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Commonwealth Games 2022: India's Final Medal Tally and Rank

India contingent completed its **Commonwealth Games 2022** campaign in Birmingham. India won **61 medals** in the overall Commonwealth Games 2022 medal table. India finished its CWG 2022 campaign as the **fourth-best country** on the medals table. India won **22 gold medals, 16 silver and 23 bronze medals** at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. India's Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign is its fifth-best in terms of the number of medals won. India's best finish was at its home games in **Delhi in 2010, where it won 101 medals.**

India's best CWG campaigns:

- 2010, New Delhi: 101 medals
- 2002, Manchester: 69 medals
- 2018, Gold Coast: 66 medals
- 2014, Glasgow: 64 medals
- 2022, Birmingham: 61 medals

India's best gold medal haul in CWG history:

- 2010, New Delhi: 38 gold medals
- 2002, Manchester: 30 gold medals
- 2018, Gold Coast: 26 gold medals
- 2006, Melbourne: 22 gold medals
- 2022, Birmingham: 22 gold medals

First and last medal in Indian Tally:

- Weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** won India's first gold medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 after she topped the 49kg category.
- Paddler **Sharath Kamal** won India's last gold medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 with a gold medal in the Table Tennis men's singles competition.

India's medal winners so far:

Gold:

- Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (Weightlifting, Women's 49 kg),
- Jeremy Lalrinnunga (Weightlifting, Men's 67 kg),
- Achinta Sheuli (Weightlifting, Men's 73 kg);
- Lovely Choubey, Rupa Rani Turkey, Pinki and Nayanmoni Saikia (Lawn Bowls, Women's Fours);
- Harmeet Desai, Sanil Shetty, Sharath Achanta, Sathiyani Gnanasekaran (Men's Team Table Tennis);
- Sudhir (Para-powerlifting, Men's heavyweight),
- Bajrang Punia (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 65 kg),
- Sakshi Malik (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 62 kg);
- Deepak Punia (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 86 kg),
- Ravi Kumar Dahiya (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 57 kg);
- Vinesh Phogat (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 53 kg);
- Naveen Sihag (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 74 kg),

- Bhavina Hasmukhbhai Patel (Para Table Tennis, Women's Singles, C 3-5),
- Nitu Ghanghas (Boxing, Women's 48 kg),
- Amit Panghal (Boxing, Men's 51 kg),
- Eldhose Paul (Men's Triple Jump),
- Nikhat Zareen (Boxing, Women's 50 kg);
- Sharath Achanta and Sreeja Akula (Table Tennis, Mixed Doubles),
- PV Sindhu (Badminton, Women's Singles),
- Lakshya Sen (Badminton, Men's Singles),
- Achanta Sharath Kamal (Table Tennis, Men's Singles);
- Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy (Badminton, Men's Doubles).

Silver:

- Sanket Sargar (Weightlifting, Men's 55 kg),
- Bindyarani Sorokhaibam (Weightlifting, Women's 55 kg),
- Shushila Likmabam (Judo, Women's 48 kg);
- Vikas Thakur (Weightlifting, Men's 96 kg);
- Srikanth Kidambi, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, B. Sumeeth Reddy, Lakshya Sen, Chirag Shetty, Gayathri Gopichand, Treasa Jolly, Aakarshi Kashyap, Ashwini Ponnappa, PV Sindhu (Badminton, Mixed Team);
- Tulika Maan (Judo, Women's +78 kg);
- Murali Sreeshankar (Men's Long Jump),
- Priyanka Goswami (Women's 10,000 m Walk),
- Avinash Sable (Men's 3000 m Steeplechase);
- Sunil Bahadur, Navneet Singh, Chandan Singh, Dinesh Kumar (Lawn Bowls, Men's Fours),
- Abdulla Aboobacker (Men's Triple Jump),
- Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sathiyani Gnanasekaran (Table Tennis, Men's Doubles),
- Women's Cricket Team,
- Sagar Ahlawat (Boxing, Men's +92 kg),
- Men's Hockey Team.



