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Asha Parekh to be bestowed with 52nd Dadasaheb Phalke award

Veteran actress Asha Parekh has been declared the recipient of the 2020 Dadasaheb Phalke award, making her the 52nd awardee of the honour. Union Minister for Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur announced her name. She worked in more than 95 films and was the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998-2001. She is also a recipient of the Padma Shri, awarded to her by the Government of India in 1992 for services to cinema.

The career of Asha Parekh:

- Asha Parekh started her career as a child actor and was cast by filmmaker Bimal Roy in Maa (1952) when she was 10. After a few films, the actor took a break to complete her education and returned as the lead actress in writer-director Nasir Hussain’s Dil Deke Dekho (1959), which also starred Shammi Kapoor.
- With Raj Khosla’s Do Badan (1966), Chirag (1969) and Main Tulsi Tere Aangan Ki (1978) and Shakti Samanta’s Kati Patang, her screen image underwent a change and she was known for her performances in serious, tragic roles.
- Asha Parekh also worked in Gujarati, Punjabi and Kannada films. In the late 70s and 80s, she was relegated to what was called ‘character roles’ back then. She then took to the medium of television and started her own production company. She directed the Gujarati serial Jyoti (1990) and produced shows such as Palash ke Phool, Baaje Payal, Kora Kagaz and Dal Mein Kaala.

About the Dadasaheb Phalke Award:
The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is the highest honour in Indian cinema. The award was instituted in 1969, the award is the highest honour for an artiste in Indian cinema. Previous recipients include Raj Kapoor, Yash Chopra, Lata Mangeshkar, Mrinal Sen, Amitabh Bachchan and Vinod Khanna. Devika Rani was the first winner, while actor Rajinikanth is the most recent winner of the prestigious honour, in 2021.

Gol appoints Lt Gen Anil Chauhan as the new Chief of Defence Staff

The government of India has announced the appointment of Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), who will also function as Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Military Affairs. The NDA alumnus became the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command in September 2019 and held the charge until his retirement from the service on May 31, 2021. He has held several appointments and has extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and the northeast.

In a career spanning over nearly 40 years:

- Born on May 18, 1961, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, he commanded an Infantry Division in the Baramula sector in the Northern Command in the rank of Major General.
- Lt Gen Anil Chauhan had held several command, staff and instrumental appointments and had extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu & Kashmir and the northeast.
- He later commanded a corps in the northeast and subsequently became the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Command from September 2019 and held the charge until his retirement from the service on May 31, 2021.
- The officer also tenanted important staff appointments, including the charge of the Director General of Military Operations. The officer had also served as a United Nations mission to Angola.

Awards:
For his distinguished and illustrious service in the Army, Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retired) was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.
Role of the Chief of Defence Staff

- The Chief of Defence Staff is the Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and has to be the main military adviser to the Defence Minister besides giving impartial advice to the political leadership.
- The CDS is a four-star General/Officer who acts as the Principal Military Advisor to the Defence Minister on all tri-services (Army, Navy and Indian Air Force) matters.
- The CDS will be the single-point military adviser to the Defence Minister on matters involving all three services and the service chiefs will be obliged to confine their counsel to issues pertaining to their respective services.

Notably:

- **General Bipin Rawat**, who had been India's first Chief of Defence Staff, and his wife were killed in December after a military chopper crashed in Tamil Nadu, killing 13 on board. The only survivor, an Air Force Group Captain, died of severe burns later.
- General Rawat, 63, took charge as India’s first Chief of Defence Staff in January 2020. The position was created to integrate the three services – the Army, the Navy and the Air Force.

Senior Advocate R Venkataramani named new Attorney General of India

Senior advocate **R Venkataramani** has been appointed as the new **Attorney General of India**. The President has appointed Mr Venkataramani as the new Attorney General for a period of three years from the **1st of October**. The notification regarding Mr Venkataramani’s appointment as the Attorney General was issued today by the Department of Legal Affairs, Union Ministry of Law and Justice. Mr Venkataramani will replace current Attorney General **KK Venugopal** whose term ends on September 30, 2022. Mr Venugopal is currently on his third extension.

The career of R Venkataramani:

**Born in Pondicherry on April 13, 1950**, Mr Venkataramani was registered as a lawyer with the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu in 1977. In 1979, he moved to the Supreme Court. In 1997, the Supreme Court designated him as Senior Advocate. He had represented the Central government, several state governments, universities and public sector entities before his Supreme Court and High Court stints. Mr Venkataramani had also served as a member of the Law Commission of India in 2010 and 2013.

What is the role of the Attorney General in India?

The Attorney General for India is the Indian government’s chief legal advisor and is its chief advocate in the courts. They are appointed by the President of India at the instance of the Union Cabinet under Article 76 of the Constitution and hold office during the pleasure of the President.

What is Article 76?

Article 76 of the constitution mentions that he/she is the highest law officer in India. As a chief legal advisor to the government of India, he advises the union government on all legal matters. He also is the primary lawyer representing the Union Government in the Supreme Court of India.

Global Innovation Index 2022

**Global Innovation Index 2022: India** has climbed to the 40th rank in the Global Innovation Index of the World Intellectual Property Organization. This is a huge leap of 41 places in 7 years. India has leapfrogged to 40th position on the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2022 from the 81st spot in 2015. India’s innovation performance is above average for the upper-middle-income group in almost every innovation pillar, with the exception of infrastructure, where it scores below average. Within Central and Southern Asia, India continues to lead in the 40th position, moving further up the rankings, from its 46th position in 2021.

The World Intellectual Property Organization released the Global Innovation Index 2022 in which **Switzerland** has emerged as the world’s most innovative economy for the 12th consecutive year. Switzerland remains the world’s leader in innovation for the 12th consecutive year. It leads globally in innovation outputs, and specifically in patents by origin, software spending, high-tech manufacturing, production, and export complexity. The second position was secured by **the US followed by Sweden, the UK, and the Netherlands**.

Global Innovation Index 2022: List of the top 10 most innovative economies for this year

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RBI Monetary Policy

**RBI Repo Rate**: The decision of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das headed the six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has been announced. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has hikes the repo rate by **50 basis points to 5.90%**, the fourth straight increase in the current cycle, to tame the sustained above-target retail inflation rate. RBI had slashed the repo rate in March 2020 with an aim to cushion the impact of covid-induced lockdown and maintained the status quo in the benchmark interest rate for almost two years before increasing it on May 4, 2022.
RBI Repo Rate: Consequentially, the various rates are as under
- Policy Repo Rate: 5.90%
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): 5.65%
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: 6.15%
- Bank Rate: 6.15%
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
- CRR: 4.50%
- SLR: 18.00%

RBI Repo Rate: Key Points of the Monetary Policy
- Reserve Bank of India leaves inflation projection for FY23 unchanged at 6.7% on upside risks to food prices.
- The RBI has lowered the real gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for FY23 to 7% from 7.2%. Q2FY23 growth is seen at 6.3%, Q3 at 4.6% and Q4 at 4.6% with risks broadly balanced. Growth for Q1FY24 has been revised to 7.2%.
- In the August policy, the RBI had left the inflation projection for this fiscal unchanged at 5.7%, despite acknowledging that inflation had peaked.
- Sensex declines 262.73 points to 56,147.23 ahead of the MPC meet
- Rupee rises 14 paise to 81.59 against the US dollar in early trade
- The trade deficit remained near all-time highs in July and August and the current account deficit is expected to track near a 10-year high of 5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP).
- The 28-day VRRR auction merged with a 14-day VRRR auction. VRRR stands for variable rate reverse repo (VRRR) auctions.
- The average crude oil price (Indian basket) was revised to US$100 per barrel from US$105 earlier as global crude prices fell.
- Forex have shrunk nearly $100 billion to $545 billion from a peak of $642 billion a year ago and are expected to fall further.

Kumar Sanu, Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind gets Lata Mangeshkar Award (2019-2021)

Noted playback singers Kumar Sanu and Shailendra Singh and music-composer duo Anand-Milind were conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for different years. They will be presented the prestigious award (on September 28), the birth anniversary of the late legendary singer, at her birthplace Indore. State Culture Minister Usha Thakur conferred Shailendra Singh, Anand-Milind, and Kumar Sanu with the award for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 respectively.

Singh, who carved a special place in the hearts of music lovers with his distinctive voice in the 1970-1980 decades, will be awarded the Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2019, while Anand-Milind, who composed music for over 200 films, will be honoured with the award Honors for 2020. The award for 2021 will be given to Sanu, who gave his velvety voice to several popular songs in the 1990s.

About the National Lata Mangeshkar Award:
Officials informed the award is given for promoting excellence in the area of light music annually by the Madhya Pradesh government’s culture department. It carries a cash prize of Rs two lakh and a citation. Earlier recipients included Naushad, Kishore Kumar and Asha Bhosle.

Breakthrough Prize 2023 in Mathematics awarded to Daniel Spielman

The 2023 winners of the Breakthrough Prizes, dubbed the “Oscars of Science,” were announced and will split a total of more than $15 million. 2023 Breakthrough Prize laureates, recognized for their game-changing discoveries in Fundamental Physics, Life Sciences and Mathematics, along with early-career scientists who have made significant contributions to their fields. Daniel A. Spielman has been honoured with the 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics.

Full citations for all the 2023 laureates can be found below:

2023 Breakthrough Prizes in Life Sciences
- Clifford P. Brangwynne, Princeton University, Howard Hughes Medical Institute and the Marine Biological Laboratory
- Anthony A. Hyman, Max Planck Institute of Molecular Cell Biology and Genetics
  (For discovering a fundamental mechanism of cellular organization mediated by phase separation of proteins and RNA into membraneless liquid droplets.)
- Demis Hassabis, DeepMind
- John Jumper, DeepMind
  (For developing a deep learning AI method that rapidly and accurately predicts the three-dimensional structure of proteins from their amino acid sequence.)
- Emmanuel Mignot, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Masashi Yanagisawa, University of Tsukuba
  (For discovering that narcolepsy is caused by the loss of a small population of brain cells that make a wake-promoting substance, paving the way for the development of new treatments for sleep disorders.)

2023 Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics:
- Charles H. Bennett, IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center
- Gilles Brassard, Université de Montréal
- David Deutsch, Oxford University
- Peter W. Shor, MIT
  (For foundational work in the field of quantum information.)

2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics
- Daniel A. Spielman, Yale University
  (For breakthrough contributions to theoretical computer science and mathematics, including to spectral graph theory, the Kadison-Singer problem, numerical linear algebra, optimization, and coding theory.)
2023 New Horizons in Physics Prize

- **David Simmons-Duffin**, Caltech
  (For the development of analytical and numerical techniques to study conformal field theories, including the ones describing the liquid-vapour critical point and the superfluid phase transition.)
- **Anna Grassellino**, Fermilab
  (For the discovery of major performance enhancements to niobium superconducting radio-frequency cavities, with applications ranging from accelerator physics to quantum devices.)
- **Hannes Bernien**, University of Chicago
- **Manuel Endres**, Caltech
- **Adam M. Kaufman**, JLLA, National Institute of Standards and Technology and University of Colorado
- **Kang-Kuen Ni**, Harvard University
- **Hannes Pichler**, University of Innsbruck and Austrian Academy of Sciences
- **Jeff Thompson**, Princeton University
  (For the development of optical tweezer arrays to realize control of individual atoms for applications in quantum information science, metrology, and molecular physics.)

2023 New Horizons in Mathematics Prize

- **Ana Caraiani**, Imperial College London and University of Bonn
  (For diverse transformative contributions to the Langlands program, and in particular for work with Peter Scholze on the Hodge-Tate period map for Shimura varieties and its applications.)
- **Ronen Eldan**, Weizmann Institute of Science and Microsoft Research
  (For the creation of the stochastic localization method, that has led to significant progress in several open problems in high-dimensional geometry and probability, including Jean Bourgain's slicing problem and the KLS conjecture.)
- **James Maynard**, Oxford University and Institute for Advanced Study
  (For multiple contributions to analytic number theory, and in particular to the distribution of prime numbers.)

2023 Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prize

- **Maggie Miller**, Stanford University and Clay Mathematics Institute (PhD Princeton University 2020)
  (For work on fibered ribbon knots and surfaces in 4-dimensional manifolds.)
- **Jinyoung Park**, Stanford University (PhD Rutgers University 2020)
  (For contributions to the resolution of several major conjectures on thresholds and selector processes.)
- **Vera Traub**, University of Bonn (PhD University of Bonn 2020)
  (For advances in approximation results in classical combinatorial optimization problems, including the travelling salesman problem and network design.)

About The Breakthrough Prize:
For the eleventh year, the Breakthrough Prize, renowned as the “Oscars of Science,” recognizes the world’s top scientists. Each prize is $3 million and presented in the fields of Life Sciences, Fundamental Physics and Mathematics. In addition, up to three New Horizons in Physics Prizes, up to three New Horizons in Mathematics Prizes and up to three Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prizes are given out to early-career researchers each year. Laureates attend a gala award ceremony designed to celebrate their achievements and inspire the next generation of scientists. As part of the ceremony schedule, they also engage in a program of lectures and discussions.
The Breakthrough Prizes were founded by Sergey Brin, Priscilla Chan and Mark Zuckerberg, Julia and Yuri Milner, and Anne Wojcicki and have been sponsored by foundations established by them. Selection Committees composed of previous Breakthrough Prize laureates in each field choose the winners.

INS Vikrant, an Indigenous Aircraft Carrier Commissioned by PM Modi

**INS Vikrant Commissioned**: INS Vikrant, India's first homegrown aircraft carrier, to the Indian Navy at the Cochin Shipyard commissioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The nation's largest warship, weighing 45,000 tonnes, has finished a year of sea trials. The warship's construction cost Rs 20,000 crore. The new Naval emblem was also revealed by the Prime Minister.

**INS Vikrant Commissioned: Key Points**
- An imitation of the INS Vikrant was given to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The first aircraft carrier made entirely in India, INS Vikrant, is given to the Indian Navy by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Following the construction of INS Vikramaditya, this is the country's second aircraft carrier.
- The new flag of the Indian Navy is raised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, and other top officials aboard INS Vikrant.
- Prior to the commissioning of INS Vikrant, India’s first indigenously built aircraft carrier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi examines the Indian Navy's Guard of Honour at the Cochin Shipyard.
- India's first home-built aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant, which was commissioned today, is expected to strengthen its navy. The warship has been described as a “city on the move” since it is outfitted with cutting-edge amenities.

**INS Vikrant Commissioned: Capacity of the Warship**
Vikrant, the largest warship built entirely in India, would fly 30 fighter planes and helicopters. The aircraft carrier, which was built at the Cochin shipyard and will provide the Indian Navy with a third aircraft carrier, has a crew of more than 1,500.
INS Vikrant Commissioned: Size of the Warship
The 262 m long and 62 m broad INS Vikrant, the largest warship ever constructed in India, will be commissioned today. The warship is 18 stories tall and as large as two football fields when laid end to end, to better convey its enormity.

64th Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022 announced
The Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF), which is widely regarded as the “Nobel Peace Prize of Asia,” recently announced this year’s awardees in a global announcement ceremony. The 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Bencheghib (Indonesia).

About recipients Ramon Magsaysay Award 2022:
i. Sotheara Chhim-He is a mental health advocate from Cambodia. He is a leading voice in Cambodian trauma syndrome. He is being recognized for “his calm courage in surmounting deep trauma to become his people’s healer”. As a child, he was forced to work in Khmer Rouge camps for more than three years until their rule ended in 1979.
ii. Tadashi Hattori-He is a sight-saving humanitarian from Japan. He is being recognized for his simple humanity and extraordinary generosity as a person and a professional. He decided to become a doctor at age 15 when he witnessed the rude treatment that his cancer-stricken father received in a hospital.
iii. Bernadette J. Madrid-She is a children’s rights crusader from the Philippines. She is being recognized for “her unassuming and steadfast commitment to noble and demanding advocacy. Since 1997, she has led the country’s first child protection centre at the Philippine General Hospital in Manila. It has served more than 27,000 children as of last year.
iv. Gary Bencheghib-He is an anti-plastic pollution warrior from Indonesia. He is being recognized for Emergent Leadership for “his inspiring fight against marine plastic pollution.

About Ramon Magsaysay Award:
The Ramon Magsaysay Award, established in 1957, is Asia’s greatest honour and distinction. The award is managed by RMAF. It is named after Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Philippines. The award is regarded around the world as “Asia’s Nobel Prize”. The prize is annually presented in a ceremony in Manila, Philippines on August 31. The first Ramon Magsaysay Awards ceremony was held on 31st August 1958.

National Teachers’ Day 2022
Teachers’ Day or Shikshak Divas marks the birthday of the country’s first Vice President (1952-1962) who went on to become the second President of India (1962-1967), a scholar, philosopher, Bharat Ratna awardee, Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was born on September 5 in the year 1888. But teachers’ day was first observed in the year 1962 on his 77th birthday. He was a teacher who turned out to be a philosopher, scholar and politician. He dedicated his entire life to working towards the importance of education in people’s lives.

National Teachers Day 2022: Theme
The theme for this year’s teachers’ day is ‘Leading in crisis, reimagining the future.’

National Teachers’ Day 2022: Significance
Teachers Day is one such event to which students and teachers equally look forward. The Day is important for the students as it gives them a chance to understand the efforts put in by their teachers to ensure that they get a proper education. Similarly, teachers also look forward to the Teachers’ Day celebration as their efforts get recognised and honoured by students and other agencies as well. Teachers, like Radhakrishnan, are builders of the nation’s future as they ensure their students are armed with proper knowledge and wisdom to lead their lives responsibly. Teachers’ Day helps highlight their role, their plight and their rights in our society.

National Teachers’ Day: History
When Dr Radhakrishnan took office of the second President of India in 1962, his students approached him to seek permission to celebrate September 5 as a special day. Dr Radhakrishnan instead made a request of them to observe September 5 as Teachers’ Day, to recognise the contribution of teachers to the society.
Ever since then, September 5 has been celebrated as Teacher’s Day across schools, colleges, universities and educational institutions. Students put on performances, dances and host elaborate shows for their most-loved teachers.

National Teachers’ Day 2022: Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born in a Telugu-speaking Nyogi Brahmin family, in Tiruttani of Madras district in the erstwhile Madras Presidency (later in Andhra Pradesh till 1960, now in Tiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu since 1960). He was born to Sarvepalli Veerawami and Sita (Sitamma). His family hails from Sarvepalli village in the Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh.
Awards and Honours:
Radhakrishnan was awarded several high awards during his life, including a knighthood in 1931, the Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award in India, in 1954, and honorary membership of the British Royal Order of Merit in 1963. He was also one of the founders of Helpage India, a non-profit organisation for the elderly underprivileged in India.

Education:
Radhakrishnan was awarded scholarships throughout his academic life. He joined Voorhees College in Vellore for his high school education. After his F.A. (First of Arts) class, he joined the Madras Christian College (affiliated to the University of Madras) at the age of 16. He graduated from there in 1907, and also finished his Masters at the same college.

The career of Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan:
Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was an Indian philosopher and politician who served as the 2nd President of India from 1962 to 1967 and the 1st Vice President of India from 1952 to 1962. He was also the 2nd Ambassador of India to the Soviet Union from 1949 to 1952 & 4th Vice-Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University from 1939 to 1948.

UNDP’s human development index: India ranks 132 out of 191 countries
A report on the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI) is part of the Human Development Report 2021-2022 released by the United Nations Development Programme. The HDI measures the average achievement of a country in three basic dimensions of human development — a long and healthy life, education and a decent standard of living. It is calculated using four indicators — life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling, and the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.

UNDP’s human development index: Notably
- For the first time on record, the global Human Development Index (HDI) has dropped for two years in a row, taking the world back to just after the adoption of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement.
- Every year a few countries face declines on the HDI, but over 90 per cent of countries saw their HDI value drop in either 2020 or 2021.
- Furthermore, while only a third of very high HDI countries saw a decline in 2021 (compared with over 90 per cent in 2020), about 60 per cent of low and medium HDI and high HDI countries did (in 2021), the report notes.

Indian Scenario:
India ranked 132nd among 191 countries and territories on the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI). In the 2020 report, India had ranked 131st among 189 countries and territories. The decline in the country’s performance from its previous level was on account of a fall in life expectancy.

Key points:
- India’s latest HDI value of 0.633 places the country in the medium human development category, lower than its value of 0.645 in the 2020 report. The report attributes the drop in HDI from 0.645 in 2019 to 0.633 in 2021 to India’s falling life expectancy — from 69.7 years to 67.2 years during the survey period.
- India’s expected years of schooling stand at 11.9 years, down from 12.2 years in the 2020 report, although the mean years of schooling is up at 6.7 years from 6.5 years in the 2020 report.
- Although India retained its 132nd position in the Gender Development Index, the female life expectancy dropped from 71 years in the 2020 report to 68.8 years in the 2021 report.
- The mean years of schooling for females declined from 12.6 to 11.9 years in the corresponding period.
- India scored 0.123 in the Multi-Dimensional Poverty Index (MPI) with a headcount ratio of 27.9 per cent, with 8.8 per cent population reeling under severe multidimensional poverty. Over the last decade, India has lifted a staggering 271 million out of multidimensional poverty, the report noted.

Asian Countries:
Among India’s neighbours, Sri Lanka (73rd), China (79th), Bangladesh (129th), and Bhutan (127th) are ranked above India, while Pakistan (161st), Nepal (143rd), and Myanmar (149th) are worse off. The report said around 90 per cent of countries registered a decline in their HDI value in 2020 or in 2021.

2021 Human Development Index: Top and Important countries in the list:

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According to Fortune India’s list of ‘India’s Richest’ for 2022, the wealth of 142 billionaires based in India is collectively worth USD 832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion). The maiden list, made in collaboration with the wealth management firm, Waterfield Advisors, is primarily based on the wealth of entrepreneurs of listed firms.

Fortune India Rich List 2022: Key points
- According to Forbes realtime billionaires list, Asia’s richest man Gautam Adani has overtaken Amazon founder Jeff Bezos to become the 3rd richest person in the world. He became India’s richest man with a net worth of USD 129.16 billion (Rs 10.29 trillion)
- Meanwhile, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani’s net worth stands at USD 94 billion becoming the 8th richest in the world and the 2nd richest in India.

### Fortune India Rich List 2022: India’s Ten Richest In 2022

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**US Open 2022 Concludes: Complete List of Winners**

In the men’s category, Spanish player C. Alcaraz Garcia has lifted his first Grand Slam trophy after defeating C. Ruud, to become the youngest player to reach world No. 1 at just 19 years old. The event was held at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York. In the women’s category, Poland tennis player I. Świątek defeated O. Jabeur to win the 2022 US Open women’s singles final title.

In 2022, the U.S. Open set a new record for total prize purse, at more than $60 million, up from $57.5 million in 2021. For women’s and men’s singles, the total prize money is $42,628,000, with the winners taking $2.6 million respectively. The men’s and women’s singles runner-ups will each receive $1.3 million.

**About the US Open:**
The US Open, organized by the United States Tennis Association (USTA), is a hard-court tennis grand slam tournament that is held once every year. Founded in 1881, the US Open started off as competition on grass and later on clay surfaces for two years in 1975 and 1977, and finally moved to hard courts since 1978. Also from 1978, US Open is being held at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens, New York City. US Open, earlier known as US National Championship, has been held 141 times so far with many champions crowned over the years.

**SIIMA Awards 2022: Check the complete list of winners**
The biggest award, South Indian International Movie Awards 2022 (SIIMA) was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Several biggies from the South including Allu Arjun, Sivabaranas Tr, Pooja Hegde, Vijay Deverakonda, Kamal Haasan, and many others graced their presence at the award night. The awardees of Telugu and Kannada films were announced. From Allu Arjun, Ranveer Singh to Yash, many won big at SIIMA.

