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The Most Important Current Affairs July 2022

Start-up ranking 2021: Gujarat, Karnataka emerges as best performers

Gujarat and Karnataka emerged the “**best performers**” in the third edition of **States’ Start-up ranking, 2021**, while **Meghalaya** bagged the top honour among Northeastern (NE) states. In the second edition of the survey, which was conducted in 2020, Gujarat was the best performer.

The rankings are based on the initiatives taken to develop the startup ecosystem for promoting entrepreneurs. These initiatives include the Startup India initiative, multiple funding and incubation support, and the government announcing January 16 as Startup Day.

Key points of the report:

- Top performers among the larger states include **Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana**.
- Among smaller states and UTs, **Jammu and Kashmir** was adjudged the top performer.
- **Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, and Goa** are in the leaders category.
- States and UTs in the aspiring leaders’ category include **Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Puducherry and Nagaland**.
- States and UTs with a population of more than 10 million are ranked separately from those with a lower population. UTs and states are classified into five categories based on their performance in the survey.
- They are best performers, top performers, leaders, aspiring leaders and emerging start-up ecosystems.

Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska wins prestigious Fields Medal 2022

Ukrainian maths professor, **Maryna Viazovska**, who won the top mathematics prize, the **Fields Medal 2022**. Viazovska and three other mathematicians received the Fields Medal, dubbed the Nobel prize in maths, in Helsinki after the ceremony was moved from Saint Petersburg to the Finnish capital in response to Moscow’s war.

Maryna is only the second woman to receive the award, which is awarded to mathematicians under 40, since it was created in 1936. The other female laureate, Iran’s **Maryam Mirzakhani**, died of breast cancer in 2017 just three years after winning the prize.

The four awardees of the prestigious prize include:

- France’s **Hugo Duminil-Copin** (36 years)- Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques
- US-based **June Huh** (39 years) – Princeton University
- Britain’s **James Maynard** (35 years) – University of Oxford
- Ukraine’s **Maryna Viazovska** (37 years) – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

About the Maryna Viazovska:

Viazovska was born in 1984 in Kyiv, when Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union. In Ukraine, she studied at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, before earning a masters degree at Germany’s University of Kaiserslautern and a PhD at the University of Bonn. Since 2018, she has been chair of number theory at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne. Her husband Daniil Evtushinsky is a physicist at the Swiss institute.

What is Fields Medal?

Fields medal is the highest honor for a mathematician. The medal is awarded every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Mathematicians. The Fields Medal is awarded to recognize outstanding mathematical achievement for existing work and for the promise of future achievement. The Fields medal award comprises a **gold medal (14 karat gold)** bearing the profile of Archimedes and a cash amount. The Fields medal and cash prizes are funded by a trust established by J.C.Fields at the University of Toronto.

Fields Medal Eligibility

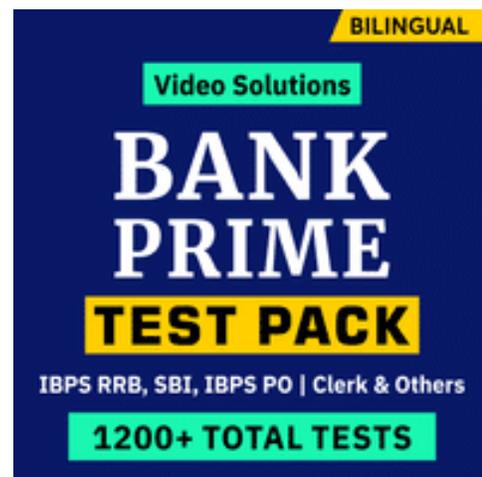
Besides outstanding mathematical achievement, the chosen candidate must be below **40 years** before January 1st of the year the Field Medals are awarded.

When were Fields medals first awarded?

The Fields Medals were first awarded in **1936 in Oslo, Norway**. The Fields medals were conceived by **John Charles Fields**, a Canadian mathematician.

Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022

The **2022 Malaysia Open** (officially known as the **Petronas Malaysia Open 2022** for sponsorship reasons) was a badminton tournament that took place at the **Axiata Arena, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**, from 28 June to 3 July 2022 and had a total prize of **US \$675,000**. The 2022 Malaysia Open was the **twelfth tournament** of the 2022 BWF World Tour and was part of the Malaysia Open championships, which had been held since **1937**. This tournament was organized by the Badminton Association of Malaysia with sanction from the BWF.



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List of winners:

Category	Winner
Men's singles title	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Women's singles title	Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
Men's doubles champions	Takuro Hoki / Yugo Kobayashi of Japan
Women's doubles champions	Apriyani Rahayu and Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti of Indonesia
Mixed doubles	China's Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong

Jonny Bairstow & Marizanne Kapp named ICC Players of the Month for June

International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2022. England's in-form batter **Jonny Bairstow** bagged the Men's Player of the Month title while South Africa's power-hitting batter **Marizanne Kapp** was awarded with Women's Player of the Month.

Why this award is given to Jonny Bairstow:

Jonny Bairstow received the title after his remarkable performances last month against New Zealand. He defeated his team-mate Joe Root and New Zealand batter Daryl Mitchell in the race of receiving the "Player of the Month" award.

Why this award is given to Marizanne Kapp

South African batter Marizanne Kapp's last month was also full of solid and powerful performances. Kapp's classic stroke play got her more votes than her teammate Shabnim Ismail and England's Nat Sciver. With this feat, Kapp has become South Africa's first ICC Women's Player of the Month winner since Lizelle Lee, who was crowned in March 2021.

Wimbledon 2022: Novak Djokovic wins seventh title

Serbia Novak Djokovic won a seventh **Wimbledon men's title and 21st Grand Slam** crown with a four-set triumph over **Nick Kyrgios**. Kyrgios gave his best to challenge the more experienced rival in his first Major final, but he could take only one set, propelling Djokovic toward the 21st Major crown.

Women Singles:

Kazakhstan's **Elena Rybakina** made a brilliant comeback after being set down to beat Tunisian third-seed Ons Jabeur 3-6, 6-2, 6-2 and win the Women's Singles title at Wimbledon. Rybakina became the first-ever Kazakh female player in the Open Era to win a WTA title on grass and is also the Kazakh female player with the most WTA-level titles in the Open Era (3). The 23-year-old also became the youngest female player to win the title in Wimbledon since Petra Kvitova in 2011.

Here is the Complete List of Winners in Different Categories:

S.No	Category	Winner	Runner up
1	Men's Singles	N. Djokovic	N. Kyrgios
2	Women's Singles	E. Rybakina	O. Jabeur
3	Men's Doubles	M. Ebden & M. Purcell	N. Mektić & M. Pavić
4	Women's Doubles	K. Siniaková & B. Krejčíková	S. Zhang & E. Mertens
5	Mixed Doubles	D. Krawczyk & N. Skupski	M. Ebden & S. Stosur

Wimbledon Championships 2022

The **Wimbledon Championships 2022** is a **Grand Slam tennis tournament** that takes place at the **All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club** in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom. The tournament will be played on grass courts, with all main draw matches to be played from 27th June to 10th July 2022, at the All England lawn tennis and croquet club, Wimbledon.

WEF's Gender Gap Report 2022

India ranks 135 among a total of **146 countries** in the **Global Gender Gap Index 2022** of the **World Economic Forum (WEF)**. It is the worst performer in the world in the "health and survival" sub-index where it is ranked 146. India also ranks poorly among its neighbours and is behind Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126). Only Iran (143), Pakistan (145) and Afghanistan (146) perform worse than India in south Asia.

4 key dimensions

The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or sub-indices — **economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment**. It measures scores on a 0 to 100 scale, which can be interpreted as the distance covered towards parity or the percentage of the gender gap that has been closed.

Key points of the reports:

- **Iceland** has retained its position as the world's most gender-equal country, among 146 nations on the index.
- **Finland, Norway, New Zealand and Sweden** are the top five countries on the list respectively.
- **Afghanistan** is the worst-performing country in the report.
- India ranks **146** in health and survival, **143** in economic participation and opportunity, **107** in educational attainment and **48th** in political empowerment.

About the Global Gender Gap Report 2022:

The Global Gender Gap Report 2022 is the **16th edition** of the annual publication by WEF. The Global Gender Gap Index was first introduced by the World Economic Forum in 2006 to compare countries' gender gaps across four dimensions: economic opportunities, education, health and political leadership.

TIME Magazine's The World's Greatest Places of 2022

Two locations from India have been named among **"50 extraordinary destinations to explore"** this year by TIME Magazine. The southern state of **Kerala** and **Ahmedabad**, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world's greatest places of 2022.

Why Kerala included?

"Kerala is one of India's most beautiful states. With spectacular beaches and lush backwaters, temples, and palaces, it's known as "God's own country" for good reason," TIME Magazine said.

Why Ahmedabad included?

About Ahmedabad, TIME Magazine said that "as India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, Ahmedabad "boasts both ancient landmarks and contemporary innovations that make it a mecca for cultural tourism, from the serene Gandhi Ashram that sits on 36 acres on the banks of the Sabarmati River to Navratri, a vibrant nine-day celebration billed as the longest dance festival in the world."

World's Greatest Places 2022

- The list also includes **Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota; Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia; Istanbul and Kigali, Rwanda.**
- According to TIME Magazine, the World's Greatest Places list is compiled through nominations from its international network of correspondents and contributors, "with an eye toward those offering new and exciting experiences."
- **Explore the complete list of 50 destinations: [Click here](#)**

NIRF Rankings 2022: Check the list of all Top Colleges, Universities

The **7th edition** of the **National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings** was released by Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan**. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras is the overall best institution for higher education in India, followed by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore, the latest edition of the Education Ministry's NIRF rankings show.

National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings Categories:

- Overall Category
- Pharmacy Colleges
- Top Medical Colleges
- Top Management Colleges
- Engineering Colleges

Here is the detail of all colleges with respective categories:

NIRF India Ranks 2022: Overall Category

1. Indian Institute of Technology Madras
2. Indian Institute of Science
3. Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
4. Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi
5. Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur
6. Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
7. Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee
8. Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
9. All India Institute of Medical Sciences
10. Jawaharlal Nehru University

NIRF Ranks 2022: Top Pharmacy Colleges

1. Jamia Hamdard
2. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Hyderabad
3. Panjab University
4. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research, Mohali
5. Birla Institute of Technology and Science - Pilani
6. JSS College of Pharmacy
7. Institute of Chemical Technology
8. JSS College of Pharmacy
9. Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Manipal
10. National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research Ahmedabad

NIRF Ranks 2022: Top Medical Colleges

1. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi
2. Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research
3. Christian Medical College
4. National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, Bangalore
5. Banaras Hindu University

- Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research
- Sanjay Gandhi Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences
- Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham
- Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram
- Kasturba Medical College, Manipal

NIRF Ranking 2022: Top Management Colleges

- Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
- Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
- Indian Institute of Technology Delhi
- Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode
- Indian Institute of Management Lucknow
- Indian Institute of Management Indore
- Xavier Labour Relations Institute (XLRI)
- National Institute of Industrial Engineering
- Indian Institute of Technology Madras

NIRF Ranks 2022: Engineering Colleges

- IIT Madras
- IIT Delhi
- IIT Bombay
- IIT Kanpur
- IIT Kharagpur
- IIT Roorkee
- IIT Guwahati
- NIT Tiruchirapalli
- IIT Hyderabad
- NIT Surathkal

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.

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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.

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
- Luxembourg
- 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. **Soorai Potru** 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: **Soorai Potru**
- Best Director: **Sachidanandan KR**, Ayyappanum Koshiyum
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: **Tanhaji**
- Best Actor: **Suriya for Soorai Potru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji**
- Best Actress: **Aparna Balamurali, Soorai Potru**
- Best Supporting Actor: **Biju Menon, Ayyappanum Koshiyum**
- 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 Vasantrao and Anish Mangesh Gosavi for Taktak**
- Best Female Playback Singer: **Nanchamma, Ayyappanum Koshiyum**
- 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: Sivaranjanyum Innum Sila Pengalum
- Best Make-up: Natyam
- Best Screenplay: Soorari Pottru, 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: Sivaranjanyum 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: Thinkalazcha Nishchayam
- Best Telugu Film: Colour Photo
- Best Bengali Film: Avijatrik
- Best Assamese Film: Bridge
- Best Tulu Film: Jeetige
- Best Tamil Film: Sivaranjanyum 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

Kargil Vijay Diwas 2022: All you need to know about India's victory over Pakistan

Kargil Vijay Diwas is the celebration of India's historic win over **Pakistan on July 26, 1999**. The Indian Army successfully removed Pakistani forces who were illegally occupying a hilltop at the Indian side of the **Line of Control (LoC) at Kargil, Ladakh**. To commemorate this victory and remember those who sacrificed their lives for this country, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually in India on July 26.

How is Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated?

Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated all across the country. The Prime Minister of India is known to pay tribute to the martyrs at **Amar Jawan Jyoti** at the India Gate every year. There is a Kargil War memorial as well in Dras on the **foothills of Tololing Hill**. It was built by the Indian Army and honours the soldiers who lost their lives during the war. Interestingly, the gateway of the memorial has a poem named **'Pushp Kii Abhilasha'** inscribed on it and the names of the martyrs are also inscribed on the Memorial Wall there.

History of Kargil War:

- As history has it, India was successful in evicting the Pakistani troops from its territory as the war ended on July 26. This momentous day came to be known as Kargil Vijay Diwas. It should be noted that **527 soldiers sacrificed** their lives for the country during the war.
- The Kargil War was fought between **May-July of 1999** in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir along the Line of Control (LoC) in which India got victory.
- The Kargil war was fought for more than 60 days and ended on 26 July.
- On this date in 1999 Pakistan army took advantage of the melting snow and betraying the bilateral understanding of both the nations (that the post would remain unattended during the winter season) took command of the high outposts of India.
- Pakistan army refused the claims that its soldiers were involved in the war and claimed that they were the rebels from Kashmir itself, but the ammunition, identity cards, rations stores and other evidence prove that the Pakistan army was behind this cowardly act.

Indian Army Operation Vijay:

- The operation was launched by the Indian Army twice in Indian history. The first Operation Vijay was launched in 1961 which led to the capture of **Goa, Anjediva islands and Daman and Diu.**
- The second operation was launched in 1999. Both the operations were of huge success. However, Kargil Vijay However, the Kargil Vijay Diwas is marked by the culmination of the Kargil war.
- July 26 is celebrated as “Kargil Vijay Diwas” every year to mark the successful completion of “Operation Vijay” that ended the 3-month war along the Line of Control. Nearly 490 Indian army officers, soldiers and jawans were martyrs during the course of the battle.

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Indian Air Force Operation White Sea:

Operation White Sea was also launched during the Kargil war, in 1999. During the operation, the Indian Air Force jointly acted with the Indian Army to flush out regular and irregular troops of the Pakistani army.

Roshni Nadar retained as India's richest woman for 2nd year in a row

HCL Technologies' Chairperson, **Roshni Nadar Malhotra** has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row according to the third edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun - Leading Wealthy Women List'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at **Rs 84,330 crore**. Roshni Nadar was followed by Nykaa-owner **Falguni Nayar**, overtaking Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, with a total wealth of Rs 57,520 crore. Falguni Nayar is the world's tenth richest self-made woman.

The report highlighted that 25 new faces have made it to the list. The other key highlights of the report include that the average wealth of women in 2021 went up to Rs 4,170 crore as against Rs 2,725 crore in the last edition of the list.