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Bronze:

- Gururaja Poojary (Weightlifting, Men's 61 kg),
- Vijay Kumar Yadav (Judo, Men's 60 kg),
- Harjinder Kaur (Weightlifting, Women's 71 kg);
- Lovepreet Singh (Weightlifting, Men's 109 kg);
- Saurav Ghosal (Squash, Men's Singles);
- Gurdeep Singh (Weightlifting, Men's 109+ kg),
- Tejaswin Shankar (Men's High Jump),
- Divya Kakran (Wrestling, Women's 68 kg);
- Mohit Grewal (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 125 kg),
- Jaismine Lamboria (Boxing, Women's 60 kg),
- Pooja Gehlot (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 50 kg),
- Pooja Sihag (Wrestling, Women's Freestyle 76 kg);
- Mohammad Hussamuddin (Boxing, Men's 57 kg);
- Deepak Nehra (Wrestling, Men's Freestyle 97 kg);
- Sonalben Manubhai Patel (Para Table Tennis, Women's Singles C3-5),
- Women's Hockey Team,
- Sandeep Kumar (Men's 10,000 m walk),
- Annu Rani (Women's Javelin Throw),
- Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal (Squash, Mixed Doubles),
- Kidambi Srikanth (Badminton, Men's Singles),
- Gayathri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly (Badminton, Women's Doubles),
- Sathiyam Gnanasekaran (Table Tennis, Men's Singles).
- Rohit Tokas (Boxing, Men's 67kg Welterweight)

Commonwealth Games 2022: Overall Medal Tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia	67	57	54	178
2	England	57	66	53	176
3	Canada	26	32	34	92
4	India	22	16	23	61
5	New Zealand	20	12	17	49
6	Scotland	13	11	27	51
7	Nigeria	12	9	14	35
8	Wales	8	6	14	28
9	South Africa	7	9	11	27
10	Malaysia	8	8	8	24

Prabath Jayasuriya and Emma Lamb bags ICC Player of the Month for July 2022

The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced Sri Lankan spin sensation **Prabath Jayasuriya** and England batting all-rounder **Emma Lamb** as the winners of its **Player of the Month awards for July 2022**.

Why Prabath Jayasuriya?

Prabath Jayasuriya claims the ICC Men's Player of the Month award on the back of an outstanding series of displays with the ball, where his remarkable haul of wickets sees him crowned ahead of rival contenders England's Jonny Bairstow. Jayasuriya beat England star batsman Jonny Bairstow and France's Gustav McKeon for the coveted monthly award.

Why Emma Lamb?

Emma Lamb was voted the ICC Women's Player of the Month for July following her thrilling start to life opening the batting in England's victorious ODI series victory over South Africa. Lamb consistently laid the foundations for her side to claim victory in each of the three matches, with her most notable contribution coming in the first match in Northampton. Lamb secures the ICC Women's Player of the Month award at the first time of asking, overcoming fellow nominees; England's Nat Sciver and India's Renuka Singh.

ICC Men's Player of the Previous Month:

- January 2022: Keegan Petersen (South Africa)
- February 2022: Shreyas Iyer (India)
- March 2022: Babar Azam (Pakistan)
- April 2022: Keshav Maharaj (South Africa)
- May 2022: Angelo Mathews (Sri Lanka)
- June 2022: Jonny Bairstow (England)

ICC Women's Player of the Previous Month

- January 2022: Heather Knight (England)
- February 2022: Amelia Kerr (New Zealand)
- March 2022: Rachael Haynes (Australia)
- April 2022: Alyssa Healy (Australia)
- May 2022: Tuba Hassan (Pakistan)
- June 2022: Marizanne Kapp (South Africa)

Supreme Court of India: Justice Uday Umesh Lalit appointed 49th CJI

According to the law ministry notification, Justice **Uday Umesh Lalit** has been appointed **49th Chief Justice of India (CJI)**. He will assume charge on August 27 after incumbent **NV Ramana** demits office on August 26. He will have a brief tenure as the head of India's judiciary and will demit office on 8 November after holding the charge as the CJI for nearly three months.

