

## Weekly One Liners 20th to 26th of June 2022

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

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

#### Award winners:

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

#### Key points:

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

#### About the award:

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

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

### International Day of Yoga 2022

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

#### India is celebrating Yoga Day:

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

#### International Yoga Day 2022: Theme

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

#### What is Yoga and why do we celebrate it?

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

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



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## International Yoga Day: History

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

## National Affairs

- Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** has inaugurated **National Yoga Olympiad 2022** and quiz competition in **New Delhi**. The National Yoga Olympiad is being organised jointly by the **Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training**.
- **Yoga Mahotsav** was organised by the Ministry of Culture in partnership with the **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)** at Purana Qila in the national capital. The event was held as part of the celebrations for the **International Day of Yoga 2022**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research and lay the foundation stone for **Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital at IISc Bengaluru**. The Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital, with its eighty-two beds, will be built on the campus of IISc Bengaluru, assisting in the integration of science, engineering, and medicine at the prominent institute.
- Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched an innovative project **National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN)** in New Delhi. NIPUN is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM to train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.
- The country's first-ever, '**Balika Panchayat**', has started in five villages of **Gujarat's Kutch district**. The initiative aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation in politics. The Panchayat has started in **Kunaria, Maska, Motagua, and Vadsar villages of the Kutch district**.
- '**Single-Use Plastic**' use to be outflow from **July 1st, 2022 by the Union government**. Single-use plastics, particularly those made of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, will be illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute, sell, and use starting on **July 1, 2022, nationwide**. A national task group has also been established by the Environment Ministry to make coordinated efforts in this area.
- The new office complex for the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, "Vanijya Bhawan," and the "National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade" (NIRYAT) portal**, which will provide data on India's international trade, will both be officially inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The department of commerce and the department for the promotion of industry and internal trade will both use the facility, which will serve as an integrated and contemporary office complex.
- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has unveiled its patented indigenous solar cook top, "**Surya Nutan**", developed by the oil refiner's Faridabad R&D centre. Surya Nutan will aid in reducing India's CO 2 emissions drastically and keep our citizens insulated from the vagaries of the high international fossil fuel prices.
- **Jyotirgamaya**, a festival celebrating the brilliance of underappreciated performers, was launched in New Delhi by **Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy**. Sangeet Natak Akademi organised this festival as part of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** and on the occasion of **World Music Day** to highlight the talent of rare musical instruments from all across the country, including street performers and train entertainers.
- **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Union Minister for Jammu and Kashmir, officially opened the Seismology Observatory in the Dandayal neighbourhood of the Udhampur district. The **Ministry of Earth Sciences** spent 20 lakh rupees to establish the third such Center in J&K.
- **First Bharat Gaurav tourist train** connecting places associated with the **Ramayana Circuit in India and Nepal** was flagged off from the **Safdarjung Railway Station in New Delhi**. The Bharat Gaurav train carrying 500 tourists from India will arrive at the Janakpur Dham railway station in Nepal.
- **Piyush Goyal**, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated a "**Mango Festival**" in **Brussels, Belgium** to raise awareness among Europeans and establish a market for Indian mangoes in Europe. India is a big supplier of mangoes to the rest of the globe, but most of the mangoes end up in the Middle East rather than Europe.
- To bring all matters relating to narcotics under one department, the government is reportedly considering moving the administration of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, and the **Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1988** from the finance ministry to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**.

**States in the News**

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled the renovated **Shree Kalika Mata temple** at Pavagadh Hill in Gujarat's Panchmahal district. At the temple, he also conducted Puja with customary customs. A 'Dhwaja' was raised at full mast atop the shrine by **Mr. Modi**.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** presented a statue of **Dr B R Ambedkar**, the author of the Indian Constitution, at the inauguration of new campus of **Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics (BASE) University**. He also showcased 150 'Technology Hubs' at the ceremony, which were created by revamping **Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) around Karnataka**.
- **Tamil Nadu** replaced **Bihar and West Bengal** to become the largest state in terms of outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans. According to MFIN Micrometer Q4 FY21-22, a quarterly report published by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN), the gross loan portfolio (GLP) of **Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022 stood at ₹36,806 crore**. It was followed by **Bihar (₹35,941 crore) and West Bengal (₹34,016 crore)**.
- Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti, **Bishweswar Tudu** inaugurated the **20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) and 13th Krishi Fair 2022** at Saradhabali in **Puri, Odisha**. The two fairs which aimed at preserving tribal culture and promoting innovation in agriculture respectively will continue for five days and conclude on **24th June**.
- **Assam** has become the **36th State** to implement the **One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)** scheme. With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all 36 states, and Union Territories, making food security portable throughout the country.
- In order to advance rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas of **Uttarakhand**, the **World Bank** has approved a project costing Rs. 1,000 crore. The watershed department will carry out the **Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project**.
- In Gujarat, the Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** has launched the **17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'**, the drive to enrol students in primary schools in the state. The three-day enrollment drive begins from **Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district**. Chief Minister Patel said that the dropout rate of students' reduced drastically following the mass enrolment drives of the children. He said that the drop out rate has been reduced to just 3.07 percent from 37.22 percent in 2002.