Here is the list of the top 10 richest women in India:

Rank	Name	Company	Wealth/Net worth (INR)
1	Roshni Nadar Malhotra	HCL	84,330 crore (wealth)
2	Falguni Nayar	Nykaa	57,520 crore (wealth)
3	Kiran Mazumdar Shaw	Biocon	29,030 crore (wealth)
4	Nilima Motaparti	Divi's Laboratories	28,180 crore (wealth)
5	Radha Vembu	Zoho	26,260 crore (wealth)
6	Leena Gandhi Tewari	USV	24,280 crore (wealth)
7	Anu Aga and Meher Pudumjee	Thermax	14,530 crore (wealth)
8	Neha Narkhede	Confluent	13,380 crore (wealth)
9	Vandana Lal	Dr Lal PathLabs	6,810 crore (wealth)
10	Renu Munjal	Hero FinCorp	6,620 crore (wealth)

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- One of India's top private general insurers, **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**, announced the launch of its unique **Global Health Care** health insurance programme. A complete health indemnity insurance programme called **Global Health Care** offers seamless coverage to the policyholder for both domestic and international (outside of India) medical providers for both planned and emergency treatment (within India). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** published guidelines ordering banks to test their currency sorting equipment every three months. Following the release of the new series of banknotes, the **central bank** updated the preexisting standards for **authentication** and **sorting**. The **Reserve Bank** stated that vendors will need to re-calibrate the equipment in the event of inconsistencies during the sorting. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Axis Bank**, a private lender, has announced the introduction of Dining Delights for bank clients in collaboration with **EazyDiner**, a top platform for table reservations, cuisine discovery, and restaurant payments. Numerous advantages will be provided by the service, including the ability to select from over 10,000 upscale restaurants in **India and Dubai**, fast confirmation of table bookings, and **special discounts** for reservations made through the **EazyDiner app**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government has transformed **Banks Board Bureau (BBB)**, the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, into **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** by making some amendments. Guidelines for selection of general managers and directors of public sector general insurance companies have been made part of FSIB. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **bancassurance agreement** has been reached between the **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** and **SBI Life Insurance**. Through the cooperation, **SBI Life's** assortment of protection, wealth development, credit life, annuity, and savings products will be made available at all **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** branches throughout West Bengal, therefore enhancing the region's access to life insurance solutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1.05 crore and Rs 1 crore** on **Kotak Mahindra Bank and IndusInd Bank**, respectively, for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. RBI's these penalties are based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and are not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between **State Bank of India (SBI)** and the **Indian Air Force** for the **Defence Salary Package (DSP)** plan has been extended, according to **SBI**. All active-duty and former members of the Air Force, as well as their families, will be eligible for a number of advantages and features under this programme from the nation's largest lender. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The South Indian Bank** has signed an agreement with **Kerala's Forest and Wildlife Department** to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State. The Forest Department has set up Vanasree shops and units with the objective of marketing forest products, conserving and managing biodiversity, protecting the rich and sensitive ecosystem and uplifting the living standards of the tribals working in the area. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In accordance with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (Irdai) Sandbox programme, **Edelweiss General Insurance** has introduced **SWITCH**, a comprehensive motor insurance product. The motor insurance policy **SWITCH** is entirely digital and telematics-based. Customers will find the app convenient and hassle-free because it immediately activates insurance when the car is driven and senses motion, according to a statement from the insurer. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to undertake field research for the July 2022 cycle of the consumer confidence and inflation anticipation surveys, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that it had chosen to partner with the Mumbai-based **Hansa Research Group**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SBI General Insurance** has launched the **Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan**, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks. Individuals exposed to any form of cyber risks can buy this policy for themselves and their family. **Family includes self, spouse, and 2 dependent children (up to 18 years of age)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Public sector bank, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **the Indian Air Force (IAF)** under its flagship scheme, **PNB Rakshak Scheme**. The MoU focus on providing a bouquet of benefits along with specially designed products for the IAF personnel, including personal insurance cover. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **City Union Bank (CUB) and Shriram General Insurance** inked an agreement in a corporate setup to offer Shriram General Insurance's insurance products through its network of **727 offices** throughout India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Due to shortcomings in regulatory compliance, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** fined **Federal Bank Rs 5.72 crore**. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (financial services provided by banks) Directions, 2016 has strict penalties for violations. **Federal Bank** did not make sure that the insurance company did not compensate any of its employees providing corporate agency or insurance broking services with incentives (**cash or non-monetary**). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Bank of India (UBI)** has introduced a **Metaverse Virtual Lounge - Uni-verse, & Open Banking Sandbox environment** in collaboration with **Tech Mahindra** in an effort to elevate consumers' banking experiences. In the beginning, movies and information on the bank's deposits, loans, government assistance programmes, digital initiatives, etc. will be hosted by Uni-verse. Customers will receive a special banking experience thanks to it. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by the **Ministry of External Affairs** and **SBICAP Ventures Limited (SVL)**, a **State Bank of India (SBI)** subsidiary, to establish the **Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund)** for collaborative projects with international partners. The Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund), which is planned to be established in collaboration with the **Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)** under the India-UK Global Innovation Partnership, will receive India's commitment of approximately Rs. 175 crore (£17.5 million) through the TDC Fund. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1.67 crore** on **Ola Financial Services Private Limited** for non-compliance with certain provisions related to pre-paid payment instruments and Know Your Customer norms. The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in **RBI under Section 30** of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **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](#))
- 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](#))
- **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](#))
- 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](#))
- 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](#))
- 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](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** most recent data shows that during the ending week of July 15, **India’s foreign exchange** reserves decreased by \$7.5 billion to \$572.7 billion. The reserves have dropped to their lowest level in 20 months, or since November 6, 2020, when they were \$568 billion. The report showed that foreign currency assets, which decreased by \$6.5 billion over the week, were the main cause of the reduction in foreign exchange reserves. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Canara Bank** has launched “**Canara ai1**”, its mobile banking app. The banking app would be a one-stop solution with more than **250 features** to cater to the banking needs of its customers. It is aimed to eliminate the need to have multiple mobile apps working in silos for availing of different specific services. The app is available in 11 languages to cater to multiple sections of society in their preferred language. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- India gave the **United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees** in the Near East USD 2.5 million. In a signing ceremony at **UNRWA** headquarters in East Jerusalem, **Sunil Kumar**, director of the West Asia and North Africa Division of the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, handed **Karim Amer**, director of partnerships for the Department of External Relations, a check for USD 2.5 million. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has given the organisation permission to begin conducting business as an NBFC to **Piramal Enterprises**. The licence is required to start an NBFC that does not accept public deposits. RBI has granted the company a certificate of registration allowing it to start operating as a non-banking financial institution without taking deposits from the general public. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Mastercard** is all set to replace **Paytm** as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches organised by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**. Paytm held the rights till the end of 2023. Paytm requested BCCI to assign its India Home Cricket title rights to credit card major Mastercard. Paytm had reportedly missed the July deadline to request a reassignment. However, BCCI has been willing to consider its delayed request due to their ‘long standing’ relationship. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **According to Times of India report, HDFC Bank** will be among the **world’s top 10 most valuable banks** after its merger with the parent, mortgage lender **Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)**, at the current valuations and will also be the first Indian bank to make it to the Top 10 club. The combined market cap of **HDFC Bank and HDFC** would be around **USD 160 billion**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- In an effort to broaden its selection of **HDFC MF** index solutions, **HDFC Mutual Fund** has announced the introduction of **HDFC Nifty Next 50 ETF** and **HDFC NIFTY 100 ETF**. These funds provide exposure to the large-cap market in India. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, as perceived by the Union Government and **Life Insurance Companies (LIC)**, has reportedly accepted the center’s request to permit non-financial institutions and unregulated entities to own more than 40 percent stake in **IDBI Bank** and to sell between 51 and 74 percent of the lender through a strategic divestment process. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **A. Manimekhalai**, MD & CEO of **Union Bank of India (UBI)**, wants Union Bank of India to surpass other Public Sector Banks and take the third-largest Public Sector Bank position in a time of few years. Union Bank of India may even take into consideration buying a bank along the route. **Manimekhalai**, who became UBI’s first female leader on June 7th, emphasised that the bank has set “**RACE**” as its aim for the year. “**RACE**” — grow **RAM** (retail, agriculture and MSME) loans, improve Asset quality, increase **CASA** (current account, savings account deposits) and increase **Earnings** — as its goal for the year. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Bandhan Bank** opened its first currency chest in **Deedargunj, Patna**. As per the bank, this currency chest will assist individuals, **MSMEs**, and small business owners by supplying currency notes to bank branches and **ATMs** as needed. The currency chest would provide storage for the bank branches, which will also benefit from Patna’s frequent cash transactions. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

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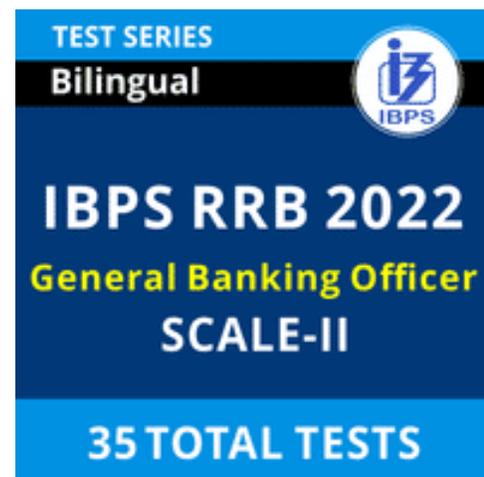
- **The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** has slapped heavy penalties in a 2015 'dark fibre' case that saw certain brokers exploiting the **National Stock Exchange's (NSE's)** internet infrastructure to get faster connectivity to its colocation (colo) facilities. The markets regulator has imposed a penalty of **Rs 7 crore** on NSE and **Rs 5 crore** on former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) **Chitra Ramkrishna**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NITI Aayog** and the **Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)** made an upbeat prediction that by FY2026-27, electric two-wheelers would be completely incorporated into the Indian market. The **Department of Science & Technology** established the independent **TIFAC** in 1988 with the mission to forecast technological developments, evaluate technological trajectories, and foster innovation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)-2020** was presented by Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** in New Delhi. According to the report's analysis of the Business Reforms Action Plan's execution, seven states have been named as the top achievers. **Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu** are the states in question. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gross GST collection in June 2022** is the second-highest collection next to the April 2022 collection. GST collection crosses **Rs 1.40 lakh crore** mark 5th time since the inception of GST; 4th month at a stretch since March 2022. The gross GST collection in June 2022 is the 2nd highest collection subsequent to the April 2022 GST collection of **Rs 1,67,540 crore**. The total GST revenue collected in the month of June 2022 would be **Rs 1,44,616 cr**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Irdai and National Health Authority (NHA)** will develop a **National Health Claims Exchange** as a digital platform to settle health claims. The National Health Claims Exchange will be developed as a digital platform, for settling the health claims. Chairman of IRDAI, **Debasish Panda**, has also proposed for creation of a working group with representation from industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)** was established by the **Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)** by changing the import policy for major paper products from "free" to "free subject to mandatory registration under PIMS." According to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the new rule will take effect on October 1, 2022. However, the ministry announced in a statement that the online registration option will be available as of July 15, 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Retail inflation, based on the **consumer price index (CPI)**, eased to **7.01 per cent in June** this year compared to **7.04 per cent** in the preceding month. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation said inflation eased marginally mainly due to easing prices in the "Food & Beverages" section. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nomura** has cut its **2023 forecast for economic growth in India**, as measured by the gross domestic product (GDP), to **4.7 per cent** from its earlier projection of **5.4 per cent** amid recession fears and rising interest rates. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's merchandise trade deficit** widened to a record **\$26.18 billion in June**, wider than the government's earlier estimate of **\$25.63 billion**, after the Commerce Ministry revised upwards both the exports and imports figures for the month. The previous record monthly merchandise trade deficit was \$24.3 billion in May. Last month's trade deficit was almost three times as wide as the \$9.6 billion shortfall recorded in June 2021. ([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](#))
- 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](#))

- **India** received the highest annual **Foreign direct investment (FDI)** inflows of almost **\$85 billion in FY 21-22**. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for FDI in the manufacturing sector. FDI Equity inflow in Manufacturing Sectors have increased by 76% in FY 2021-22 (\$ 21.34 billion) compared to previous FY 2020-21. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Business Current Affairs

- **Tata Power Solar Systems**, a wholly-owned subsidiary of **Tata Power**, has accomplished a remarkable feat by commissioning **India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala**. On a 350-acre water body, backwaters area, having an installed capacity of 101.6 Megawatt Peak. Tata Power Solar successfully built a scaffolding platform on the water body to make the entire solar plant float on water. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Zomato (Online food delivery platform)** has announced the acquisition of **Blink Commerce (Blinkit)**, earlier known as **Grofers India**. The company's Board of Directors approved a proposal to acquire cash-strapped quick commerce company Blinkit for **Rs 4,447 crore**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Acemoney** has launched **UPI 123Pay payment and wearable ATM cards**. The UPI 123Pay payment allows people to carry out cashless transactions without smartphones or internet connections using feature phones. The wearable ATM cards are gadgets designed as key chains and rings that enable people to carry out cashless transactions without ATM cards and phones. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In an investment agreement (IA) signed by **Google** and **Airtel**, the buyer offers to buy a 1.28 percent minority and non-controlling part in the company's equity share capital. The roughly \$1 billion for 1.28 percent investment in **Bharti Airtel** by **Google** was approved by the Indian Competition Commission. The proposed merger was accepted by the CCI based on the Acquirer's amendments (Google International LLC). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCO** has developed **EV Mitra mobile app** to provide information about EV charging stations in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The information on charges in each station for the electric vehicles to recharge are also mentioned in the app. The user-friendly app can be used by electric vehicle users to book in advance a slot in the station. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Tech Giant, **Google** launched the **Startup School India initiative**, which aims to gather relevant information on startup building into a systematic curriculum to help 10,000 startups in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. The nine-week virtual programme will involve fireside chats between Google leaders and collaborators from across the startup ecosystem. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nasscom Foundation** and **Google** have announced setting up a call centre in collaboration with a not-for-profit body **Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP)** to help women farmers scale up their business. The "**DigiVaani Call Center**" project is being run on a pilot basis and initially around 20,000 rural women entrepreneurs shall be covered across six states, **Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Infosys** bought **BASE Life Science**, a company based in **Denmark**, for around 110 million euros (roughly Rs. 875 crore). The acquisition will expand Infosys' knowledge in the life sciences industry and expand its presence in Europe. This purchase strengthens **Infosys'** broad life sciences expertise, increases our foothold in the **Nordics** and across **Europe**, and scales our industry-specific cloud-based digital transformation solutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ola Electric** has unveiled the country's first indigenously developed **lithium-ion cell**. The Bengaluru-based two-wheeler maker will begin the mass production of the **cell- NMC 2170**, from its **Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023**. The use of specific chemicals and materials enables the cell to pack more energy in a given space and also improves the overall life cycle of the cell. ([Click here to read the article](#))