In exercise of the powers conferred by **clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India**, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, judge of the **Supreme Court of India**, to be the Chief Justice of India with effect from 27 August 2022.

All you need to know about Justice Lalit:

- He was born on **9 November 1957**, Justice Lalit enrolled as an advocate in **June 1983** and practised in the **Bombay High Court till December 1985**.
- He shifted his practice to Delhi in January 1986, and in April 2004, he was designated as a senior advocate by the apex court.
- Justice Lalit, who was a renowned senior advocate, was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court on **13 August 2014**.
- He has since been involved in the delivery of several landmark judgements of the apex court.
- He was appointed a special public prosecutor for the CBI to conduct the trial in the 2G spectrum allocation case.
- Justice Lalit is due to retire on 8 November this year.

Sunil Chhetri, Manisha Kalyan named men's and women's Footballer of the Year

Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan have been named the 2021-22 All India Football Federation (AIFF) **Men's Footballer of the Year and the 2021-22 Women's Footballer of the Year**, respectively. Manisha had won the Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year for last season, while this is the 7th time that Sunil won the award, having last won it in 2018-19.

AIFF Player of the Year Award winners for 2021-22:

- AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Sunil Chhetri
- AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Manisha Kalyan
- AIFF Men's Emerging Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Vikram Partap Singh
- AIFF Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year 2021-22: Martina Thokchom

About the award:

This award is started in **1992**, the winners of the AIFF Player of the Year Awards were nominated by **Igor Stimac and Thomas Dennerby**, the Indian men's and women's national team coaches, respectively.

National Affairs

- **The 80th anniversary of the August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement**, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of the freedom struggle of our country, is being observed on **8 August 2022**. The slogans "**Quit India**" and "**Do or Die**" became battle cries for the freedom fighters during the Quit India movement. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** attended the seventh NITI Aayog governing council meeting which took place at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan's cultural centre** in the national capital. The council held discussions over several issues such as crop diversification, urban development and implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

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- Israeli experts are providing the Center's technology as part of the **India-Israel Action Plan (IIAP)**, while **MIDH** is funding the construction of the Center's infrastructure for demonstration purposes. On the basis of Israeli innovations, **Centers of Excellence (CoEs)** are being established in the United States. In order to improve agriculture, the Central and State Governments are collaborating on all fronts, according to Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will dedicate to the nation via video conferencing a **second generation (2G) ethanol plant** built at an estimated cost of **Rs 900 crore in Haryana's Panipat**. The dedication of the plant is part of a long series of steps taken by the government over the years to boost the production and usage of biofuels in the country. This is in line with the prime minister's constant endeavour to transform the energy sector to make it **more affordable, accessible, efficient and sustainable**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

States in the News

- **Uttar Pradesh government** announced that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's '**Panchamrut Yojana**' will help to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures and the promotion of the co-cropping method. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Government of Uttar Pradesh** has decided to appoint **Deloitte** India as a consultant. The aim of this decision is that it will suggest plans for bringing the state's economy to the **USD 1 trillion mark**. The UP government signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) with Deloitte India on Friday. In the presence of **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath**, the MoU was signed between the consultancy agency and the government of Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Goa** Chief Minister, **Pramod Sawant** has announced that the state government will implement **100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes** along the lines of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**. The implementation of NEP from the college to university level has already started. From the next academic year, a hundred per cent of the syllabus in the higher education institutes would be online with the NEP. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- As part of the celebrations for **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** debuted "**Radio Jaighosh**" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action. To promote performing arts, regional specialties from Uttar Pradesh, folk art, and gallantry award recipients, the state's Department of Culture is developing a community radio station and also the "**Radio Jaighosh**" is a part of it. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The **Kerala government** is set to launch a mobile app where people can upload original bills and also stand a chance to win prizes. The **government of Kerala aims to curb GST evasion with this app**. The app is named '**Lucky Bill App**' and it will be launched on 16th August 2022, by **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Uttarakhand government** has appointed wicketkeeper-batter **Rishabh Pant** as the '**State Brand Ambassador**'. Chief Minister of Uttarakhand **Pushkar Singh Dhami** congratulated Rishabh Pant and praised him as one of the best cricketers and idols of youth. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The proposal to designate 1,197.48 sq.km in Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as the **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve** was approved by the Union Environment Ministry. Tamil Nadu will oversee this **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve**, which is the fifth elephant reserve. The forest department may be eligible for additional financing through the centrally sponsored Project Elephant after notifying the **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

International Affairs

- **Gustavo Petro** has been sworn in as the first leftist **president of Colombia**. The 62-year-old is a former member of **Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group** as well as a former senator and mayor of Bogota. He succeeds **Ivan Duque**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Following elections in the South Pacific island nation of **Papua New Guinea**, the parliament has reinstated Prime Minister **James Marape**. According to the media and election authorities, **Marape** was re-sworn in as prime minister after lawmakers in the new parliament elected **Marape** without opposition. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The National Heritage Board stated that **Padang** (location of Netaji **Subhas Chandra Bose's** infamous Call "Chalo Dilli") will now receive the Monument Status of **Subas Chandra Bose** and the greatest level of protection possible under Singapore's Preservation of Monuments Act (NHB). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Russian rocket** has successfully launched an **Iranian satellite** into orbit from **southern Kazakhstan**. An Iranian satellite named **Khayyam** into orbit by the Soyuz rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. The name of the satellite was named after **Omar Khayyam**, a Persian scientist who lived in the **11th and 12th centuries**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios** has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the **United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)** by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres . ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Mexican President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador has proposed that the top commission should include **Pope Francis, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, and Indian PM Narendra Modi**. The aim of the commission would be to present a proposal to stop the wars around the world and reach an agreement to seek a truce for at least five years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **M1xchange (TReDs platform)**, a marketplace for discounting trade receivables, and **HDFC Bank** have partnered to provide small businesses' access to financing at competitive interest rates. To debut on the **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDs)** platform, **HDFC Bank** has joined forces with M1xchange, a project of Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd. This action is anticipated to provide corporate buyers and MSMEs with high liquidity at competitive interest rates. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Books and Authors

- The **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** covered about 1,331 different bird species that can be found in India in a field guide that was written by ZSI. According to ZSI Director Dhriti Banerjee, Unlike prior books that mostly used drawings, it emphasizes high-quality images of birds. The identification of each species is essential for accurate documentation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, launched a poetry book titled '**Rusty Skies and Golden Winds**' written by 11 years old **Sannidhya Sharma**, student of class 7th, here at Jammu. The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers. The Union Minister lauded the efforts of the little author in crystallising his thoughts in the shape of a collection of his poems and his rare achievement at this tender age and wished him a bright future. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- **Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday, 5 August emphasised on 'Whole of Govt' approach to boost exports.** Interacting with the Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and representatives of Industry associations at New Delhi on Friday, Goyal reviewed the Export scenario of the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **₹2.33 crore** on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd for its failure to adhere to the pricing of credit guidelines for **Non-Banking Financial Company - Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Reserve Bank of India** (Frauds, classification and reporting), the **Reserve Bank of India** fined the **Indian Bank** a total of Rs. 32.00 lakh (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh only) for failing to submit a Flash Report for frauds involving amounts of at least Rs. 5.00 crore (Rupees Five Crore) to the RBI as required by Section 47A(1)(c) of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **SBI's first-quarter net profit:** Due to a reduction in revenue, the largest lender in the nation, **State Bank of India (SBI)**, reported a 7% decline in standalone **net profit** for the **first quarter** of the current fiscal year, coming in at Rs 6,068 crore. In the April through June quarter of 2021-2022, the bank had posted a net profit of Rs 6,504 crore. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tata Group** is preparing to introduce the "First in India" seating system for **Vande Bharat Express** trains starting in September 2022 and plans to invest Rs 3,000 crore on **R&D by FY26**. By **2030**, the steel-to-salt conglomerate hopes to rank among the top 5 technological companies worldwide in the steel sector. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Kerala-based **Federal Bank** is listed in the Income Tax Department's TIN 2.0 platform and now lists the **Payment Gateway** platform as the first bank. The "**Payment Gateway**" has been enabled since the TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1 of this year, giving taxpayers one more payment option. They can now easily make their payments using methods like **Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS, and Internet Banking**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **State of Bank of India (SBI)** is the first Indian lender to frame a policy to fund makers of **lab-grown diamonds** which come across as replicas of the natural stones, but are often looked at with suspicion by high-street banks and scoffed at by many traditional diamantaires. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** preliminary approved the operations and support subsidiary of **State Bank of India (SBI)**. The subsidiary will likely be staffed by a group of employees who will be hired by the arm on a contract basis and will initially focus on managing branches in rural and semi-urban areas. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's GDP growth** will average 7% during this time, which is the strongest among the largest economies, and India will contribute 28% and 22% to both Asian and global growth, respectively. This makes **India** the fastest-growing **Asian economy** in the Asian region in 2022-2023. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has cancelled the licence of **Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd** as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. However, the RBI said that in compliance to an order of the **High Court of Bombay**, its direction will become effective after six weeks. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's Retail inflation** softened to **6.71 per cent in July** due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6 per cent for the seventh consecutive month. With retail inflation continuing to remain high despite a fall in prices of vegetables and edible oils, among other commodities in July, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might go for another rate hike in September. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **State Bank of India (SBI)** will manage the **Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC)** in **Bangladesh** for two more years. The agreement to extend the operations for two more years was signed between the officials of the **SBI and the High Commission of India in Dhaka**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



