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Music Academy announced Sangita Kalanidhi awards 2020-22

Renowned vocalist and guru, **Neyveli R Santanagopalan**, eminent mridangam artiste and guru, **'Tiruvarur' Bhakthavathsalam**, and Lalgudi violin duo, **G J R Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi** were named for the prestigious **Sangita Kalanidhi awards** of the **Music Academy for 2020, 2021, and 2022**.

The Music Academy announced Sangita Kalanidhi award winners for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. The physical festival could not be conducted in the last two years because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Chief Minister M K Stalin will present the awards while inaugurating the 96th Annual Conference and Concerts on December 15, 2022, N Murali, President, Music Academy.

Sangita Kalanidhi awards:

- **Santanagopalan** will receive the Sangita Kalanidhi award for the year 2020 while **Bhakthavathsalam** has been chosen for the award for the year 2021.
- **Krishnan and Vijayalakshmi**, "torchbearers of the Lalgudi lineage of violinists and renowned performers" will receive the award for 2022.

For the Sangita Kala Acharya awards:

The Academy has chosen nagaswaram exponent **Kivalur N G Ganesan (2020)**, vocalist, musicologist, and guru **Dr Ritha Rajan (2021)**, and **Vainika** and musicologist **Dr R S Jayalakshmi (2022)**.

T T K Award for 2020, 2021, and 2022:

Noted vocalist and guru **Thamarakkad Govindan Namboodri**, versatile percussionist **Nemani Somayajulu**, and noted Kanjira artiste **A V Anand** will receive the T T K Award for 2020, 2021, and 2022 respectively.

Musicologist award:

The Musicologist award for 2020 will be presented to **Dr V Premalatha** for the year 2020. **Nritya Kalanidhi** will be presented to Bharatanatyam exponents **Rama Vaidyanathan (2020)** and **Narthaki Nataraj (2021)**. **Bragha Bessell**, widely respected Abhinaya expert and guru, will be awarded the prize for 2022.

Indian novel 'Tomb of Sand' wins International Booker Prize

Indian writer **Geetanjali Shree** and American translator **Daisy Rockwell** won the **International Booker Prize** for **"Tomb of Sand,"**. Originally written in Hindi, it's the first book in any Indian language to win the high-profile award, which recognizes fiction from around the world that has been translated into English. The **50,000-pound (\$63,000) prize money** will be split between New Delhi-based Shree and Rockwell, who lives in Vermont.

"Tomb of Sand" is published in Britain by a small publisher Tilted Axis Press. It was founded by translator Deborah Smith, who won the 2016 International Booker for translating Han Kang's "The Vegetarian" to publish books from Asia.

The essence of the book:

The book tells the story of an octogenarian widow who dares to cast off convention and confront the ghosts of her experiences during the subcontinent's tumultuous 1947 partition into India and Pakistan. Shree's book beat five other finalists including **Polish Nobel literature laureate Olga Tokarczuk**, **Claudia Piñeiro of Argentina** and **South Korean author Bora Chung to be awarded the prize at a ceremony in London.**

About the International Booker Prize:

The International Booker Prize is awarded every year to a translated work of fiction published in the U.K. or Ireland. It is run alongside the Booker Prize for English-language fiction. The prize was set up to boost the profile of fiction in other languages, which accounts for only a small share of books published in Britain and to salute the often unacknowledged work of literary translators.

Time's 100 most influential people 2022: Check the complete list

Supreme Court lawyer **Karuna Nundy**, business tycoon **Gautam Adani** and prominent Kashmiri human rights activist **Khurram Parvez** have been named among the **world's 100 most influential people of 2022 by TIME magazine**. The list has been divided into six categories: **Icons, Pioneers, Titans, Artists, Leaders and Innovators.**

While Adani has been named under the Titans category along with the likes of Apple CEO Tim Cook and American host Oprah Winfrey, Nundy and Parvez found their place under the Leaders category along with Russian President Vladimir Putin and his Ukraine counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy.



Here is the full list of the world's 100 most influential people of 2022:**TITANS**

- Gautam Adani
- Tim Cook
- Oprah Winfrey
- Christine Lagarde
- Michelle Yeoh
- Kris Jenner
- Andy Jassy
- Sally Rooney
- Hwang Dong-hyuk
- Sam Bankman-Fried
- Megan Rapinoe, Becky Sauerbrunn, and Alex Morgan
- Elizabeth Alexander
- David Zaslav

LEADERS

- Karuna Nundy
- Khurram Parvez
- Mia Mottley
- Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- Ketanji Brown Jackson
- Joe Rogan
- Xi Jinping
- Ursula von der Leyen
- Ron DeSantis
- Joe Biden
- Yoon Suk-yeol
- Vladimir Putin
- Olaf Scholz
- Samia Suluhu Hassan
- Kevin McCarthy
- Abiy Ahmed
- Kyrsten Sinema
- Gabriel Boric
- Letitia James
- Valeriy Zaluzhnyy
- Lynn Fitch
- Umar Ata Bandial
- Sun Chunlan

INNOVATORS

- Zendaya
- Taika Waititi
- Miranda Lambert
- Derrick Palmer and Chris Smalls
- Josh Wardle
- Michelle Zauner
- Demna
- Timnit Gebru
- Mike Cannon-Brookes
- Bela Bajaria

- Sevgil Musaieva
- Francis Kéré
- David Vélez
- Michael Schatz
- Karen Miga
- Evan Eichler
- Adam Phillippy

ARTISTS

- Simu Liu
- Andrew Garfield
- Zoë Kravitz
- Sarah Jessica Parker
- Amanda Seyfried
- Quinta Brunson
- Pete Davidson
- Channing Tatum
- Nathan Chen
- Mila Kunis
- Jeremy Strong
- Faith Ringgold
- Ariana DeBose
- Jazmine Sullivan
- Michael R. Jackson

ICONS

- Mary J. Blige
- Dmitry Muratov
- Issa Rae
- Keanu Reeves
- Adele
- Rafael Nadal
- Maya Lin
- Jon Batiste
- Nadine Smith
- Peng Shuai
- Hoda Khamosh

