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15th President of India: Draupadi Murmu

Daughter of a tribal family coming from a very ordinary house in Odisha, **Draupadi Murmu** has been elected as the **15th President of India**. The 2022 Indian Presidential Election was the **16th presidential election** that was held in India on the 18th of July 2022. Murmu becomes India's first woman tribal president. She also becomes the second woman to hold the post after Pratibha Patil. The tenure of incumbent president **Ram Nath Kovind** will end on 24 July.

Important points of the presidential election 2022:

- The counting of votes has started to elect India's new president. Out of a total of 771 MPs entitled to vote (05 vacant) and a total of 4,025 MLAs entitled to vote (06 vacant and 02 disqualified), over 99 per cent cast their votes.
- However, 100% voting by MLAs was reported from Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Puducherry, Sikkim and Tamil Nadu."
- The counting of votes takes place in room number 63 of the Parliament of India which is also the strongroom for the boxes that arrived from all state capitals and Union Territories having a legislature.

Interesting points about Droupadi Murmu:

- The 64-year-old Droupadi Murmu was born in **Odisha's Mayurbhanj** district to a family belonging to the Santhal tribe.
- Santhals, also spelt as Santals, are the **third largest scheduled tribe community in India** after the Gonds and Bhils. Their population is mostly distributed in **Odisha, Jharkhand and West Bengal**.
- Murmu is the second person belonging to a scheduled tribe, to be nominated as a candidate for the post of President of India.

- She served as the ninth Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.
- As a member of the BJP, she was elected to the state assembly twice – in 2000 and in 2009 – from the **Rairangpur seat**.

About the Santhals tribes:

The Santhals are also credited for taking on the force of the East India Company through the **Santal Hul (revolution) of 1855-56**. The anguished Santhals formed their own troops which included farmers and marched against their oppressors. They destroyed the postal communications along with the rail lines and burgled and vandalised storehouses and warehouses. When the British was made aware of the situation, they sent the military to gun down the Santhals.

As per the **Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Research and Training Institute (SCSTRTI)**, Bhubaneswar, the word 'Santhal' is derived from two words; 'Santha' meaning calm and peaceful and 'ala' meaning man. The SCSTRTI says that the Santhals led a nomadic life in the past but then settled in the Chhotanagpur plateau. Towards the end of the 18th century, they migrated to the Santhal Parganas of Bihar and then they came to Odisha.

Expat Insider Rankings for 2022: India ranks 36th

Mexico has topped the **Expat Insider Rankings for 2022**, which was released by the InterNations recently, while **India** has been ranked on **36th position** out of the **52 countries** on the list, with a high affordability score. **Kuwait** is the worst country for expats in the ranking.

The best and the worst

- **Top 10:** Mexico, Indonesia, Taiwan, Portugal, Spain, UAE, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, Singapore.
- **11 to 20:** Estonia, Oman, Kenya, USA, Bahrain, Brazil, Russia, Malaysia, Switzerland, Czechia.
- **21 to 30:** Philippines, Netherlands, Canada, Austria, Hungary, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Poland, Belgium, Denmark.
- **31 to 40:** France, Finland, China, Norway, Egypt, India, UK, Ireland, Sweden, South Korea.
- **41 to 52:** Greece, Germany, Malta, Italy, Turkey, South Africa, Japan, Luxembourg, Cyprus, Hong Kong, New Zealand, Kuwait.



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About the Expat Insider Rankings:

- The Expat Insider survey is conducted every year by InterNations, a community for expatriates.
- The survey takes a look at some of the best possible ex-pat destinations around the world, which offer the best quality of life to the people who move abroad to improve their quality of life.
- The Expat Insider 2022 survey report surveyed 11,970 respondents to evaluate their life abroad. These respondents represented 177 nationalities and lived in 181 countries or territories worldwide.
- A total of **52 countries** have been ranked on the list.

Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th

The **Henley Passport Index** has recently released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022. Three Asian nations **Japan, Singapore and South Korea** bagged the top three positions on the list, reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were dominated by European nations. **India** is ranked **87th** on the list of the **world's most powerful passports in 2022**, according to the latest **Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners**, an immigration consultancy.

Key points of the Index:

- India's neighbouring country Pakistan reportedly has the fourth worst passport in the world, according to Henley Index.
- The Japanese passport provides hassle-free entry to 193 countries, while Singapore and South Korea both provide entry to 192 countries.
- Among other countries from Asia, India, along with **Mauritius and Tajikistan**, has been ranked 87th, with its passport providing access to 67 countries.
- **China** ties with **Bolivia for the 69th spot**, with each of their passports allowing access to 80 destinations.
- As for Bangladesh, it occupies the **104th position** – five spots higher than Pakistan.
- Pakistan has the fourth worst passport in the world after Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

World's most powerful passports 2022: Top 10 countries

- Japan
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Germany
- Spain
- Finland
- Italy
- Luxemburg
- Austria
- Denmark

About the Henley Passport Index:

Henley Passport Index has ranked all the world's 199 passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa. The ranking is based on data from the International Air Transport Association, which maintains the world's largest database of travel information, and it is enhanced by extensive, ongoing research by the Henley & Partners Research Department.

India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped

Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped the third edition of **NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index**, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman **Suman Bery** released the India Innovation Index 2021 in presence of apex public policy think tank member **Dr VK Saraswat**, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and senior adviser Neeraj Sinha.

The innovation index is based on 7 pillars:

1. Human capital
2. Investment
3. Knowledge workers
4. Business environment
5. Safety and legal environment
6. Knowledge output
7. Knowledge diffusion

Key points of the report:

- Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the 'North East and Hill States' category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.
- Karnataka's high score can be attributed to its peak performance in attracting FDI and a large number of venture capital deals. While Chandigarh topped the knowledge worker pillar, Delhi topped the business environment and investment pillars.



Major states:

Rank	States	III 2021
1	Karnataka	18.01
2	Telangana	17.66
3	Haryana	16.35
4	Maharashtra	16.06
5	Tamil Nadu	15.69
6	Punjab	15.35
7	Uttar Pradesh	14.22
8	Kerala	13.67
9	Andhra Pradesh	13.32
10	Jharkhand	13.10

NE and Hill States:

Rank	States	III 2021
1	Manipur	19.37
2	Uttarakhand	17.67
3	Meghalaya	16.00
4	Arunachal Pradesh	15.46
5	Himachal Pradesh	14.62
6	Sikkim	13.85
7	Mizoram	13.41
8	Tripura	11.43
9	Assam	11.29
10	Nagaland	11.00

UT and City States:

Rank	UT and City States	III 2021
1	Chandigarh	27.88
2	Delhi	27.00
3	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	17.29
4	Puducherry	15.88
5	Goa	14.93
6	Jammu and Kashmir	12.83
7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	12.09
8	Lakshadweep	7.86
9	Ladakh	5.91

What is India Innovation Index?

- Prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute for Competitiveness, the India Innovation Index is a comprehensive tool for the evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance to build healthy competition amongst them.

- The India Innovation Index 2021 presents state-wise rankings based on the innovation landscape and performance of the country's states and union territories. The latest framework of the index has been mapped from the Global Innovation Index, published annually by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization).
- The number of indicators has increased from 36 (in the India Innovation Index 2020) to 66 (in the India Innovation Index 2021).

68th National Film Awards 2022 Announced

The winners of the **68th National Film Awards** were announced in New Delhi. This year's awards ceremony honoured films from **2020** as well due to COVID-19-related delays. The event is organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals, which comes under the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**. Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, **Anurag Thakur** announced the award winners. **Soorarai Pottru** won three of the four biggest awards of the night, while **Tanhaji The Unsung Warrior** also took home major trophies.

68th National Film Awards 2022: Check Full List Here

- Best Feature Film: **Soorarai Pottru**
- Best Director: **Sachidanandan KR**, Ayyappanum Koshiyum
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: **Tanhaji**
- Best Actor: **Suriya for Soorarai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji**
- Best Actress: **Aparna Balamurali, Soorarai Pottru**
- Best Supporting Actor: **Biju Menon, Ayyappanum Koshiyam**
- Best Supporting Actress: **Lakshmi Priya Chandramouli, Sivaranjanikum Innam Sila Pengallum**
- Best Action Direction Award: **AK Ayyappanum Koshiyum**
- Best Choreography: **Natyam (Telugu)**
- Best Lyrics: **Manoj Muntashir for Saina (Hindi)**
- Best Male Playback Singer: **Rahul Deshpande for Mi Vasant Rao and Anish Mangesh Gosavi for Taktak**
- Best Female Playback Singer: **Nanchamma, Ayyappanum Koshiyam**
- Best Music Direction: **Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo, S Thaman**
- Best film on Social Issues: **'Justice Delayed but Delivered & Three Sisters**

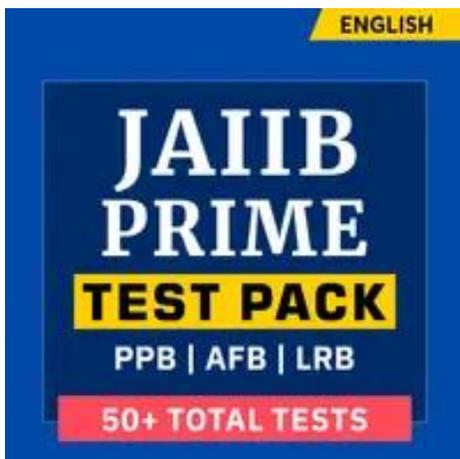
- Best Choreography: Natyam
- Best Cinematography: Avijatrik
- Best Audiography: **Dollu, Mi Vasantrya and Malik**
- Best Costume Design: Tanhaji
- Best Production Design: Kappela
- Best Editing: Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum
- Best Make-up: Natyam
- Best Screenplay: Sooraray Potru, Sudha Kongara and Mandela, Madonne Ashwin
- Best Stunt Choreography: Ayyappanum Koshiyum

Special Jury Award:

- Best Feature Film in Hindi: **Toolsidas Junior**
- Best Feature Film in Kannada: Dollu
- Best Feature Film in Malayalam: Thinkalazhcha Nishchayam
- Best Feature Film in Tamil: Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum
- Best Feature Film in Telugu: Colour Photo
- Best Feature Film in Haryanvi: Dada Lakhmi
- Best Feature Film in Dimasa: Samkhor
- Best Feature Film in Tulu: Jeetige

Non-Feature Films:

- Best Film on Family Values: **Kumkumarchan, Abhijeet Arvind Dalvi**
- Best Direction: Oh That's Bhanu, RV Ramani
- Best Music Direction: 1232 kms – Mareng Toh Wahin Jaakar, Vishal Bhardwaj
- Best Cinematography: Sabdikunna Kalappa, Nikhil S Praveen
- Best Audiography: Pearl of the Desert, Ajit Singh Rathore
- Best Editing: Borderlands, Anadi Athaley
- Best Narration Voiceover: Rhapsody of Rains – Monsoons of Kerala, Shobha Tharoor Srinivasan
- Best On-Location Sound: Jadui Jangal, Sandeep Bhati and Pradeep Lekhwar



- Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation
- Best Book on Cinema: The Longest Kiss by Kishwar Desai
- Best Book on Cinema (Special Mention): MT Anunahvungalude Pusthakam, Anoop Ramakrishnan and Kali Paine Kalira Cinema by Surya Deo
- Best Film Critic: No winner this year.
- Most Film Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh

Feature Film Awards:

- Best Hindi Film: **Toolsidas Junior**
- Best Malayalam Film: Thinkalazhcha Nishchayam
- Best Telugu Film: Colour Photo
- Best Bengali Film: Avijatrik
- Best Assamese Film: Bridge
- Best Tulu Film: Jeetige
- Best Tamil Film: Sivaranjiniyum Innum Sila Pengalum
- Best Marathi Film: Gostha Eka Paithanichi
- Best Kannada Film: Dollu
- Best Dimasa Film: Semkhor
- Best Haryanvi Film: Dada Lakhmi

Other Awards:

- **Madhya Pradesh** (Rajat Kamal & Certificate) wins the Most Film Friendly State award while **Uttarakhand (Certificate) and Uttar Pradesh (Certificate)** get Special Mention.
- **'The Longest Kiss'** by Kishwar Desai wins **Best Book** on Cinema for the year while Malayalam book **'MT Anunahvungalude Pusthakam'** and Odia book **'Kali Paine Kalira Cinema'** win special mention.

About the National Film Awards:

The National Film Awards is the most prominent film award ceremony in India. Established in 1954, it has been administered, along with the International Film Festival of India and the Indian Panorama, by the Indian government's Directorate of Film Festivals since 1973.

- **First awarded:** 10 October 1954; 67 years ago
- **Location:** Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi
- **Presented by:** Directorate of Film Festivals

National Affairs

- The holy city of **Varanasi** showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first **"Cultural and Tourism Capital"** of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation**. Varanasi will become the **"Cultural and Tourism Capital"** of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Jagruti** is a mascot created by the **Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)** with the goal of empowering customers and raising awareness of their rights. Jagruti will be shown as an educated consumer who is advocating for her rights and finding answers to the issues she encounters. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has crossed the 200-Crore milestone in its cumulative **COVID19** vaccination campaign, which is a historic accomplishment. Preliminary reports indicate that 2,00,00,15,631 dosages had been given nationwide. It was accomplished over 2,63,26,111 sessions. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated his compatriots for achieving this important goal in a tweet. He described the immunisation campaign in India as unparalleled in magnitude and rapidity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to Deputy Chief Minister **Manish Sisodia**, the Delhi government celebrated **Happiness Utsav** to honour the fourth anniversary of its Happiness Curriculum for schools. At a special session held for pupils on this occasion at **Kautilya Sarvodaya Bal Vidyalaya** in Chirag Enclave, life coach **Gaur Gopal Das** discussed the intricacies of happiness. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the **Fueling India 2022** event in Mumbai, Union Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) **Narayan Rane** introduced **Repos Pay**, a platform for Mobile Electric Charging, and **Phy-gital** a platform for fintech. On the **Repos Pay** platform, users can order mobile electric charging vehicles and use them to charge their cars. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled '**SPRINT Challenges**', aimed at giving a boost to the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy, during the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) seminar 'Swavlamban' in New Delhi. This collaborative project is named **SPRINT {Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX), NIIO and Technology Development Acceleration Cell (TDAC)}**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To address the issue of drug abuse among Indian youth, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment began implementing **Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan** in the 272 most susceptible districts in August 2020. The **National Survey of Extent, Pattern and Trends of Substance Use** conducted in 2004 and the Comprehensive National Survey on Extent and Pattern of Substance Use in

India conducted in 2018 both show a change in the pattern of substance abuse, according to Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment **A. Narayanaswamy**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Army Motor Bike trip from New Delhi to the **Kargil War Memorial** at Dras in Ladakh was launched off from Pathankot in Punjab to commemorate 23 years of triumph over Pakistan in the **Kargil War of 1999** and to celebrate the spirit of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. The Zojila Pass Axis Rally team travelled through Kathua, Samba, Jammu, and Nagrota before arriving in the late afternoon in Udhampur. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has unveiled **Varuna**, India's first passenger drone. PM Modi is seen watching the demonstration of the drone. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** asserted that the current government has ensured last-mile delivery of services with the help of technology, including drones. ([Click here to read the article](#))

States in the News

- **Kerala** is now the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service, according to Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan**, who made the announcement. The announcement followed the Department of Telecommunications' granting of an **Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence** to the IT infrastructure project of the **Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd (K-Fon)**, which aims to provide everyone in the state access to the internet. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA)**, the newest entry in the Digital Public Goods Registry, was announced by the Telangana State government in collaboration with the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**. The platform, which uses artificial intelligence to power it, aims to improve food security and food systems. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- During the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, which was held here, National Legal Services Authority Chairman **Uday Umesh Lalit** unveiled the first digital **Lok Adalat** driven by artificial intelligence. Rajasthan **State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA)** digital Lok Adalat was created by **Jupitice Justice Technologies**, the organization's technological partner. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- According to the chief ministers of both states, **Assam** and **Arunachal Pradesh** have taken a step toward settling their seven-decade-old boundary dispute by signing the **Namsai Declaration**. Following their third round of discussions on the matter, the Arunachal Pradesh chief minister **Pema Khandu** and his Assam colleague **Himanta Biswa Sarma** signed the declaration in Namsai. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Following the resignation of **Jagdeep Dhankhar**, who has been selected by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) as its vice presidential candidate, **La. Ganesan** took the oath of office as the new governor of West Bengal. In the presence of the speaker, **Mamata Banerjee**, various state ministers, and Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, **Prakash Shrivastava**, he was sworn into office. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to create a conservation strategy to safeguard the endangered species, the **Andhra Pradesh State Wildlife Department** has begun the first-ever study of **blackbucks** along a length of islands in the **Godavari** between Dowleswaram and Yanam. Following reports of large numbers of **blackbucks** becoming stuck on the islands affected by the Godavari floods, the survey was proposed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Assam** Chief Minister **Himanta Biswa Sarma** has launched '**Swanirbhar Naari**', a scheme to empower indigenous weavers in **Assam's Guwahati**. The state government will procure handloom items directly from indigenous weavers via a web portal under the scheme. The scheme will help in preserving the heritage of handlooms and textiles in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Himachal Pradesh** has become the **first state in the country** to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with **Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD)** with **Emergency Response Support System (ERSS)**. Now, these vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLTD. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran **Sri Lankan** politician and six-time Prime Minister, **Ranil Wickremesinghe** has been elected as the **9th President of the Island nation** by the Parliament. He secured 134 votes in the presidential election by the 225-member parliament. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As temperatures have continued to soar, the **UK Meteorological (Met) Office** issued the first-ever red extreme heat warning for areas of **England**, including **London**. Temperatures could reach 40 degrees Celsius, and a red warning, the maximum level used by the **Met Office** under its alert system, indicates a risk to life is possible. The unusual warning, which is categorised as a national emergency, signifies that life is in danger for people of all ages. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister of **Italy**, **Mario Draghi** has stepped down from his post after key coalition parties withdrew their support for his government on measures tackling the high cost of living. Draghi submitted his resignation to President **Sergio Mattarella**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Kuwait's Emir **Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** has issued a decree to appoint **Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem** as a new **Prime Minister**. The appointment of a new PM comes three months after former Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Hamad Al-Sabah submitted his resignation, the fourth in the past two years and a half. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior politician, **Dinesh Gunawardena** has been appointed as the new and **15th Prime Minister** of Sri Lanka, by President **Ranil Wickremesinghe**. He succeeds former prime minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe**, who has been sworn in as the country's 9th president. Gunawardena, parliamentarian of the **Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party**, took his oath in the capital Colombo in the presence of other senior legislators. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- **The British government** has launched an "**Aviation Passenger Charter**" to help passengers know their rights if they are faced with problems at airports after the widespread disruption seen this year. The new charter will help passengers know what to do if they are confronted by cancellations, delays or missing baggage. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- An agreement was reached between the **Reserve Bank of India** and **Bank Indonesia** to increase collaboration in payment systems, digital financial innovation, **anti-money laundering, and countering the funding of terrorism (AML-CFT)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between **India** and **Namibia** aims to bring back **cheetahs** to the country after nearly seven decades. The first eight cheetahs are expected to arrive in Madhya Pradesh's **Kuno National Park** by August 15. Separately, India is anticipated to receive 12 cheetahs from **South Africa**; a draught deal has already been signed, and a final one is forthcoming, according to authorities with knowledge of the situation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- E-commerce market, **Flipkart** said that it had signed an agreement with the **Bihar State Skill Development Mission** to start the **Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA)** projects in the state. According to a release, the programme aims to develop a talent pool of skilled supply chain operations personnel and disseminate pertinent training and expertise of the business. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Books and Authors

- Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** released the book "**BEYOND THE MISTY VEIL**", Temple Tales of Uttarakhand written by Ms **Aradhana Johri (Senior IAS)** on the temples of Uttarakhand. This book will be known as an authentic introduction to the divine temples of Uttarakhand in the country and abroad. Former IAS officer **Aradhana Johri** who had served earlier as the District Magistrate of Nainital. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has announced the completion of its technical integration with the new income tax e-filing system. According to a statement from the lender, **Kotak Mahindra Bank** clients can now pay their direct taxes online through the e-pay tax page of the portal using **Kotak** net banking or in person at a branch. For its clients, this will make the tax payment procedure quick, easy, and convenient. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **OneCard**, a mobile-first credit card company, raised \$100 million in a series D round of funding backed by Temasek, making it the 104th unicorn in India. India has created more than 20 financial unicorns so far in 2022, including **OneCard**, **Open**, **Oxyzo**, and **Yubi** (formerly CredAvenue). Existing investors including QED, Sequoia Capital, and Hummighbird Ventures also made investments in **OneCard's** most recent round, which is owned by FPL Technologies of Pune. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The nation's first 5G private network was successfully tested by **Bharti Airtel** at **Bosch Automotive Electronics' plant** in Bengaluru. The trial occurs in advance of a 5G spectrum auction in the midst of a conflict between telecom and IT firms over the allocation of airwaves for private networks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)** and **JSW Steel** have worked together on a decarbonization and sustainability strategy. In order to help **JSW Steel** on its path to being a net-zero carbon emitter, **BCG** will make use of its unique CO2 AI platform as well as its top-tier digital and analytics skills. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Due to the lender's worsening financial situation, the **RBI** imposed a number of limitations on Mumbai-based **Raigad Sahakari Bank**, including a withdrawal cap of Rs 15,000 per customer. The **cooperative bank** is subject to a number of restrictions, including the inability to issue loans, make any investments, or take new deposits without **RBI's** prior approval. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The first IT company to publicly indicate interest in the government's direct distribution of spectrum for exclusive 5G networks is **L&T Technology Services**. According to CEO **Amit Chadha**, it will acquire spectrum to set up a 5G private network and develop use cases for the technology. In addition, the engineering and research and development services company will roll out 5G solutions for parent company **Larsen & Toubro** globally. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State Bank of India (SBI)** will soon provide its customers with **WhatsApp-based banking**. **Dinesh Khara**, the chairman of **SBI**, announced this while announcing a few retail initiatives. In addition, **Khara** stated that they would soon introduce API (application programming interface) banking to corporate clients and aggregators. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Meta CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** announced that the company is launching a new “**payments in chat**” feature on **Instagram**. With this new feature, users can purchase products from small businesses and track orders via direct messages on Instagram. According to Meta, every week, one billion people message businesses across Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The board of private lender **IndusInd Bank** has authorised a plan to raise Rs 20,000 crore in debt to finance company expansion. In a meeting, the bank’s board of directors approved the proposal, according to a statement from **IndusInd Bank**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- American brokerage **Morgan Stanley** cut its FY23 real GDP expansion estimate for India by 0.40 per cent to **7.2 per cent** on slower global growth and GDP growth will slow down to **6.4 per cent in FY24**. A majority of watchers are expecting FY23 GDP growth to come at over 7 per cent levels. The RBI estimate also stands at 7.2 per cent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The administration informed **Parliament** that concrete actions taken by the **RBI** and **government** assisted banks in recovering bad loans of more than Rs 8.6 lakh crore over the course of the previous eight fiscal years. **Non-performing assets (NPAs)** are a natural, albeit unfavourable, corollary of the banking industry, according to Minister of State for Finance **Bhagwat Karad** in a written response to the Lok Sabha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Go Digit General Insurance** is the first insurer to offer a ‘**pay as you drive**’ (**PAYD**) add-on feature for motor insurance **own damage (OD) policies**. The Insurance has launched an add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage policies, named ‘Pay as you Drive’. Vehicle-owners can purchase this benefit as part of comprehensive coverage, along with motor own damage (OD) policies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Industry body **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)** has downgraded India’s economic output estimate for this financial year by 40 basis points to **7% for 2022-23**. In April, FICCI had estimated India’s growth at **7.4% for 2022-23**. Owing to geopolitical uncertainties and their impact on Asia’s third largest economy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, has slashed India’s GDP growth forecast to **7.2 per cent for FY23**. Earlier this was estimated at **7.5 per cent**. Meanwhile, the Manila-based multilateral development bank has revised down FY24 growth forecast to 7.8 per cent, from 8 per cent estimated earlier. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to improve the financial soundness of **Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)**, the **RBI** has decided to create a straightforward four-tiered regulatory framework. A panel of experts led by former **RBI** deputy governor **N S Vishwanathan** had presented a number of suggestions for improving **UCBs**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Federal Bank** and the **Central Board of Direct Taxes** have teamed to let taxpayers use the **e-filing portal’s e-pay tax function**. Taxes can now be paid promptly by anyone using methods including cash, NEFT/RTGS, a debit/credit card, UPI, net banking, etc. Through the bank’s branches, NRIs, domestic clients, and any tax-paying citizen can create tax challans and submit payments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government has designated “zero coupon zero principal instruments” as securities in preparation for the creation of a social stock exchange. A **Not for Profit Organization (NPO)** that will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange will issue a zero coupon, zero principal instrument. According to a formal announcement released on Friday, the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** will establish the laws that would apply to these instruments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Three cooperative banks have received harsh limitations from the **Reserve Bank of India** in the last two days. Along with the **Sri Mallikarjuna Pattana Sahakari Bank** situated in Karnataka, these banks also include two from Maharashtra: the **Nashik Zilla Girna Sahakari Bank Limited** and the **Raigad Sahakari Bank**. The **Reserve Bank of India** has restricted these three banks from engaging in any banking activity due to their weak liquidity situation. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **V.K. Singh** has taken charge as **Director (Technical) of REC Limited**. Before this elevation, Singh was Executive Director in REC holding a portfolio of key business areas including Private Sector Project Management, Entity Appraisal and Procurement and is also a Director on the Board of REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The BJP has announced West Bengal Governor, **Jagdeep Dhankhar** as the **NDA's vice-presidential candidate**, with party chief J P Nadda lauding him as a "**Kisan Putra (farmer's son)**" who had established himself as "a people's governor". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran sports administrator, **Narinder Batra** has resigned as President of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**, President of the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**, as well as a member of the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, citing "personal reasons". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The National Stock Exchange (NSE)** has announced the appointment of **Ashish Kumar Chauhan** as its new **managing director and CEO**. He will succeed **Vikram Limaye** whose 5-year term ended on 16 July 2022. He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Manoj Kumar**, former expert member of marketing at **Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)**, has been promoted to take charge as **Chairman of the Government of India's statutory body**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Supreme Court judge, **Vineet Saran** has taken over as the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ethics officer and ombudsman**. He has succeeded Justice (Retd) **D. K. Jain**, whose term ended in June last year. Saran, 65, is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Retired Army officer **Raj Shukla** has been appointed as a member of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**. The UPSC recommends candidates to the government for appointment to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and the Central Services — Group A and Group B. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **RattanIndia Power** announced hiring **Brijesh Gupta** as its new **managing director**. He has experience working across the renewable, steel, mining and commodities sector in India and abroad. He has over three decades of experience in the industrial sector. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Central Government has appointed, **Jayanti Prasad** as a Whole-time Member of the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)** for five years. This period of five years will be counted from the date of assumption of charge of the post i.e July 5, 2022, or up to the age of 65 years, whichever is the earliest, according to an executive order issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rajarshi Gupta** has been appointed as **Managing Director of ONGC Videsh**. He was recommended for the position by the **Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB)**. He has more than 33 years of wide-ranging experience in supervisory, managerial and strategic planning capacities in domestic and international operations of **ONGC and ONGC Videsh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has appointed **Egypt's Seif Ahmed** as its acting president following Indian administrator **Narinder Batra's** resignation from the post. Batra resigned as FIH president and also quit as **Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief**. He also gave up his International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Defence News

- Union Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has launched the fourth **P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri'** into the **Hooghly River in Kolkata**. The Project 17A frigate is built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited. The P-17A class is a follow-on of the P-17 Shivalik Class with improved stealth features & advanced weapons. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian delegation, led by DG, **BSF Pankaj Singh**, arrived in Dhaka early on the first day of the **52nd BGB-BSF Director General level Border conference in Bangladesh**. On the first day, a variety of topics including border management, drug trafficking, smuggling of weapons and ammunition, trafficking in women and children, and other development initiatives within 150 yards of the international boundary were discussed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **INS Sindhudhvaj** has decommissioned after **35 years of glorious service to the nation**. Vice Adm **Biswajit Dasgupta** Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command was the Chief Guest for the ceremony. The submarine crest depicts a grey colour nurse shark and the name means flag bearer at sea. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- As part of its mission to train its troops in high-altitude combat and survival techniques, the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)**, which is tasked with securing the Line of Actual Control with China, has established its first mountain warfare training facility in northeast India and its second overall. The facility was built nearly 50 years after the founding of the first institution of its kind, the **Mountaineering and Skiing Institute (M&SI)**, which opened in **Auli**, near **Joshimath**, in 1973-74. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- Two-time Grand Slam champion and former world number one, **Lleyton Hewitt** was inducted into the **International Tennis Hall of Fame**. Before Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic ascended to the top of the sport, Hewitt held the top spot for 80 weeks, good for 10th-most in history. Even when those stars made their mark. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)** has bagged the **Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021** (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Development Bank of Singapore Limited (DBS Bank)** has been recognized as the '**World's Best SME Bank**' by **Euromoney** for the second time (the first time in 2018). The bank has established its position as a global industry leader in association with **Small to Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** to enhance growth and development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Malayalam filmmaker, **KP Kumaran** has been honoured with Kerala's highest film award, the **JC Daniel Award**. Kumaran won the award for his contribution to the Malayalam film industry. The award comprises of a cash prize of **Rs 5 lakh**, a citation, and a plaque. ([Click here to read the article](#))



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Summit and Conference

- The **13th Petersberg Climate Dialogue** began in **Berlin, Germany**. The two-day informal ministerial meet is being chaired by **Germany and Egypt**, hosts of this year's annual **climate meet (COP-27)**. The informal ministerial meeting proposes to build consensus and provide political direction to resolve divergences aimed at improving the implementation of climate action, the core goal of COP-27. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- Facebook owner **Meta** released its **first annual human rights report**, following years of accusations that it turned a blind eye to online abuses that fueled real-world violence in places like **India and Myanmar**. The report, which covers due diligence performed in 2020 and 2021, includes a summary of a controversial human rights impact assessment of India that Meta commissioned law firm **Foley Hoag** to conduct. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tamil Nadu** tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship **Smart City Mission** is concerned. While **Tamil Nadu** has spent over **Rs 3932 crore** out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, **Uttar Pradesh** is in the second position with the utilisation of **Rs 2699 cr** out of the Central share release of Rs 3142 crore. As on 8 July 2022, the Centre has released Rs 30,751.41 crore for 100 Smart Cities, out of which Rs 27,610.34 crore (90%) has been utilised. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As per the **Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List**, India's richest person, **Gautam Adani** has now also become the fourth richest person in the world, leaving behind **Microsoft founder Bill Gates**. This increment came as **Gates** announced that he would be donating \$20 billion of his wealth to his non-profit organisation — **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's** rankings fell by three spots in the median mobile speeds, according to **Ookla's Speedtest Global Index**. India has at the number **115th spot** in May this year, but it dropped down to **118th in June**. **Norway** continues to be at the No.1 spot for overall global median mobile speeds, while **Chile** has reclaimed its No.1 position from **Singapore**, which landed at the No.2 spot for overall global fixed broadband speeds. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **India** was the top recipient country for remittances inflows in **2021**, in current US dollars, among the low and middle-income countries, according to a report released by **World Health Organisation**. India received remittances worth **US\$ 87 billion** in 2021, as per the “first World report on the health of refugees and migrants”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The World Fragile X Awareness Day** is marked on **22 July** every year to celebrate families impacted by Fragile X and highlight the progress of research to find a cure. On this day, communities around the world come together to shine a light on Fragile X, by illuminating monuments and landmarks globally. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The “Digital Banks” paper from **NITI Aayog** presents a rationale for a licencing and regulatory framework for digital banks as well as a template and a path for implementing it. It focuses on preventing any regulatory or policy arbitrage and provides both incumbents and challengers with an even playing field. In front of other officials, the report was released by **Suman Bery**, CEO of NITI Aayog, **Parameswaran Iyer**, Senior Advisor **Anna Roy**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a report by the government think tank **NITI Aayog** and the Institute for Competitiveness, India has among of the lowest R&D expenditures worldwide. In fact, R&D spending in India has decreased, falling from 0.8 percent of GDP in 2008-09 to 0.7 percent in 2017-18. According to data, India has a lower GERD than the other BRICS countries. Spending amounts for **Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa** are respectively 1.2 percent, 1.1 percent, over 2 percent, and 0.8 percent. Around 1.8 percent is the global average. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has announced a **322-member** Indian contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff to represent the country at the **Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, United Kingdom**. The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8, 2022 Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para-sports category. **Rajesh Bhandari**, vice president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), is the **Chef de Mission of the squad**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Grandmaster **Aravindh Chithambaram** has emerged winner in the **41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain**. Chithambaram’s coach R B Ramesh praised his ward for the title. He defeated Armenia’s Robert Hovhannisyan and compatriot Raunak Sadhwani on the basis of a tie-break score here. Sadhwani finished in third place behind the Armenian. Chithambaram is also a former national champion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Paracin Open ‘A’ chess competition 2022 in Serbia was won by young Indian Grandmaster **R Praggnanandhaa**, who finished with 8 points after nine rounds. The 16-year-old finished with a score of 0.5 points higher than the competition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Athletics Council** has selected **Tokyo (Japan)** to host the **2025 World Athletics Championships**. At the World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the Council also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in **Tallahassee, Florida**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Indian shooter **Mairaj Ahmed Khan** made history by becoming the first person to ever win a men’s skeet gold medal at an **ISSF World Cup**. The 46-year-old from Uttar Pradesh shot 37 in the 40-shot final to finish ahead of **Minsu Kim** from Korea (36), who took second place, and **Ben Llewelin** from Britain (26), who took third place. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- **PV Sindhu** won the first **Super 500 title** of her career when she defeated reigning Asian champion **Wang Zhi Yi** of China 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 in the final of the **Singapore Open**. **Anthony Sinisuka Ginting** won the men’s singles title at badminton’s Singapore Open 2022. Olympic bronze medallist Ginting from Indonesia beat unseeded Japanese player **Naraoka Kodai** in a closely fought final. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Former West Indies skipper **Denesh Ramdin** announced his retirement from international cricket with immediate effect. He played his last match for West Indies in a T20I in December 2019. However, he will continue to play franchise cricket. Meanwhile, West Indies batter **Lendl Simmons** also announced his retirement from international cricket. His decision came to the fore after his Caribbean Premier League franchise Trinbago Knight Riders posted a congratulatory message for the player. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- England all-rounder **Ben Stokes** has made a surprise announcement to retire from **ODI cricket**. “Three formats are just unsustainable for me now,” he said. The 31-year-old will play his last ODI against South Africa at his home ground in Durham. Stokes’ ODI career will forever be remembered for his **Player-of-the-Match performance in the 2019 World Cup final** against New Zealand at Lord’s. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games** will be hosted in **Los Angeles, United States**. The opening ceremony for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics will take place on **July 14, 2028, and continue till July 30**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bangladesh ODI captain, **Tamim Iqbal** has announced his retirement from T20Is and his decision came shortly after his side defeated West Indies 3-0 in the three-match ODI series. He played his last T20 International in March 2020. The 33-year-old has played 78 T20 Internationals, scoring **1758 runs at 24.08**. Tamim is one of the best openers to have come out of Bangladesh, having scored **5082 runs in Tests and 7943 runs in ODIs**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A committee on the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** was established by the government eight months after it made a similar commitment in exchange for repealing three divisive agriculture policies. **Sanjay Agrawal**, a former agricultural secretary, will preside over the committee. The government has made a provision for **Sanyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM)** to have three representatives on the committee, but the farm organisation has not yet provided any candidates for the group. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Health Minister **Mansukh Mandaviya** informed the Rajya Sabha that the World Bank had granted a loan of USD \$1 billion to fund India’s flagship **PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM)**. The loan that has been cleared consists of two complementary loans totaling USD 500 million each for the India’s Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program and Transforming India’s Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The five years of the **Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana** are now complete. 21 July, 2017 marked the official launch of the programme. The programme is a social security programme for the elderly that aims to provide them with a **guaranteed minimum pension** based on a guaranteed return on the purchase price or subscription fee. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

Schemes and Commitment News

- The Department of Consumer Affairs has formed a committee under the leadership of Additional Secretary **Nidhi Khatri** in an effort to provide an overall framework for the Right to Repair. Creating a framework for the right to repair in India aims to empower local consumers and product buyers, harmonise commerce between original equipment makers and third-party buyers and sellers, place an emphasis on establishing sustainable use of products, and reduce e-waste. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi (RGCI)** have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, “**SSI-Mantra**”, devised by the new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations. The ingenious SSI Mantra, a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon **Dr Sudhir P Srivastava**, will be signifying the beginning of a new era of surgical procedures in India, making robotic surgery accessible and affordable for the people of our country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A unique **biodiversity sensor project** is launched by **Syngenta**, a global agri-business major. It claimed to be the first such project in India. Syngenta has launched this project in collaboration with the **Indian Institute of Technology, Ropar, Punjab (IIT-R)**. This project will help in studying the behavior of insects around farms, particularly bees and butterflies. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV)** has successfully launched 342 foreign satellites from 34 countries since 1999 on a commercial basis. **Dr. Jitendra Singh** stated in a written response to a question in the Rajya Sabha today that the launch of these foreign satellites on a commercial basis will generate roughly 132 Million Euros. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tech giant **Microsoft** has announced that it is introducing **Viva Engage**, a new app in Teams that helps build community and connection, along with providing tools for personal expression. Built on the foundation of Yammer, Viva Engage brings people together across the organisation to connect with leaders and coworkers, find answers to questions, share their unique stories, and find belonging at work. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Space Research Organisation, ISRO Chairman **S Somnath** along with other senior scientists inaugurated the **Human Space Flight Expo** at **Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium** in **Bengaluru** to commemorate the Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav. ISRO is embarking on its maiden unmanned mission Gaganyaan soon and the exhibition showcased the crew module, GSLV Mark III human-rated launch vehicle and crew escape systems. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Chess Day** is celebrated annually on **July 20** globally. The day marks the date of the establishment of the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** in Paris in 1924. On this day, we can observe the day by teaching someone or learning how to play the game. Also, we can consider a 24-Hour Marathon or share your story about your own chess strategy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)** celebrates **World Brain Day** on every **July 22**, focusing on a different theme each year. World Brain Day (WBD) 2022 is dedicated to the theme "**Brain Health for all**" as our brains continue to be challenged by pandemics, wars, climate change and the myriad of disorders impacting human existence globally. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Broadcasting Day** is observed on **July 23** in India. The day aims to remind Indian citizens about the impact of radio on our lives. **Akashvani or All India Radio (AIR)** is India's homegrown national radio broadcasting service which reaches millions of homes across the nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** observed the **162nd Income Tax Day** (also known as Aaykar Diwas) on **24 July 2022**. The purpose of this tax was to compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime during the first war of independence against British Rule in 1857. The day was first celebrated in 2010. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days News

- Every year on **July 18** the world marks **Nelson Mandela International Day**. The day is a remembrance of the first democratically **elected President of South Africa** and his long years of struggle for justice against apartheid. The theme for Nelson Mandela International Day 2022 is "**Do what you can, with what you have, where you are**", according to the United Nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Day for International Justice** is observed on **July 17** to commemorate the organisations that work to bring justice to the victims of international criminal acts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The General Assembly declared **International Moon Day**, a United Nations-designated international day to be observed annually on **20 July**. International Moon Day 2022 is chosen as the day to educate and promote awareness on the status and prospects for humanity. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- Former Punjab Speaker and Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader, **Nirmal Singh Kahlon** has passed away at the age of 79. He was the Rural Development and Panchayat Minister from 1997 to 2002 and the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 2007 to 2012. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- Legendary ghazal singer, **Bhupinder Singh** passed away due to suspected colon cancer and COVID-19-related complications. He was 82. Singh was best known for songs such as 'Duniya Chhute Yaar Na Chhute' ("Dharam Kanta"), 'Thodi Si Zameen Thoda Aasman' ("Sitara"), which he sang with the late legendary singer Lata Mangeshkar, 'Dil Dhoondta Hai' ("Mausam"), 'Naam Gum Jayega' ("Kinara"). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Noted artist **Achuthan Kudallur** has passed away recently at the age of 77. A civil engineer by training, Achuthan Kudallur was a self-taught abstract artist and a highly respected name in contemporary art circles of south India. He was a part of the Madras Art Club, which operated within the Government College of Art, Chennai and later shifted to painting abstracts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Noted scientist and director of the Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), **Dr Ajay Kumar Parida** has passed away at the age of 58. He was awarded the **Padma Shri Award** by the President of India in 2014 for his outstanding contribution in the field of Science and Engineering. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- A new census workstation has been unveiled by the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi** in the **Economics Lab of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences**. The Census Data Workstation was officially opened by **Dr. Vivek Joshi**, the Registrar General and Census Commissioner for India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** is celebrating the **75th year of Independence** as **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**. This is celebrated by the Ministry of Culture, and on this occasion, the **National School of Drama (NSD)**, New Delhi, organized "**Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav-22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022**" from **16th July to 14th August 2022**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Margaret Alva**, a former Union minister and governor of **Rajasthan**, will run for vice president as a joint candidate of the opposition parties. **Jagdeep Dhankar**, the governor of West Bengal, has been nominated by the **NDA** as a joint contender for the position of vice president. At a gathering of 17 opposition party leaders at the home of NCP supremo **Sharad Pawar**, the decision was made to run Alva. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port** has become the first **100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India** having all berths being operated on the PPP model. The PPP model of investment in Indian ports has made remarkable progress in the last 25 years, beginning from the Jawaharlal Nehru Port, resulting in capacity addition and productivity improvement. JNP is one of the leading container ports in the country and is ranked 26th among the top 100 global ports (**as per Lloyds List Top 100 Ports 2021 Report**). ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- Reserve Bank of India Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Bank Indonesia Governor: Perry Warjiyo
- Additional Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs: Nidhi Khatri
- Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs: Anupam Mishra
- Managing director, investment (India), of Temasek, OneCard: Mohit Bhandari
- Registrar General and Census Commissioner for India: Dr. Vivek Joshi
- Deputy Director (Strategy and Planning), IIT Delhi: Professor Ashok Ganguli
- Kerala Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan;
- Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram;
- Kerala Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan.
- National Stock Exchange Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- National Stock Exchange Founded: 1992;
- Chairperson of National Stock Exchange: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi.
- IT Minister, GoI: Shri KT Rama Rao
- Director and CEO of Airtel Business: Ajay Chitkara
- Head of technical functions at Bosch Automotive Electronics India: Subhash P
- Facebook Founded: February 2004;
- Facebook CEO: Mark Zuckerberg;
- Facebook Headquarters: California, United States.
- Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare: Dr Bharati Pravin Pawar
- Union Health Minister: Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
- KVIC Founded: 1956;
- KVIC Headquarters: Mumbai.
- Chief Justice of India: N V Ramana
- Union Minister of Law and Justice: Kiren Rijiju
- National Legal Services Authority Chairman: Uday Umesh Lalit

- Chief Minister of Rajasthan: Ashok Gehlot
- International Chess Federation President: Arkady Dvorkovich;
- International Chess Federation Founded: 20 July 1924, Paris, France;
- International Chess Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland.
- Chief Minister of Assam: Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh: Pema Khandu
- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly;
- BCCI secretary: Jay Shah;
- BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- BCCI Founded: December 1928.
- CEO, Boston Consulting Group: Christoph Schweizer
- Joint managing director of JSW Steel and group CFO: Seshagiri Rao
- DBS Bank Headquarters: Singapore;
- DBS Bank CEO: Piyush Gupta.
- Instagram launched: 6 October 2010;
- Instagram Owner: Meta;
- Instagram Founder Kevin Systrom.
- Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court: Prakash Shrivastava
- Chief Minister of West Bengal: Mamata Banerjee
- UPSC Chairperson: Manoj Soni;
- UPSC Founded: 1 October 1926.
- Chairman of the National Small Industries Corporation: Shri P. Udaykumar
- Union Minister of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME): Narayan Rane
- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
- Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India: Dr. Virendra Kumar
- Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment: A. Narayanaswamy
- IBBI Founded: 1 October 2016;
- IBBI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- IBBI Parent department: Ministry of Corporate Affairs;
- IBBI Chairperson: Ravi Mittal.
- World Federation of Neurology Headquarters location: London, United Kingdom;
- World Federation of Neurology Founded: 22 July 1957;
- World Federation of Neurology President: Prof. Wolfgang Grisold.
- Italy Capital: Rome;
- Italy Currency: Euro.
- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FICCI Secretary General: Dilip Chenoy;
- FICCI Presidents: Sanjiv Mehta, Uday Shankar.
- Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines;
- Asian Development Bank President: Masatsugu Asakawa;
- Asian Development Bank Founded: 19 December 1966.
- Assam Capital: Dispur;
- Assam Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma;
- Assam Governor: Prof Jagdish Mukhi.
- Kuwait Capital: Kuwait City;
- Kuwait Currency: Kuwaiti dinar.
- International Hockey Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Hockey Federation CEO: Thierry Weil;
- International Hockey Federation Founded: 7 January 1924, Paris, France.
- Microsoft Founders: Bill Gates, Paul Allen;
- Microsoft CEO: Satya Nadella;
- Microsoft Founded: 4 April 1975, Albuquerque, New Mexico, United States;
- Microsoft Headquarters: Redmond, Washington, United States.
- National Broadcasting Day Founded: 1936, Delhi;
- National Broadcasting Day Headquarters: Sansad Marg, New Delhi;
- National Broadcasting Day Owner: Prasar Bharati.
- WHO Director-General: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman: Suman Bery
- NITI Aayog CEO: Parameswaran Iyer
- Infosys co-founder: Kris Gopalakrishnan
- BRICS nations: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
- Himachal Pradesh Capital: Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter);
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister: Jai Ram Thakur;
- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.
- Central Board of Direct Taxes chairman: Nitin Gupta;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Established: 1924;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Headquarters: New Delhi.