**International Affairs**

- **China** launched its third aircraft carrier, the country's most modern and first "completely domestically made" naval warship, as an aggressive **Beijing** pushed to expand its navy's range in the key **Indo-Pacific** area. According to the state-run Xinhua news agency, the Fujian is China's first domestically designed and built catapult aircraft carrier.
- **Pakistan** will continue to be on the "**Grey List**" of countries under increased monitoring of the **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, from the global money-laundering and terror-financing watchdog. Pakistan has been on the grey list of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF) since June 2018 for failing to check money laundering, leading to terror financing, and was given a plan of action to complete it by October 2019.
- Colombia's presidency has been won by **Gustavo Petro**, a former rebel warrior who has pledged significant social and economic transformation. **Petro** will become Colombia's first left-wing president if he wins the presidential runoff election.
- **Khuvsul Lake National Park of Mangolia** has been added to the **World Network of Biosphere Reserve of UNESCO**. The decision was made during the **34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme** taking place in Paris, France.
- The **US** prioritises its bilateral relationship with **New Delhi** and views **India** as a "very crucial" strategic ally in the strategically significant **Indo-Pacific** region, according to the White House, which also noted that each country must make its own choices about **Russia**. Because **Russia** began a "special military operation" in the neighbouring **Ukraine**, the US-led Western nations have imposed punishing sanctions on it.



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- In Sri Lanka, the government has amended the **minimum age limit for women leaving for foreign employment** as domestic aides to **21 years of age**. The decision was announced at the weekly Cabinet meeting. However, the minimum age limit for **Saudi Arab has been set at 25 years, and 23 years for the other countries in the Middle East**. The minimum age limit announced as 21 for the rest of the Middle East countries other than Saudi Arabia.
- **South Korea** launched its first satellite successfully using a homegrown rocket, boosting the nation's expanding aerospace ambitions and proving it has the necessary technologies to build larger missiles and launch spy satellites in the midst of tensions with rival **North Korea**. The **Science Ministry** reported that the three-stage Nuri rocket successfully launched a working "performance verification" **satellite to a target altitude of 435 miles from South Korea's space launch facility on a southern island**.
- **Three new remote sensing satellites** were successfully launched by **China from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre** in the Sichuan Province in southwest China. The satellites were launched by a Long March-2D carrier rocket at 10:22 a.m. (local time) as part of the **Yaogan-35** family and successfully entered the intended orbit.

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Limited (Kotak General Insurance)** announced that it has partnered with **PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe)**, a digital payments platform, to offer motor insurance to PhonePe's 380 million users, placing a significant bet on the digital distribution and direct-to-customer space.
- **The National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI)** flagship product, **RuPay, and CARD91**, a worldwide payment infrastructure powering B2B payments, have established a strategic agreement (NPCI). Through this collaboration, **CARD91** will develop a card management system that will enable businesses to introduce a range of co-branded card products and to keep track of a real-time dashboard to produce insights. As a result, **CARD91** will be able to increase its market share in the Indian payments industry.
- **The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange (NSE)** have approved the merger of multiplex chain PVR and Inox Leisure. According to their separate exchange filings, **PVR and Inox Leisure** received observation letters from the BSE on June 20 and 21 with "no unfavourable observations" and "no objection," respectively.