**South Indian International Movie Awards 2022: Here is the full list:**

**Telugu cinema winners:**
- Best Film: Pushpa: The Rise
- Best Actor in a Leading Role: Allu Arjun for Pushpa: The Rise
- Best Actor in a Leading Role (Critics): Naveen Polishetty for Jathi Ratnalu
- Best Actress in a Leading Role: Pooja Hegde for Most Eligible Bachelor
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Jagadeesh Prathap Bandari for Pushpa: The Rise
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Varalaxmi Sarathkumar for Krack
- Best Actor in a Comedy: Sudarshan for Ek Mini Katha
- Best Director: Sukumar for Pushpa: The Rise
Kannada cinema winners:

- Best Actor in a Leading Role: Late Puneeth Rajkumar for Yuvarathnaa
- Best Actress in a Leading Role: Ashika Ranganath for Madhagaja
- Best Actress in a Leading Role-Critics: Amrutha Iyengar for Badava Rascal
- Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Pramod for Rathnan Prapancha
- Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Aarohi Narayan for Drishya 2
- Best Actor in a Negative Role: Pramod Shetty for Hero
- Best Actor in Comedy Role: Chikkanna for Pogaru
- Best Debutant Actor: Nagabhushana for Ilkat
- Best Debutant Actress: Sharanya Shetty for 1980
- Best Director: Tharun Sudhir for Roberrt
- Best Debutant Director: Shankar Guru for Badava Rascal
- Best Cinematographer: Sudhakar Raj for Roberrt
- Best Music Director: Arjun Janya for Roberrt
- Best Playback Singer (Female): Chaitra Achar for the song Sojuga Soojumallige from Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahan
- Best Playback Singer (Male): Armaan Malik and Thaman S. for Neenade

List of winners from Tamil cinema:

- Best Actress in a leading role: Kangana Ranaut
- Best Actress-Critics: Aishwarya Rajesh
- Best Actor in a leading role-Critics: Arya
- Best Actor in a leading role: Sivakarthikeyan
- Best Actor: Silambarasan AKA Simbu
- Best Film: Sarapta Parambarai
- Best Director: Lokesh Kanagaraj
- Best Debutant Actress: Priyanka Mohan
- Best Actor in a negative role: SJ Suryah
- Best actor in a comedy role: Redin Kingsley and Deepa SHarakan
- Best Actress in a supporting role: Lakshmi Priya Chandramouli
- Best Debutant Director: Madonna Ashwin
- Best Music Director: Santosh Narayanan
- Best Playback Singer: Dhee
- Best Playback Singer (Male): Kapil Kapilan
- Best Cinematographer: Shreyas Krishna

List of winners from Malayalam cinema:

- Best Actress in a leading role-Critics: Nimisha Sajayan
- Best Actor in a leading role-Critics: Biju Menon
- Best Actor in a leading role: Tovino Thomas
- Best Film: Minnal Murali
- Best Actor in a comedy: Naslen K Gafoor
- Best Director: Mahesh Narayan
- Best Actor in a negative role: Guru Somasundaram
- Best Actress in a leading role: Aishwarya Lekshmi
- Best Actor in a supporting role: Baburaj
- Best Actress in a supporting role: Unnimaya Prasad
- Best Debutant Director: Kayya Prakash
- Best Music Director: Bijibal Maniyil
- Best Playback Singer: Sujatha Mohan
- Best Playback Singer (Male): Mithun Jayaraj
- Best Cinematographer: Nimish Ravi

Apart from these, a few special awards have been announced too.

- Decade of Excellence in South Indian Cinema: Hansika Motwani
- Outstanding performance of the year: Yogi Babu
- Youth Icon South (Female): Pooja Hegde
- Youth Icon South (Male): Vijay Deverakonda
- Sensation of Kannada Cinema 2021: Dhananjaya
- Most Promising Newcomer (Female): Sreeleela
- Most Promising Newcomer (Male): Teja Sajija

Hindi Diwas 2022: Check history and Interesting facts

Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is observed every year on 14 September to mark the popularity of Hindi as an official language of India. The language was adopted under Article 343 of the Indian Constitution. The first Hindi day was celebrated on 14th September 1953. Hindi is one of the major languages used in India as a large portion of the country's population knows and uses the language. Schools, colleges and other educational institutions celebrate Hindi Diwas by organising various programs.

Why is Hindi Diwas celebrated?

Hindi Diwas is celebrated to commemorate the adoption of Hindi in the Devanagari script as one of the official languages of the nation. Hindi was adopted by the National Constitution on September 14, 1949 and it became the official language of the country. India's first prime minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, decided to celebrate September 14 as Hindi Diwas.

Hindi Diwas also marks celebrating the birthday of Beohar Rajendra Simha who played a crucial role in getting Hindi in the Devanagari script approved as an official language of India. He was born on 14 September 1916.
Interesting facts about the Hindi language:

- Hindi language is written in Devanagiri script and is a descendant of Sanskrit.
- Over 50 crore people in India speak Hindi.
- Commonly used Hindi words like ‘Surya Namaskar’ and ‘Jugad’ are part of the Oxford Dictionary.
- First journal in the Hindi language was published on the Internet in 2000.
- The word Hindi is derived from the Persian Word Hind which means “Land of Indus River”.
- Hindi is the fourth most spoken language of the world. The first three are Chinese, Spanish and English.
- Hindi is spoken in countries like Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, UAE, Bangladesh, Mauritius, Tobago, etc.
- Central Hindi Directorate, Government of India regulate the provisions regarding the Hindi language.
- The first state of India that accepted Hindi as its official language was Bihar.
- The first Hindi poem was composed and released by Amir Khusro.
- The former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee delivered a speech in the Hindi Language at the United Nations in 1977.

Article 343: Official Language of the Union

According to Article 343, the Devanagari script of Hindi language will be the official language of the Union. It also provided that the English language along with Hindi will be continued to use for 15 more years, i.e., up to 25 January 1965 years from the date of commencement of the Constitution.

74th Emmy Awards 2022: List of winners

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Part 3 of Article 343 vests power in the Parliament to make a law to continue the use of the English language for official purposes even after 25 January 1965.

The Constitution makes it clear that the President by order can authorize the use of the Hindi language besides English and the Devanagari form of numerals besides the international form of Indian numerals for any of the official purposes of the Union.

Under the circumstances, the Parliament enacted The Official Languages Act, 1963. Section 3 of The Official Languages Act, 1963 came to force on the 26th day of January 1965 and provided for the continuance of the English language official purposes of the Union and for business transactions in Parliament.

This Act also laid down that both English and Hindi languages will be used for specific purposes like to give Orders, pass Resolutions, Notifications, Rules, Agreements, Licenses, Contracts, Notices, Forms of Tender, etc.

The 74th Primetime Emmy Awards were held, to mark some remarkable American television performances until mid-2022. Overall, there are 40-plus categories, where writers, actors, directors and editors were awarded for their remarkable work from June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. The 74th annual Emmy Awards hosted by Kenan Thompson at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.
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**About the Emmy Awards:**

The Emmy Awards, or Emmys, are an extensive range of awards for artistic and technical merit for the American and international television industry. A number of annual Emmy Award ceremonies are held throughout the calendar year, each with their own set of rules and award categories.

**ICC Player of the month award for August 2022**

Zimbabwe’s all-rounder **Sikandar Raza** and Australian all-rounder **Tahliia McGrath** have been declared the winners of the **ICC Player of the month award for August 2022** in their respective categories. Raza has become the first Zimbabwe International to receive the honours and has been key for Zimbabwe during the month. Meanwhile, McGrath has also been a pivotal cog in the Australian team’s journey during August.
ICC Player of the month award for August: Sikandar Raza
Raza has had a tremendous time at the 22-yards. He scored centuries against Bangladesh and India in the home ODI series and has also scalped a few wickets. His two tons against Bangladesh in a three-match series helped Zimbabwe defeat the Bangla Tigers by 2-1. Raza also notched up a ton against India in three ODIs. He has also picked seven wickets.

ICC Player of the month award for August: Tahlia McGrath
Meanwhile, Tahlia McGrath has also had a memorable month as she helped her team to win the Gold medal in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games. McGrath has scored 128 runs in her team’s journey towards the yellow metal and has eight five batters packing during the tournament.

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)
- July 2022: Prabath Jayasuriya (Sri Lanka)

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)
- July 2022: Emma Lamb (England)

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Honours Four Leaders With 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards
Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation honoured 4 changemakers, with the 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards as a part of its annual Goalkeepers campaign. The award recognises their efforts to advance progress towards the United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in their communities and around the world. The Gates Foundation’s sixth annual Goalkeepers Report, “The Future of Progress,” was released. It was coauthored by foundation cochairs Bill Gates and Melinda French Gates.

Winners of 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards:

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<td>Lilly Singh</td>
<td>Dr. Radhika Batra</td>
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About Dr Radhika Batra:
Dr Radhika Batra is the Co-founder of the nonprofit organization ‘Every Infant Matters’, which provides lastmile health solutions to disadvantaged children in India. She is progressing SDG 3: Good Health & WellBeing and SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities.

About Zahra Joya:
Zahra Joya is a journalist by profession, founded and self-funded ‘Rukhshana Media’—the first national news organization of its kind, an online news agency focused exclusively on covering issues that affect the women of Afghanistan. She is progressing SDG 5: Gender Equality and SDG 16: Peace Justice and Strong Institutions.

About Vanessa Nakate:

About Ursula von der Leyen:
Ursula von der Leyen is a German politician who has been serving as the President of the European Commission. She was awarded for her contribution to maintaining peace and stability in the region.

2022 Goalkeepers Awards Ceremony:
- The event was hosted by Tumelo Mothotane, senior anchor of South African news broadcaster eNCA.
- The Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards ceremony was organized in Lincoln centre, New York, United States (US).
- Goalkeepers is the Gates Foundation’s campaign to accelerate progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (Global Goals).

Adani & family top IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List
According to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, Gautam Adani and family have topped with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore. His daily wealth creation was estimated at Rs. 1,612 crores which showed 116 per cent growth as compared with the 2021 list. Mukesh Ambani and family have been named as the 2nd richest in India with an estimated wealth of Rs. 7,94,700 crore and a growth of 11 per cent compared with the 2021 list. His daily wealth creation velocity is Rs. 210 crores.

Nykaa Founder & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Falguni Nayar became India’s richest self-made woman by surpassing Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in net worth. She is also the richest female in India, followed by Rekha Jhunjhunwala of Rare Enterprises. Falguni Nayar & family’s wealth rose by Rs 30,000 crore during 2022 and her cumulative wealth increased 345 per cent and stood around Rs 38,700 crore.
Indian author and poet Meena Kandasamy has been announced as this year’s recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany’s Darmstadt. The Hermann Kesten Prize honours personalities who, in the spirit of the charter of the PEN association, stand up for the rights of persecuted authors and journalists.

The PEN Center, Germany, will present the award to the Indian author at a ceremony in Darmstadt on November 15 this year. The winner will receive an amount of €20,000 ($19,996) as prize money. This year, the PEN Center is also honouring the website “Weiter Schreiben” (German for “Keep writing”) with a special award for encouragement, for giving authors in exile and writers from conflict zones a platform to express their thoughts.

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- The Gypsy Goddess (2014)
- When I Hit You: Or, A Portrait of the Writer as a Young Wife (2017)
- Ayaankali (2007)
- Tamil Tigresses (2021)
- Touch (2006),
- Ms Militancy (2010).

**Key Points:**

- India has 221 billionaires and Mumbai tops the India Rich list with 283 individuals, followed by New Delhi (185) and Bengaluru (89).
- The pharmaceuticals, chemical & petrochemicals, IT, and financial services are some of the key sectors that are contributing towards wealth creation.

**Top 5 richest people in the list:**

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**Banking and Financial Current Affairs**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is developing a Fraud Registry blacklist. According to Executive Director Anil Kumar Sharma, the fraud registry would record data such as IP (internet protocol) addresses and phone numbers frequently used to commit fraud. Banks would be able to report these details to Reserve Bank of India (RBI) through a mechanism that would be developed. That will assist RBI in stopping these criminals from abusing the financial system to commit fraud after fraud after fraud. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In order to launch a variety of credit cards on the domestic payments network RuPay, ICICI Bank established a partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Card is initially offered in the Coral variant of the Bank’s Gemstone series; Rubyx and Sapphio variants will follow soon. The contactless card known as the “ICICI Bank Coral RuPay Credit Card” offers a variety of privileges and benefits. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian credit card issuer SBI Card has announced the launch of the ‘CASHBACK SBI Card’ in India. As the company claims CASHBACK SBI Card is the industry’s first Cashback-focused credit card that enables cardholders to earn 5 per cent cashback on all online spending without any merchant restrictions. Consumers across India, including tier 2 and 3 cities, can easily get CASHBACK SBI Card instantly through the digital application platform ‘SBI Card SPRINT’. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The UPI (Unified Payments Interface) network processed 657 billion transactions in August for a total value of around Rs 10.73 lakh crore as per NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) data. While the value of transactions increased by 0.95 percentage points from Rs 10.63 lakh crore in July, the volume of transactions increased by 4.5% month on month from 629 crore. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The all-India house price index (HPI) increased by 3.5% year over year, during the first quarter of 2022-2023 according to information made public by the Reserve Bank of India. The HPI increased by 1.8% between January and March and by 2% between April and June of 2021-22. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India is set to become the third largest economy in the world by 2029. A State Bank of India report said India will surpass Germany in 2027 and most likely Japan by 2029 at the current rate of growth. The report said that the country has undergone a large structural shift since 2014 and is now the 5th largest economy overtaking the United Kingdom. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
• **IndusInd Bank**, a private lender, announced a partnership with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support and promote supply chain finance (SCF) solutions in India. With an initial investment of Rs 560 crore, the IndusInd Bank claimed it had signed a partial guarantee programme with Asian Development Bank (ADB) with the sole purpose of pushing SCF solutions in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The Reserve Bank of India has announced that HDFC Bank (in partnership with Sweden-based Crunchfish Aktiebolag) and Precision Biometric India Pvt. Ltd has been selected for the test phase for their 'offline retail payments' and 'InnaIT Key Solution for Banking' products under the 'On Tap' application facilities for the theme 'Retail Payments' under the Regulatory Sandbox. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• As part of the financial inclusion drive, public sector banks will open about **300 brick-and-mortar branches** in the unbanked areas of various states by December 2022. These new branches will cover all remaining unbanked villages with a population of more than 3,000. A Maximum number of 95 branches will be opened in Rajasthan followed by 54 in Madhya Pradesh. The public sector banks will open 38 branches in Gujarat, 33 in Maharashtra, 32 in Jharkhand and 31 in Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The private sector lender HDFC Bank introduced a new SMS banking facility for its customers. The bank claims that now customers can access a wide range of banking services round-the-clock, 24/7 x 365 no matter where they are. With the new SMS banking facility, customers can now check account balances & summaries, apply for loans, manage credit cards, apply for chequebook requests, generate account statements and more. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** has roped in Google Cloud to build an online platform for selling insurance. HDFC ERGO plans to completely migrate to the cloud by 2024. This online platform for selling insurance, offering tailored digital experiences to customers, responding to regulatory changes faster, and identifying insurance risks using data analytics and machine learning (ML). ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• **Agribazaar** is a private sector electronic Agri mandi, launched ‘Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card’. The Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card is a quick and easy way to help farmers to meet their pre- and post-harvest farm requirements and allied expenses. Farmers can use Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card to get financing. The funds provided can only be used to buy farm inputs and requirements. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• Life Insurance Company (LIC) introduced a new plan, **LIC New Pension Plus 867**. The LIC New Pension Plus 867 is a non-participating, unit-linked insurance plan that again comes with "guaranteed addition". The plan indicates that the LIC New Pension Plus 867 will provide guaranteed additions between **5% to 15%** of the yearly premium. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• **Axis Bank-PayNearby collaborate**: A top executive of Axis Bank stated that partnerships like the one with branchless banking network PayNearby will help the private lender achieve its lending goals for priority sectors. By utilising the distribution-as-a-service network of 50 lakh micro enterprises provided by PayNearby, Axis Bank hopes to organically reach its lending goals for its key sectors. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The overall revenue of **Indian Railways** at the end of August’22 stood at **₹95,486.58 cr**, showing an increase of Rs. **26271.29 cr (38%)** over the corresponding period of last year. The revenue from passenger traffic was Rs.25,276.54cr with an increase of **₹13,574.44 cr (116%)** over the corresponding period of last year, according to official notes movers released by ministry of railways. ([Click here to read the article](#)).

• **PhonePe tokenized debit and credit cards**: PhonePe announced that it had tokenized 14 million credit and debit cards on its network in accordance with the RBI’s (Reserve Bank of India) guidelines for data security. Since the exercise began in December 2021, the Walmart-backed company claims to have tokenized more than **80%** of its active users’ cards. ([Click here to read the article](#)).

• **Bank of Maharashtra raise $710 million**: The government-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) reported raising Rs 710 crore through bonds to finance company expansion. According to a statement from the bank, the money was raised through Basel III compliant Additional Tier 1 (AT1) bonds for Rs 710 crore (including Rs 610 crore for the green shoe option) at a coupon rate of 8.74 percent. ([Click here to read the article](#)).

• **HDFC Bank**, India’s largest private sector bank, became the first bank in the country to issue an **Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG)** in partnership with **National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL)**. The paper-based, time-consuming process has been eliminated with the new electronic bank guarantees that can be processed, stamped, verified and delivered instantly with enhanced security. This is a transformational change, and the Bank will migrate to e-BG to benefit all its customers. ([Click here to read the article](#)).

• **HDFC Life Insurance Policy started Click2Protect**: HDFC Life, one of the top life insurers in India, has introduced the **Click2Protect** Super term insurance plan, which allows customization based on your protection needs and only charges you for the benefits and plan options you select. Click2Protect is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, pure risk premium/savings life insurance plan. ([Click here to read the article](#)).
• SBI hit market capitalization of Rs 5 trillion: State Bank of India, SBI, market capitalization of India’s largest state lender, surpassed $5 trillion for the first time after its shares reached a new high of Rs. 564.85 in intraday trade on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). According to data from Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), State Bank of India (SBI) is ranked seventh overall among corporations as of Wednesday, 10:30 am, with a market valuation of 5.03 trillion. (Click here to read the article)

• Axis Bank and Square Yards launched ‘Open Doors’, a co-branded Home Buyer Ecosystem. The ‘Open Doors’ platform will ensure that the complete journey from searching to buying one’s dream home becomes an efficient and delightful experience for the customers. Axis Bank and Square Yards have created a digital-first solution to simplify the customer journey. These digital platforms reflect the cultural alignment between the two organizations. (Click here to read the article)

• Canara HSBC Life Insurance launched iSelect Guaranteed Future. The iSelect is an individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection life insurance plan over the company’s digital platform. The project targets new-age customers who are most active on the internet and prefer digital platforms. (Click here to read the article)

• The country’s largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI), raised the Benchmark Prime Lending Rate (BPLR) by 70 basis points (or 0.7 per cent) to 13.45 per cent. The announcement would make loan repayment linked to BPLR costlier. The current BPLR rate is 12.75 per cent. It was revised last in June. (Click here to read the article)

• Federal Bank was ranked 63rd on the Best Workplaces in Asia 2022 and becomes the only bank in India to be listed by Great Place to Work, the global authority on workplace culture. The list is based on over one million survey responses across Asia and West Asia, representing the experience of over 4.7 million employees in the region. (Click here to read the article)

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) removed Central Bank of India from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) after the lender showed improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital and net non-performing assets (N NPAs). The RBI had imposed the PCA norms on the bank in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and negative return of assets (RoA). (Click here to read the article)

• Digitalization of Kisan credit card: As part of the flagship Digital Transformation initiative “Sambhav,” Union Bank of India announced an industry-first, end-to-end digitalization of the Kisan Credit Card product with a farmer-focused focus. By digitalizing the KCC financing process, the company hopes to increase its effectiveness and farmer friendliness. (Click here to read the article)

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, launched three key digital payment initiatives at the Global Fintech fest 2022. The three digital payment initiatives that were launched by the RBI are RuPay Credit Card on Unified Payments Interface (UPI), UPI Lite, and Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments. (Click here to read the article)

• Power sector-focused non-banking finance company (NBFC) REC Ltd. has been accorded the status of a ‘Maharatna’ Central Public Sector Enterprise, thus providing it with greater operational and financial autonomy. The granting of ‘Maharatna’ status will impart enhanced powers to the company’s board while taking financial decisions. REC Ltd. is the 12th company to be given the Maharatna Status. (Click here to read the article)

• Ageas Federal Life Insurance (AFLI) announced that after Belgium-based Ageas Insurance International successfully acquired the 25% investment in the life insurance joint venture (JV) from IDBI Bank, it has become the first life insurance firm in India with a 74% stake held by a foreign partner. For a total cash consideration of Rs 580 crore, Ageas has bought the extra 25% ownership of IDBI Bank in Ageas Federal Life Insurance. (Click here to read the article)

• The Asian Development Bank said, it will devote at least $14 billion through 2025 to help ease a worsening food crisis in Asia-Pacific. The development lender said it plans a comprehensive program of support to help the 1.1 billion people in the region who lack healthy diets due to poverty and soaring food prices. (Click here to read the article)

• A $1 billion fund may soon be launched by the government in collaboration with the World Bank, and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). The fund will be used to provide guarantees against defaults on loans taken to buy electric two or three-wheelers. The NITI Aayog will be the facilitating agency of the project. It will aim to facilitate faster and easier financing of EVs. (Click here to read the article)

• The Union Bank of India inaugurated the Ethical Hacking Lab at the Cyber Security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad. The lab with a cyber defence mechanism will protect the bank’s information system, digital assets, and channels, against potential cyber threats. The lab was inaugurated by the bank’s managing director and CEO, A. Manimekhalai. (Click here to read the article)

• UCO Bank and Yes Bank have put in place arrangements with two Russian banks as India seeks to step up trade with the sanctioned nation. Nearly a month after it was reported that more than 15 Russian banks were in advanced talks with Indian lenders to facilitate bilateral business in their respective local currencies, two of India’s banks have taken a step towards the same. (Click here to read the article)
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has projected 7% real GDP growth for the Financial year 2023 (FY23). Inflation in India is predicted to remain 6.7%. As a result, RBI raised its policy rate by 50 basis points (bps) in response to growing concerns about increasing inflation, global headwinds, and a drop in the value of the rupee to historic lows. (Click here to read the article)

Airtel Payments Bank has started rolling out 1.5 lakh micro ATMs in a phased manner across tier 2 cities and semi-urban regions to facilitate cash withdrawal for its customers. The Bank will gradually expand its service to cover more banking points in a phased manner. (Click here to read the article)

Mastercard, a global payment and technology company is set to launch Carbon Calculator features. Mastercard is in talks with Indian Banks to launch the Carbon Calculator feature which will offer the consumers an estimated carbon footprint for each of their purchases. (Click here to read the article)

Bank of Baroda (BOB) has announced to launch ‘Khushiyon Ka Tyohar’. The ‘Khushiyon Ka Tyohar’ includes a series of offers as an annual festival campaign. The bank will offer to attractive interest rates on a home loans, car loans, education loans, and many more during the ‘Khushiyon Ka Tyohar’ campaign. (Click here to read the article)

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After hitting all-time low, the rupee recovered some of its losses to settle 10 paise down at 79.94 (provisional) against the US dollar, tracking the strength of the American currency and firm crude oil prices. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened at 80.10 and fell to its all-time low of 80.15 against the US dollar in intra-day trade. (Click here to read complete article)

India’s GDP is expected to rise by 13% in Q1 FY23, according to rating agency ICRA, 15.7% in Q1 FY22, and 16.2% in Q1 FY23, according to State Bank of India (SBI Report). Even though the gross domestic product (GDP) data for the April–June 2022 quarter (August 31), analysts’ growth projections range from 13% to 16.2%. (Click here to read complete article)

The GST collection remained above the Rs 1.4-trillion mark for the sixth straight month in August and the ensuing festival season will help continue the trend. The gross GST revenue collected in August 2022 is Rs 1.43 trillion of which CGST is Rs 24,710 crore, SGST is Rs 30,951 crore, IGST is Rs 77,782 crore (including Rs 42,067 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is Rs 10,168 crore (including Rs 1,018 crore collected on import of goods). (Click here to read complete article)

India has surpassed Britain to become world's fifth largest economy, Bloomberg reported. The change in ranking has pushed the United Kingdom to the sixth spot as the country continues to grapple under the brutal cost-of-living shack. The Indian economy is forecast to grow more than 7 per cent this year. On an adjusted basis and using the dollar exchange rate on the last day of the relevant quarter, the size of Indian economy in “normal” cash terms in the quarter through March was USD 845.7 billion. (Click here to read complete article)

According to Moody's Global Macro Outlook 2022-2023 study, India’s central bank is anticipated to maintain a hawkish posture this year and keep a moderately restrictive policy stance in 2023 to prevent domestic inflationary pressures from escalating. India’s GDP is now expected to grow at a 7.7% annual rate, down sharply from the earlier estimate of 8.8% in May. (Click here to read complete article)