PIONEERS

- Candace Parker
- Sonia Guajajara
- Valérie Masson-Delmotte and Panmao Zhai
- Nan Goldin
- Cristina Villarreal Velásquez and Ana Cristina González Vélez
- Frances Haugen
- Stephane Bancel
- Eileen Gu
- Mazen Darwish and Anwar Al Bunni
- Gregory L. Robinson
- Ahmir 'Questlove' Thompson
- Emily Oster
- Tulio de Oliveira and Sikhulile Moyo
- Emmett Schelling

IBA Women's World Boxing Championships

The **12th edition** of the **2022 International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Boxing Championship (WWBC)** was held at Başakşehir Youth and Sports Facility, **Istanbul, Turkey**. The event saw the participation of 310 Boxers from 73 nations. **Belarusian and Russian** boxers were not allowed to compete at the event after a ban as a result of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Key points:

- India for the first time in the past four years, had won a total medal tally of 3, which includes one Gold and two Bronze.
- The India Boxer **Nikhata Zareen** (from Nizamabad, Telangana) won the gold in the flyweight (52kg) division with 5-0 points against Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas. With this win, she became the fifth Indian women boxer to win the World Championship.
- The other two Indian women boxers Manisha Moun (from Haryana) and Parveen Hooda (from Haryana) had won the bronze medals in the 57kg and 63kg categories respectively.

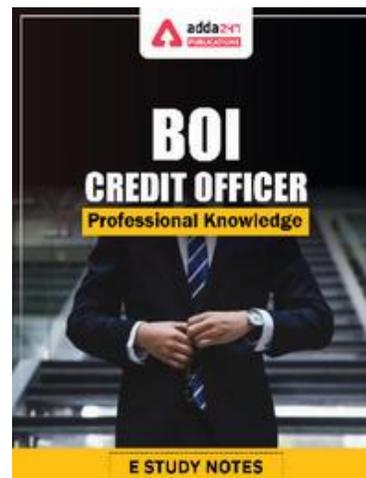
Overall Medal Tally:

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Turkey	5	0	2	7
2	Ireland	2	0	0	2
3	Canada	1	1	0	2
4	India	1	0	2	3

National Affairs

- **The Ministry of Railways** has announced that it's going to collaborate with **IIT Madras** for the development of a **made-in-India Hyperloop system**. It has also announced that it'll be setting up a Centre for Excellence for Hyperloop technologies at the aforementioned institution. India has shown interest in Hyperloop tech since 2017, by then Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu. In fact, the ministry also held talks with **US-based Hyperloop One**, but nothing quite materialised.
- **India** joined a dozen other nations to launch the **Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF)**, a US-led trade initiative meant to counter China's aggressive expansion in the region. Among the 13 countries backing the initiative are **Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam**, and the members jointly account for 40% of the global GDP.

- **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission**, the National Health Authority has introduced a revised Ayushman Bharat Health Account, ABHA mobile application to manage health records. The **ABHA** app, formerly known as the **NDHM Health Records app**, is available for download from the Google Play Store and has already received over four lakh downloads, according to the Union Health Ministry. The **ABHA** app has been updated with a new User Interface and new functions that allow users to view their health records at any time and from any location.
- **Union Government of India** has launched the **Eighth Edition of Swachh Survekshan - SS-2023** under **Swachh Bharat Mission Urban 2.0**. Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Manoj Joshi launched it at a virtual event in **New Delhi**. Designed with the theme of **'Waste to Wealth'** as its driving philosophy, Swachh Survekshan- 2023 is curated towards achieving circularity in waste management. The survey would give priority to the principle of 3 Rs- Reduce, Recycle and Reuse.
- The Prime Minister, **Shri Narendra Modi** has urged infrastructure agencies to map their projects with the water bodies being constructed under the **Amrit Sarovar**. **Mr Modi** stated that this would be a win-win situation because the material needed for the Amrit Sarovars could be used by the agencies for public works. The Prime Minister presided over the 40th edition of **PRAGATI**, an ICT-based multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation that brings together the Centre and State governments.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **India's biggest drone festival** here and interacted with **Kisan drone pilots** as well as witnessed open-air drone demonstrations. **'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022'** is set to be a two-day event being held on **May 27 and 28**. The prime minister will interact with **Kisan drone pilots**, witness open-air drone demonstrations and interact with startups in the drone exhibition centre.



- The Inter-State Council has been formed, with **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** as Chairman and Chief Ministers of all States and six Union ministers as members. Ten union ministers will be permanent invitees to the Inter-State Council. The government has also reestablished the Inter-State Council's standing committee, with **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** as its chairman.
- The **Central Advisory Board on Archaeology (CABA)**, which was formed seven years ago to promote ties between the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** and people working in the field of archaeological research, was re-established. The ASI reconstituted the board, with the Culture Minister as chairwoman and members including officials from the Culture Ministry and ASI, MPs, State government nominations, university representatives, scientists, and Indus Valley script experts.
- Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated the country's first '**Lavender festival**' at **Jammu's Bhaderwah** where the cultivation of lavender has transformed the economy of the mountainous area. Bhaderwah in the Doda district is the birthplace of India's purple revolution. The minister described Bhaderwah in the Doda district as the birthplace of India's purple revolution.
- Drones being used commercially to deliver great healthcare to Indians in the most rural locations appears to be a possibility now. In the United States' **Redcliffe Labs**, a division of **Redcliffe Lifetech**, has completed its first commercial drone flight in the healthcare sector. Between **Uttarkashi** and **Dehradun**, the business just launched a commercial drone corridor.
- During the present annual meeting of the **World Economic Forum (WEF)** in Davos, Switzerland, the **Maharashtra** government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) worth over 30,000 crore. Pharmaceuticals, medical devices, information technology, data centres, textiles, food processing, packaging, paper and pulp, and steel were among the 23 MoUs inked for investment. According to state industries minister **Subhash Desai**, the investment will result in the creation of 66,000 employment in the state.
- **In Manipur**, the **4th Edition** of State-Level **Shirui Lily Festival 2022** has begun. This annual festival is organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of **Manipur** with an aim to create and raise awareness of the Shirui Lily flower which is also the **State Flower of Manipur**. The four-day-long festival has inaugurated by the Governor of Manipur La. Ganesan and the Chief Minister N. Biren Singh tomorrow at Shirui Village Ground in Ukhrul district.