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Appointments/Resignations

- The **Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited (Unity Bank)** has appointed, **Inderjit Camotra** as the **managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO)** of the bank. A senior banker with over 25 years of experience across India, Camotra held various leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank. In January 2022, the bank appointed **Vinod Rai**, the former CAG of India, as its Chairman. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Senior electrochemical scientist, **Nallathamby Kalaiselvi** has become the first woman director general of the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**. Her appointment is for a period of two years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Kalaiselvi succeeds **Shekhar Mande**, who superannuated in April. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- FMCG major **Dabur** has announced that the board has accepted the **resignation** of **Amit Burman** as the Chairman. **Amit Burman** will continue to serve in the position of non-executive director of the company. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Defence News

- **The Indian Army** has conducted a pan-India satellite communication exercise named '**Ex Skylight**', in the last week of July. The main objective of this exercise was to test the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems, in the event of an attack by an adversary. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Ministry of Defence** has announced that the **12th edition of the Defence Expo**, India's flagship exhibition on **Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems**, will be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022. The theme for this edition is '**Path to Pride**' invoking nationalistic pride and encouraging citizens to partake in nation-building through establishing a capable indigenous Defence industry. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **India-US Joint Special Forces** exercise "**Ex Vajra Prahar 2022**", began on August 08, 2022, at the Special Forces Training School in **Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh**. Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is the 13th edition of the annual exercise. The main objective of this joint exercise is to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The **Indian Army** has launched the **Him Drone-athon programme** in collaboration with the **Drone Federation of India**. The initiative is in line with self-reliance in defence manufacturing. It is aimed at providing opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting the requirements of frontline troops. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent left for Malaysia to participate in a four-day bilateral exercise '**Udarashakti**' with the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)**. The exercise will give an opportunity to the IAF contingent members to share and learn best practices with some of the best professionals from the RMAF, while also discussing mutual combat capabilities. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- Tibetan spiritual leader, **Dalai Lama** was honoured with the '**dPal rNgam Duston**' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. This award is given for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory. The sixth award was conferred by **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh** which celebrated the 'dPal rNgam Duston' with great fervour on the occasion of its foundation day at Sindhu Ghat. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian American from Virginia, **Aarya Walvekar** has crowned **Miss India USA in 2022** in New Jersey. **Saumya Sharma**, a second-year premedical student at the University of Virginia, was declared first runner up and **Sanjana Chekuri** of New Jersey was the second runner-up. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Karnataka Chief Minister, **Basavaraj Bommai** has announced that Kannada film star **Puneeth Rajkumar**, who died last year, will be conferred with the '**Karnataka Ratna**' award **posthumously**. On November 1, which happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day. He will be the **10th recipient** of the state's highest civilian honour. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Ahmedabad University Professor, **Ramadhar Singh** becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the **US Heritage Wall of Fame** of the **Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)** in the **United States**. He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

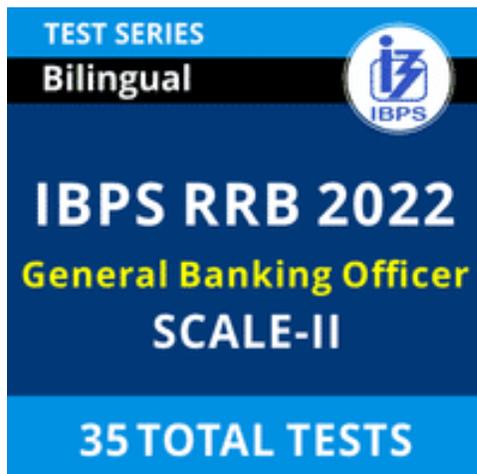
- Senior Congress leader **Shashi Tharoor**, set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award **Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur**. The French government is honouring him for his writings and speeches and the French Ambassador here **Emmanuel Lenain** has written to Tharoor informing him about the award. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Summit and Conference

- New Delhi hosted ITU's **Regional Standardization Forum** where **Devusinh Chauhan**, Minister of State for communications delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania. According to **Devusinh Chauhan**, the nation's telecommunications network is the second largest in the world and offers the best prices. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- Over seven percent of India's population owns digital currency, according to the UN, which said the use of cryptocurrency rose globally at an unprecedented rate during the Covid-19 pandemic.** Ukraine topped the list with 12.7 per cent, followed by Russia (11.9 per cent), Venezuela (10.3 per cent), Singapore (9.4 per cent), Kenya (8.5 per cent), and the US (8.3 per cent). In India, 7.3 per cent of the population owned digital currency in 2021, ranking seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