Following the quarterly gross domestic product figures for April through June falling short of market expectations, Goldman Sachs has revised lower its growth projections for India. In the reporting quarter, India’s real GDP growth increased 13.5% year over year, falling short of the 15.2% projection made by experts surveyed by Reuters. (Click here to read complete article)

The unemployment rate in India for people aged 15 years and above in urban areas declined to 7.6 per cent during April-June 2022 from 12.6 per cent a year ago, the National Statistical Office (NSO) said on 31 August. In April-June 2021, the joblessness was high in the country mainly due to the staggering impact of Covid-related restrictions. (Click here to read complete article)

The External Debt Management Unit (EDMU) in the Department of economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, has released 28th edition of the Status Report on India’s External Debt 2021-22. India’s external debt, at US$ 620.7 billion as at end-March 2022, grew by 8.2 per cent over US$ 573.7 billion as at end-March 2021. (Click here to read complete article)

Price pressures returned to the Indian economy in August, with retail inflation quickening to 7% after cooling to a five-month low in July. The increase, led by food prices, makes it the eighth month that retail inflation has stayed above the central bank’s upper tolerance limit of 6%, strengthening the case for continued monetary tightening. (Click here to read the article)

India’s foreign exchange reserves slumped by over $2 billion in the week ending August 12, as the Reserve Bank of India intervened to shore up the rupee and keep the currency below 80 per dollar. That is an effort the Indian central bank has said was essential, and it would do whatever it takes to maintain the rupee's stability, limiting any wild swings despite extremely volatile currency markets. (Click here to read the article)
• India’s restrictions on rice exports have paralysed trading in Asia, with buyers scouring for alternative supplies from Vietnam, Thailand and Myanmar where seller are holding off on deals as prices rise, industry officials said. India, the world’s biggest exporter of the grain, banned shipments of broken rice and imposed a 20% duty on exports of various other types as the country tries to boost supplies and calm prices after below-average monsoon rainfall curtailed planting. (Click here to read the article)

• Navi Technologies approved by SEBI: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given Sachin Bansal’s fintech business Navi Technologies the go-ahead for an Initial Public Offering (IPO), which will help the Flipkart co-founder in his efforts to build a financial services conglomerate. (Click here to read the article)

• The wholesale price index - (WPI)- based inflation rate for August decelerated for the third consecutive month to an 11-month low of 12.41 per cent as pricing pressure from manufactured and fuel items eased despite an increase in food inflation. The core WPI inflation dipped to a 17-month low of 7.9 per cent in August. (Click here to read the article)

• Fitch Ratings slashed India’s GDP growth projection for FY23 to 7 per cent, saying the economy is expected to slow against the backdrop of the global economy, elevated inflation and high-interest rate. In June, it had forecast 7.8 per cent growth for India. (Click here to read the article)

• India Ratings became the latest agency to cut its FY23 gross domestic product forecast. The ratings agency cut the forecast to 6.9 per cent from 7 per cent, joining other institutions who have cut their projections to below 7 per cent since the release of the April-June quarter GDP data. (Click here to read the article)

• A weak rupee and elevated fuel prices will keep India’s current account deficit (CAD) under pressure with analysts seeing it at about 3% of GDP in FY23 compared to 1.2% in FY22 even as these will exert pressure on government finances. Subsidy expenditure is seen to rise to levels significantly higher than projected. (Click here to read the article)

• The Central Board of Direct Taxes(CBDT) in a statement said that the net direct tax collections so far this financial year are at ₹700,669 crore, an increase of 23% as compared to ₹568,147 crore till the same period of the corresponding financial year. The total includes corporation tax of ₹368,484 crore and personal income tax (including securities transaction tax) worth ₹330,490 crore. (Click here to read the article)

• The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has pared its 2022-23 growth projection for India’s economy to 7% from 7.5% estimated in April, terming it a “modest downward revision” driven by higher-than-anticipated inflation and monetary tightening. The Bank also raised its inflation forecast for India to 6.7% for this year, while widening its current account deficit (CAD) estimate to 3.8% of GDP. (Click here to read the article)

• The global economy has been rattled by scorching inflation and geo-political tensions, forcing more central banks to join the US Federal Reserve in raising interest rates. The Fed set the pace with a 0.75% rate hike to a range of 3% to 3.25%. That is the fifth rate hike this year and up from zero at the start of the year. According to market experts, India could see an aggressive rate hike by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in coming week. (Click here to read the article)

• The Indian market has surpassed Spain to emerge as the third largest market for iconic Spanish porcelain brand Lladró after Japan and the US as a comeback in gross sales in 2022. In 2021, the Indian market grew by 33 percent and in 2022 India has set a target to grow between 35 to 37 percent. (Click here to read the article)

• The highest-located district in India, Leh has achieved 100 per cent digitization of banking operations. Union Territory Level Bankers Committee Ladakh, the Reserve Bank of India has felicitated the bankers of the district. Leh district has completed the digitization of all the operating banks in a short span of a year. (Click here to read the article)

• Amid slowing external demand for Indian goods and services, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and S&P kept their growth forecasts for India unchanged at 6.9 per cent and 7.3 per cent, respectively, for FY23 while highlighting growing downside risks. S&P in its latest outlook for Asia-Pacific said it saw a strong rebound in India as services consumption continued to recover and investment grew robustly. (Click here to read the article)

• Economic growth in East Asia and the Pacific will weaken sharply in 2022 due to China’s slowdown, but the pace of expansion will pick up next year, the World Bank said. The Washington-based lender said in a report it expected 2022 growth in the East Asia and Pacific region, which includes China, to slow to 3.2%, down from its 5.0% forecast in April, and the previous year’s growth of 7.2%. (Click here to read the article)

• The Commerce Ministry announced the extension of the existing foreign trade policy by six months. The reason behind the development is currency volatility and global uncertainty. The ministry said, the geopolitical situation is not suitable for long-term foreign trade policy. (Click here to read the article)
Business Current Affairs

Stock exchange BSE has received final approval from the capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for introducing the Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) segment on its platform. The exchange had received in-principle approval from Sebi in February after which the exchange conducted several mock trading in the test environment for exchange members to facilitate trading in EGRs. (Click here to read the article)

The Union Cabinet increased the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief (DR) by 4% beginning July 1, 2022, benefiting 6.97 million pensioners and 4.18 million central government employees. This was done ahead of the Diwali festival. (Click here to read the article)

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has announced to build of India's first and one of the world’s largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat. The plants will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA based on Acrylonitrile feedstock. Overall, in the Oil to Chemical segment (O2C), Ambani Ambani announced an investment of Rs 75,000 crore over the next five years to expand capacities in existing and new value chains. (Click here to read complete article)

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 100 percent equity of Indiaideas.com (Bildesk) by PayU Payments. The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 100 percent of the equity share capital of India Ideas Ltd (IIL) by PayU India. Prosus NV-backed PayU announced in August 2021, that it will buy digital payments provider Bildesk for USD 4.7 billion. (Click here to read complete article)

Asia’s richest man Gautam Adani, a ports-to-power conglomerate will build three Giga factories for manufacturing solar modules, wind turbines, and hydrogen electrolyzers as part of a USD 70 billion investment in clean energy by 2030. Adani group is stepping up investments across the green energy value chain as it aims to become the world’s top renewable energy producer by 2030. (Click here to read complete article)

Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and the Indian Army have collaborated for implementing a CSR project to coach and mentor less privileged girl students in Kargil. The project is known as ‘Kargil Ignited Minds’, and the project aims to prepare 50 girl students for various national-level engineering and medical entrance examinations. (Click here to read the article)

Google acquire Mandiant: Google for $5.4 billion acquired Cybersecurity company Mandiant has been fully acquired according to Thomas Kurian, CEO of Google Cloud. Mandiant in order to assist organisations in managing threats, incidents, and exposures better will join Google Cloud. Mandiant is renowned for discovering the shocking SolarWinds hack. (Click here to read the article)

Adobe acquires Figma: Adobe announced that it would acquire design software company Figma for roughly $20 billion in cash and equity. Adobe’s stock fell 17%, marking the worst decline since 2010. Dylan Field, co-founder and CEO of Figma, will remain in that position after the deal is completed. David Wadhani, president of Adobe’s digital media division, will be his immediate supervisor. (Click here to read the article)

WhatsApp and IDFC FIRST Bank FASTag: IDFC FIRST Bank for the customers, launch its integration with “payments on WhatsApp” would enable quick and secure FASTags recharging. Due to this collaboration, users of IDFC FIRST will be able to recharge their FASTags directly from IDFC FIRST’s WhatsApp chatbot and finish the transaction from within the chat thread. (Click here to read the article)
### International Current Affairs

- **Amazon India** has launched ‘AmazeWIT Circles’, to reiterate its commitment to upskilling and providing meaningful **career opportunities to women** in the technology space. The ‘AmazeWIT Circles’ is a dedicated networking event to educate women and make them industry ready for careers in technology. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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<td>- Bankrupt Sri Lanka agreed a conditional <strong>$2.9 billion bailout</strong> with <strong>International Monetary Fund</strong> negotiators, as the island nation seeks to overcome a bruising economic crisis that saw its president flee the country. Months of acute food, fuel and medicine shortages, extended blackouts and runaway inflation have plagued the country after it ran out of dollars to finance even the most essential imports. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Members of the G7</strong> have agreed to impose a price cap on <strong>Russian oil</strong> in a bid to hit Moscow's ability to finance the <strong>war in Ukraine</strong>. The cap on crude oil and petroleum products would also help reduce global energy prices. The cap will be set at a level based on a range of technical inputs. “We will continue to stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes.” (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- The first such <strong>Senior Official Meeting</strong> after the tensions over <strong>Taiwan Strait</strong> will be hosted by New Delhi, an official-level meeting of the Quad grouping with the U.S., Japan and Australia next week. The Quad Meeting that is scheduled on Sept 5-6 will be organised with <strong>India's Indo-Pacific partners</strong> in the week. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Liz Truss</strong> was elected as the leader of the ruling Conservative Party and the country's next prime minister. Liz Truss is now the third woman to be elected prime minister of the United Kingdom. By more than 20,000 votes, <strong>Liz Truss</strong> defeated Rishi Sunak, who is of Indian descent. The country is currently experiencing a cost of living crisis, industrial unrest, and a recession. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>The United Nations Human Rights Council</strong> on May 27 passed a deeply flawed resolution on Sri Lanka that ignores calls for an international investigation into alleged abuses during recent fighting and other pressing human rights concerns, Human Rights Watch said. The council held a special session on May 26 and 27, 2009, on the <strong>human rights situation in Sri Lanka</strong>, a decade after the defeat of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) by government forces. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Suella Braverman</strong> is UK's new Home Secretary: Liz Truss, the new British prime minister, named <strong>Suella Braverman</strong>, a lawyer of Indian descent, as the country’s new home secretary. Priti Patel, who is of Indian descent, will be replaced in the position by Suella Braverman. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>The Biden Administration</strong> has approved a whopping <strong>USD 450 million F-16 fighter jet sustainment programme to Pakistan</strong>. As a notification to the US Congress, the State Department has made a determination approving a possible foreign military sale of F-16 case for sustainment and related equipment for an estimated cost of USD 450 million, arguing that this will sustain Islamabad’s capability to meet current and future counterterrorism threats by maintaining its F-16 fleet. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken</strong> made an unscheduled visit to <strong>Kyiv</strong>, as the Biden administration announced major new military aid worth more than <strong>$2 billion for Ukraine and other European countries threatened by Russia</strong>. In meetings with senior Ukrainian officials, Blinken said the Biden administration had notified Congress of its intent to provide $2 billion in long-term Foreign Military Financing to Ukraine and 18 of its neighbors, including NATO members and regional security partners, that are &quot;most potentially at risk for future Russian aggression.&quot; (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- This time, <strong>China's economic woes run deep</strong>. The government has all but given up on this year's target of <strong>5.5% GDP growth</strong> and Premier Li Keqiang warned last month there was little appetite right now for more expansive policymaking. Business and consumer activity in the world’s second-largest economy have been stymied by Beijing's zero-COVID policy that sparked monthslong lockdowns on workers in dozens of cities, forcing many businesses to shut. Chinese leaders are loathe to reverse the draconian policy now, for fear of unleashing a bigger crisis. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>Passenger vehicle wholesales in India witnessed a 21 per cent annual growth in August</strong>, riding on <strong>improved supplies of semiconductors and festive demand</strong>, according to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers. As per the latest data released by industry body <strong>Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)</strong>, passenger vehicle (PV) dispatches to dealers stood at 2,81,210 units last month, against 2,32,224 units in August 2021. Passenger car wholesales were up 23 per cent at 1,33,477 units last month, as against 1,08,508 units in the year-ago period, SIAM said. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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<td>- <strong>The United Nations (UN) General Assembly</strong> approved <strong>Volker Türk of Austria</strong> to be the global body's Human Rights Chief by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. Volker Türk replaces <strong>Verónica Michelle Bachelet Jeria</strong>, a Chilean politician who served at the office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) from 2018 to 2022. Turk, currently serving as assistant secretary-general for policy. (<a href="#">Click here to read complete article</a>)</td>
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• Americans remembered 9/11 on 11th Sept with readings of victims’ names, volunteer work and other tributes 21 years after the deadliest terror attack on US soil. A tolling bell and a moment of silence began the commemoration at ground zero in New York, where the World Trade Center’s twin towers were destroyed by the hijacked-plane attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Victims’ relatives and dignitaries also convened at the two other attack sites, the Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. (Click here to read the article)

• India Bangladesh Relations: Ever since the Liberation War in 1971, Bangladesh and India have shared a special relationship not only due to their geographical boundaries, but also largely owing to their shared cultural, linguistic and historical connections. India, during the war for liberation of the Bangladeshi nation, provided much of the required humanitarian as well as militaristic support which was so duly needed at the time. (Click here to read the article)

• North Korea passes law regarding Nuclear Strikes: North Korea has approved a law that gives the authority to launch a nuclear attack in advance. With the recently passed law, North Korea’s status as a nuclear weapons state has become irreversible. North Korea, this year tested a record number of weapons, including an intercontinental ballistic missile. (Click here to read the article)

• Britain’s King Charles has bestowed the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales on his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Kate, passing on the titles that he and his late wife Diana previously held. Charles, who became Prince of Wales in 1958, automatically became king on the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth. (Click here to read the article)

• China has successfully tested its first fully solar-powered unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) which can fly for months and can function even as a satellite if required. The maiden flight of Qiminxing-50 has been achieved, making it the first large-sized UAV powered only by solar energy, a Chinese government official informed in a tweet. (Click here to read the article)

• National digital currency using Ethereum: Norges Bank, Norway’s central bank, made a significant advancement in its efforts to develop a digital currency by publishing the open source code for the nation’s central bank digital currency (CBDC) sandbox based on Ethereum technology. This development was made possible by the ongoing mainstream adoption of cryptographic technology. (Click here to read the article)

• On September 8, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressed Russia’s Eastern Economic Forum 2022 held in Vladivostok. With the outbreak of the Ukraine war participation and attendance at this forum is significant messaging. (Click here to read the article)

• Typhoon Nanmadol has recorded furious winds and rainfall in several parts of Japan. Typhoon Nanmadol is one of the biggest storms to hit Japan in years. Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has delayed his departure to New York, where he is due to deliver a speech at the UN General Assembly. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), has advised people to be highly vigilant and prepared for heavy rains, high waves, gales, and storm surges. (Click here to read the article)

• China and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have agreed to join hands to help further the latter’s space ambitions. The Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC) of the UAE and the China National Space Agency (CNSA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to work together on the UAE’s moon missions. The agreement marks the first joint space project between the two countries. (Click here to read the article)

• Queen Elizabeth II funeral: The royal family bid farewell to Britain’s longest-reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II, in a private ceremony at Windsor Castle. A smaller crowd bid the Queen Elizabeth II farewell in St George’s Chapel after the official burial earlier that day at London’s Westminster Abbey, where world leaders, members of European royal families, and the general public had assembled. (Click here to read the article)

• India becomes the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka and overtakes China. In four months of 2022, India has provided a total of 968 million US Dollars in loans to Sri Lanka. China has been the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka for the past five years from 2017-2021. (Click here to read the article)

• Project “Saaras”: The women of Arthala village in Ghaziabad are fond of 27-year-old Uzma Kazmi; it was she who gave them better coping mechanisms for those “uncomfortable days” of the month by bringing affordable and environmentally friendly sanitary napkins, “Saaras,” within their grasp. As part of project “Saaras,” an initiative of the Israeli embassy in India in conjunction with NGO Khushii, which aims to raise awareness about menstruation health and cleanliness and improve skills and capacity for women, the centre was opened by Naor Gilon, the Israeli ambassador to India. (Click here to read the article)

• A wild Arctic wolf was successfully cloned for the first time in the world by a Beijing-based gene firm. The cloning of the Arctic wolf, also known as the white wolf or polar wolf, which is native to the High Arctic tundra of Canada’s Queen Elizabeth Islands, is considered a milestone achievement in conserving rare and endangered species through cloning technology. (Click here to read the article)

• Edible oil trade associations from five palm oil importing countries in South Asia – India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Nepal, announced the setting up of Asian Palm Oil Alliance (APOA). The idea is to gain collecting bargaining power and make imports sustainable. (Click here to read the article)
• Giorgia Meloni looks set to become Italy’s first woman prime minister at the head of its most right-wing government since World War Two after leading a conservative alliance to triumph at the election. Meloni will take over from Prime Minister Mario Draghi, the former head of the European Central Bank, who pushed Rome to the centre of EU policy-making during his 18-month stint in office, forging close ties with Paris and Berlin. (Click here to read the article)

• Saudi Arabia’s powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been appointed as the prime minister by a royal decree. The crown prince, who is heir to the throne held by King Salman, already wields wide powers and is seen as the kingdom’s day-to-day leader. The royal decree appointing him as prime minister was carried by the Saudi Press Agency. (Click here to read the article)

• President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former U.S. intelligence contractor Edward Snowden, nine years after he exposed the scale of secret surveillance operations by the National Security Agency (NSA). U.S. authorities have for years wanted him returned to the United States to face a criminal trial on espionage charges. (Click here to read the article)

• Hitachi Astemo installed its India’s first ground-mounted solar power plant of 3 megawatts (MW) at its Jalgaon manufacturing plant. The 3 megawatts (MW) solar power plant will be built in an area of 43301 sqm. The ground-mounted solar power plant will consist of 7128 ground-mounted solar panels and 10 inverters. (Click here to read the article)

### National Current Affairs

• Indian Railways have set up ‘Meghdoot’ machines at Dadar, Thane and other stations of the Mumbai Division. The unique ‘Meghdoot’ machines use innovative technology to convert water vapour in the air into potable water. The contract for setting up 17 ‘MEGHDOOT’, Atmospheric Water Generator Kiosks’ over Mumbai Division of Central Railway under NINFRIS policy for a period of 5 years has been awarded to Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd. (Click here to read complete article)

• University Grants Commission (UGC) will now monitor and resolve all grievances of students and staff in varsities through a centralised portal called ‘e-Samadhan’. This platform ensures transparency, prevents unfair practices in Higher Education Institutions and provides a time-bound mechanism for redressal of grievances, according to the UGC. (Click here to read complete article)

• India is set to launch its first indigenously developed Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (qHPV) against Cervical cancer with the help of the Serum Institute of India (SII) and the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) on 1st September 2022. The vaccine for Cervical cancer “CERVARAC”, will be launched by Union Minister of State Science and Technology Jitendra Singh. The vaccine is likely to cost around 200-400 per dose. (Click here to read complete article)

• Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the CApF eWas web-portal for the Central Armed Police Forces. The Central Armed Police Forces have always been a solid backbone of the nation’s internal security, Mr. Shah stated in remarks made on the occasion. More than 35,000 police officers have died since independence-day while maintaining internal security, he mentioned, and as a result of their sacrifices, people may sleep well at night and feel secure. (Click here to read complete article)

• Central govt female staff to get a special maternity leave of 60 days. The leave will be granted in the event that a baby is lost before or during delivery, or if the infant passes away shortly after birth. A directive in this regard was issued by the Department of Personnel and Training. In accordance to the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, the decision was taken. (Click here to read complete article)

• The government of India has announced to change the name of Rajpath and Central Vista lawns into Kartavya Path. The decision is said to shed remnants of the British colony in India. The decision came after a special meeting on September 7, convened with the aim of renaming the Rajpath and Central Vista lawns. Earlier, the Modi government had changed the name of the road on which the Prime Minister’s residence is, from Race Course Road to Lok Kalyan Marg. (Click here to read complete article)

• The long-haul, heavy-duty trucks from Blue Energy Motors, which intends to upend the Indian trucking business by producing clean energy, almost zero emissions vehicles, will run on LNG. The business was inaugurated by Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari. Blue Energy Motors has a contract in place with FPT Industrial, the global powertrain brand of the Italian Iveco Group, to launch the first LNG trucks with BS VI-compliant FPT Industrial engines. (Click here to read complete article)

• India’s first intranasal Covid vaccine by Bharat Biotech received approval from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for primary immunization against the injection for people above the age of 18. It is India’s first nasal vaccine for COVID-19. The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya termed the vaccine a ‘Big Boost’ to India’s fight against COVID-19. (Click here to read complete article)

• India’s healthcare industry is expected to grow to hit $50 billion in size by 2025, said Union minister Jitendra Singh. Addressing the 14th CII Global MedTech Summit, “Seizing the Global Opportunity”, the minister said that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, healthcare has become more focused on innovation and technology over the past two years. About 80% of the healthcare system aims to increase investment in digital healthcare tools in the coming five years. (Click here to read complete article)
• Ministry of Education launches Shikshak Parv: Shikshak Parv was launched by Union Ministers Annapurna Devi and Rajkumar Ranjan Singh to honour teachers and advance the new National Education Policy (NEP). An inaugural colloquium hosted by the Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE, and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship marked the beginning of Shikshak Parv. (Click here to read complete article)

• The nation’s first Regional Rapid Transit System (India’s first RRTS corridor), the Delhi-Meerut RRTS line, would incorporate an automatic fare collection (AFC) system and tickets with QR codes for riders. In order to purchase the AFC system, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) recently announced that it has requested bids in accordance with the Modi administration’s “Make In India” standards. (Click here to read complete article)

• The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Centre for Citizen Services, was inaugurated by Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit. The space at Jaisalmer House which was provided to NALSA would be utilised for the establishment of Legal Assistance Centre for Citizens, Legal Assistance Centre for NRIs, Training Centre, and Digital Command Centre for providing futuristic legal services across the country. (Click here to read complete article)

• The Union Cabinet had approved a policy on long-term leasing of Railways’ land as well as a proposal to develop 300 Gati Shakti cargo terminals over the next five years. A senior official said on Thursday that the Railways expect an incremental revenue of at least ₹30,000 crore per annum from freight services when 300 Gati Shakti cargo terminals will be operational. (Click here to read complete article)

• NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI), launched India’s first National Electric Freight Platform- E-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India). The National Electric Freight Platform brings different stakeholders together with the support of the World Economic Forum, CALSTART, and RMI India. (Click here to read complete article)

• All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, has launched the Ayurveda Day 2022 programme. AIIA has been chosen as the nodal agency for driving the Ministry of Ayush’s mandate for Ayurveda Day this year. Ayurveda Day curtain raiser for the six-week long programme (12th September-23rd October). (Click here to read the article)

• The per capita government spending on healthcare has increased by 74 per cent since 2013-14. As per National Health Accounts Estimates India 2018-19, the per capita government spending in 2013-14 was one thousand forty-two rupees, which has increased to one thousand eight hundred and fifteen rupees. (Click here to read the article)

• Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is building the National Maritime Heritage Complex at the historic Indus Valley civilization region of Lothal in Gujarat with a total cost of 3500 crores rupees. The first-of-its-kind complex in India, this centre will showcase India’s rich and diverse maritime heritage. The foundation stone for the NMHC project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the consent for the master plan was given in March 2019. (Click here to read the article)

• Gulam Ali, a Gujrati Muslim from Jammu and Kashmir, has been nominated to Rajya Sabha by President Droupadi Murmu on the recommendation of the Central government. (Click here to read the article)