States in the News

- Minister for energy and urban development **Arvind Sharma** has launched the **SAMBHAV (Systemic Administration Mechanism for Bringing Happiness and Value) portal** for disposal of public grievances and monitoring programmes and schemes of the two departments in **Uttar Pradesh**. The portal, **www.sambhav.up.gov.in**, will work as a platform for flagging grievances received from the public to officers who have been provided login IDs. The officers will have to feed their response and action taken report (ATR).
- **The National Film Festival of Jammu & Kashmir** is approaching, the Department of Information and Public Relations of J&K signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Film Development Corporation Limited. The MoU was signed by **Sh Akshay Labroo, Director, Department of Information and Public Relations, J&K**, and **Sh D. Ramakrishnan, General Manager, NFDC**, in the presence of **Sh Nitishwar Kumar, Principal Secretary to the Lt Governor**.
- The **Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP)** of the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** was launched in Odisha by Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik**, in collaboration with the **Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT)**. The OVEP is a practical set of resources aimed at introducing young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. It will be a values-based curriculum, to be implemented initially in **90 schools in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar, catering to about 32,000 children**.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** has recently approved new guidelines for the implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Yojana'. Under this scheme, at least 100 days of employment per year will be provided to the people residing in the urban areas. It is designed on lines of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

International Affairs

- The World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting kicks off in **Davos, Switzerland**. The Indian delegation will be led by Commerce and Industry Minister **Piyush Goyal** throughout the five-day meeting. This event will assist to strengthen India's status as a vital and relevant player in creating the global narrative, especially as it prepares to take over the G-20 presidency next year.
- **Australia's Labor Party** leader, **Anthony Albanese** was sworn in as the country's new prime minister. Albanese claimed the victory in the election, ending his wait for power after nine years and with this Anthony Albanese became the country's **31st Prime Minister**. Outgoing Prime Minister Scott Morrison, who was heading the Liberal-National coalition has conceded defeat.
- Former independence fighter and Nobel Peace Prize laureate, **Jose Ramos-Horta** has been sworn in as president of **East Timor (Timor-Leste)** ahead of celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of independence for Asia's youngest country.
- **Belgium** has become the first country to make a **21-day quarantine compulsory** for **monkeypox** patients after four cases of the disease were reported. The Belgian health authorities took this decision, Saudi Gazette reported citing Belgian media. The Belgian Institute of Tropical Medicine has said that the risk of a larger outbreak in the country is low.
- **Mansukh Mandaviya, the Minister of Health**, emphasized the need of creating a robust global supply chain to provide fair access to vaccines and medicines. The Minister, speaking at the **75th World Health Assembly** in **Geneva**, advocated for simplifying WHO's vaccine and treatment approval procedures and strengthening WHO to establish a more robust global health security infrastructure. **Mr. Mandaviya** reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening the global health security framework.
- The **United Arab Emirates (UAE)** is the first Gulf country to report a **monkeypox** case. The **Czech Republic** and **Slovenia** became the first countries outside of Africa to disclose cases, joining 18 other countries. Although the number is projected to climb even more, experts warn the overall risk to the general public remains minimal.
- The **World Health Organization (WHO)** and the **United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)** have released the first **Global Report on Assistive Technology (GRaT)**. The paper, which was created in conjunction with UNICEF's Office of Research – Innocenti, includes 10 important actionable suggestions for enhancing access to assistive technology for all children, as well as evidence-based best practise examples.

- **Wang Yi**, State Councilor and Foreign Minister, presided over a virtual meeting of **BRICS** Foreign Affairs/International Relations Ministers in **Beijing**. The conference was attended by **Naledi Pandor**, the South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, **Carlos Alberto Franco França**, the Brazilian Foreign Minister, **Sergey Lavrov**, and **Subrahmanyam Jaishankar**, the Indian External Affairs Minister. At the meeting's opening session, President Xi Jinping gave a video speech. President Xi Jinping spoke highly of the importance of the BRICS Foreign Ministers' Meeting, elaborated on security and development, and expressed important views on deepening BRICS political and security cooperation, according to Wang Yi, pointing out the direction for us to make this meeting a success.

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- A high-level group led by **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** visited Jordan in a first-of-its-kind endeavor with the goal of securing fertilizers and raw materials for the short and long term. The visit took place against the backdrop of the current global fertilizer crisis. **Dr. Mandaviya** noted that the Jordan visit was historic in terms of assuring India's supply of phosphoric and potassium fertilizers. **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** called **Jordan** as India's chosen fertilizer partner during the meetings.
- An MoU was signed between the Uttarakhand government and **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** in the presence of Uttarakhand Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** for the promotion of the **renewable energy** industry and other projects in the state. The Uttarakhand government and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the development of new and renewable energy projects in the state.



Books and Authors

- A new book titled “**Listen to Your Heart: The London Adventure**” authored by **Ruskin Bond**, was published by **Penguin Random House India (PRHI)** on **Ruskin Bond’s 88th birthday (19th May 2022)**. Ruskin Bond, India’s famous Children’s book author, was born in Kasauli (Himachal Pradesh) and grew up in Jamnagar (Gujarat), Dehradun (Uttarakhand), New Delhi and Shimla (Himachal Pradesh).
- Former RBI governor **Bimal Jalan** writes a new book titled ‘**The India Story**’. The book focuses on India’s economic history and aims to provide lessons for the future of India’s political economy. He traces India’s economic policies from 1991 to 2019 to offer insights on learning from the past, before moving ‘**Beyond the Metrics of Economy**’ to talk about the role of governance in implementing these policies. He also authored the books ‘**India Then and Now**’, ‘**India Ahead**’.