International Current Affairs

- Telecom operator **Bharti Airtel** has allotted over **7.1 crore equity shares** to internet major Google for **Rs 734 a piece**. The allotment is part of Google's commitment to invest **USD 1 billion with Airtel**, which included equity investment in the company worth USD 700 million, about Rs 5,224 crore. Google now holds a 1.2% stake in India's 2 telecom service providers. ([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](#))
- 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](#))
- 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](#))
- **Wipro Ltd.**, a company with its headquarters in Bengaluru, announced the signing of a new, five-year contract for digital transformation with **Nokia** of Finland. The new contract expands on a connection that was first formed more than 20 years ago. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Ferdinand Marcos Jr**, the son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr, won the elections on 9th May with 31.6 million votes and was sworn as the **17th President of the Philippines**. He took the oath at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Manila before the Supreme Court Justice, Alexander Gesmundo. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Leader of Yesh Atid Party, **Yair Lapid** has been officially became the **14th prime minister of Israel**, after replacing the **Naftali Benett**. He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since 1 July 2022. Yair Lapid's term could be the short one as he take over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which was scheduled to take place on November 1. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the **NATO** Headquarters, Sweden and Finland signed the accession protocols. **Pekka Haavisto** of Finland and **Ann Linde** of Sweden, both foreign ministers, were present for the signing. Days have passed since the trilateral agreement between **Sweden, Finland, and Turkey** was signed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, Ukraine's economy could shrink by up to **35%** in 2022 due to the effects of the war with Russia. The IMF warned Ukraine with an initial assessment, that the loss of life, damage to critical infrastructure, trade disruption, and an outflow of refugees would lead to the gross domestic product failings by a minimum of **10%** in 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **United Kingdom** Prime Minister, **Boris Johnson** has announced his resignation as **Conservative Party** leader after he was abandoned by his close allies in the wake of a series of scandals that rocked his government, triggering a leadership election for a new Tory leader who will go on to become his successor. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ranil Wickremesinghe** has resigned as **Sri Lankan prime minister** to make way for an all-party government to take over. He will resign after an all-party government is established and the majority is secured in Parliament. Wickremesinghe will continue as Prime Minister until then. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Deutsche Bahn (DB)** will be the **world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance**. With this, DB and the aviation industry are sending another strong signal for the environment-friendly evolution of the travel industry. Under the new cooperation, DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their long-distance journey comfortably on the climate-friendly train. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- In a parliamentary election in **Japan**, the ruling party and its coalition partner achieved a significant victory. In the 248-seat chamber, the **Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)** and its minor coalition partner **Komeito** increased their combined share to 146, well exceeding the majority in the elections for half of the upper house seats. Japanese Prime Minister **Kishida Fumio** expressed his gratitude for the decision. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Twitter** has hired top law firm to charge legal action against **Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk** on his decision to terminate the **\$44 billion** takeover deal. Musk decided to suspend the deal due to multiple breaches of the purchase agreement. The two parties are likely set for a protracted court battle, according to lawyers. Musk could also be faced with paying a **\$1 billion breakup fee** for walking away. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Speaker of Parliament will officially announce the resignation of Sri Lankan President **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** after he has signed his letter of resignation. The resignation was written and given to a senior government official, who will give it to Speaker **Mahinda Yapa Abeywardena**, according to reports in Sri Lankan newspapers. Just before tens of thousands of demonstrators stormed the President's House, **Gotabaya Rajapaksa** fled. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **annual rate of inflation** based on the all-India **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** is **15.18 per cent** for the month of June, in a marginal drop from May when the figure stood at **15.88 per cent**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **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](#))
- 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](#))
- **China** launched the second of the three modules needed to complete its new space station. This was the most recent development in Beijing's ambitious space programme. A Long March **5B rocket** launched the unmanned spaceship with the call sign **Wentian** from the **Wenchang** launch facility on China's tropical island of Hainan. A representative from the **China Manned Space Agency (CMSA)** confirmed the launch's “success.” ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Mountaineer **Wasifa Nazreen** became the first person from **Bangladesh** to ascend Pakistan's administered **K2**, the second-highest mountain peak. She scaled the **K2 mountain peak**, which is 8611 metres (28,251 ft) high, and then descended to the base camp. When a climber descends from the mountain and returns to base camp, the summit is said to have been reached. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- President **Vladimir Putin** was informed by the newly appointed head of Moscow's space agency that Russia has made the decision to leave the **International Space Station** after 2024. The declaration comes amid heightened hostilities between **Moscow** and the West over Moscow's military action in **Ukraine** and several rounds of previously unheard-of sanctions against Russia. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

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- According to a report by the **Hurun Research Institute** titled **Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022**, India is predicted to have 122 new unicorns in the following 2-4 years. The total worth of these potential unicorns is currently 49 billion US dollars. When a startup is valued at **\$1 billion USD**, it is considered to be a **Unicorn**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The new **smart** campus of Bosch India, a top provider of technology and services in **Bengaluru**, was essentially inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. According to a business statement, Modi noted in his inauguration address that this year is a historic one for both India and **Bosch India** as both countries mark their 75th anniversaries of independence. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** has virtually kicked off a three-day **Grand Hackathon** that the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** is hosting in association with **NABARD**. The physical portion of this event took place at the Fort, Mumbai location of the Bombay Stock Exchange. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NTPC Ltd** has declared the **Commercial Operations Date (COD)** of the last part capacity of **20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project** in Telangana. Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project is India's largest Floating Solar Plant commissioned by NTPC. Now the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region has reached 217 MW. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Steel** said that it has joined the **PM Gati Shakti Portal** and uploaded the geo coordinates of important projects in an effort to detect and address connection gaps in the infrastructure. According to a press release, the ministry registered itself on the National Master Plan portal with the help of the **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BiSAG-N)** app. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Digital India Week 2022** at **Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The theme of this Digital India Week is **'Catalyzing New India's Techade'** to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled a **30-foot bronze statue** of **Alluri Sitarama Raju** at **Bhimavaram** in **Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district** on the **125th birth anniversary** of the freedom fighter. The 125th birth anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju, along with 100 years of 'Rampa Kranti' will be celebrated throughout the year marking 75 years of Independence. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **CBSE Board** has launched a portal called **'Pariksha Sangam'** to streamline board examination results, sample papers, and other details in one single window. According to cbse.digitaleducation.com, the newly launched Pariksha Sangam portal "will integrate various examination-related processes to be conducted by the school's regional offices and the Headquarters of the CBSE Board". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Ministers **Smriti Irani** and **Jyotiraditya Scindia** have been assigned additional charges of **Minority Affairs and Ministry of Steel** respectively after two Union Ministers **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** and **Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** resigned from the Union Council of Ministers, with immediate effect. Post their resignations, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind, as advised by PM Modi, accepted the resignations of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Ram Chandra Prasad Singh from Union Council of Ministers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The ruling **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** has nominated four noted personalities from the southern states to the **Rajya Sabha**. The move is being seen as the BJP's attempt to make inroads into South India — the party's final frontier that it still has to conquer. Sports icon **PT Usha**, music maestro **Ilaiyaraaja**, spiritual leader **Veerendra Heggade**, and screenwriter **KV Vijayendra Prasad** were the four picks of the BJP for the Rajya Sabha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has been chosen to participate in the 2022-2026 cycle of the **UNESCO Convention** for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which was adopted in 2003. At the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, during the 9th **General Assembly** of the 2003 Convention, the Intergovernmental Committee elections were held. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Akshaya Patra** midday meal kitchen during his first trip to his **Varanasi** district after the BJP won the Uttar Pradesh assembly election. **Modi** will inaugurate and lay the cornerstone for development projects worth Rs 1,774 crore aimed at enhancing the country's infrastructure and quality of life during his visit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union home minister, **Amit Shah** virtually unveiled the **'Statue of Peace'** of **Swamy Ramanujacharya** in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region. Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer, a south Indian Brahmin born in Tamil Nadu's Sripurumbudur. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- On the occasion of second anniversary of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (**PM SVANidhi**) scheme, the Housing and Urban affairs Minister, **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched the '**SVANidhi Mahotsav**,' which will be celebrated from 9th to 31st of July. The festival will be organized in 75 cities across all states and Union Territories, and showcase various cultural activities, digital training activities and loan melas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a press release from the Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam** on the **National Education Policy** in Varanasi. The Prime Minister told the audience that "our education system and young generation carry a large role of realising the vows of the "Amrit Kaal." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kharchi festival**, offering prayer to 14 gods and goddess, began with thousands of devotees converging at **Khayerpur** on the eastern outskirts of the **Tripura**. **Kharchi Puja** is predominantly a tribal festival but it owes its origins to Hindu religion. Devotees and sadhus from across India and neighbouring Bangladesh have also participated in the festival.
- **Geo-Portal** for NCR known as '**PARIMAN**' was launched on 31.08.2021 in the 40th meeting of the Board by Shri **Hardeep Singh Puri**, Chairman, NCRPB and Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs. For the purpose of effective utilization of remote sensing and GIS technology, a web geo-portal has been developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC), initially for use by the National Capital Region (NCR) participating states and the office of the **National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rajeev Chandrasekhar**, Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Government of India, inaugurated two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) at Durgapur and Vardhman. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Yuva Sammelan**, which was hosted by "My Home India" in New Delhi, was attended by **Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India**. The President stated that youth are a nation's present and future when speaking at the event. Their skills have a distinct impact on elevating a nation. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that today's youth will write tomorrow's history. According to the President, there are more adolescents and young people in India than anywhere else in the world. This phenomenon, known as the "**Demographic Dividend**," presents an opportunity for our nation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- With the help of the **ISRO System for Safe and Sustainable Space Operation and Management (IS4OM)**, India has increased its ability to protect its space assets on its own. **Mr. S Somanath**, Secretary of the Department of Space and Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization, are slated to officially launch the **IS4OM** in the presence of **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, Minister of Science and Technology, Earth Sciences. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has unveiled the **National Emblem** cast on the **roof of the New Parliament Building**. He also interacted with the **Shramjeevis** involved in the construction work of the new Parliament. It has been cast at the top of the Central Foyer of the New Parliament Building. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has joined **Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database** which will allow it to draw links between victims, abusers, and crime scenes using audio-visual data. The CBI, which is India's nodal agency for Interpol matters, joined the database making India the 68th country to connect to it, according to a statement from Interpol. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Dwarka Expressway**, which is being developed as the first elevated urban expressway in India, will be operational in **2023**, said Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Nitin Gadkari**. Dwarka Expressway will reduce pressure on the **Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway** (part of the Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of the Golden Quadrilateral) and arterial roads that experience severe traffic congestion, primarily from the commuters of West Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** officially inaugurated and set the cornerstone for a number of construction projects totaling more than **16,800 crores** of rupees in **Deoghar**. At a public event held on the grounds of Deoghar College, the prime minister declared that the government is funding religious institutions in order to preserve our culture and faith for future generations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 17th campus of the **National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT)** in Panchkula was officially opened by Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** and Union Minister **Piyush Goyal**, who referred to it as the "fulcrum of development of the textile sector in the state." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to encourage citizens to raise the national flag at their residences in observance of the nation's 75th Independence Day, the Central government will soon launch the nationwide campaign **Har Ghar Tiranga**. The initiative was launched under the auspices of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**, whose nodal ministry is the Ministry of Culture. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- India's public broadcaster **Prasar Bharati** unveiled its **new logo** on **July 11, 2022**, in its silver jubilee year. The new logo was released by the secretary of I&B **Apurva Chandra**, secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) in the presence of Mayank Kumar Agrawal, CEO, Prasar Bharati, DPS Negi, Member (Finance), Prasar Bharati, and officers of Ministry of I&B and Prasar Bharati. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Students of the **Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** will now have access to job opportunities thanks to a new pilot project the Delhi government announced with **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Rail and Transportation Institute** upgraded as **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**, the deemed to be university will be upgraded to a central university. The university has been renamed as **Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya**. The Union Cabinet gave its approval to introduce a Bill in Parliament, namely, the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 12th **National Plastic Surgery Day** will be observed on the 15th of July and the Burn and Plastic Surgery Department of **AIIMS, Delhi** will host the **APSI Sushruta Film Festival (ASFF 2022)** in conjunction with the **Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI)**. According to **Dr. Professor Maneesh Singhal**, Department Head of Burn and Plastic Surgery, the theme of this film festival is Changing Lives with Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- For discussion of development of an e-waste eco park, **Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai** convened a joint review meeting with representatives from the **Environment Department** and the **Delhi Pollution Control Committee**. Approximately 21 acres would be used to create India's first e-waste eco park in **Holambi Kalan**, a neighbourhood of **Delhi**, according to Rai. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has launched a face authentication feature through a new mobile app called "**AadhaarFaceRd**". For authentication, Aadhaar card holders no longer need to physically visit an enrollment centre for iris and fingerprint scans. The UIDAI has started using face authentication as a method of confirming an Aadhaar holder's identity. Once your facial authentication is successful, it verifies your identity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **government of India** introduced the **certification** of authenticity for **jute products manufactured in India**. The Union Textile Secretary unveiled the logo "**Jute Mark India**". This project is an initiative to **protect and promote Indian jute products**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the eve of the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in Bengaluru, Karnataka, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar**, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, unveiled the Platform of Platforms (POP) under the **National Agriculture Market (e-NAM)**. A total of 1,018 **Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs)** received equity grants totaling more than Rs 37 crore, which will help 3.5 lakh farmers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- **Jagriti** is a mascot created by the **Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA)** with the goal of empowering customers and raising awareness of their rights. Jagriti 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](#))
- The **Flag Code of India 2002** was revised by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** to permit the flying of the national flag even at night as the federal government begins its **Har Ghar Tiranga** campaign. The flag could previously only be flown between sunrise and dusk. If the **national flag** is flown in the open and is raised by a member of the public, it may now fly through the night. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- In Bhopal, a large statue honouring Amar **Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad** will be erected. The statue site will be created as a source of inspiration for young people, with soil from Azad's hometown of Bhabra being used at its base. On the 116th anniversary of Amar Shaheed **Chandrashekhar Azad's** birth, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** spoke at the opening ceremony of the first state-level Youth Mahapanchayat, which was held in Bhopal. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Ladakh Festival Kargil 2022** was inaugurated in Ladakh by CEC LAHDC Kargil **Feroz Ahmad Khan** at Khree Sultan Chow Stadium in Bemathang Kargil. The Department of Tourism and Culture Kargil UT Ladakh was in charge of organising the festival. The Chief Guest, the Secretary of Tourism for UT **Ladakh**, and the Executive Councilor for Tourism for **LAHDC Kargil** visited and inspected the many stalls set up by volunteers, NGIs, and SHGs, among other groups, and they were pleased with the work. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The historic **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Island** was transferred from the Andaman and Nicobar Command to the Andaman & Nicobar Administration for further development of the island's infrastructure and tourism. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Five new wetlands** of International importance have been designated in India. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country have been increased from **49 to 54 Ramsar sites**. Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, **Bhupender Yadav** said, "Delighted to inform that 5 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance." ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, the Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, said that the Union Cabinet approved the Rs. 1.64 lakh crore revival package for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**. Package announced by the government in 2019 has contributed to stabilising BSNL's financial situation. The loss of clients has come to an end. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has launched the '**India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)**', at the **Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)** near **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. IIBX is India's first international bullion exchange. The exchange, which was announced in Budget 2020, will sell physical gold and silver. The exchange will be open for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore and above to participate. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

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- **Karnataka government** has launched the ‘Kashi Yatra’ scheme. The Kashi Yatra project, which offers a cash assistance of **Rs 5,000 to each of the 30,000 pilgrims** willing to conduct a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Mumbai lawyer and first-time legislator, **Rahul Narwekar** has been elected as the youngest Speaker of **Maharashtra Legislative Assembly** and also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post. Narwekar scripted history to become the youngest legislator to be elected as the 16th Speaker (since 1960) and also is now the youngest ever lawmaker to occupy the coveted top legislative post in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, **Jai Ram Thakur** has launched ‘**Naari Ko Naman**’ scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in **Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC)** buses to women commuters within the state boundaries. Seema Thakur, the first woman bus driver in the state, drove him in a state transport bus to the event venue. The chief minister had announced the 50 per cent concession on bus fares to women on **April 15, Himachal Day**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Rajasthan government** is soon likely to introduce in the **Assembly the Right to Health Bill**, “**the first of its kind in India**”, which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Western Railway’s (WR)** longest skywalk from the **Khar Road railway station** to the nearby **Bandra Terminus** has been opened for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily. The skywalk spans **314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide**. Western Railway’s noted that the skywalk will allow passengers to reach **Bandra (T)** directly by deboarding at Khar station & taking south Foot Over Bridge. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress (YSRC)** elected **Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy**, the chief minister of **Andhra Pradesh**, as its “**president for life.**” Following a change to the party’s constitution, the following decision was made following the two-day plenary of the YSRC. **Jagan Mohan Reddy** would be given lifetime leadership of the **YSRC**, according to **Vijayasai Reddy**, the leader of the **YSRC’s** Parliamentary Party. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Meghalaya** Chief Minister, **Conrad K Sangma** has announced Government that the government has earmarked **Rs 300 crore** from the externally aided projects to make investments in early childhood education programmes. An estimated amount of **Rs 8.33 crore** has been spent on the construction of the **DERT**. The state and has come up with a road map to invest in early childhood education programmes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Tripura government** has launched a new scheme named ‘**Earn with Learn**’ to bring back those who had dropped out of schools following the outbreak of Covid-19. This scheme is a part of the ‘**Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan**’ (**Let’s go to school**). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Uttarakhand** has become the first state in the country to initiate the process of implementing the **Centre’s New Education Policy**. Uttarakhand CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** has initiated this process by inaugurating ‘**Bal Vatikas**’ at Anganwadi Kendra across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The first case of **monkeypox** was confirmed in India after a person who had returned to **Kerala from UAE** developed symptoms of the disease. His samples were sent to **National Virology Institute in Pune** which confirmed the disease. It was first found in monkeys in **1958**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **e-FIR service** and the **Uttarakhand police app** were introduced by chief minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami**. The State police’s five online services are all integrated into the police app. Dhami, who spoke at the event, asserted that the app will provide better services to the public. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **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](#))