• India is going to have its first Forest University. The Forestry Universities (UoF) Act 2022 was approved by the Telangana Assembly. The University of Forestry (UoF), will be the first of its kind in India. Globally, it will be the third University of Forestry after Russia and China. The Telangana government has decided to expand the Forestry College and Research Institute (FCRI) in Hyderabad. The FCRI will be turned into a full-fledged University. (Click here to read the article)

• Eight African cheetahs are all set to move from Namibia into their new habitat at the Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, September 17, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s birthday. The PM is expected to release the five female and three male cheetahs into the Park's quarantine enclosures on Friday as part of his efforts to revitalise and diversify the country’s wildlife and habitat, his office has said. (Click here to read the article)

• Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched a 15-day blood donation drive on the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s birthday. The blood donation drive is known as ‘Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav’ which will continue till 1st October 2022 which is National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. (Click here to read the article)
Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has released wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park and launched the world's first **Cheetah Rehabilitation Project**. Cheetahs which have been brought from Namibia are being introduced in India under Project Cheetah, which is the world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project. The release of wild Cheetahs by the Prime Minister is part of his efforts to revitalise and diversify India's wildlife and its habitat. ([Click here to read the article](#))

India’s Presidency of the **Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD)**, has been extended for one more year. The Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati and Director General of Doordarshan **Mayank Kumar Agrawal** is the President of AIBD. ([Click here to read the article](#))

According to the prime minister's office, Veteran industrialist **Ratan Tata**, former Supreme Court judge **KT Thomas**, and former deputy Lok Sabha speaker **Kariya Munda** have been nominated as trustees of the PM CARES Fund. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** chaired a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the PM CARES Fund, which was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. ([Click here to read the article](#))

India is set to host its maiden MotoGP World Championships race at the **Buddh International Circuit in Greater Noida in 2023**. MotoGP commercial rights owner Dorna and Noida-based race promoters Fairstreet Sports signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to host the premier two-wheel racing event in India for the next seven years. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh in Braille**: In New Delhi, Jayanta Baruah gave Prime Minister Narendra Modi a copy of the Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh in Braille. Jayanta Baruah and his colleagues received praise from Mr. Modi for their efforts. Assamese Dictionary Hemkosh was one of the first Assamese dictionaries, published in the nineteenth century. Sarbananda Sonowal, the minister for ports, shipping, and waterways, as well as other officials, were present on this occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**“Sign Learn” smartphone app**: The Center released the “Sign Learn” smartphone app, a 10,000-word lexicon for Indian Sign Language (ISL). **Pratima Bhoumik**, minister of state for social justice and empowerment, introduced the app. The 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Research And Training Centre (ISLRTC) lexicon serves as the foundation for Sign Learn. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Operation Megha Chakra**: CBI hunts for Child Sexual Abuse Material Online Circulation Cases in 20 States & UTs. As part of Operation Megha Chakra, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) searched 56 locations across 20 States and Union Territories in relation to cases of the internet distribution of child sexual abuse material. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**JALDOOT App Launched**: In front of Union Minister **Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti** and MoS Panchayati Raj **Kapil Moreshwar Patil**, the JALDOOT App and JALDOOT App e-brochure was introduced by MoS for Rural Development and Steel **Faggan Singh Kulaste**. Panchayati Raj and the Ministry of Rural Development collaborated to develop the JALDOOT app. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Ministry of Home Affairs bans PFI and its associates**: The **Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates were banned** by the Centre for a period of five years, days after law enforcement agents tried in a campaign to suppress the activities of the group. ([Click here to read the article](#))

The Supreme Court has declared that all women have the right to safe and legal abortions up to 24 weeks of pregnancy, no matter their marital status. An abortion regulation that made a distinction between married and unmarried women was “artificial and constitutionally unsustainable,” according to a bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, JB Pardiwala, and AS Bopanna. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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**Rajasthan**: Chief Minister **Ashok Gehlot** has launched ‘**Mahila Nidhi**’, a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans. Under the scheme, apart from everyday necessities, easy credit will be available to women for business expansion and starting new businesses. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

**Nuakhai**: is an annual harvest festival in Odisha. Nuakhai is celebrated to welcome the approaching **new season** and welcome the **season’s new rice**. Nuakhai is celebrated a day after **Ganesh Chaturthi**, and it is one of the most awaited festivals in Odisha. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

**Alappuzha**: has become the fifth fully **digital banking** district in the state. A declaration was made by the Reserve bank of India **Kerala and Lakshadweep Regional Director** **Thomas Mathew** regarding this. As a part of the initiative at least one digital transaction facility, such as a debit card. Internet banking, mobile banking, a unified payment interface, and many other facilities, has been enabled 26 lakh savings or current bank accounts in **29 banks in the districts**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

The Karnataka government announced the worldwide startup competition **VentuRISE Global Startup Challenge**, which aims to aid entrepreneurs in the manufacturing and sustainability-related industries. The global startups will give business owners from all over the world a stage to present their cutting-edge goods or solutions and make connections with potential investors. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
• Odisha government distributed ₹869 crore to 41.85 state farmers under the Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA) scheme and assured them of additional aid for crop losses due to floods in the state. ₹2000 each was directly transferred to the bank accounts of 41 lakh farmers and 85,000 landless farmers under the KALIA Scheme. (Click here to read complete article)

• Bhartaul has become the first village in Uttar Pradesh to achieve the distinction of supplying RO water to every household. Bhartaul is located in Bithiri Chainpur block of Bareilly. It has around 7,000 people and every household is provided with clean and safe RO water. The installation of RO has been under the Adarsh Gram Panchayat initiative enabling the Village to get access to clean drinking water. (Click here to read complete article)

• Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has launched the ‘Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme’ to ensure the farmers earn a sustainable livelihood through different livestock farming activities. The Chief Minister said that the government through different welfare schemes is successfully providing income generation opportunities and economic prosperity to the farmers. (Click here to read complete article)

• Tripura becomes the first state in India to have the first modified bio-village. The Daspara village of Tripura is converted into a nature-based lifestyle and livelihood and reduced the use of chemical fertilizers. Daspara is a home for 64 families which depends on agriculture and fishery. Daspara is one of the five successful bio-village 2.0 conceptualized in Tripura after the BJP came into power and adopted the Climate change mitigation endeavor of Prime minister Narendra Modi. (Click here to read complete article)

• The Uttarakhand education department launched an e-governance portal “Samarth”. This portal provides all administrative and educational updates including information about entrance exams, salary structures, and appointments from five state universities and 140 public schools. The initiative has been taken in a bid to make the education system more transparent in the state. (Click here to read complete article)

• Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly formed district Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki as the 29th district of the state. He also unveiled the map of the district on the occasion. The newly formed district Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki has been carved out of Rajnandgaon district and created as a new administrative unit. (Click here to read complete article)

• After significantly upgrading firepower and infrastructure along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Tawang sector of Arunachal Pradesh, the Army is on a major drive for capability and infrastructure development in the rest of Arunachal Pradesh. This includes road, bridges, tunnels, habitat and storage facilities, aviation facilities and upgrade of communications and surveillance, especially in the Upper Dibang Valley region, according to multiple Army officials. (Click here to read complete article)

• Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has launched the Moowalur Ramamirtham Ammaijar Higher Education Assurance scheme titled ‘Pudhumai Penn’t at a function in Chennai, in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. Mr Kejriwal also unveiled 26 schools of excellence and 15 model schools set up by the Tamil Nadu government emulating the model by his AAP government in Delhi. (Click here to read complete article)

• Rajasthan government launched an ambitious scheme to provide 100 days of employment to needy families in urban areas on the lines of the rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA. More than 2.25 lakh families have already registered for the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme which was proposed by chief minister Ashok Gehlot in the state budget this year. (Click here to read complete article)

• Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the 32nd and 33rd districts of the State. Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur and Sakti were announced as the 32nd and 33rd districts of Chhattisgarh. Sakti is carved out from Janjigar-Champa, and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur is carved out from the Koriya district. (Click here to read complete article)

• Bihar Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' on the Falgu River in Gaya. The dam has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 324 crore. Experts from IIT (Roorkee) were involved with the project. There will be enough water in the dam round the year for the convenience of pilgrims. (Click here to read complete article)

• Odisha government has launched a rainwater harvesting scheme named ‘Community Harnessing and Harvesting Rainwater Artifically from Terrace to Aquifer (CHIATA)’. The new scheme was approved by the Cabinet last month. It will be implemented for a period of five years.

• Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launched an online portal of the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA) in the presence of Home Minister Lakhmen Rymbui and other eminent officials in Shillong. The online portal will provide a digital platform to ensure the safety and security of the residents and act as a strong intelligence gathering system for authorities. (Click here to read the article)
• Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel has announced Gujarat’s first-ever ‘Cinematic Tourism Policy’ in the presence of dignitaries including actor Ajay Devgan, and State Government Minister Shri. Purnesh Modi and Shri Arvind Raiyani. This new policy will create viable opportunities for film production in Gujarat and also provide employment opportunities to local people. There are many places in Gujarat like the White Desert of Kutch, Shivrajpur Beach where there are ample opportunities to become shooting spots. (Click here to read the article)

• Uttar Pradesh becomes the first state in India to construct 8,642 Amrit Sarovar (Lakes) in India. Amrit Sarovar is an ambitious mission initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which aims to conserve water for the future. Madhya Pradesh is in the second position, Jammu and Kashmir in third, Rajasthan in fourth, and Tamil Nadu ranked in the fifth position. (Click here to read the article)

• Indore will create history by implementing a fully digital addressing system, making it the first city in India to do so. The smart city advanced significantly when a memorandum of understanding was signed with the firm Pataa Navigations. The Memorandum of Understanding is signed by Rajat Jain, co-founder of Pataa Navigations, and Rishav Gupta (IAS), CEO of Indore Smart City. (Click here to read the article)

• Andhra Pradesh has ranked one on the list of states in attracting industrial investments in the first seven months of 2022. According to the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Andhra Pradesh has generated an investment of Rs 40,361 crore. (Click here to read the article)

• Jharkhand Government agreed to the proposal for granting 77 percent reservation in state government jobs for the SC, ST, Backward Classes, and OBC and further economically weaker sections. The chief minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren hiked the OBC reservation to 27 percent which was earlier 14 percent. The Jharkhand Government also accepted the proposal to use the 1932 land records to determine those who are local inhabitants. (Click here to read the article)

• Jharkhand has become the third state after Bihar and Odisha in eastern India to have Food Security Atlas for its rural areas. Odisha and Bihar had their Atlas launched in 2018. Food Security Atlas of Rural Jharkhand 2022’ launched in Ranchi. Finance Minister of Jharkhand, Dr Rameshwar Oraon assured that the government would make efforts towards giving quota and green cards to the food insecure districts of Jharkhand. (Click here to read the article)

• The Sikkim government hiked the minimum wage for unskilled workers by 67 percent to Rs 500. The daily wage for unskilled laborers was Rs 300 which is now increased to Rs 500 with retrospective effect from 11th July 2022. The daily wage for semi-skilled workers was increased from Rs 320 to Rs 520. The skilled laborers or workers will now get Rs 535, which was earlier Rs 335. Highly skilled labor will be paid Rs 565 per day, instead of Rs 365 per day. (Click here to read the article)

• Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao decided to name Telangana’s new secretariat after Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar. The move came after the Telangana legislative assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the central government to name the new Parliament building in New Delhi after the chief architect of the Constitution. (Click here to read the article)

• The Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has launched the pre-production run of India’s first lithium-ion cell manufacturing facility at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. This state-of-the-art facility has been set up by Chennai-based Munoth Industries Limited with an outlay of Rs 165 crores. (Click here to read the article)

• The Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh at Imphal launched a web facility to gather complaints and concerns from the general public. The web portal is called “CM Da Haist,” which translates to “to inform the CM,” and the public can express their complaints there by visiting www.cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in. The status of the complaints may also be checked by the complainants. (Click here to read the article)

• Maharashtra Tourism Ministry has decided to rename the Daulatabad fort to Devgiri which is located near Aurangabad. This decision comes after Shiv Sena Chief Uddhav Thackeray. It is a national heritage monument, which is maintained by the Archeological Survey of India (ASI). Previously Maharashtra’s former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray was renamed Aurangabad Sambhajinagar. (Click here to read the article)

• Maharashtra: The state’s deputy chief minister, Devendra Fadnavis, revealed in a meeting that the Maharashtra government intends to create an organisation along the lines of Niti Aayog. The organisation would be in charge of doing thorough data analysis and coming to informed choices about various state sectors. (Click here to read the article)
The Bihar government is set to introduce a "no-bag day" rule in schools and a mandatory games period at least once a week to reduce the burden on students. The weekly "no-bag day" will have task-based practical classes. At least once a week, students will come to school only with their lunch boxes. (Click here to read the article)

Nagaland Prison Department goes digital by introducing the mobile attendance application for Prison staff. Advisor for Prisons, Printing & Stationery, H. Haiying launched the Prison staff Attendance App at the District Jail Kohima. The mobile app was initiated by the State Prison Department in collaboration with Excellogics Technology Solution Private Limited. (Click here to read the article)

Tamil Nadu has notified the country’s first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' in Palk Bay covering the coastal waters of Thanjavur and Pudukottai districts with an area of 448 square kilometres. In September 2021 Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN) initiated the idea of the 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' to be established in the Palk Bay region, in order to protect the endangered Dugong species and its marine habitats in Tamil Nadu. (Click here to read the article)

Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly is all set to have a day reserved for women legislators to speak and raise women-centric issues in the House. The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath wrote a letter to all women legislatures and told them about initiatives taken by Government under Mission Shakti Scheme which is a historic moment. (Click here to read the article)

Chhattisgarh government has decided to launch a campaign on women’s safety titled ‘Hamar Beti Hamar Maan’ (our daughter, our honour). The focus of the campaign is creating awareness on safety measures among school- and college-going girls and prioritising registration and investigation of women-related crimes. The launch of the campaign was announced by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. (Click here to read the article)

The Assam government has decided to use SAANS, an air pressure machine developed by a Bangalore-based start-up, in the state-run hospitals across the state. ‘SAANS’ is a portable neonatal Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) system that can provide lifesaving breathing support to infants in hospital settings as well as during travel. (Click here to read the article)

Telangana festival Bathukamma: The state floral festival known as Bathukamma has started in Telangana, and ladies are taking part in it in great numbers. The state’s nine-day official celebration got underway on the 25th. On the auspicious anniversary of Bathukamma, Prime Minister Narendra Modi thanked everyone, especially the Nari Shakti of Telangana. (Click here to read the article)

Uttarakhand received the first prize in two categories, for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism from the Ministry of Tourism. The State’s Tourism and Culture minister Satpal Maharaj received the awards from Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar during the presentation of the National Tourism Awards 2018-19 in New Delhi. (Click here to read the article)

The Uttar Pradesh cabinet has gave a green signal for the development of the first tiger reserve in the Bundelkhand region. The tiger reserve will span across 52,989.863 hectares of land including 29,958.863 hectares of buffer area and 23,031.00 hectares of the core area which was already notified as Ranipur wildlife sanctuary in the Chitrakoot district of the state. (Click here to read the article)

PM Modi to inaugurate Rs 29,000-crore projects: During his two-day visit to Gujarat, which is nearing election day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will dedicate a number of infrastructure and development projects totaling more than Rs 29,000 crore. The first CNG (compressed natural gas) terminal in the world is scheduled to be inaugurated, together with phase 1 of the Ahmedabad Metro and phase 1 of the Diamond Research and Mercantile (DREAM) City in Surat, according to a statement released by the Gujarati government. (Click here to read the article)
- Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1st September till 30th September. Rashtriya Poshan Maah serves as a platform to bring focus to the discourse of nutrition and good health. Maah serves as a platform to bring focus to the discourse of nutrition and good health. In the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the aim is to convert Jan Andolan into Jan Bhagidari to fulfil the Prime Minister’s vision of a Suposhit Bharat. The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is “Mahila aur Swasthya” and “Bacha aur Shiksha”. (Click here to read complete article)

- The Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) takes a unique initiative to support the research efforts of the upcoming bright mind of India. CCRAS has developed the Studentship Program for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) for Ayurveda students (BAMS) in recognized Ayurveda colleges. (Click here to read complete article)

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a new initiative, the development and upgradation of 14 thousand 500 schools across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana. PM-SHRI schools will become model schools which will encapsulate the full spirit of the National Education Policy. The centrally sponsored scheme will be implemented by strengthening existing schools selected from amongst those managed by the Central government, states, Union Territories and local bodies. (Click here to read complete article)

- President Draupadi Murmu will launch the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan virtually on 9th September 2022. The Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan aims to eliminate tuberculosis from India by 2025. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given a distinctive call to end TB in India giving years ahead of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of 2030. (Click here to read complete article)

- Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST) is a new I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering Facility Map) Initiative. The WEST initiative was launched by Dr. Pravinder Maini, Scientific Secretary, Office of Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India. The WEST program aims to empower women to contribute to the science, technology, and innovation system. (Click here to read complete article)

- SETU programme: To connect entrepreneurs in India with US-based investors, the commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal has created a programme called SETU (Supporting Entrepreneurs in Transformation and Upskilling). With SETU, mentors in the US who are eager to support entrepreneurship can connect with Indian firms that are just getting off the ground. (Click here to read the article)

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurial Shri Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Ramkrishna Mission ‘Awakening’ Program for students of classes I to V. During the occasion, Secretary of the Ramkrishna Mission Swami Shantatmanada, Chairperson CBSE, Smt. Nidhi Chibber, and other officials of KVS, NVS, and the Ministry were present. (Click here to read the article)

- Dharmendra Pradhan introduces SCALE app: The SCALE (Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees) app was unveiled on September 20th by Minister of Education and Skill Development Dharmendra Pradhan at the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI) in Chennai. This app provides a one-stop solution for the education, testing, and employment requirements of the leather sector. (Click here to read the article)

- Lt General V K Saxena inaugurated ‘We Care’ a community policing initiative here aimed at spreading awareness about various schemes of the Delhi Police among people. This initiative is inaugurated at an event organised at Kartavya Path at India Gate on the occasion of ‘Sewa Divas, which is being celebrated to mark the 72nd birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (Click here to read the article)

- Make in India, the flagship program of the Government of India that aspires to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, and build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure, completes 8 years of path-breaking reforms on 25th September 2022. Launched in 2014 under the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, ‘Make in India’ is transforming the country into a leading global manufacturing and investment destination. (Click here to read the article)

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- Andhra Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the ‘Parley for the Oceans’, a U.S.-based company that works for plastic-waste management. The minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Audimulapa Suresh, MAUD Principal Secretary, Y.Sri Lakshmi, and Founder of Parley for the Oceans, Cyril Gutsch. (Click here to read complete article)

- The Tata steel company and the Punjab government have agreed to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year (MnTPA) long products steel facility with an electric arc furnace (EAF) powered by scrap. Tata Steel’s decision to build the greenfield facility at Kadiana Khurd in Ludhiana’s Hitech Valley is a part of the company’s commitment to investing in a circular economy and switching to low-carbon steel making through steel recycling. (Click here to read complete article)
• ICICI Bank and NMDFC ink an Agreement: The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) announced that it had entered into an agreement with ICICI Bank for the creation of mobile applications and financial accounting software. According to a formal announcement, ICICI Bank will develop, construct, and deploy the application for NMDFC in addition to giving source code and executable database data, among other things. (Click here to read complete article)

• The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in order to advance digital creativity capabilities throughout the nation, has struck a partnership deal with Adobe. According to a release, under the terms of the agreement, Adobe will provide training for educators, provide courses, and incorporate digital creativity into the curriculum to give kids the fundamental creative and digital literacy skills they need to succeed in today's digital-first society. (Click here to read complete article)

• Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Smiths Detection, a global leader in threat detection and security inspection technologies, for offering advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market. The MoU, signed for a period of five years and can be extended further by mutual consent, will leverage the high-end, technological capabilities of both firms to meet India's domestic security needs. (Click here to read complete article)

• Bharti Airtel has launched a pilot project in partnership with the TP Northern Odisha Distribution to offer bill payment solutions to more than 2 million customers. The pilot project will be mobilized to 4000 Airtel Payment Banks (APBs) in northern Odisha to facilitate the bill payments. The company's ambition is to scale the project across Odisha and eventually partner with other state electricity boards for similar solutions said the Airtel IQ Business head Abhishek Biswal. (Click here to read complete article)

• The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) individually with the Indian School of Business (ISB), which is a top-ranking global business school, to offer world-class management education through entrepreneurial programs targeted towards youth and job seeking entrepreneurs. (Click here to read complete article)

• SBI-WAARE collaborate: The largest solar panel producer in India, WAAREE, has an agreement with State Bank of India (SBI) for unsecured solar project financing through the Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme and working cash for channel partners under EDFS (Electronic dealer finance scheme). Through the Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme, WAAREE plans to leverage a credit line of more than ₹500 million and offer loan borrowers a digital platform for a simple application process. (Click here to read complete article)

• The Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Limited and Foxconn Group will invest more than ₹1.54 lakh crore to set up an semiconductor ecosystem in Gujarat. The oil-to-metals conglomerate said Vedanta Displays Limited will set up a Display Fab Unit with an investment of Rs 94500 crore and Vedanta Semiconductors Limited will set up an integrated Semiconductor Fab Unit and OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility with investment of Rs 60000 crore. (Click here to read the article)

• MeitY Startup Hub and Meta Collaborate: In association with Meta, MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) will introduce a programme to help and accelerate XR technology entrepreneurs in India. The program's announcement is scheduled for September 13, 2022. At the event will be Joel Kaplan, Vice President, Global Policy, Meta, and Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Hon'ble Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology, Skill Development & Entrepreneurship. (Click here to read the article)

• IBM and IIT Madras collaborate: Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-Madras) and International Business Machines (IBM) have cooperated to improve quantum computing research and talent development in India. IIT-Madras joins the IBM Quantum Network's global membership of over 180 organisations through this agreement. (Click here to read the article)

• India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), a division of India Post, the country's postal giant, has partnered with the Indian microblogging platform Koo. IPPB has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Koo to boost financial inclusion and literacy in the country. (Click here to read the article)

• Amity University Uttar Pradesh signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to form a long-term relationship for Academic cooperation. The MoU between Amity University and Indian Navy will enhance the educational qualifications improving the prospect for ‘in-service’ appropriate nautical assignment and better placements in superannuation from the Indian Navy. (Click here to read the article)

• The Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) signed a FinTech Co-operation Agreement to facilitate regulatory collaboration and partnership in FinTech technology. The agreement is expected to leverage existing regulatory sandboxes in their respective jurisdictions to support experimentation of technology innovations. (Click here to read the article)

• India and Egypt have signed an MoU to bolster defense cooperation and decided to enhance joint military exercises, training, co-production, and maintenance of equipment. The MoU was signed by Defence Ministry of India Rajnath Singh and General Mohamed Zaki from Egypt at a meeting in Cairo. (Click here to read the article)
• Hero MotoCorp has joined hands with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd to set up charging infrastructure for electric two-wheelers in the country. As a part of the initiative, the two companies will first establish charging infrastructure at Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's (HPCL) existing network of stations, with the likelihood of subsequently broadening the collaboration for supplementary business opportunities. (Click here to read the article)

• NCC and UNEP sign an agreement: Rajnath Singh, the defence minister, saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). A Memorandum of Understanding was inked to use the Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme and the Puneet Sagar Abhiyan to combat plastic pollution and achieve the objective of clean water bodies. It aims to coordinate initiatives to involve young people in promoting clean water bodies. (Click here to read the article)

• Defense Ministry signs an MoU with BoB and HDFC: In order to reach seventeen lakh defence pensioners nationwide, the Defence Ministry has inked an MoU with Bank of Baroda (BoB) and HDFC Bank as part of the SPARSH-System for Pension Administration program. Dr. Ajay Kumar, the secretary of defence, stated that by the end of this month, seventeen lakh of the thirty-two lakh defence pensioners will be added to SPARSH. (Click here to read the article)

• The Electronics Sector Skill Council of India (ESSCI) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Samsung India to empower the youth with industry-relevant skills. It will be a part of the government’s ‘Skill India’ initiative that aims to empower the youth with industry-relevant skills in emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, Big Data and Coding & Programming, in a bid to enhance their employability. (Click here to read the article)

• Royal Society of Chemistry and CSIR collaborate: A initiative to promote chemical sciences in schools and universities is being supported by a partnership between the Royal Society of Chemistry and the Council for Industry and Scientific Research (CSIR). Throughout 30 CSIR laboratories hosted the RSC’s Global Coin experiment, which involved about 2000 students from all over the nation. (Click here to read the article)

• Air India announced that it has signed a definitive sale and lease back agreement with Nasdaq-listed Willis Lease Finance Corporation for 34 CFM56-5B engines installed on its Airbus A320 family fleet. According to the company statement, the engines will be covered under Willis Lease’s ConstantThrust, which will deliver significant reliability and cost savings over a traditional MRO (Maintenance, Repair and Operations) shop visit programme. (Click here to read the article)

• An Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, Nagesh Singh has been appointed as India’s next ambassador to Thailand. He will replace the incumbent ambassador Suchitra Durai. (Click here to read complete article)

• Indian Information Service officer, Vasudha Gupta was appointed as the director general of the news services division of All India Radio. Gupta, who was director general in the Press Information Bureau, assumed charge of her new post immediately. All India Radio Director General N Venudhar Reddy superannuated. (Click here to read complete article)

• Rajesh Kumar Srivastava has been appointed as the interim new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the state-run Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) by the Central Government. Rajesh Kumar Srivastava is the third interim Chief who has been appointed, as the government has not made any full-time appointment yet in 17 months. (Click here to read complete article)

• Jasprit Bumrah has been signed as the Brand Ambassador of the "Uppercase" eco-friendly luggage brand. Jasprit Bumrah is managed by RISE Worldwide which is a Reliance Initiative and India’s largest sports, and entertainment Company will lead the D2C brand’s ‘Never Ordinary’ campaign. (Click here to read complete article)

• Yamuna Kumar Chaubey takes over as Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC for three months beginning September 1. He succeeded Abhay Kumar Singh. (Click here to read complete article)

• The coffee giant Starbucks has appointed its new Indian-origin Chief Executive Officer, Laxman Narasimhan. He will join Starbucks on October 1, after replacing Howard Schultz who will continue as interim chief until April 2023.