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has permitted trade transactions with **Sri Lanka** to be handled in Indian Rupees (INR), outside the **Asian Clearing Union (ACU)** mechanism, due to the difficulty faced by exporters in obtaining revenues from the island country. The Indian government guaranteed a term loan of \$1 billion granted to **Sri Lanka** by the **State Bank of India** to finance the acquisition of vital commodities and services such as food, medicines, gasoline, and industrial raw material.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has sanctioned a surplus transfer to the **Central Government of 30,307 crore rupees** for the fiscal year 2021-22. The Reserve Bank of India’s Central Board of Directors met for the 596th time in Mumbai, under the chairmanship of **Governor Shaktikanta Das**, to adopt the Reserve Bank’s Annual Report and Accounts for the year. The board agreed to keep the **Contingency Risk Buffer at 5.50 percent** after examining the present economic condition, global and domestic issues, and the effect of recent geopolitical developments.
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has announced the introduction of **Real-Time Xpress Credit** on its **Yono platform**, allowing eligible customers to get personal loans of up to **Rs 35 lakh**. The bank said its flagship personal loan product for salaried customers “Xpress Credit” now has a digital avatar and customers can now avail of it through Yono.
- **HDFC Bank**, India’s largest private sector bank, announced the launch of a new range of co-branded credit cards with **Retailio**, aimed largely at chemists and pharmacies in the merchant market. **Retailio** is the largest B2B pharma marketplace in the country. It is a useful app that is having a significant digital impact on the Pharma supply chain management in India. Chemists, retailers, distributors, pharmacists, and hospitals can use the **Retailio** mobile application and web interface to place orders with their respective distributors.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** established a six-member committee to assess and review customer services in regulated firms with the goal of safeguarding customers’ interests. The committee will also examine the adequacy of customer service standards and provide recommendations to improve customer service, according to a statement from the banking regulator. The six-member committee will also assess the effectiveness of customer service regulations and make recommendations for improvements.
- All banks have been urged by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** to offer consumers the option of **Interoperable Card-less Cash Withdrawal (ICCW)** at their ATMs. At their ATMs, all banks, ATM networks, and WLAOs may offer the option of ICCW. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has been advised to make **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** integration with all banks and ATM networks as simple as possible.
- **Rural NEO Bank Mahagram** has tied up with the **IndusInd Bank** to digitize the nation’s payment ecosystem and provide a wider scope to transact for its customers in rural India. Mahagram was launched with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. The partnership between the two aims to boost financial inclusion, encourage socio-economic development, mitigate the risks of a shadow economy, and accelerate the growth of a cashless society.
- Two days meeting of senior functionaries of the **Postal Department and India Post payments Bank (IPPB)**, **AAROHAN 4.0** started in **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**. The agenda of the meeting is to discuss and deliberate ways to further deepen the Financial Inclusion drive in the country and to provide banking solutions to every citizen of India. Postal Department along with IPPB is working on the vision of the **Prime Minister’s Digital India initiative** to promote digital payments and bring digital banking services to every nook and corner of the country in a customer-friendly manner.

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has eased norms for non-bank entities to set up **Bharat Bill Payment operating units** by reducing the net-worth requirement to **Rs 25 crore**, with a view to encouraging more players in the segment. At present, a net worth of **Rs 100 crore** is required to obtain authorisation for a non-bank BBPOU (Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units). The reduction in net-worth requirements follows an announcement regarding the same by the central bank in April.
- SEBI, the market regulator, announced that it had revoked the **Indian Commodity Exchange Limited's (ICEX)** recognition. The bourse's recognition was revoked after Sebi issued an order declaring it non-compliant on many grounds, including net worth and infrastructure criteria. As a result of the withdrawal, **ICEX** has been directed to transfer the funds in its Investor Protection Fund and Investor Services Fund to the Investor Protection and Education Fund of Sebi.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has announced new guidelines to permit qualified jewellers to import gold through the India **International Bullion Exchange IFSC Ltd. (IIBX)** or any other exchange. IFSCA and the DGFT, the Government of India, must sanction the other exchanges. All payments by authorised jewellers for gold imports through IIBX must be done using an exchange mechanism recognised by IFSCA in accordance with the IFSC Act and regulations, according to the **RBI**.
- **Moody's Investors Service** slashed India's economic growth projection to **8.8 per cent for 2022 from 9.1 per cent earlier**, citing high inflation. In its update to **Global Macro Outlook 2022-23**, Moody's said high-frequency data suggest that the growth momentum from December quarter 2021 carried through into the first four months this year.
- **Paytm** has announced a Joint Venture (JV) general insurance company named as **Paytm General Insurance Ltd (PGIL)**. Paytm has announced plans to infuse **Rs 950 crore in PGIL** in tranches, over a period of 10 years and to hold an upfront equity stake of **74% in JV**. Following the investment, Paytm General Insurance will become a subsidiary of Paytm.
- The **DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation)** has granted air operator's permit to **Jet Airways**. This will allow the airline to restart commercial flight operations after remaining grounded for more than three years. The approval comes after the airline conducted proving flights for the safety regulator between May 15 and May 17. The airline aims to start operations in the second quarter, i.e. between July and September. It will be a full-service carrier with business and economy classes.
- The state-owned **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** has become the first gas producer to sell domestic gas on the Indian Gas Exchange, exchanging unidentified amounts from the **KG-DWN-98/2 block** off the coast of India. **ONGC** stated in a statement that it will gradually raise output. **ONGC** has made history by becoming India's first **exploration and production (E&P)** company to trade domestic gas on the **Indian Gas Exchange**.
- Under the newly formed company **Adani New Industries Ltd, Total Energies**, the French oil and gas major, is expected to acquire a minority share of 10% or more in **Adani group's hydrogen business (ANIL)**. The agreement is nearing completion, and an announcement is expected in the coming months.
- **HDFC Securities** has launched "**HDFC Money**", a Robo-advisory investment platform that will offer mutual fund schemes and other financial products without the need of a Demat account. Apart from mutual funds, one can also manage other aspects of finances such as accessing, managing, and tracking portfolios, starting goal planning, insurance planning, creating e-Wills and managing or filing taxes.
- **The Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)** has launched the first-of-its-kind online marketplace for Indian exporters and foreign buyers. The marketplace - **Indian Business Portal** - will act as a B2B digital marketplace to help micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) exporters, artisans and farmers to identify new markets for their products and grow their sales globally. Minister of State for Commerce & Industry **Anupriya Patel**, was present at the launch.
- **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)** has approved the government's **29.5%** stake sale in **Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL)**. The sale of a **29.58%** stake represents more than 124.96 crore shares which would raise around **Rs 38,000 crores** at the current market price. This decision will strengthen the government's disinvestment drive in the current fiscal year. The government has budgeted **65,000 crores from PSU disinvestment and strategic sale**.