Sports News

- The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** is celebrating the second '**Javelin Throw Day**' on **August 7, 2022**. The day was first observed in **2021** in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first **Olympic gold medal** in athletics at Tokyo. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India beat Bangladesh 5-2** after extra time to clinch the **2022 SAFF U20 Championship title**, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. India was the host of the **4th edition** of the **SAFF U-20 Championship**. **Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam** was the captain of the Indian team and **Som Kumar** was the goalkeeper. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Chennai-based chess prodigy **V Pranav** became **India's 75th Grandmaster** by winning a tournament in Romania. The Chennai-based Pranav won the Limpedia Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian chess legend, **Viswanathan Anand** was elected deputy president of the **International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)**, the sport's world governing body. While incumbent president **Arkady Dvorkovich** was re-elected for a second term. Five-time world champion Anand was part of Dvorkovich's team. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Nikhat Zareen** wins the **Gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham**. She defeated Mc Naul of Northern Islands in the finals, by **5-0 in women's light-fly 48kg-50kg Boxing**. With Nikhat Zareen's gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2022, India gets a total of 17 golds and 48 total medals. Nikhat Zareen again proves her dominance in the world of boxing. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's shuttler **P V Sindhu** has clinched a gold medal in the final of women's single at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. The double Olympic medalist beat **Michelle Li of Canada** to win the Gold. PV Sindhu beat Michelle Li by 21-15, 21-13. This is the first-ever Commonwealth Games singles gold of Sindhu's career. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian women's cricket team** has created history and secured the country's first-ever medal in cricket in the history of the **Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022**. The Women in Blue have reached the gold medal match after beating hosts England in a nail-biting clash at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- 28-year-old swimmer, **Emma McKeon** from **Australia**, has set a unique record of sorts at the **Commonwealth Games 2022** as she bagged more medals than 56 nations/territories at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. She won **one bronze, one silver, and six gold medals** across various events in swimming at the Commonwealth Games. Out of the 72 countries/territories that took part in the CWG 2022, only **16 won eight or more medals**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Chess Olympiad 2026**: According to a tweet from the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)**, Uzbekistan will host the 2026 Chess Olympiad. In Chennai's ongoing **Chess Olympiad**, their young team is now in the lead. Teams from around the world compete in the Chess Olympiad, a biennial chess competition. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Tennis legend from the United States, **Serena Williams** has announced her retirement. Williams focused on her family in the announcement, writing that her nearly five-year-old daughter wants to be an older sister. Williams is married to Reddit founder Alexis Ohanian. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** announced table tennis player **Achanta Sharath Kamal** and **Boxer Nikhat Zareen** as the **Flagbearers of India** for the closing ceremony of the **Commonwealth Games 2022** at Birmingham. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The team **Uzbekistan** has won the gold medal in the Open section of the **44th Chess Olympiad** which concluded. Team **Armenia** won **silver** while the India-2 team settled for **bronze** in Open Section. In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold medal. Team Georgia won the silver, while the India-1 team won the bronze medal. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Real Madrid** beat **Eintracht Frankfurt**, 2-0 in the finals to win the **2022 UEFA Super Cup** for a record-equalling **fifth time, in Helsinki, Finland**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former West Indies all-rounder, **Kieron Pollard** became the first cricketer to **play 600 T20 matches**. The hard-hitting batter achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals. Behind him are players **Dwayne Bravo (543 matches)**, **Shoaib Malik (472)**, **Chris Gayle (463)** and **Ravi Bopara (426)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The first **Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16** is scheduled to be held at the **Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi from August 16 to 23, 2022**. The Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) is yet another endeavour by the Khelo India's Sports for Women component, which takes the most necessary steps to power in more female participation in a wide array of sports competitions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **4th edition of the Tata Steel Chess India tournament** will be held in Kolkata from **November 29 to December 4, 2022**. For the first time, a separate women's section has been added in the tournament, which had only the Open section so far. Tata Steel Chess India (rapid and blitz) is one of the most important chess tournaments in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The 1st Edition of **Women Indian Premier League** will be starting from **March 2023** to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams, a senior **BCCI official confirmed**. The BCCI bigwigs have discussed the issue and a March window has been found for the tournament after the **Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Schemes and Committed News

- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a **15-member committee** to increase foreign investment. The advisory committee constituted by SEBI is called the '**FPI Advisory Committee**' or FAC to ease ways for foreign investors to invest in the Indian markets by reviewing the existing processes. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**, has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under "**SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**" named as "**SMILE-75 Initiative**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Tech giant, **Google** has launched '**India Ki Udaan**' to mark **75 years of Independence**. The project has executed by **Google Arts & Culture** celebrates the country's achievements and is "**themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years**". As part of the country-wide celebrations, Google also announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Microsoft** and the Indian government will work together on a programme to teach its digital toolkit to almost 2.5 million civil servants. The **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and the tech giant are working together to support civil servants in their efforts to assist the less fortunate with the help of **Microsoft**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has launched a digital platform called the '**SPARK**' **space museum** for showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface. The digital platform known as the '**SPARK**' **space museum** was launched by the **Chairman of ISRO, S Somnath**. This idea by ISRO is a new initiative while celebrating the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** marking 75 years of Independence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Important Days News