• Kalyan Chaubey, who was a goalkeeper with the storied Mohun Bagan and East Bengal football clubs in Kolkata, was elected president of the All India Football Federation.
• Rajya Sabha Chairman and Lok Sabha Speaker jointly decided that **Utpal Kumar Singh**, currently holding the post of Secretary General Lok Sabha, will additionally charge the functions of CEO Sansad TV. Ravi Kapoor has been relieved of his duties as the Chief executive officer (CEO) of Sansad TV. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has signed off on the proposal to appoint Captain **Binesh Kumar Tyagi** as the new chairman and managing director of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI). The appointment is for five years from the date of assumption of charge of the post, or till the date of his superannuation, or until further orders, whichever is the earliest, according to an office order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• Supreme Court judge Justice **DY Chandrachud** has been appointed as the next executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). The post was previously held by the Chief Justice of India **UU Lalit**. President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice D.Y. Chandrachud as the executive chairman of the NALSA. Before being elevated as a judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Chandrachud served as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and prior to that a judge of the Bombay High Court. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The Tuticorin-based **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** Ltd has announced the appointment of **Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam** as the Managing Director and CEO with effect for three years. His appointment was approved by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), pursuant to its letter of approval dated August 18, 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The **Karnataka government** has appointed Kannada actor **Kiccha Sudeep** as the brand ambassador for 'Punyakoti Dattu Yojana' a cattle adoption scheme. The announcement was made by Animal Husbandry Minister **Prabhu B Chavan**. The minister also said that the actor has decided not to charge for being the ambassador of the scheme, which is aimed at encouraging adoption by the public for the purpose of rearing cattle in 'goshalas' (cow shelters). ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• State-run city gas utility, **Mahanagar Gas Limited (MGL)**, has appointed **Mahesh Vishwanathan Iyer** as the company's new chairman. Iyer was director (Business Development) with GAIL (India) Limited till last month. Gail is the promoter of MGL. Iyer is an electrical engineer with more than 36 years of experience in the execution of projects in the areas of gas pipelines, LNG terminals, city gas distribution projects, renewables etc, amounting to Rs.40,000 crore. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• Senior diplomat **Sanjay Kumar Verma** has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Canada. He succeeds Acting High Commissioner **Anshuman Gaur**. **Amit Kumar**, currently Consulate General of India in Chicago, has been named as the next ambassador to the Republic of Korea. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• Peiter Elbers assumed the charge of Indigo's chief executive officer, over three months after he was announced as the replacement for outgoing CEO **Ronojoy Dutta**. Elbers, the former chief executive of KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, was named as the next CEO by IndiGo on May 18, 2022. He has been at the helm of KLM since 2014. The 52-year-old is also a member of the executive committee of the Air France – KLM Group. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• The public enterprise’s selection board (PESB) has selected **Ajit Kumar Saxena** for the post of Chairman & Managing Director of “A” Miniratna Category-I Company, **MOIL Limited**. He is currently working as Director (Operations) of RINL-Viskakapatnam Steel Plant. He had taken charge as the Director (Operations) on October 17, 2019. Prior to this assignment, he had worked as Chief General Manager, Mills, IISCO, Burnpur, Steel Authority of India Ltd. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• Indian superfood brand **Pintola, Fastmoving consumer goods (FMCG)** company announced a renowned Indian Football Captain, **Sunil Chhetri** as Brand Ambassador. He was appointed as Pintola Brand Ambassador for his similar values of consistency and perfection with the company to promote the idea of a healthier India to this generation. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• **Dinesh Kumar Batra**, Director (Finance) & CFO, has taken additional charge as Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Navratna Defence PSU **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** with effect from September 1, 2022. He was instrumental in the company’s move to foray into the Electro-Explosive segment. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).

• Chief Justice of Madras High Court, the Centre appointed **Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari** as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the **Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)**. Justice Bhandari is due to retire on September 12. The order was issued by the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance. ([Click here to read the article](#)).

• **Nayara Energy** announced **Prasad K Panicker** as the new Chairman of the company. Prasad K Panicker is the Director and Head of the Refinery, and he will be replacing Charles Anthony Fountain who served for five years. The tenure of the new chairman of Nayara Energy will start on **3rd October 2022**. Under the guidance of the former Chairman Charles Anthony Fountain, the company reached some of the greatest achievements and he has improved the level of performance and financial performance of the company. ([Click here to read the article](#)).
• American Express Banking Corp India has appointed Sanjay Khanna as its chief executive officer (CEO) and country manager. At present, Khanna heads the country executive team and is responsible for driving growth across the organisation’s consumer and commercial businesses. In his new role, Khanna will be leading several business development initiatives for American Express, while steering collaboration across its diverse businesses in India, adding his position will be key to strengthening the company's strategic focus in the country. (Click here to read the article)

• Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi is set to be appointed the 14th Attorney General for India again after KK Venugopal vacates the post. This will be Rohatgi’s second time as AG, after his first stint between June 2014 and June 2017. At the end of June this year, AG Venugopal’s tenure was extended for a period of three months or “until further orders”. This extension is set to expire on September 30. (Click here to read the article)

• Burjeel Holdings, a private healthcare services provider in the MENA region has signed Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan as its new brand ambassador. The company is owned by UAE-based Indian entrepreneur Shamsheer Vayallil. The actor will appear in a multi-platform advertising campaign in the region for the group that will be unveiled in the coming weeks. (Click here to read the article)

• Bharatpe has appointed BP Kanungo, former deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), and Kaushik Dutta, current Chairman of Zomato, as the Independent Directors of Fintech Firm Bharatpe. Previously, former Chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI), Rajnish Kumar was the director of the company. (Click here to read the article)

• Sanjay Kumar Rakesh, a former IAS officer, has been named managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by the central government. The appointment follows Dinesh Tyagi’s resignation from the position, who was instrumental in increasing the number of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at the moment. (Click here to read the article)

• BVR Subrahmanyan (IAS) has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO). He will be replacing LC Goyal. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Subrahmanyan on September 15. (Click here to read the article)

• The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Pralay Mondal as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of CSB Bank for three years. He was the Deputy Managing Director of the bank since February 17, 2022, and was subsequently appointed as interim MD & CEO with effect from April 1, 2022. (Click here to read the article)

• Auto industry body, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected Vinod Aggarwal as its new president for 2022-23. Aggarwal, the MD and CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles, succeeds Kenichi Ayukawa, the executive vice-chairman of Maruti Suzuki India. (Click here to read the article)

• National Human Rights Commission of India chairperson justice (retd) Arun Kumar Mishra has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF). He has also been elected as a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Bureau at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the APF. (Click here to read the article)

• Retired Gujarat cadre officer, Bharat Lal has been appointed as the Director General, National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG). Bharat Lal, a 1988-batch Indian Forest officer of Gujarat cadre, had served as Gujarat government’s resident commissioner in Delhi and has been known to be close to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the then chief minister of the state. (Click here to read the article)

• Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has announced Rohit Sharma, sports icon and captain of men’s Indian Cricket team, and his wife Ritika Sajdeh, as its brand ambassadors. Max Life has signed a two-year partnership with the cricketing star and his spouse, who are making their debut onscreen together. (Click here to read the article)

• The Supreme court of India appointed retired judge Justice L. Nageswar Rao for amending the constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and preparing the electoral college of the association. Justice Rao will come up with a series of recommendations for the amendment of the constitution and help the body to hold its election by 15 December 2022. (Click here to read the article)

• Dr Rajiv Bahl has been appointed as the new director general of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)-cum-secretary of the department of health Research for a period of three years. (Click here to read the article)

• As the new Chairman and Managing Director of RailTel, Sanjai Kumar is in charge. Sanjai Kumar previously held the position of Director (Network Planning & Marketing/NPM) at RailTel, along with the added responsibility of Director (Project, Operations & Maintenance/POM). (Click here to read the article)

• Former India captain Dilip Tirkey, who was the front-runner for the post of Hockey India president, was elected unopposed for the top job. He was elected after Uttar Pradesh Hockey chief Rakesh Katyal and Hockey Jharkhand’s Bhola Nath Singh, who were in the fray for the president’s post, withdrew their nominations. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has approved Tirkey and his team’s appointments. Bhola Nath has been elected unopposed as secretary general. (Click here to read the article)
The dean of Employees' State Insurance Company (ESIC) Hospital and Medical College, Hyderabad, Dr M Srinivas has been appointed the director of New Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), nearly six months after the tenure of the previous director, Dr Randeep Guleria, formally ended. (Click here to read the article)

Senior bureaucrat Rajendra Kumar has been appointed the director general of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation, as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the Centre. Kumar, a 1992-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Tamil Nadu cadre, is currently an additional secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. He has been appointed the DG of ESIC, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry. (Click here to read the article)

Data Security Council of India New CEO: Data Security Council of India (DSCI), a leading industry organisation founded by NASSCOM, promoted senior vice president Vinayak Godse and named him the organisation's new CEO. Vinayak Godse will succeed Rama Vedashree, who oversaw Data Security Council of India (DSCI) for nearly six years. (Click here to read the article)

India's largest bakery foods company, Britannia Industries has appointed Rajneet Kohli as executive director and chief executive officer effective September 26, 2022. The board has also elevated Varun Berry to executive vice-chairman and managing director with immediate effect. He has 27 years of work experience with premier companies like Hindustan Unilever, PepsiCo, etc. (Click here to read the article)

Leading Fintech platform Stashfin has appointed BFSI (Banking, Financial Services and Insurance) expert and former MD and CEO of SBI Cards, Vijay Jasuja as Non-Executive Independent Director. He also served as a Director at PNB Cards. (Click here to read the article)

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced that IFS officer Bandaru Wilsonbabu, who is now joint secretary in the ministry of external affairs, has been named as India's new ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar. He is anticipated to start the assignment soon. Abhay Kumar will be replaced by Wilsonbabu, who most recently worked as the joint secretary for the Eurasia section. (Click here to read the article)

Joseph Gebbia added to the Tesla board: Tesla Inc. said that Airbnb co-founder Joseph Gebbia has joined the board of directors, reversing a decision to reduce the number of directors at the most valuable automaker in the world. (Click here to read the article)

**Ranks and Reports**

The number of cybercrimes has climbed up to **18.4 percent in 2021** and there is a rise of **28 percent** of such cases against women in the report released by the National Crime Records Bureau. Cybercrime against women includes cyber-threatening and blackmailing, cyber pornography, posting obscene material, stalking, defamation, morphing, etc. (Click here to read complete article)

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released an **Accidental Deaths & Suicides** report, as per the number of suicide-related deaths in India reached an all-time high in 2021. In 2017, 1.64 lakh people committed suicide, a 7.2% rise from 2020, when 1.53 lakh people had done so. Since 1967, the first year for which statistics are available, there have been more suicide-related fatalities than ever before. (Click here to read complete article)

Life Insurance Company (LIC) is out of the top 10 companies by market capitalization as it has been replaced by Bajaj Finance and Adani Transmission. LIC has dropped to 11th position in the list, Bajaj Finance at 10th, and Adani Transmission at 9th position. (Click here to read complete article)

Forbes Asia released the 2nd edition of the list titled 'Forbes Asia-100 to Watch 2022'. The list highlights small companies and startups on the rise across the Asia-Pacific region. The list for 2022 featured 11 startup companies from India along with 19 companies from Singapore, followed by 16 start-ups from Hong Kong, 15 from South Korea, and 13 from China. According to Forbes, 15 countries and territories are represented across 11 categories that include biotechnology and healthcare, e-commerce and retail, and finance. (Click here to read complete article)

The World Bank acknowledged that the Indian government's decision to have centralised procurement, support to long-term market development and production of Emergency Medical Equipment (EME), and early export restrictions worked in its favour during the public health emergency in the country in a paper titled "India Covid-19 Procurement: Challenges, Innovations, and Lessons." (Click here to read complete article)

Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped among all Ministries/Departments for resolving Public Grievances in the ranking. The report was published by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG). In a statement released by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, it is stated that UIDAI is further committed in serving the people of India and has been a catalyst for both ease of living and business. (Click here to read complete article)
- Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat have been ranked as the top three states among larger states in terms of the overall implementation of the Centre’s flagship Poshan Abhiyan, according to a Niti Aayog report. Sikkim was the best performer among the small states. The report titled ‘Preserving Progress on Nutrition in India: Poshan Abhiyan in Pandemic Times’ further said that 12 out of 19 large states had an implementation score of over 70 per cent. (Click here to read complete article)

- Uttar Pradesh, with 9.12 million cases, ranks at the top in the number of disposal and entry of cases through the e-Prosecution portal managed by the Union government under its Digital India Mission. According to the figures till the end of August, Madhya Pradesh followed in second spot at 2.31 million, Bihar with 859,000, Gujarat with 487,000 and Chhattisgarh with 383,000 cases. (Click here to read complete article)

- IT services firm Tata Consultancy Services became India’s most valuable brand in 2022, according to a report by market data and analytics firm Kantar, displacing long-time topper HDFC Bank. TCS, with a brand value of $45.5 billion in 2022, is followed by HDFC Bank at $32.7 billion. HDFC Bank has held the No.1 position since the ranking was unveiled in 2014. (Click here to read the article)

- The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZP) in West Bengal’s Darjeeling has been adjudged the best zoo in the country, while Kolkata’s Alipore Zoological Garden has secured the fourth position. There are around 150 zoos across the country. As per the list, the Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai has secured the second position, followed by the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens in Mysore, Karnataka. (Click here to read the article)

- Blockchain analysis platform Chainalysis published its global crypto adoption index for 2022 of nations with the highest cryptocurrency adoption rate with India ranking fourth in the list, two spots down from last year. Chainalysis report noted that the emerging markets dominate the Global Crypto Adoption Index this year. (Click here to read the article)

- Global wealth totalled $463.6tn at the end of 2021, a rise of $41.4tn (9.8%), the report said. Wealth per adult grew by $6,800 (8.4%) during the course of the year to reach $87,489, close to three times the level recorded at the turn of the century. (Click here to read the article)

- According to the Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report 2020, India’s under-5 mortality rate has dramatically decreased from 35 per 1,000 live births in 2019 to 32 per 1,000 live births in 2020, with the largest fall observed in Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Karnataka. (Click here to read the article)

- The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) will launch the ‘Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan’ programme under National Clean Air Programme 2019 (NCAP) to rank cities based on their actions to improve air quality. The ranking will be based only on the actions taken by the cities to improve the air quality in different domains and not on the measurement of the air quality parameters to rank the cities. (Click here to read the article)

- Nikhil Kamath, the cofounder of Zerodha, topped the ‘IFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022’ with a net worth of Rs 17,500 crore. Bhavish Aggarwal, the founder of Ola, came in second place (Rs 11,700 crore), and Divyank Turakhia of Media.net in third place (Rs 11,200 crore). (Click here to read the article)

- Reliance Jio Chairman Akash Ambani, son of billionaire Mukesh Ambani, has been named by TIME magazine in the TIME100 Next list that recognises "rising stars from across industries and around the world. Significantly, he is the only Indian to be featured on the list this year. (Click here to read the article)

- The world’s largest online professional network, LinkedIn has released its 2022 LinkedIn Top Startups List for India, revealing the top 25 startups that have shown resilience in an uncertain market environment, and are continuing to innovate in 2022. (Click here to read the article)

Sports Current Affairs

- The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) announced its collaboration with HSBC India in order to support Indian women athletes, particularly the young ones. Under the terms of the cooperation, talented girls will be chosen from the Under-14 and Under-16 National Inter District Championships and trained to compete on a worldwide scale. (Click here to read complete article)

- Indian Spinner Rahul Sharma has announced retirement from international and domestic cricket. In 2011, the tall leg-spinner came into the limelight where he represented Pune Warriors in IPL. Rahul Sharma made his ODI debut against West Indies in 2011 under Virendra Sehwag’s Captaincy. (Click here to read complete article)

- Amlan Borgohain, who holds the 200m national record, has now added the 100m record to his name. The 24-year-old from Assam clocked 10.25s (wind speed +1.8, legal) to break the six-year-old national record of Amiya Kumar Mallick (10.26s) at the 87th all-India inter-Railway athletics championships in Rae Bareli, Uttar Pradesh. (Click here to read complete article)

- New Zealand all-rounder Colin de Grandhomme has announced his retirement from international cricket. The 36-year-old cricketer made his decision after discussions with the country's cricket board and hence, has been released from his central contract. (Click here to read complete article)
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- The upcoming Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 in India will see the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) technology making its debut in the age-group showpiece, world football governing body FIFA announced. The prestigious tournament, which was given the go-ahead by FIFA after lifting the 11-day-long suspension of the All India Football Federation (AIFF), will be held in Bhubaneswar (Kalinga Stadium), Margao (JLN Stadium) and Navi Mumbai (DY Patil Stadium) from October 11-30. (Click here to read complete article)

- Apeksha Fernandes became the first Indian woman to make the Junior World finals by finishing eighth overall. Apeksha Fernandes sets a new national record with a time record of 2:18.18. She finished eighth in the women's 200m butterfly finals by clocking 2:19.14 at the FINA World Junior Swimming Championships 2022. (Click here to read complete article)

- Leh is all set to host the first-ever Mountain Bicycle, MTB, World Cup - the ‘UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup in India. The ‘UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup’ will be organized in collaboration with the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh and the Cycling Association of India. The Ladakh leg of the Eliminator World Cup is part of ten professional race series held in various cities across the world. (Click here to read complete article)

- Red Bull’s driver Max Verstappen has won the Dutch Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022. Mercedes’ George Russell & Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc came at the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Verstappen has now won 10 of this season’s 15 races. It was his 72nd podium finish & he collected 26 points from this race. Verstappen won the Dutch GP in 2021 as well. He has now won a total of 30 races. (Click here to read complete article)

- Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram wins the 22nd Dubai Open Chess Tournament with 7.5 points. While seven Indians finished in the top 10, R. Praggnanandha was in the second spot with five others. Aravindh Chithambaram and R. Praggnanandha settled for a draw in the ninth and final match, which enabled Aravind Chithambaram to finish the match with seven and a half points ahead of the rest of the field. (Click here to read complete article)

- Mushfiqur Rahim announces his retirement from T20 international cricket. Mushfiqur Rahim Bangladesh wicketkeeper announced his retirement on 4th September. The decision came after Bangladesh faced defeat in Asia Cup 2022 match against Sri Lanka. He announced retirement from the short-format game, and he would continue to play one-day international and test cricket. (Click here to read complete article)

- IIT Madras joins Inspire Institute of Sports: IIT Madras researchers and Inspire Institute of Sports in Karnataka have joined forces to create the analytics platform “Smartboxer.” To boost India’s boxing medal total at the 2024 Olympics, advanced boxing analytics software is being created. IIT Madras’ Center of Excellence for Sports Science and Analytics is responsible for creating the multi-version software. (Click here to read complete article)

- Suresh Raina, the former Indian Batsman, announced his retirement from the Indian Premier League (IPL). Suresh Raina was not retained by Chennai Super Kings, nor he was picked by any team in IPL 2022 mega audition this year. He has been playing for CSK and has given commendable performance in the history of IPL. (Click here to read complete article)

- Pallathuruthy Boat Club, Mahadevikadu Kattil Thekkethil Chundan has scripted its maiden triumph in the Nehru Trophy boat race for snake boats at the Punnamada Lake in Alappuzha. The club, led by Santhosh Chacko, completed a hat-trick of wins. A total of 77 boats, including 20 snake boats, competed in this year’s Nehru Trophy. (Click here to read complete article)

- Six-year-old Anishka Biyani has won the gold medal in the Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship at Kuala Lumpur. Anishka, a first-grade student of Dhirubhai Ambani School, achieved the feat in the Under-6 Open category with an impressive score of four points out of a possible six to clinch the title in the girl’s category. (Click here to read complete article)

- Mastercard has announced its collaboration with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to expand its strategic outreach to Indian audiences. During the collaboration between Mastercard and BCCI, Mastercard will be the title sponsor of all the international matches including men and women, held on the home grounds, domestic cricket matches like Duleep Trophy, Ranji Trophy, and Irani Trophy. Also, all junior cricket matches are held in India. (Click here to read complete article)

- Japan wins the singles finals of the 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament in Osaka. Japan is the host country of the 2022 Japan Open Badminton Tournament. Nishimoto Kenta, 28 years old, won his first career title in the men’s. Yamaguchi Akane, World Champion won for the second successive week in women. After three years, Japan Open was held for the first time due to the pandemic and only Yamaguchi managed to defend her title. (Click here to read complete article)

- Diamond League 2022 Finals: Neeraj Chopra gained another accomplishment when he won the Diamond League Final in Zurich. Neeraj Chopra has now won the Diamond League Trophy, making him the first Indian to do it. The expert javelin thrower recorded a throw of 88.44 metres on his second attempt, which was sufficient for him to win the competition. (Click here to read complete article)
• Aaron Finch, Australia's captain announced his retirement from one-day international cricket after Australia's third and final ODI against New Zealand. Finch will continue to be the captain of the Australian cricket team for T20 and will lead it in defense of its world title in the T20 World Cup which is going to be held in October and November in Australia. (Click here to read complete article)

• Sikkim will host three Ranji trophy matches for the first time in December. The state will welcome three northeast teams: Mizoram, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, at the Mining Cricket Ground near Rangpo. The BCCI's decision to allow Sikkim to host three of its Ranji matches at home will act as a game-changer in cricket's promotion in Sikkim. Along with Ranji Trophy matches, Sikkim will also play two Cooch Behar Trophy matches, and three Col CK Nayudu Trophy matches at Mining. (Click here to read the article)

• Max Verstappen won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix. Max Verstappen claimed his first win or podium finish, at Monza after fighting from seventh on the grid to beat Charles Leclerc over the line. He is 116 points ahead of Charles Leclerc in the driver standings after winning a race whose final six laps were run with the safety car after Daniel Riccardo slid off the track. (Click here to read the article)

• Iranian-French chess grandmaster, Alireza Firouzja beat Ian Nepomniachtchi in play-offs to win the ninth edition of the Sinquefield Cup. Firouzja also grabbed an extra $100,000 for winning this year's Grand Chess Tour. Wesley So and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave came in second and third place, respectively. The fifth leg of the Grand Chess Tour, the Sinquefield Cup was held in Saint Louis, Missouri, US. (Click here to read the article)

• Virat Kohli has now become the first cricketer who have notched up 50 million followers on Twitter. Team India’s star cricketer and former skipper Virat Kohli has now achieved another big feat, but this time it is on the social media. Virat Kohli has popularity in all the platforms of social media which includes 211 million followers on Instagram and 49 million followers on Facebook as well. (Click here to read the article)

• Robin Uthappa has announced his retirement from all forms of Indian cricket. In last season’s IPL, Uthappa played 12 matches for Chennai Super Kings and scored 230 runs with his highest score being 88. (Click here to read the article)

• Roger Federer Retirement: One of the greatest sporting careers will come to a close when Roger Federer, 41, announces his retirement following the Laver Cup in London. (Click here to read the article)

• Vinesh Phogat won bronze at the World Wrestling Championship 2022 in the women's 53kg category. Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championship. She also became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at both the Commonwealth and Asian Games. At Commonwealth Games 2022, she won the gold medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling category. (Click here to read the article)

• Former Pakistan umpire Asad Rauf has passed away due to suspected cardiac arrest. He breathed his last at the age of 66. He was one of the legendary umpires Pakistan ever produced, along with the likes of Aleem Dar. (Click here to read the article)

• In the SAFF U-17 Championship Title, India beats Nepal with 4-0 in the finals. The SAFF U-17 Championship final was held in Racecourse International Stadium, Colombo, Sri Lanka. (Click here to read the article)

• 15-year-old, Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India’s 76th Chess GrandMaster (GM) after winning against International Master (IM) Emin Ohanyan of Armenia. He received the title after he crossed the 2,500 Elo points in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania. A month before Pranav Anand became India’s 76th GM, Pranav Venkatesh became India's 75th Grandmaster. (Click here to read the article)

• Sunil Chhetri-led Bengaluru FC beat Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the final of the 131st edition of Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata. Goals from Siva Sakthi in the 10th minute and Alan Costa's 61st-minute strike were enough to help Bengaluru lift the crown. Aputa got the lone goal for the Mumbai side in an entertaining match. (Click here to read the article)

• Indian javelin thrower, Devendra Jhajharia has clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco. Paralympics gold medalist Devendra threw the javelin to a distance of 60.97 meters to capture the silver. (Click here to read the article)

• A host of changes have been announced by the International Cricket Council to the Playing Conditions, which will come into effect on October 1, 2022. The Men’s Cricket Committee led by former India captain Sourav Ganguly recommended changes to the Playing Conditions in MCC's updated 3rd Edition of the 2017 Code of the Laws of Cricket. (Click here to read the article)

• Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia won the bronze medal after defeating Daulet Niyazbekov of Kazakhstan in the men's freestyle 65kg category at the World Wrestling Championships 2022. It was Bajrang's fourth medal at the world championships. (Click here to read the article)
• Bangladesh won a historic victory at the SAFF Women’s Championship to lift the maiden title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal. The Bangladesh team defeated hosts Nepal by 3-1 in the finals before a full stadium to watch some brilliant football on display. Bangladesh skipper Sabina Khatun, who was the top scorer of the tournament netting eight goals in five games, dedicated the trophy to the people of Bangladesh. Goalkeeper Rupna Chakma from Bangladesh was named the best goalkeeper. (Click here to read the article)

• Czech Republic’s 17-year-old, Linda Fruhvirota, scripted a brilliant comeback to win the Chennai Open 2022 WTA 250 tennis singles. The teenager beat Magda Linette of Poland, the third seed, in the final. In doubles, the top-seeded pair of Brazil’s Luisa Stefani and Canada’s Gabriela Dabrowski defeated Russian Tennis Federation’s Anna Blinkova and Georgia’s Natela Dzalamidze 6-2, 6-1 in the one-sided final. (Click here to read the article)

• The International Cricket Council has announced that the World Test Championship 2023 Final will be hosted by The Oval in June 2023 while the 2025 final will be played at Lord’s. The two venues in London will succeed Southampton, which hosted the inaugural final between New Zealand and India in 2021. New Zealand emerged as the victors in the first edition. (Click here to read the article)

• The legendary Women’s Cricketer, Jhulan Goswami announced her retirement from all forms of the game in a touching farewell statement on September 25. Jhulan played her last international game at the Lord’s on the 24th, and she went out on a high note by helping India women defeat England women 3-0 in an ODI series. (Click here to read the article)

• Eliud Kipchoge shattered his own world record on 25 September, with a time of 2:01:09 to win the Berlin marathon. It’s the second time the Kenyan runner has set the official men’s world record at the race in the German capital. Kipchoge’s previous best in an official 42.2km race was 2:01:39 set on the same course in 2018. Ethiopia’s Tigist Assefa won the women’s race in a course record of 2:15:37, the third fastest time in history. (Click here to read the article)

• The West zone has defeated the South zone by 294 runs to win their 19th title in the final day of the 2022 Duleep Trophy at the SNR College Cricket Ground, Coimbatore. The 2022 Duleep trophy was the 59th season of the Duleep Trophy. (Click here to read the article)

• Teenaged Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi went down against world no.1 Magnus Carlsen in the final of the Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament, losing the second match 0-2. Having won the first match, the Norwegian had the advantage and he won the first two games of the second match to close out the finale early. (Click here to read the article)

• Team World defeated Team Europe to win the Laver Cup 2022 for the first time. Team World defeats Team Europe 13-8 to win the Laver Cup indoor tennis tournament. Frances Tiafoe and Felix Auger of Team World defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas & Novak Djokovic of Team Europe to win the competition. (Click here to read the article)

Summits And Conferences

• Defence Minister to hold bilateral talks to further consolidate defence cooperation between the two countries. He will also travel to Japan for the 2+2 Ministerial dialogue. In a first, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is scheduled to visit Mongolia from September 5 to 7. “The upcoming visit is the first ever visit by an Indian Defence Minister to Mongolia and will further consolidate the defence cooperation and strategic partnership between the two countries. (Click here to read complete article)

• The first Homeopathy International Health summit hosted by Dubai aimed to teach and promote a homeopathic system of medicine, medications, and practices. Burnett Homeopathy Pvt Limited, a company that deals with homeopathic dilutions, mother tincture, lower triturations tablets, unique medicines including drops, syrups, skincare, hair care, and other homeopathic remedies, organised the summit. (Click here to read complete article)

• Shri Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate ‘Manthan’ in Bengaluru. He will be accompanied by General Dr. VK Singh, Union Minister of State for RT&H and Civil Aviation, and Shri Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister, Karnataka. Ministry of Road, Transport, and Highways has organized Manthan, which is a three-day invitation conference cum public EXPO. Mathan aims to discuss multiple issues and opportunities in the roads, transport, and logistics sector and engage with the state. (Click here to read complete article)

• The 7th Edition of BSX 2022, is organized in association with the Indian Science and Research Organization (ISRO), Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE), and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). The 7th Edition of BSX 2022 is scheduled from 5th September to 7th September 2022 at BIEC in Bengaluru. Over 100 companies and organizations from around 15 countries participate in the exhibition to showcase advanced technologies and products for the space sector. (Click here to read complete article)

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to travel to Samarkand in Uzbekistan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit on September 15 and 16. This will be the first in-person summit after June 2019 when the SCO summit was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. (Click here to read the article)
• **India and Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue:** The second India-Japan 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Meeting was held in Tokyo on September 8, 2022, and was attended by the Indian Minister of Defence, Shri Rajnath Singh, the Indian Minister of External Affairs, Dr. S. Jaishankar, the Japanese Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Mr. HAYASHI Yoshimasa, and the Japanese Minister of Defense, Mr. HAMADA Yasuakazu. (Click here to read the article)

• **World Dairy Summit 2022:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the International Dairy Federation’s World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022 at the India Expo Center and Mart in Greater Noida, the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) said in a statement. Prime Minister Modi also visited the local exhibition. At the rally, the prime minister said the dairy sector’s potential would not only boost the rural economy, but would also be an important source of livelihood for millions of people around the world. (Click here to read the article)

• **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the ‘Centre-State Science Conclave’, in Ahmedabad. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the event via video conferencing, and highlighted the importance of ‘Sabka Prayas’ in the ‘Centre-State Science Conclave’. India is leading towards the fourth industrial revolution, and the role of India’s science and people related to this field is very important. (Click here to read the article)

• **Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit 2022:** The 4th Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit-2022 is being organised by the Madhya Pradesh Police to improve the knowledge and abilities of police sub-inspectors and senior investigating officers in order to effectively prevent cybercrimes. Yogesh Deshmukh, Additional Director General of Police, State Cyber Police Headquarters, stated during the summit’s curtain-raiser ceremony that more than 6000 people had registered to attend. (Click here to read the article)

• India has launched Joint Whitepaper on ‘Urban Wastewater Scenario in India’, with Denmark at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022 in Copenhagen. The ‘Urban Wastewater Scenario in India’ was facilitated by **Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** along with Danish Environment Minister Lea Wermelin and Development Co-operation Minister Flemming Moller Mortensen. (Click here to read the article)

• Varanasi city has been nominated as the first cultural and tourism capital during 2022-2023 at the 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand. The 22nd meeting of the SCO council in Samarkand was also attended by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization 2022 was the first in-person meeting of the regional group after the Covid-19 pandemic which was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. (Click here to read the article)

• The rotational presidency of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organization** has been handed over to India in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. Delhi will hold the presidency of the grouping for a year until September 2023. And next year, India will host the SCO summit. In the declaration, it is stated that the presidency of the SCO for the forthcoming period passes to India. The next meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State will be held in 2023 in India. (Click here to read the article)

• **Global Clean Energy Action Forum:** Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Science and Technology and Minister of state for earth science, **Jitendra Singh** will lead the Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation of the Ministry of Power, New and Renewable Energy and Ministry of Science and Technology on a five-day visit to USA to participate in the Global Clean Energy Action Forum. (Click here to read the article)

• The **Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar virtually addressed the **Leeds-2022 conference** organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in New Delhi. The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare informed the conference that India’s agricultural sector has registered a growth of 3.9 percent despite being hit by a global pandemic. India can meet the food needs of a large part of the world as India is moving fast to become a world leader in the agriculture sector. (Click here to read the article)

• **10th IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference:** in New York, the 10th Trilateral Ministerial Commission conference of the India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) was conducted. **Dr. S. Jaishankar**, the minister of external affairs, presided over the meeting. Additionally present during the conference were **Dr. Joe Phaahla**, South Africa’s Minister of Health, and **Carlos Alberto Franco França**, Brazil’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. The Ministers went over every aspect of IBSA collaboration. (Click here to read the article)

• **Arogya Manthan 2022** event was officially launched by the Union Health Minister in Government of India, **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** to commemorate four years since the launch of the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) and one year since the launch of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). (Click here to read the article)

• **Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah** is likely to inaugurate a daylong dairy cooperative conclave of the eastern and northeastern zones in Sikkim on October 7. The conclave is being organised by the **National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India (NCDFI)**. (Click here to read the article)
• Union Minister for DoNER, Tourism & Culture, G. Kishan Reddy has launched the two-day virtual conference ‘SymphoNE’. The Virtual Conference ‘SymphoNE’ is being organized on 24th & 27th of September 2022 by the Ministry of Development of the North Eastern Region on the occasion of World Tourism Day. (Click here to read the article)

• Union Education and Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated and addressed the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 on the theme of “Education to Employability – Making It Happen.” in New Delhi. The Summit would look through the NEP lens and focus on how India can become the “Skill Capital of the World,” using the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) as an underlying theme. (Click here to read the article)

Awards & Recognition

• The Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs & Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri presented Smart Solutions Challenge & Inclusive Cities Awards 2022. These awards are an initiative of the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA) and the United Nations (UN) in India to address city-level accessibility and inclusion challenges faced by persons with disabilities (PwD), women and girls, and the elderly. (Click here to read complete article)

• The former President of the United States Barack Obama won Emmy Award for his narration in the Netflix documentary “Our Great National Parks”. Obama already has two Grammys and is now halfway to an EGOT- the achievement of having won all four of the major American entertainment awards i.e. an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony. (Click here to read complete article)

• On the occasion of Teachers Day, President Droupadi Murmu has honoured 45 selected teachers from across the country with National Awards at Vigyan Bhawan New Delhi. India is celebrating its 50th National Teachers’ Day. The day is celebrated on September 5 every year which is the birth anniversary of India’s second President Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was also a scholar, philosopher, and Bharat Ratna awardee. (Click here to read complete article)

• Telugu writer and actor, Tanikella Bharani was presented with the annual Sahitya Puraskar of the Loknayak Foundation (18th Loknayak Foundation Award) at an award ceremony held at Kalabharathi Auditorium, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. (Click here to read complete article)

• West Bengal has been accredited the International Travel Award 2023 for Best Destination for Culture by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), an affiliate member of the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO). The award will be presented at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders’ Summit in Berlin, Germany, on March 9, 2023. For the second year in a row, World Travel Awards selected the Republic of Cuba as the Caribbean’s Leading Cultural Destination in 2022. (Click here to read complete article)

• The 31st Vyasa Samman was conferred on to well-known Hindi writer Dr Asghar Wajahat at a function in New Delhi. He has been chosen for the prestigious award for his play Mahabali. In his play Mahabali, Dr. Wajahat focuses on Mughal emperor Akbar and poet Tulsidas. Through the play, he attempts to answer who is the real Mahabali, the poet or the emperor. (Click here to read complete article)

• Former India Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba has been conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or Meritorious Service Medal (Military) (MSM(M)), by President Halimah Yacob. Admiral Lanba has been conferred the award for his outstanding contributions in enhancing the strong and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy. (Click here to read complete article)

• Union Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh has presented INSPIRE Awards to 60 startups along with financial support to 53,021 students, the Ministry of Science & Technology. The award is instituted by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, and these innovators will be extended complete incubation support for their entrepreneurship journey. (Click here to read the article)

• Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineering Limited (GRSE), Kolkata, has been awarded the ‘Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar’ by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. GRSE was awarded by the Government of India for the best implementation of official language under public sector undertakings in region ‘C’ for the year 2021-22. (Click here to read the article)

• Swati Piramal, Vice Chairperson, Piramal Group has been conferred the Chevalier de la Légion d’Honneur (Knight of the Legion of Honour). The highest French civilian award comes in recognition of Piramal’s outstanding achievements and contribution in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine, art and culture, both nationally and internationally. (Click here to read the article)
- Gujarati film “Chhello Show”, a coming-of-age drama about a young boy's love affair with cinema in a village in Saurashtra, is India’s official entry for the 95th Academy Awards or Oscar awards, the Film Federation of India (FFI) announced. Titled “Last Film Show” in English, the Pan Nalin directorial will release in theatres countrywide on October 14. The 95th Academy Awards are scheduled to take place on March 12, 2023 in Los Angeles. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 29-year-old actress, Alia Bhatt has been awarded the Best Actor at the prestigious Priyadarshini Academy Smita Patil Memorial Award. This award is given for her commendable contribution to Indian cinema at the 38th-anniversary celebrations of the premier non-profit, socio-cultural and educational organisation, Priyadarshini Academy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has won the United Nations (UN) award for its ‘India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI),’ a large-scale hypertension intervention under the National Health Mission (NHM) that saw 3.4 million hypertensive people identified and put on treatment at various government health facilities. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has been awarded the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022 by the Airport Council International (ACI). The award is considered to be the highest honour in the global aviation sector. CIAL received the award in the 5-15 million passenger category of airports operating in the Asia-Pacific region. The award is for its implementation of the ‘Mission Safeguarding’ programme, which ensured seamless traffic and reinforced passenger satisfaction in the aftermath of the pandemic. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Britain’s Indian-origin Home Secretary, Suella Braverman has been named winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award at a ceremony in London. The 42-year-old barrister, who was appointed to the Cabinet earlier this month by British Prime Minister Liz Truss, said it was the “honour of her life” to take on the new role at the Asian Achievers Awards (AAA) 2022 ceremony, dedicated to the memory of the late monarch who passed away recently. Braverman was previously Attorney General between 2020-2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ayushmann Utkrishta Award 2022 has been given to Uttar Pradesh for adding several healthcare facilities to the health facility register. With 28728 new healthcare facilities added to the National Health Facility Register, Uttar Pradesh is the best performing state in the nation. With over 2 crore ABHA Accounts, the state is also the second best State for creating Ayushmann Bharat health accounts (ABHA). These are the state's initial few landmarks. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Important Days**

- In India, the first week of September every year is celebrated as National Nutrition Week. The week is observed every year from September 1-7. The purpose of this week is to raise awareness among the general public about the value of healthy eating practices and proper nutrition for upholding a healthy lifestyle. The theme for this year is Celebrate a “World of Flavors”. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- World Coconut Day is celebrated on 2nd September every year. The day is observed to emphasise and spread knowledge of the value and advantages of coconuts. The World Coconut Day theme for this year is “Growing Coconut for a Better Future and Life”. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The International Day of Charity is observed on September 5. On this day, philanthropic and humanitarian efforts of any kind are honoured. September 5 was chosen to celebrate the day because it is Mother Teresa's death anniversary. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The International Day of Clean Air for blue skies is observed globally on September 07 to promote and facilitate actions to improve air quality. It focuses on the transboundary nature of air pollution highlighting the need for collective accountability and collective action. This year’s theme of “The Air We Share” focuses on the transboundary nature of air pollution. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated on 8 September every year all across the globe to make people aware of the meaning and importance of literacy for individuals and societies. The day spread awareness about the importance of literacy for individuals, communities, and societies and the need for intensified efforts towards more literate societies. This year's International Literacy Day will be celebrated worldwide under the theme, “Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces”. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is an international observance established by a unanimous decision of the United Nations General Assembly in 2020. It is observed on September 9 of each year. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- World EV Day 2022 is observed on the 9th of September. World EV Day is observed to emphasize the importance of e-mobility. World EV day helps to spread awareness about sustainable transport facilities to the people. Air pollution is mainly caused by transportation, and EVs are one of the major alternatives to decrease air pollution. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), celebrated annually on 10 September, is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO). The overall goal of this day is to raise awareness about suicide prevention worldwide. The theme of WSPD 2022, “Creating hope through action,” reflects the need for collective action to address this urgent public health issue. (Click here to read complete article)

The National Mission for Clean Ganga organized Himalayan Diwas on September 09, in association with Naula Foundation. The day is celebrated with an aim to preserve the Himalayan ecosystem and region. Himalaya Day 2022 was observed under the theme ‘Himalayas will be safe only when the interests of its residents are protected. (Click here to read complete article)

The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation is observed annually on September 12 to highlight the importance of cooperation among people and countries in the global South. The day also aims at spreading awareness on the social, economic, and political developments made in the Southern region. (Click here to read the article)

National Forest Martyrs Day is observed on September 11 to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect forests and wildlife. The observance of the National Forest Martyrs is marked by several events aimed at creating awareness about protecting forests and the environment at large. The day holds a lot of significance in the present scenario when depleting green cover is among the greatest challenges in front of the world. (Click here to read the article)

World First Aid Day is celebrated every year on the second Saturday of September. This year, World First Aid Day 2022 falls on 10 September 2022. The day is recognized worldwide to promote the significance of first aid, which is an important fundamental skill, and to create awareness on a global level about how it can save precious lives. The day was introduced first by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC). (Click here to read the article)

The month of September is recognized as International PCOS Awareness Month. Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a common hormonal disorder in women that is also the leading cause of female infertility. Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) is a serious genetic, hormone, metabolic and reproductive disorder that affects women and girls. (Click here to read the article)

In India, Engineer’s Day is celebrated on September 15 every year. The day is celebrated to recognise the contribution of engineers in the development of the nation. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Sir Moksha Gundam Visvesvaraya, who is considered one of the greatest engineers of India. (Click here to read the article)

This year, September 15 marks the 15th anniversary of the International Day of Democracy. The day is celebrated annually around the world to strengthen democracies and highlight its values and principles. This year, Democracy Day will focus on the importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals. (Click here to read the article)

World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD) is held on September 15 every year and is a day dedicated to raising awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer. It is a global initiative hosted by the Lymphoma Coalition. (Click here to read the article)

World Ozone Day or the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed on the 16th of September. The day aims to create awareness about the importance and need of the Ozone layer which is the single protection on Earth against UV rays coming out from the sun. The theme announced by the UN Environment Programme for International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer 2022 is ‘Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth’. (Click here to read the article)

World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on 17 September to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety. The day focuses on preventing and reducing risks, errors, and harm that patients face. This year, the theme of World Patient Safety Day 2022 is ‘Medication Safety’ along with the slogan ‘Medication Without Harm’ with a call to action to ‘Know, Check & Ask’. (Click here to read the article)

International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on 18 September, represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value. The symbolic day aims at highlighting issues related to the gender pay gap and raising worldwide awareness. (Click here to read the article)

World Bamboo Day 2022 is observed on September 18 in order to raise awareness about the conservation of this extremely useful plant. Conceptualised by the World Bamboo Organisation (WBO), this day also promotes the bamboo industry by highlighting its concerns. (Click here to read the article)

Every year, the full week ending on the last Sunday of September is observed as the International Week of the Deaf (IWD). In 2022, IWD is being observed from September 19 to 25 September 2022. The theme of the 2022 International Week of Deaf People is “Building Inclusive Communities for All”. (Click here to read the article)

The International Day of Peace is observed globally on September 21. The United National General Assembly marks the day by promoting ideals of peace among nations and people by observing non-violence and ceasefire for 24 hours. This year’s theme is “End racism. Build peace.” (Click here to read the article)
• World Alzheimer's Day is observed annually on September 21 to raise awareness about neurological disorders. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia and affects the person's memory, mental ability, and ability to carry out simple tasks. This year’s theme for World Alzheimer's Month is 'Know Dementia, know Alzheimer's'. (Click here to read the article)

• World Rhino Day is observed on 22nd September to spread awareness about the different Rhinoceros species and the dangers they face. This day also celebrates all five rhino species namely the Sumatran, Black, Greater One-horned, Javan, and White rhino species. This year’s World Rhino Day will be observed under the theme "Five Rhino Species Forever". (Click here to read the article)

• World Rose Day for the welfare of cancer patients worldwide is celebrated annually on the 22nd of September. This day aims to encourage and support those people who are fighting their battle against cancer. World Rose Day was first observed in honour of 12-year-old cancer patient Melinda Rose from Canada, who died in 1996. According to reports, Rose was diagnosed with Askin's Tumour in 1994, which is a rare form of blood cancer. (Click here to read the article)

• The International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) is celebrated annually across the world on 23 September. The day is a unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users. The theme for the 2022 International Day of Sign languages is “Sign Languages Unite Us!”. (Click here to read the article)

• The National Cinema Day was previously announced to be held on September 16, however, on request from various stakeholders and in order to maximize participation, it was rescheduled to September 23. The day has been scheduled by the Multiplex Association of India (MAI). Over 4,000 screens at multiplexes from across the country, including PVR, INOX, Cinepolis, Carnival, and Delite, have teamed up to offer a “celebratory admission price” of Rs 75 to mark National Cinema Day. (Click here to read the article)

• Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on 25th September in India. It marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is celebrated in his honour to remember his life and legacy. He was one of the most prominent personalities in the history of Indian politics. This year, the Antyodaya Diwas marks the 105th birth anniversary of Upadhyaya. He was the co-founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) thinker. (Click here to read the article)

• International Daughter's Day is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September. This year, the day is being celebrated on September 25. This day is celebrated to cherish our daughters who bring love and happiness to our lives. (Click here to read the article)

• Every year on September 25, World Pharmacist Day is commemorated with the goal of highlighting and advocating the pharmacist’s contribution to health improvement. The occasion of World Pharmacy Day serves as a reminder to honour all medical specialists who provide their services with empathy and understanding. This year’s theme, "Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world," aims to promote unity and highlight the sound effects of pharmacy on health. (Click here to read the article)

• The United Nations observes 26 September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination. (Click here to read the article)

• World Tourism Day 2022 is observed on 27 September globally. This day is celebrated every year to focus on promoting tourism in various parts of the world. It was initiated by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 is 'Rethinking Tourism'. (Click here to read the article)

• World Environmental Health Day is observed on September 26, every year. The goal of observing the day is to increase public awareness of the environment’s condition and encourage people to take the required steps to stop it from getting worse. The theme for this year’s World Environment Health Day is “Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals”. (Click here to read the article)

• World River Day is observed to raise awareness regarding water bodies and to promote their conservation. It is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September, and this year, it falls on September 25. The theme for this year's World Rivers Day is ‘The importance of Rivers to Biodiversity’. (Click here to read the article)

• UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has declared 28 September as International Day for Universal Access to Information. The theme of the Global Conference on Universal Access to Information in 2022 is “Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information”. (Click here to read the article)

• World Rabies Day is celebrated each year on September 28 as a tribute to Louis Pasteur – the inventor of the first effective rabies vaccine in the world. According to the World Health Organisation, the theme of World Rabies Day 2022 is ‘Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths.’ (Click here to read the article)

• On 29 September 2022, the International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste is observed globally. The theme for International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste 2022 is "Stop Food Loss and waste, for the people, for the planet". (Click here to read the article)
• Every year on the 29th of September, people all around the world observe World Heart Day. The day is observed to raise awareness about the rising concerns of heart health, cardiovascular illnesses, the impact of overexercising on the heart and how heart care is of utmost importance. The theme for World Heart Day 2022 is 'USE HEART FOR EVERY HEART'. With increasing global awareness about cardiovascular diseases and learning to manage the disease. (Click here to read the article)

• The International Maritime Organization observed World Maritime Day on the last Thursday of September. This year, it will be observed on September 29. The theme for World Maritime Day 2022 is 'New technologies for greener shipping' – which reflects the need to support a ‘green transition of the maritime sector into a sustainable future while leaving no one behind.’ (Click here to read the article)

• International Translation Day is being celebrated every year on 30 September to raise awareness about translation and languages which play an important role for society’s development. The theme for this year’s International Translation Day is 'A world without barriers'. (Click here to read the article)

### Defence Current Affairs

• The Tejas Mark-2 project has received approval from the PM Narendra Modi-led Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS), advancing India’s push for indigenous fighter aircraft. The Tejas Mark-2 project, which would cost more than 6,500 crore, was cleared by the CCS. The Tejas Mark-2 will be crucial to the country's military forces. On the Tejas Mark-1, technologies including fly-by-wire, avionics, composites, and others have been previously demonstrated. (Click here to read complete article)

• Indian Army chief General Manoj Pande was conferred the title of Honorary General of the Nepali Army by Nepal President Bidya Devi Bhandari in Kathmandu. General Pande was honoured at a special ceremony at the President’s official residence ‘Shital Niwas’ in the capital city of Nepal. He has also presented a sword and scroll during the function. (Click here to read complete article)

• The first Indian Defence Minister to visit Mongolia, Rajnath Singh was gifted a majestic horse “Tejas” by President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh. Seven years after Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a similar gift from the then Mongolian counterpart Chimed Saikhanbileg during his historic visit to this country. The horse was named Kanthaka. (Click here to read complete article)

• Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and the Indian Army completed six flight tests of the Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, on the Odisha Coast, as part of evaluation trials. (Click here to read complete article)

• 'Taragiri’, the third stealth frigate of the Indian Navy’s Project 17A, was launched in Mumbai, the Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) said. This ship has been built using an integrated construction methodology which involves hull block construction in different geographical locations and integration and erection on the slipway at the MDL, it said in a statement. (Click here to read the article)

• Indian Army’s Kharga Corps and the Indian Air Force have conducted a joint exercise ‘Gagan Strike’ in Punjab. The exercise, conducted over four days, comprised the deployment of attack helicopters as the aerial arm in support of ground forces carrying out drills, practising annihilation of enemy defences and deep penetration. It also showcased the precision firepower of the attack helicopters in coordination with ground forces’ mechanised columns. (Click here to read the article)

• Early Intervention Center “Prayas”: At Army Hospital (Research and Referral) in the nation’s capital, a model “Early Intervention Centre- Prayas” has been built with the goal of easing suffering and fostering confidence in parents while dealing with children who have special needs. The Early Intervention Centre is a vast, cutting-edge facility specifically created for kids with exceptional needs. (Click here to read the article)

• The military camp at Kibithu Garrison, which is very close to the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh, has been renamed as ‘Gen Bipin Rawat military garrison’ in honour of the country’s first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) who was killed in a chopper crash last December. As a young Colonel, Rawat commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles at Kibithu from 1999-2000 and contributed immensely to strengthening the security structure in the area. (Click here to read the article)

• National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition: The two-day National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition begins in Kota, Rajasthan. In the exhibition, defence gear including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery cannons, numerous sniper and machine gun types, and military bridges are on display. (Click here to read the article)

• The sixth edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22), hosted by the Indian Navy, began in the Bay of Bengal. The Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) ships are being led by Rear Admiral Hirata Toshiyuki, Commander Escort Flotilla Four, and Indian naval ships by Rear Admiral Sanjay Bhalla, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. (Click here to read the article)
INS Satpura and P 8 I Maritime Patrol Aircraft of the Indian Navy reached Darwin in Australia for participating in the multinational Exercise Kakadu 2022, which is hosted by the Australian Navy. The Exercise Kakadu 2022 will be a two-week exercise both in the harbor and at sea. (Click here to read the article)

Border Security Force (BSF) first female camel riding squad will be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan & Gujarat. The squad will participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1st December. This Squad will be the first of its kind in the world. Giving this information, DIG BSF Bikaner, Pushpendra Singh Rathore said that Intensive training was given to this squad at the Bikaner Regional Headquarters of BSF under the supervision of skilled trainers. (Click here to read the article)

IAF’s Project Cheetah: The Israeli Heron drones would be equipped with strike capabilities as part of the Indian Air Force’s Project Cheetah under the Make in India programme. The Project Cheetah aims to improve the Indian Air Force’s fleet of Israeli-made Heron unmanned aerial vehicles with stronger communication capabilities and long-range missiles that can hit enemy sites. (Click here to read the article)

Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pandey has inaugurated Kargil International Marathon in Ladakh. The events are organized by the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Kargil, and Ladakh police in collaboration with Sarhad Pune. The events include runs of full length, Half, 10 km, and 5 km. In the International Marathon, over 2000 runners participated. (Click here to read the article)

The Indian Air Force is set to retire its Srinagar-based MiG-21 squadron ‘Sword Arms’ that Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman. MiG-21 squadron ‘Sword Arms’ was a part of when he had downed an F-16 combat aircraft of Pakistan a day after the Balakot strike in February 2019. ‘Sword Arms’ is one of its four remaining squadrons of ageing MiG-21 fighter jets. (Click here to read the article)

ENC Yachting Championship was conducted by INWTC. INS Circas under the aegis of HQENC at Vishakhapatnam. Prize distribution and closing ceremony were facilitated by the Chief Guest, Cmde Sumantra Hazarika, Director MWC (V). (Click here to read the article)

Patrol vessel Samarth commissioned: The new ship for the Indian Coast Guard in Kochi will unquestionably improve the operational capability of the Indian Coast Guard at sea. The ship was operating under the operational control of Coast Guard District Headquarters-4 while it was headquartered in Kochi from Goa. (Click here to read the article)

The Indian Army has achieved a remarkable achievement, activating satellite-based Internet service on the Siachen Glacier, which is the world’s highest battlefield. On the same day, the domestic defense industry was invited to offer critical equipment for emergency procurement in consonance with its commitment to ‘fight future wars with Indigenous solutions’. (Click here to read the article)

INS Ajay was decommissioned after rendering 32 years of service to the nation. The decommissioning of INS Ajay was conducted at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai in the traditional manner. The national flag, naval ensign, and the decommissioned pennant of the ship were lowered for the last time at sunset, signifying the end of the ship’s commissioned service. (Click here to read the article)

Abhyas drill: The Coast Guards of India and the United States participated Off the coast of Chennai in the massive Abhyas drill or the Abhyas joint drill. The United States Coast Guard (USCG) Cutter Midgett’s four-day visit came to an end. The USCG ship and the Indian Coast Guard discussed best practices for search and rescue operations while they were in port. (Click here to read the article)

Two indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessels (DSVs), Nistar and Nipun were launched by the Indian Navy in Visakhapatnam. The vessels, built by Hindustan Shipyard Ltd., were launched by Kala Hari Kumar, in the presence of Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff, who presided over the ceremony as chief guest. (Click here to read the article)

The Indian Army and the Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE) have jointly installed the Avalanche Monitoring Radar, the first of its kind in India, in north Sikkim. Besides being used for the detection of avalanches, this radar can also be employed to detect landslides. The avalanche radar was made operational by the Defence Research and Development Organisation’s wing DGRE, which is involved in forecasting and mitigating of avalanche hazards faced by the Indian Army in the Himalayan region. (Click here to read the article)

HAL Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility inaugurated: Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) integrated cryogenic engine manufacturing facility was inaugurated in Bengaluru by Indian President Smt Droupadi Murmu. On this occasion, President Droupadi Murmu virtually lay the cornerstone for the South Zone Zonal Institute of Virology. (Click here to read the article)

Swedish defence firm Saab announced its plan to set up a manufacturing facility in India for the Carl-Gustaf M4 shoulder-fired weapon system under the NDA government’s ‘Make in India’ initiative to bolster indigenous defence manufacturing, a company official said. Production at the new facility is expected to begin in 2024, even though the firm is yet to reveal the location. (Click here to read the article)
• **L&T Technology Services**, a provider of high-end engineering services, recently announced that European luxury automaker BMW Group had awarded it a five-year, multi-million dollar contract to supply high-end engineering services for its suite of infotainment consoles intended for its family of hybrid vehicles. According to a statement from the firm, the engineers on the LTTS team will offer services in the areas of software build and integration, infotainment validation, and defect management. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

• **Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)** under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, in collaboration with the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore, successfully designed and conducted the Cyber Security Exercise “Synergy for 13 Countries.” The Group is being led by India under the leadership of the National Security Council Secretariat. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

• **5 PSLV rockets to be built by HAL-L&T**: The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, HAL-L&T consortium, making the industry’s first entrance into end-to-end production of polar satellite launch vehicles, has secured a Rs 860 crore contract from NewSpace India Limited to produce five rockets (PSLV rockets). The HAL-L&T cooperation won the right to produce PSLV from beginning to end after three bids were subjected to a techno-commercial examination. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

• **IAD technology successfully used by ISRO**: The Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD), which ISRO says is a game-changer with numerous implications for future missions including to Mars and Venus, was successfully tested. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), an ISRO division, successfully test-flew an IAD from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station on a “Rohini” sounding rocket (TERLS). ([Click here to read complete article](#))

• **NASA’s Experiment MOXIE**: An gadget the size of a lunchbox (MOXIE by NASA) is demonstrating its ability to consistently carry out the work of a tiny tree on the red and dusty surface of Mars, some 100 million miles from Earth. Since April 2021, roughly two months after it landed on the Martian surface as part of NASA’s Perseverance rover and Mars 2020 mission. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

• **The National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS)** and the **UK government** has jointly conducted the virtual Cyber Security Exercise for 26 countries. The exercise is a part of the India-led International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group, facilitated by the **British Aerospace (BAE) Systems**. The exercise is a part of the India-led International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group, facilitated by the British Aerospace (BAE) Systems. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

• **Agnikul Cosmos**, one of India’s private space startups, has secured its first patent for the design and manufacturing of its **3D-printed rocket engine**. The patent, which has been offered to the company under the Centre’s patent database, comes after the company opened doors to its first factory to 3D print rocket engines at scale. The patent has been rewarded to the company for its **Agnilet rocket engine**, which will power the company’s Agniban rocket that is scheduled to launch later this year. ([Click here to read the article](#))

• **Hughes Communication India (HCI)**, has collaborated with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), to launch its first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband internet service in the country. Since last year, the company has been testing its operations in northern India. Through the first high throughout satellite (HTS) broadband internet service, the company has promised to deliver high-speed satellite broadband service to remote locations across India from the desolate part of Leh Ladakh to the northeastern part of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))

• **Google Cloud** has announced it has launched the first cohort of its computing foundations with Kubernetes course in collaboration with **FutureSkills Prime, an IT Ministry and Nasscom digital skilling initiative**. The beginner-level course aims to provide participants an opportunity to experience cloud computing, cloud basics, big data and machine learning (ML). ([Click here to read the article](#))

• **ISRO tests hybrid motors successfully**: The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully tested a hybrid motor. This may lead to the development of a new propulsion system for next launch vehicles. The Bengaluru-based space agency claimed that the 30 kN hybrid motor tested at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu is stackable and scalable. ([Click here to read the article](#))

• **NASA’s DART Mission to collide with an asteroid**: In order to test a crucial technology that might be used to divert asteroids heading towards Earth, the Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission, which is nearing the end of its life, will fall on an asteroid. The spacecraft has travelled along a celestial path under Jupiter's supervision, which is the largest planet in the solar system. On September 26, the spacecraft will travel at a speed of 24,000 kilometres per hour as it collides with the Didymos binary asteroid system, softly deflecting and altering its orbit. ([Click here to read the article](#))

• **Amazon establishing its first solar project in India**: Amazon said that its first solar farm would be located in India. Three solar power plants with a combined capacity of 420 megawatts (MW) will be built in Rajasthan by the largest e-commerce company, **Amazon**. Along with **Amp Energy**, Amazon has also contracted to 210 MW and 110 MW projects with ReNew Power and Brookfield Renewables, respectively. ([Click here to read the article](#))
Indian Railways is installing a Real-Time Train Information System (RTIS), developed in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), on locomotives “for automatic acquisition of train movement timing at the stations, including that of arrival and departure or run-through". (Click here to read the article)

**Books & Authors**

- **Minister of State for AYUSH, Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai** has released a book titled “Science Behind Surya Namaskar” a collection of evidence-based research on one of the most well-known Yoga asanas at the AIIA. The book was compiled by the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, at AIIA. (Click here to read complete article)

- A new book on divorce laws and various religions in the post-colonial era was released at the India International Centre. The book ‘Divorce and Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India’ talks about family law, religion, and gender politics in India. The book has written by Saumya Saxena, a British Academy Fellow at the faculty of History, University of Cambridge, the book talks about the Indian state’s difficult dialogue with divorce, which reconciles largely through religion. (Click here to read complete article)

- A senior journalist Pavan C Lall has authored a new book ‘Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story’, which is set to be released in September 2022. The book will be published by HarperCollins Publishers India. The book is focused on how a business is built into a large organisation on the foundations of values and sustainability.

- **Navtej Sarna’s** latest book, *Crimson Spring*, longlisted for the JCB Prize for Literature, starts with the Jalianwalla Bagh massacre that took place on April 13, 1919, and goes back and forth in time to bring that era and the aftermath of the event alive. (Click here to read the article)

- Former Dutch field hockey player and former Indian Women’s Hockey Coach, Sjoerd Marijne, authored a new book titled “Will Power: The Inside Story of the Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women’s Hockey”. The book published by HarperCollins Publishers India will be launched in September 2022. (Click here to read the article)

- The entrepreneur-author, P.C. Balasubramanian (PC Bala) authored a new book “Rajini’s Mantras: Life lessons from India’s mostloved Superstar” in English. It was published by Jaico Publishing House (India). (Click here to read the article)

- Former President Ram Nath Kovind has launched a book titled ‘Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer’s Ideas Performer’s Implementation’. The book, compiled by Bluekraft Digital Foundation, explores the life and works of Dr BR Ambedkar while drawing a parallel with the initiatives and reforms taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to implement the ideals of the social reformer. (Click here to read the article)

- **Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyen:** At a ceremony in New Delhi, well-known actor Manoj Bajpayee published a book titled Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyen in the presence of Apurva Chandra, the secretary of information and broadcasting. A variety of poetry are offered in the book. Jiwesh Nandan is the author of it. (Click here to read the article)

- Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a collection of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s selected speeches** at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi. The book titled “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas” Prime Minister Narendra Modi Speaks (May 2019-May 2020)’ was released in the presence of Kerala Governor Arif Mohammad Khan at a function here organized by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. (Click here to read the article)

- The Vice President, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar has released the book titled “Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay – Jeevan Darshan Aur Samsamikta” (five volumes) in New Delhi and on this occasion highlighted the importance of Pt Deendayal’s thoughts in contemporary times. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, former Union Minister Dr Murli Manohar Joshi and other dignitaries were among those attending the event. (Click here to read the article)

- The English translation of the award-winning book “Lata: Sur-Gatha” will be released in January 2023. “Lata: A Life in Music”, originally written in Hindi by writer-poet Yatindra Mishra, is translated by noted writer and translator Ira Pande. And now celebrating the life and times of Lata Mangeshkar on her 93rd birth anniversary in 2023, the book is being published in the English language announced by publisher Penguin Random House India. (Click here to read the article)
Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a virtual school and students from across the country will be eligible for admission. The application process for the Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS) began on August 31. The school is for Classes 9-12. Admission to the schooling platform will be open for students across India and they will also be prepared by experts for entrance exams like NEET, CUET and JEE along with skill-based training. (Click here to read complete article)

The Jammu & Kashmir Police has launched an online Mobile application “JK Ecop”. The App enables the common citizens to use a host of services ranging from registering a complaint to downloading a copy of an FIR. A citizen can also make requests like obtaining a character certificate, employee verification, or tenant verification through this App. Details about missing persons and unidentified dead bodies etc can also be obtained through this portal. (Click here to read complete article)

The Railways Ministry tops the list of government agencies that ignored the CVC’s recommendations against corrupt officers and employees and resolved matters in accordance with their own disciplinary procedures. 55 similar occurrences were discovered across government agencies in the annual report for 2021, 11 of which were in the Railways. (Click here to read complete article)

Kartik Aaryan-starrer “Bholu Bhulaiyaa 2” will be adapted into a comic book series. Production houses T-Series and Cine1Studios have teamed up with Diamond Comics, India’s iconic comic book distributor and publisher, to bring ‘Rooh Baba Ki Bholu Bhulaiyaa’, based on Aaryan’s character, to the young audience. (Click here to read complete article)

Oscar-winning music icon, AR Rahman recently had the honour of getting Canada’s Markham city’s street named after him. He is one of the most loved musicians worldwide. Known as the ‘Mozart of Madras, Rahman has delivered several hit songs and compositions which will be remembered eternally. (Click here to read complete article)

The Government of India approved annual commemoration of “Hyderabad Liberation Day” for the years 2022 to 2023. On September 17, 2022, the Ministry of Culture will organise the inaugural event for the year-long celebration of Hyderabad Liberation Day. The goal is to raise awareness of the tale of sacrifice, heroism, and resistance among the current generation in India as a whole as well as in the region under study. (Click here to read complete article)

India’s first-ever ‘night sky sanctuary’ will be set up within the next three months in Hanle, Ladakh, Union Minister of Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh. This is a unique and first-of-its-kind initiative by the Indian government. The night sky sanctuary will be set up as part of the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary, the world’s second-largest nature reserve.

The Fatehgarh Central jail in Uttar Pradesh’s Farrukhabad district has earned a five-star rating from the Food Safety Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for the quality of food it serves to inmates. A third-party audit, empanelled by the FSSAI, provided the five-star ‘Eat Right Certificate’ to the jail. It is a recognition of food quality and hygiene, which means the inmates are getting quality food items prepared in jail. (Click here to read complete article)

Warangal and two cities from Kerala have joined the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level. Warangal in Telangana, Thrissur and Nilambur are among the 77 cities from 44 countries which have joined this network of the world body. Other cities that have joined the network are the Ukrainian capital Kyiv, Durban in South Africa and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) among others. (Click here to read complete article)

Indian Railways floated tenders for the first time to invite private players to build a wheel plant. The manufacturing and transport of wheels for the rakes were halted due to the Russia-Ukraine war. This initiative by the Indian Railways will make India self-reliant as well as draw a blueprint to become an exporter of wheels. The plant aims to manufacture at least 80,000 wheels every year for the Super-Fast Vande Bharat Express Trains in India. (Click here to read the article)

New version of the Vande Bharat 2: The Indian Railways will launch the new Vande Bharat Express, a high-speed train in its ongoing effort to provide passengers with the best amenities. According to the Ministry of Railways, Vande Bharat 2 According to the ministry, Vande Bharat 2 will have further improvements and developments, including a faster 0 to 100 Kmph time of just 52 seconds, a top speed of 180 Kmph, a lighter weight of 392 tonnes, and Wi-Fi content that is available when needed. (Click here to read the article)

Ladakh Screenwriters Fair: In Leh, Ladakh Lieutenant Governor RK Mathur effectively opened the five-day Ladakh Screenwriters Fair. Mr. Mathur claimed that Ladakh technologists and content providers are conversant with the motion picture business. Ladakh, he claimed, has contributed to the industry with its naturally stunning scenery and rich culture. He urged the attendees to learn from and follow the advice of film industry professionals in order to portray Ladakh in film media. (Click here to read the article)

The City of Los Angeles has officially designated September 17 Squid Game Day, in recognition of the South Korean Netflix series’ achievements. “Squid Game” was nominated for 14 Emmy Awards in July and is the first non-English language series to earn a nomination for Outstanding Drama Series. It was also the first Korean and first non-English language series to win a Screen Actors Guild Award. (Click here to read the article)
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- **Harappan Culture in Haryana:** The world's largest museum of Harappan culture is coming up in Rakigarhi in Haryana to showcase about 5,000-year-old Indus Valley artefacts. The village of Rakigarhi was part of the Indus Valley Civilisation from 2600-1900 BC. Haryana is slated to host the world's largest museum dedicated to the Harappan civilization. (Click here to read the article)

- **India’s first plastic project:** EKI Energy Services, a developer and seller of Carbon credits, announced that it is the first company to list an Indian plastic project (India's first plastic project) under a global accreditation standard. (Click here to read the article)

- **Delhi Police** has become the first police force in India to make a collection of forensic evidence mandatory in crimes punishable by more than six years. Delhi is a union territory and is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Home Affairs. Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora issued a 'Standard Order', to all the police units. (Click here to read the article)

- Union Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat declared Andaman and Nicobar Islands as India’s first Swachh Sujal Pradesh. With this accomplishment, all villages on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands have received the Har Ghar Jal certification and have been verified as ODF plus open defecation free. Safe and secure drinking water supply and its management is a crucial aspect of the Sujal and Swachh. (Click here to read the article)

- **The US Agency for International Development and UNICEF** launched the Doordarshan and YouTube series titled "Door Se Namaste" at a function held in New Delhi. A theatrical film on Daur Se Namaste was screened at the event, taking the audience through the main story, and showing how the messages of vaccine promotion and COVID-19 Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) have been interwoven in the entertainment education series. (Click here to read the article)

- **Kashmir is set to get its first multiplex:** The first multiplex in Kashmir will be opened today in Srinagar by Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha. After a three-decade hiatus, Kashmir will once again have movie theatres. The three movie theatres of the INOX-designed multiplex will have a combined seating capacity of 520 people. (Click here to read the article)

- **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** became the first Indian state/UT to achieve 100 percent coverage of precautionary dose. More than 2,87,216 beneficiaries aged 18 have been vaccinated with a precautionary dose. After 15th July, the rate of vaccination has seen a spike when the government decided to provide free-of-cost precautionary doses on the occasion of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’. (Click here to read the article)

- **Saffron from Kashmir GI-tagged:** Farmers in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are now able to sell their products on domestic and international markets thanks to the GI labelling of Kashmiri saffron. (Click here to read the article)

- **Jio Cinema’s OTT merger with Viacom18:** The merger of Jio Cinema OTT and Viacom18 Media received approval from the fair-trade regulator Competitor Commission of India (CCI). The CCI announced in a tweet on Monday that, following investments from BTS Investment and Reliance Projects & Property Management Services, it has approved the merger of the Jio Cinema OTT platform with Viacom18 Media. (Click here to read the article)

- Veteran Assamese swimmer, Elvis Ali Hazarika has become the first from the North East to cross the North Channel. The North Channel is the strait between north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland. Elvis and his team clocked a timing of 14 hours 38 minutes to achieve this feat. With this, Elvis has become the oldest Indian swimmer to cross the North Channel. (Click here to read the article)

- **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has announced that Greenest, which is a leading plant protein food brand, has shipped India’s first plant-based meat export consignment to the USA from Gujarat in India. The plant-based consignment is 5000 kg and consists of mini samosas, hot and spicy strips, momos, spring rolls, nuggets, grilled patty, and other vegan products. (Click here to read the article)

- India’s first full arm transplant was performed at the Kerala-based Amrita Hospital. 20 surgeons, 10 anesthetists, and 5 practice sessions were performed which took 18 hours of surgery. It is the third of its type in the world, such a transplant was only performed previously in Mexico and France. (Click here to read the article)

- The Jammu and Kashmir administration has decided to declare Maharaja Hari Singh’s birth anniversary a public holiday. The announcement was made by lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha following his meeting with a delegation comprising prominent political leaders, members of the Yuvraj Rajput Sabha, civil society members, including head of J&K transport union. (Click here to read the article)

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that the Chandigarh airport will be renamed after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter. Punjab & Haryana governments had last month (Aug 2022) agreed to name the airport after freedom fighter Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh. The Rs 485-crore airport project is a joint venture of the Airports Authority of India (AAI), and the governments of Punjab and Haryana. (Click here to read the article)

- **Gandhinagar-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express:** Gandhinagar-Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express train on September 30, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi waved off in Gandhinagar. PM Modi is in Gujarat for two days. This is the third Vande Bharat train in the nation; the first two run between New Delhi and Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra and Varanasi and New Delhi, respectively. (Click here to read the article)
Obituaries

- Former chairman of Tata Sons, Cyrus Mistry has died in a road accident while en route from Ahmedabad to Mumbai. Mistry was aged 54 years. He was travelling with Jahangir Dinshaw Pandol, Anahita Pandol, and Darius Pandol. Mistry is survived by his wife Rohiga and their two sons. (Click here to read complete article)

- Noted historian and first Vice Chancellor of Mangalore and Goa Universities Professor B. Sheik Ali passed away. He was the general president of the Indian History Congress at its 47th Session in 1986 and the founder president of the South India History Congress in 1985. He is a recipient of the Rajyothsava award and has authored a total of 23 books in English. (Click here to read complete article)

- Indian boxer, Birju Sah has passed away recently, the first Indian boxer to win medals at both the Asian and Commonwealth Games. He was 48. He won bronze medals at both the Commonwealth & Asian Games in 1994. Sah's first significant international success came at 19 in the 1993 Asian Junior Championships in Bangkok, Thailand. (Click here to read complete article)

- Renowned Carnatic musician, TV Sankaranarayan has passed away. He was 77. He was the torchbearer for the Madurai Mani Iyer style of Carnatic music. He had shared several stages with Madurai Mani Iyer. He won the Madras Music Academy's Sangeeta Kalanidhi Award in 2003 and was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2003. (Click here to read complete article)

- Queen Elizabeth II, who reigned the UK for 70 years, passed away at Balmoral at the age of 96. After worries about her health grew early, her family gathered at her Scottish estate. Queen Elizabeth II saw significant social change after ascending to the throne in 1952. The King and the Queen Consort will spend today (08.09.2022) and tomorrow (09.09.22) in Balmoral before departing for London. (Click here to read complete article)

- Padma Shri awardee Ramchandra Manjhi, whose performance in Bhojpuri folk dance ‘Naach’ for eight decades, has passed away. He was a famous performer of ‘Launda Naach’, a sub-set of ‘Naach’, in which men crossdress as women. His passion for the dance form even in old age has brought him several honours, including Sangeet Natak Akademi Award (2017) and Padma Shri (2021). (Click here to read complete article)

- Former Chief Justice of India Kamal Narain Singh passed away, at the age of 95. Justice Narain had a tenure of only 17 days as the CJ, making him the chief justice with the shortest tenure. He was the 22nd Chief Justice of India, with a term from November 25, 1991, to December 12, 1991. (Click here to read the article)

- Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati has passed away at Narsinghpur in Madhya Pradesh. He was 99 years old. He breathed his last at the Shridham Joteshwar Ashram in Narsinghpur. Swami Swaroopanand was born in Dighori village in Madhya Pradesh’s Siwan district. (Click here to read the article)

- Legendary Telugu Actor and former Union Minister, Krishnam Raju Garu passed away aged 83. He was known as the ‘rebel star’ of Telugu cinema Garu is also the uncle of famous Telugu actor and Bahubali star Prabhas. Raju acted in more than 180 films and was also a recipient of five Filmfare south awards as well as three Nandi awards. His most famous works include Jeevana Tarangalu, Krishnaveni, and Bhakta Kannappa among others. (Click here to read the article)

- Former Indian tennis player and Davis Cup captain, Naresh Kumar passed away recently at the age of 93. He was born on December 22, 1928, in Lahore, Naresh Kumar went on to become a big name in Indian tennis after Independence. He made news by reaching the final of the Northern Championships (later known as Manchester Open) in England in 1949. (Click here to read the article)

- Comedian Raju Srivastava has passed away in Delhi at the age of 58. He had suffered a heart attack while exercising on August 10. As per a report Raju was still conscious and with normal body movements. The comedian was earlier registering Spo2 levels of 80 per cent to 90 per cent without oxygen support. (Click here to read the article)

- Senior most pracharak of Rashtriya Swayam Sevak Sangh, Keshav Rao Dattatreya Dixit has passed away. He was 98. Born in 1925 at Pulgaon village of Wardha district in Maharashtra, Keshav Rao came to Bengal in 1950 to act as a pracharak. He was respected one and all of the Sangh Pariwar. (Click here to read the article)

- Russian Cosmonaut Valery Vladimirovich Polyakov, who holds the record for the longest spaceflight, has passed away at the age of 80. According to Roscosmos, Polyakov has participated in two space missions during his career with a total duration of 678 days and 16 hours. (Click here to read the article)

- An Oscar-winning actress, Louise Fletcher from the USA has passed away at the age of 88 in France. She was awarded the Oscar in 1976 for her role as Nurse Ratched in One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest (1975). She was also a recipient of the BAFTA Award, and a Golden Globe Award. (Click here to read the article)

- Former Kerala minister and senior Congress leader, Aryadan Muhammed has passed away at the age of 87. Muhammed, a prominent Muslim face of Congress in Kerala, had got elected to the state Assembly eight times from the Nilambur constituency in Malappuram. (Click here to read the article)
• Jayanti Pattnaik, the first chair of the National Women’s Commission and a former member of parliament, passed away in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha. She was the wife of late Janaki Ballav Pattnaik. President Droupadi Murmu has sent her condolences to her family, friends, and well-wishers, describing her as an accomplished social worker who won the hearts of the people of the state by her service and dedication. (Click here to read the article)

Static Takeaways

• Indian Olympic Association Founded: 1927;
• Indian Olympic Association Headquarters: New Delhi;
• Indian Olympic Association Secretary General: Rajeev Mehta.
• Maruti Suzuki India Managing Director and CEO: Hisashi Takeuchi;
• Maruti Suzuki India Founded: 24 February 1981, Gurugram;
• Maruti Suzuki India Headquarters: New Delhi.
• SEBI Founded: 12 April 1992;
• SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai;
• SEBI Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch.
• United Nations Founded: 24 October 1945;
• United Nations Headquarters: New York, United States;
• United Nations Secretary general: António Guterres.
• CEO & Managing Director of L&T Technology Services: Amit Chadha
• CEO of BMW Group, India: Mr. Vikram Pawah
• Ambassador of Sweden to India: Mr Klas Molin
• Ambassador of India to Sweden: Shri Tanmaya Lal
• Deputy Director General, LFV Sweden: Mr. Magnus Corell
• Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI): Shri Sanjeev Kumar
• Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Founded: 8 May 1973;
• Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Founder: Dhirubhai Ambani;
• Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
• Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) CMD: Mukesh Ambani;
• Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) Director: Nita Ambani.
• University Grants Commission Founded: 1956;
• University Grants Commission Headquarters: New Delhi;
• University Grants Commission Chairman: Mamidala Jagadish Kumar.
• All India Radio Founded: 1936, Delhi;
• All India Radio Founder: Government of India;
• All India Radio Headquarters: Sansad Marg, New Delhi;
• All India Radio Owner: Prasar Bharati.
• SBI Card Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana;
• SBI Card Managing Director & CEO: Rama Mohan Rao Amara;
• Chairman of AICTE: Anil Sahasrabudhe

• Vice president and managing director of Adobe India: Prativa Mohapatra
• Shipping Corporation of India Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai;
• Shipping Corporation of India Ltd Founded: 2 October 1961, Mumbai.
• UIDAI Founded: 28 January 2009;
• UIDAI Headquarters: New Delhi.
• ISRO Chairman: S Somanath
• Founder of ISRO: Vikram Sarabhai
• ISRO founded year: August 15, 1969
• National Legal Services Authority Founded: 9 November 1995;
• National Legal Services Authority Headquarters location: New Delhi;
• National Legal Services Authority Motto: Access to Justice for All.
• Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Founded: 11 May 1921;
• Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Headquarters: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
• Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) Founded: 1954;
• Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) Headquarters: Bengaluru.
• CEO Blue Energy Motors: Anirudh Bhuwalka
• Minister of Road Transport and Highways of India: Nitin Gadkari
• UNEP Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya;
• UNEP Head: Inger Andersen;
• UNEP Founder: Maurice Strong;
• UNEP Founded: 5 June 1972.
• UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945;
• UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
• UNESCO Members: 193 countries;
• UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
• HDFC ERGO General Insurance CEO: Ritesh Kumar;
• HDFC ERGO General Insurance Headquarters: Mumbai;
• NALSA Founded: 9 November 1995;
• NALSA Headquarters location: New Delhi;
• NALSA Motto: Access to Justice for All.
• UNESCO headquarters: Paris, France;
• UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay;
• UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945;
• UNICEF Executive Director: Henrietta H. Fore;
• UNICEF Founded: 11 December 1946;
• UNICEF Headquarters: New York, United States.
• Adani Group Headquarters: Ahmedabad;
• Adani Group Founder: Gautam Adani;
• Bharat Electronics Limited Headquarters: Bengaluru, Karnataka;
• Bharat Electronics Limited Founded: 1954.
• Group executive and Head of Bharat Banking: Munish Sharda
• PhonePe Founder: Sameer Nigam, Burzin Engineer and Rahul Chari
• PhonePe CEO: Sameer Nigam
• Supreme leader of North Korea: Kim Jong-un
• President of South Korea: Yoon Suk-yeol
• President of the United States: Joe Biden
• Capital of the United States: Washington, D.C.
• Chairman and Managing Director, Bank of Maharashtra: Shri. S. Muhnott
• HDFC Bank CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
• HDFC Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
• HDFC Bank Founded: August 1994, Mumbai.
• Chief of the Army Staff: General Manoj Pande
• President of the Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA): Archana Pande
• Vice President, Global Policy, Meta: Joel Kaplan
• Managing director, IBM India: Sandip Patil
• Director of the Indian Institute of Technology Madras: Prof. Kamakoti Veezhinathan
• Flipkart Founder’s: Binny Bansal and Sachin Bansal;
• Flipkart CEO: Kalyan Krishnamurthy;
• Navi Technologies founder and CEO: Sachin Bansal;
• Inter-Parliamentary Union Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
• Inter-Parliamentary Union President: Saber Hossain Chowdhury;
• Inter-Parliamentary Union Founded: 1889, Paris, France;
• Inter-Parliamentary Union Secretary General: Martin Chungong,
• Google CEO: Sundar Pichai
• Google Cloud CEO: Thomas Kurian
• Accenture Security Global Lead: Paolo Dal Cin
• CMD & CEO, EKI Energy Services: Manish Dabkara
• SBI Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara
• HDFC Bank Chairman: Deepak Parekh
• ICICI Bank Chairman: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
• HDFC Bank CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan
• ICICI Bank CEO: Sandeep Bakhshi
• India Post Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi, Delhi;
• India Post Payments Bank MD & CEO: J Venkatramu;
• India Post Payments Bank Tag line: Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwaar.
• ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
• ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
• ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
• ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
• India Trade Promotion Organization Headquarters: New Delhi;
• India Trade Promotion Organization Founded: 1 April 1977.
• Federal Bank Limited Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala;
• Federal Bank Limited CEO: Shyam Srinivasan;
• Federal Bank Limited Founder: K.P. Hornim;
• Federal Bank Limited Founded: 23 April 1931, Nedumuparam.
• World Bamboo Organization Headquarters: Antwerp, Belgium.
• World Bamboo Organization Executive director: Susanne Lucas.
• CSB Bank:6 November 1920;
• CSB Bank Headquarters: Thrissur, Kerala.
• Adobe CEO: Shantanu Narayen
• Figma co-founder and CEO: Dylan Field
• Adobe’s Digital Media Business President: David Wadhwani
• Border Security Force Director General: Pankaj Kumar Singh;
• Border Security Force Founded: 1 December 1965;
• Border Security Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
• Indian Air Force Chief: Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari
• Defence Minister of India: Rajnath Singh
• World Federation of the Deaf Founded: 23 September 1951;
• World Federation of the Deaf Headquarters Location: Helsinki, Finland;
• World Federation of the Deaf President: Joseph Murray.
• United Arab Emirates (UAE) Capital: Abu Dhabi;
• United Arab Emirates (UAE) Currency: Dirham;
• United Arab Emirates (UAE) President: Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan;
• United Arab Emirates (UAE) Prime Minister: Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum.
• Indian Air Force Chief: Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari;
• Indian Air Force Headquarters: New Delhi;
• Indian Air Force Founded: 8 October 1932, India.
• Nasscom Chairperson: Krishnan Ramanujam;
• Nasscom Headquarters location: New Delhi;
• United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA.
• United Nations was founded on 24 October 1945.
• Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
• Chief Product Manager, Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH): Mr. Rakesh Ranjan
• MD & CEO, Union Bank of India: A. Manimekhalai
• Niti Aayog Chairman: Narendra Modi
• Reliance CEO: Anand Jain
• Reliance Chairman: Mukesh Ambani
• Jio CEO: Atul Kabsal
• Jio Chairman: Akash Ambani
• Asian Development Bank Headquarters: Mandaluyong, Philippines;
• Asian Development Bank Founded: 19 December 1966;
• Asian Development Bank President: Masatsugu Asakawa (from 17 January 2020).
• ISRO Chairman: Shri S. Somanath
• Minister of Science and Technology: Jitendra Singh
• Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R Hari Kumar
• IIFL Wealth MD & CEO: Karan Bhagat;
• IIFL Wealth Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
• International Pharmaceutical Federation CEO: Dr Catherine Duggan;
• International Pharmaceutical Federation Founded: 25 September 1912;
• International Pharmaceutical Federation Headquarters: The Hague, Netherlands;
• International Pharmaceutical Federation Motto: Advancing pharmacy worldwide.
• World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
• World Health Organization Founded: 7 April 1948;
• World Health Organization Director-General: Tedros Adhanom.
• ICMR Headquarters: New Delhi;
• ICMR Founder: Government of India;
• ICMR Founded: 1911.
• Chairman and Managing Director of RailTel: Sanjai Kumar
• International Hockey Federation President: Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra;
• International Hockey Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
• International Hockey Federation CEO: Thierry Weil;
• International Hockey Federation Founded: 7 January 1924, Paris, France.
• AIIMS Delhi Established: 1956;
• AIIMS Delhi First Director: B.B Dikshit;
• AIIMS Delhi Under: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
• Amazon Founder: Jeff Bezos
• Amazon CEO: Andy Jassy
• World Tourism Organisation Founded: 1946;
• World Tourism Organisation Headquarters: Madrid, Spain;
• World Tourism Organisation Secretary-General: Zurab Pololikashvili.
• International Federation of Environmental Health President: Dr Henroy Scarlett;
• International Federation of Environmental Health Founded: 1986;
• International Federation of Environmental Health Headquarters: Chadwick Court.
• Royal Society of Chemistry CEO: Helen Pain
• Director General of CSIR-cum-Secretary DSIR: Dr. N Kalaiselvi
• ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
• ISRO's foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
• ISRO's Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
• Minister of state for social justice and empowerment: Pratima Bhoumik
• Employees' State Insurance Corporation Founded: 25 February 1952;
• Employees’ State Insurance Corporation Owner: Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India.
• MD & CEO of Ageas Federal Life Insurance: Vighnesh Shahane
• Director General of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI): Subodh Kumar Jaiswal
• Head quarters of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI): New Delhi
• World Organisation for Animal Health Headquarters: Paris, France;
• World Organisation for Animal Health Founded: 25 January 1924;
• World Organisation for Animal Health Founder: Emmanuel Leclainche.
• Britannia Industries Headquarters: Bengaluru;
• Britannia Industries Founded: 1892;
• Britannia Industries Parent organization: Wadia Group.
• Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy;
• Food and Agriculture Organization Founded: 16 October 1945, Québec City, Canada;
• Food and Agriculture Organization Director-General: Qu Dongyu.
• World Heart Federation Founded: 2000;
• World Heart Federation Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
• World Heart Federation President: Fausto Pinto.
• CEO and Founder of Stashfin: Tushar Aggarwal.
• Union Bank of India (UBI) Founded: 11 November 1919;
• Union Bank of India (UBI) Headquarters: Mumbai;
• Union Bank of India (UBI) CEO: A. Manimekalai.
• Headquarters of UCO Bank: Kolkata, West Bengal;
• MD & CEO of UCO Bank: Atul Kumar Goel;
• Yes Bank CEO: Prashant Kumar (6 Mar 2020–);
• Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
• Uttar Pradesh Capital: Lucknow;
• Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister: Yogi Adityanath;
• Uttar Pradesh Governor: Anandiben Patel.
• Saudi Arabia Capital: Riyadh;
• Saudi Arabia Currency: Saudi Riyal.
• Capital of Madagascar: Antananarivo
• Currency of Madagascar: Malagasy Ariary
• President of Madagascar: Andry Rajoelina
• Russia Capital: Moscow;
• Russia Currency: Rubel;
• Russia President: Vladimir Putin.
• Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh: Yogi Adityanath
• Capital of Uttar Pradesh: Lucknow
• Tesla CEO: Elon Reeve Musk
• Tesla Headquarters: Austin, Texas, United States
• International Maritime Organization Headquarters: London, United Kingdom;
• International Maritime Organization Founded: 17 March 1958;
• International Maritime Organization Founder: United Nations;
• International Maritime Organization Secretary-General: Kitack Lim.
• World Intellectual Property Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
• World Intellectual Property Organization Founded: 14 July 1967;
• World Intellectual Property Organization Membership: 193 member states;
• Finance Minister of India: Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
• Airtel Payments Bank Founded: January 2017;
• Airtel Payments Bank Headquarters: New Delhi;
• Airtel Payments Bank Managing Director & CEO: Anubrata Biswas

Abbreviations of Monetary Policy:
• AEs - Advanced Economies
• AEs - Advance Estimates
• AIDC - Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess
• APP - Asset Purchase Programme
• ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations
• ATF - Aviation Turbine Fuel
• ATM - At the money
• BCD - Basic Customs Duty
• BE - Budget Estimates
• BEI - Business Expectations Index
• BIES - Business Inflation Expectations Survey
• BIS - Bank for International Settlements
• BoE - Bank of England BoJ - Bank of Japan bps - Basis Points
• BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa
• BSE – Bombay Stock Exchange
• CACP - Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
• CAG - Comptroller and Auditor General
• CCIL - Clearing Corporation of India Limited
• CD - Certificate of Deposit
• CDS - Credit Default Swap
• CGA - Controller General of Accounts
• CI - Confidence Interval
• CiC - Currency in Circulation

• CII - Confederation of Indian Industry
• CLI - Composite Leading Indicator
• CMIE - Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy COVID-19 - Coronavirus Disease 2019
• CP - Commercial Paper
• CPB - Central Planning Bureau
• CPI - Consumer Price Index
• CPI-AL - Consumer Price Index for Agricultural Labourers
• CPI-IW - Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers
• CPI-RL - Consumer Price Index for Rural Labourers
• CRR - Cash Reserve Ratio
• CU - Capacity Utilisation
• DCA - Department of Consumer Affairs
• DGCA - Directorate General of Civil Aviation
• DGCI&S - Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics
• DI - Diffusion Index
• DII - Domestic Institutional Investor
• EBIT - Earnings Before Interest and Taxes
• EBLR - External Benchmark Lending Rate
• ECB - European Central Bank
• ECBS - External Commercial Borrowings
• ECI - Eight Core Industries
• ECLGS - Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme
• ECT - Error Correction Term
• EIA - Energy Information Administration
• EMEs - Emerging Market Economies
• EPFO - Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation
• FAO - Food and Agriculture Organization
• FBIL - Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd
• FCNR(B) - Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank)
• FDI - Foreign Direct Investment Fed - Federal Reserve
• FICCI - Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
• FIMMDA - Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India
• FIs - Financial Institutions FL - Family Labour
• FMCG - Fast-Moving Consumer Goods
• FOMC - Federal Open Market Committee
• FPI - Foreign Portfolio Investment/ Investor
• FRE - First Revised Estimate FRRR - Fixed Rate Reverse Repo
• F-TRAC - FIMMDA Trade Reporting and Confirmation System
• FTSE - Financial Times Stock Exchange
• GDP - Gross Domestic Product
• GFCE - Government Final Consumption Expenditure
• GFCF - Gross Fixed Capital Formation
• GFD - Gross Fiscal Deficit
• GM - Genetically Modified
• GNDI - Gross National Disposable Income
• GoI - Government of India
• GSDP - Gross State Domestic Product
• G-Secs - Government Securities
• GST - Goods and Services Tax
• GVA - Gross Value Added
• H1 - First Half of the Financial Year (April-September)
• H2 - Second Half of the Financial Year (October-March)
• HFI - High Frequency Indicator
• HSD - High-Speed Diesel
• ICIO - Inter Country Input Output
• ICR - Interest Coverage Ratio
• IIF - Institute of International Finance
• IIP - Index of Industrial Production
• IMD - India Meteorological Department
• IMF - International Monetary Fund
• INR - Indian Rupee
• IOCL - Indian Oil Corporation Limited
• IPO - Initial Public Offering
• IRDAI - Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
• IRFCL - International Reserves and Foreign Currency Liquidity
• IT - Information Technology
• JSE - Johannesburg Stock Exchange
• LAF - Liquidity Adjustment Facility
• LIC - Life Insurance Corporation of India
• LMT - Lakh Metric Tonnes
• LPA - Long Period Average
• LPG - Liquefied Petroleum Gas
• LPR - Loan Prime Rate
• MCLR - Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate
• MFs - Mutual Funds
• MGNREGA - Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
• MMRP - Modified Mixed Reference Period
• MoAFW - Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
• MOEX - Moscow Exchange
• MoH&FW - Ministry of Health and Family Welfare m-o-m - Month-on-Month
• MOSPI - Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
• MPC - Monetary Policy Committee
• MPR - Monetary Policy Report
• MSCI - Morgan Stanley Capital International
• MSF - Marginal Standing Facility
• MSMEs - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
• MSP - Minimum Support Price
• MTDR - Median Term Deposit Rate
• NBFCs - Non-Banking Financial Companies
• NCAER - National Council of Applied Economic Research
• NDS - Negotiated Dealing System
• NDTL - Net Demand and Time Liabilities
• NEER - Nominal Effective Exchange Rate
• NPA - Non-Performing Asset
• NSC - National Savings Certificate
• NSDL - National Securities Depository Limited
• NSO - National Statistical Office
• NSSO - National Sample Survey Office
• ODO - One District One Product
• OECD - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
• OIS - Overnight Indexed Swaps
• OMCs - Oil Marketing Companies
• OMO - Open Market Operations
• OPEC - Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries
• OTC - Over-the-Counter
• PA - Provisional Accounts
• PADO - Public Administration, Defence and Other Services
• PBoc - People's Bank of China
• PCE - Personal Consumption Expenditure
• PDS - Public Distribution System
• PE - Provisional Estimates
• PEPP - Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme
• PFCE - Private Final Consumption Expenditure
• PIB - Press Information Bureau
• PMG - Pooled Mean Group
• PMGKAY - Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana
• PMI - Purchasing Managers' Index
• POL - Petroleum, Oil and Lubricants
• POSOCO - Power System Operation Corporation Limited
• PPAC - Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell
• PRN - Production Weighted Rainfall Index
• PSB - Public Sector Bank
• PSU - Public Sector Undertaking
• PvB - Private Sector Bank
• Q1 - First Quarter
• Q2 - Second Quarter
• Q3 - Third Quarter
• Q4 - Fourth Quarter
• q-o-q - Quarter-on-Quarter
• QPM - Quarterly Projection Model
• RBI - Reserve Bank of India
• RD - Revenue Deficit
• RE - Revised Estimates
• RECO - Revenue Expenditure to Capital Outlay
• REER - Real Effective Exchange Rate
• RHS - Right Hand Side
• RL - Rural Labourers
• RoW - Rest of the World
• S&P - Standard and Poor
• SAAR - Seasonally Adjusted Annualised Rate
• SCB - Scheduled Commercial Bank
• SDF - Standing Deposit Facility
• SEBI - Securities and Exchange Board of India
• SGS - State Government Securities
• SIAM - Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers
• SIBC - Sector-wise and Industry-wise Bank Credit
• SLR - Statutory Liquidity Ratio
• SSE - Shanghai Stock Exchange
• SSI - Small Savings Instruments
• STR - Short Term Repo
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