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- **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 (RLSA)** 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](#))
- **Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh**, popularly known as the '**Darwaza of Dakhin**', became the first Certified '**Har Ghar Jal**' district in the Country. Only district in the country, people from each of 254 villages in Burhanpur have declared their villages as 'Har Ghar Jal' through a resolution passed by Gram Sabhas. Accordingly, it certifies that all people in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that 'No One is Left Out'. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Gujarat's **IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority)** Headquarters Building will officially break ground thanks to Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. **IFSCA** is the centralised regulatory body in India's international financial services centres for the creation and supervision of financial products, financial services, and financial institutions. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala** government has made the decision to start initiatives to promote full digital literacy in the State. Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan** while addressing a school programme in **Thiruvananthapuram** explained that the campaign aims to educate people, particularly youngsters, about the dangers and traps online. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Haryana** Chief Minister, **Manohar Lal Khattar** has launched an app-based '**Smart E-Beat**' system for police attendance and real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel in **Gurugram**. CM **Khattar** launched the system at an event at the office of the Commissioner of Police and flagged off **119** motorcycle police riders connected with it. The app-based system has been introduced in Gurugram under the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) and it will help these policemen to mark their attendance and in the monitoring of their rides. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The first all-women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector is coming soon in **Rajasthan** following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has signed with the **Telangana government's Stree Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation**. The new body will promote women's empowerment by supporting their enterprises. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- The **Kerala government** is all set to come up with an alternative to the popular corporate online cab service by launching its own e-taxi service next month, considered to be the first such initiative by any state government in the country. The service named '**Kerala Savari**', the online taxi hiring service is being rolled out by the state. This is for the first time that a state government is launching an online taxi service in the country. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Tamil Nadu government** has issued an order to implement the first phase of the **Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme** at 1,545 government primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in **Classes I-V during 2022-23**. The cost would be Rs. 33.56 crores. Breakfast consisting of a meal with sambar and vegetables will be provided to children in all working schools. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Punjab Sports Department** will host the **Punjab Khed Mela**, which will feature 30 sporting activities in six age divisions for competitors between the ages of 14 and 60. The event's goals are to find talent, create a welcoming **environment for sports**, and raise **public awareness of health**. There will be competitions in the age ranges of 25 to 40, 40 to 50, and 50 to 60 in addition to the previously conducted under-14, under-17, and 17 to 25 age groups. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Pranay Kumar Verma**, an experienced diplomat and IFS official from the 1994 batch, has been chosen to serve as India's next High Commissioner to **Bangladesh**. He is currently the ambassador of India to **Vietnam**. The Delhi-based Ministry of External Affairs made this announcement. **Vikram Doraiswami**, the current High Commissioner of India to the UK, is rumoured to be taking over, thus he is expected to start the job soon in his stead. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- To educate the state's women about their constitutional rights and laws, the **Chhattisgarh Women Commission** will host the **Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra**. On the occasion of the Hareli Tihaar festival, Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** will set off the "**Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath**". Through short films, messages, and booklets, the chariots will visit all of the districts to educate people about the legal protections for women and their constitutional rights. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **The Gujarat government** has announced a dedicated '**Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27**' with a view to generating at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of five years. The Gujarat government has also decided to develop a "**semicon city**" which would be a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

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Schemes/Committees

- 11th World Urban Forum in Poland, the **National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA's) Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube)**, **World Resources Institute India (WRI India)**, and other partners inaugurated India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS). Ecosystem-based services and nature-based solutions are quickly becoming viable, affordable options for tackling climate change-related problems such as heat waves, urban flooding, pollution of the air and water, and storm surges. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Vatican announced that **Pope Francis** has appointed three women **two nuns and a laywoman** to a formerly all-male committee that assists him in choosing the world's bishops. In an exclusive interview with Reuters earlier this month, **Pope** had made the announcement, emphasising that he wished to give women more high and powerful posts in the **Holy See**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** has approved the construction of the **Taranga Hill-Ambaji- Abu Road new rail line** to be constructed by the Ministry of Railways at an estimated cost of **Rs 2798.16 crore**. The total length of the new rail line will be **116.65 km** and is expected to be completed in 2026-27. The project would generate direct employment during construction for about 40 lakh man-days. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **7th anniversary of the Skill India Mission** is being observed on **15th July**. National Skill Development Mission also known as Skill India Mission was launched on this day in 2015. Skill India is an initiative of the central government to empower the youth with skill sets, making them more employable. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))

- 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](#))
- **Avanse Financial Services**, an NBFC with an emphasis on education, and **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** have teamed to offer student travel insurance to international students who are supported by **Avanse**. Student travel insurance from **Edelweiss General Insurance** covers medical costs and guards against emergencies and financial losses. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Power** revealed that it has reached a deal with the **Tamil Nadu government** to invest Rs. 3000 crore in the construction of a new solar cell and module manufacturing facility in the state's **Tirunelveli** district. According to the agreement, both parties will endeavour to promote the switch to renewable energy and the creation of jobs in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State-run Coffee Board** is planning to focus on developing new varieties that will be resistant to the changing climatic patterns. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Coffee Board** and the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** was signed with regard to breeding climate-resilient varieties and assessing the carbon sequestration potential in coffee among others. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to implement safety incident detection, metal and oil and gas company **Vedanta** has partnered with **Detect Technologies**, a startup established at **IIT Madras**, and deployed **T-Pulse HSSE Monitoring System** across all of its business units. The partnership is consistent with the Vedanta Group's objective to achieving zero harm through the implementation of AI-enabled safety monitoring of workplaces, which is a key priority in its roadmap for digital transformation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)** and the **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** have entered into a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of athletics in India. The partnership aims to discover, nurture and develop Indian athletes from across the country and provide them with world-class facilities, coaching and sports science and medicine support by leveraging the Reliance Foundation ecosystem including the **Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics High-Performance Center** and **Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))

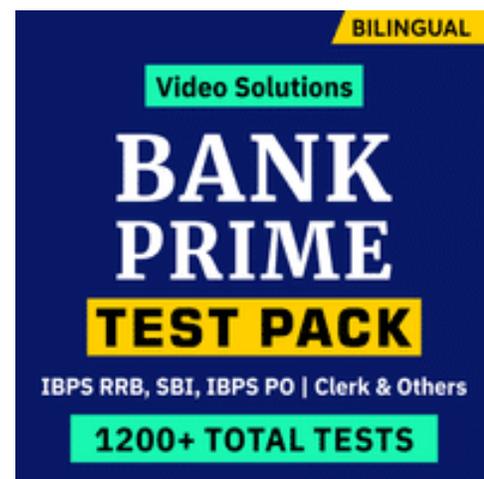
Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- For the distribution of its health insurance options, the insurer and **IDFC FIRST Bank** have inked a corporate agency agreement. In accordance with this strategic partnership, **Star Health** and **Allied Insurance Company** will use **IDFC FIRST Bank's** cutting-edge digital platform and extensive distribution network to offer its best-in-class health insurance products to the Bank's customers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **bancassurance agreement** has been reached between the **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** and **SBI Life Insurance**. Through the cooperation, **SBI Life's** assortment of protection, wealth development, credit life, annuity, and savings products will be made available at all **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** branches throughout West Bengal, therefore enhancing the region's access to life insurance solutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the presence of Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin**, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Tamil Nadu** and the Singapore-based M/s. **IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd** to build a 300-acre semiconductor high-tech park in the State with an investment and grants of 25,600 crore. ([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](#))
- In the presence of **Shri Narayan Rane**, Honorable Cabinet Minister, **Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma**, Honorable Minister of State, **Shri B. B. Swain**, Secretary MSME, **Shri P. Udayakumar**, CMD, NSIC, and **Shailesh Kumar Singh**, AS&DC, **National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)** signed an agreement with **LG Electronics India Pvt Ltd.** and the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI). ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The acquisition of **Citibank, N.A.** and **Citicorp Finance (India)** Limited's consumer banking operations by Axis Bank has been approved, according to the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)**. The acquisition had been disclosed by the firms. According to **CCI**, the transaction entails the going-concern slump sale of **Citibank** and Citicorp's consumer banking operations to Axis. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- A joint venture to produce high-speed passenger trains has been established by **BF Infrastructure Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of **Bharat Forge Ltd.**, and **Talgo India Pvt Ltd.**, a fully owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer **Patentes Talgo S.L.** The cooperation will take advantage of forthcoming local requirements in the field as well as new economic prospects in the railways sector. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC)** and the **Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA)** have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to expand their cooperation in promoting the usage of palm oil. The MoU is anticipated to increase collaboration in areas of shared interest and to advance the production and consumption of palm oil from **Malaysia** and palm oil with the **MSPO** certification. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- Attorney General (A-G), **K.K. Venugopal** has been re-appointed as the country's top law officer for a **period of three months**. Mr. Venugopal, whose current one-year term ends on June 30, agreed to a short tenure following a request from the government. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sandeep Kumar Gupta**, Director for Finance at Indian Oil Corporation, has been picked to head India's largest gas utility **GAIL (India) Ltd.** He will replace **Manoj Jain**, who is scheduled to retire on August 31. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **T. Raja Kumar** of Singapore has been appointed as the president of **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, the anti-money laundering watchdog. Kumar has replaced **Marcus Pleyer** who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next two years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former team India coach and cricketer, **Ravi Shastri** has been appointed the new brand ambassador for **FanCode**, a live content, sports statistics and e-commerce marketplace. FanCode is set to host some of the best cricketing action with exclusive rights to India's tour of the West Indies and ECB's The Hundred; and Shastri will bring out FanCode's 'fan-first' proposition by leading the upcoming campaigns for these properties. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **PokerBaazi.com**, a poker platform, has onboarded actor **Shahid Kapoor** as its brand ambassador. PokerBaazi.com has launched its new brand campaign '**You Hold the Cards**' featuring brand ambassador, actor **Shahid Kapoor**. The company said this association with the actor comes in line with its commitment to popularise and create awareness amongst the masses about poker. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Aviva India** has appointed **Asit Rath** as **chief executive officer and managing director**. Rath will succeed **Amit Malik** who is leaving the business after 10 years. The appointment will come into effect on July 11. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Lieutenant General, **Mohan Subramanian** has been appointed the Force Commander in the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**. He succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment on July 5. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **R Dinesh**, Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, has been chosen as the **Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) President Designate** for the years 2022–2023. **Sanjiv Puri**, Chairman and Managing Director of ITC, was elected as the Vice-President of CII at a meeting of the CII National Council held in Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor, **Suranjan Das** was appointed as the president of the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**. His tenure as president will be for one year from July 1. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Private non-life insurer **SBI General Insurance** had appointed **Paritosh Tripathi** as managing director and chief executive officer, effective July 5. He succeeds **P.C. Kandpal**, who has been posted as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at the Corporate Center, State Bank of India (SBI). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior bureaucrat **R K Gupta** was appointed as the **deputy election commissioner**, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said. He comes in place of **T Sreekanth**. Gupta, a Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer, will serve as deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level) till 28 February next year, the date of his superannuation.
- The governing council of the **International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)** has been appointed as Spain's **Alvaro Lario** new President. Lario will take office on 1 October 2022 and serve a four-year term. He will succeed **Gilbert Houngbo** who has led the organisation since 2017. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rajendra Prasad** has been appointed as the **Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)** after the government dismissed Satish Agnihotri over corruption allegations. He is working as Director of Project with NHSRCL since November 2017 and is overall in charge of civil engineering works of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project, popularly known as the **Bullet Train Project**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)** has approved the appointment of **Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay** as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)**, a PSU under the Ministry of Defence. Upadhyay has been appointed to the post for a period of five years from the date of his assumption of charge of the post, or until further orders, whichever is earlier. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **public enterprise's selection board (PESB)** has selected **Sanjai Kumar** for the post of Chairman & Managing Director, **RailTel Corporation of India Ltd (RCIL)**. Currently, he is serving as Director (Network Planning & Marketing) and (Project, Operations & Maintenance – Additional Charge) in Railtel. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Pratik Pota** was appointed by PE firm **Advent International to run Eureka Forbes**, one of its portfolio companies. Pratik will join Eureka Forbes as **Managing Director & CEO**. Pratik will guide the management group in continuing to grow the company and produce cutting-edge goods. Pratik will start at Eureka Forbes on August 16. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has authorised **Meena Hemchandra's** appointment as the **Karur Vysya bank's** temporary chairperson for three years, according to private sector lender **Karur Vysya Bank**. Hemchandra's application for the position of non-executive independent (part-time) chairperson of the bank had been recommended by the bank to the RBI in May. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rajkiran Rai G**, a former managing director of the Union Bank of India, has been recommended by the **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** to lead the newly established **NaBFID**, which will cost Rs 20,000 crore. After conducting interviews with the five finalists, the headhunter for state-owned banks and financial institutions chose the managing director for the **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Wall Street veteran **Marty Chavez** is joining the board of **Google parent Alphabet Inc.**, adding significant finance muscle to the technology giant. His appointment marks the first change to the Alphabet board since 2020 when former Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt departed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
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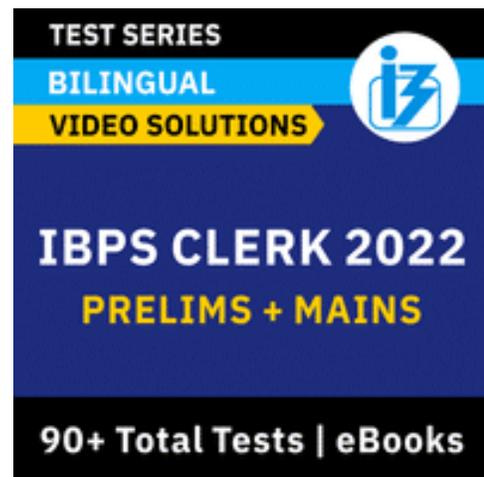
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- Paytm's parent One97 Communications has appointed **Nakul Jain** as the CEO of **Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL)**. Praveen Sharma, who is now serving as the acting CEO of PPSL, has been promoted to oversee the organisation's commerce vertical in addition to his other duties. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The international financial institution, **World Bank** has appointed **Indermit Gill**, as its chief economist and senior vice-president for development economics at the multilateral development bank. His appointment will be effective September 1, 2022. Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as chief economist at the World Bank. Kaushik Basu was the first, having served in the job from 2012-2016. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Coca-Cola** has signed Olympic gold medalist, **Neeraj Chopra** for **Limca Sportz promotion**. Recently, Neeraj Chopra has become the first-ever Indian to win a silver medal at World Athletics Championships with his best throw of **88.13 m**. Also, Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in England due to an injury he picked up at World Athletics Championships. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- According to a survey, **Kolkata** is the least costly city in Asia, while Mumbai and Delhi are among the top 40 most expensive cities for expats. **Mumbai** is the most expensive city in India in terms of both living expenses and lodging costs, according to Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living assessment. **Hyderabad** is the most expensive Indian city in the ranking, followed by **New Delhi, Chennai, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad**. The least expensive Indian cities are **Pune and Kolkata**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the **QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023**, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), **Mumbai** ranked at 103 has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city. The other Indian cities in the rankings include **Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 and New Delhi at 129**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Odisha** has topped in the state ranking for implementation of the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)** through ration shops, followed by **Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh**. Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released the '**State Ranking Index for NFSA**' 2022 during a conference of state food ministers on food and nutrition security in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In June, the services industry in India had its highest level of activity in 11 years because to growing demand, capacity development, and favourable economic conditions. The **S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)** for services increased to 59.2 in June from 58.9 in May, which is the highest level since April 2011. The results demonstrate a solid rebound in the services sector, which is reflected in good **GST** receipts. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Indian-American **Jayshree Ullal**, CEO of Arista Networks, an American computer networking company, and a member of the board of directors of Snowflake, was ranked near the top of **8th annual Forbes' America's Richest Self-Made Women**, with a net worth of **\$1.7 billion** as of May 2022. The list, released in June 2022, ranks her at **#15**, below Alice Schwartz, co-founder of Bio-Rad Laboratories, and above reality TV star Kim Kardashian. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)** released a report according to the figures, the nation's jobless rate increased to 7.83% in April from 7.60% in March. According to the figures issued, the jobless rate in urban areas was higher at 9.22% compared to 8.28% in **March**. India's unemployment rate increased to 7.80 percent, with **Haryana** and **Rajasthan** at top in list in unemployment rate. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's population of 224.3 million **undernourished** people has decreased over the past 15 years according to the UN report. However, the number of obese adults and anaemic women has increased in the world's second-most populous nation. According to the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 report, which was released by the **World Health Organization (WHO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a report released by the **UN on World Population Day**, **India** is expected to overtake **China** as the world's most populous nation next year. The world's population is anticipated to exceed eight billion people on November 15, 2022, according to a research by the **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division**. According to the United Nations' most recent estimates, the world's population may reach 8.5 billion people in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.4 billion in 2100. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a formal announcement, **Jharkhand** came out on top in the **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission's delta** ranking for the month of June with a composite score of 76.19. As a result, the state has moved up to number eight in the mission's overall ranking. The state's score in the delta ranking increased by 1.93 points from the previous month, the most increase among the 34 states and union territories. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))



