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The Most Important Current Affairs May 2022

IPL 2022 Final: Gujarat Titans won the title

The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ended with Gujarat Titans (GT) lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR) at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad on May 29. The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022, was the 15th edition of the professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Brief scores of Rajasthan Royals Vs Gujarat Titans Final Match:

- Rajasthan Royals: 130/9 in 20 overs (Jos Buttler 39; Rashid Khan 1/18, Hardik Pandya 3/17).
- Gujarat Titans: 133/3 in 18.1 overs (Hardik Pandya 34, Shubman Gill 45 not out).

Key points of IPL 2022 Final:

- IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony: It was a full house at the Narendra Modi Stadium as the attendance marked 1,04,859.
- BCCI president Sourav Ganguly and General Secretary Jay Shah then receive a certificate as IPL created a Guinness world record for the world's largest cricket jersey.
- AR Rahman, the Academy Award winner, was the star of the show at the IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony.
- Ranveer Singh's dance performance, which included the 'Vaathi Coming' from Master and 'Naatu Naatu' from RRR, was the perfect start of the electric evening of the IPL 2022 Closing Ceremony.

IPL 2022 Final: List Of All Prize Winners

- Aramco Purple Cap Winner Of The Season: Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)
- Aramco Orange Cap Winner Of The Season: Jos Buttler (863 Runs)
- Player Of The Match (Final): Hardik Pandya
- Upstox Most Valuable Player Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- Punch Super Striker Of The Match (Final): David Miller
- Dream11 Game Changer Of The Match (Final): Hardik Pandya
- Unacademy Let's Crack It Sixes Award (Final): Yashasvi Jaiswal
- CRED Powerplayer Of The Match (Final): Trent Boult
- Upstox Most Valuable Asset Of The Match (Final): Hardik Pandya
- SwiggyInstamart Fastest Delivery Of The Match (Final): Lockie Ferguson
- Rupay On The Go 4s Of The Match (Final): Jos Buttler

- IPL 2022 Emerging Player Of The Season: Umran Malik
- Unacademy Let's Crack It Sixes Award Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- Punch Super Striker Of The Season: Dinesh Karthik (SR – 183.33)
- Dream 11 Game Changer Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- PayTM Fairplay Award: Gujarat Titans & Rajasthan Royals
- CRED Powerplayer Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- SwiggyInstamart Fastest Delivery Of The Season: Lockie Ferguson (157.3 KMPH)
- Rupay On The Go 4s Of The Season: Jos Buttler
- Tata IPL Catch Of The Season: Evin Lewis

Cannes Film Festival 2022: Complete List Of Winners

The 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival came to a glittering close with the nine-member jury giving out the big awards at the prestigious festival. The awards were selected by a nine-member jury headed by French actor Vincent Lindon and presented in a closing ceremony inside Cannes' Grand Lumière Theater. The jury included an Indian face in actor Deepika Padukone. A separate section of two awards for documentary films was adjudged earlier on Saturday. Those awards were adjudged by a separate jury.

FULL LIST OF WINNERS AT 2022 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

- Palme d'Or:** Triangle of Sadness, directed by Ruben Östlund
- Grand Prix:** Stars at Noon, directed by Claire Denis and Close directed by Lukas Dhont
- Jury Prize:** Eo, directed by Jerzy Skolimowski and Le Otto Montagne, directed by Charlotte Vandermeersch and Felix van Groeningen
- Best Director:** Park Chan-wook for Decision to Leave
- Best Actor:** Song Kang-ho for Broker
- Best Actress:** Zar Amir Ebrahimi for Holy Spider
- Best Screenplay:** Tarik Saleh (Boy from Heaven)
- Camera d'Or:** Gina Gammell and Riley Keough for War Pony
- Jury Special Award:** Tori and Lokita
- L'Oeil d'Or:** All That Breathes
- Jury Special Award (documentary):** Mariupolis 2

Fortune 500 list: Elon Musk, world's richest man, was 2021's highest paid CEO

Elon Musk, the multi-billionaire **CEO of Tesla and SpaceX** highest-paid executive in the world. Musk has topped the Fortune's new list of the most highly compensated CEOs on the Fortune 500. In 2021, Musk "realized" compensation worth almost **USD 23.5 billion**, from exercising some Tesla stock options awarded in a 2018 multiyear "moonshot" grant. After Musk, the 10 most highly compensated Fortune 500 CEOs of 2021 are all tech and biotech CEOs, including the heads of Apple, Netflix, and Microsoft.

List of top 10 most highly compensated CEOs:

1. Elon Musk, Tesla: USD 23.5 Billion
2. Tim Cook, Apple: USD 770.5 Million
3. Jensen Huang, NVIDIA: USD 561 Million
4. Reed Hastings, Netflix: USD 453.5 Million
5. Leonard Schleifer, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals: USD 452.9 Million
6. Marc Benioff, Salesforce: USD 439.4 Million
7. Satya Nadella, Microsoft: USD 309.4 Million
8. Robert A. Kotick, Activision Blizzard: USD 296.7 Million
9. Hock E. Tan, Broadcom: USD 288 Million
10. Safra A. Catz, Oracle: USD 239.5 Million

RBI Monetary Policy: RBI hikes Repo Rate by 40 bps to 4.40 percent

In an unscheduled meeting of the **Monetary Policy Committee**, the central bank, however, retained the accommodative monetary policy. The sudden RBI move — the first hike after August 2018 — is expected to push up interest rates in the banking system. Equated monthly instalments (EMIs) on home, vehicle and other personal and corporate loans are likely to go up. Deposit rates, mainly fixed term rates, are also set to rise.

All six members of the MPC unanimously voted for a rate hike while maintaining the accommodative stance. RBI Governor **Shaktikanta Das** said the decision was taken in view of rising inflation, geopolitical tensions, high crude oil prices and shortage of commodities globally, which have impacted the Indian economy.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting held between May 2-4, 2022 has decided to increase the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by **40 basis points (bps) to 4.40 per cent** with immediate effect from 4.00% earlier. RBI has also hiked the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by **50 basis points to 4.50 per cent** effective from **May 21, 2022**.

Consequently, the various rates are as under:

- Policy Repo Rate: 4.40%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)= 4.15%
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 4.65%
- Bank Rate: 4.65%
- CRR: 4.50% (Effective from **May 21, 2022**)
- SLR: 18.00%

The Government Securities (G-Sec) market reacted negatively to the rate hike. The price of the 10-year benchmark G-Sec crashed about **Rs 1.90 intraday**, with its yield shooting up by **28 basis points**.

World Food Prize 2022 received by NASA's Cynthia Rosenzweig

A senior research scientist and head of the Climate Impacts Group at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in New York City, **Cynthia Rosenzweig** has received the **2022 World Food Prize** from the **World Food Prize Foundation**. Rosenzweig was selected for the award for her research to understand the relationship between climate and food systems and forecast how both will change in the future.

Her modelling work has provided a foundation for decision-makers around the world to create strategies to mitigate climate change and adapt our food systems to a changing planet, which has helped communities worldwide address the consequences of Earth's changing climate.

About the Cynthia Rosenzweig

- **Rosenzweig** has been a research scientist at NASA GISS and head of the Climate Impacts Group since **1994**. Her research focuses on improving models and assessments of how climate change will affect agriculture and the food supply in the future.
- She uses data from NASA satellites and models to study agricultural regions around the world and how they are changing.



- Rosenzweig has previously served as coordinating lead author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Working Group II Fourth Assessment Report in 2007 and the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land in 2019.

About the World Food Prize:

According to the World Food Prize Foundation, the World Food Prize is a prestigious international award conceived as the “**Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture**” with a mission to elevate innovations and inspire action to sustainably increase the quality, quantity and availability of food for all.

Reward(s): A diploma, a commemorative sculpture and a monetary award of **US\$ 250,000**.

World Press Freedom Index 2022: India ranked 150th

Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released the **20th World Press Freedom Index 2022**, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories. The Index highlights the disastrous effects of news and information chaos – the effects of a globalised and unregulated online information space that encourages fake news and propaganda.

Key points of the Index:

- India's ranking** in the Index has fallen down to **150th position** from last year's 142nd rank.
- The ranking of India's neighbours, except that of Nepal, has also slid down, with the index placing **Nepal** has climbed up by 30 points in the global ranking at **76th position**.
- Pakistan at 157th position, Sri Lanka 146th, Bangladesh 162nd and Myanmar at 176th position.**
- Norway (1st) Denmark (2nd), Sweden (3rd) Estonia (4th) and Finland (5th)** grabbed the top positions, while **North Korea** remained at the bottom of the list of the 180 countries and territories.
- Russia was placed at 155th position, down from 150th last year, while China climbed up by two positions with the Reporters Without Borders placing it at 175th position. Last year, China was placed at 177th position.
- The invasion of Ukraine (106th) by Russia (155th)** at the end of February reflects this process, as the physical conflict was preceded by a propaganda war.

Pulitzer Prizes 2022 Announced: Complete List of Winners

The **106th class of Pulitzer Prize winners** in Journalism, Books, Drama and Music were announced. The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine, online journalism, literature and musical composition within the **United States**. It was established in **1917** by provisions in the will of **Joseph Pulitzer**, who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher, and is administered by Columbia University.

Here's the full list of winners in journalism and their awards:

Public Service

- The Washington Post** for its account of the assault on Washington on January 6, 2021.

Breaking News Reporting

- The staff of the Miami Herald** for its coverage of the collapse of the Seaside apartment towers in Florida.

Investigative Reporting

- Corey G. Johnson, Rebecca Woolington and Eli Murray** of the **Tampa Bay Times** for an expose of highly toxic hazards inside Florida's only battery recycling plant that forced the implementation of safety measures to adequately protect workers and nearby residents.

Explanatory Reporting

- Staff of Quanta Magazine**, notably **Natalie Wolchover**, for reporting on how the Webb Space Telescope works.

Local Reporting

- Madison Hopkins** of the Better Government Association and **Cecilia Reyes** of the Chicago Tribune for an examination of Chicago's long history of failed building and fire safety code enforcement.

National Reporting

- The staff of **The New York Times** for a project that quantified a disturbing pattern of fatal traffic stops by police.

International Reporting

- The staff of **The New York Times** for reporting that exposed the vast civilian tolls of US-led airstrikes, challenging official accounts of American military engagements in Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan.

Feature Writing

- Jennifer Senior of The Atlantic** for a portrayal of a family's reckoning of loss in the 20 years since 9/11.

Commentary

- **Melinda Henneberger** of the **Kansas City Star** for persuasive columns demanding justice for alleged victims of a retired police detective accused of being a sexual predator.

Criticism

- **Salamishah Tillet**, contributing critic at large for **The New York Times**, for writing about Black stories in art and popular culture.

Editorial Writing

- **Lisa Falkenberg, Michael Lindenberger, Joe Holley and Luis Carrasco** of the Houston Chronicle for a campaign that, with original reporting, revealed voter suppression tactics, rejected the myth of widespread voter fraud and argued for sensible voting reforms.

Illustrated Reporting and Commentary

- **Fahmida Azim, Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey** of Insider for a comic on an Uyghur internment camp.

Breaking News Photography

- **Marcus Yam** of the **Los Angeles Times** for raw and urgent images of the US departure from Afghanistan.
- **Win McNamee, Drew Angerer, Spencer Platt, Samuel Corum and Jon Cherry** of Getty Images for comprehensive and consistently riveting photos of the attack on the US capitol.

Feature Photography

- **Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo, Amit Dave and the late Danish Siddiqui** of Reuters for images of Covid's toll in India.

Audio Reporting

- **Staffs of Futuro Media and PRX** for "Suave" — an immersive profile of a man re-entering society after more than 30 years in prison.

Here's the list for books, drama and music:

Fiction

- **The Netanyahus: An Account of a Minor and Ultimately Even Negligible Episode in the History of a Very Famous Family**, by Joshua Cohen.

Drama

- **Fat Ham**, by James Ijames

History

- **Covered with Night**, by Nicole Eustace and **Cuba: An American History**, by Ada Ferrer

Biography

- **Chasing Me to My Grave: An Artist's Memoir of the Jim Crow South**, by the late Winfred Rembert as told to Erin I. Kelly

Poetry

- **frank: sonnets**, by Diane Seuss

General Nonfiction

- **Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City**, by Andrea Elliott

Music

- **Voiceless Mass**, by Raven Chacon

Special Awards and Citations

The Journalists of Ukraine: The Pulitzer Board awards a special citation to the journalists of Ukraine for their courage, endurance, and commitment to truthful reporting during Vladimir Putin's ruthless invasion of their country and his propaganda war in Russia. Despite the bombardment, abductions, occupation, and even deaths in their ranks, they have persisted in their effort to provide an accurate picture of a terrible reality, doing honour to Ukraine and to journalists around the world.

Lionel Messi topped Forbes' highest-paid athletes list for 2022

Lionel Messi has topped the list of Forbes Highest-Paid Athletes 2022 with a reported income of **\$130 million**, followed by Basketball player, **Lebron James** with **\$121.2 million** while **Cristiano Ronaldo** was third with **\$115 million**. Messi had moved from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain in August 2021 and Cristiano Ronaldo rejoined Manchester United from Juventus in the same month. Forbes calculates the estimates based on prize money, salaries and bonuses, and sponsorship deals.

The top 10 highest earners, collectively brought in \$992 million in pre-tax gross earnings over the last year.

1. Lionel Messi: \$130 million
2. LeBron James: \$121.2 million
3. Cristiano Ronaldo: \$115 million
4. Neymar: \$95 million
5. Stephen Curry: \$92.8 million
6. Kevin Durant: \$92.1 million
7. Roger Federer: \$90.7 million
8. Canelo Alvarez: \$90 million
9. Tom Brady: \$83.9 million
10. Giannis Antetokounmpo: \$80.9 million

Italian Open 2022: Check the complete list of winners

World No.1 Serbia's **Novak Djokovic** has defeated **Stefanos Tsitsipas** to win the 79th edition of the Italian Open (Internazionali BNL d'Italia) in Rome and to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown. Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins after defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals. In women's singles, **Iga Świątek** has won the Italian Open title after defeating **Ons Jabeur**.

Here is the list of winners and runner-ups of the Italian Open finals:

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's singles	Iga Świątek (Poland)	Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)
Men's doubles	Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić (Croatia)	John Isner (United States) & Diego Schwartzman (Argentina)
Women's doubles	Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (Russia)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) & Giuliana Olmos (Mexico)

Highlights of the 2021 Summer Deaflympics

The **24th edition of 2021 Summer Deaflympics** i.e. **Caxias 2021**, officially called the XXIV Summer Deaflympic Games, was an international multi-sport event held at Festa da Uva, **Caxias do Sul, Brazil**. The **International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD)** is the main governing body responsible for the organisation of the Deaflympics and other World Deaf Championships.

This is the first time the Games are being held in a Latin American country and not during the summer of the host city (as it is autumn in May in the south of Brazil) and the third time for the Games to be held in the Southern Hemisphere only after 1989 games held in Christchurch in New Zealand and 2005 games in Melbourne, Australia. The event was opened by Michelle Bolsonaro, the First Lady of Brazil.

The motto of the 2021 Deaflympics

The Motto of the event is **"Sports comes from the our hearts"**

Mascot

The mascot of the Deaflympics is the Ring-tailed Coati – Nino, meaning priceless, worthy of appreciation, cheerful, happy, very lucky, and auspicious.

Events and Participation

A total number of 226 events across 18 sports were held with a participation of 2,349 athletes representing 71 nations.