- In India, the **National Handloom Day** is observed annually on the **7th of August** to honour the handloom weavers. Handloom is a symbol of our glorious cultural heritage and an important source of livelihood. **2022 marks the 8th National Handloom Day**. This year theme of National Handloom Day 2022 is "**Handloom, an Indian legacy**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** is celebrated on **09th August** across the world. The celebration highlights the role of indigenous people and the importance of preserving their rights, communities and knowledge they gathered and passed down over centuries. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Japan** commemorates the **9th of August** every year as **Nagasaki day**. On August 9, **1945**, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on **Nagasaki, Japan**. It was code-named "**Fat Man**" due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape. On August 9, 1945, a **US B-29 bomber** dropped an atomic bomb on the city, killing nearly 20,000 people. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Lion Day** is observed globally on **10th August**. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Biofuel Day** is commemorated on **10 August** every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. During this day, the government and private organisations come together to spread awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as a different source of energy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Youth Day** is celebrated on **12 August** every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth. The theme for 2022's edition of International Youth Day is "**Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages**." ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Elephant Day** is celebrated on **12 August** every year to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world. The day tries to highlight why these animals should be protected and what laws and measures can be enacted to ensure their survival. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed globally on the **13th of August**. This day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of donating organs. It also plays a pivotal role in debunking various misconceptions about donating organs. This year's theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "**let's pledge to donate organs and save lives**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Lefthanders Day** is observed on **August 13** across the world. The day is observed to raise awareness about the lefty people's experience with living in a right-hand dominant world. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Sanskrit Day or World Sanskrit Diwas 2022** is celebrated on the occasion of Shraavana Poornima. World Sanskrit Day also coincides with the festival of Raksha Bandhan. In 2022, **World Sanskrit Day** is celebrated on **12th August 2022**. Sanskrit is the mother of all languages and it is one of the **oldest languages** to exist in the World. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Obituaries

- **Rudi Koertzen**, the former international cricket umpire, has passed away in a car crash. He was 73. Koertzen, who took up umpiring in the year 1981 and stood in his first international match back in **1992 between India and South Africa at Port Elizabeth**, went on to officiate in 331 international matches, a record that stood tall until he retired in the year 2010. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Member of Parliament (MP) and senior **All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK)** politician **K. Maya Thevar** has passed away due to an age-related illness. He was 87. **He was the first MP of the AIADMK**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **UMEED Market Place** as part of the **AVSAR** Scheme of the **Airport Authority of India** launched by Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** at the Srinagar International Airport in Jammu and Kashmir. The Jammu Airport now has a marketplace that is comparable, and both locations will feature goods from all 20 districts, which is **UMEED Market Place**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tamara Walcott**, a female powerlifter from **Maryland in the United States** broke according to sources in the investigating agency for the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of **737.5 kg across three compound lifts - the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift**.

Static Takeaways

- Athletics Federation of India President: Adille J Sumariwalla;
- Athletics Federation of India Founded: 1946;
- Athletics Federation of India Headquarters location: New Delhi.
- South Asian Football Federation President: Kazi Salahuddin;
- South Asian Football Federation Founded: 1997;
- South Asian Football Federation Headquarters: Dhaka, Bangladesh;
- South Asian Football Federation Abbreviation: SAFF;
- South Asian Football Federation General Secretary: Anwarul Huq.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Founded: 26 September 1942;
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research President: Prime Minister of India.
- Colombia Capital: Bogota; Currency: Colombian peso.
- Goa Governor: P.S. Sreedharan Pillai;
- Goa Chief minister: Pramod Sawant.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai;
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Chief Asia economist at Morgan Stanley: Chetan Ahya
- Governor of RBI: Shaktikanta Das
- Microsoft Founders: Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- Microsoft CEO: Satya Nadella
- Group leader & director of government affairs at Microsoft India: Ashutosh Chadha

- Senior Executive Vice President, HDFC Bank: Vijay Mulbagal
- MD & CEO, M1xchnage: Sundeep Mohindru
- The All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937;
- The All India Football Federation Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi;
- The All India Football Federation FIFA affiliation: 1948;
- The All India Football Federation AFC affiliation: 1954;
- The All India Football Federation SAFF affiliation: 1997.
- Indian Airforce founded: 08th October 1932;
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Airforce Chief of Air Staff: Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- State Bank of India (SBI) chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara;
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- State Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955.
- Mexico President: Andrés Manuel López Obrador;
- Mexico Capital: Mexico City;
- Mexico Currency: Mexican peso.