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- **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](#))
- **The Airports Council International (ACI) World** has released the annual **World Airport Traffic Dataset** to reveal the global air traffic rankings of the top 20 aviation industries for the full year 2021. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 Ranking with 7.6 crore passengers in terms of passenger footfall in the year 2021. From India, the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi has been ranked among the top 20, as the 13th busiest airport. IGIA witnessed 3.7 crore passenger footfall in 2021, which is 30.3% more than 2.8 crore in 2020 when IGI was ranked 16th. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- According to a government report, 329 tigers in **India** perished in the past three years as a result of poaching, natural disasters, and other factors. The poaching, electrocution, poisoning, and train accidents contributed to the deaths of up to 307 elephants over this time. 96 tigers perished in 2019, 106 in 2020, and 127 in 2021, according to data presented by Union Minister of State for Environment **Ashwini Kumar Choubey**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- According to **Kantar India’s annual Brand Footprint** study, locally produced biscuit brand **Parle** continued to be the most popular brand among fast-moving consumer goods in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the eleventh year in a row. Based on **Consumer Reach Points (CRPs)**, the report assessed the **FMCG** brands that consumers will choose in 2021. After Parle, the other top brands on the list are **Amul, Britannia, Clinic Plus, and Tata Consumer Products**. For a record-breaking tenth year in a row, Parle is in first place with a CRP score of 6531 (million). ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Sports Current Affairs

- **Adani Sportsline**, the sports arm of the Adani Group, has inked a long-term principal sponsorship deal with the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**. It will be the official partner of the Indian contingent during the upcoming **Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and the Paris Olympic Games 2024**. The group had earlier been associated with the Indian contingent during the Tokyo Olympics in 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India captain **Jasprit Bumrah** bludgeoned a hapless **Stuart Broad** for **29 runs** to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket, beating the legendary Brian Lara’s feat by one run. The world record stayed with Lara for 18 years, he had hit South African left-arm spinner Robin Peterson for **28 runs** in a Test match in 2003-04, which included four fours and two sixes off six legal deliveries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ferrari’s **Carlos Sainz** registered his first Formula One win at **British Grand Prix 2022**, with the Spaniard finishing ahead of the Red Bull driver **Sergio Perez** and Mercedes’ **Lewis Hamilton**. Carlos Sainz claimed his first Formula One victory in his 150th race. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Reigning Youth World Boxing champions **Alfiya Pathan and Gitika** have won **gold medals** at the **Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**. Two other Indian female boxers Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro signed off with silver medals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ferrari’s **Charles Leclerc** held off world champion Max Verstappen to win the **Austrian Grand Prix 2022**. Red Bull’s **Max Verstappen** had to settle for second and Mercedes’ seven-time world champion **Lewis Hamilton** was a distant third, after starting eighth, to complete the podium for the third race in a row. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Arjun Babuta** of India earned his first gold medal in shooting at the Changwon, South Korea, International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage. Final saw him overcome silver medalist for Tokyo 2020 **Lucas Kozeniesky** of the USA 17-9. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bhagwati Devi Dagar**, a 94-year-old Indian sprinter, won the gold medal in the 100-meter sprint at the Tampere, Finland, **World Masters Athletics Championships**. She finished first in the gold with a timing of 24.74 seconds and took home the bronze in shot-put. For competitors 35 years of age and older, the **World Masters Athletics Championships** is a competition organised in the sport of track and field. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **D. Gukesh** won the **Gijon Chess Masters**, with eight points out of nine rounds. GM **Alexandr Fier** of Brazil finished second with 6.5 points while International Master **Pedro Antonio Gines** of Spain came third scoring six points. With the win, Gukesh took his FIDE rating to 2693. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Indian women's cricket team has been announced by the **BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India)** for the upcoming Commonwealth Games, which will take place in **Birmingham** from July 28 through August 8. The 15-person team will be led by **Harmanpreet Kaur**. The team included **Sneh Rana, Harleen Deol, and Taniya Bhatiya** as the wicketkeeper. **Yastika Bhatia** will be the team's top pick for a wicket keeper. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Mohammed Shami** became the fastest Indian bowler to **150 ODI wickets** in first India vs England ODI at the Kennington Oval. The seamer needed 80 matches to 150 ODI wickets. Shami achieved the feat with his second wicket of the match. Overall, Shami is third joint-fastest to reach 150 ODI wickets. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian grapplers had a fantastic outing at the **U20 Asian Wrestling Championships** in Manama, Bahrain where they won as many as **22 medals** that concluded. Winning **4 gold medals, 9 silver and 9 bronze**, the talented bunch of grapplers put up a good show and gave a stiff fight to worthy competitors from **Iran and Kazakhstan**, among other strong nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shikhar Dhawan**, an Indian cricketer, announced a partnership with **Web3 metaverse startup WIOM** and financial firm **Bliv.Club** to build the first sports city in the metaverse. It is planned to have a launch in September. The global sports market is anticipated to expand at a **compound annual growth rate (CAGR)** of 41.3 percent, from \$354.96 billion in 2021 to \$501.43 billion in 2022. At a **CAGR** of 9%, the sports market is anticipated to reach \$707.84 billion in 2026. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rohit Sharma**, the captain of India, became the first captain in cricket history to win 13 straight T20Is. This accomplishment was made by **Rohit** in Southampton's first T20I of a three-match series against England. **Rohit Sharma** led the Men in Blue to victories over New Zealand, the West Indies, Sri Lanka, and now England after taking over as captain from **Virat Kohli**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Abhishek Verma**, archery gold winner from the Asian Games, and **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** took home bronze at the World Games 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama, USA. The Indian archery team defeated Mexico's **Andrea** and **Miguel Becerra** 157-156 in the bronze medal competition. **Abhishek Verma** and **Jyothi Surekha Vennam** took home the gold at the **Archery World Cup** in Paris. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shohidul Islam**, a fast bowler for **Bangladesh** was sentenced to a ten-month suspension after admitting to violating Article 2.1 of the **ICC Anti-Doping Code**. He participated in one T20 match for Bangladesh. **Mohammad Rizwan**, a Pakistani batter, was the only one he was able to dismiss, but Bangladesh went on to lose the game and the series 0-3. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former India captain and current BCCI president, **Sourav Ganguly** was felicitated by the **British Parliament**. The Indian cricket legend was felicitated on the same date July 13 when he led India to Natwest final win in 2002 and exactly 20 years later on the same day he was honoured in the same city. He was elected as the **President of BCCI in 2019**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **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](#))
- **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 Pragganandhaa**, 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](#))
- 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](#))
- The first **Khelo India Fencing Women's League**, which will begin on 25 July, 2022, will be hosted by **Talkatora Indoor Stadium** in New Delhi. The first-of-its-kind national fencing competition for women will take place through the 29th of this month, according to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It will take place in three stages. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Charles Leclerc of Ferrari crashed out of the race on lap 18 but was unharmed, and **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull took first place at Paul Ricard. **Lewis Hamilton** and **George Russell** of Mercedes finished third and fourth, respectively. At Le Castellet, where the track temperature was high, tyre management was essential. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Neeraj Chopra** makes history by winning silver in the **World Athletics Championships** for the first time ever. **Neeraj Chopra** grinned after his 88.13m throw in the fourth round. His greatest throw in the men's javelin throw final in Eugene, US, allowed him to move into the provisional podium spot in second place, which helped to lessen the tension. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** has introduced a new **A+ category** for its umpires and **Nitin Menon**, along with ten other officials, have been grouped in the category. Umpires in A+ and A categories are paid **Rs 40,000 a day** for a first-class game while **Rs 30,000 a day** are paid in the B and C category. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **Sports Authority of India (SAI)** has started a new initiative to cheer for **Team India**, under which SAI has launched the campaign "**Create for India**" to cheer Indian contingents participating in the **Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games**. A 215-member Indian athlete contingent is set to participate across 16 disciplines in this sports event, which is scheduled to take place from July 28, 2022, to August 08, 2022. The motto of the CWG 2022 is "Games for Everyone." ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has confirmed that **India** will host the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025**. BCCI will leave no stone unturned to make it a memorable event for everyone concerned. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

- Grammy and Oscar-winning music composer, **AR Rahman** has come up with the '**Vanakkam Chennai**' (**Welcome Anthem**) for the upcoming International Chess Olympiad, 2022. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Norway's **Casper Ruud** has won the **Swiss Open Tennis Tournament 2022** held in **Gstaad, Switzerland**. He defeated Italy's **Matteo Berrettini** in the final by 4-6, 7-6(4), 6-2. It was Ruud's 9th Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) title. The Swiss Open is Ruud's 3rd title in 2022, the other two titles are Buenos Aires and Geneva Open. Ruud had also won the 2021 Swiss Open title. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **The International Cricket Council** has awarded membership status to three countries during the ongoing **ICC Annual Conference** in Birmingham. **Cambodia and Uzbekistan** from Asia, and **Cote D'Ivoire** from Africa, were all awarded Associate membership status, taking ICC's total members to **108 countries**, including 96 Associates. The two Asian teams take the total count of Asian countries to 25 while Cote D'Ivoire is the 21st country from Africa. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The signing of the guarantees for hosting the **FIFA Under 17 Women's World Cup in India in 2022** has been accepted by the Union Cabinet, which is presided over by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 is slated to take place in India from October 11 to October 30. The seventh iteration of the biennial youth competition will mark India's first-ever hosting of a FIFA women's championship. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Ace India badminton player **P.V. Sindhu** has been chosen as the **flagbearer of the Indian contingent** for the opening ceremony of the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. The opening ceremony will be held on July 28, 2022, at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. She was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, where she won silver in the women's singles event. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **22nd edition** of the **Commonwealth Games** kicked off with a glitzy opening ceremony at the **Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, United Kingdom**. The Prince of Wales, reading out from the Queen's letter, declares the Games open. A total of 72 teams took part in the parade into Birmingham's Alexander Stadium. **PV Sindhu and Manpreet Singh** were India's flag-bearers at the parade of the CWG opening ceremony. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- As informed by the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**, the **Asia Cup 2022** will now be held in **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in **Sri Lanka**. However, due to the economic crisis in the island nation, the tournament has been shifted to UAE. But the hosting rights of the game will still remain with Sri Lanka. The tournament will be held from **August 27 to September 11, 2022**, in the T20 format. This is the second consecutive time that the tournament will be played in the UAE. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Four-time Formula One champion, **Sebastian Vettel** who is currently a part of **Aston Martin** announced his retirement. The 35-year-old German driver declared that he will retire at the end of the season. He is one of the most successful drivers in the F1 race is currently third on the list of all-time Grand Prix winners with 53 victories, trailing only Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- England's **Leicester Cricket Ground** has been named after India's legendary cricketer, **Sunil Gavaskar**. The Leicester Cricket Ground, the ownership of which lies with **Bharat Sports and Cricket Club**, has decided to name the ground after Gavaskar to acknowledge his immense contribution to uplifting Indian Cricket to a certain height. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Summits And Conferences

- At the **Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach** in Mumbai, **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, officially inaugurated the fifth **Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC)**. In collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, the **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)** organised the fifth GFTC with the subject "Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)** will be held in **Bali, Indonesia**, and it will be attended by External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar**. According to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs, the meeting's foreign ministers will discuss topics of current relevance, such as advancing multilateralism and current global concerns, such as the security of food and energy. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- During his visit to Varanasi, his Lok Sabha district, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is anticipated to launch development projects worth more than Rs. 1,774 crore. He has been to the city twice in the last four months. Nine topics designated for higher education in the **National Education Policy 2020** will be the subject of panel discussions. Modi will also inaugurate the **Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam**, which is being organised by the Union Education Ministry at the international cooperation and convention centre **Rudraksh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Parshottam Rupala** inaugurating **First India Animal Health Summit 2022**, he called for greater use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health. First India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held at NASC Complex, New Delhi understanding the significance of animal health towards the broader objective of the country's food and nutrition security, rural incomes and prosperity and overall economic development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change will be organizing "**Hariyali Mahotsav**" on 8th July, 2022 at **Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi** in the spirit of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". The mahotsav is being organized by **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** in collaboration with the State Governments, Police Institutions and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives on the occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The former CEO of Niti Aayog, **Amitabh Kant**, will take on the role of G-20 Sherpa. **Piyush Goyal**, a Union Minister, would be replaced by **Kant** because he is expected to resign owing to workload. Later this year, India will preside over the G-20. It should be highlighted that the nation requires a full-time **G-20 Sherpa**, which **Goyal** is unlikely to provide as he already holds a number of cabinet positions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **6th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals** was held as part of **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** legendary week celebrations in New Delhi, according to the Ministry of Mines. **Shri Amit Shah**, the Union Minister of Housing, was the chief guest at the colloquium that will be held at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where "**I**" stands for **India and Israel**, and "**U**" for the **US and the UAE**. PM Modi was joined by United States President **Joe Biden**, Israeli PM **Yair Lapid** and UAE President **Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A two-day meeting of the **BIMSTEC Expert Group** on Cyber Security Cooperation is being organised in **New Delhi** by the National Security Council Secretariat of the Indian Government. The **BIMSTEC** Expert Group will create an Action plan to address cyber security concerns in the **BIMSTEC** Region, as agreed upon during the conference of the **BIMSTEC** National Security Chiefs held in Bangkok in March 2019. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- The **CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology (CSIR-NIIST)**, Thiruvananthapuram, will host an International Conference on Chemistry and Applications of Soft Materials (CASM 2022) as part of the **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** celebrations to mark 75th year of Independence. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The focal points for **India, France**, and the **United Arab Emirates** met in trilateral fashion. Maritime Security, Humanitarian Aid and Disaster Relief, Blue Economy, Regional Connectivity, Cooperation in Multilateral Fora, Energy and Food Security, Innovation and Startups, Supply Chain Resilience, and Cultural and People-to-People Cooperation were some of the potential areas of trilateral cooperation that the three sides discussed. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