Total Medal Tally:

Rank	Country	Total
1	Ukraine	138 (Gold- 62, Silver- 38, Bronze- 38)
2	USA	55 (Gold- 20, Silver- 11, Bronze- 24)
3	Iran	40 (Gold- 14, Silver- 12, Bronze-14)
9	India	17 (Gold- 8, Silver- 1, Bronze- 8)

Medals Won by India:

Athlete	Event	Medal
Dhanush Srikanth	Men's 10m air rifle	Gold
Abhinav Deshwal	Men's 10m air pistol	Gold
Dhanush Srikanth & Priyasha Deshmukh	Mixed team 10m air rifle	Gold
Badminton Team	Mixed team badminton	Gold
Jerlin Jayaratchagan	Women's singles badminton	Gold
Diksha Dagar	Women's golf	Gold
Jerlin Jayaratchagan & Abhinav Sharma	Mixed doubles badminton	Gold
Sumit Dahiya	Men's freestyle 97kg	Gold
Prithvi Sekhar & Dhananjay Dubey	Men's doubles tennis	Silver
Shourya Saini	Men's 10m air rifle	Bronze
Vedika Sharma Women's	10m air pistol	Bronze
Abhinav Sharma	Men's singles badminton	Bronze
Prithvi Sekhar	Men's singles tennis	Bronze
Prithvi Sekhar & Jafreen Shaik	Mixed doubles tennis	Bronze
Virender Singh	Men's freestyle 74kg	Bronze
Amit Krishan	Men's freestyle 86kg	Bronze

Music Academy announced Sangita Kalanidhi awards 2020-22

Renowned vocalist and guru, **Neyveli R Santanagopalan**, eminent mridangam artiste and guru, **‘Tiruvallur’ 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 **Nikhat 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

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- ICICI Bank** has launched India's first 'open-for-all' comprehensive digital ecosystem for all **Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** in the country, which can also be used by the customers of other banks. Anyone can use the benefits of digital solutions on the **InstaBIZ app**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** changed the **rules for banks** to claim the **amount of interest subsidies** paid to **farmers** under the **short-term crop credit plan** via the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)** during the previous fiscal year.
- Union Bank of India** became the first public sector bank to go live on the **Account Aggregator (AA) ecosystem**. The framework facilitates sharing of financial information on a real-time basis between regulated entities. AAs are licensed by the **Reserve Bank of India** to enable the flow of data between Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs).

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** in its latest report said India was one of the **worst-hit nations during the Covid-19 pandemic** and that it will take up to **13 years for India** to fully recover from the scars of the Covid-19 pandemic. India suffered among the biggest pandemic induced losses in the world in terms of output, lives and livelihoods, which may take years to recover. Economic activity has barely recovered to pre-COVID levels even after two years.
- The public sector bank, The **Indian Bank** has presented a pre-approved personal loan product under **Project WAVE**. The Chennai-based bank announced the **World of Advance Virtual Experience, WAVE digital transformation project** in January 2022 to introduce its first digital product, the **Pre-Approved Personal Loan (PAPL)**, which intends to give consumers with **rapid loan disbursements**.
- The **Reserve Bank of India's Central Board of Directors met for the 595th time**. The meeting was held through video conferencing under the **chairmanship of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**, according to the RBI. The Board approved the appointment of **Executive Director Dr. Rajiv Ranjan to the Monetary Policy Committee** as an ex-officio member. **Ranjan replaced Mridul Saggargar**, who retired on April 30. **Ranjan is the MPC's third (ex-officio) internal member**.
- Canara Bank** has launched 'skill loans' in association with the **Additional Skill Acquisition Programme (ASAP)**, **Kerala**, the government company under the Higher Education Department. Under this facility, the loan is ranging from **Rs 5,000 to Rs 1.5 lakh**. This loan can be availed of by students who are pursuing skill training programmes which are offered by ASAP Kerala or any other Central or State government-recognised agencies.
- Indian Bank**, a public sector bank, has introduced its digital broking solution – '**E- Broking**', as a strategic move toward comprehensive digitalisation of its customer products. E-Broking, an instant and paperless demat & trading account opening service, is now available through the bank's mobile banking app, **IndoASIS**. The product was introduced in collaboration with Fisdcom, the bank's financial technology partner.
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has given its nod to **Equitas Small Finance Bank** and its parent company **Equitas Holdings Ltd's** merger plan, subject to certain restrictions. The **RBI's** no objection comes with strings attached. The merger is being carried out to comply with RBI small finance bank regulations, which require the promoter to cut his or her stake in the subsidiary to 40% within five years of the SFB's start-up (Small Finance Bank).

- **HDFC Bank**, a private sector lender, has introduced **30-minute 'Xpress Car Loans'**, an end-to-end digital new car loan solution for both existing and non-customers. The bank has integrated its lending application with automobile dealers throughout India. It is the industry's first automotive lending experience, and it is expected to change the way automobile financing is done in India.
- **ICICI Bank**, one of India's largest private sector banks, established a partnership with **Santander Bank** in the United Kingdom, aimed at making banking easier for businesses operating in both countries. The **ICICI** and **Santander UK Plc** signed a MoU in **Mumbai** to build a framework of partnership between the banks to satisfy the financial service needs of corporate clients operating along the India-UK corridor.
- **The Union Bank of India (UBI)** has launched an online platform, **'Trade nxt'**, which enables corporate, and **MSMEs (Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises)** to transact all cross-border export-import transactions from the comfort of their place, i.e. eliminates the need for companies to visit a bank branch for the same.
- **Reserve Bank of India** has imposed a penalty of **Rs 59 lakh** on the Korean bank, **KEB Hana Bank** for non-compliance with the certain norms related to 'interest rate on deposits. The Korean bank has been penalised for non-compliance with the directions issued by RBI on "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016".
- **PNB MetLife India Insurance Company** has launched **India's first dental health insurance plan**. This is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health. This launch reinforces PNB MetLife leadership in the industry with this one-of-a-kind, standalone, the dental health insurance plan that covers major dental procedures without the hassles of hospitalisation.
- **The Reserve Bank of India** has said that public sector banks reported over a **51 per cent fall** in the amount involved in frauds to **Rs 40,295.25 crore** during the financial year **2021-22 (FY22)**. As many as 12 PSBs (Public Sector Banks) had reported frauds worth **Rs 81,921.54 crore** in the preceding fiscal 2020-21, the central bank said in response to an application under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.
- **IDBI Bank** has entered into a share purchase agreement with **Ageas Insurance International**, wherein the bank is looking to sell its remaining stake of **25 per cent** in private sector life insurer Ageas Federal Life Insurance for **Rs 580 crore**, making Ageas one of the few foreign insurers to raise its stake in its Indian insurance joint venture to 74 per cent, after the government raised the FDI cap in the insurance sector.
- **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.
- **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.

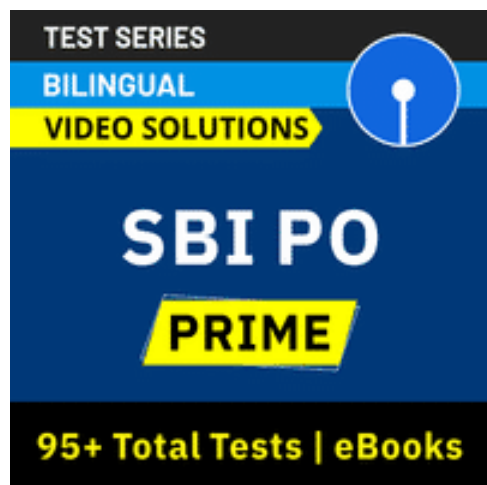
- **HDFC Bank**, India's largest private sector bank, announced the launch of a new range of co-branded credit cards with **Retailio**, aimed largely at chemists and pharmacies in the merchant market. **Retailio** is the largest B2B pharma marketplace in the country. It is a useful app that is having 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.
- 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**.
- **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).

Economy Current Affairs

- **Goods and services tax (GST)** collections hit an all-time high of **Rs 1.68 lakh crore** in April, indicating strong economic activity despite multiple headwinds and better tax compliance. The April number is up **20% from the year-earlier** and **Rs 25,000 crore** more than the previous highest of **Rs 1.42 lakh crore** in March this year.
- The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** increased insurers' maximum investment limit in **banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI)** companies from **25% to 30% of their assets**. The threshold for **financial and insurance actions** will now be **30 percent of investment assets** for all insurers, according to the most recent modifications to **IRDAI's investment Regulations, 2016**. This will include investments in home finance companies and infrastructure finance companies.
- **Adani Wilmar Limited** became the largest **Fast Moving Consumer Goods Company (FMCG)** in India beating **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)**, after the announcement of its Quarter Four results for the financial year 2022 (Q4FY2022). **AWL** has reported total operating revenue of **Rs 54,214 crore** in the Financial Year 2022 whereas **HUL** reported a revenue of **Rs 51,468 crore** in the Financial Year (FY) 2021-22.

- **L&T Infotech and Mindtree**, the two independently listed IT services companies under Larsen & Toubro Group announced a merger that would create **India's fifth-largest** IT services provider. The combined entity will be known as "**LTIMindtree**".
- At its facilities in **Prantij, Gujarat**, Nexcharge, a joint venture between India's **Exide Industries Limited** and Switzerland's **Leclanché SA**, has started mass production of lithium-ion battery packs. The plant, which covers six lakh square feet and has a 1.5 GWh installed capacity, comprises six totally automated assembly lines and testing facilities.
- **Reliance Industries** become the first Indian company to record annual revenue of more than a whopping **\$100 billion**. The company has recorded a **22.5% rise** in net profit for the quarter ended **March 2022**. Reliance has recorded strong growth in retail, digital services, and the oil & gas business. The company has also reported the highest-ever quarterly **EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation)** of Rs 33,968 crores (28% up) year-on-year.
- On the final day of bidding, the insurance behemoth **Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) IPO**, the country's largest ever, witnessed 2.95 times greater demand than the shares on sale, generating bids totalling Rs 43,933 crore.
- According to the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, India's flagship digital payments platform, has recorded **5.58 billion(bn)** transactions worth **Rs 9.83 trillion in April 2022**. This is the highest ever number of transactions recorded by UPI. The monthly UPI recorded a **3.33 %** increase in transaction volume from 5.4 billion transactions worth **Rs 9.6 trillion in March 2022**.
- **The central government** has released **Rs 7,183.42 crore** as a revenue deficit grant to **14 states** including **Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Punjab, Assam and Kerala**. The Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance released the money. This is the 2nd monthly instalment of **Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD)** grant to states. The grant has been released as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.
- **India's retail inflation** surged to **7.79 per cent in April**, largely driven by rising fuel and food prices, government data showed. The consumer price-based inflation figure stayed well above the **Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) upper tolerance limit** for the fourth consecutive month. In April, the CPI inflation expanded at its highest pace in **eight years**. The previous high was recorded at **8.33 per cent in May 2014**. April's print was higher than 6.95 per cent in March and 4.23 per cent a year ago.
- **Morgan Stanley** downgraded India's growth forecast to **7.6% from 7.9% for FY2023** amid a slowdown in global growth, higher commodity prices and risk aversion in global capital markets. This 7.6% forecast is a baseline forecast for India while its bearish and bullish growth projections are 6.7% and 8%, respectively.
- According to the **World Bank**, **India** has surpassed **Mexico** as the top remittance receiving country in 2021, pushing **China** to third place. In 2021, India received **remittances** totaling more than \$89 billion, an increase of 8% above the \$82.73 billion received in 2020. Despite the fact that the world was significantly hit by Covid in 2020, remittances were somewhat higher than the \$82.69 billion in the non-Covid year of 2019.
- **S&P Global Ratings** cut India's growth projection for the current fiscal to **7.3 per cent** from **7.8 per cent earlier** on rising inflation and the longer-than-expected Russia-Ukraine conflict. S&P had in December last year pegged India's GDP growth in 2022-23 fiscal, which began on April 1, 2022, at 7.8 per cent. For the next fiscal the growth has been pegged at **6.5 per cent**.
- **India's wholesale inflation** soared to a three-decade high in April as high commodity prices and supply-chain disruptions pushed up input costs for producers. The annual rate of inflation was **15.08% (Provisional) for the month of April 2022 (Y-o-Y)** as compared to **10.74% in April 2021**. The rate of inflation based on the WPI Food Index increased marginally from **8.71% in March 2022 to 8.88% in April 2022**.
- **The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)** in its '**World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) Mid-year Update 2022**' report has declined India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth projections from **6.7% to 6.4% for 2022-23**. For 2023-24, 6% GDP growth is forecasted for India as against 6.1%. In 2021, India's economy grew at 8.8%. The growth outlook for South Asia is also downgraded by 0.4 percentage points to 5.5% in 2022.
- The central government announced that **India** has recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of **\$83.57 billion** during FY22. In 2020-21, the inflow stood at **\$81.97 billion**. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector. FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by **76 per cent in 2021-22 (\$21.34 billion) compared to 2020-21 (\$12.09 billion)**.

- 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.
- **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.
- **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**.
- 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.



- **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.

Business Current Affairs

- **HDFC Life** has joined the **UN-backed Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)**, demonstrating its commitment to long-term value creation and sustainable growth. **HDFC Life** is dedicated to the **Responsible Investment principles (RI)**. The Group feels that it is its moral duty as an **active asset manager** for **policyholders** who have entrusted their funds to **HDFC Life** to deliver maximum risk adjusted returns in the long run.
- India got its **100th unicorn** when **neobanking fintech portal, "Open"**, raised fresh capital to push up its value to over a billion dollars. The five-year-old Bengaluru-based neobank raised **\$50 Mn** in Series D funding round from IIFL, Singaporean state holding company Temasek, American investment firm Tiger Global and another Indian firm 3one4 Capital. This helped its valuation cross the **\$1 bn mark**.
- **Bharti Airtel**, India's second-largest telecom operator, announced that the **Airtel Startup Accelerator Program** has acquired a **7% investment** in cloud-based networking solutions firm **Cnergee Technologies**. **Cnergee**, situated in **Navi Mumbai**, specialises in **cloud-based comprehensive networking solutions** for enterprises of all kinds.
- **Jeff Bezos**, who established Amazon exactly 27 years ago on July 5, 1994, has stepped down as **CEO**, and **Andy Jassy**, a longtime **AWS executive**, has taken over as the company's new **CEO**. **Jassy** is currently identified as **President and CEO of Amazon.com**, as well as a member of the **Board of Directors**, on the **Amazon** investor relations website.
- **India's payments system** has been bolstered by the fact that it registered the highest number of **real-time transactions** in the world last year, with **48 billion**. **India surpassed China**, which had 18 billion real-time transactions, and was **6.5 times larger than the United States**, **Canada**, the **United Kingdom**, **France**, and **Germany** combined.

- Oil giant **Saudi Aramco** has dethroned **Apple Inc.** to become the **world's most valuable company**, underscoring the recent surge in oil prices that have boosted the energy giant this year. Aramco traded near its highest level on record, with a market capitalization of about **\$2.43 trillion**, surpassing that of Apple for the first time since 2020. The iPhone maker fell 5.2% to close at \$146.50 per share, giving it a valuation of **\$2.37 trillion**.
- **Bharti AXA Life Insurance**, a joint venture between **Bharti Enterprises**, one of India's largest business groups, and **AXA**, one of the world's largest insurance companies, announced the launch of its financial literacy campaign, '**InspiHER**'— enabling an empowered future, a special effort to propagate financial awareness among women as well as allow people to make good investment decisions for a stable future.
- **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** shares made a lacklustre start on the stock exchanges, trading at a discount to the initial public offering price. The shares of the insurance behemoth began trading on the **BSE and NSE at Rs 872 per share**, down 8.11 percent from the **IPO price of Rs 949 per share**. The stocks fell despite the fact that the Sensex and Nifty were in the green. The **Rs 21,000-crore public issuance by LIC** is the largest **Dalal Street** has ever seen. Earlier this month, the issue had a robust response from all investor groups over a large six-day subscription window, rather than the regular three-day window.
- **Adani Group** which belongs to **Gautam Adani** is set to acquire swiss multinational company **Holcim's stake** in Indian companies **Ambuja Cements** and its subsidiary **ACC for \$10.5 bn (around Rs 81,361 crore)**, including the open offers. The value for the Holcim stake and open offer consideration makes this the largest ever acquisition by Adani and India's largest-ever **Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) transaction** in the infrastructure and materials space. "Our move into the cement business is yet another validation of our belief in our nation's growth story
- **Ruchi Soya**, an edible oil company, has announced that it will buy Patanjali Ayurved's food division for Rs 690 crore. Ruchi Soya's transition to the **fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG)** category is likely to be accelerated as a result of this. After regulatory permissions, the name of Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd would be changed to **Patanjali Foods Ltd**. Ghee, honey, spices, juices, and wheat are among the 21 products in the acquired food industry.
- **Tesla Inc** has been excluded from **S&P Dow Jones Indices'** widely watched S&P 500 ESG Index, citing issues such as racial discrimination accusations and crashes tied to its autopilot vehicles, a move that provoked a series of angry tweets from Tesla CEO **Elon Musk**. Tesla's lack of disclosed details relating to its low-carbon plan or business behaviour norms were also significant factors, according to **Margaret Dorn**, the organization's head of **ESG** indices for North America, in an interview.
- **Adani Group's Adani Sportsline** has acquired the rights to own and operate a franchise in **UAE's T20 League**. Licensed by Emirates Cricket Board, the UAE T20 League will be the first major move overseas by the Adani Sportsline aiming to connect and engage with global fans from across the cricketing nations.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- With the launch of a **UN-Energy Plan of Action Towards 2025**, the UN took a major step towards **catalyzing the large-scale action and support needed for the transition to clean, affordable energy for all and net-zero emissions** against the backdrop of a global energy crisis and **worsening climate emergency**.
- **Rodrigo Chaves, Costa Rica's new president**, was sworn in, promising to tackle corruption and rebuild the country's economy. Last month, he won a four-year term in a runoff against former **President Jose Maria Figueres**, who was also stained by a corruption investigation.
- The Sri Lankan **president Gotabaya Rajapaksa** has declared a **state of emergency**. This is the second time that the president has declared an emergency in a month. The strikes and protests are increasing day by day because of the increasing economic crisis in Sri Lanka.
- **John Lee Ka-Chiu** has been confirmed as **Hong Kong's next chief executive**. He will replace **Carrie Lam**. He will be the first security official to hold the **Chief Executive position of Hong Kong** which witnessed years of political unrest and recent debilitating pandemic controls.
- **Yoon Suk-yeol** was sworn in as **South Korean president** in a huge ceremony at Seoul's National Assembly, taking office at a time of high tensions with nuclear-armed **North Korea**. The ceremony was attended by over 40,000 people, including officials from **the US and China**.
- **World's Largest Glass Bottom Bridge** was opened in **Vietnam**. It is called as **Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge**, which is **632m (2,073ft) long** and located **150m (492ft)** above a huge jungle. As per the reports, the Asian country has opened a glass-bottomed bridge suspended above a lush jungle. It surpasses a **526m Glass Bottom Bridge in Guangdong, China**.
- Another virus, **Monkeypox**, has made an appearance in the **United Kingdom**. The patient has a recent travel history from **Nigeria**, where they are suspected to have contracted the infection, before travelling to the UK, according to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), which confirmed the case.
- **The Rock**, the world's largest white diamond, was auctioned for 18.6 million Swiss francs (\$18.8 million), significantly less than the previous record for such a gem. **Christie's** auction house in **Geneva** sold the 228.31-carat stone, which was larger than a golf ball. **The Rock** had high aspirations of breaking the global record for a **white diamond**, which stands at \$33.7 million for a 163.41-carat rock sold in the Swiss city in 2017.

International Current Affairs

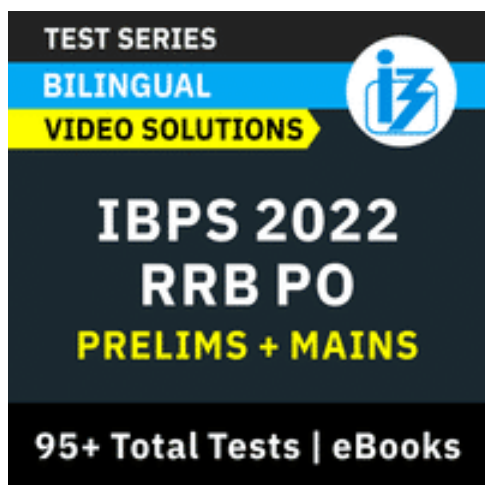
- **North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)** exercise, **Defender Europe 2022 (DE22)** and **Swift Response 2022 (SR22)** began on May 01, 2022, aimed at building preparedness and interoperability between Allies and partners of the United States (US) and NATO. The exercises are scheduled from May 01 to May 27, 2022.
- **The inauguration of a statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, the first in North America, in Canada was praised by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** as "a benchmark for relations between the two countries." The bronze monument was unveiled at a ceremony at the **Sanatan Mandir Cultural Centre in Markham, Ontario**. It is a wonderful opportunity to recognise the **longstanding and dynamic relationship that exists between India and Canada**, as well as the significant contributions to the Indo-Canadian community – **numbering over 1.4 million**.
- The **State of the World's Forests 2022** explores the significance of three forest pathways for achieving **green recovery and addressing environmental crises such as climate change and biodiversity loss**, against the backdrop of the **Glasgow Leaders' Declaration on Forests and Land Use** and 140 countries' pledge to **end forest loss by 2030** and **support restoration** and sustainable production and consumption.

- **South Korea** became the first Asian country join in **North Atlantic Treaty Organization Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence**. South Korea's National Intelligence Service (NIS) is joined as a contributing participant in the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.
- **Shri Bhagwant Khuba**, Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy, has arrived in **Munich, Germany** for **Intersolar Europe 2022**. In Munich, the Indian Union Minister will deliver a keynote talk at the investment promotion event **India's Solar Energy Market**. The **Indo-German Energy Forum (IGEF)** is organising the event.
- **Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Junior**, a son of late Philippine dictator **Ferdinand Marcos** claims the victory in the **2022 Presidential Election of the Philippines** with more than 30.8 million votes. A win would return the Marcos dynasty to power. Hundreds gathered to protest the results of the election.
- Following Russia's suspension due to allegations of horrendous rights violations by **Russian military** in **Ukraine**, the **United Nations General Assembly** unanimously opted for the **Czech Republic** to replace it on the world organization's primary **human rights council**.
- The Supreme Council of the Union elected **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, Ruler of Abu Dhabi, as **President of the UAE**. The Council held a meeting at the Mushrif Palace in Abu Dhabi, headed by Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai. He has replaced **Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan**, who died at the age of 73.
- **Indian Government** has prohibited wheat exports, claiming a threat to food security, partially owing to the conflict in **Ukraine** and as a blistering heatwave reduced supply and pushed local prices to new highs. Despite not being one of the world's top wheat exporters, India's prohibition might drive global prices to new highs, putting a strain on impoverished customers in **Asia and Africa**. The prohibition would not last indefinitely and might be changed, authorities said during a press briefing.
- The world's largest suspension bridge has opened to travellers in the **Czech Republic**. The bridge, which had been under construction for nearly two years, was officially opened. **Sky Bridge 721** is the name given to it. The promenade promises both beautiful views of the cloud-shrouded **Jesenky** mountains and an exhilarating, but slightly dangerous experience.
- Somali legislators have elected former leader **Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** as the country's next president, following a long-overdue election in the troubled **Horn of Africa nation**. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, who served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017, won the contest in the capital, Mogadishu, amid a security lockdown imposed by authorities to prevent deadly rebel attacks. He defeated **Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed** (also known as Farmajo).
- **Elisabeth Borne** was appointed **France's new Prime Minister** to become the second woman to hold the post in the country. She has served as Labor Minister in Macron's previous government since 2020. Borne is the second woman to hold the position after Edith Cresson, who was Prime Minister from 1991-to 1992 under Socialist President Francois Mitterrand.
- The future of **SAARC** seems bleak, with Sri Lanka, Pakistan, and Nepal in economic limbo, and Afghanistan under Islamist Taliban control. This leaves **India** with little choice but to engage in bilateral engagement with its neighbours in order to protect its national security. Ironically, the Taliban in Afghanistan are currently embroiled in a simmering war with their tutor, the Pakistan Army, which refuses to recognise the Durand Line, which splits the Pashtun tribe between the two countries.
- After receiving criticism for its restrictions on wheat exports, **India** accused the West of neglecting principles of justice, affordability, and accessibility in the case of anti-Covid-19 vaccinations, and asked them not to do so again in the case of food grains. Secretary General of the United Nations **Antonio Guterres** was present at the meeting, which was held at the UN headquarters. The United States and the other G-7 nations chastised New Delhi after it barred wheat exports without previous government approval.
- **National Geographic Society** has installed the "world's highest weather station" on **Mount Everest** at an altitude of **8,830 metres** to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena. **Nepal's Department of Hydrology and Meteorology (DHM)** said the automatic weather station was installed a few metres below the summit point last week as the snow and ice on the summit are not suitable for fixing equipment.
- 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 (GReAT)**. 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.

National Current Affairs

- **Sarbananda Sonowal**, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, announced that the **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** would develop and build **India's first indigenous hydrogen-fueled electric vessels** at **Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)**, kicking off the country's efforts toward **green shipping**.
- **Home Minister, Amit Shah** inaugurates the **National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID)** campus in **Bengaluru**. According to **Home Minister Amit Shah**, the **Narendra Modi government** has had a **zero-tolerance** attitude toward **terrorism** since the beginning. According to him, **legal and security authorities** require **automated, secure, and quick access to data** gathered from **credible sources**.
- Union Minister for **Information and Broadcasting**, **Anurag Thakur** has announced that India will be the official Country of Honour at the upcoming Marche' Du Film, organized alongside the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, in France. The Country of Honour Status thereby ensured India's presence as Focus Country at the Opening Night of Marche Du Films being organized at the Majestic Beach with a spotlight on India, its cinema, its culture & heritage.



- The **Supreme Court of India** formed a high-level committee, headed by retired Bombay High Court Judge **Pradeep Nandrajog**, for recovery of money from the defaulters against whom the **National Spot Exchange (NSEL)** has secured money decrees. NSEL has already secured decrees and arbitration awards of **Rs 3,534 crores** against the defaulters. Further, defaulters' liabilities of **Rs 760 crores** have already been crystallised by the committee appointed by the Bombay High Court.
- Information and Broadcasting Minister, **Anurag Thakur** said that an amount of **Rs 363 crore** has been allotted for the **world's largest film restoration project** under the **National Film Heritage Mission**. The mission was launched in 2016 with an outlay of 597 crore rupees. It aims at preserving, restoring and digitizing the cinematic heritage. The Minister informed that the process of restoring over **5900 short films, documentaries and features** is underway.
- A three-day **Utkarsh Mahotsav** is being organized by **Central Sanskrit University in New Delhi**. The objective behind organising the Utkarsh Mahotsav is to promote the Sanskrit language across the country and beyond. They will leave no stone unturned to promote the Sanskrit language across the country and abroad. The main theme of this Mahotsav is '**Global Orientation of Sanskrit Studies in the New Educational Era**'. Vice-Chancellors of 17 Sanskrit Universities, Scholars and a large number of students participated in the event.
- **The Lokpal of India** will finally move into a swanky office at **World Trade Centre** in south Delhi's Nauroji Nagar, four years after being appointed as the country's first anti-corruption ombudsman to investigate complaints against public functionaries, including the Prime Minister, and almost a decade after the Act was passed by Parliament. According to the **Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)**, the administrative **Ministry for the Lokpal**, the office, which spans two storeys and covers 59,504 square feet, was purchased for **Rs 254.88 crore**.
- Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker, **Om Birla** has launched the one-of-its-kind literary initiative **Kalam website** of the **Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF)** to support and encourage vernacular literature. The aim of Kalam is to popularize Hindi literature and provide a platform for veteran and young authors and poets to talk about their writings and love for vernacular literature.
- The **Ministry of MSME** has created a Centre for Experimentation, Innovation, and Design for the **Khadi Village and Industries Commission (KVIC)** with the goal of empowering Khadi Institutions across the country. The Center's mission is to create clothing, home goods, and fashion accessories that appeal to individuals of all ages. The goal of the **Khadi Centre of Excellence (CoEK)** is to make Khadi a worldwide, classic, and value-driven brand.
- **India** has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the **Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA)** for 2022-2024 at the meeting of the Executive Board and General Assembly in Manila, Philippines. Commission on Elections, Manila was the current chair of AAEA. The new member of the Executive Board now includes **Russia, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Taiwan and the Philippines**.
- With the excavation of a 5000-year-old jewellery-making factory, the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**, which has been working in **Rakhi Garhi, Haryana**, for the past 32 years, has produced one of its most significant findings yet. **Rakhi Garhi** is a village in Haryana's Hisar district and one of the oldest **Indus Valley Civilisation** archaeological sites.
- **RailTel**, a micro Ratna PSU, launched the **Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI)** scheme on Monday, providing access to its Public WiFi services across 100 train stations in 22 states. **PM-WANI** is a **Department of Telecom (DoT)** initiative to connect all silo Wi-Fi networks for simplicity of use and to increase broadband adoption among the general public.
- President of India, **Ram Nath Kovind** conferred **13 Shaurya Chakras** which included six posthumous to the personnel of the Indian Armed forces for their conspicuous courage displayed during operations. Army Chief General **Manoj Pande** was conferred with the **Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM)** for his distinguished service of exceptional order at a defence investiture ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- **The government of India** has contributed **USD 800,000** to the **United Nations (UN)** as part of the initiative which aims to enhance public outreach of the organisation in **Hindi**. R Ravindra, India's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations, handed over a cheque for the '**Hindi @ UN**' project to Mita Hosali, Deputy Director and Officer-In-Charge (News and Media Division), UN Department of Global Communications (DGC).

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** launched the **Madhya Pradesh "Startup Policy and Implementation Plan - 2022"** via **video conferencing** and also address the startup community during the **Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave held in Indore**.
- Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the **National Cyber Forensic Laboratory' (NCFL)** on the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in Hyderabad. The NCFL plans to expedite the resolution of cybercrime cases in the country. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) approved the establishment of the NCFL for evidentiary purposes in the CFSL, Hyderabad, in December 2021.
- The **National Data & Analytics Platform (NDAP)** was launched by **NITI Aayog** for free public use. By making data accessible, interoperable, interactive, and available on a user-friendly platform, the platform intends to democratise access to public government data.
- Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** has announced that **Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan** has been notified as **Rajasthan's 4th** and the **52nd tiger reserve of India**. It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area. **The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** had given in-principle approval to make Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining areas as tiger reserves on July 5 last year.
- Union Cabinet Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated **the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Centre Leh**, Extension Centre Kargil and IT Enabled Incubation Centre for Handicraft and Handloom Sector.
- The Supreme Court used **Article 142** of the Constitution to grant **AG Perarivalan**, a convict in the assassination of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi**, extraordinary powers to "do complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it." Perarivalan was released free by a bench of justices led by **L.N. Rao** and **B.R. Gavai**, who took into account his lengthy incarceration.
- **The Union Government** has announced the formation of the **Cotton Council of India** under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man **Suresh Bhai Kotak**. The Council will have representation from Textiles, Agriculture, Commerce, and Finance Ministries along with Cotton Corporation of India and Cotton Research Institute. Mr Goyal also appealed to the spinning and trading community to ensure a hassle-free supply of cotton and yarn first to the domestic industry.
- 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 '**Lavendar 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.



- 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.

States Current Affairs

- **Maharashtra and Gujarat** celebrated their statehood day on **1st May 2022**. On May 1st, 1960, the bilingual state of Bombay was divided into two separate states by the Bombay Reorganisation Act, 1960: Maharashtra for Marathi speaking people and Gujarat for Gujarati speaking people. Gujarat was established as the 15th state of the Indian Union.
- **Maharashtra Cabinet** approved the '**Maharashtra Gene Bank**', a first-of-its-kind project in India. To conserve genetic resources in Maharashtra including marine diversity, seeds of local crops, and animal diversity. In the next five years, an amount of **Rs 172.39 crores** will be spent on these seven focus areas.
- Bihar's Chief Minister **Nitish Kumar** has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in **Purnia district, Bihar**. The plant has been set up by Eastern India Biofuels Private Limited at a cost of **Rs 105 crores**. Bihar came up with an ethanol production promotion policy in the first half of 2021. It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.
- Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, **Bhupesh Baghel** has launched '**Mukhyamantri Mitaaan Yojana**' (Mitaaan stands for a friend), which will be implemented on a pilot basis in 14 municipal corporations including the cities like **Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur and Rajnandgaon in Chhattisgarh**. Under the Scheme, the residents of Chhattisgarh can avail around 100 public services at their doorstep.
- According to **Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker**, **Rajasthan** became the first state in India to reach 10 GW of cumulative **large-scale solar installations**. The state has a total installed power capacity of **32.5 GW**, with renewables accounting for 55 percent, thermal energy for 43 percent, and **nuclear energy** accounting for the remaining 2%. Solar is the most common energy source, accounting for roughly **36 percent of total capacity and 64 percent of renewables**.

- At Dr. Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS), a multi-industry-supported **Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub)** has been launched. While inaugurating the hub, **Jayesh Ranjan**, Principal Secretary of the **Industries and Commerce (I&C)** and **Information Technology (IT)**, said that this is the first of its kind in our country and an enabler for the **pharma business in India**.
- **Odisha** is planning to create **India's only observatory**, which will house data on the **state's indigenous population's health**. The **ST and SC Development Department** and the **RMRC**, a regional institution of the **Indian Council of Medical Research**, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard.
- A loan scheme named **Jivhala** has been launched by the **Maharashtra Department of Prisons** for the inmates who are serving sentences in various jails across **Maharashtra**. The scheme, implemented by the **Department of Prisons and Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank**, has been started in **Pune's Yerawada Central Jail**. Bank and prison officials believe the credit scheme could be the first of its kind in India for inmates who are still serving their sentences.
- **Telangana State Government** has announced the extension of insurance coverage to **handloom and power loom weavers** under the '**Nethanna Bima**' (**Weaver's Insurance**) **Scheme**. The State Government has issued orders to extend insurance coverage of **5 lakh rupees** for weavers under the Insurance Scheme on par with farmers' insurance schemes.
- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched a **Vehicle Movement Tracking System (VMTS) mobile app** to track the vehicles carrying sand and other mining material. The app will be used at different checkpoints in all the districts of Haryana.
- **Uttar Pradesh government** will provide free wi-fi facilities at more than **58 thousand places** in the villages of the state. This internet facility will be available for the people within **50 meters of the Gram Sachivalaya (village secretariat)** building which is being built in every Gram Panchayat of the state.
- The **government of Kerala** is set to launch an **Android App 'Shaili'**, aimed at diagnosing and controlling lifestyle diseases among the people in the state of Kerala. The app has been set up as part of the population-based screening project launched by the Health Department under the **Nava Kerala Karma plan**.
- The **Haryana State Government** launches the '**e-Adhigam**' scheme under which nearly **3 lakh students will be receiving tablet computers** to aid their online education. The state government has planned to provide the gadget to five lakh students. Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** launched the Advance Digital Haryana Initiative of Government with Adaptive Modules (**Adigham**) scheme at Maharishi Dayanand University in Rohtak, Haryana.
- In **Manipur**, the **Poumai tribe** has declared that Poumai inhabited areas will be a **Drug-Free Zone** supporting the **State government's War on Drug campaign**. A huge delegation of the Poumai tribe by MLA and leaders of the students union and civil organization met Chief Minister N. Biren Singh today at Imphal and conveyed the resolution of the Drug-Free Zone in Poumai inhabited areas of the State.
- A three-member **Delimitation Commission** redrawing the electoral map of **Jammu and Kashmir** allotted 47 Assembly seats for **Kashmir** division and 43 for **Jammu** in its final decision submitted barely a day before its two-year term was to end. After the panel, led by retired Supreme Court judge **Ranjana Prakash Desai**, approved the final verdict, giving Jammu six additional seats and Kashmir one more, a gazette notification was released. Jammu had 37 Assembly constituencies and Kashmir had 46 before the restructure, which increased the overall number of Assembly seats in the Union Territory to 90.
- In **Ayodhya**, a significant crossing will be developed and named for legendary vocalist **Bharat Ratna late Lata Mangeshkar**. The **Ayodhya** administration has been instructed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to pick a significant crossing in the temple town and submit a proposal to the state government in the next **15 days** to rename it after **Lata Mangeshkar**.
- **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched the second phase of the **Ladli Laxmi scheme (Ladli Laxmi scheme-2.0)**. The scheme is an innovative initiative to encourage girl children to pursue higher education and make them self-dependent. The scheme is being implemented by the government of Madhya Pradesh since 2007 to enhance the economic and educational status of the girls.
- In a few parts of **Kerala**, a new virus known as **tomato flu** has been detected after the covid-19 pandemic. Almost 80 children in **Kollam city** of Kerala have been diagnosed with tomato flu and it is spreading rapidly. All the cases that are confirmed have been diagnosed in **children below 5 years**. They have been admitted to the local government hospitals. The number of children admitted to the private hospitals is not yet been included in the tally it may be higher than 80 cases.

- **Haryana** Agriculture Minister, **Jai Parkash Dalal** launched the '**Chaara - Bijae Yojana**', a scheme launched to provide financial assistance of **Rs 10,000 per acre (Upto 10 acres)** to farmers cultivating and supplying fodder to **Gaushalas (Cowsheds)**. The rationale behind the scheme is to address the State's fodder shortage and rising stray cattle. The Subsidy will be directly credited to the farmer's account under **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.
- Chhattisgarh has become the first state in the country to restore the old pension scheme in order to provide assured income to retired employees. The state issued Gazette notification to switch back to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) from National Pension Scheme (NPS) will be effective from April 1, 2022.
- Rajya Sabha MP and BJP state president **Manik Saha** is all set to take over as the **new Chief Minister of Tripura**. Manik Saha, the BJP State unit president and lone Rajya Sabha MP from Tripura, was elected as legislature party leader at a meeting held at the Chief Minister's official residence. The decision was taken at a legislature party meeting following the resignation of **CM Biplab Kumar Deb**.
- **World Bank** has approved **USD 350 million** as financial aid for the **Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) project**. The SRESTHA-G project will be worth USD 500 million, with the World Bank contributing USD 350 million. The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.
- The Punjab Cabinet has authorised a Rs 1,500 per acre incentive for farmers who grow paddy using the direct seeding of rice technology. A total of Rs 450 crore has been set aside to provide incentives to farmers who promote the **DSR (Direct Seeding of Rice)** technique, which uses less water and is more cost-effective. The incentive scheme was approved by the Cabinet in a meeting headed by chief minister **Bhagwant Mann**.
- **The Kerala government** will launch a state-owned **over-the-top (OTT) platform** on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice. Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform. Kerala Minister for Cultural Affairs Saji Cheriyan revealed the name of the OTT platform as **CSPACE**.
- Chief Minister of Punjab, **Bhagwant Mann** heard the grievances of the people of the state and issued redressal directions in '**Lok Milni**', a first-of-its-kind public interaction programme. This interactive programme was launched with the aim of providing a single-window platform to the people of the state for the redressal of the complaints that they have. The people of the state who had submitted various grievances and complaints with the state government in the previous two months were called to attend this programme.
- 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**.
- 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.
- 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)**.
- **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**. The UCC is referred to a common set of laws governing personal matters such as **marriage, divorce, adoption, inheritance and succession for all citizens, irrespective of religion**.
- 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.

Schemes/Committees

- The **Delhi cabinet** has approved the "**Delhi Startup Policy**" with an aim to create an ecosystem for people to launch startups and provide them with fiscal and non-fiscal incentives, collateral-free loans, and free consultancy from experts, lawyers, and CA. The 20 members task force will be set up to oversee the startup policy. This committee will be headed by Delhi's Finance Minister. To encourage, facilitate, and support **15,000 startups by 2030**.
- **Delhi govt** will provide free sewer connections under the "**Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana**". 25,000 households located in East Delhi will be provided with free sewer connections under the 'Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojana.' The free sewer connections will be provided by the Delhi government in 12 colonies in Mustafabad and Karawal Nagar.
- **Tamil Nadu** chief minister, **MK Stalin** has announced that all government primary school students from 1st to 5th standards will be provided nutritious breakfast on all working days. **Tamil Nadu is set to become the first state** to offer breakfast along with midday meals. This includes the launch of integrated urban health centres within the Corporation and Municipal limits.
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a committee for advising on **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)** related matters in the securities market. The committee will be chaired by **Navneet Munot**, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of **HDFC Mutual Fund**.
- The **AIM-PRIME Playbook** was launched at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center in **New Delhi**. The **AIM-PRIME** programme, a national project of the Atal Innovation Mission, **NITI Aayog**, is being executed by Venture Center, **Pune**, with support from the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** and the Office of Principal Scientific Advisor. Following the launch, the dignitaries attended a startup display where they engaged with selected cohort start-ups and incubators.
- The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, has extended the **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)** scheme for another six months, till **September 2022**, in order to show care and compassion towards the underprivileged and vulnerable parts of society (Phase VI).

- In Chennai, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs **Ajay Kumar Mishra** announced the New Repatriate Welfare Scheme, a Repco Bank deposit scheme, a **Repco Micro Finance Ltd. (RFML)** micro finance lending scheme, and an application. E. Santhanam, Chairman of Repco Bank, Managing Director **R.S. Isabella**, and the Board of Directors were in attendance.
- The **Department of Telecommunications** has launched the **GatiShakti Sanchar portal**, which would streamline the application and approval procedure for right of way (RoW) across the country. According to Telecom Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw**, the platform would help achieve the goal of Ease of doing business for telecoms infrastructure projects, which is in line with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- The **Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM)** has recommended that the government implement a guaranteed employment programme for the unemployed in cities and implement a **universal basic income (UBI)** scheme to eliminate income gaps. Citing the country's uneven income distribution, the report also advocated raising the minimum wage and increasing government investment on the social sector to make vulnerable groups more resilient to shocks and prevent them from falling into poverty.
- Plumbex India Exhibition ceremony of was started by Honourable Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, **Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri**. He also announced the **Bharat Tap project**, a campaign to produce low-flow fixtures and sanitaryware to help India enter a new era of water conservation and sustainable development. **Plumbex India** is a three-day event that will take place in the Pragati Maidan in New Delhi and is the country's largest solo exhibition on plumbing, water, and sanitation products.
- 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**.

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **Qualcomm India Private Limited**, a subsidiary of **Qualcomm Inc.**, proposes to launch and run the **Qualcomm Semiconductor Mentorship Program 2022** for selected semiconductor startups in India, with the goal of providing **mentorship, technical training, and industry outreach**. **Qualcomm India** has established a partnership with the **C-DAC**, an autonomous scientific society within the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology of the Government of India**, which will serve as an outreach partner for the programme and help participating **entrepreneurs** gain exposure.
- The **Ministry of Railways** and the **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to form a strong collaborative working partnership for coordination and resource sharing in the provision of **telecommunication facilities** in the delivery and implementation of **C-Telecom DOT's Solutions and services in railways**.
- Union Minister for Power, New and Renewable Energy, **R.K Singh** and German Minister for Economic Affairs and Climate Change **Dr Robert Habeck** virtually signed a **Joint Declaration** of Intent on an **Indo-German Hydrogen Task Force**. India has emerged as a global leader in the energy transition, with the world's highest pace of expansion in renewable energy capacity.
- Air Works, an Indian maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) company, is partnering with the **Boeing Company** to conduct heavy maintenance checks on three **Indian Navy P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft** at Air Works, Hosur, demonstrating the success of the government's **Atmanirbhar Bharat** (self-reliant India) campaign.
- **Prasar Bharati**, India's national broadcaster, has signed an MoU with Madagascar's official **ORTM (Office de la Radio et de la Television)** for broadcasting cooperation and collaboration. Indian Ambassador **Abhay Kumar** and ORTM Director **General Jean Yves** signed a Memorandum of Understanding. The MoU intends to exchange programmes, investigate co-production of programmes, and exchange persons.

- The **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW)**, the Government of India, and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) under which UNDP will provide technical assistance to the Centre's ambitious **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)** and Kisan Credit Card – Modified Interest Subvention Scheme.
- **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** recently partnered with the **Indian School of Business (ISB)** to conduct capacity-building programs for MSDE officials. A total of 120 officers (30 per batch) across divisions under MSDE would be undergoing a comprehensive five-day-long residential training across ISB Hyderabad and Mohali campuses.
- Eight MoUs were signed at the first **Incredible India International Cruise Conference** in Mumbai. Strategies for developing India as a cruise hub, policy initiatives and port infrastructure, the potential of river cruise tourism, and the role of technology in the post-pandemic world were some of the key issues deliberated at the event.
- **NSE Academy Ltd (NAL)**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the **National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE)** has signed an agreement with **HDFC Asset Management Company Ltd (HDFC AMC)** to launch a first-of-its-kind programme, 'Invest-verse: An Introduction to the World of Investing'. The programme will be offered to college students across India.
- **Government eMarketplace [GeM]**, **CSC e-Governance Services India Ltd. (CSC-SPV)**, and the Department of Posts inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the advocacy, outreach, mobilization, and capacity-building of last-mile Govt buyers, sellers and service providers in public procurement.
- **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)**, the premier R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Government of India and Vodafone Idea Limited, one of the major telecom operators of India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the occasion of "World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (May 17)".
- Ministry of Heavy Industries has signed an MoU with **National Research Development Corporation** for undertaking various activities for smooth implementation of the Scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector. The vision of this MoU is to make India a global hub for the manufacturing of capital goods.
- **RBL Bank, Amazon Pay and Amazon Web Services (AWS)** have announced a collaboration to offer **UPI payments**. The Bank has partnered with Amazon Pay to offer peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions. With this integration Amazon Pay will issue NPCI's allocated UPI ID with the handle @rapl, to RBL Bank.
- 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.

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** took charge as **India's new Foreign Secretary**. A 1988-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Mr Kwatra succeeded **Harsh Vardhan Shringla** who retired from service. Mr Kwatra was serving as India's envoy to Nepal before assuming the charge of the Foreign Secretary.
- The Indian Army's Director General of Military Operations, Lieutenant General **Baggavalli Somashekar Raju** has been appointed as the **Vice Chief of the Army Staff** from May 1.
- **Andy Jassy** will officially become the **CEO of Amazon** on July 5th, the company announced at a shareholder meeting. Amazon announced that Jassy, who is the current CEO of Amazon Web Services (AWS), would replace **Jeff Bezos** as CEO of the entire company in February.
- **JioSaavn** has named **Sahas Malhotra**, a former **Amazon Music** director and **entertainment industry expert**, as its new **CEO**. Previously, **Sahas Malhotra** worked for **Sony Music India** and **Tips Industries**. **Sahas Malhotra** was the business leader at **Tips Music** and the **marketing director** for **Tips Film Production** at **Tips Industries**.

- **Sangeeta Singh**, a 1986 batch Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been given **additional charge of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)**, after incumbent **JB Mohapatra** retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body on April 30. Currently, the board has four members including Sangeeta Singh.
- Former petroleum secretary **Tarun Kapoor** has been appointed as an **advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi**, according to a government order issued. Kapoor, a 1987-batch IAS officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, superannuated as the secretary of the ministry of petroleum and natural gas on November 30, 2021.
- Indian-Origin, **Nand Mulchandani** has been appointed as the first-ever **Chief Technology Officer (CTO)** of the **Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)**, the first line of defence for the **United States**. Prior to this, he served as the CTO and acting director of the Joint Artificial Intelligence Centre under the US Department of Defence. He served as the CEO of multiple successful startups like Oblix (acquired by Oracle), Determina, OpenDNS, and ScaleXtreme.
- IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, **Arvind Krishna** has been elected to the **Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York**. He will fill the vacancy in the office for the remaining portion of a three-year term ending December 31, 2023.
- **InterGlobe Aviation** announced that **Venkataramani Sumantran** has been named chairperson of the **IndiGo board**. Sumantran is a corporate leader, technocrat, and academician with a 37-year career spanning the **United States, Europe, and Asia**. Sumantran is the managing director and chairperson of **Celeris Technologies**, a strategic advising firm. At **IndiGo**, he will succeed **Meleveetil Damodaran**.
- **Sudarshan Venu** has been appointed as the new **Managing Director of the TVS Motor Company**. He is the son of Venu Srinivasan, who has now become the Chairman Emeritus. Prior to this, Sudarshan was the Joint Managing Director of the company. TVS has also announced the appointment of Prof. Sir **Ralf Speth** as the Chairman of the company.
- **The Union government of India** has notified the appointment of Justice **Sudhanshu Dhulia**, the chief justice of Gauhati High Court, and Justice **Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala**, a judge of the Gujarat High Court, as judges of the Supreme Court. The Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India **NV Ramana** had recommended their names for appointment on May 5.
- **Pushp Kumar Joshi**, who recently took over as the interim chairman and managing director of **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL)**, has been appointed to the Board of the nation's third-largest oil refining and fuel marketing company. Joshi is also holding the additional charge of Director-Marketing of HPCL. Prior to this Dr Joshi was Director-HR of the Corporation from August 01, 2012.
- **Alkesh Kumar Sharma**, a senior IAS officer, has been named Secretary of the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)**. He was previously the Cabinet Secretariat's secretary (Coordination). **Alkesh Kumar Sharma** previously served as Kerala's additional chief secretary for industries from May 2020 to April 2021. Sharma served as the Managing Director of Kochi Metro Rail and the CEO of the Cochin Smart City Mission from September 2019 until April 2021.
- **MACN is made up of over 165 member companies** that combined represent 50% of global tonnage. **Captain Rajesh Unni, Founder and CEO of Synergy Group**, one of the world's leading ship managers and one of India's major marine firms, says that while the shipping sector is becoming more open, more can and should be done to combat corruption. The shipping industry has to pull out all the stops against corruption after being elected Vice-Chair of the **Denmark-based Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN)**.
- Election Commissioner **Rajiv Kumar** was appointed as the next **chief election commissioner**. He will assume charge on **May 15** after incumbent **Sushil Chandra** demits office on May 14, a notification issued by the Law Ministry.
- Actress **Deepika Padukone** has become the first-ever Indian brand ambassador of luxury brand **Louis Vuitton**. The news was announced by the French brand. The brand unveiled the role of a 36-year-old Bollywood actress during their new handbag campaign. It saw Padukone joining in actors **Emma Stone** and **Zhou Dongyu** for promotional shots.

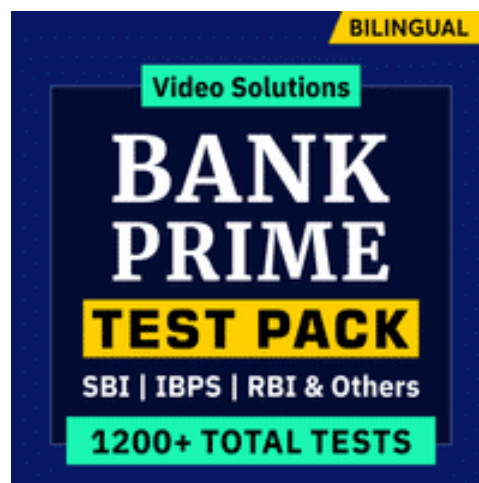


- Chairman of Bajaj Finserv Limited, **Sanjiv Bajaj** has assumed the office of **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) President** for the year 2022-23 after replacing the **CEO of Tata Steel**, TV Narendran. The newly constituted National Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at a meeting elected its new office-bearers for the year 2022-23.
- REC Limited**, (formerly **Rural Electrification Corporation Limited**) a Navratna company under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Power**, announced it has named **Ravinder Singh Dhillon** as **Chairman and Managing Director of the company**, with effect from May 10, 2022. He is serving as the CMD of Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC).
- Senior IAS officer, **Nidhi Chibber** has been appointed as the chairperson of the **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** in a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre.
- Vivek Kumar Dewangen**, a Manipur cadre 1993 batch IAS officer, has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director of **REC Ltd., Ministry of Power**. In a top-level bureaucratic upheaval, the Centre has nominated senior IAS officer **Nidhi Chibber** as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- Rajiv Ranjan** and **Sitikantha Pattanaik** have been named executive directors by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. **Rajiv Ranjan** was Adviser-in-Charge of the Monetary Policy Department and **Secretary to the Monetary Policy Committee** before being appointed to executive director. **Pattanaik** was an adviser at the **Department of Economic and Policy Research** before being appointed to ED.
- S.N. Subrahmanyam**, the current deputy managing director and president of **Larsen and Toubro Ltd (L&T)**, has been named managing director and chief executive officer, marking the first change of guard at the top of India's largest engineering and construction corporation in 18 years. **S.N. Subramanyam** will replace **A.M. Naik** as the CEO of the company.
- Sunil Arora**, the former chief election commissioner, has been named as the new non-executive chairman of **Gram Unnati's** board. Arora is a retired civil servant (IAS) with over 36 years of experience. He has worked as the secretary of two important ministries, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.
- Eicher Motors has appointed **B Govindarajan** as the **Chief Executive Officer of Royal Enfield**. He will also serve as the **Wholtime Director of the Board of Eicher Motors Limited**. Since 2021 August, Govindarajan had been serving the company as the executive director, prior to which he was associated as the chief operating officer since 2013.
- The chief of Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), **Dr Kamal Bawa** has been elected to the **US National Academy of Sciences**. The election is the reaffirmation of our important work on the ecology, conservation, and management of tropical forests that are declining all over the world but are critical to humanity's well-being. He is also an elected fellow of the **Royal Society (London)** and the **American Philosophical Society**.
- Leading stock exchange **BSE Limited** announced that it has approved the appointment of **SS Mundra**, Public Interest Director as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company. Mundra will replace **Justice Vikramajit Sen** who is the current chairman. Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018. He retired as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India on 30th July 2017.
- Bharti Airtel board** has reappointed **Gopal Vittal** as **Managing Director & CEO** for a further period of five years ending on January 31, 2028. The reappointment came on a day the telco posted a consolidated net profit at **Rs 2,007.8 crore** in the March quarter, up 141% sequentially and 164% on the year. Analysts had an estimated net profit of around **Rs 1,970 crore**. This was Airtel's sixth successive quarter in the black after six straight losses earlier.
- The Board of Directors of **InterGlobe Aviation Limited (Indigo)** appointed **Pieter Elbers** as **Chief Executive Officer**. He will join IndiGo on or before **1 Oct 2022**. He succeeds **Ronojoy Dutta** who has decided to retire on 30 September 2022. Elbers has served as the President and CEO of KLM Royal Dutch since 2014 and is also a member of the Executive Committee of the Air France-KLM Group.
- 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.
- **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.
- 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. At present, there are six members in the Lokpal. President Ram Nath Kovind had on March 23, 2019, administered the oath of office to justice Ghose as the Lokpal chairperson.

Ranks and Reports

- **The Times Higher Education (THE)** has released the **2022 edition of its Impact Rankings**. 8 Universities from India are placed in the top 300 universities in the world. The ranking is topped by **Western Sydney University (Australia)**; followed by **Arizona State University (The US)**, **Western University (Canada)**. India is the joint fourth most-represented nation across the rankings, with 64 universities featuring in total (the same number as Turkey). In South Asia, India breaks through into the world's top 50, with Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham claiming 41st place in the overall table. Lovely Professional University makes the top 100 at joint 74th place in the overall table. **Calcutta University** has been ranked first among all the central and state-aided public universities in the country by Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2022.
- According to the data released by crypto analytics firm **Chainalysis**, investors around the world realized total Crypto gains of **\$162.7 billion in 2021**, compared to **\$32.5 billion in 2020**. This is 2nd consecutive data by Chainalysis. Ethereum is the most noteworthy gainer among the crypto assets. The report highlights that **Ethereum edged** out Bitcoin in total realized gains globally at **\$76.3 billion to \$74.7 billion**. However, **India ranked lowly at 21st** with realized gains of around \$1.85 billion while it is topped by the **United States** with an estimated realized Crypto gain of \$49.95 billion.
- **The National Statistical Office (NSO)** data has revealed that the unemployment rate for people above 15 years in urban areas slipped from **10.3% to 8.7% between October and December 2021**. Joblessness or unemployment rate (UR) is defined as the percentage of unemployed persons in the labour force. The work Population Ratio in urban areas for persons of age 15 years and above stood at **43.2% in October-December 2021**, up from 42.4% in the same period a year ago. It was **42.3% in July-September 2021**.



- 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.
- Billionaire **Mukesh Ambani's** Reliance Industries Ltd climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide 2022. Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm on the list, followed by **State Bank of India** at No. 105, **HDFC Bank** at No. 153 and **ICICI Bank** at No. 204. **Berkshire Hathaway** took the No. 1 spot for the first time since Forbes started publishing the Global 2000 in 2003, dethroning the **Industrial and Commercial Bank of China**, which dropped to No. 2 after nine consecutive years at the top of the list. **Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco)** took the 3 Spot.
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- 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.
- 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**.
- 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)**.

Sports Current Affairs

- In Asia Badminton Championships, India's **P.V. Sindhu** won her second Asian bronze medal after a heartbreaking three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion **Akane Yamaguchi** of Japan in the semifinal in Manila. She had won her first bronze in the Asia Badminton Championships 2014 Gimcheon edition.
- Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4** in the penalty shootout to win the **75th Santosh Trophy 2022** at the Manjeri Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala. The teams were level 1-1 after extra time in a pulsating encounter in which plenty of chances were created at both ends with the finishing being astray.
- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has announced that a stadium will be built in Olympic gold-medallist **Neeraj Chopra's** native village in Panipat. A stadium would be built in Neeraj Chopra's village for Rs 10 crore. Last year, Chopra became the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Olympic track and field.
- Real Madrid** clinched a record-extending **35th Spanish league** title after its reserve squad comfortably defeated **Espanyol 4-0**. **Rodrygo** scored twice and **Marco Asensio** and substitute **Karim Benzema** added a goal each to give Madrid its second league title in three seasons, and third in six years.
- JAIN (Deemed-to-be University)** with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals has won the 2nd edition of the **Khelo India University Games 2021**. **Lovely Professional University (LPU)** with 17 golds has placed second and **Punjab University** placed third with 15 gold medals. **Siva Sridhar** has emerged as the star swimmer by winning 11 gold. The closing ceremony of KIUG was held at Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru. Veera was the mascot of KIUG 2021.
- Ronnie O'Sullivan (England)** has won the **2022 World Snooker Championship** by defeating **Judd Trump (England)** against 18-13 in the finals, which were held from April 16 to May 2, 2022 at the **Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, England**. The tournament was organised by the World Snooker Tour and sponsored by sports betting company Betfred. The Total prize money is 2,395,000 Euros and the Winner gets a share of 500,000 Euros.
- Harshada Sharad Garud** made history by being the first Indian woman to win a **gold medal** at the **IWF Junior World Championships in Heraklion, Greece**. She won the **45-kilogram weight category** with a total of **153 kilograms lifted, including 70 kilograms in Snatch and 83 kilograms in Clean and Jerk**.
- Olympian discus thrower **Kamalpreet Kaur** has been provisionally suspended by **Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU)** for testing positive for a banned substance. Kamalpreet, who was tested on March 29, was suspended for the presence/use of the prohibited substance **stanazolol** in her sample, a breach of the **World Athletics anti-doping rules**. Kaur had made it to the Tokyo Olympics final, finishing sixth with a throw of **63.7m**.
- Shooter **Dhanush Srikanth** has won gold and **Shourya Saini** has won the bronze in the men's 10m air rifle competition in the **24th Deaflympics** at Caxias do Sul, **Brazil**.
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has banned journalist **Boria Majumdar** for two years after an internal inquiry found him guilty of an attempt to **"threaten and intimidate"** wicketkeeper **Wriddhiman Saha**.
- The **Asian Games 2022**, due to be held in Hangzhou, China in September, has been **postponed to 2023** due to rising **COVID-19 cases** in the country, the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA)** announced. The OCA also announced that the third edition of the Asian Youth Games, scheduled to be held in Shantou in December, have been cancelled. The World University Games 2021, to be held from June 26 to July 27 in Chengdu this year, have also been pushed to 2023.
- Indian Grandmaster **D Gukesh** has emerged as champion in the **1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament in Punta Prima**. It was a hat-trick of titles for him after he had previously won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open in recent weeks.
- F1 world champion **Max Verstappen** has won the inaugural **Miami Grand Prix** for Red Bull after defeating the Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc. **Leclerc (Ferrari)** finished second and Spanish teammate **Carlos Sainz (Ferrari)** placed third in the Miami Grand Prix 2022. The victory cut Leclerc's lead over Verstappen to 19 points in the championship, while the Monegasque's Ferrari teammate Carlos Sainz completed the podium.
- Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)** has clinched the men's singles **Madrid Open title 2022** after beating the defending champion **Alexander Zverev (Germany)**. Alcaraz has also defeated Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic (world No.1) to reach the final. It is his second Masters 1000 crown after Miami 2022 and his fourth title of the year. **Ons Jabeur (Tunisia)** has clinched the women's singles title to become the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event.

- **Abhinav Deshwal** has won the second gold medal for India in shooting at the ongoing **24th Deaflympics** in **Caxias do Sul, Brazil**. He was tied with silver winning **Ukrainian Oleksii Lazebnyk** before winning gold in a shoot-off. India has four medals in the shooting competition at the 24th Deaflympics.
- **India's Avinash Sable** broke a 30-year-old record of **Bahadur Prasad in 5000m**, setting a new national record with a timing of **13:25.65** at the Sound Running Track meet in San Juan Capistrano, USA. The 27-year-old from Maharashtra broke the old record of **13:29.70 set by Bahadur Prasad in 1992**.
- Union Sports Minister **Anurag Thakur** has launched the mascot '**Dhakad**' along with the **official logo and official jersey** of the **Fourth Khelo India Youth Games** at Panchkula and lauded the effort of **Haryana** to host the games. The competition is being organized by the Sports Authority of India and the state government of Haryana. In this edition of the Khelo India Youth Games, over 8,500 athletes will be participating.
- The **12th edition of the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships** was kick-started in **Istanbul, Turkey**. In this event, more than 400 boxers from a record 93 countries are set to take part in this year's event, which also marks the 20th anniversary of the prestigious event.
- **Indian archers** wrapped up a highly successful **Asia Cup 2022 Stage-2 campaign** in **Sulaymaniyah, Iraq** with a total of 14 medals – eight golds, four silvers and two bronze.
- Indian pistol pairs **Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary** clinched the mixed team pistol gold at the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup** in Suhl, Germany. Esha and Saurabh came through after topping a 38-field qualification round of 60 shots with scores of **578 and 575 respectively**.
- **Inter Milan** defeated **Juventus** 4-2 after extra time in the **Italian Cup final**. Ivan Perisic scored twice in extra time after Hakan Çalhanoğlu had converted a controversial late penalty.
- After a thrilling final at the Impact Arena in Bangkok, Thailand, **Korea** stunned defending champions **China** to capture their second **Uber Cup** title. **Korea** fought back from behind twice to deny **China** a record-extending 16th title in the famous team tournament in a tie that lasted close to 90 minutes apiece.
- **Quinton de Kock** and **KL Rahul** of the Lucknow Super Giants put up the best first-wicket stand in the Indian Premier League's history. This is the first time in the IPL where a team batted first and finished 20 overs with an unbroken opening partnership. **Quinton de Kock** blasted an unbeaten 140 off 70 balls against Kolkata Knight Riders, while **KL Rahul** slammed 68 not out to create a new IPL record with their 210-run stand in 20 overs.
- **Nikhat Zareen** gave a dazzling performance to beat **Thai Olympian Jutamas Jitpong 5-0** and become the fifth Indian woman to win a World title at the **Women's World Championships, Istanbul**. Nikhat thus becomes only the fifth Indian women's boxer after **Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC** to win a gold at the World Championships. The 25-year-old Zareen is a former junior youth world champion.
- **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**.
- **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.



- 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.

Summits And Conferences

- The **Semicon India Conference-2022** will be inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. **Bengaluru** will host this three-day conference. According to a **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** statement, the three-day conference is being held to advance **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's** objective of making India a leader in **electronics manufacturing, semiconductor design, production, and innovation**.
- Union Minister for MSME **Narayan Rane** and Minister of State for MSME **Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma** along with other State Ministers and senior officials inaugurated the '**Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022**' being organised under the "**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**" at **Coimbatore**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** addressed the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation's '**JITO Connect 2022**'. Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO) is a global organisation connecting Jains worldwide. JITO Connect is an endeavour to help business and industry by providing an avenue for mutual networking and personal interactions.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** used video conferencing to address the **Utkarsh Samaroh** in **Bharuch, Gujarat**. The event commemorates the district's 100 percent saturation of four main state government initiatives that will help give prompt financial support to individuals in need. **Shri Bhupendrabhai Patel**, Gujarat's Chief Minister, was among those in attendance.
- The **15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP15)** of the **United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)** is being held from 9th May to 20th May 2022. COP 15 is taking place in **Abidjan, a city in Cote d'Ivoire**. Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** represented India at COP 15 summit. Theme of COP 15: Life. Legacy: From scarcity to prosperity.

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has participated in the **Second Global COVID-19 Virtual Summit** on the invitation of the **President of the USA, Joseph R. Biden**. The summit was **co-hosted by the United States, Belize, Germany, Indonesia, and Senegal**. **Theme of the summit:** Preventing Pandemic Fatigue and Prioritizing Preparedness.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** called for a reform of the UN health authority and a review of its vaccine approval processes a week after the government challenged the WHO's numbers for mortality during the Covid outbreak. **Mr. Modi** also called for the World Trade Organization to be more flexible on the issue of patent waivers, where a joint India-South Africa proposal made in 2020 has yet to be adopted, speaking at the second global Covid summit, which was virtually addressed by US President **Joseph Biden** and a number of other leaders including from the African Union, European Union, Canada, Germany, South Africa, Japan, and South Korea.
- The Indian team, led by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change **Shri Bhupender Yadav**, arrived in **Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire**, for the **UN Convention on Combating Desertification's 15th Conference of Parties (UNCCD COP15)**. The fourteenth session of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification was held in New Delhi, and India is the current president of the organisation.
- **Shri Piyush Goyal**, Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles, presided over the **National Startup Advisory Council's (NSAC) 4th** meeting in New Delhi. The Minister told the audience that the government would continue to promote the development of the **startup** ecosystem. He praised **NSAC** members' efforts and encouraged them to concentrate on tier 2 and tier 3 locations, where VC financing is scarce.
- Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs and India's Governor for the New Development Bank (NDB), **Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the **7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB** through video conference in New Delhi. The meeting was also attended by Governors/Alternate Governors of Brazil, China, Russia, South Africa and the newly joined members Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- **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.

Awards & Recognition

- **Doordarshan** has won **ENBA Award 2021** for the best in-depth Hindi series for its TV series based on pet care '**Best Friend Forever**' at the **14th edition** of the **Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA)**. The show is aired every Sunday at 7 pm and is also available on the YouTube channel of DD National.
- **Guruswamy Krishnamoorthy**, CEO of Penlon, a world-class British medical technology firm, is likely to receive **The Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (Civil Division) Award 2022 - Honorary Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)** recognition from the Queen at Buckingham Palace, London, UK.
- **The fifth Romain Rolland Book Prize - Romain Rolland Book Prize 2022** has been awarded to the **Bengali translation** of the French novel "**Meursault, contre-enquête**" (**The Meursault Investigation**). The award ceremony was organized by the French Institute in India. Meursault, contre-enquête is the debut novel of Algerian writer and journalist Kamel Daoud.
- West Bengal Chief Minister, **Mamata Banerjee** received the **Bangla Academy Award** for her "**relentless literary pursuit**". The award, introduced this year by Sahitya Academy, was presented to Banerjee for her book "**Kabita Bitan**", which pays tribute to the best writers of West Bengal. Mamata Banerjee's 'Kabita Bitan' was launched at the **2020 Kolkata Book Fair**. The book contains 946 poems written by the TMC supremo.
- Indian Architect **Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi** was bestowed with the prestigious **Royal Gold Medal 2022**. Royal Gold Medal, one of the world's highest honours for architecture, by the **Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), London, United Kingdom (UK)**. The Royal Gold Medal is approved personally by **Queen Elizabeth II** of the UK and the award is given to a person or group of people who have had a significant influence either directly or indirectly on the advancement of architecture.
- **Frank Wilczek**, the Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author renowned for his boundary-pushing investigations into the fundamental laws of nature, was honoured with this year's prestigious **Templeton Prize** awarded to individuals whose life's work embodies a fusion of science and spirituality.
- **Anna Qabale Duba**, a Kenyan nurse stationed at the **Marsabit County Referral Hospital**, won the inaugural **Aster Guardian Global Nursing Award** for endorsing education and campaigning against outdated cultural practices like **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)** in her community. Duba, who took home **USD 250,000 (approx. Ksh.29 million)** in prize money, was feted by Emirates CEO Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum at an award ceremony held in Dubai, which commemorated the International Nurses Day.
- Cameroon Activist, **Cécile Ndjebet** has won the **2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award** in recognition of her outstanding contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them. This award celebrates Cécile Ndjebet's energy and dedication over three decades to promoting women's rights to land and forests. She has actively shown that women's participation in forest governance and preservation is fundamental to achieving sustainable forest management.
- Chairman of the Piramal Group, **Ajay Piramal** has received an honorary **Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)** by Her Majesty The Queen. He received the award for services to the UK-India trade relationship as **India Co-Chair of the UK-India CEO Forum**. As co-chair of the India-UK CEO forum since 2016, the endeavour has been to help strengthen the strong bilateral relations between the two countries through greater economic cooperation.
- Author and journalist, **Wesley Morgan** has won the **William E. Colby Award 2022** for his military and intelligence writing. He was cited for his book "**The Hardest Place: The American Military Adrift in Afghanistan's Pech Valley**." The Colby Award, a **\$5,000 prize** named for the former ambassador and CIA director William E. Colby, is given for "a major contribution to the understanding of military history, intelligence operations or international affairs." The Colby Award is presented by Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. The Colby award was established in 1999.



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- **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.
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- 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.
- **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.
- 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.
- 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.

Important Days

- **International Labour Day** is observed globally on **1st May** every year. It is also known as **International Worker's Day and May Day**. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about Labour's rights and mark their achievements. The day aims to pay tribute to workers' sacrifices in achieving economic and social rights all over the world.
- **World Tuna Day** is observed globally on **2nd May** every year. This day is established by the United Nations (UN) to raise awareness about the importance of tuna fish. Tuna is a significant source of food for humans as the fish has several rich qualities such as **Omega 3, Vitamin B12, proteins and other minerals**.
- **World Laughter Day** is celebrated on the **first Sunday of every May** to remind people to laugh and make those around them laugh. This year the day is celebrated on **1st May**.

- **World Press Freedom Day** is observed globally on **3rd May** every year. It is also known as World Press Day. The day also pays tribute to journalists who have lost their lives. This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "**Journalism under digital siege**,".
- **World Asthma Day** is observed every year on the **first Tuesday of May** to spread awareness and care about asthma in the world. This year it falls on **3rd of May 2022**. An annual event is organised by the Global Initiative for Asthma. This year the theme is '**Closing Gaps in Asthma Care**'.
- **International Firefighter's Day** is observed every year on **May 4th** to pay respect to those firefighting experts who have lost their lives in the line of duty. The main aim of this day is to recognise and honour professional firefighters across the world. They keep the community and the environment safe by sacrificing their lives for the riskiest jobs.
- The date of **5 May** was officially established in **2009** by the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP) – an intergovernmental organization that has been in official partnership with UNESCO since 2000, and which brings together peoples with the Portuguese language as one of the foundations of their specific identity – to celebrate the Portuguese language and Lusophone cultures. In 2019, the 40th session of UNESCO's General Conference decided to proclaim 5 May of each year as "**World Portuguese Language Day**".
- **Coal Miners Day** is observed on **4th May** every year to honour the **coal miners**. The day is celebrated to highlight the contributions of coal miners in meeting our energy demands. Below, we share a bit of the history of coal mining, the current energy scenario, and the role of coal miners in India.
- '**International No Diet Day 2022**' is celebrated all over the world on **6 May**. On this day, people are made aware of body acceptance, leaving aside behaviour like body shaming, which includes people of all shapes and sizes. Forgetting problems like obesity, increasing weight, weakness, and belly fat, people express their love towards themselves on this day.
- **World Hand Hygiene Day (WHHD)** is annually observed across the globe on the **5th of May** to maintain global promotion, visibility, and sustainability of hand hygiene in health care. This year, WHO is marking the day with the theme – **Unite for safety: clean your hands**, with a focus on encouraging people to clean their hands at the right times with the right products that will help lead to high quality safer care everywhere.
- **World Athletics Day** is celebrated every year globally on the **7th of May** to raise awareness about the importance of fitness and encourage them to play sports, especially athletics. The basic objective of World Athletics Day is to boost the participation of youths in athletics. The World Athletics Day gave a chance to schools, colleges and various other institutions to promote their children's interests in various other sports from running to shot put and various other sports which require stamina.
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- Every year during **May 8-9**, the **United Nations** marks the **Time of Remembrance and reconciliation for those who lost their lives during the Second World War**. The day pays tribute to all the victims of the Second World War. This year is the **77th Anniversary of World War II**.
- **World Red Cross Day** is observed globally on **8th May** every year. The day aims to broaden the public's understanding of the **International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement**. Red Crescent Societies are affiliated and work in cooperation with the World Red Cross to assist in the activities of the movement. National Red Crescent societies and Red Cross Societies are found in almost every nation worldwide.
- **World Thalassaemia Day** is celebrated on **May 8** every year to commemorate Thalassaemia victims and to encourage those who struggle to live with the disease. The theme for this year's World Thalassaemia day is '**Be Aware.Share.Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassaemia knowledge**.'
- The United Nations observed **10th May 2022, the second International Day of Argania**. This celebration crowns the efforts of the Kingdom of Morocco in promoting the Argan tree as an intangible cultural heritage of humanity and an ancestral source of resilient and sustainable development. The day will be celebrated this year under the theme "**The Argan tree, symbol of resilience**".
- **National Technology Day** is observed every year on **11th May** across the country. National Technology Day has significant historical importance in India. The theme for National Technology Day 2022 is "**Integrated Approach in Science and technology for sustainable future**". The theme was launched by Union Minister **Jitendra Singh**.

- **The United Nations** designated **12 May the International Day of Plant Health (IDPH)** to raise global awareness on how protecting plant health can help end hunger, reduce poverty, protect biodiversity and the environment, and boost economic development. The United Nations declared **2020 as the International Year of Plant Health (IYPH)**.
- **May 12** is observed as **International Nurses' Day** across the world to honour the services of nurses. It is the birth anniversary of **Florence Nightingale**, the English social reformer, statistician and founder of modern nursing. She was also known as **Lady with the Lamp**. She was the founder of modern nursing and was a British social reformer and statistician. The theme for this year's Nurses' Day is **"Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Invest in Nursing and respect rights to secure global health"**.
- **World Migratory Bird Day** is marked twice a year since its inauguration in **2006**. International Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated on **14 May and 8 October 2022**. The theme for World Migratory Bird Day 2022 is **light pollution**. As artificial lighting has been increasing globally by at least 2 per cent per annum, this has had an adverse impact on many birds.
- **The International Day of Living Together in Peace** is held on **16th May** every year. The day is celebrated on the 16th of May throughout the world and with its annual observance, it aims to urge people to live together in a united and peaceful way. Individuals can attain this by listening to each other and respecting one another despite their differences.
- **The International Day of Light** is celebrated on **16 May** each year, the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser in **1960** by physicist and engineer, **Theodore Maiman**.
- **This year Vesak Day or Buddha Purnima** has celebrated on **16 May 2022**. "Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world. It was on the Day of Vesak two and a half millennia ago, in the year **623 B.C.**, that the **Gautama Buddha** was born. It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment, and it was on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha in his **eightieth** year passed away.
- **National Dengue Day** is observed on the **16th of May** every year in India. National Dengue day was an initiative of the **Ministry of health and family welfare** to make people aware of dengue and its prevention measures. It also has the people to know how to prepare and control dengue before the transmission season begins.
- **The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)** is observed each year on 17th May to increase awareness of the benefits and opportunities that the Internet and other **information and communication technologies (ICT)** provide to nations, societies, and economies. It also hopes to raise awareness about how to close the digital divide.
- **World Hypertension Day** is observed every year on **17th May**, to raise awareness and encourage hypertension prevention, detection, and treatment. The major risk factor for cardiovascular disease is high blood pressure and hypertension is known as the **"Silent Killer"**.
- **International Museum Day (IMD)** is celebrated every year on **18 May**. This day is observed to highlight the importance of museums in any culture. Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples.
- **World AIDS Vaccine Day** is also known as **HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (HVAD)** is annually observed across the globe on the **18th of May** to create awareness and provide information about **Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)**, a chronic, potentially life-threatening condition caused by the **Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)** and its immunisation.
- **World Bee Day** is observed worldwide on **May 20**. World Bee Day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem. This year **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** will celebrate World Bee Day through a virtual event, under the theme **'Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems'**.
- Every year on the **third Friday of May**, people across the globe observe National Endangered Species Day. This year the day is celebrated on **May 20**. This year, it marks the **16th National Endangered Species Day**. National Endangered Species Day is celebrated with the main emphasis on conserving our planet Earth's flora and fauna. The National Endangered Species Day theme 2022 is **"Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration"**. Every year the awareness campaign takes place around a theme.
- On May 17, the **International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia** is commemorated, with the goal of coordinating international events to raise awareness of **LGBT** rights violations and inspire interest in LGBT rights work around the world.

- **The International Tea Day** is observed on **May 21** every year. The day is known to create awareness about safe working conditions for the tea workers, fair trade and a sustainable environment to improve the production of tea. The Day will promote and foster collective actions to implement activities in favour of the sustainable production and consumption of tea and raise awareness of its importance in fighting hunger and poverty.
- The UN General Assembly, in its resolution, declared **May 21** to be the **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**. The day aims to celebrate the richness of the world's cultures and highlight the significance of its diversity as an agent of inclusion and positive change for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- **Anti-Terrorism Day** is observed every year on **21 May**, on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister **Rajiv Gandhi**. He was assassinated on May 21, 1991, by the LTTE terrorists while campaigning for the Congress Party at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu. Rajiv Gandhi became India's youngest PM when he was sworn in at 40. He took over as the sixth PM of the country after Indira Gandhi's assassination in 1984. He served from 1984 to 1989.
- **World Metrology Day(WMD)** is annually observed across the globe on **20th May** to create awareness about the Metrology, the science of measurement and its application. The theme for World Metrology Day 2022 is **Metrology in the Digital Era**. This theme was chosen because digital technology is revolutionizing our community, and is one of the most exciting trends in society today.
- 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.
- **International Day of UN Peacekeepers** is observed globally on **29th May**. The theme for this year's Day is **"People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships."**
- **World Vape Day** is observed on **30th May** across the globe to create awareness about the alternatives to harmful tobacco products and highlights the relative safety of **e-cigarettes and their potential as harm reduction and smoking cessation tools**.

- **World No Tobacco Day** is observed on **31st May** globally. This yearly celebration aims to raise awareness amid the global citizens about not only the dangers of using tobacco but also the business practices of tobacco companies. The theme for 2022 is Tobacco: **Threat to our environment**.

Defence Current Affairs

- **Red Shield Division** of the **Indian Army** under the aegis of Spear Corps entered into a tripartite agreement with the **State Bank of India Foundation (SBIF)** and the **National Integrity and Educational Development Organization (NIEDO)** to establish 'Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness' in Manipur's Bishnupur district. The project '**Manipur Super 50**' is expected to be fully functional for the first batch of 50 students by the first week of July 2022.
- The second sea trials of **India's first indigenous aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant** began, ahead of her anticipated induction into the **Indian Navy** in August next year. In August, the **40,000-tonne aircraft carrier**, India's largest and **most sophisticated warship**, successfully conducted a **five-day maiden sea cruise**.
- Air Marshal **Sanjeev Kapoor** has assumed the appointment of **Director General (Inspection and Safety) of Indian Air Force** at Air HQ New Delhi. The Air Marshal is a graduate of the National Defence Academy and was commissioned in the Flying branch of IAF in December 1985 as a Transport Pilot.
- The **Border Roads Organisation (BRO)** was founded on **7th May 1960** as a leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with Shramena Sarvam Sadhyam (everything is achievable through hard work) as its motto. On **7 May 2022** BRO celebrated its **62nd** Raising Day (foundation day).

- The Indian Navy plans to purchase a specialised earth imaging satellite **Geo Imaging Satellite-2 (GISAT-2)**, this fiscal year as part of its modernisation and network-centric combat and communications programme. The satellite, if operational, is likely to improve the navy's operating capabilities in the **Indian Ocean** region, which is strategically and geopolitically crucial, especially given China's growing influence.
- At the Coast Guard Air Enclave at Nedumbassery in Kochi, the Coast Guard commissioned its second Air Squadron, 845 Squadron. The new Air Squadron was commissioned by Coast Guard Director **General V S Pathania** and is equipped with Advanced Mark III (ALH Mark III) helicopters produced in-house.
- Defence minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched two made-in-India warships INS '**Surat**' and '**Udaygiri**' at the **Mazagon Docks in Mumbai**. This is the first time that the two indigenously built warships have been launched together, the Mazgaon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL). Both warships have been designed in-house by the Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built at MDL, Mumbai.
- The **HANSA-NG 2** seater flying trainer aircraft, designed and developed by CSIR-NAL, passed an in-flight engine relight test at **DRDO's** Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility in Challakere. **Wg Cdr K V Prakash** and **Wg Cdr NDS Reddy**, Test Pilots from the Indian Air Force's Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE), conducted a flight test at an altitude of 7000-8000 feet with a speed range of 60 to 70 knots (IAF).
- 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.



Science and Technology

- 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.
- 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 **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Bombay)** has partnered with the **Ministry of Earth Sciences’ India Meteorological Department (IMD)** to develop climate solutions for stakeholders at the **village, city, and district levels**. The partnership will aid the institute in the development of sensors and drone-based smart monitoring systems, climate-smart agriculture technology for water and food security, intelligent and automated early warning systems, climate and health, smart power grid management, wind energy forecasting, and heat wave forecasting.
- The **Indian Space Research Organisation** will send a spacecraft to orbit **Venus** to study what lies below its surface, the space body’s Chairperson **S Somnath** announced. ISRO is expecting to launch the mission by **December 2024** with an orbital manoeuvre planned for a year after that. The orbital manoeuvre is the use of propulsion systems to change the orbit of a spacecraft. It enables a spacecraft to enter a planet’s orbit.
- The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)** signs an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with the **Indian Space Research Organisation** with the goal of upskilling the technical workforce at the **Department of Space of ISRO**. **Shri Rajesh Aggarwal**, Secretary MSDE, and **Shri S. Somanath**, Secretary Department of Space/ Chairman **ISRO**, signed the MoU.
- Bengaluru-based **Bellatrix Aerospace** has successfully tested an environmentally friendly satellite propulsion system that offers a 20 percent increase in fuel efficiency over hydrazine-dependent fuel systems. **Bellatrix’s** recent testing of its green propulsion system also signals a turning point in the company’s quest to develop a space taxi for satellites.
- The **World Economic Forum (WEF)**, in collaboration with the government’s research institute **Niti Aayog**, is focusing on how to better employ emerging technologies like **artificial intelligence (AI)**, the **Internet of Things (IoT)**, **blockchain**, and drones to aid farmers, especially small and marginal farmers.
- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully completed the static test of **human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200)** at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh for its **Gaganyaan programme**.

- At **Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC)** in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully completed the static test of a human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for the Gaganyaan programme. According to the Bengaluru-based space agency, the HS200 is the human-rated version of the S200 rocket booster of the satellite launch vehicle **GSLV Mk III**, also known as LVM3.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched India's first 5G testbed, allowing startups and industry players to test and certify their technologies domestically and lessen reliance on foreign facilities. The testbed was built at a cost of approximately Rs 220 crore. The Prime Minister said the 5G testbed is a significant step toward self-reliance in the direction of critical and modern technologies while speaking at the **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India's** silver jubilee celebrations.
- Private sector rocket maker **Skyroot Aerospace Private Ltd** successfully tested its **Kalam-100** rocket that will power the **Vikram-1** rocket's **third stage/engine**. The company announced the completion of the milestone of full duration test-firing of its Vikram-1 rocket stage. The third stage, named Kalam-100 after former **President APJ Abdul Kalam**, was fired for a duration of 108 seconds.
- **Chinese scientists** have proposed a space project to survey the sky through a space-borne telescope to hunt for habitable Earth-like planets outside the solar system, about 32 light-years from Earth. The project, named **Closeby Habitable Exoplanet Survey (CHES)** would be the first space mission specially designed to search for habitable terrestrial planets around nearby Sun-like stars.
- 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 (NLTN). 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.

Books & Authors

- “**Leaders, Politicians, Citizens: Fifty Figures Who Influenced India's Politics**” authored by author-journalist **Rasheed Kidwai** compiles stories of 50 personalities who influenced India's political landscape. The book is published by Hachette India. The foreword of the book is written by Shashi Tharoor, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha). The 50 personalities featured in the book include Teji Bachchan, Phoolan Devi, Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, Jayalalithaa, APJ Abdul Kalam, and Karunanidhi among others.
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has released a book titled ‘**INDO-PAK WAR 1971- Reminiscences of Air Warriors**’ at the **37th Air Chief Marshal PC Lal Memorial Lecture** organised by the Air Force Association in New Delhi, Delhi. The book was edited by Air Marshal Jagjeet Singh and Group Captain Shailendra Mohan. The book features 50 Swarnim articles written by veterans narrating their experiences in detail.
- Vice President (VP) of India, **M Venkaiah Naidu**, released a book titled “**The Struggle for Police Reforms in India: Ruler's Police to People's Police**” authored by a former IPS officer, **Prakash Singh** in New Delhi. The book is published by Rupa Publications India Pvt Ltd.

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** has released the book **"Modi@20 Dreams Meet Delivery"** in New Delhi. The book presents different facets of the distinct thought process, the pioneering, pro-active approach and the quintessential, transformational leadership style that **Narendrabhai Modi** has come to be so closely identified with.
- Bestselling author **Preeti Shenoy** is set to publish a new novel titled **"A Place Called Home"**, a story set in a coffee estate in **Sakleshpur, Karnataka** with a strong female protagonist at its core. The new novel is about secrets, family, and finding yourself. The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India is set to be released in June 2022.
- Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister of State(MoS), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions released the e-book **'Civil List - 2022 of IAS officers'** at North Block, Secretariat Building, New Delhi. This is an effort by the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) as a part of the Digital India initiative of the Government of India.
- 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'**.



- 'Miyan Ka Bada'** railway station in the Balotra area of Rajasthan's Barmer district was renamed **"Mahesh Nagar Halt."** Since Independence, the people of Mian Ka Bada in Rajasthan have demanded that the village's name be changed, claiming that the village's original name was Mahesh Ro Bado.
- On **Satyajit Ray's 101st birthday**, the **Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry's National Museum of Indian Cinema** in **Mumbai** will conduct a **three-day film festival** at various locations across India to screen films by the **iconic filmmaker**. It will also show movies about **Satyajit Ray**.
- Railway Protection Force (RPF)** has recently started **"Operation Satark"**. Focused effort under "Operation Satark" was launched from **5th April to 30th April 2022** wherein 26 cases of transportation of illegal tobacco products were detected with seizure of tobacco products worth more than Rs 44 Lakhs and arrest of 14 persons involved.
- The RailTel Corporation of India Ltd** had designed and established a **"Health Cloud"** at Visakhapatnam premises of **Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ)**. The Andhra Pradesh Med Tech Zone (AMTZ) is the world's first integrated medical device manufacturing hub. The "Health Cloud" at AMTZ has been inaugurated by **Louise Agersnap**, Head of WHO Innovation Hub, WHO-Geneva.
- The **National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC)** will be receiving India's first semi-high speed train set for **Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS)** at **Alstom's Savli plan in Gujarat**.
- Nepal's legendary climber **Kami Rita Sherpa** has climbed **Mt Everest**, the tallest peak in the world for the **26th time** to set a new world record. Leading an 11-member rope fixing team, Kami Rita & his team reached the summit, breaking his own previous world record.
- Priyanka Mohite** from **Maharashtra's Satara district** has become the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above **8000 metres**. Priyanka achieved the milestone after climbing Mount Kanchenjunga. The 30-year-old climbed the third highest peak on Earth on May 5 at around 4:42 pm. Priyanka works for a pharmaceutical research company in Bengaluru.
- The **Indian Railway Catering and Ticketing Corporation (IRCTC)** will launch its maiden **Bharat Gaurav Tourist train**, with a stop in Nepal's **Janakpur**. This train will go around the Ramayana Circuit, which has been identified under the Swadesh Darshan scheme and includes major locations related with Lord Shri Rama's life, such as the **Ram Janaki temple** in Janakpur, Nepal.

- **Asani cyclone** is formed over the Southeastern part of the **Bay of Bengal**. It is an intensified cyclone storm that is likely to hit Orissa and Andhra Pradesh as per the **Indian meteorological department (IMD)**. The cyclone has been named **Asani**, which in Sri Lankan local language, Sinhalese means “wrath”.
- The Ministry of Tourism, GoI, is going to participate in the **Arabian Travel Market (ATM), Dubai -2022**, as part of its **Incredible India** brand line, displaying India’s rich and diverse tourism potential and providing a platform for tourism stakeholders to demonstrate various tourism destinations and products, including niche products. It also aims to market India as a “**Must See, Must Visit**” tourist destination.
- India’s first **EV charging station** powered by bio-gas was inaugurated in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**. This station will be expected to generate **220 units** of electricity from food waste collected from its nearby areas, mostly from bulk generators like hotels and offices. This energy plant will be utilized to power street lights and also to charge electric vehicles. It was inaugurated by Maharashtra Environment Minister **Aaditya Uddhav Thackeray**.
- Food-delivery app available online **Swiggy** has agreed to buy restaurant technology and dining out platform **Dineout** from Times Internet in a formal deal. Swiggy said in a statement that Dineout will continue to operate as an independent app following the acquisition.
- A British climber **Kenton Cool** has scaled the world’s highest mountain for the **16th time** becoming the first foreign climber to make the most **Mt Everest summits**. Kenton also holds a record of the first British mountaineer who climbed Mt Nuptse, Mt Everest and Mt Lhotse in a season in 2013. Last year, Kenton had made it to the top of Mt Lhotse in less than 29 hours after scaling the world’s highest peak. Previously, American climber **Dave Hahn** has climbed Mt Everest 15 times.
- On the invitation of Nepal’s Prime Minister, **Shri Sher Bahadur Deuba**, Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi** conducted an official visit to Lumbini, Nepal, coinciding with the auspicious event of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima. This was **Shri Narendra Modi’s** fifth visit to Nepal as Prime Minister, and his first to Lumbini.
- **West Central Railway** has developed a battery-operated dual-mode locomotive named **Navdoot**. This engine runs on both modes i.e. battery and electricity. Currently, it is being used during the shunting of trains at Jabalpur, Mudwara, and other stations on a trial basis. This Dual Mode Locomotive has also received the **Best Innovation Award from the Railway Board**. Railways will save 1000 litres of diesel every day with this new locomotive. After clearing all the trials, it will be used more widely.
- Delhi Lieutenant Governor, **Anil Baijal** has submitted his resignation to **President Ram Nath Kovind** citing personal reasons. He was appointed the national capital’s LG in December 2016 after the sudden resignation of **Najeeb Jung**. He had earlier served as DDA vice-chairperson and Union Home Secretary during the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government.
- The wax museum **Madame Tussauds** is returning to India. The museum will be located in a **Noida** mall. 50 Indian and international luminaries from sports, entertainment, history, and music will be featured at the new venue. **Madame Tussauds** India will let visitors to get up up and personal with celebrities as well as some of their most iconic moments.
- **On 21st May 1991**, former prime minister **Rajiv Gandhi** was assassinated in Tamil Nadu at a poll rally by a woman suicide bomber identified as **Dhanu**. 14 others including Rajiv Gandhi were killed according to the **Rajiv Gandhi Assassination investigation**. Rajiv Gandhi was campaigning for the upcoming elections with G.K Moonpanar in India’s Southern states.
- 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.
- 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**. In commemoration of Bangladesh's 50 years of Independence, the country has been chosen as the 'Country of Focus this year. A special package of 11 films from Bangladesh including the critically acclaimed film 'Hasina- A Daughter's Tale' will be presented at MIFF 2022.



Obituaries

- **Tony Brooks**, a British racing driver who won six Formula One Grand Prix in the 1950s and was nicknamed the "Racing Dentist", has passed away. He was born in the United Kingdom in 1932. Tony retired from the sport at the age of just 29 after driving for four teams – BRM, Vanwall, Ferrari, and Cooper.
- The eminent Odia litterateur **Rajat Kumar Kar** passed away due to heart-related ailments. He received **Padma Shri in 2021 for literature and education**. He was known for his commentary during the annual **Ratha Jatra (Jagannath culture)** on TV and radio.
- Indian music composer and santoor player, **Pandit Shivkumar Sharma** passed away at the age of 84. He had been suffering from kidney-related issues for the last six months and was on dialysis. He passed away due to cardiac arrest.
- Russian chess grandmaster, **Yuri Averbakh** who was among the world's best players for a decade, trained world champions and was the last surviving participant in one of the greatest competitions in history, has died in **Moscow at 100**.
- Veteran Himachal Pradesh Congress leader and former Union minister, **Pandit Sukh Ram** has passed away at 94. He was the Union Minister of State, Communications (Independent Charge) from **1993 to 1996** and a member of **Lok Sabha from the Mandi constituency (Himachal Pradesh)**.
- **Leonid Kravchuk**, a former communist who helped sign the Soviet Union's death warrant and then served as the **first president** of independent **Ukraine**, passed away at the age of 88. Kravchuk was known as the "wily fox" as he rose through the ranks of Ukraine's Communist Party and take over as head of the parliament in 1990.
- Padma Shri **Dr Rama Kant Shukla**, a profound Sanskrit and Hindi Scholar, has passed away in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh (UP). He was born in Khurja city in Bulandshahr district, UP.
- Former Australian all-rounder **Andrew Symonds** has been killed in a car crash. The 46-year-old, who played 26 Tests and 198 one-day internationals for Australia from **1998 to 2009**, was involved in a single-car accident outside Townsville in Queensland state. Symonds was also a top-rate fielder and was a key part of Australia's back-to-back 50-over World Cups triumphs in 2003 and 2007.

- 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.
- **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.

Static Takeaways

- Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal
- Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare: Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar
- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment: Shri Virendra Kumar
- Mo School' Abhiyan chairman: Smt. Sushmita Bagchi
- Poland Capital: Warsaw;
- Poland Currency: Polish złoty;
- Poland President: Andrzej Duda.
- External Affairs Minister: S Jaishankar
- Headquarters of FAO: Rome, Lazio
- Director-General of FAO: Qu Dongyu
- Parent organization of FAO: United Nations Economic and Social Council
- Minister of Railways: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Additional Member, Telecom and Railway Board: Aruna Singh
- ICICI Bank Headquarters: Vadodara;
- ICICI Bank Tagline: Hum Hai Na, Khayal Apka.
- Union Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Union Bank of India Founded: 11 November 1919, Mumbai.
- Canara Bank Establishment: 1 July 1906;
- Canara Bank Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka;
- Canara Bank Tagline: Together we can.
- Amazon.com Inc Founded: 5 July 1994.
- Amazon.com Inc Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, United States.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Formation: 1964;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Central Intelligence Agency Founded: 26 July 1947;
- Central Intelligence Agency Headquarters: Langley, McLean, Virginia, United States;
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York Established: 1913;
- Federal Reserve Bank of New York Headquarters: New York, USA.
- Minister of Electronics and Information Technology : Rajeev Chandrasekhar
- World Athletics Headquarters: Monaco;
- World Athletics Founded: 17 July 1912, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Railway Protection Force Founded: 27 July 1872;
- Railway Protection Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India;
- World Athletics Headquarters: Monaco;
- World Athletics Founded: 17 July 1912, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Border Roads Organisation Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Border Roads Organisation Founded: 7 May 1960.
- International Committee of the Red Cross Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- International Committee of the Red Cross Founded: 17 February 1863, Geneva, Switzerland;
- Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises: Narayan Rane
- Minister of State for MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma
- Minister of State for Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh
- Hong Kong Currency: Hong Kong dollar;
- Hong Kong Continent: Asia.
- South Korea Capital: Seoul;
- South Korea Currency: South Korean won.
- Vietnam Capital City: Hanoi;
- Vietnam Currency: Vietnamese dong;
- Vietnam Prime Minister: Phạm Minh Chính.
- Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy: Shri Bhagwant Khuba
- Philippines Capital City: Manila; Currency: Philippine peso.
- Union Minister of Agriculture: Narendra Singh Tomar
- Union Minister of Agriculture for State: Shri Kailash Chaudhary
- Indian Bank Establishment: August 15, 1907;
- Indian Bank Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu;
- Indian Bank Tagline: Taking Banking Technology To The Common Man.
- HDFC Bank Ltd Establishment: 1994;
- HDFC Bank Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- HDFC Bank Ltd Tagline: We Understand Your World.
- Non-Executive (part-time) Chairman of ICICI Bank: Mr. Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- Chief Executive Officer of Santander UK: Mike Regnier
- Adani Group Founded: 1988;
- Adani Group Headquarters: Ahmedabad, Gujarat;

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited Founded: 23 December 1996; • Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited Headquarters: Mumbai; • Reliance Industries Ltd Founded: 8 May 1973, Maharashtra; • Reliance Industries Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai. • NPCI Founded: 2008; • NPCI Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; • Saudi Aramco Founded: 1933; • Saudi Aramco Headquarters: Dhahran, Saudi Arabia; • Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology: Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw • Election Commission of India Formed: 25 January 1950; • Election Commission of India Headquarters: New Delhi. • Minister of Defence: Shri Rajnath Singh • International Boxing Association (IBA) was formed in 1946; • Headquarters of IBA: Lausanne, Switzerland; • Ukraine Capital: Kyiv; • Ukraine Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia; • Ukraine President: Volodymyr Zelenskyy; • Ukraine Prime minister: Denys Shmyhal. • SEBI Founded: 12 April 1992; • SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai; • Union Minister of State for Home Affairs: Ajay Kumar Mishra. • ISSF Founded: 1907; • ISSF Headquarters: Munich, Germany; • Confederation of Indian Industry Founded: 1895; • Confederation of Indian Industry Headquarters: New Delhi, India; • Confederation of Indian Industry Motto: Charting Change Enabling Development. • Union Bank of India Merged Banks: Andhra Bank, and Corporation Bank; • Union Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra. • Minister of Home Affairs: Amit Shah • Minister of State in Ministry of Home affairs: Ajay Kumar Mishra • UAE Capital: Abu Dhabi; • UAE Currency: United Arab Emirates dirham; • UAE Prime minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. • Federal Republic of Somalia Capital: Mogadishu; • Federal Republic of Somalia Currency: Somali Shilling (SOS); • Federal Republic of Somalia Prime Minister: Mohammed Hussein Roble. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • France Capital: Paris; • France President: Emmanuel Macron. • Minister of State for External Affairs, GoI: Shri V Muraleedharan • Secretary General of the United Nations: Antonio Guterres • US Secretary of State: Antony Blinken • World Bank Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States. • World Bank Formation: July 1944. • PNB MetLife Established: 2001; • PNB MetLife Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; • RBI Deputy Governors: Mahesh Kumar Jain, Michael Debabrata Patra, M Rajeshwar Rao, T Rabi Sankar. • Royal Enfield Headquarters: Chennai; • Royal Enfield Founded: 1955; • Royal Enfield Parent organization: Eicher Motors. • Bharti Airtel Founded: 7 July 1995, India. • IndiGo Founded: 2006; • IndiGo Headquarters: Gurugram. • Kenya Capital: Nairobi; • Kenya Currency: Shilling; • Kenya President: Uhuru Kenyatta. • US President: Joe Biden • Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change: Shri Bhupender Yadav • Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, and Textiles: Shri Piyush Goyal • Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy; • Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945. • Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, GoI: Ashwini Vaishnaw. • Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs: Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri. • China Capital: Beijing; • China Currency: Renminbi; • China President: Xi Jinping. • International Organization of Legal Metrology Headquarters: Paris, France. • International Organization of Legal Metrology Founded: 1955. • International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland; • International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France. • Australia Capital: Canberra; • Australia Currency: Australian dollar. |
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- 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
- Secretary of State for Energy: R Meenakshi Sundaram
- State Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955;
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- IndusInd Bank Founded: 1994;
- IndusInd Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- IndusInd Bank Tagline: We Make You Feel Richer.
- 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;
- 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
- 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
- World Economic Forum (WEF) Headquarters: Cologny, canton of Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Economic Forum (WEF) was Established: 1971.
- United Nations Population Fund Headquarters: New York, United States;
- United Nations Population Fund Founded: 1969.
- 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;
- 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 Tag line: Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar.
- LIC Headquarters: Mumbai;
- LIC Founded: 1 September 1956.
- Albania Capital: Tirana;
- Albania Currency: Albanian lek;
- Albania President: Ilir Rexhep Meta;
- Albania Prime Minister: Edi Rama.

Heads of various organizations in News in month of May 2022

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1	Executive Director and Chairman of the C-DOT Board	Rajkumar Upadhyay
2	ICICI Bank MD & CEO	Sandeep Bakhshi
3	ICICI Bank Chairperson	Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
4	Union Bank of India CEO	Rajkiran Rai G
5	Indian Bank's managing director and CEO	S L Jain
6	Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of HDFC Life	Vibha Padalkar
7	Co-founder and chief executive of Open	Anish Achuthan
8	RBI 25th Governor	Shaktikanta Das
9	Canara Bank CEO & MD	Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
10	Chief investment officer, Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance Co. Ltd	Sampath Reddy

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
11	Co-founder and chief operating officer of Zopper	Mayank Gupta
12	Central Intelligence Agency Founder	Harry S. Truman
13	Central Intelligence Agency Director	William J. Burns
14	Central Intelligence Agency Deputy Director	David S. Cohen
15	Federal Reserve Bank of New York President & CEO	John C. Williams
16	Railway Protection Force Director-General	Sanjay Chandar
17	Border Roads Organisation Director-General	Lt. Gen. Rajeev Chaudhary
18	International Committee of the Red Cross Founder	Henry Dunant
19	International Committee of the Red Cross President	Peter Maurer
20	CEO – Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana	Ritesh Chauhan
21	Indian Bank MD & CEO	Shanti Lal Jain
22	HDFC Bank Ltd MD & CEO	Sashidhar Jagdishan
23	ICICI Bank's Head of the International Banking Group	Sriram H Iyer
25	Adani Group Chairman	Gautam Adani
26	Adani Group Managing Director	Rajesh Adani
27	Larsen & Toubro Infotech Limited CEO	Sanjay Jalona
28	Reliance Industries Ltd CEO	Mukesh Ambani
29	Reliance Industries Ltd Founder	Dhirubhai Ambani
30	NPCI MD & CEO	Dilip Asbe
31	Saudi Aramco CEO	Amin H. Nasser
32	Bharti AXA General Insurance Company Limited CEO	Sanjeev Srinivasan
33	Indian Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral R. Hari Kumar
34	Coast Guard Director General	V S Pathania
35	The Indian Chief of the Air Staff	Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
36	President of International Boxing Association	Umar Nazarovich Kremlev
37	SEBI Agency Chairperson	Madhabi Puri Buch
38	International Shooting Sport Federation President	Vladimir Lisin
39	Confederation of Indian Industry Director-General	Chandrajit Banerjee
40	Union Bank of India Managing Director & CEO	Rajkiran Rai G
41	World Bank President	David Malpass
42	PNB MetLife Chairman	Kishore Ponnaveolu
43	PNB MetLife MD & CEO	Ashish Kumar Srivastava
44	Bharti Airtel Founder	Sunil Bharti Mittal
45	Managing Director of IndiGo	Rahul Bhatia
46	WHO Director General	Tedros Ghebreyesus
47	Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General	QU Dongyu
48	Swiggy's cofounder and CEO	Sriharsha Majety
49	Cofounder and CEO of Dineout	Ankit Mehrotra
50	ISRO Chairman and Secretary of the Department of Space	S Somanath

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
51	Director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)	S Unnikrishnan Nair
52	International Olympic Committee Director-General	Christophe De Kepper
53	BPCL's chief general manager	Shelly Abraham
54	State Bank of India Chairman	Dinesh Kumar Khara
55	IndusInd Bank MD & CEO	Sumant Kathpalia
56	Jet Airways CEO	Sanjiv Kapoor
57	Jet Airways Founder	Naresh Goyal
58	Infosys Founders	N.r. Narayana Murthy and Nandan Nilekani
59	JSW group Founder	Sajjan Jindal
60	National Federation of India Women general secretary	Annie Raja
61	World Economic Forum (WEF) Founder and Executive Chairman	Klaus Schwab
62	Chief Justice of India	N. V. Ramana
63	United Nations Population Fund Head	Natalia Kanem
64	Federation of Indian Export Organisations President	Dr A Sakthivel
65	Federation of Indian Export Organisations Director General & CEO	Dr. Ajay Sahai
66	Hindustan Zinc Limited Chairman	Kiran Agarwal
67	India Post Payments Bank MD & CEO	J Venkatramu
68	LIC Chairperson	M R Kumar

List of Indian Banks Headquarters and Taglines – Public Sector banks

Bank Name	Headquarters	Tagline	Key person (MD&CEO)
Indian Bank (Allahabad Bank)	Chennai	Your own bank, Banking That's twice as good	Shanti Lal Jain
Bank of Baroda (Dena Bank & Vijaya Bank)	Vadodara	India's International Bank	Sanjiv Chadha
Bank of India	Mumbai	Relationship beyond banking	Atanu Kumar Das
Bank of Maharashtra	Pune	One Family One Bank	A.S Rajeev
Central Bank of India	Mumbai	Central to you since 1911, Build a better life around us	M. V. Rao
Canara Bank (Syndicate Bank)	Bengaluru	Together we can	L V Prabhakar
Indian Overseas Bank	Chennai	Good People to grow with	Partha Pratim Sengupta
Punjab & Sind Bank	New Delhi	Where service is a way of life	S Krishnan
Punjab National Bank (United Bank of India & Oriental Bank of Commerce)	New Delhi	The Name You Can Bank Upon	Atul Kumar Goel
State Bank of India	Mumbai	With You all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation Ban on us, The Banker to Every Indian	Dinesh Kumar Khara
UCO Bank	Kolkatta	Honours Your Trust	Soma Sankara Prasad
Union Bank of India	Mumbai	Good People to Bank with	Rajkiran Rai G