### Books and Authors

- The Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released **Ram Bahadur Rai's** book '**Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani**'. Prime Minister noted Shri Ram Bahadur Rai's life-long quest for searching for new ideas and desire to bring something new before the society. He expressed the hope that the book that was released today will present the Constitution in a comprehensive manner.
- The biography of billionaire industrialist, **Gautam Adani**, titled "**Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India**" will hit the stands in October, announced Penguin Random House (PRHI). The book written by journalist-author **RN Bhaskar**, claims to bring to light, for the first time, the unknown aspects of one of the richest men in the world.
- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal khattar** on the eve of 8th International Yoga Day released a book titled **Ashtang Yoga** authored by **Dr Sonu Phogat**. Manohar Lal khattar said that every person should have a resolution for Yoga and he has to connect himself with the resolution.

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank's Payments Vision 2025** plan, which wants to triple the volume of digital payments, is progressive, according to industry players, and intends to build India as a worldwide payments powerhouse. In light of rising geopolitical threats, the **RBI** released its **Payments Vision 2025** document, which discusses ring-fencing domestic payment networks, as well as the necessity to enforce domestic processing of payment transactions.
- **Equitas Small Finance Bank** is set to launch kids' savings account called **ENJOI, on Father's Day**. The SFB announced that this account introduces "**young kids**" to the financial world, encouraging them to develop an early habit of saving. It added that an ENJOI account will also help the kids to take their first step towards a new age and technology-oriented banking experience.
- **The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY)** has declared the IT resources of **ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI** managing entity NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure', implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security and any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years.
- **Millath Co-operative Bank Ltd.**, Davangere, Karnataka, had its licence suspended by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, resulting in a capital shortage. As a result, the bank's banking operations will come to an end at the end of the day. According to a press release from the **RBI**, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies in Karnataka has also been asked to issue an order winding up the bank and appoint a liquidator.

- Bengaluru-based neobanking platform **Freo** has launched its digital savings account '**Freo Save**' in partnership with **Equitas Small Finance Bank**. With this launch, it has become the first consumer neobank in the country to provide full-stack neo-banking products, including smart savings account, credit and payments products, cards and wealth-growth products.
- **South Indian Bank** has launched a new portal called '**SIB TF Online**' for its corporate **EXIM customers**. The portal facilitates a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely. The customer can initiate the payment request over SIB TF Online after uploading the relevant supporting documents for the transaction.
- **Karnataka Bank** has launched online savings bank (SB) account opening facility through '**Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)**'. The facility enabled in the corporate website of the bank, empowers prospective customers to open an SB account through online process and complete KYC (know your customer) verification through a video call at their place of convenience.
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** extended the deadline for implementing a number of the master directives it issued on the issuance of debit cards and credit cards, by three months, from **July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2022**. The following **Master Direction provisions** will now go into effect on **October 1, 2022** the central bank announced in a **circular**. This decision was made after taking into account various comments from industry stakeholders.
- In order to improve the quality of life for seniors, the **State Bank of India (SBI)** and the **Department of Pension & Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)** of the Centre will work together to develop an integrated pension platform. SBI field employees were given sessions on pension policy reforms and digitization relating the disbursement of pensions to central government pensioners at a **two-day banker's awareness event in Udaipur, Rajasthan**.
- The **Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)** has introduced **Dhan Sanchay**, a non-linked, non-participating individual savings life insurance plan that offers both protection and savings. This plan provides financial support to the family if the life assured dies prematurely during the policy's term.
- **DBS Bank India Ltd.** announced that it has purchased a 9.9% share in **Svakarma Finance**, a non-deposit taking, non-banking finance company that provides micro businesses with relevant financial solutions through a combination of direct lending and co-lending. **DBS Bank India's** extended franchise plan envisions considerable development in SME and consumer companies across over 300 sites and 500 branches.
- Fitch Ratings upgraded nine Indian institutions, including **SBI, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank**, from negative to stable. **Bank of Baroda (BOB), Bank of Baroda (New Zealand) Ltd, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), and Union Bank of India** are among the other institutions to get a upgrade. Fitch Ratings has upgraded 9 India-based banks' Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings (IDRs) to Stable from Negative, while upholding their IDRs.
- According to official figures, the number of subscribers to **PFRDA's** two flagship pension schemes increased by more than 24% year on year to 5.32 crore as of May 31, 2022. According to the **Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA)**, the number of subscribers in various **NPS** plans climbed to 531.73 lakh by the end of May 2022, up from 428.56 lakh in May 2021, a year-on-year rise of 24.07 percent.
- Funds parked by **Indian individuals and firms in Swiss banks**, including through India-based branches and other financial institutions, jumped to a 14-year-high of 3.83 billion Swiss francs (over Rs 30,500 crore) in 2021, according to annual data from **Switzerland's central bank**. The rise in aggregate funds of Indian clients with Swiss banks, from 2.55 billion Swiss francs (Rs 20,700 crore) at the end of 2020, marks the second consecutive year of increase.

