI Founded: 12 April 1992;
- SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Meta Founded: February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States.

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- Indian Airforce founded: 08th October 1932;
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi;
- ISRO Founded: 15 August 1969;
- ISRO Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Lazio;
- Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945;
- The parent organization of FAO: United Nations Economic and Social Council.
- Albania Capital: Tirana;
- Albania Currency: Albanian lek;
- Albania President: Ilir Rexhep Meta;
- Albania Prime Minister: Edi Rama.
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York, New York, United States;
- UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946.
- NABARD Formation: July 12, 1982;
- NABARD Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Albania Capital: Tirana;
- Albania Currency: Albanian lek;
- Albania Prime Minister: Edi Rama.
- Sri Lanka Capital: Jayawardenepura Kotte;
- Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan Rupee;
- Sri Lanka Prime Minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe;
- Sri Lanka President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa.
- European Parliament Headquarters: Strasbourg, France;
- European Parliament Founded: 19 March 1958.
- Airtel Payments Bank Founded: January 2017;
- Airtel Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi;
- World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- World Bank Formation: July 1944;
- Secretary, Department of Financial Services: Sanjay Malhotra
- Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman
- WhatsApp Founded: 2009;
- WhatsApp Headquarters: Menlo Park, California, United States;
- WhatsApp Acquisition date: 19 February 2014;
- WhatsApp Parent organization: Facebook.
- Union Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Union Bank of India Founded: 11 November 1919.
- Punjab & Sind Bank Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Punjab & Sind Bank Founded: 24 June 1908.
- State Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955;
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- IMF Formation: 27 December 1945;

- IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- IMF Member Countries: 190;
- British Council Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi.
- Indian Army Founded: 1 April 1895;
- Indian Army Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Army Motto: Service Before Self.
- Kiya.ai HQ: Mumbai.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy.
- Food and Agriculture Organization Established: 16 October 1945.
- International Accreditation Forum Founded: 28 January 1993;
- International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Founded: October 1977.
- Headquarters of International Labour Organization: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Labour Organization Founded: 1919.
- All India Council for Technical Education Founded: November 1945;
- All India Council for Technical Education Headquarters: New Delhi;
- DICGC Headquarters: Mumbai;
- DICGC Founded: 15 July 1978.
- ZestMoney Established: 2015;
- ZestMoney Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- China Capital: Beijing;
- China Currency: Renminbi;
- China President: Xi Jinping.
- Defence Minister of India: Shri Rajnath Singh
- United Kingdom Capital: London
- United Kingdom Prime minister: Boris Johnson
- United Kingdom Currency: Pound sterling
- The United Nations General Assembly Headquarters: New York, United States.
- APEDA Formation: 1986;
- APEDA Headquarters: New Delhi;
- LinkedIn Corporation Founded: 5th May 2003;
- LinkedIn Corporation Headquarters: California, United States (US);
- Fino Payments Bank Founded: 4 April 2017;
- Fino Payments Bank Headquarters: Juinagar, Navi Mumbai;
- Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of OmniCard: Sanjeev Pandey.
- Indian Bank Founded: 15 August 1907;
- Indian Bank Headquarters: Chennai;
- Indian Bank Tagline: Taking Banking Technology To The Common Man.
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Headquarters: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu, India;

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- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Founded: 11 May 1921.
- HSBC India Founded: 1853;
- HSBC India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Ather Energy Owner: Hero MotoCorp;
- Ather Energy Headquarters location: Bengaluru;
- Tencent Founded: 11 November 1998;
- Tencent Headquarters: Shenzhen, Guangdong, China;
- Adani Transmission Limited Founded: 9 December 2013;
- Adani Transmission Limited Headquarters: Ahmedabad.
- Cellular Operators' Association of India Founded: 1995;
- Cellular Operators' Association of India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- European Union Founded: 1 November 1993, Maastricht, Netherlands;
- European Union Headquarters: Brussels;
- President of the European Union Commission: Ursula von der Leyen;
- Egypt Capital: Cairo;
- Egypt Currency: Egyptian pound;
- Egypt President: Abdel Fattah el-Sisi;
- Egypt Prime Minister: Moustafa Madbouly.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States.
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Founded: March 2007;
- National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- NATO Formation: 4 April 1949;
- NATO Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium;
- NATO Total Member: 30;
- NATO Last member of NATO: North Macedonia.
- Somalia Capital: Mogadishu;
- Somalia Currency: Somali Shilling;
- Somalia President: Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.
- Headquarters of Zomato: Gurugram, Haryana.
- Australia Prime minister: Anthony Albanese;
- Australia Capital: Canberra;
- Australia Currency: Australian dollar.
- Indian Oil Corporation Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Oil Corporation Founded: 30 June 1959.
- Home Minister of India: Amit Shah
- FATF Headquarters: Paris, France;
- FATF Purpose: Combat money laundering and terrorism financing;
- FATF Founded: 1989.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945;
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
- UNESCO Members: 193 countries;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Founded: 2016;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Tagline: It's Fun Banking.
- South Indian Bank Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala;
- South Indian Bank Founded: 29 January 1929.
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangaluru;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- New Development Bank Headquarters location: Shanghai, China;
- New Development Bank Founder: BRICS;
- New Development Bank Founded: 15 July 2014.
- All India Football Federation Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937;
- All India Football Federation FIFA affiliation: 1948.
- National Investigation Agency Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Investigation Agency Founded: 31 December 2008.
- Commander of the Eastern Coast Guard Region: Inspector General AP Badola
- Swiss National Bank Head Offices: Berne, Zurich;
- Swiss National Bank Founded: 1854.
- President of China: Xi Jinping
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin
- President of Brazil: Jair Bolsonaro
- President of South Africa: Cyril Ramaphosa
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Oracle Founded: 16 June 1977;
- Oracle Headquarters: Austin, Texas, US;

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- Oracle CEO: Safra Ada Catz.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France;
- South Korea President: Yoon Suk Yeol
- South Korea National Flower: Mugunghwa (Rose of Sharon).
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Founded: 1963;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Minister responsible: Ministry of Finance.
- International Tennis Federation Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;
- International Tennis Federation Founded: 1 March 1913;
- Bharat Electronics Limited Founded: 1954;
- Bharat Electronics Limited Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Tata Power Solar Systems Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Tata Power Solar Systems Founded: 1989.

Heads of various organizations in News in month of June 2022

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1	National Council for Teacher Education Chairperson	Shri Santosh Sarangi
2	India Post Payments Bank CEO	J Venkatramu
3	LIC Chairperson	M R Kumar
4	Tata Motors Ltd Founder	J R D Tata
5	The Governor of the Bank of England	Andrew Bailey
6	Punjab & Sind Bank Limited Founder	Vir Singh
7	SEBI Agency executive	Madhabi Puri Buch
8	Meta CEO	Mark Zuckerberg
9	Indian Airforce Chief of Air Staff	Vivek Ram Chaudhari
10	MD and CEO of AGEL	Vneet S Jaain
11	ISRO Chairman	S Somanath
12	Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General	Qu Dongyu
13	UNICEF Head	Catherine M Russell
14	UNICEF President	Tore Hattrem

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15	NABARD Chairman	Govinda Rajulu Chintala
16	Chairman of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
17	Airtel Payments Bank Managing Director & CEO	Anubrata Biswas
18	Governor of Reserve Bank of India	Shri Shaktikanta Das
19	World Bank President	David Malpass
20	WhatsApp CEO	Will Cathcart
21	WhatsApp Founders	Jan Koum, Brian Acton
22	State Bank of India Chairman	Dinesh Kumar Khara
23	IMF MD	Kristalina Georgieva
25	British Council Director	Barbara Wickham
26	Indian Army Chief of the Army Staff	Manoj Pande
27	Kiya ai MD and CEO	Rajesh Mirjankar
28	Central Horticulture Commissioner	Prabhat Kumar
29	President of International Labour Organization	Guy Ryder
30	All India Council for Technical Education Chairperson	Anil Sahasrabudhe
31	ZestMoney CEO & Co-Founder	Lizzie Chapman
32	DICGC Chairperson	Michael Patra
33	The United Nations General Assembly President	Abdulla Shahid
34	APEDA Chairman	M Angamuthu
35	Bank of Baroda (BOB) Chairman	Hasmukh Adhia
36	Punjab National bank (PNB) Chairman	Atul Kumar Goel
37	LinkedIn Corporation CEO	Ryan Roslansky
38	Fino Payments Bank MD & CEO	Rishi Gupta
39	Indian Bank CEO	Shri Shanti Lal Jain
40	Tamilnad Mercantile Bank CEO	K V Rama Moorthy

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41	HSBC India CEO	Hitendra Dave
42	Ather Energy Founders	Tarun Mehta, Swapnil Jain
43	Tencent Chairman, CEO	Pony Ma
44	Tencent President	Martin Lau
45	Adani Transmission Limited CEO	Anil Kumar Sardana
46	Adani Transmission Limited Founder	Gautam Adani
47	Cellular Operators' Association of India Director-General	Dr S P Kochhar
48	President of the European Union Parliament	Roberta Metsola
49	President of the European Council	Charles Michel
50	ICC Chairman	Greg Barclay
51	ICC CEO	Geoff Allardice
52	Google CEO	Sundar Pichai
53	National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) Chairman	Priyank Kanoongo
54	NATO Secretary General	Jens Stoltenberg
55	CEO of Zomato	Deepinder Goyal
56	Indian Oil Corporation Chairperson	Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
57	Finance Minister of India	Nirmala Sitharaman
58	FATF President	Marcus Pleyer
59	UNESCO Head	Audrey Azoulay
60	Yes Bank Founder	Rana Kapoor
61	Yes Bank Chairman	Sunil Mehta
62	Yes Bank MD and CEO	Prashant Kumar
63	Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd MD & CEO	Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
64	South Indian Bank CEO	Murali Ramakrishnan
65	Karnataka Bank CEO	Mahabaleshwara M S
66	New Development Bank President	Marcos Prado Troyjo
67	National Investigation Agency Founder	Radha Vinod Raju

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68	Swiss National Bank Chairman of the Governing Board	Thomas J Jordan
69	Oracle Founder	Larry Ellison, Bob Miner, Ed Oates
70	International Olympic Committee President	Thomas Bach
71	International Olympic Committee Director General	Christophe De Kepper
72	Bharat Electronics Limited Executive Director	Vinay Kumar Katyal
73	Garuda Aerospace's founder and CEO	Agnishwar Jayaprakash
74	Founder and CTO of HiiLSE Drones	Shanmugam S Thanggavilo
75	Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman	Nitin Gupta
76	International Tennis Federation President	David Haggerty
77	Bharat Electronics Limited Chairman & Managing Director	Anandi Ramalingam

Important Superlatives of India

- Largest Museum : India Museum at Kolkata
- Longest Dam : Hirakud Dam (Orissa)
- Highest Dam : Tehri Dam (260 meters , 850 ft)
- Highest Tower : Kutab Minar at Delhi (88.4 meters high)
- Largest Desert : Thar (Rajasthan)
- Largest District : Kutch district
- Fastest Train : Shatabadi Express running between New Delhi and Bhopal
- State with longest coastline : Gujarat
- State with longest coastline of South India : Andhra Pradesh
- Longest Electric Railway Line : From Delhi to Kolkata via Patna
- Longest Railway Route : From Assam to Kanyakumari
- Longest Railway Platform : Kharagpur (W. Bengal)
- Highest Railway Station : Ghum (W. Bengal)
- Longest Platform : Kharagpur (West Bengal) 833 meters
- Longest Tunnel : Jawahar tunnel (Jammu & Kashmir)
- Longest Highway : NH-44 (NH-7) which turns from Varanasi to Kanyakumari

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smallest State (Population) : Sikkim • Smallest State (Area) : Goa • Largest State (Area) : Rajasthan • Largest State (Population) : Uttar Pradesh • Densest Populated State : West Bengal • Largest Cave : Amarnath (J&K) • Largest Cave Temple : Kailash Temple, Ellora (Maharashtra) • Largest Animal Fair : Sonapur (Bihar) • Largest Auditorium : Sri Shanmukhanand Hall (Mumbai) • Biggest Hotel : Oberai-Sheraton (Mumbai) • Largest Port : Mumbai • Largest Gurudwara : Golden Temple, Amritsar • Deepest River Valley : Bhagirathi & Alaknanda • Largest Church : Saint Cathedral (Goa) • Oldest Church : St. Thomas Church at Palayar, Trichur (Kerala) • Longest River : Ganga (2640 km long) • Longest Beach : Marina Beach, Chennai • Highest Battle Field : Siachin Glacier • Highest Airport : Leh (Ladakh) • Biggest Stadium : Yuva Bharti (Salt Lake) Stadium, Kolkata • Largest River Island : Majuli (Brahmaputra River, Assam) • Largest Planetarium : Birla Planetarium (Kolkata) • Sambhar lake : Largest inland salt lake • Highest Award in India : Bharat Ratna • Highest Gallantry Award : Param Vir Chakra • Longest River in India : The Ganges • Longest Tributary river of India : Yamuna • Largest Lake : Wular Lake, Kashmir • Largest Lake (Saline Water) : Chilka Lake, Orissa • Largest Man-Made Lake : Govind Vallabh Pant Sagar (Rihand Dam) • Largest Fresh Water Lake : Kolleru Lake (Andhra Pradesh) • Highest Lake : Devtal Lake, Gadhwal (Uttarakhand) • Highest Peak : K2 (8,611 meters) • Highest Peak in the world : Mount Everest in Nepal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Largest Populated City : Mumbai • Largest State (Area) : Rajasthan • Largest State (Population) : Uttar Pradesh • Highest Rainfall : Cherrapunhi (426 inches per annum) • Highest Waterfall : Nohkalikai Falls (335 meters, 1100 ft high) in Shillong • State wise largest area under forest : Madhya Pradesh • Largest Delta : Sunderbans Delta • Largest River without Delta : Narmada and Tapi • Longest Cantilever Span bridge : Howrah Bridge • Longest River Bridge : Mahatma Gandhi Setu, Patna • Biggest Cave temple : Ellora • Longest Road : Grand Trunk Road • Highest Road : Road at Khardungla, (in Leh-Manali Sector) • Biggest Mosque : Jama Masjid at Delhi • Highest Gateway : Buland Darwaza at Fatehpur Sikri (53.6 meters high) • Tallest Statue : Statue of Gomateshwar (17 meters high) in Karnataka • Largest Public Sector Bank : State Bank of India • Longest Canal : Indira Gandhi Canal or Rajasthan Canal (Rajasthan) • Largest Dome : Gol Gumbaz at Bijapur • Largest Zoo : Zoological Garden at Alipur (Kolkata) |
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