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Awards & Recognition

- **Ashok Soota**, founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, has been conferred with **CII Quality Ratna Award 2021**. The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award constituted in the year 2019 is in recognition of outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the **Quality Movement in India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HCL Technologies** was recognised at **Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022**, for innovation and implementing customer solutions based on **Microsoft technology**. HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tanuja Nesari**, Director of **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** was awarded with the **Ayurveda Ratna Award** by the **UK Parliament**. The UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the award recognising her contribution to promoting the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Sini Shetty has won the title of **Femina Miss India 2022**. She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant. Shetty was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, Manasa Varanasi at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai. Femina Miss India 2022's first runner-up is Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan, while the second runner-up is Shinata Chauhan, who hails from Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In honour of India's first President, **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award** in Public Administration has been established, according to Science and Technology Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** in New Delhi. Dr. Singh presided over a meeting of the Executive Council of the **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India-born **Gita Gopinath** became the **first woman and second Indian** to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. The first Indian to achieve the honour was **Raghuram Rajan** who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Polish government** has honoured the **maharajas of Jamnagar and Kolhapur** and others who sheltered Polish refugees fleeing the **Soviet Union invasion of Poland** during **World War II**. Honouring the invite, the Indian government sent a delegation of former royals, including **Yuvraj Sambhaji Raje and Sanyogitaraje Chhatrapati** of Kolhapur and representatives of Jamnagar royalty, to Poland. Poland's deputy PM Piotr Glinski also participated in the Warsaw event. Recalling their memories of living in India, Polish residents showcased pictures of the Indian kings' generosity. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's **Pallavi Singh** has won the **Mrs Universe Divine Title** at the finals held at **Yeosu City, South Korea**. She hails from Kanpur, India, and has made her country proud in this contest that saw participation from 110 countries. This is a proud moment for India. Pallavi Singh was the contestant from Asia in the Mrs Universe contest and has demonstrated the strong will and commitment of Indian women to excel in all walks of life. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **government of Japan** has conferred the '**Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star**' award on Sanmar Group Vice Chairman **Narayanan Kumar** in recognition of his contribution toward strengthening economic relations between Japan and India. Kumar was honoured by the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Taka Masayuki. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)** National Goodwill Ambassador **Ms Dia Mirza**, and **Environmental Activist Mr Afroz Shah** were felicitated with the prestigious **Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021**. The award is given by the Governor of Maharashtra Hon. **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. Both were awarded for their commendable and notable achievements in Environmental Sustainability. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Japanese government** announced its decision to honour former Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** with the country's highest decoration "**the Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum**" posthumously. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- **Kamal Haasan**, a prominent figure in the Tamil cinema industry, has been given the prestigious Golden Visa by the **United Arab Emirates**. The Golden Visa has been given to others besides actor **Kamal Hasan**. Actors **Nasser, Mammooty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul**, and **Shah Rukh Khan** all have received it before Kamal Hasan. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** has recognised former Indian Army Chief **General Manoj Mukund Naravane** for his contribution to fostering ties between India and the US. The public service award has also been given to former US Defense Secretary **General Jim Mattis** in addition to **Naravane**. The USISPF gave prizes for public service and global leadership to those who had a significant impact on advancing connections between the US and India. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, **Kaushik Rajashekara** has won the prestigious **Global Energy Prize**. Rajashekara was given the award in the New Ways of Energy Applications category for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Dinesh Shahra Foundation (DSF)** has taken a major stride in its efforts to promote soulful Indian music among the masses. The Foundation has instituted a first-of-its-kind '**Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award for Excellence in Music**'. The initiative is supported by the Indian Arts & Cultural Society. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Important Days

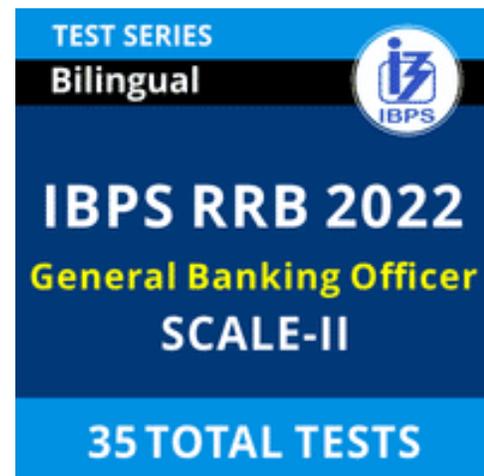
- The **Chartered Accountants' Day or CA Day** is held on **01 July** every year in India. It is also known as **ICAI Foundation Day**. The day is marked to commemorate the foundation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India celebrates **National Doctor's Day on July 1**, the birth anniversary of **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy**, an eminent physician, academician, freedom fighter and politician. Doctor's Day is celebrated globally on different dates. The date changes from country to country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Day of Cooperatives** is marked annually on the **first Saturday of July**. This year, the day will be observed on **2 July** to highlight the contributions of the cooperative movement. UN International Year of Cooperatives, which showcased the unique contribution of cooperatives to making the world a better place, this year's #CoopsDay slogan — "**Cooperatives Build a Better World**" — echoes the theme of the International Year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Sports Journalists Day** is observed on **July 2** every year to celebrate the services of sports journalists for the promotion of sports. Sports journalism is a form of reporting that focuses on matters pertaining to any subject or topic related to sports. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The World UFO Day (WUD)** is held on **July 2** every year globally. It is a day dedicated to the undoubted existence of **Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)** by World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO). WUD aims to raise awareness about the existence of UFOs and encouraging people to think about the possibility of us not being alone in the Universe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The International Plastic Bag Free Day** is held on **July 3** around the world to spread awareness that a plastic bag free world is possible and that sound environmental alternatives to single use plastic bags are available. 2022 is the **13th edition** of the celebrations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Zoonoses Day** is marked annually on **6 July** to commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease like **influenza, ebola and West Nile virus**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Chocolate Day** is celebrated on **July 7** every year to commemorate the invention of chocolate. This special day allows people around the world to indulge in their favourite treat without any guilt. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **World Kiswahili Day** is celebrated on the **7th of July** every year following a declaration by UNESCO member states in this regard. Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa and the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa. This first celebration of the World Kiswahili language day will be held under the theme 'Kiswahili for peace and prosperity'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Population Day** is observed every year on **July 11** to raise awareness about global population issues. The major purpose of this day is to raise awareness of all the negative impacts that population growth has had on the steady development of nature. The theme for this year is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Fish Farmers Day** is celebrated on **10th July** every year to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the Country. It is **65th National Fish Farmers Day** being celebrated across the Country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Malala Day** is celebrated every year on **July 12** on the occasion of young activist **Malala Yousafzai's** birthday. The United Nations (UN) designated this date to be marked as Malala Day to honour the young woman who has been advocating for female education. The day is used as an opportunity to appeal to world leaders to ensure compulsory and free education for every child. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year, **World Paper Bag Day** is observed on **July 12** to raise awareness of the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags. This day is dedicated to spreading awareness of the ill effects of plastic and how detrimental they are to our environment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Youth Skills Day 2022** is observed annually on **July 15**. It focuses on the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- **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. **Aakashvani 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](#))
- **World Drowning Prevention Day** is observed every year on July 25 and was established by the **UN General Assembly Resolution** "Global drowning prevention" from April 2021. This international advocacy event provides a platform to draw attention to the devastating and deep effects drowning has on families and communities while also outlining life-saving strategies to stop it. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem** is observed every year on **July 26**. The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as "a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem" and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Defence Current Affairs

- **World Hepatitis Day** is observed each year on **28 July** to raise awareness of viral hepatitis, which causes inflammation of the liver that leads to severe disease and liver cancer. The theme for world hepatitis day 2022 is **'Bringing hepatitis care closer to you.'** The main theme is to focus on raising awareness of the need to make hepatitis care more accessible. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **International Tiger Day** is observed globally on **29th July** every year. The day is celebrated to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers. This year's theme for International Tiger Day 2022 is **"India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population"**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **World Nature Conservation Day** is observed on **July 28** every year. The objective is to spread awareness regarding the preservation of nature and biodiversity for a healthy environment which is required for stable and prospering humankind. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **International Friendship Day** is celebrated annually on **July 30** and it was first proposed way back in the year **1958** by **World Friendship Crusade**, an international civil organisation. According to United Nations, the International Day of Friendship can help promote peace and social harmony among people. In **India** as well as many other countries, Friendship Day is also celebrated on the first Sunday of August. This year it falls on **August 7, 2022**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- World Day Against Trafficking is observed annually on 30 July to make people aware of who is being trafficked. The day aims to educate people that trafficking in persons is considered to be a crime, including the exploitation of women and children for tragic jobs of forced labour and sex. his year's theme **"Use and abuse of technology"** focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **World Ranger Day** is observed on **31st July** every year. The International Ranger Federation established this day to honour the contribution of Park Rangers to the preservation of nature. World Ranger Day offers a chance to support their vital work, which ranges from environmental campaigning to education. The day is also an opportunity to pay tribute to rangers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- In **New Delhi**, there was the **fourth Synergy Conference** between the Indian Army and the Defense Accounts Department (DAD). Senior commanders of the Indian Army and DAD attended the one-day meeting, which was co-chaired by Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) **Lt Gen BS Raju** and Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) **Shri Rajnish Kumar**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Defence Research and Development Organization's (DRDO)** Abhyas high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT), which was created as a target for the testing of missile systems, underwent a successful flight testing from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR)**, off the coast of Odisha. The Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a **DRDO** unit with a Bengaluru location, created **Abhyas**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The ninth **Army to Army Staff Talks**, which were held in **Dehradun**, between the Australian and Indian armies were centred on developing a roadmap for improved defence cooperation and joint military exercises. The **Indian Military Academy (IMA)** was the location of the discussions, where both parties went over the road map for initiatives promoting **defence cooperation**, according to the Army. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Desert Corps of the **Indian Army** organised the **"Suraksha Manthan 2022"**, on aspects of **Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur (Rajasthan)**. During the course of the discussions, aspects of interoperability, operational cohesion and logistics were ironed out in order to enhance overall security along the **International Boundary (IB)** and coastal sectors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully carried out the **Maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator** from Aeronautical Test Range at **Chitradurga in Karnataka**. The flight operated in a fully autonomous mode. The aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including take-off, way point navigation and a smooth touchdown. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Father and daughter pair Flying Officer **Ananya Sharma**, who was commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021, and Air Commodore **Sanjay Sharma**, an experienced fighter pilot in the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**, made aviation history by flying in the same jet formation. At Air Force Station, Bidar, they flew in the same formation of **Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Rashtriya Raksha University** at Gandhinagar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited** for setting up a **Remote Pilot Training Centre** for imparting drone flying skills. This training will be imparted to the Police and security force personnel and citizens at RRU Campus near Gandhinagar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE)** has developed a **Artificial Intelligence-based Change Detection Software** that can automatically detect unauthorised constructions & encroachments on the defence land using Satellite Imagery, demonstrating once again how technology has benefited the country's defense-related issues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the presence of **Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta**, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, **Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 (INAS 324)** was commissioned into the Indian Navy at **INS Dega** in Visakhapatnam. The squadron is the first naval squadron on the eastern seaboard to use helicopters that were designed and constructed domestically, the **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Defence ministry** gave three private sector banks permission to offer financial support to it for the purchase of military equipment abroad. These banks include **ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank Ltd.** For services like the issuance of letters of credit and direct bank transfers to the ministry for overseas purchase, only authorised public sector banks have been used up until now. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Department of Defense Production, Ministry of Defense, will host the first-ever **Artificial Intelligence in Defence** symposium and exhibition in New Delhi, which will be officially inaugurated by Union Defence Minister **Shri Rajnath Singh**. The event will include a demonstration of the most innovative AI-enabled products that have been created by services, research organisations, industry, start-ups, and entrepreneurs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Defense Minister **Rajnath Singh** announced that the **Ministry of Defence** has set a target of Rs 1.75 lakh crores in defence production by 2025, which includes Rs 35,000 crores in exports. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- **Rajnath Singh**, Minister of defence, to improve coordination between the armed forces, announced the creation of unified theatre commands of three services. India is fast transitioning from being the world's top importer of defence equipment to an exporter. The defence minister was addressing at a ceremony held by the **Jammu & Kashmir People's Forum** in this city to honour the Indian Armed Forces martyrs. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



- **A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** was conducted between **Japan Maritime Self Defense Force** and **Indian Navy** in the Andaman Sea. INS Sukanya, an offshore patrol vessel and JS Samidare, a Murasame class destroyer, undertook various exercises including seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Advanced Systems** successfully delivered the locally developed **Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicle** to the Indian Army. The contract to provide **QRFV-Med** vehicles to the Indian Army was successfully completed. These armoured vehicles will increase the nation's protector's ability to fight in all weather and terrain situations and will offer protection while moving. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, observed its **84th** Raising Day on **27 July 2022**. The day celebrates the immense and unparalleled contribution of the force in upholding the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the nation. CRPF is India's largest Central Armed Police Force, which operates under the authority of the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **iDEX** inked its 100th contract with **Pacify Medical Technologies Pvt Ltd** in New Delhi. The initiative **iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence)**, described as the **Ministry of Defence's (MoD)** centrepiece for technical innovation, was introduced by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in April 2018. The purpose of **iDEX** was to support start-ups by giving them a venue for co-creation and co-development in the fields of defence and aerospace technologies. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- The indigenous aircraft carrier **Vikrant**, which was created by the Navy's own **Directorate of Naval Design** and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, was delivered to the Navy by the **Cochin Shipyard**. It bears the name of the **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant**, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Egypt and an Indian company have signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** to construct a green hydrogen factory in the **Suez Canal Economic Zone**, according to a cabinet announcement. The MoU states that Indian **ReNew Power Private Limited (RENE.BO)** will invest \$8 billion to construct a facility that will create 20,000 tonnes of green hydrogen annually. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- British Prime Minister, **Boris Johnson** has presented Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** with the **Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award**, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crisis. Zelenskyy accepted the award by video link during a ceremony at Johnson's London office that was attended by members of the Churchill family, Ukrainian Ambassador **Vadym Prystaiko** and Ukrainians who have received training from British soldiers. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- At Cochin International Airport, the American Navy delivered two **MH-60 R** multipurpose helicopters to the Indian Navy. All **24 MH 60R** helicopters will be delivered by the end of 2025, with the third helicopter due to arrive in August of this year. Under its **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** programme, the US Department of State has authorised the sale of **24 MH-60R** multi-mission helicopters to India. The potential is about USD 2.6 billion. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology

- In order to establish a school where students would be trained toward sustainable goals like climate change mitigation, circular economy, energy transition, among others, the renewable energy company **Greenko** has partnered with **IIT-Hyderabad**. The **Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST)** will open toward the end of this year, according to a statement from the company, and by June 2023, the first batch of students will be admitted for the MTech and Ph.D. programmes in sustainable science and technology, followed by the BTech programme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, **TiHAN** inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh at the **IIT Hyderabad campus**. Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation 'smart mobility' technology. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At **Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology (NSUT)**, an artificial intelligence centre was inaugurated. In his remarks at the Center's opening, Deputy Chief Minister **Manish Sisodia** said universities must abandon conventional thinking and adopt an innovative approach if they are to advance the nation. According to **Manish Sisodia**, universities today take pride in having a Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence. It exhibits the lofty thinking of the young people leading the university and acting pro-actively. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Nokia** has partnered with the **Indian Institute of Science** to set up the **Nokia Center of Excellence** in networked robotics at **IISc Bengaluru**. The Center of Excellence (CoE) will promote inter-disciplinary research involving robotics and advanced communication technologies in 5G and Artificial Intelligence (AI). It will also develop use cases across industrial automation, agriculture and disaster management. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IIT Madras** researchers have developed a revolutionary method that can identify a person's cancer-causing genes. Based on patient **DNA profiles**, the "**Pivot**," an **AI-based tool**, will help clinicians create individualised treatment programmes for patients. The tool is built on a **machine learning model** that classifies genes into **cancer-preventing tumour suppressors, oncogenes** that cause cancer, and neutral genes. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- US President **Joe Biden** has released one of the **James Webb Space Telescope's** first images in a preview event at the White House in Washington. This first image from **NASA's James Webb Space Telescope** is the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe to date. Known as Webb's First Deep Field, this image of galaxy cluster **SMACS 0723** is overflowing with detail. Thousands of galaxies including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared have appeared in Webb's view for the first time. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)** has approved the market authorization of India's first **quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV)** against cervical cancer. The Serum Institute of India (**SII**) will produce this vaccine. CEO of The Serum Institute of India **Adar Poonawalla** tweeted the information. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 19-year-old **Jahnavi Dangeti** has scripted history by becoming the youngest to complete the Analog Astronaut programme from the **Analog Astronaut Training Centre (AATC)** at **Krakow in South Poland**. She has completed the two-week training programme (June 14 to 25) at the AATC, a private agency set up by **European Space professionals** to carry out spaceflight scientific studies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS)** has initiated a global title assortment for the nation's newest **solar observatory**, which will probably be launched right into a sun-synchronous orbit in October. The 888-kilogram observatory has a half-tonne precursor, "Xihe," a **Chinese H-alpha Solar Explorer (CHASE)**, named after the solar goddess in historical Chinese mythology and launched final October to review the violent and sudden bodily processes behind solar flares. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- New synthetic peptides that can both prevent the **SARS-CoV-2 virus** from entering cells and clump the virus particles together to lessen their capacity to infect living cells have been created by Indian scientists. With the help of this innovative technique, viruses like **SARS-CoV-2** can be rendered dormant, opening the door for a new family of peptide antivirals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Samsung** announced the creation of a new graphics dynamic **random-access memory (DRAM)** chip with increased speed and power efficiency. According to a statement from the manufacturer, the 24-gigabit **Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6)** uses third-generation, 10-nanometer technology and boasts a data processing speed that is over 30% quicker than competing products. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Space tech startup, **Agnikul Cosmos** has inaugurated India's first-ever factory to manufacture **3D-printed rocket engines** in Chennai. The facility will use additive manufacturing technology to build 3D printed rocket engines and will be used to produce engines for its own in-house rockets. It was unveiled by Tata Sons chairman **N Chandrasekaran** and ISRO chairman **S Somanath** in the presence of Pawan Goenka, the chairman of **IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Bangladesh Government** has appointed **Mustafizur Rahman** as the next High Commissioner of Bangladesh to India. He is currently serving as Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations Offices in Geneva and the Ambassador to Switzerland. He will succeed **Muhammad Imran** as the new High Commissioner. ([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](#))
 - **Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre (SIIC)** at **IIT Kanpur** has launched “**NIRMAN**” **Accelerator Programme**, supported by the department of science and technology, the government of India. The programme will focus on the manufacturing startups engaged in healthcare and agriculture domains to help them overcome the challenges from their prototype-to-market journey. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
 - The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** has stated that it has begun pilot testing the 5G network at selected areas around the nation in advance of the spectrum auction. **TRAI** has been testing the 5G network at four different sites around the nation. These places are Namma Metro in Bengaluru, Namma Port Kandla near Kutch in Gujarat, Bhopal Smart City, GMR International Airport in New Delhi, and Bhopal Smart City. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
 - **European Commission** has given permission for the **Imvanex vaccine** to be marketed as protection against **Monkeypox**, as recommended last week by the **European Medicines Agency (EMA)**. Globally, over 16,000 cases of monkeypox have been reported from 75 countries. This vaccine is developed by Danish biotechnology company **Bavarian Nordic**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
 - The **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** has slashed India’s growth forecast for 2022-23 (FY23) by 80 basis points to **7.4 per cent from 8.2%**, citing less favourable external conditions and rapid policy tightening by the central bank. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
 - **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, India’s Minister of State for Science and Technology, said in front of the parliament that the launch of foreign satellites by the **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** brought in \$279 million in foreign currency. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- ## Books & Authors
- **Hachette India** has announced the expanded paperback edition of five-time world chess champion **Viswanathan Anand’s** widely acclaimed memoir “**Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life**”. The book, featuring a bonus chapter on how to navigate uncertainty and rapidly changing realities in the wake of the pandemic, will hit the stands on **July 15**. It is written by Anand with author-journalist **Susan Ninan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - Young YouTuber **Prarthna Batra’s** debut book ‘**Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success**’ launched by sporting icon Sakshi Malik. In **Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success**, Prarthna Batra shares her worldview as well as her experiences of interviewing eminent leaders, entrepreneurs, and media personalities for her popular YouTube channel. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, **Meenakshi Lekhi** has launched a book in Gujarati commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters at a function. The book, ‘**Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro**’, celebrates 75 freedom fighters and shares the stories of the sacrifices made by them for the country. The book is a part of the “**Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav**” to mark the 75th year of the country’s Independence. ([Click here to read the article](#))
 - The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**, recently released a book titled “**The McMahan line: A century of discord**”. The book has been authored by General JJ Singh (Retd), the former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff (CoAS). ([Click here to read the article](#))

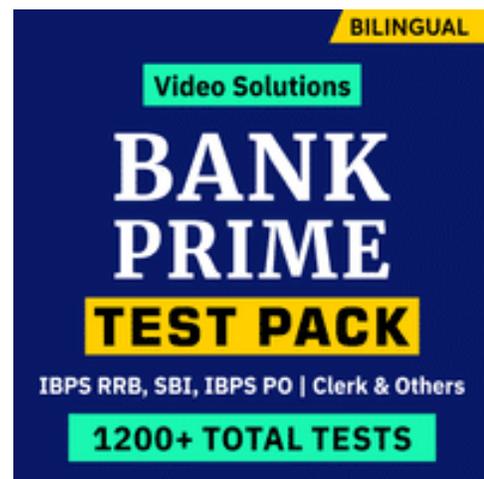
Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** launched 'Connecting through Culture', an anthology of essays on various aspects of India's soft power strengths, at **Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi, India**. The Minister described the book as the "good cop" in diplomacy and said that it can be used to encourage others to work with India because "it creates a comfort about India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- A new book on the legendary actor of Indian cinema, **Yusuf Khan**, better known as **Dilip Kumar**, has been released by author **Faisal Farooqui**. The book is titled "In the Shadow of a Legend: Dilip Kumar". The book is a tribute to Dilip Kumar the man more than Dilip Kumar the actor. Farooqui is the founder and CEO of Mouthshut.com, one of India's leading review and rating platforms. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Union Information and Broadcasting Minister **Anurag Thakur** has released three books showcasing some of the rarest photographs of outgoing **President Ram Nath Kovind** and his predecessors. The books were released during a function at the Rashtrapati Bhavan and their first copies were presented to President **Ram Nath Kovind** in the presence of president-elect **Droupadi Murmu**, Vice President **M Venkaiah Naidu** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



- In 2021, **India's faunal database** gained 540 new species, bringing the overall number of animal species to 1,03,258. Additionally, in 2021, 315 taxa were added to the **Indian flora**, bringing the total number of floral taxa in the nation to 55,048. Of the 540 species of **fauna**, 134 are new records for **India**, while 406 are new finds. Also in 2021, thirteen new genera were found. One **mammal** species, 35 reptile species, and 19 species of fish are among the newly identified species. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Delhi** will host its first ever government-backed **shopping festival** from January 28 to February 26 next year, chief minister **Arvind Kejriwal** announced. The festival will have 200 concerts for entertainment, food walks and will also offer huge discounts on products. This will be the biggest ever shopping festival in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A team from **National Monuments Authority** led by **Shri Tarun Vijay**, Chairman, National Monuments Authority, submitted a report on declaring **Mangarh hillock** in **Rajasthan** as a monument of National Importance in the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. This report carries relevant details about the Mangarh hillock and recommendations by National Monuments Authority. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the **Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum, Rashtrapati Bhavan** has organised a workshop on "Disaster Management of Museums and Heritage Buildings" in collaboration with the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)**. The President's Secretariat announced today that the goal of this training is to raise knowledge of disaster management among Rashtrapati Bhavan staff and other stakeholders, with a special focus on heritage buildings, museums, and cultural heritage. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Manish Sisodia**, the deputy chief minister of Delhi, started **Mission Kushal Karmi** to help construction workers improve their abilities. According to a formal press release, the Delhi government developed this programme with assistance from the **Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** and **Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Billionaire investor **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala**-owned, **Akasa Air** has been cleared for take-off. The no-frills airline received its **air operator certificate (AOC)** from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airline will start its operations at the end of July. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Maharashtra Metro** achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur. The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on single column piers. The maximum metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct are recognized by the **Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Airports Authority of India, **Leh airport** is being built as a **carbon-neutral airport**, a first in India. A “**Geothermal system**” in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the New airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes. This system works by exchanging heat between the air and the ground as its heat pumps are used for space heating and cooling, as well as water heating. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Lieutenant Governor (L-G) **VK Saxena** has announced significant changes in the property tax policy of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) after its unification. The L-G also launched a **SAH-BHAGITA scheme** to increase the involvement of the **Residential Welfare Association (RWAs)** in optimal tax collection and waste management systems. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Anurag Thakur**, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, debuted the trailer for the new television series **Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha** in New Delhi. **Doordarshan** will begin airing this series on August 14th, 2022. The contribution of the liberation warriors and unsung heroes of the freedom movement will be highlighted in the 75-episode drama. The **All India Radio** will also air this programme. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- The second edition of the **Jammu film festival** will be held here from the 3rd of September with films from **54 countries** slated to be screened over two days of the event. The first-ever international film festival here was held in September 2019 in Jammu, the winter capital of the Union Territory. The event was in the cold shelf for the last two years due to the COVID pandemic. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Anahat Singh** is the youngest player at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. She has been playing badminton since she was 6 with her sister Amira. Later, Anahat developed an interest in Squash. She liked to play **badminton and squash** but as her affection for squash grew more, she showed remarkable success in Squash. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



- A rare pure **pink diamond**, believed to be the **largest found in 300 years**, has been unearthed in **Angola**, a country in **Central Africa**. The Lulo Rose is a **type 2a diamond**, meaning it has few or no impurities. It is the fifth largest diamond recovered from the Lulo mine - a joint venture between **Australia's Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government**. ([Click Here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- Malayalam actor and assistant director **Ambika Rao** passed away at the age of 58. She entered the movie industry as an assistant director with the 2002 release '**Krishna Gopalakrishna**' helmed by Balachandra Menon. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Peter Brook**, one of the world's most innovative theatre directors who perfected the art of staging powerful drama in bizarre venues, has died aged 97. The British director mounted productions ranging from challenging versions of Shakespeare through international opera to Hindu epic poems. He brought a stunning nine-hour adaptation of the Sanskrit epic "**The Mahabharata**" from France to New York in 1987. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former India international **EN Sudhir**, who played as a goalkeeper for India in the 1970s, died in Mapusa, Goa. Sudhir, who made his international debut against Indonesia in Rangoon (currently Yangon) in the Olympic qualifiers in 1972, represented India in 9 matches. He was also part of the national team in the 1973 Merdeka Cup and the Asian Games squad in 1974. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Bengali film director, **Tarun Majumdar** has passed away at the age of 92. Tarun Majumdar was known for helming popular Bengali films such as **Smriti Tuku Thak, Shriman Prithviraj, Kuheli, Balika Badhu, Dadar Kirti, Chander Bari**, among others in his lifetime. He created a significant impact in uplifting the Bengali film industry during the 60s, 70s and 80s. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** Secretary-General, **Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo**, passed away. He was born in April 1959 in northeast Nigeria's Adamawa state, Barkindo assumed the office of the OPEC Secretary-General in 2016. His tenure was scheduled to expire in July. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Freedom fighter **P. Gopinathan Nair** has passed away at the age of 100. He was known for following Gandhian ideology in his life and was honoured with the Padma award. He had participated in the freedom struggle. He had taken part in the **Quit India Movement of 1942** and had worked alongside **Vinoba Bhave** to promote Bhoodan and Gramdan movements. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shinzo Abe**, Former **Japan's Prime Minister**, who was shot at during an election campaign in western **Japan's Nara city**, has passed away. The Nara fire department had earlier said that the 67-year-old Abe was in cardiopulmonary arrest before he was taken to the hospital. They said that he had been wounded on the right side of the neck and the left clavicle. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Brijendra K Syngal**, former Chairman of **Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL)**, passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 82. Syngal, who has been acknowledged as the **father of the Indian Internet**, was known for his strong views and fearlessness in taking on the establishment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former President of Angolan, **Jose Eduardo dos Santos** has passed away at the age of 79. He was one of Africa's longest-serving heads of state, who ruled for almost four decades as president of Angola. He stepped down from the president's post in 2017. He had also fought for the continent's longest civil war and turned his country into a major oil producer. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prof. Dr. Enamul Haque**, a well-known archaeologist, historian, expert in art, and former director general of the Bangladesh National Museum, is no longer alive. At the time of his passing, he was 85. At his Dhaka home, he passed away. He served as the National Museum's director general from September 28, 1983, to February 6, 1991. He received the **Ekushey Padak** in 2016, the **Swadhinata Padak** in 2020, and the Indian **Padma Shri** award in honour of his contributions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Monty Norman**, a British composer who wrote the theme tune for the **James Bond films**, has died at the age of 94. He was hired by producer Albert "Cubby" Broccoli to compose a theme for the first James Bond film, "**Dr. No**," released in 1962. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former New Zealand cricket captain and batter **Barry Sinclair** died at the age of 85. The former skipper was the third Kiwi batter after **Bert Sutcliffe and John R Reid** to score 1,000 runs in Test cricket. Sinclair played 21 Tests for New Zealand between 1963 and 1968, scoring 1148 runs at 29.43, including three centuries - against South Africa, Pakistan and England. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Padma Shri winning noted social worker **Avdhash Kaushal** passed away recently following a prolonged illness. He was 87. He was the founder of the NGO named **Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (based in Dehradun, Uttarakhand)**. He was known for his fight against human rights and the conservation of the environment. Kaushal had been close to former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As told by his son Benito Echeverria, **Luis Echeverria Alvarez**, who presided over **Mexico** from 1970 to 1976, passed away at the age of 100. Echeverria passed away in his house in Cuernavaca, the state capital of Morelos in south central Mexico. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- 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](#))
- Marathi writer **Anant Yashwant Khare**, better known as **Nanda Khare**, has passed away due to prolonged illness. He wrote 19 books on various topics like science, sociology, and geography with some of his most noted works being 'Antajichi Bakhar', 'Bakhar Antakalachi' and 'Udya'. He had also worked on the editorial board of 'Aajcha Sudharak' newspaper for close to eleven years and was a member of the Marathi Science Council. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Assamese litterateur and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award, **Atulananda Goswami**, has passed away. He was 87. Goswami was known as a short story writer, a litterateur and a novelist par excellence. He was awarded the **Sahitya Academy award in 2006**, for his novel 'Seneh Jorir Ganthi' in 2006. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Former Northern Irish first minister **David Trimble**, a pro-British leader who won the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1998** for his role as a key architect in ending three decades of bloodshed in the region, has passed away at the age of 77. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- **Bob Rafelson**, co-creator of 'The Monkees' and Director of the film 'Five Easy Pieces' has passed away. Five Easy Pieces earned Rafelson two Oscar nominations, for best picture and screenplay in 1971. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Punjabi singer **Balwinder Safri** has passed away. He was 63. Punjab-born Safri, who was based in Birmingham, was part of the UK bhangra scene since 1980 and formed the Safri Boyz Band in 1990. ([Click Here to read the article](#))
- Padma Shri **Sushovan Banerjee** famous as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor' has passed away. Based in Bolpur, Birbhum district, Banerjee was known for treating patients for nearly 60 years at **Re 1 per visit**. In 2020, he was conferred with the **Padma Shri for his contribution in the field of medicine**. In the same year, his name found a place in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients. ([Click Here to read the article](#))