### Appointments/Resignations

- The appointment of new chief justices to five high courts has been approved by the government. The appointment for Uttarakhand, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gauhati has been announced by the Ministry of Law and Justice. (Click Here)
- Senior Diplomat **Ruchira Kamboj**, currently Indian ambassador to Bhutan, has been appointed as the **next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations** at New York.
- Former Australia cricketer, **Lisa Sthalekar** has become the **first female president of the Federation of International Cricketers' Association (FICA)**, the sport's international player's association.
- **P Udayakumar**, Director (Plng and Mktg), **NSIC**, took additional responsibility as **CMD NSIC** with effect from 20 June 2022.
- Shanghai-headquartered **New Development Bank (NDB)** of the BRICS countries has appointed former bureaucrat **Dr D J Pandian** as the **Director-General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)**, the bank announced.
- Entrepreneur **Ranjit Bajaj** has been named chairman of advisory committee to assist the Supreme Court-appointed **Committee of Administrators (CoA)** which is running the day-to-day affairs of **All India Football Federation (AIFF)**.

- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** appointed former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP), **Dinkar Gupta** as the **Director General** of the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**.
- **S.S. Mundra**, a public interest director to lead the world's largest stock exchange, according to the **BSE**. **Justice Vikramajit Sen** will be replaced by **Mr. Mundra**.

### Defence News

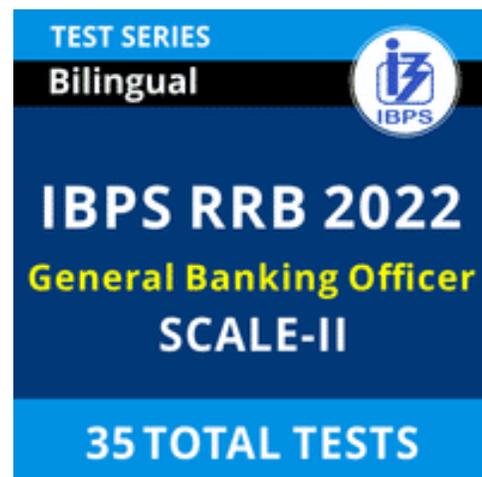
- In the Indian Coast Guard, a new air squadron known as **840 Squadron** was established in Chennai, with an **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III aircraft** as its first aircraft.
- **Shanan Dhaka**, daughter of Sundana village of Rohtak, has secured the first rank in the examination for admission to the **country's first women's NDA batch**. Shanan has secured 10th position in Boys' examination and first position in Girls' examination across the country.
- **The Border Roads Organization** will build 75 outlets along various route segments in 12 states and union territories under the name "**BRO Cafes**," as permitted by the **Ministry of Defense**. These are designed to offer fundamental comforts and amenities to visitors, increase economic activity in border regions, and create jobs for the local population.

### Awards and Recognitions

- **Qatar's Hamad International Airport** has been named the **World's Best Airport** for the second year running. The announcement took place at the **Skytrax 2022 World Airport Awards**, held at Passenger Terminal EXPO in Paris, France. (Click Here)
- Recently, **UNESCO** recognized the use of **information and communication technology (ICT)**, under a comprehensive initiative called **PM eVIDYA** by the department of school education, Ministry of Education. The schooling models saw a paradigm shift during the unprecedented times of Covid-19. The technological interventions aided in building crisis-resilient learning systems. (Click Here)
- US-Canadian author, film-maker and Zen Buddhist priest, **Ruth Ozeki** has won the **Women's Prize for Fiction** this year for her novel "**The Book of Form and Emptiness**". Ozeki's fourth novel, 'The Book of Form and Emptiness' tells the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, after the tragic death of his father, starts to hear the voices of objects speaking to him. She was announced as the winner of the **£30,000 prize** at a ceremony in London, beating nominees including Elif Shafak, Meg Mason and Louise Erdrich.

### Summit and Conference

- At **Vigyan Bhawan** in the national capital, the Ministry of Home Affairs will organise a National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav). Union Minister **Amit Shah** will be the conference's Chief Guest, according to the **Ministry of Home Affairs**. The seminar is part of the country's efforts to raise public awareness about cybercrime prevention.
- **Jammu and Kashmir** will host the **2023 meetings of the G20**, an influential group of the world's major economies. J&K government has set up a five-member high-level committee for overall coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the Union Territory. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, India will hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and convene the first G20 leaders' summit in 2023.
- Europe's biggest startup conference, "**Vivatech 2020**" has recognized **India** as the "**country of the year**." It is a tremendous honour for India to be named "country of the year" in Vivatech 2020. This is due to the contribution of the Indian startups to the world. This is the recognition of Indian startups.
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** said at a virtual summit of the five-nation grouping sponsored by China that the consequences of the **Covid** epidemic on the global economy are still apparent and that cooperation among the **BRICS** countries can be a beneficial part of its recovery. The **BRICS** member nations, according to the prime minister, share a similar approach to managing the world economy.
- Union Minister of State for M/o Food Processing Industries, **Prahlad Singh Patel** has inaugurated the **National Conference on Millets**. The theme of the conference is "**The Future Super Food for India**" in New Delhi, organised by industry body **ASSOCHAM** with the support of M/o Food Processing Industries. The conference has been organised to discuss opportunities and challenges in ensuring food and nutritional security.



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## Ranks and Reports

- As per **Kantar Brandz, 2022 'Most Valuable Global Brands report'**, 4 Indian companies namely, **Tata Consultancy Service (TCS), HDFC Bank, Infosys and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** were featured among the top 100 global biggest brands. **Apple** retains its 1st position to become the first trillion-dollar brand with a brand value of USD 947.1 billion followed by **Google, Amazon and Microsoft**. ([Click here](#))
- India ranked third** globally for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 with 15.4 GW, behind only **China (136 GW) and the US (43 GW)**. According to a report, despite the Covid-19 pandemic's promise of a global green recovery, this historic opportunity has been lost. ([Click Here](#))
- The **Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 by Coursera states** that India's proficiency in data science has reduced from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022, leading to a 12-rank drop. In terms of overall skills proficiency, India has slipped 4 places to be ranked **68th globally and 19th in Asia**. ([Click Here](#))
- The **Speedtest Global Index** released by network intelligence and connectivity insights provider Ookla showed that **India recorded 14.28 Mbps** median mobile download speeds in the month of May, slightly better than 14.19 Mbps in April 2022. With this, the country is now three notches up in its global ranking and is at **115th position**. ([Click Here](#))
- According to World Gold Council Report, **India** has emerged as the **4th largest recycler** in the world and country has recycled **75 tonnes in 2021**. According to the WGC report titled '**Gold refining and recycling**', **China** topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metal, followed by **Italy** in the second position with 80 tonnes and **the US** in the third rank with 78 tonnes in 2021. ([Click Here](#))

## Sports News

- Neeraj Chopra** will be leading a **37-member Indian athletics team** at the upcoming Commonwealth Games, the Athletics Federation of India announced. The Tokyo Olympics gold medallist will be the flag bearer in Birmingham as star sprinters like **Hima Das and Dutee Chand** booked their berth for the Games that will be held from July 28 – August 8.
- Matches for the **2026 World Cup** will be held in **11 US cities** as well as three host sites in **Mexico** and two in **Canada**, soccer's world governing body, FIFA, announced. The 16 host cities will be: **Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, Guadalajara, Houston, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Miami, Monterrey, New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Toronto and Vancouver**.

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the historic torch relay for the **44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi**. This year, for the very first time, International Chess Federation, FIDE, has instituted the Chess Olympiad Torch, a part of the Olympic tradition. India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad Torch Relay.
- Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra** clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning the javelin throw event at the **Kuortane Games in Finland**, beating reigning world champion **Anderson Peters of Grenada**. The 24-year-old Chopra's opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance.
- Red Bull's **Max Verstappen** narrowly claimed his sixth victory of the Formula 1 season after withstanding pressure from Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** in the closing stages of the Canadian Grand Prix.
- Indian Men's football team captain, **Sunil Chhetri** scored his **84th International goal** against **Hong Kong** during the **Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers** and equalled the record of Real Madrid and Hungarian Football Legend **Ferenc Puskás**. ([Click Here](#))
- Indian women's Wrestling team** has won five medals to claim **Under-17 Asian Championship title** with a total of **eight gold** at **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**. India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze. **Japan** had to be content with the runners-up trophy with 143 points and **Mongolia** finished third with 138 points.
- Skalzang Rigzin**, the first mountaineer from India to ascend **Mount Annapurna's** top without the aid of oxygen was welcomed by **Leh** with open arms. After successfully summiting Annapurna and Lhotse in Nepal, he was welcomed by other mountaineers at the Leh Airport. With 16 days of gap between climb of **Mt Annapurna** on April 28 and **Mt Lhotse** on May 14, **Skalzang Rigzin** has set a record to conquer two summits without oxygen supplements.
- Rumeli Dhar**, the India seam-bowling allrounder, has announced her **retirement from international cricket**, at the age of 38. Dhar played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England, at Brabourne in 2018.
- The Indian football team** reaped a good harvest of its impressive Asian Cup qualification campaign as it gained two places to jump to **104th in the latest FIFA world rankings** released. Brazil remained on top, three months after taking the top spot from Belgium (2nd).

## Science and Technology News

- **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** launched **GSAT-24**, following the space reforms leasing the entire satellite's capacity to **Direct-to-Home (DTH)** service provider Tata Play. This was the company's first "demand-driven" communication satellite mission. The satellite, developed by the **Indian Space Research Organization for NSIL**, was successfully launched into geostationary orbit from **Kourou in French Guiana** by the Ariane 5 rocket (South America).
- **Two communication satellites** from Malaysia and India will be launched into geostationary orbit by the European space agency **Arianespace**. The Ariane-5 rocket will launch the two satellites, which together weigh more than 10,000 kilograms, from the spaceport in **Kourou, French Guiana**.
- US-based technology major **Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI)**, Oracle's cloud services platform, has introduced the '**OCI dedicated region**' for the Indian market. It will enable customers to leverage public cloud services on their premises while meeting strict latency, data residency, and data sovereignty requirements.
- **Garuda Aerospace Pvt. Ltd.**, an integrated drone manufacturer and drone-as-a-service (DAAS) provider based in India, would invest **Rs 115 crore** in the construction of a production facility in **Malaysia**. The decision is made to establish a drone manufacturing plant in Malaysia, with a daily production capacity of around **50 drones**. The components would be imported from India and other nations.

## Important Days

- **The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict** is an international event conducted by the United Nations (UN) on **June 19** each year. The theme for this year's observance of International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is '**Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural and operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.**'
- **World Refugee Day** is celebrated every year on **20 June**. World Refugee Day was designated as an International Day by the **UN (United Nations)**. While the theme of World Refugee Day 2022 has not been rolled out, last year it was "**Together we heal, learn and shine.**"
- **International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice** is observed globally on **21st June**. This day bring awareness about solstices and equinoxes and their significance for several religions and ethnic cultures. The Summer Solstice is the day of the year when the sun reaches its highest point in the sky. It happens on **June 21st this year**.

- **World Music Day** is celebrated every year on **June 21**. The day gives respect to the art form of music that binds people across culture, region, language and religion. The theme for World Music Day 2022 is "**Music on the intersections**".
- **International Olympic Day** is celebrated on **June 23rd** across the globe. The day is primarily celebrated to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games. This year, the theme for the International Olympic Day is "**Together For A Peaceful World.**"
- With the aim to appreciate the value of public institutions and public servants, **June 23** is observed as **United Nations Public Service Day**. The theme for this year's event is "**Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.**"
- **International Widows' Day** is observed across the world on **23 June**. The day aims to gather support for widows and to spread awareness about their situation. The theme for last year's International Widows' Day was "Invisible Women, Invisible Problems". This year's theme is - "**Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence**".
- The "**Day of the Seafarer**" is celebrated annually on June 25 to honour the vital contribution that seafarers make to **global trade** and the **economy**, frequently at considerable personal sacrifice to themselves and their families.

## Obituaries

- Veteran photojournalist, **R. Raveendran** passed away at the age of 69. He was the recipient of numerous photography awards and is known for his iconic photo of **Rajiv Goswami** setting himself on fire during the Mandal agitation in the Capital. He has worked in AFP and ANI.



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**Miscellaneous News**

- Filmmaker **Srijit Mukherji** has dropped the trailer of “**Shabaash Mithu**”, a **Taapsee Pannu**-starrer biopic on former India women’s cricket team captain **Mithali Raj**. The film is set to hit theatres on July 15. The film has been written by **Priyan Aven** who makes her debut as a screenplay writer with **Shabaash Mithu**.
- The **enormous stingray Moul Thun** snagged on the end of line by a fisherman was larger than any fish ever seen, the hunter was aware. The 42-year-old fisherman from **Kaoh Preah**, an isolated island in the **Mekong River**, in northern **Cambodia**, didn’t realise was that the ray would eventually be designated the largest documented freshwater fish in the world.
- The **26th Sindhu Darshan Yatra** will start in **Leh** with the reception of the yatri, according to Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, RSS Senior Leader **Indresh Kumar**. After **Ladakh** became a Union Territory, yatri from all over the nation would see the rapid development there, according to the RSS Senior Leader **Indresh Kumar**.
- **India** is proposing a number of policies to encourage the establishment of carbon capture facilities by **high carbon emission** industries like steel, cement, and thermal plants. Production-linked incentive programmes, viability gap funding, or carbon credits could all be used to offer incentives. The government might issue carbon credits that can be exchanged on carbon exchanges or a **PLI programme** that would tie incentives to how much carbon is gathered and used.
- **Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport** has become the **first airport in the country** to run entirely on **hydro and solar power** from this month in a major step toward achieving the ambitious goal of becoming a **Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030**.



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- Minister of State for Culture and Parliamentary Affairs: Arjun Ram Meghwal
- Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs: Meenakshi Lekhi
- Indian Oil Corporation Chairperson: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya;
- Indian Oil Corporation Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Oil Corporation Founded: 30 June 1959.
- Finance Minister of India: Nirmala Sitharaman
- Home Minister of India: Amit Shah
- FATF Headquarters: Paris, France;
- FATF President: Marcus Pleyer;
- FATF Purpose: Combat money laundering and terrorism financing;
- FATF Founded: 1989.
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945;
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
- UNESCO Members: 193 countries;
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
- Sri Lanka President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa;
- Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan rupee;
- Sri Lanka Prime minister: Ranil Wickremesinghe.
- Yes Bank Founder: Rana Kapoor
- Yes Bank Chairman: Sunil Mehta
- Yes Bank MD and CEO: Prashant Kumar
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Founded: 2016;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Headquarters: Chennai, Tamil Nadu;
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd MD & CEO: Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan.
- Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd Tagline: It’s Fun Banking.
- South Indian Bank Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala;
- South Indian Bank CEO: Murali Ramakrishnan;
- South Indian Bank Founded: 29 January 1929.
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangaluru;
- Karnataka Bank CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- Cabinet Minister of Law and Justice of India: Shri Kiren Rijju
- New Development Bank Headquarters location: Shanghai, China;
- New Development Bank President: Marcos Prado Troyjo;
- New Development Bank Founder: BRICS;
- New Development Bank Founded: 15 July 2014.
- All India Football Federation Headquarters location: New Delhi;
- All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937;

- All India Football Federation FIFA affiliation: 1948.
- National Investigation Agency Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Investigation Agency Founder: Radha Vinod Raju;
- National Investigation Agency Founded: 31 December 2008.
- Commander of the Eastern Coast Guard Region: Inspector General AP Badola
- Defense Minister of India: Shri Rajnath Singh
- BRO: Border Roads Organization.
- Swiss National Bank Chairman of the Governing Board: Thomas J. Jordan;
- Swiss National Bank Head Offices: Berne, Zurich;
- Swiss National Bank Founded: 1854.
- President of China: Xi Jinping
- President of Russia: Vladimir Putin
- President of Brazil: Jair Bolsonaro
- President of South Africa: Cyril Ramaphosa
- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino;
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Oracle Founded: 16 June 1977;
- Oracle Founder: Larry Ellison, Bob Miner, Ed Oates;
- Oracle Headquarters: Austin, Texas, US;
- Oracle CEO: Safra Ada Catz.
- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France;
- International Olympic Committee Director General: Christophe De Kepper.
- Garuda Aerospace's founder and CEO: Agnishwar Jayaprakash
- Founder and CTO of HiiLSE Drones: Shanmugam S. Thangavilo
- South Korea President: Yoon Suk Yeol
- South Korea National Flower: Mugunghwa (Rose of Sharon)