- **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)**, Department of Post (DoP), and Ministry of Communication have introduced issuer charges for the **Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AePS)**. AePS Issuer transaction charges will be in effect from June 15, 2022. AePS is a bank-led model that enables online interoperable financial inclusion transactions at the Point of Sale (MicroATM) using Aadhaar verification through any bank's business correspondent. AePS provides six different transaction types.
- **MUFG Bank** has obtained necessary approvals from the **International Financial Services Centre Authority in India** and the Financial Services Agency in Japan, to open a branch at Gujarat International Financial Tech City (GIFT City).
- **SBI's research report Ecowrap**, in its latest edition has projected **India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth at 8.2 to 8.5 per cent for FY22**. For Q4FY22, the SBI research report expects growth of 2.7 per cent.
- **JSW group** has appointed **Gaurav Sachdeva** as the **CEO of JSW One Platforms**, an e-commerce venture of the group. He has transitioned from his role at JSW Ventures where he led venture capital investments for the fund. In his role as the CEO of JSW One Platforms, Sachdeva will aim to create a nimble organization backed by the credibility and scale of JSW Group that will ease buying and selling of steel and other products for manufacturing and construction MSMEs in the country.
- **World Health Organization** has re-appointed **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** as **Director-General of WHO** for the second term with effect from **16th August 2022**. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva. He was the sole candidate. Dr Tedros was first elected in 2017. Before joining the WHO, Dr Tedros was served as Minister of Foreign Affairs and as Minister of Health in Ethiopia.
- An Indian Government Officer, **Anwar Hussain Shaik** has been made the chair of the **World Trade Organisation's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade**. Mr. Shaik will take this role from Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico. WTO is a 164-member multilateral body which formulates rules for global exports and imports and adjudicates disputes between countries on trade-related issues. India is a member since 1995.

Appointments/Resignations

- **Vijay Shekhar Sharma** has been re-appointed as the **Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Paytm** for another 5 years term. His tenure will be from December 19, 2022, to December 18, 2027. One 97 Communications which is listed under the Paytm brand, also announced the appointment of Madhur Deora as Additional Director of the company for a tenure of 5 years from **May 20, 2022, to May 19, 2027**.
- IT major **Infosys** announced that its Board of Directors has reappointed **Salil S. Parekh** as **Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD)** of the Company effective from July 1, 2022, for a period of five years till March 31, 2027, subject to the approval of shareholders. This is based on the recommendations of the **Nomination and Remuneration Committee (NRC)** and is subject to the approval of shareholders.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has got IFS **Vivek Kumar** as his new Private Secretary (PS). The Cabinet Appointments Committee accepted Vivek Kumar's nomination as PM Modi's press secretary. **Vivek Kumar** is the director of the Prime Minister's Office and is a 2004 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer (PMO).
- **Vinai Kumar Saxena** will be the new **lieutenant governor of Delhi**, President Ram Nath Kovind's office announced. The President of India has been pleased to appoint Shri Vinai Kumar Saxena to be the Lt. Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi with effect from the date he assumes charge of his duties. The President of India has accepted the resignation of **Anil Baijal** as Lt. Governor National Capital Territory of Delhi.

Defence News

- The **fourth edition** of the **Indian Navy-Bangladesh Navy Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT)** commenced. The patrolling drill commenced in the **northern Bay of Bengal** and would continue between **May 22 and 23**. Both units will undertake joint patrolling along International Maritime Boundary Line. The last IN-BN CORPAT was conducted in October 2020.
- The **Army Training Command** and Gandhinagar-based **Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU)** inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a **Wargame Research and Development Centre** in New Delhi. The project, dubbed '**WARDEC**' as a prototype, will be India's first simulation-based training centre, which will use artificial intelligence (AI) to create virtual reality wargames.
- The third edition of **Indian Navy (IN) - Bangladesh Navy (BN) Bilateral Exercise 'Bongosagar'** commenced at **Port Mongla, Bangladesh on 24 May 2022**. The Harbour Phase of the exercise begins from 24-25 May which will be followed by a Sea Phase in the Northern Bay of Bengal from 26-27 May. Indian Naval Ships **Kora**, an indigenously built **Guided Missile Corvette**, and **Sumedha**, an indigenously built Offshore Patrol Vessel are participating in the Exercise. Bangladesh Navy is being represented by **BNS Abu Ubaidah** and **Ali Haider**, both Guided Missile Frigates.

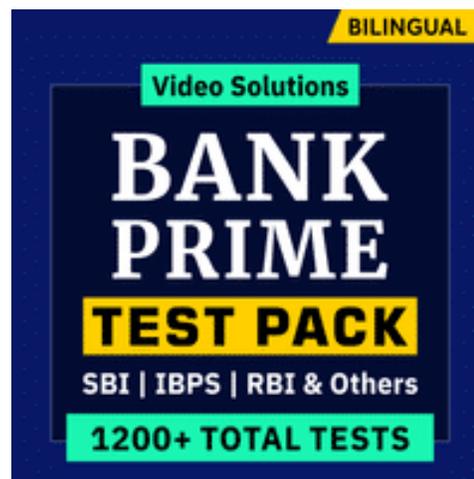
- Haryana's Captain **Abhilasha Barak** has become the first woman officer to join the **Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator** after successfully completing her training. She was awarded the coveted wings along with 36 other army pilots by the DG and Colonel Commandant of Army Aviation in Nashik. She has been assigned to the second flight of the 2072 Army Aviation Squadron. She was commissioned into the Indian Army from the Officers Training Academy, Chennai in 2018.
- **Nirdeshak**, the second of the **four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) projects** being built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** in collaboration with **L&T shipbuilding** for the Indian Navy was launched, at **Kattupalli, Chennai**. The ship has taken its name from erstwhile Nirdeshak which was also an Indian Naval Survey ship and was decommissioned after **32 years of glorious service in December 2014**.
- Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has approved the proposal for the creation of a new **Defence Estates Circle exclusively for Uttarakhand**. In view of the difficulties faced in managing large tracts of defence land in the state and the demand of cantonment residents in Uttarakhand, the MoD will establish an independent office of Defence Estates at Dehradun and a sub-office at Ranikhet.
- **Kishore Jayaraman**, President, **India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce**, has received an honorary Officer of the **Order of the British Empire (OBE)** by **Her Majesty The Queen, British Deputy High Commission**. Jayaraman is a board member of the U.K.-India Business Council, which supports U.K. businesses set up in India. He has also been instrumental in promoting bilateral ties by setting up a strategic ecosystem for boosting manufacturing in India enabled by U.K.'s technology.
- **A Gopalakrishnan**, Director of the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute has won the **VASVIK (Vividhlaxi Audyogik Samshodhan Vikas Kendra) Industrial Research Award** for the year **2020** in the category of Agricultural Sciences and Technology. The award, which carries a cash prize of **Rs 1.51 lakh** and citation, is in recognition of his significant contribution towards the research works related to fish genetics. The research works related to fish genetics which is relevant for conserving many commercially important and endangered species.
- Bollywood actor, **Nawazuddin Siddiqui** has been honoured with an international award for his **contribution to cinema**. At the prestigious **French Riviera Film Festival**, Emmy award-winning American actor **Vincent De Paul** bestowed the honour to Siddiqui. This is not the first time that Nawazuddin has brought accolades back home. Previously, the actor was chosen as one of the delegates to receive awards on behalf of the nation at the Cannes Film Festival.

Awards and Recognitions

- **Anjali Pandey**, Engines and Components Business Unit Leader at **Cummins India** has been awarded the **Committed Leader Award at CII EXCON 2022 in Bengaluru** for her efforts to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace. Cummins views Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) as a competitive advantage and hence it's a business imperative.
- An innovator from Rajasthan who has developed the technology of saving energy in boilers by recycling steam, **Subhash Ola** has won the **1st prize for the Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022** and his enterprise "**Geniusenergy Critical Innovation Private Limited**" has won the **Start-up of the Year award**.
- India's one million all-women **Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) workers**, were honoured with the **World Health Organisation (WHO) Director-General's Global Health Leaders Award 2022** for their "crucial role" in providing direct access to healthcare facilities in rural areas and their indefatigable efforts to rein in the coronavirus pandemic in the country.

Summit and Conference

- **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan**, Union Minister for Education and Skill Development, launched the **North East Research Conclave (NERC) 2022 at IIT Guwahati**. In his remarks, **Shri Pradhan** stated that the conclave will enhance the ties between industry, academics, and policymakers, as well as re-energize the research, start-up, and entrepreneurial ecosystems in the resource-rich Northeastern Region states and the country.



- The **Quad or the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue** is a group made of four nations, **India, Japan, the US, and Australia**. It is a strategic forum that features semi-regular summits, information exchange, and military drills. The key focus of the summit is the development of the Indo-Pacific region highlighting the threats like terrorism, disinformation, and territorial disputes. The Quad is going to discuss the issues such as the Covid-19 pandemic and development of the Indo-Pacific economically and threats rising across the Indo-Pacific region. **This year Quad leader summit is held on the 24th of May 2022, in Tokyo.**
- **Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi**, Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, attended the 7th **BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting** via video conference, which was hosted by the People's Republic of China and attended by all **BRICS** Member Nations. Under the subject **Establishing a Cultural Partnership Featuring Inclusiveness and Mutual Learning among BRICS**, a discussion was conducted to promote and expand cultural activities among the **BRICS** countries.
- At the Legislative Assembly complex, President **Ram Nath Kovind** will kick off the two-day National Women Legislators' Conference-2022, which is expected to draw a large number of female parliamentarians and legislators from throughout the country. The first-ever such event, hosted by the state Assembly, is part of the nation-wide celebrations scheduled under the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'** honouring India's 75th anniversary of independence. According to Assembly sources, the two-day conference will focus on modern issues such as women's rights, gender equality, and enough female representation in decision-making bodies.
- **3rd Global Organic Expo 2022** is poised to be a major platform for **Organic Producers, Aggregators, Processors, Value Chain Integrators, and the Industry Partners** by offering Global level conference, with an apt theme "**Profitability for Humanity**". More than 200 organic products and service companies participated in the previous events. It offers a great opportunity for showcasing the work in the field of organics to the world.
- **Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council Chairman Dr. Bibek Debroy**, launched the State of Inequality in India Report (**EAC-PM**). The Institute for Competitiveness authored the research, which provides a comprehensive examination of the level and type of inequality in India. The study combines data on inequality in **the health, education, household characteristics, and labour market sectors**. Inequities in these areas, according to the research, render the population more vulnerable and lead to multidimensional poverty.
- **World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA)** has released the **World Air Powers Ranking of 2022**. The **Indian Air Force (IAF)** has been placed at the **third position** on the World Air Power Index in terms of the total fighting strength of the various air services of different nations of the world. This report has placed the Indian Air Force (IAF) above the **Chinese Aviation based armed forces (PLAAF), Japan Air Self-Preservation Power (JASDF), Israeli Aviation based armed forces, and French Air and Space Power**. The report says that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory.
- The **National Achievement Survey (NAS) report for the 2021** edition has been released. **NAS2021**: One of the largest surveys in the world, the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 was conducted on 12.11.2021 across the country, to identify the learning gaps & to take remedial measures. The NAS 2021 report cards for the national, state and district levels have been made available at the official website "**nas.gov.in.**" NAS 2021 conducted on **November 12** last year assessed over **34 lakh students in 1.18 lakh schools at 720 districts across 36 states and Union Territories.**
- The **World Economic Forum's (WEF)** ranked **India 54th position** (down from 46th in 2019) with a score of 4.1 in its **Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021**, but still, India remains the top performer in South Asia. **Japan** has topped (1) the global chart and the bottom position (117) is occupied by the country **Chad**.
- **Kolkata** is the **first metro city** in the country to prepare a **detailed register of biodiversity**. **Kolkata Municipal Corporation** released the **People's Biodiversity Register (PBR)**, a document with details about the floral and faunal varieties in the city as well as its land use and human activities. The document is prepared by the **biodiversity management committee (BMC)** of the civic body under the supervision of the state biodiversity board and with help from NGOs. **Chandigarh and Indore** are other important cities which have prepared the document.

Ranks and Reports

- According to the report released by **Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA)**, **India** has surpassed **Germany** to become 4th largest vehicle market in the world. The 1st was occupied by China, followed by the US and Japan. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, India sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany. This is almost 26 per cent of growth and the only country to register double-digit growth among the top 5 countries.

- According to the **Global Food Policy Report 2022** published by the **International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**, India's food production could drop 16% and the number of those at risk for hunger could increase 23% by 2030 due to climate change. The number of Indians at risk from hunger in 2030 is expected to be **73.9 million in 2030**.

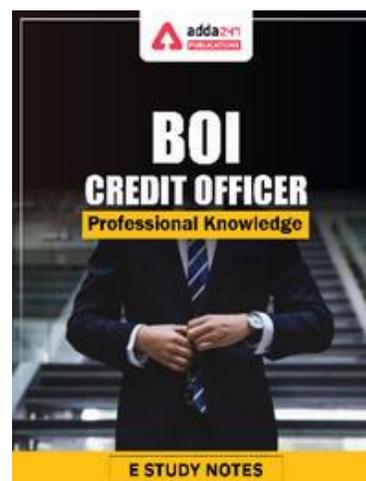
Sports News

- **German club Eintracht Frankfurt** has won their first **European trophy** in **42 years** after defeating the **Rangers** by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain.
- **Odisha women's team** has won its first-ever gold in Senior Nationals as they defeat **Karnataka** 2-0 in the final of the **12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship**.
- Indian GM **Praggnanandhaa** posted his second win over world champion **Magnus Carlsen** in 3 months when he stunned the Norwegian at the **Chessable Masters online rapid chess tournament**.
- Formula One world champion, **Max Verstappen** won the **Spanish Grand Prix** in a Red Bull to take over at the top from Ferrari's **Charles Leclerc**, who retired with an engine failure while leading at Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya.
- **Manchester City** has won **2021/22 Premier League champions** their fourth title success. **Manchester City** won over **Aston Villa** in the final game of the season. In Manchester City's 38 league matches this season, they have won 29, drawn six, and lost three, scoring 99 goals in the process.
- Hockey team of **Haryana** won the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 in Imphal, defeating Hockey team of **Jharkhand** 2-0 in the final. Uttar Pradesh Hockey team defeated Madhya Pradesh Hockey team 3-0 to finish on the third place in the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 in Imphal.
- Punjab Kings opening batter **Shikhar Dhawan** has become the first player to hit **700 fours** in the history of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**. Dhawan reached this feat during the last league stage match of IPL 2022, between PBKS and Sunrisers Hyderabad, here at the Wankhede Stadium. The batter has now a total of 701 IPL fours to his name. He is followed by **David Warner** and **Virat Kohli**, with **577 and 576 fours, respectively**. PBKS ended their IPL 2022 campaign with a total of 14 points while SRH finished with 12 points.

- The Supreme Court today appointed a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to oversee the affairs of the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** and the adoption of its constitution in accordance with the National Sports Code and model guidelines, led by former apex court judge **AR Dave**.
- **Narinder Batra** has resigned from his position as president of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**. Mr Batra also indicated that he will not run for president of the IOA again. He is also the International Hockey Federation's president (FIH).
- **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup 2022** was held at **Suhl in Germany**. The Indian contingent was led by ace shooters Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary. At the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022, the Indian junior shooting team came in first position overall. They won **33 medals** in total, including **13 gold, 15 silver, and 5 bronze**. With four gold medals, **Italy came in second place**.

Schemes and Committees News

- Union Health Secretary, **Rajesh Bhushan** has been appointed as the **chairperson of the Committee B** at the **75th World Health Assembly (WHA)**. Committee B primarily discusses administrative and financial matters of the **World Health Organization (WHO)**. Each year, the World Health Assembly has a long and complex list of health challenges and responses to review and the Assembly functions through two committees — A and B.
- In a bid to protect the domestic paper industry, the commerce and industry ministry has decided to make **registration compulsory** for importing major paper products such as newsprint, handmade paper, envelopes, among others. All imports arriving on or after October 1 will be governed by the **Paper Import Monitoring policy**.



Science and Technology News

- Union Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** unveiled the **Single National Portal for Biotech Researchers and Start-ups**. All those seeking regulatory permission for biological research and development activity in the country will use **BioRRAP**. According to the Minister, biotechnology has quickly become a viable academic and career option for Indian youth. The country currently has over 2,700 biotech start-ups and over 2,500 biotech enterprises in operation.
- **Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, was present during a brainstorming session organised by **MeiTY** on Mission Digital India **BHASHINI** – the National Language Translation Mission (NLTM). According to him, Startups are an essential component of our digital ecosystem, and Mission Digital India Bhashini will support them in developing India-specific and Indian Languages enabled IT solutions.
- A supercomputer named **Param Porul** was inaugurated at **NIT Tiruchirappalli** under **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)**. The NSM is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Param Porul supercomputing facility is established under phase two of the national supercomputing mission to facilitate computational research.
- **India** will introduce a newly approved “made in India” TB infection skin test called ‘**c-TB**’, said Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya**. This cost-effective tool will be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well. A new initiative, “**Adopt people with TB**” will be launched this year, based on Indian values of collectivism, which will call upon corporates, industries, organisations, political parties and individuals to come forward and adopt TB-infected people and families and provide them with nutritional and social support.

Important Days

- United Nations (UN) **International Day to End Obstetric Fistula** is marked on **23rd May** since 2013 to promote action towards treating and preventing obstetric fistula, a condition that affects many girls and women during childbirth in developing countries. In 2003 the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** and its partners launched the global Campaign to End Fistula, a collaborative initiative to prevent fistula and restore the health of those affected by the condition. The day was officially recognised in 2012.

- **International Day for Biological Diversity or World Biodiversity Day** is observed on **22nd May** every year to increase awareness and understanding of the issues of biodiversity. Biodiversity is essential for sustaining the balance of the planet. It is the cornerstone of ecosystem services, which are completely tied to human well-being. The theme in 2022 is “**Building a shared future for all life**”.
- **Commonwealth Day** is traditionally commemorated on the **second Monday of March** in most of the 54 countries of the Commonwealth, with the British queen delivering a speech on the radio. However, India and a few other countries celebrate it on **May 24**. The theme for Commonwealth Day 2022 is ‘**Delivering a Common Future**’ – which highlights how the fifty-four member countries in the Commonwealth family are ‘innovating, connecting and transforming’ to help attain goals like fighting climate change, promoting good governance, and improving trade.
- **World Turtle Day** is observed on **May 23** every year by **American Tortoise Rescue**, a nonprofit organization. The day is celebrated to raise awareness among people to protect turtles and tortoises and their disappearing habitats around the world. This year’s theme for World Turtle Day is “**Shellebrate**”. The theme asks “**everyone to Love and Save Turtles**”.
- United Nations is observing “**International Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories**” from **May 25 to 31**. On December 06, 1999, the UN General Assembly called for the annual observance of the Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories.
- **World Thyroid Day** is observed on **May 25** to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid diseases, their symptoms, prevention, and treatments. The day came into existence in 2008 on a proposal by the **European Thyroid Association (ETA)**. There’s no separate theme for World Thyroid Day this year. However, for Thyroid Awareness Week observed between May 22 and 28, Thyroid Federation international has announced the theme, “**It’s not you. It’s your thyroid.**”
- **International Missing Children’s Day** is an awareness event that is observed every year on **25th of May**. The aims of the day are to place a spotlight on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children and also honour those who have never been found and celebrate those who have.

Obituaries

- Veteran Communist leader and three-time Member of Parliament, **Shivaji Patnaik** passed away at the age of 93. Shivaji Patnaik is lauded as the founder of **CPI (Marxist) in Odisha**. He was born on August 10, 1930, the veteran leader had joined the State student's movement at the age of 17 when he was studying in Ravenshaw College.

Miscellaneous News

- A little 10-year-old champion skater from Worli, **Rhythm Mamania**, has become one of the youngest Indian mountaineers to summit the **Everest Base Camp (EBC)** in the Himalayan ranges in Nepal. She has joined young Indian climbers to climb the base camp. Rhythm has achieved a rare feat by completing the climb to the base camp at an altitude of **5,364 meters** in 11 days.
- **The Union Ministry of Ayush** has confirmed the observance of the **8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) at Mysuru city**, which is known as the cultural capital and major historic destination of **Karnataka state** on June 21. The Ministry of Ayush has written to the Chief Secretary of Karnataka P. Ravikumar regarding the matter and directed him to issue necessary directions to all the concerned to make arrangements for the successful organisation of the main event of IDY-2022.
- **Delhi Government** has undertaken a unique initiative of using robots for extinguishing fires in the city. Initially, the **Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Government** inducted **two robots** into Delhi's firefighting fleet that will be able to douse fires in narrow streets, warehouses, basements, stairs, forests and enter places like oil and chemical tankers and factories.
- Chief Commissioner, Delhi Customs Zone, **Surjit Bhujabal** inaugurated project '**NIGAH**' at **ICD Garhi Harsaru, Gurugram**. ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module) has been developed in collaboration with the Custodian M/s. GRFL. A live demo of the project was given to all the participants. Project NIGAH is an initiative to track container by using ICTM (ICD Container Tracking Module) which will help in better visibility of the container movement inside the ICD. It will help Customs to expedite long standing containers and monitor timely clearances, thereby enhancing Ease of Doing Business along with ensuring lead preventive checks.

- A new species of old world monkey, "**The Sela Macaque**" was geographically separated from the Arunachal Macaque by the Sela, an eastern Himalayan pass located at an altitude of 13,700 feet. **Sela macaque (Macaca selai)**, the new-to-science primate was identified and analysed by a team of experts from the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) and the University of Calcutta**. Their study has been published in the latest edition of Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution.

Static Takeaways

- Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow;
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath;
- Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
- Manipur Chief Minister: N Biren Singh;
- Capital of Manipur: Imphal;
- Manipur Governor: La. Ganesan.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee Director-General: Christophe De Kepper;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France.
- Australia Capital: Canberra;
- Australia Currency: Australian dollar.
- East Timor Capital: Dili;
- East Timor Currency: United States Dollar.
- Belgium Capital: Brussels;
- Belgium Currency: Euro;
- Prime Minister of Belgium: Alexander De Croo.
- World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) headquarters: New York, United States
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers: Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- King of Jordan: Abdullah II bin Al-Hussein
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami



- Secretary of State for Energy: R Meenakshi Sundaram
- BPCL's chief general manager: Shelly Abraham
- State Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955;
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- State Bank of India Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- IndusInd Bank Founded: 1994;
- IndusInd Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- IndusInd Bank MD & CEO: Sumant Kathpalia;
- IndusInd Bank Tagline: We Make You Feel Richer.
- SEBI: Security And Exchange Board of India
- SEBI Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch
- Jet Airways CEO: Sanjiv Kapoor (4 Apr 2022-);
- Jet Airways Founder: Naresh Goyal;
- Jet Airways Founded: 1 April 1992, Mumbai;
- Jet Airways Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Paytm Founded: August 2010;
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- Infosys Founded: 2 July 1981, Pune;
- Infosys Headquarters: Bengaluru;
- Infosys Founders: N.r. Narayana Murthy and Nandan Nilekani.
- Delhi Chief minister: Arvind Kejriwal.
- JSW group Founder: Sajjan Jindal;
- JSW group Founded: 1982;
- JSW group headquarters location: Mumbai.
- World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Health Organization Founded: 7 April 1948.
- WTO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WTO Purpose: Reduction of tariffs and other barriers to trade;
- WTO Founded: 1 January 1995.
- Union Education and Skill Development Minister: Shri Dharmendra Pradhan
- Chief Minister of Assam: Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Minister of State for Education: Shri Rajkumar Ranjan Singh
- Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs: Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi
- Parliamentary Affairs Minister: K Radhakrishnan
- Lok Sabha Speaker: Om Birla
- Uttarakhand Assembly Speaker: Ritu Khanduri
- Gujarat Assembly Speaker: Nimaben Acharya
- National Federation of India Women general secretary: Annie Raja
- World Economic Forum (WEF) Founder and Executive Chairman: Klaus Schwab;
- World Economic Forum (WEF) Headquarters: Coligny, canton of Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Economic Forum (WEF) was Established: 1971.
- Chief Justice of India: N. V. Ramana
- United Nations Population Fund Headquarters: New York, United States;
- United Nations Population Fund Head: Natalia Kanem;
- United Nations Population Fund Founded: 1969.
- Delhi Chief Minister: Arvind Kejriwal;
- Delhi Governor: Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- HDFC Securities CEO: Dhiraj Relli (May 2015-);
- HDFC Securities Headquarters: Mumbai;
- HDFC Securities Founded: 2000.
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations Founded: 1965;
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations President: Dr A Sakthivel;
- Federation of Indian Export Organisations Director General & CEO: Dr. Ajay Sahai.
- Hindustan Zinc Limited Chairman: Kiran Agarwal;
- Hindustan Zinc Limited Headquarters: Udaipur, Rajasthan.
- India Post Payments Bank Founded: September 1, 2018, under the Department of Posts, Ministry of Communication;
- India Post Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi;
- India Post Payments Bank MD & CEO: J Venkatramu;
- India Post Payments Bank Tag line: Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar.