Static Takeaways

Heads of various organizations in News in month of July 2022

Sr No	Head of Organization	Name of Person
1	Commonwealth Association Secretary-General	Patricia Scotland
2	Founder, managing director and CEO, PayNearby	Anand Kumar Bajaj
3	Managing director and CEO, Protean eGov Technologies	Suresh Sethi
4	Bharat Electronics Limited Chairman & Managing Director	Anandi Ramalingam
5	Bharat Electronics Limited Executive Director	Vinay Kumar Katyal
6	MD & CEO, Nainital Bank	Mr. Dinesh Pant
7	MD & CEO, BFSL	Mr. Shailendra Singh
8	Chief Relationship Management and Marketing, NPCI	Mr. Rajeeth Pillai
9	Chief finance officer and head institutional business, Airtel Payments Bank	Gaurav Seth
10	Group executive and head – Bharat Banking, Axis Bank	Munish Sharda
11	Chairperson of NITI Aayog	PM Narendra Modi
12	Vice chairman of NITI Aayog	Suman Bery
13	SEBI First Women Chairman	Madhabi Puri Buch
14	Zomato Founders	Deepinder Goyal; Pankaj Chaddah
15	MD and CEO, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance	Tapan Singhel
16	RAW Founders	R. N. Kao & Indira Gandhi
17	Central Board of Direct Taxes Chairman	Nitin Gupta
18	Chief of the Air Staff / Air Force Chief	Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
19	Chief of Naval Staff	Admiral R. Hari Kumar
20	Indian Coast Guard Director-General	Virender Singh Pathania
21	Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS)	Lt Gen BS Raju
22	Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)	Shri Rajnish Kumar
23	Head of the DRDO	G. Satheesh Reddy
25	International Tennis Federation President	David Haggerty
26	Economist Intelligence Unit Managing Director	Robin Bew
27	NASA administrator	Bill Nelson
28	Director-General of United Nations Office on Drugs and Crimes	Ghada Fathi Waly
29	Inter-Parliamentary Union President	Saber Hossain Chowdhury
30	Inter-Parliamentary Union Secretary General	Martin Chungong
31	United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) Director	Simonetta Di Pippo
32	Institute of Chartered Accountants of India President	N. D. Gupta
33	MD and CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank	V. Vaidyanathan
34	MD of Star Health	Prakash Subbarayan
35	Founder, EazyDiner	Kapil Chopra
36	President & Head- Cards & Payments, Axis Bank	Sanjeev Moghe
37	HCL Technologies CEO	C Vijayakumar
38	Director, Zoological Survey of India ((ZSI)	Dhriti Banerjee
39	General manager of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank	Arun Kumar Patra

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40	MD & CEO, Avanse Financial Services	Amit Gainda
41	Executive director & CEO, Edelweiss General Insurance	Shanai Ghosh
42	DRDO Chairman	G. Satheesh Reddy
43	Tata Power CEO & MD	Shri Praveer Sinha
44	IRDAI Chairperson	Debasish Panda
45	Managing Director of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy	Mahesh Vyas
46	Chief of the Air Staff	Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
47	ISRO's Founder	Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
48	Executive director & CEO, Edelweiss General Insurance	Shanai Ghosh
49	Chairman and Managing Director of ITC	Sanjiv Puri
50	Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd	Sanjiv Bajaj
51	Association of Indian Universities Secretary General	Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal
52	SBI General Insurance MD & CEO	Paritosh Tripathi
53	Google CEO	Sundar Pichai
54	Shriram General Insurance MD and CEO	Anil Kumar Aggarwal
55	City Union Bank MD and CEO	N Kamakodi
56	ISRO Chairman	S Somanath
57	Deutsche Bahn CEO	Richard Lutz
58	MGNREGA commissioner	Rajeshwari B
59	Interpol President	Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi
60	Twitter CEO	Parag Agrawal
61	ICC Chairman	Greg Barclay
62	ICC CEO	Geoff Allardice
63	Airports Authority of India Chairman	Sanjeev Kumar
64	Prasar Bharati CEO	Shashi Shekhar Vempati
65	UNICEF Director General	Catherine M. Russell
66	Serum Institute of India's CEO	Adar Poonawalla
67	Mexican President	Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador
68	NASA administrator	Bill Nelson
69	Nasscom Chairperson	Krishnan Ramanujam
70	Samsung Founder	Lee Byung-chul
71	Samsung Chairman	Lee Kun-hee
72	Infosys Founder	Narayan Murthy
73	Infosys CEO	Salil Parekh
74	Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi	Dr. Randeep Guleria
75	UIDAI CEO	Saurabh Garg
76	Ola Electric Founder	Bhavish Aggarwal
77	Vedanta Group CEO	Shri Sunil Duggal
78	Reliance Industries Limited Founder	Dhirubhai Ambani
79	Reliance Industries Limited Owner	Mukesh Ambani
80	Alphabet Inc. CEO	Sundar Pichai

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81	Alphabet Inc. Chairperson	John L. Hennessy
82	Alphabet Inc. Founders	Larry Page, Sergey Brin
83	Bharti Airtel Founder	Sunil Bharti Mittal
84	Bharti Airtel MD & CEO	Gopal Vittal
85	Bharti Airtel Chairman	Sunil Bharti Mittal
86	Reserve Bank of India Governor	Shaktikanta Das
87	Managing director, investment (India), of Temasek, OneCard	Mohit Bhandari
88	Registrar General and Census Commissioner for India	Dr. Vivek Joshi
89	Deputy Director (Strategy and Planning), IIT Delhi	Professor Ashok Ganguli
90	Chairperson of National Stock Exchange	Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
91	Director and CEO of Airtel Business	Ajay Chitkara
92	Head of technical functions at Bosch Automotive Electronics India	Subhash P
93	Facebook CEO	Mark Zuckerberg
94	Chief Justice of India	N V Ramana
95	National Legal Services Authority Chairman	Uday Umesh Lalit
96	International Chess Federation President	Arkady Dvorkovich
97	BCCI President	Sourav Ganguly
98	BCCI secretary	Jay Shah
99	CEO, Boston Consulting Group	Christoph Schweizer
100	DBS Bank CEO	Piyush Gupta
101	Instagram Founder	Kevin Systrom
102	UPSC Chairperson	Manoj Soni
103	Chairman of the National Small Industries Corporation	Shri P. Udaykumar
104	IBBI Chairperson	Ravi Mittal
105	World Federation of Neurology President	Prof. Wolfgang Grisold
106	FICCI Secretary General	Dilip Chenoy
107	FICCI Presidents	Sanjiv Mehta, Uday Shankar
108	Asian Development Bank President	Masatsugu Asakawa
109	International Hockey Federation CEO	Thierry Weil
110	Microsoft Founders	Bill Gates, Paul Allen
111	Microsoft CEO	Satya Nadella
112	WHO Director-General	Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus
113	Infosys co-founder	Kris Gopalakrishnan
114	Central Board of Direct Taxes chairman	Nitin Gupta
115	Vodafone Founder	Gerry Whent and Ernest Harrison
116	Vodafone CEO	Ravindra Takkar
117	Canara Bank CEO	Lingam Venkat Prabhakar
118	MD and CEO of Paytm	Vijay Shekhar Sharma
119	President and CEO of US-India Strategic Partnership Forum	Mukesh Aghi
120	Wipro Founder	H. Hasham Premji
121	Wipro CEO	Thierry Delaporte
122	Wipro Chairman	Azim Premji

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123	Nokia Chairman	Sari Baldauf
124	Nokia Founder	Fredrik Idestam, Eduard Polón and Leo Mechelin
125	Piramal Enterprises Founder	Ajay Piramal
126	Mastercard CEO	Michael Miebach
127	Mastercard Executive Chairman	Ajay Banga
128	HDFC Bank Ltd MD & CEO	Sashidhar Jagdishan
129	IMF MD	Kristalina Georgieva
130	World Wildlife Fund Director	Marco Lambertini (Director General)
131	World Wildlife Fund Founders	Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
132	Bandhan Bank MD and CEO	C S Ghosh

Names of Central Banks of Countries| All Over the World

Sr No	COUNTRY NAME	CENTRAL BANK
1	Afghanistan	Bank of Afghanistan
2	Albania	Bank of Albania
3	Algeria	Bank of Algeria
4	Argentina	Central Bank of Argentina
5	Armenia	Central Bank of Armenia
6	Aruba	Central Bank of Aruba
7	Australia	Reserve Bank of Australia
8	Austria	Austrian National Bank
9	Azerbaijan	National Bank of Azerbaijan
10	Bahamas	Central Bank of The Bahamas
11	Bahrain	Central Bank of Bahrain
12	Bangladesh	Bangladesh Bank
13	Barbados	Central Bank of Barbados
14	Belarus	National Bank of the Republic of Belarus
15	Belgium	National Bank of Belgium
16	Belize	Central Bank of Belize
17	Benin	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
18	Bermuda	Bermuda Monetary Authority
19	Bhutan	Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan
20	Bolivia	Central Bank of Bolivia
21	Bosnia	Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina
22	Botswana	Bank of Botswana
23	Brazil	Central Bank of Brazil
25	Bulgaria	Bulgarian National Bank
26	Burkina Faso	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
27	Cambodia	National Bank of Cambodia
28	Cameroon	Bank of Central African States
29	Canada	Bank of Canada – Banque du Canada
30	Cayman Islands	Cayman Islands Monetary Authority
31	Central African Republic	Bank of Central African States
32	Chad	Bank of Central African States

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33	Chile	Central Bank of Chile
34	China	The People's Bank of China
35	Colombia	Bank of the Republic
36	Comoros	Central Bank of Comoros
37	Congo	Bank of Central African States
38	Costa Rica	Central Bank of Costa Rica
39	Côte d'Ivoire	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
40	Croatia	Croatian National Bank
41	Cuba	Central Bank of Cuba
42	Cyprus	Central Bank of Cyprus
43	Czech Republic	Czech National Bank
44	Denmark	National Bank of Denmark
45	Dominican Republic	Central Bank of the Dominican Republic
46	East Caribbean area	Eastern Caribbean Central Bank
47	Ecuador	Central Bank of Ecuador
48	Egypt	Central Bank of Egypt
49	El Salvador	Central Reserve Bank of El Salvador
50	Equatorial Guinea	Bank of Central African States
51	Estonia	Bank of Estonia
52	Ethiopia	National Bank of Ethiopia
53	European Union	European Central Bank
54	Fiji	Reserve Bank of Fiji
55	Finland	Bank of Finland
56	France	Bank of France
57	Gabon	Bank of Central African States
58	The Gambia	Central Bank of The Gambia
59	Georgia	National Bank of Georgia
60	Germany	Deutsche Bundesbank
61	Ghana	Bank of Ghana
62	Greece	Bank of Greece
63	Guatemala	Bank of Guatemala
64	Guinea Bissau	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
65	Guyana	Bank of Guyana
66	Haiti	Central Bank of Haiti
67	Honduras	Central Bank of Honduras
68	Hong Kong	Hong Kong Monetary Authority
69	Hungary	Magyar Nemzeti Bank
70	Iceland	Central Bank of Iceland
71	India	Reserve Bank of India
72	Indonesia	Bank Indonesia
73	Iran	The Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran
74	Iraq	Central Bank of Iraq
75	Ireland	Central Bank and Financial Services Authority of Ireland
76	Israel	Bank of Israel
77	Italy	Bank of Italy
78	Jamaica	Bank of Jamaica

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79	Japan	Bank of Japan
80	Jordan	Central Bank of Jordan
81	Kazakhstan	National Bank of Kazakhstan
82	Kenya	Central Bank of Kenya
83	Korea	Bank of Korea
84	Kuwait	Central Bank of Kuwait
85	Kyrgyzstan	National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic
86	Latvia	Bank of Latvia
87	Lebanon	Central Bank of Lebanon
88	Lesotho	Central Bank of Lesotho
89	Libya	Central Bank of Libya
90	Lithuania	Bank of Lithuania
91	Luxembourg	Central Bank of Luxembourg
92	Macao	Monetary Authority of Macao
93	Macedonia	National Bank of the Republic of Macedonia
94	Madagascar	Central Bank of Madagascar
95	Malaysia	Central Bank of Malaysia
96	Malawi	Reserve Bank of Malawi
97	Mali	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
98	Malta	Central Bank of Malta
99	Mauritius	Bank of Mauritius
100	Mexico	Bank of Mexico
101	Moldova	National Bank of Moldova
102	Mongolia	Bank of Mongolia
103	Morocco	Bank of Morocco
104	Mozambique	Bank of Mozambique
105	Namibia	Bank of Namibia
106	Nepal	Central Bank of Nepal
107	Netherlands	Netherlands Bank
108	Netherlands Antilles	Bank of the Netherlands Antilles
109	New Zealand	Reserve Bank of New Zealand
110	Nicaragua	Central Bank of Nicaragua
111	Niger	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
112	Nigeria	Central Bank of Nigeria
113	Norway	Central Bank of Norway
114	Oman	Central Bank of Oman
115	Pakistan	State Bank of Pakistan
116	Papua New Guinea	Bank of Papua New Guinea
117	Paraguay	Central Bank of Paraguay
118	Peru	Central Reserve Bank of Peru
119	Philippines	Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
120	Poland	National Bank of Poland
121	Portugal	Bank of Portugal
122	Qatar	Qatar Central Bank
123	Romania	National Bank of Romania
124	Russia	Central Bank of Russia

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125	Rwanda	National Bank of Rwanda
126	San Marino	Central Bank of the Republic of San Marino
127	Samoa	Central Bank of Samoa
128	Saudi Arabia	Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency
129	Senegal	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
130	Serbia	National Bank of Serbia
131	Seychelles	Central Bank of Seychelles
132	Sierra Leone	Bank of Sierra Leone
133	Singapore	Monetary Authority of Singapore
134	Slovakia	National Bank of Slovakia
135	Slovenia	Bank of Slovenia
136	Solomon Islands	Central Bank of Solomon Islands
137	South Africa	South African Reserve Bank
138	Spain	Bank of Spain
139	Sri Lanka	Central Bank of Sri Lanka
140	Sudan	Bank of Sudan
141	Surinam	Central Bank of Suriname
142	Swaziland	The Central Bank of Swaziland
143	Sweden	Sveriges Riksbank
144	Switzerland	Swiss National Bank
145	Tajikistan	National Bank of the Republic of Tajikistan
146	Tanzania	Bank of Tanzania
147	Thailand	Bank of Thailand
148	Togo	Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO)
149	Tonga	National Reserve Bank of Tonga
150	Trinidad and Tobago	Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago
151	Tunisia	Central Bank of Tunisia
152	Turkey	Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey
153	Uganda	Bank of Uganda
154	Ukraine	National Bank of Ukraine
155	United Arab Emirates	Central Bank of United Arab Emirates
156	United Kingdom	Bank of England
157	United States	Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Washington) Federal Reserve Bank of New York
158	Uruguay	Central Bank of Uruguay
159	Vanuatu	Reserve Bank of Vanuatu
160	Venezuela	Central Bank of Venezuela
161	Yemen	Central Bank of Yemen
162	Zambia	Bank of Zambia
163	Zimbabwe	Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe