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The Most Important Current Affairs August 2022

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

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

India's best CWG campaigns:

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

India's best gold medal haul in CWG history:

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

First and last medal in Indian Tally:

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

India's medal winners so far:

Gold:

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

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

Silver:

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



Bronze:

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

Commonwealth Games 2022: Overall Medal Tally

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

Nation celebrates 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022

This year India is celebrating **76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022** to mark the country's freedom from nearly two centuries of **British colonial rule**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is leading the celebrations from Red Fort in New Delhi and is addressing the nation from Red Fort in New Delhi. This is his **ninth address** as the prime minister. To celebrate the 75 years of Independence the Government of India has started an initiative called "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**".

Independence Day 2022 Is 75th Or 76th?

On March 12, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence that started a **75-week** countdown to our anniversary of independence. This means that India will celebrate its **76th Independence Day on August 15, 2022**, and mark the **end of its 75 years of freedom**.

Independence Day honours the sacrifices of our courageous leaders and freedom fighters, who gave their all for the sake of the nation and the countrymen. This day serves us the perfect opportunity to travel back in time and reflect on the history and significance of this date.

Indian Independence Day 2022: History

The Englishmen entered Surat and Gujarat in 1619 for trading purposes. After the victory of the English East India Company at the **Battle of Plassey in 1757**, the Britishers made their control over India. The British Government dominated over the people of India for almost 200 years starting from 1757. Legendary freedom fighters and leaders like **Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi** and others sacrificed everything to see India as a free nation.

The Indian Independence movement began during **World War I** and was led by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. On August 15, 1947, India got its freedom, ending an almost 200-year British rule. India's first prime minister **Jawaharlal Nehru** raised the Indian national flag above the Lahori Gate of Red Fort in Delhi on August 15, 1947. It is a tradition that has since been followed by the incumbent Prime Minister, followed by an address to the country.

What is the Indian Independence Act 1947?

Lord Mountbatten was eventually given power by the **British Parliament** to transfer power by **June 30, 1948**. However, observing the people's impatience, Mountbatten realised that if he waited until June 1948, havoc will be created, which is why he advanced the process to August 1947. This announcement was followed by the agitation by the Muslim League and the demand for the partition of the country. Congress and the Muslim League accepted the plan. The immediate effect was given to the plan enacting the **Indian Independence Act of 1947**.

Some Interesting points:

- Five other countries celebrate their independence on August 15 along with India. They are **Bahrain, North Korea, South Korea and Liechtenstein**.
- Even after India's independence, **Goa** was still a Portuguese colony. It was annexed to India by the Indian Army only in **1961**. Thus, Goa was the last state to join the Indian territory.

- While India gained independence from **British rule** on 15th August 1947, there were certain regions which still remained under European control. The **French** had control over **Puducherry**. The French transferred the territories under its control to India on **1st of November 1954**.
- The **Indian national flag** with three horizontal stripes of red, yellow and green was hoisted on **August 7, 1906**, at Parsee Bagan Square in Kolkata. The first variant of India's current national flag was designed by freedom fighter **Pingali Venkayya** in 1921.
- The current flag with saffron, white and green colours and the **Ashok Chakra** in the middle was officially adopted on July 22, 1947, and hoisted on August 15, 1947.
- The Indian flag is manufactured and supplied from only one place in the nation. The **Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha (KKGSS)**, located in Dharwad in Karnataka, has the authority to manufacture and supply the Indian national flag.
- According to the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, the flag is manufactured only with hand-spun and handwoven cotton khadi wafting.

Ramsar sites: 11 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition

India has added **11 more wetlands** to the list of **Ramsar sites** to make a total of **75** such sites covering an area of **13,26,677 hectares** in the country. **75 Ramsar Sites in 75th Year of Independence India**. The 11 new sites designated as Ramsar sites included: four sites in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu and Kashmir and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. From 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 Indian sites were added to the list of Ramsar sites, However, during 2014 to 2022, the country has added 49 new wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites. During this year itself, a total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites.

The 11 Indian wetlands which have been designated as new Ramsar sites:

1. Tampara Lake in Odisha;
2. Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha;
3. Ansupa Lake in Odisha;
4. Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
5. Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
6. Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu;
7. Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
8. Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
9. Thane Creek in Maharashtra;
10. Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir;
11. Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir.

What is the Ramsar site?

A Ramsar site is a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, also known as "**The Convention on Wetlands**", an intergovernmental environmental treaty established in **1971 by UNESCO**, which came into force in 1975. It provides for national action and international cooperation regarding the conservation of wetlands, and wise sustainable use of their resources.

Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022 announced

The **13th edition** of the **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022** began on August 12 and will conclude on August 30. The event, held annually in Australia, celebrates the Indian film industry by screening some of the most prominent and acclaimed films, TV shows, and web series from the country. One of the highlights of the festival is the awards night, where select awards are given to the best performers from Indian cinema and the OTT scene from the previous year.

The event hosted by **Rithvik Dhanjani**, the event saw big wins for Kabir Khan's sports drama 83 and its star Ranveer Singh, as well as the Prime Video web series Mumbai Diaries 26 and the film Jalsa. The two films that had the most nominations: **Jai Bhim and Gangubai Kathiawadi**—failed to win a single award.

Check out the full list of winners from the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022 awards:

S.no	Category	Winners
1	Best Film	83
2	Best Director	Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)
3	Best Actor	Ranveer Singh (83)
4	Best Actress	Shefali Shah (Jalsa)
5	Best Series	Mumbai Diaries 26/11
6	Best Actor in a Series	Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11)
7	Best Actress in a Series	Sakshi Tanwar (Mai)
8	Best Indie Film	Jaggi
9	Best Film from the Subcontinent	Joyland
10	Lifetime Achievement Award	Kapil Dev
11	Disruptor in Cinema Award	Vaani Kapoor (Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui)
12	Equality in Cinema Award	Jalsa
13	Leadership in Cinema Award	Abhishek Bachchan

PM Modi announced 'Panch Pran' goal for the next 25 years

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** spoke to the nation from the Red Fort for the ninth time in a row on August 15, 2022. **PM Modi**, in his 88-minute speech, outlined his "Panch Pran Targets" (Five Resolves) to make India a developed country by the time it celebrates its 100th Independence Day in 25 years. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** discussed the **Panch Pran** Goal.

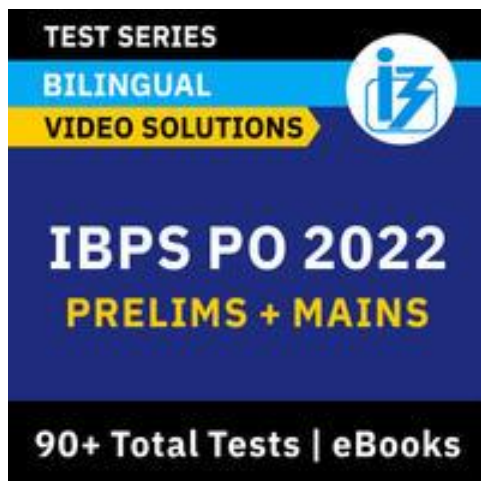
Panch Pran: India's developed standards

- Cleanliness campaigns, vaccinations, electrical connections, the elimination of open defecation, and the usage of solar energy are all examples of established India standards according to the Panch Pran.
- A prime illustration of "liberation from the concept of servitude" is the New National Education Policy.
- Women's rights, gender equality, and India First are national emblems of solidarity and unity.
- India would advance if its citizens carry out obligations like saving power, practising chemical-free agriculture, and making the most of the available irrigation water.

PM Modi requested to every individual to Follow Panch Pran

PM Modi requested every individual to follow **Panch Pran**. The **Panch Pran** are as follows:

- Advance with greater conviction and the determination of a developed India
- Get rid of any signs of slavery
- Take pride in India's history.
- the power of unity
- duties of citizens, such as those of the PM and CMs.



Panch Pran: PM Important Mentions:

- According to the **PM Modi**, when the nation celebrates 100 years of independence in 2047, these five resolutions (**Panch Pran**) will be important for a developed country.
- The prime minister's vision of "Vishwaguru India" is also one of these five resolutions (**Panch Pran**). On reaching 100 years of independence, **PM Modi** wants to transform India into the "Vishwaguru."

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

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

Why Prabath Jayasuriya?

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

Why Emma Lamb?

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

ICC Men's Player of the Previous Month:

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

ICC Women's Player of the Previous Month

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

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

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

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

All you need to know about Justice Lalit:

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

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

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

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

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

About the award:

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

Fortune Global 500 list: LIC breaks into Fortune 500 list

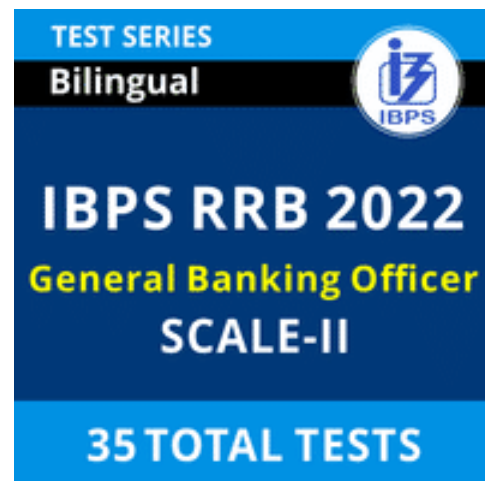
Indian statutory insurance and investment corporation, **Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has broken into the **latest Fortune Global 500 list**. The nation's biggest life insurer with revenue of **USD 97.26 billion** and a profit of **USD 553.8 million**, was ranked 98th on the just released Fortune 500 list. This is the first outing of LIC on the list, which ranks listed companies by sales.

Indian Companies ranking in the list:

- Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to 104 on the 2022 list. Reliance, with revenue of USD 93.98 billion and a net profit of USD 8.15 billion in the latest year, has been on the list for 19 years.
- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) rose 28 places to 142nd rank while Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) climbed 16 places to 190.
- The list had two Tata group firms — Tata Motors at 370 and Tata Steel at 435th spot. Rajesh Exports at 437th rank was the other private Indian company on the list.
- State Bank of India (SBI) climbed 17 places to rank 236th and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd 19 places to 295.

Global companies:

- The list, topped by US retailer **Walmart**, has nine Indian companies — five of them state-owned, and four from the private sector.
- Walmart landed at No. 1 for the ninth straight year, trailed by **Amazon**, which reached its highest ranking ever. **Chinese energy giants State Grid, China National Petroleum, and Sinopec rounded out the top five**.
- For the first time, revenues from Global 500 companies in Greater China (including Taiwan) exceeded revenues from US companies on the list, accounting for 31 per cent of the total.



Ramsar sites: India adds 10 new wetlands in the list

India adds **10 more wetlands** designated as Ramsar sites to make a total of **64 sites in the country**. The 10 new sites include Six (6) sites in **Tamil Nadu** and **One (1) each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha**. Designation of these sites would help in the conservation and management of wetlands and the wise use of their resources.

India is one of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention, signed in **Ramsar, Iran, in 1971**. India signed it on **1st Feb 1982**. So far 64 wetlands covering an area of 12,50,361 ha have been designated as Ramsar Sites of International Importance in India, till date.

10 wetlands designated as Ramsar sites:

S.No	Name of wetland	Area in Ha	State
1	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	72.04	Tamil Nadu
2	Satkosia Gorge	98196.72	Odisha
3	Nanda Lake	42.01	Goa
4	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	52671.88	Tamil Nadu
5	Ranganathittu BS	517.70	Karnataka
6	Vembannur Wetland Complex	19.75	Tamil Nadu
7	Vellore Bird Sanctuary	77.19	Tamil Nadu
8	Sirpur wetland	161	Madhya Pradesh
9	Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary	40.35	Tamil Nadu
10	Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary	43.77	Tamil Nadu

4th RBI Monetary Policy review: Repo rate raised by 50 bps

The **Reserve Bank of India** has retained its retail inflation forecast for the current fiscal year at **6.7 per cent**. It has increased the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by **50 basis points to 5.40 per cent** with immediate effect. RBI hiked the policy repo rate for the third time in a row. The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee is headed by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das**. The next meeting of the rate-setting panel is scheduled for September 28-30, 2022.

Notable Point:

All members of the MPC – **Dr Shashanka Bhide, Dr Ashima Goyal, Prof. Jayanth R. Varma, Dr Rajiv Ranjan, Dr Michael Debabrata Patra and Shri Shaktikanta Das** – unanimously voted to increase the policy repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.40 per cent. All members voted to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation remains within the target going forward while supporting growth. Prof. Jayanth R. Varma expressed reservations about this part of the resolution.

Consequently, the various rates are as under:

- Policy Repo Rate: **5.40%**
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): **5.15%**
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: **5.65%**
- Bank Rate: **5.65%**
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: **3.35%**
- CRR: **4.50%**
- SLR: **18.00%**

Key Points of the Monetary Policy:

- GDP growth projection for 2022-23 retained at **7.2 per cent**.
- GDP growth projection: Q1 at 16.2 pc; Q2 at 6.2 pc; Q3 at 4.1 pc; and Q4 at 4 pc.
- Q1:2023-24 real GDP growth is projected at **6.7 per cent**.
- Domestic economic activity shows signs of broadening.
- Retail inflation projection for 2022-23 retained at **6.7 per cent**.
- Inflation projection: Q2 at 7.1 pc; Q3 at 6.4 pc; and Q4 at 5.8 pc; Q1:2023-24 at 5 pc.
- India saw large portfolio outflows of **\$13.3 billion in FY23 up to August 3**.
- Financial sector well capitalised and sound.
- India's foreign exchange reserves provide insurance against global spillovers.
- MPC decides to remain focused on the withdrawal of an accommodative stance to check inflation.
- Depreciation of rupee more on account of appreciation of US dollar rather than weakness in macroeconomic fundamentals of the Indian economy.
- RBI to focus on maintaining the stability of the rupee.
- Rupee depreciated by **4.7 pc against US dollar** this fiscal year till August 4.
- India's foreign exchange reserves remain the fourth largest globally.
- Mechanism to be activated to allow NRIs to use **Bharat Bill Payment System** for payments of utility and education on behalf of their families in India.

BW Businessworld Awards Edutech 2022

BW Edutech Summit & Awards 2022: It is India's biggest gathering of Edutech stakeholders. The initiative calls out all of the edtech founders, institutional leaders, schooling publishers, and educators to take part and make

a mark in the way forward for schooling know-how. Rewarding the excellence of edtech in India, in a day lengthy programme named '**Transformation In Training By way of Know-how & Skilling**'. The winners were felicitated by **Dr Annurag Batra, Vinesh Menon and Harsh Wardhan**.

BW Edutech 2022 Winners:

Category	Name	Designation	Organisation
Best – AI-in-Education-Company-of-the-Year	Pritesh Chothani	Co-Founder & CEO	HiVoco Education and Learning
Best – Education-ERP-of-the-Year	Nishant Agarwal	Founder & CEO	Proctur – Your Pocket Classroom
Best-EduTech-Solution-for-Early-Childhood	Anshu Dhanuka	Co-Founder & CPO	Paper Boat App Pvt. Ltd.
Best-EduTech-Solution-for-Higher-Ed	Saurabh Arora	Founder & CEO	University Living
Best-EduTech-Solution-for-K12	Dharini Upadhyaya	Co-Founder and Co CEO	Furtados School of Music
Best-EduTech-Solution-for-K12	Sumeet Mehta	Co-Founder & CEO	Leadership Boulevard Pvt. Ltd.
Best-E-Learning-Company-of-the-Year	Ashutosh Kr Shandilya	Founder & CEO	TechBairn
Best-Exam-Prep-Company-of-the-Year	Anil Nagar	CEO	Adda247
Best-FinTech-Company-in-Education	Varun Chopra	CEO & Co-Founder	Eduvanz Financing Pvt Ltd
Best-Online-Tutoring-Company-of-the-Year	Sumesh Nair	Co-Founder	Board Infinity
Digital-Learning-Company-of-the-Year	Anurag Vaish	Founder CEO	mentza
Digital-Learning-Company-of-the-Year	Divya Lal	Founder and Managing Director	Fliplearn Education
EduTech CEO of the Year	Ravi Bhushan	Founder & CEO	BrightCHAMPS
Emerging-EduTech-Startups-of-the-Year	Ravi Bhushan	Founder & CEO	BrightCHAMPS
Emerging-EduTech-Startups-of-the-Year	Tarun Saini	(blank)	Vidyakul Learning Space
Game-Based-Learning-Company-of-the-Year	Anshu Dhanuka	Co-Founder & CPO	Paper Boat App
Learning App of the Year	Bilal Abidi	CEO	Wise App
Skill-Development-Company-of-the-Year	Siddharth Chaturvedi	EVP AISECT GROUP	AISECT
Woman-EduTech-Leader-of-the-Year	Anshu Dhanuka	Co Founder & CPO	Paper Boat App

Jury members in the summits:

- This year the summit obtained greater than 100 nominations out of which a panel of distinguished jurors chosen probably the most promising leaders.
- Padma Shri TV **Mohandas Pai**, Chairman, Manipl International Training, was the Jury Chair.
- Jury members constituted of Jaspreet Bindra, Founder, The Tech Whisperer; Virendra Okay Tiwari,

Director, IIT Kharagpur; Abhishek Maheshwari, CEO, AESL; Dr Punam Sahgal, Administration Guide & Behavioural Science Coach & Former Dean, IIM Lucknow; Seema Jhingan, Co-Founder, LexCounsel; Sudhanshu Pant, Head-HR, The British Faculty, New Delhi; Vipul Singh, Divisional VP & Head-HR, ADP and Dr Annurag Batra, Chairman & Editor-in-Chief, BW Businessworld & exchange4media Group.

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel wins Unesco Peace Prize 2022

Former German chancellor **Angela Merkel** has been awarded the **Unesco Peace Prize 2022** for “her efforts to welcome refugees”. In the summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country’s borders and famously declared to Germans “Wir schaffen das”, “We can do this.”

She eventually pulled back on her pro-immigration stance as support eroded among the public and within her own conservative party. All the members of the jury were touched by her courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably from **Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea**.

About the Unesco Peace Prize:

The honour, which is officially called **Felix Houphouet-Boigny-Unesco Peace Prize**, is named after the former president of Ivory Coast. It has been awarded each year since **1989** to individuals, organisations or institutions that have made a special effort to promote, research or secure peace. It is awarded annually. The prize includes a cheque of **USD 150,000**, a gold medal and a peace diploma. If there are multiple recipients, the cheque is shared equally.

National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas 2022

The **National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas** is celebrated on **29th August** in India as a tribute to hockey legend **Major Dhyan Chand** who was born on this date in **1905**. It was 2012 when the day was first designated and celebrated as India’s National Sports Day. The nation celebrates the day honouring our sports stars. The president gives away sports awards such as the **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, and Dhyan Chand Awards** on this occasion.

Notably: Recently Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced that **Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award** will be renamed as **Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award**.

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National Sports Day 2022: Significance

Rashtriya Khel Diwas OR National Sports Day’s primary motto is to promote awareness about the importance of sports and being physically active in the daily life of all the citizens: older or younger.

National Sports Day: History

In 1979, the Indian Postal Department paid tribute to Major Dhyan Chand after his death and renamed the National Stadium of Delhi as **Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Delhi**. **In 2012**, it was announced that a day must be celebrated as National Sports Day with the motive of spreading awareness about the spirit of sportsmanship and propagating the message of various sports. And for this again a tribute was given to Major Dhyan Chand on his birth anniversary and announced on **29th August** as National Sports Day in India.

About Major Dhyan Chand:

Major Dhyan Chand was born on **29th August 1905**, in Allahabad and was a great hockey player of his time. He was known as the star or wizard of a hockey player as during his period, his team gained a hat-trick of gold medals in the Olympics during years- **1928, 1932, and 1936**. He played internationally for 23 years from 1926 to 1949. He total played 185 matches in his career and scored **570 goals**.

Important and interesting facts about Dhyan Chand:

- He was awarded India’s third highest civilian honour **Padma Bhushan in 1956**. His original name was Dhyan Singh.
- The nickname ‘**Chand**’ got stuck to his name as he used to practise all night in the moonlight (called Chand in Hindi).
- He breathed his last on **December 3, 1979, in Delhi** having slipped into a coma.

67th Filmfare Awards 2022

The **67th Filmfare Awards ceremony**, presented by The **Times Group**, honoured the best Indian Hindi-language films of 2021. Held at **Jio World Centre**, the 67th Filmfare Awards honour the films released in 2021. At a press conference helmed by the editor of Filmfare magazine, Jitesh Pillai revealed **Wolf777news** as the title sponsor. Bollywood actors **Ranveer Singh** and **Arjun Kapoor** were announced as co-hosts.

Check the complete list of Bollywood celebrities, who won big at the 67th Filmfare Awards 2022:

Popular awards

- Best Film: **Shershaah (Dharma Productions)**
- Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)
- Best Actor: **Ranveer Singh (83) as Kapil Dev**
- Best Actress: **Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore**
- Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
- Best Supporting Actress: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)

Debut Awards

- Best Male Debut: Ehan Bhat – 99 Songs as Jay
- Best Female Debut: Sharvari Wagh – Bunty Aur Babli 2 as Sonia Rawat / Jasmine “Jazz”
- Best Debut Director: Seema Pahwa – Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi

Writing Awards

- Best Story: Abhishek Kapoor, Supratik Sen and Tushar Paranjape (Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui)
- Best Screenplay: Shubendu Bhattacharya and Ritesh Shah (Sardar Udham)
- Best Dialogue: Dibakar Banerjee and Varun Grover (Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar)

Music Awards

- Best Music Director: Tanishk Bagchi, B Praak, Jaani, Jasleen Royal, Javed-Mohsin And Vikram Montrose (Shershaah)
- Best Lyricist: Kausar Munir – “Lehra Do” (83)
- Best Playback Singer (Male): B Praak – “Mann Bharrya” (Shershaah)
- Best Playback Singer (Female): Asees Kaur – “Raataan Lambiya” (Shershaah)

Critics’ Awards

- Best Film (Best Director): **Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham)**
- Best Actor: **Vicky Kaushal** – Sardar Udham as Udham Singh
- Best Actress: **Vidya Balan** – Sherni as Vidya Vincent

Special Awards

- Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: **Subhash Ghai**

Technical awards

- Best Editing: A. Sreekar Prasad (Shershaah)
- Best Production Design: Mansi Dhruv Mehta and Dmitrii Malich (Sardar Udham)
- Best Choreography: Vijay Ganguly – “Chaka Chak” (Atrangi Re)
- Best Cinematography: Avik Mukhopadhyay (Sardar Udham)
- Best Sound Design: Dipankar Chaki, Nihar Ranjan Samal (Sardar Udham)
- Best Background Score: Shantanu Moitra (Sardar Udham)
- Best Costume Design: Veera Kapur EE (Sardar Udham)
- Best Action: Stefan Richter, Sunil Rodrigues (Shershaah)
- Best Special Effects: VFXwaala, Edit FX Studios (Sardar Udham)

Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**, instructed all parties—aside from card networks and card issuers—to delete all previously stored **Card-on-File (CoF) data** by **October 1, 2022**. The **RBI** has granted the respite in order to facilitate a smooth transition to a different payment system. In addition, the merchant and its PA involved in the online transaction may keep the data for a maximum of **T+4 days** or until the settlement date, whichever comes first, aside from the card issuer and the card network. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India’s composite financial inclusion index (FI-Index)** capturing the extent of financial inclusion across the country **rose to 56.4** in March 2022, showing growth across parameters. RBI now publishes the index annually in July every year. The index stood at **53.9 in March** last year. It was at 43.4 for the period ending March 2017, showing rapid improvement in reach of financial services over the past five years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- To increase the flow of loans to MSMEs, the **SVC Co-operative Bank (SVC Bank)** and the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** have reached an agreement. **Ashish Singhal**, MD of **SVC Bank**, and **Sanjeev Gupta**, GM of **SIDBI**, inked the deal. For more than 115 years, SVC Bank has acted as a reliable partner for MSMEs. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad**, the Union Minister of State for Finance, informed the **Rajya Sabha** that the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has permitted foreign trade invoices and payments to be made in the Indian Rupee. By means of a circular titled **International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR)** that was published on July 11, 2022, the central bank has permitted payments for international trade in the Indian currency. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) proposed to allow non-resident Indians (NRIs)** to make utility, education and other bill payments on behalf of their family members living in India. The payments will be processed through **Bharat Bill Payment System’s (BBPS)** cross-border inward bill payments facility. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Friday, 5 August emphasised on ‘Whole of Govt’ approach to boost exports.** Interacting with the Export Promotion Councils (EPCs) and representatives of Industry associations at New Delhi on Friday, Goyal reviewed the Export scenario of the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **₹2.33 crore** on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd for its failure to adhere to the pricing of credit guidelines for **Non-Banking Financial Company – Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Reserve Bank of India** (Frauds, classification and reporting), the **Reserve Bank of India** fined the **Indian Bank** a total of Rs. 32.00 lakh (Rupees Thirty Two Lakh only) for failing to submit a Flash Report for frauds involving amounts of at least Rs. 5.00 crore (Rupees Five Crore) to the RBI as required by Section 47A(1)(c) of the **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **SBI's first-quarter net profit**: Due to a reduction in revenue, the largest lender in the nation, **State Bank of India (SBI)**, reported a 7% decline in standalone **net profit** for the **first quarter** of the current fiscal year, coming in at Rs 6,068 crore. In the April through June quarter of 2021–2022, the bank had posted a net profit of Rs 6,504 crore. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Kerala-based **Federal Bank** is listed in the Income Tax Department's TIN 2.0 platform and now lists the **Payment Gateway** platform as the first bank. The "**Payment Gateway**" has been enabled since the TIN 2.0 platform went live on July 1 of this year, giving taxpayers one more payment option. They can now easily make their payments using methods like **Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS, and Internet Banking**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **State of Bank of India (SBI) is the first Indian lender to frame a policy to fund makers of lab-grown diamonds** which come across as replicas of the natural stones, but are often looked at with suspicion by high-street banks and scoffed at by many traditional diamantaires. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** preliminary approved the operations and support subsidiary of **State Bank of India (SBI)**. The subsidiary will likely be staffed by a group of employees who will be hired by the arm on a contract basis and will initially focus on managing branches in rural and semi-urban areas. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India** has cancelled the licence of **Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd** as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. However, the RBI said that in compliance to an order of the **High Court of Bombay**, its direction will become effective after six weeks. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The State Bank of India (SBI)** will manage the **Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC)** in **Bangladesh** for two more years. The agreement to extend the operations for two more years was signed between the officials of the **SBI and the High Commission of India in Dhaka**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The largest lender in the nation, **State Bank of India (SBI)** has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "**Utsav Deposit Scheme**". This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time. This programme is introduced on the occasion of the nation's **76th year of Independence**, celebrated as **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has launched a lifestyle-focused salary account named "**Kotak Creme**". This account will offer an upgraded experience to its customers working in **MNCs, retails, law firms, unicorns etc**. The account will be available to all corporates in India and will also come with a host of privileges and rewards across **lifestyle, travel, healthcare, dining, skilling and learning experiences**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- On the occasion of 75 years of Independence as **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, **Karnataka Bank** has introduced a new Term Deposit Scheme, **KBL Amrit Samriddhi** under **Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC)** and **Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days)**. The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is **6.10%** per annum. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, and Sachin Chaturvedi** have all been renominated by the national government to serve as part-time, non-official directors on the **RBI's central board** or central board of the Reserve Bank of India. The RBI said on its website that **Gurumurthy and Marathe** have been renominated for another term of four years, until further instructions for **RBI's central board**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The country's largest lender, **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in **Koramangala, Bengaluru**. SBI Chairman **Dinesh Khara** launched the branch in Koramangala near HSR Layout and Indiranagar which are the biggest start-up hubs in the city. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Subscribers of National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) can now contribute to their accounts through Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, the country's instant real-time payment system. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has launched a UPI handle for depositing contributions through D-Remit for the benefit of subscribers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **HDFC Bank** launched a new campaign called “**Vigil Aunty**”. **Vigil Aunty Campaign** attempts to motivate citizens all around the nation to adopt secure banking practices. This will go along with the bank’s “**Mooh Band Rakho**” campaign, which implores consumers to keep their banking information private. A campaign to promote **Vigil Aunty** and persuade people to follow her on social media and/or WhatsApp will be run for four to six weeks. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India’s third largest private sector bank, **Axis Bank** has signed an MoU with **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to provide “**Ultima Salary Package**”, a best-in-class salary account with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees. With this MoU, the Bank has reinstated its commitment to offering holistic banking services to the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) sector. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The asset management firm (AMC) **Edelweiss Mutual Fund (Edelweiss MF)** is slated to introduce India’s first programme that provides exposure to gold and silver through a single fund. The **Edelweiss Gold and Silver ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)** by **Edelweiss MF** new fund offer will expire on September 7. **Bhavesh Jain** and **Bharat Lahoti** are the fund managers for the scheme of **Edelweiss MF**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The RBI said the licence of **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka**, has been cancelled as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As per the data submitted by the bank, **more than 99 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)**, the central bank said in a release. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **HDFC Bank** inaugurated an all-women branch in **Kozhikode, north Kerala**. Mayor of the city Corporation **Beena Philip** opened the branch of **HDFC Bank**. As of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the workforce, according to the bank. By 2025, the private lender wants to raise it to 25%. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, which is the world’s largest real-time payment solution, the **Unified Payments Interface**, and the **RuPay** card scheme has signed an MoU through their subsidiary corporation **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)**, with the **PayXpert**, the payment solutions to establish and internationalize the acceptance of its payment solutions in the UK. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **HDFC** has launched India’s first one-stop solution portal for **Electric Vehicles Ecosystem**, “**All things EV**”. **HDFC EGRO, General Insurance Company**, which is a leading **private sector general insurance company** has claimed that the “All things EV”, fulfills the needs of the existing and **potential Electric Vehicles** or **EV users**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) will very likely introduce its digital rupee, the **Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)**, in this fiscal year itself. Talks of a **digital rupee** in the country have been swirling since Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** announced it during her **Budget 2022** speech back in February. At the time, she had said that the digital rupee would be launched in 2022-2023. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **American Express** Banking Corp. praised the Reserve Bank of India’s (**RBI**) decision to ease restrictions on the firm so that it may accept new domestic clients as the consequence of the company’s large local investments in technology, infrastructure, and resources. **American Express** applauded RBI’s choice to remove the limitations on it. **American Express** will now be able to add new Indian clients to its card network thanks to the easing of the embargo. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Bank credit growth** increased from 6% in the quarter that ended in June 2021 to 14.2% in the quarter that concluded in June 2022 as per the data released by the **Reserve Bank of India**. The **Bank credit** has increased by 10.8% in the three months that ended in March 2022. The last five quarters have seen a consistent 9.5 to 10.2% annual growth in aggregate deposits. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **BOB Finance** launched a **Yoddha** co-branded **RuPay** credit card for Indian Army troops by Bank of Baroda-backed **BOB Financial Solutions** in collaboration with **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**. The new co-branded credit card will be made available on the **RuPay** platform and have contactless characteristics. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- 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 Sapphiro 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](#))

Economy Current Affairs

- **Goods Services Tax collection** has risen **28 per cent** to touch the second-highest level of **Rs 1.49 lakh crore in July** on the back of economic recovery and steps taken to curb tax evasion. Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection stood at Rs 1,16,393 crore in the same month a year ago. GST, introduced in July 2017, touched a record high of Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's trade deficit widened to a record \$31.02 billion in July**, as imports of goods surged despite curbs and merchandise exports contracted for the first time in 20 months. July merchandise exports declined by 0.76% from a year ago to \$37.24 billion, while imports grew 44% to \$66.26 billion during the month because of high commodity prices and a weak rupee, data released by the ministry of commerce and industry showed on Tuesday. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's GDP growth** will average 7% during this time, which is the strongest among the largest economies, and India will contribute 28% and 22% to both Asian and global growth, respectively. This makes **India** the fastest-growing **Asian economy** in the Asian region in 2022-2023. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's Retail inflation** softened to **6.71 per cent in July** due to moderation in food prices but remained above the Reserve Bank's comfort level of 6 per cent for the seventh consecutive month. With retail inflation continuing to remain high despite a fall in prices of vegetables and edible oils, among other commodities in July, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) might go for another rate hike in September. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India may become a **USD five trillion economy by 2028-29 only if the GDP grows at nine per cent per annum consistently for the next five years**, former RBI Governor D Subbarao said on Monday. Speaking at Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry on India @75- Marching Towards USD 5 Trillion Economy on the occasion of 75 years of Indian Independence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- India will start **supplying petrol with 20 per cent ethanol at select petrol pumps** from April next year and will ramp up supplies thereafter as it looks to cut oil import dependence and address environmental issues. **E20 petrol (petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol)** in some quantity will be available from April 2023 and the rest to be covered by 2025. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- According to figures issued by the commerce ministry, **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**-based inflation in India decreased to 13.93% in July. The **WPI** inflation rate dropped from a record-breaking 16.63 percent in May to 15.18 percent in June. **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** inflation was 11.57 percent in July 2021. The wholesale price index increased by double digits in July, marking the 16th consecutive month that the **WPI** has risen above the 10-percent threshold. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Union Cabinet approved the enhancement in the limit of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore**, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for enterprises in hospitality and related sectors. ECLGS is a continuing scheme and the additional amount of Rs. 50,000 crore would be made **applicable to enterprises in hospitality and related sectors** till validity of the scheme in March 31 next year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **IRDAI**, the insurance regulator, in order to safeguard the interests of policyholders, has asked organisations to provide technologically advanced new solutions for automated death claim settlement, reducing miss-selling, and other components of the insurance ecosystem. The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** is accepting applications for **Bima Manthan 2022**, its inaugural hackathon, with the topic "Innovation in Insurance." ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Asset management firms (AMCs) and depositories are examples of stock market intermediaries that have been instructed by the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** to join the **account aggregator framework** put forward by the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. Additionally, the market regulator, **Sebi** established regulations that will only apply to participants in the stock market ecosystem who join the aggregator framework. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) **liberalised remittance scheme (LRS)** made a strong comeback in the first quarter of FY23 as Indians increased spending on international travel, maintenance of close relatives, and gifts. The latest data for Q1-FY23 released by the RBI shows that remittance by Indians under the scheme **jumped 64.75 per cent** to over **\$6.04 billion** from \$3.67 billion in Q1FY22. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Rating agency **ICRA** (Investment and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited) predicted that the Indian economy will grow **12–13%** in the first quarter (Q1) of the new fiscal year, i.e. FY23. ICRA gave this rating citing the second-highest reading of the business activity index in 13 months in April. However, **ICRA** has kept its annual GDP prediction at 7.2% for this fiscal year, citing concerns over inflation and the ensuing tightening of RBI policy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- 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](#))
- Ratan Tata, a pioneer in the field, unveiled **Goodfellows**, a firm that offers senior folks companionship services. Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, provided seed money for the platform in an unknown amount. **Goodfellows** completed a successful beta test over the past six months, and the service is now available in Mumbai. Pune, Chennai, and Bangalore are the next target cities. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Adani Group founder, **Gautam Adani** has set the ball rolling to acquire a controlling stake of **55.18%** in **New Delhi Television (NDTV)**. With a concept to carry 55.18 per cent stake in NDTV, the Adani group has issued an open provide for a **26 per cent** stake within the information channel at **Rs 294** for a share with a face worth of **Rs 4**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Business Current Affairs

- **Amazon India** has engaged with **the Railway of India** to boost its delivery services in the country. Through this partnership, **Amazon India** will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer. Amazon began working with the Indian Railways in 2019. The company has increased its transportation lanes five-fold, it said. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **CoinDCX**, an Indian homegrown crypto exchange company, has announced to host **'UNFOLD 2022'** from **26th August 2022 to 28th August 2022** in Bangalore. The **UNFOLD 2022** is a mega event in which the developers, investors, web3 startups, and regulators will showcase their ideas and discuss how can India can leverage its Web 3 talent and become a known global leader. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tata Group** is preparing to introduce the "First in India" seating system for **Vande Bharat Express** trains starting in September 2022 and plans to invest Rs 3,000 crore on **R&D by FY26**. By **2030**, the steel-to-salt conglomerate hopes to rank among the top 5 technological companies worldwide in the steel sector. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Shiprocket**, a logistics technology platform supported by **Zomato**, raised \$33.5 million (about Rs 270 crore) in a fundraising round co-led by Temasek and Lightrock India, **Shiprocket** becoming the 106th unicorn in India. With the new capital, **Shiprocket** was valued at about \$1.2 billion. Since its founding in 2017, **Shiprocket** has tripled in size and serves more than 66 million clients annually. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **HPCL Compressed Biogas Project**: HPCL's uses first of its kind Waste-to-Energy portfolio, uses 100 tonnes of dung per day to make **biogas**, which may be used as vehicle fuel. In a year, the HPCL Compressed Biogas Project project is expected to be put into operation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Global escrow banking solution provider, **Castler** has partnered with **Yes Bank** to offer digital escrow services for the bank's customers. The firm is a global digital escrow platform for individuals and enterprises, offering domestic and cross-border escrow solutions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Leading vehicle manufacturer, **Maruti Suzuki** has completed **40 years in India**. On the occasion, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the company's electric vehicle battery manufacturing plant at **Hansalpur in Gujarat and the passenger vehicle plant at Kharkhoda, Haryana**. This time Maruti Suzuki has decided to invest 10 thousand crores for the EV plants. Maruti Suzuki may start production of electric vehicles in India from 2025. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Mukesh Ambani**, Chairman and Managing Director of **Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**, on Monday announced investment plans to the tune of **Rs 3.5 lakh crore** at the **45th annual general meeting of the company**. In his speech, Ambani said investment plans include **Rs 2,00,000 crore** on rapid rollout of 5G, Rs 75,000 crore in expanding O2C capacities across value chains and Rs 75,000 crore in new energy business, as announced last year, with potential to double the commitment based on scalability of evolving models. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Clear Skies for Tomorrow: IndiGo**, the largest airline in the nation, announced that it has joined a sustainable effort led by the World Economic Forum (WEF). **IndiGo** airline has joined the **Clear Skies for Tomorrow**, India Coalition initiative as a signatory. IndiGo's dedication to deploying sustainable initiatives would help to achieve a substantial scale for SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) to attain a critical mass and bring in cost-efficiency for wide adoption in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

International Current Affairs

- **Zimbabwe** has launched **gold coins** to be sold to the public in a bid to tame runaway inflation that has further eroded the country's unstable currency. The unprecedented move was announced by the country's central bank, the **Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe**, to boost confidence in the local currency. The coin is called '**Mosi-oa-Tunya**' which refers to **Victoria Falls** in the local Tonga language. The coins will have liquid asset status so that they could be easily converted to cash and locally and internationally tradable. The cost of one coin was **\$1,824 at the time of launch**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A joint ballistic missile defence exercise between **South Korea, the US, and Japan** will begin this week in the waters off **Hawaii** as part of increased security cooperation against **North Korea's** growing military threats, a media outlet claimed. According to the sources, the biannual **Pacific Dragon drill** will take place. **Australia** and **Canada** will also take part in the exercise in the edition of 2022, in addition to the three other nations. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted a resolution that recognised everyone's right to a healthy environment. It was stated that the action is a crucial one in halting the alarming decline of the natural environment. **India** supported the resolution but abstained from one of the resolution's key clauses. It expressed dissatisfaction with the resolution's methodology and content. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Gustavo Petro** has been sworn in as the first leftist **president of Colombia**. The 62-year-old is a former member of **Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group** as well as a former senator and mayor of Bogota. He succeeds **Ivan Duque**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Following elections in the South Pacific island nation of **Papua New Guinea**, the parliament has reinstated Prime Minister **James Marape**. According to the media and election authorities, **Marape** was re-sworn in as prime minister after lawmakers in the new parliament elected **Marape** without opposition. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

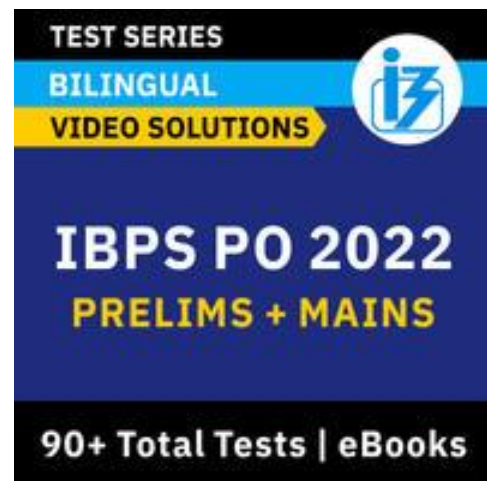
- The National Heritage Board stated that **Padang** (location of Netaji **Subahs Chandra Bose's** infamous Call "Chalo Dilli") will now receive the Monument Status of **Subas Chandra Bose** and the greatest level of protection possible under Singapore's Preservation of Monuments Act (NHB). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Russian rocket** has successfully launched an **Iranian satellite** into orbit from **southern Kazakhstan**. An Iranian satellite named **Khayyam** into orbit by the Soyuz rocket from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. The name of the satellite was named after **Omar Khayyam**, a Persian scientist who lived in the **11th and 12th centuries**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios** has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the **United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP)** by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres . ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Mexican President, **Andrés Manuel López Obrador** has proposed that the top commission should include **Pope Francis, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, and Indian PM Narendra Modi**. The aim of the commission would be to present a proposal to stop the wars around the world and reach an agreement to seek a truce for at least five years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Kenyan Deputy President, **William Ruto** is now the country's president-elect after he was declared the winner of the last presidential election over five-time contender **Raila Odinga**. Before **Wafula Chebukati**, the chair of Kenya's electoral commission could announce Ruto's victory. Ruto received **50.49%** of the vote, the chairman said, while Odinga received **48.85%**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- British health authorities stated that the UK has become the first nation to approve a bivalent **Moderna Covid booster vaccination**. **Covid booster vaccination** targets both the original strain of COVID-19 and the more recent Omicron version. The **Moderna Covid booster vaccination** was approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) as a "sharpened instrument" against the new coronavirus after it was determined to meet its requirements of safety, quality, and effectiveness. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- UN Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** has named India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary, **Alkesh Kumar Sharma** to a panel of eminent experts on internet governance. Internet pioneer **Vint Cerf** and Nobel Prize-winning journalist **Maria Reesa** were also appointed to the 10-member **Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

National Current Affairs

- **Scotland** are now required by law of **Scotland** to offer free sanitary products (**Period Products**) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them. As the Period Products Act takes effect in **Scotland**, goods will be supplied through councils and educational institutions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- External affairs minister **S Jaishankar** unveiled a bust of **Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay** and visited the historic Casa de la Independencia, from where the South American country's independence movement started more than two centuries ago. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Greece's** exit from the **EU's** enhanced surveillance framework for **Greece's** economy, ending 12 years of suffering and giving it more flexibility to make its own policies. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Scotland's** largest-ever repatriation of items from a single collection, **Glasgow's museums** have returned seven artefacts to India, including a stone door jamb stolen from a **Hindu temple in Uttar Pradesh**. The transfer of ownership was formalised at a ceremony held at the **Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum**, Scotland in the presence of Acting Indian High Commissioner to the UK **Sujit Ghosh**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **South Korea** and the **United States** began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training. This year, the annual summertime exercise has been renamed '**Ulchi Freedom Shield**' and it is scheduled to end on **1st September 2022**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In Mali, the military has appointed **Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga** as **interim Prime Minister** after the country's civilian **PM Choguel Kokalla Maiga** was admitted to hospital. Before this appointment, Colonel Maiga was working as a Government Spokesman and Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains** was launched by **Germany**. The first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains has replaced **15 diesel trains** that were previously operated on nonelectrified tracks in Lower Saxony, Germany. The engine of the trains is powered by electricity generated using hydrogen fuel cells. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **South Korea** has once again shattered its own record for the **world's lowest fertility rate**. South Korean women were estimated, based on 2021 data, to have an average of just **0.81 children** over their lifetimes, down from **0.84 a year earlier**. The number of newborns declined in 2021 to 260,600, which equates to about **0.5% of the population**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

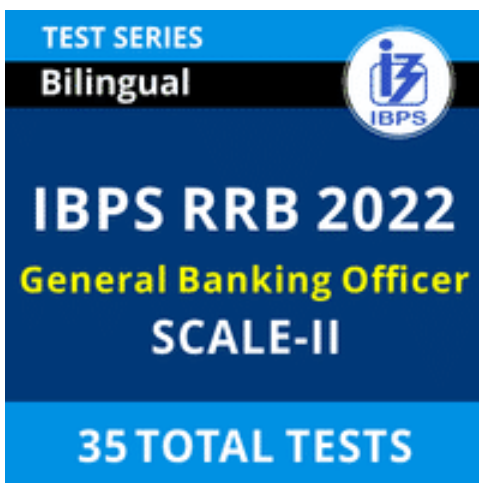
- The **Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City)** in Ahmedabad is home to the **Deutsche Bank AG's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU)**, which was opened by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. The IBU will first offer financial products in the areas of trade finance, fixed income, and currencies, according to **Deutsche Bank AG**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A **Har Ghar Tiranga Bike Rally** by Members of Parliament was launched in Delhi from the famed Red Fort by Vice President **M. Venkaiah Naidu**. The Tiranga Bike rally is organised by Union Culture Minister **G Kishan Reddy**. In honour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, a bike rally was held from **Red Fort to Vijay Chowk**. Additionally present were Union Ministers **Pralhad Joshi** and **Piyush Goyal**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The government of India** released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the **146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya**, the designer of India's national flag. The stamp was released by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** during an event "**Tiranga Utsav**" organised by the Ministry of Culture at **Indira Gandhi Stadium, in New Delhi**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In Indore, **Madhya Pradesh**, 6 National Highway projects totaling 119 km and costing Rs. 2300 crore were formally opened and the foundation stone was laid by Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways **Shri Nitin Gadkari**. Speaking at the event, **Shri Gadkari** stated that the projects being launched will facilitate progress by improving connectivity in Indore and the state. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Wild Life (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021 is approved by the **Lok Sabha**. The **Wild Life (Protection) Act of 1972** already protects a number of species, but the proposed legislation would also implement **CITES**, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of **Wild Fauna and Flora**. The **Rajya Sabha** still needs to pass the Bill, though. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, **Piyush Goyal** has announced that India has achieved a landmark milestone, wherein **75000 startups** have been recognized in the country. **The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** has recognized more than 75,000 startups- a milestone which coincides with the **75th year of independence**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Nalin Negi** has been appointed as the **new chief financial officer (CFO)** of Fintech startup **BharatPe**. Earlier he was the CFO of credit card issuer **SBI Card**. In his new role, Negi will be working towards making the company's **EBITDA positive by March 2023** and leading the financial readiness for the company, which is getting ready for an **initial public offering (IPO)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The 80th anniversary** of the **August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement**, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of the freedom struggle of our country, is being observed on **8 August 2022**. The slogans "**Quit India**" and "**Do or Die**" became battle cries for the freedom fighters during the Quit India movement. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** attended the seventh NITI Aayog governing council meeting which took place at **the Rashtrapati Bhavan's cultural centre** in the national capital. The council held discussions over several issues such as crop diversification, urban development and implementation of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Israeli experts are providing the Center's technology as part of the **India-Israel Action Plan (IIAP)**, while **MIDH** is funding the construction of the Center's infrastructure for demonstration purposes. On the basis of Israeli innovations, **Centers of Excellence (CoEs)** are being established in the United States. In order to improve agriculture, the Central and State Governments are collaborating on all fronts, according to Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will dedicate to the nation via video conferencing a **second generation (2G) ethanol plant** built at an estimated cost of **Rs 900 crore in Haryana's Panipat**. The dedication of the plant is part of a long series of steps taken by the government over the years to boost the production and usage of biofuels in the country. This is in line with the prime minister's constant endeavour to transform the energy sector to make it **more affordable, accessible, efficient and sustainable**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In his last year's Independence Day speech, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** declared **August 14** to be observed as "**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**" to remind the nation of the sufferings and sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947. The day, which coincides with Pakistan's Independence day, will be observed in memory of the "**struggles and sacrifices of our people**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The golden joint of the **world's highest railway bridge over River Chenab** was inaugurated. For the first time ever since independence, Srinagar will be linked to the rest of India after the overarch deck on the world's highest single-arch railway bridge over River Chenab. The bridge will be **35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **government of India** has notified the appointments of another **11 High Court Judges** in the **Punjab and Haryana High Court**. The appointments include the names **Nidhi Gupta, Sanjay Vashisth, Tribhuvan Dahiya, Namit Kumar, Harkesh Manuja, Aman Chaudhary, Naresh Singh, Harsh Bunger, Jagmohan Bansal, Deepak Manchanda and Alok Jain**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India has donated \$ 400,000 (more than Rs 3 crore) to as many as four **Voluntary Trust Funds**, according to information released by the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva. It went on to say that the donation to **Voluntary Trust Funds** was made to show India's commitment to the global advancement and protection of human rights as well as its support for the UN Human Rights Council. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The government of India unveiled the "**Manthan**" platform to drive collaboration between the industry and research institutes to implement technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in the country. The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to augment our efforts to build and nurture industry participation in R&D, is also a testimony of our commitment to the **UN's SDG goals**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's demand for petroleum products like petrol and diesel will **grow by 7.73 per cent in 2022, the fastest pace in the world**. India's oil demand remained healthy at 0.7 millions barrels per day (million b/d), about 16 per cent y-o-y growth in June, after an annual growth of 0.8 million b/d in May. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organised the event “**Yamuna Par Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**” at the water sports club in New Delhi. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, presided over the gathering of **Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A **first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational** for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. The **portal-NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders**—has been **developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- According to External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, the **17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023** will be held at **Indore** in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on the 9th of January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. It also commemorates the return of **Mahatma Gandhi** from South Africa to India on **9th January 1915**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- During the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board, **Shri Parshottam Rupala**, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy, introduced the “**Aqua Bazar**” online market place feature in the “**MatsyaSetu**” mobile app. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana was used to fund the development of the **MatsyaSetu** app by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with assistance from the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad (PMMSY). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Government has launched **Rashtriya Puruskar Portal** to bring together all the awards of the various **Ministries, Departments, and Agencies** of the Government of India. The Rashtriya Puruskar Portal will make sure that all the awards are under one platform to ensure transparency and **public partnership or Jan Bhagidari**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister Jitendra Singh in Pune, unveiled the first **hydrogen fuel** cell bus made in India. Dr. Jitendra Singh referred to Green hydrogen as a superb clean energy vector that enables deep decarbonization of hard-to-abate emissions from the refining industry, the fertiliser industry, the steel industry, the cement industry, as well as from the heavy commercial transportation sector. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A 2,600-bed **Amrita hospital**, Asia’s biggest hospital with state-of-the-art technology, including a centrally located, fully automated laboratory, was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. This will significantly improve the NCR region’s healthcare infrastructure. A 14-floor tower housing the primary medical services would be part of the 36 lakh square foot built-up area of the Amrita hospital complex. There is also a helipad on the rooftop. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister **Anurag Thakur** has launched “**Azadi Quest**”, a series of online educational games based on India’s freedom struggle, developed in collaboration with **Zynga India**. These games are an effort to tap into the huge market of online gamers and to educate them through games. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated the 300-bed **Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre** at Mullanpur, Mohali in Chandigarh. The Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre has been built at a cost of over ₹660 crores by the **Tata Memorial Centre** which is an aided institute under the Union Department of Atomic Energy. **Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Mann** was also present during the inaugural ceremony of the Bhabha Cancer Hospital. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (**EAC-PM**) on the 30th of this month in New Delhi will be unveiling the **Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100**. The **India@100** document by the EAC-PM serves as a roadmap for India’s ascent to its centenary year and will inform and direct the country’s path to higher income status by 2047. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Recently, the **Anang Tal Lake** in **South Delhi** has been declared a **monument of national importance** through a gazette notification by the **Ministry of Culture**. The Anang Tal lake in South Delhi is believed to have been built a thousand years ago. As per the website of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities, Tradition ascribes this tank to a **Tomar King, Anang Pal II, the builder of Lal Kot**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India’s first **3D-printed post office** is slated to come up in **Bengaluru, Karnataka** and will cost around one-fourth of the amount spent on a traditional building. The new post office building in **Cambridge Layout in Halasuru, Bengaluru** will be built using 3D printing and is likely to be completed within the next month. The Post Office building is being constructed by **Larsen & Toubro**, which is the only company currently in India utilising 3D printing technology for construction. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The NITI Aayog has declared the holy city of **Haridwar in Uttarakhand** as the best aspirational district on five parameters. The letter by NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme director **Rakesh Ranjan** to Uttarakhand chief secretary **SS Sandhu** and the district collector of Haridwar underlines that the district has secured the first rank in basic infrastructure theme and has become entitled to receive an additional allocation of **Rs 3 crore**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- On **National Sports Day**, the Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry will host the "**Meet the Champion project**" in 26 schools across the nation. Nikhat Zareen, who won gold medals at the Commonwealth Games and the World Championships, Bhavina Patel, who won a medal at the Paralympics, and Manpreet Singh, who won a medal at the Tokyo Olympics, are just a few of the well-known athletes that will take part in Meet the Champion project. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has dedicated India's **first earthquake memorial**, named **Smruti Van** at Bhuj in Gujarat. Smruti Van is a unique memorial carrying the names of more than 12 thousand people who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake that struck here in January 2001. The earthquake simulator will provide real like the experience of earthquake tremors to visitors. Gujarat Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** and State BJP President C. R. Patil was present on the occasion. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** has for the first time referred to what it called "**the militarization of the Taiwan Strait**", marking a rare instance of **New Delhi** appearing to comment on China's actions towards Taiwan. The Indian High Commission in Sri Lanka released a statement in which India accused China of "militarizing the Taiwan Strait." ([Click here to read complete article](#))



States Current Affairs

- The **Mamata Banerjee**-led **West Bengal** government has chosen to create seven new districts in the state in an effort to streamline administrative procedures. With this, there are currently 30 districts in West Bengal as a whole. There used to be 23 districts in **Bengal**, but the number will become 30. **Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, Behrampur**, and one more district would be named in **Basirhat** are among the seven new districts, according to West Bengal Chief Minister **Mamata Banerjee**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Odisha Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** has released a book titled 'Lockdown Lyrics', a collection of poems written by **Sanjukta Dash**. The poems are an unadulterated narration of the author's experiences and exasperations during the pandemic. She has reflected all the trauma & tribulations and hope and aspirations of humanity during this most critical journey of society in a long time. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Andhra Pradesh** comes out on top (**Agri Infra Fund**). By placing a strong emphasis on infrastructure development at the farm gate, it has become the best state. At a ceremony in New Delhi, Union Minister of Agriculture and Family Welfare **Narendra Singh Tomar** presented **B. Srinivasa Rao**, CEO of State Rythu Bazars, with the award for the best state in the nation in terms of utilising Agri Funds in the fiscal year 2021-22. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Kerala** Chief Minister, **Pinarayi Vijayan** has inaugurated a project of the Women and Child Development department. This project help to provide milk and eggs to children at all Anganwadis in the state in a bid to improve their nutrition levels. The state government has set aside over **Rs 61.5 crore** to include milk and eggs in the Anganwadi menu this financial year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In order to digitise its operations, **Goa Police** declared that it had inked an agreement (MoU) with **Level-1 blockchain network 5ire**. S.P. Crime, **Nidhin Valsan**, IPS, and **Pratik Gauri**, the founder and CEO of **5ire**, signed the MoU on behalf of the Goa Police. Goa would become the first police state in India to totally abandon paper with the signing of this MoU. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **world's largest floating solar power plant** is going to be built at **Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh**. With an aim to increase the power generation capacity of the central state of Madhya Pradesh and address the electricity problems in the region. A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Khandwa which will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Uttarakhand government** has decided to develop one **Sanskrit-speaking village** in each of the **13 districts in the state**. Citizens of these villages will be trained by experts to use the ancient Indian language as a medium of daily communication, Uttarakhand's Minister for Sanskrit Education.
- **Uttar Pradesh government** announced that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's '**Panchamrut Yojana**' will help to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures and the promotion of the co-cropping method. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Government of Uttar Pradesh** has decided to appoint **Deloitte India** as a consultant. The aim of this decision is that it will suggest plans for bringing the state's economy to the **USD 1 trillion mark**. The UP government signed a memorandum of understanding (**MoU**) with Deloitte India on Friday. In the presence of **Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath**, the MoU was signed between the consultancy agency and the government of Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Goa Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant** has announced that the state government will implement **100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes** along the lines of the **National Education Policy (NEP)**. The implementation of NEP from the college to university level has already started. From the next academic year, a hundred per cent of the syllabus in the higher education institutes would be online with the NEP. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- As part of the celebrations for **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** debuted "**Radio Jaighosh**" to commemorate the anniversary of the Kakori Train Action. To promote performing arts, regional specialties from Uttar Pradesh, folk art, and gallantry award recipients, the state's Department of Culture is developing a community radio station and also the "**Radio Jaighosh**" is a part of it. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Kerala government** is set to launch a mobile app where people can upload original bills and also stand a chance to win prizes. The **government of Kerala aims to curb GST evasion with this app**. The app is named '**Lucky Bill App**' and it will be launched on 16th August 2022, by **Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Uttarakhand government** has appointed wicketkeeper-batter **Rishabh Pant** as the '**State Brand Ambassador**'. Chief Minister of Uttarakhand **Pushkar Singh Dhami** congratulated Rishabh Pant and praised him as one of the best cricketers and idols of youth. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The proposal to designate 1,197.48 sq.km in Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as the **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve** was approved by the Union Environment Ministry. Tamil Nadu will oversee this **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve**, which is the fifth elephant reserve. The forest department may be eligible for additional financing through the centrally sponsored Project Elephant after notifying the **Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name "Donyi Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration**. According to a representative of the Chief Minister's Office, the state cabinet adopted "Donyi Polo Airport" as the name of the airport at its meeting. Pema Khandu, the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, presided over the gathering. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** in association with the **Seafood Exporters' Association of India (SEAI)** will hold the **23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS)** in Kolkata, the City of Joy from February 15 to 7 next year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Odisha Government** has signed an **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for the protection of coastal areas** from various natural calamities like flood, cyclone, soil erosion and high tide, etc. The Odisha coastal areas face natural calamities every year due to the effects of climate change. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- '**Medicine from the sky**' pilot project drone service launched by the **Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu**. 'Medicine from the sky' is also a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, initiated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The first successful flight was conducted from Seppa to Chaoyang Tajo in the East Kameng district. This pilot project was a result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision to introduce new technologies in the health care sector of India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Meghalaya** is all set to host the upcoming **2nd edition of the North East Olympics** from 30th October. **Meghalaya Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, and the North East Olympic Association** was held last evening to finalize the list of sports disciplines. The first edition of the Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Union Transport Minister, **Nitin Gadkari** has launched **India's first electric double-decker bus at YB Centre** in south Mumbai. The name of the bus is "**Switch EiV 22**", the double-decker bus will be run by the Mumbai civic transport body from September. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The people of all the villages in **Goa** and **Dadra & Nagar Haveli** and **Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D)** declared their village to be a "**Har Ghar Jal**" through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps and ensuring that "**No One is Left Out.**" ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Border Road Organization (BRO)** will build **Steel Slag Road** in **Arunachal Pradesh** based on the Pilot project. The **Steel Slag Road** is the first of its kind Project which aims to make durable roadways that can withstand heavy rain and adverse climatic conditions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** announces that '**Dahi-Handi**' will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra. The state is set to organize a '**Pro-Dahi Handi**' completion. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Punjab and Haryana governments** have agreed to name the **Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali** after **Shaheed Bhagat Singh**. The decision was taken during a meeting between Punjab **CM Bhagwant Mann** & Haryana deputy CM **Dushyant Chautala**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma** has launched the '**Vidya Rath -School on Wheels**' project. This project aims at providing economically challenged underprivileged children to access elementary education for a period of 10 months. The project was launched at a function held at the premises of **Gauhati High Court in Assam**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh government** is planning to build an **education township in the state**. As per the **Yogi Adityanath** government, the education township will be developed on the idea of '**Single Entry, Multiple Exit**'. The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Chhattisgarh government** will set up **rural industrial parks in the state**. In the first year of the project, there will be **300 such parks**. This move aimed to strengthen the rural economy and make the "**gauthan**" (**cattle shed**) a centre of livelihood. The project will be launched on **Gandhi Jayanti, October 2**. The first such park in Chhattisgarh came up in **Kulgaon, Kanker district**, which has been named **Gandhi Gram**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** approved the proposal of the **Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department** to start the country's **first night safari** in the capital **Lucknow**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- According to its founder **Jaggi Vasudev (Sadhguru)**, the **Isha Foundation** will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Karnataka** government to enhance soil health, as part of its "Save Soil" campaign. In addition to other ministers, Chief Minister **Basavaraj Bommai** will be visiting the **Palace Grounds** on Sunday to sign an MoU on "Save Soil." ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- North-east state, **Nagaland** got its second railway station after a gap of more than **119 years** with the commissioning of a new facility at **Shokhuvi. Dimapur Railway Station**, in the heart of the commercial hub of the state, was inaugurated in 1903. Chief Minister **Neiphiu Rio** flagged off the **Donyi Polo Express** from **Shokhuvi Railway Station** during the day.
- **Kannuj** will be developed into a **tourist destination** as per the decision taken by the Government of **Uttar Pradesh**. This decision was taken in order to emphasize the importance of **perfume industries** in India. The **government of Uttar Pradesh** has also decided to organize an international perfume fair in **Kannauj** in December. The first phase of the perfume park will be completed by 15th November 2022, which is being set up in the district. The aim of this initiative is to take the ₹250 crore perfume business to height of **₹25,000 crores**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami** has launched the "**Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana**" on the occasion of National Sports Day. The Chief Minister Sports Development Fund will be established to be given financial benefits to the students according to accelerated rules. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The 50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021-2022** kicked off at **Iboyaima Shumang Leela Shanglen** at **Palace Compound in Imphal**. Manipur Governor **La Ganesan** and Chief Minister **N. Biren Singh** attended the inaugural function. **Shumang Leela** is a traditional form of theatre in Manipur and the roles of female artists are all played by male actors and male characters are played by female artists in case of female theatre groups. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot** has inaugurated a month-long **Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games in Jodhpur**. The village Olympics is expected to see the participation of **44,000 villages** across Rajasthan, with nearly **30 lakh people** across various age groups already registering themselves for the games. Out of the 30 lakh participants, **9 lakh are women**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Schemes/Committees

- **Revamped Distribution Sector Program** that is based on reforms and results was adopted by the **Union Cabinet**, which is presided over by Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi**. By giving **DISCOMs** conditional financial assistance for the bolstering of supply infrastructure, the Scheme aims to increase the operational efficacy and financial viability of all **DISCOMs/Power Departments**, excluding those in the private sector. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Centre announced that it will set up a **task force** to keep track of **monkeypox** cases in India. **Dr. VK Paul**, Member (Health), Niti Aayog, will serve as the team's leader, and members will include the Secretaries of the Union Health Ministry, Pharma, and Biotech. **Dr. Paul** countered that there was no need for excessive alarm but that society and the nation should remain on guard. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE)** data from **Google** was officially released in **Aurangabad** on Wednesday, according to the **Aurangabad Smart City Development Corporation Limited (ASCDCL)**. This makes Aurangabad the first city in the nation to experience this. The data would aid research groups in formulating sustainable solutions for the city, according to ASCDCL authorities, who noted that the EIE dashboard for Aurangabad was introduced by Google during an event in **New Delhi**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Nilekani Centre** at **AI4Bharat** was established by the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras** to advance the state of Indian language technology and make a positive social impact. Rohini and Nandan Nilekani have donated Rs 36 crore through Nilekani Philanthropies to fund this Center, which was opened by **Nandan Nilekani**. IIT Madras launched the **AI4Bharat programme** to create open-source language AI for Indian languages. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Reliance Jio**, owned by billionaire **Mukesh Ambani**, became the highest bidder for 5G spectrum, paying Rs 88,078 crore to buy over half of the airwaves offered in the most recent auction. The **Adani** group paid Rs 212 crore for 400 MHz, or less than 1% of all spectrum sold, according to Telecom Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw**. Jio has also acquired the 700 MHz band. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** has constituted a **15-member committee** to increase foreign investment. The advisory committee constituted by SEBI is called the '**FPI Advisory Committee**' or FAC to ease ways for foreign investors to invest in the Indian markets by reviewing the existing processes. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India**, has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under "**SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**" named as "**SMILE-75 Initiative**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Indian Olympic Association has been directed by the Delhi High Court to set up a **three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA)** to take over its affairs. According to PTI, the court took the decision after the IOA's "**persistent recalcitrance**" to comply with the **Sports Code**. A bench of Justices Manmohan and Najmi Waziri said the CoA to run IOA's day-to-day affairs will comprise former Supreme Court judge Justice **Anil R Dave**, former **Chief Election Commissioner Dr S.Y Quraishi**, and former **Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs Vikas Swarup**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister of Earth Sciences, **Jitendra Singh** has launched India's first saline water lantern, '**Roshini**', which uses seawater to power **Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps**. The minister unveiled the first-of-its-kind lantern during his visit to **Sagar Anveshika**, a coastal research vessel operated by the **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) Chennai** for marine research. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App** were launched by the **Union Minister of State for Health, Bharti Pravin Pawar** in Mumbai. The launch of the **Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App** aims to reduce the child mortality rate and take care of the first 1000 days a child after birth. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The American space agency, **NASA** has rolled out its giant new Moon rocket, surrounding the **Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft**, the vehicle was moved to **Pad 39B** at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida ahead of the expected lift-off on **29 August**. The near 100m-tall (328ft) SLS rode an immense tractor to the pad. The SLS will be used under the **Artemis mission** that will take humans back to the Moon his time with plans for a longer presence on the surface. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** and the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** have started a joint initiative scheme called the **National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE)**. National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) aims to work in Urban India for the safety and dignity of sanitation workers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- According to the government of India, **transgenders** will be brought under the ambit of **Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY)**. The National Health Authority (NHA) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide inclusive and composite health package for transgenders under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Village Defence Guards Scheme 2022 (VDGS-2022)**, is a programme with a defence component that was only recently introduced for the state of Jammu & Kashmir (J&K). The Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav has already started a number of initiatives, and this programme was also introduced at that time with the primary objective of enhancing security in Jammu's border regions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister **Bhupender Yadav** took part in the "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" campaign in Puducherry. The 75-day "Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar" campaign is an effort led by citizens with the goal of enhancing coastal and ocean health through collective activity. The International Coastal Cleanup Day, which is on September 17, 2022, will mark the culmination of the Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign, which began on July 5, 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** has completed **8 years** and has achieved its major goals during this period. PM Jan Dhan Yojana is a flagship financial inclusion program that was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was launched on **28th August 2014**. The Jan Dhan Yojana was announced by Prime minister Narendra Modi in his first Independence Day address after the election in 2014. In eight years, PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) has touched the mark of **462.5 million**, as of **10th August 2022**, the deposits in these accounts are to be approximately 1.73 trillion. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** and NITI Aayog will be establishing more than **500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in Jammu and Kashmir** to nurture an innovative mindset among high school students. ATL is the flagship initiative of the AIM launched by the Centre to nurture an innovative mindset amongst high school students across India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- The BSE and NSE stock exchanges have given **Zee Entertainment** their approval for Zee Entertainment's proposed merger with **Sony Pictures Networks India**. According to a statement by Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., both the **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** and the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** have accepted the planned merger with **Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited** (formerly Sony Pictures Networks India). The stock exchanges' approval is a decisive and encouraging step in the merger approval process as a whole. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the state-run **Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha** and the business organisation **Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)** designates the latter as a national industry partner for the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022. The Odisha government's Principal Secretary for Industries, **Hemant Sharma**, emphasised that "Make in Odisha" is the state's most entrepreneurial event and draws investors, businesspeople, and industrialists alike. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** and the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur**, paves the way for the exchange of creative ideas and collaboration on the creation of homegrown digital payment solutions. The collaboration will also aid in strengthening cybersecurity safeguards for the goods and services provided by NPCI and its affiliates. The MoU will spur NPCI and IIT Kanpur to work together on a variety of projects. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In accordance with the objectives of **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** and the **Indian Navy** have signed an MoU to cooperate on aviation research and development and to intensify self-reliance efforts for the Indian Navy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- A **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** for the emergency delivery of petroleum products via Bangladeshi territory to India was signed by the **Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)** and the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department in **Dhaka**. The Indian High Commission stated in a tweet that this is an interim setup to help with the urgent supply of petroleum products due to damage caused by the flood in **Assam** this year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In order to accredit and rate **H MIS (Health Management Information System)** and **LMIS (Laboratory Information Management System)** solutions that have been integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, the National Health Authority (NHA) has onboarded the **Quality Council of India (QCI)** for six months. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD)** and **Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration. The alliance will further enhance employment generation and create sustainable livelihood opportunities, giving a major boost to nano and micro-entrepreneurship advancement in the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **M1xchange (TReDs platform)**, a marketplace for discounting trade receivables, and **HDFC Bank** have partnered to provide small businesses' access to financing at competitive interest rates. To debut on the **Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDs)** platform, **HDFC Bank** has joined forces with M1xchange, a project of Mynd Solutions Pvt Ltd. This action is anticipated to provide corporate buyers and MSMEs with high liquidity at competitive interest rates. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Paytm** partnered with **Samsung stores** across **India** to facilitate smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through the deployment of point-of-sale devices. The partnership will enable consumers purchasing **Samsung devices** like **laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches etc.**, from any authorised store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments, including UPI, wallet, buy now pay later scheme, debit cards and credit cards. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Yes Bank** has announced its partnership with **SellerApp** which is a seller-centric intelligence platform. This partnership between Yes Bank and SellerApp will encourage the seller segment of its client base to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) and also help them to expand their digital commerce footprint. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Mastercard** announced that Badminton players **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** will come on board as brand ambassadors of the company in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. **'Five Star Bank'** on its digital transformation journey. This partnership enables it to determine lending risk and deliver hyper-personalized customer experiences using the TCS Customer Intelligence & Insights (CI&I) analytics platform. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (**MAHAPREIT**), a fully owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% owned by the Government of India and 51% owned by the Government of Maharashtra), and the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (**IREDA**) signed a memorandum of understanding. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Godrej Agrovet, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, announced that it has signed an MoU with the governments of **Assam, Manipur, and Tripura** to advance and promote oil palm growth in the area under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm initiative. The partnership between Godrej Agrovet and the state governments will create new chances for expansion of oil palm plants in these states as well as support for farmers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In order to build 1,000 green energy businesses across the nation, the **Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** and **TP Renewable Microgrid Ltd (TPRMG)**, a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Power, have teamed up to launch green energy businesses programme. The project will promote sustainable business models across the country, resulting in the empowerment of rural entrepreneurs. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Royal Enfield** has partnered with **UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation)** to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas. The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the **Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH)** practices in the **Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL)** the 100% subsidiary, **Bharat Gas Resources Ltd (BGRL)**, has merged with the parent company. The Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) issued the decree authorising this merger. On August 16, the merging plan went into force. According to the terms of the merger proposal, the authorised share capital of BOCL is combined with the authorised share capital of BGRL as of today. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Hero Electric**, an Indian electric scooter maker announces a partnership with **Jio-BP** to provide **EV charging and battery swapping** solutions in India. The partnership between Hero electric and Jio-BP will allow the automaker's customers access to the latter's charging and battery swapping infrastructure. In 2020, a joint venture between **Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries** and **British oil giant BP**, called **Jio-BP**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- At the AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi, the LFV Air Navigation Services of **Sweden** and the **Airports Authority of India (AAI)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding. In order to investigate smart aviation solutions, the agreement between Sweden and Airports Authority of India (AAI) brings together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, who have a track record of developing and implementing the newest generation of environmentally friendly aviation technology. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Sashtra Seema Bal's director general in New Delhi, **Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen** assumed the additional responsibility of Director General of the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police**. **Dr. Thaosen** is a Madhya Pradesh Cadre IPS Officer from the 1988 batch. **Dr. Thaosen** received the charge and traditional baton from **IPS Sanjay Arora**. The ITBP, established in 1962, patrols the Indo-Chinese border. Additionally, it is used for a number of internal security tasks, such as anti-Naxal operations in **Chhattisgarh**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Vigilance Commissioner, **Suresh N. Patel** was appointed as the **Central Vigilance Commissioner**. He has been working as the acting **Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)** since June this year. He was sworn in as the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The ceremony was also attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- **Sanjay Arora**, a Tamil Nadu-cadre IPS officer who oversaw the paramilitary **ITBP**, will assume control of the Delhi Police as **Delhi Police commissioner**. He is scheduled to retire in 2025. **Sanjay Arora** was named **commissioner of the Delhi Police**, replacing the previous Delhi Police Commissioner **Rakesh Asthana**, an IPS officer from the **Gujarat Cadre** who retired after nearly 38 years of service. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Senior Indian Information Service officer, **Satyendra Prakash** has been appointed as the **Principal Director General** of the **Press Information Bureau (PIB)**. A 1988 batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, Prakash, the Principal Director General of the Central Bureau of Communication, will succeed Jaideep Bhatnagar, who superannuated. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The World Bank** has appointed **Auguste Tano Kouamé** as the Country Director for India, effective. He replaces **Junaid Kamal Ahmad** who recently completed a five-year term. He most recently served as the World Bank's Country Director for the Republic of Türkiye, where he led the expansion of the Bank's country program and deepened its support to Türkiye's climate agenda. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Senior-most judge of the Supreme Court of India, **Justice U U Lalit**, who is in line to become the next **Chief Justice of India (CJI)**. He has been part of several landmark judgements including the one which held the practice of divorce through instant '**triple talaq**' among Muslims illegal and unconstitutional. Justice Lalit is in line to become the **49th CJI of India** on August 27, a day after incumbent **Justice N V Ramana** demits the office. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- According to a Personnel Ministry, 2008 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, **Shweta Singh** was appointed as a **director** in the **Prime Minister's Office (PMO)**. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved Singh's appointment for a period of three years from the date of her joining. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Ravinder Takkar**, the **managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO)** of telecom operator **Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi)**, will replace **Himanshu Kapania** as the telco's new **chairman**. He will step down as non-executive chairman of the board with effect from 18 August this month. However, he will continue to be a part of the VIL board as a non-executive director. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Ranjit Rath** has taken over as the **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)** of state-run **Oil India Ltd (OIL)**. He replaces **Sushil Chandra Mishra** who retired on 30 June. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The **Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited (Unity Bank)** has appointed, **Inderjit Camotra** as the **managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO)** of the bank. A senior banker with over 25 years of experience across India, Camotra held various leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank. In January 2022, the bank appointed **Vinod Rai**, the former CAG of India, as its Chairman. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Senior electrochemical scientist, **Nallathamby Kalaiselvi** has become the first woman director general of the **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**. Her appointment is for a period of two years with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Kalaiselvi succeeds **Shekhar Mande**, who superannuated in April. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- FMCG major **Dabur** has announced that the board has accepted the **resignation** of **Amit Burman** as the Chairman. **Amit Burman** will continue to serve in the position of non-executive director of the company. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, **Piyush Goyal** has been appointed by the Central Government as the new **CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid)**. Along with this, the Central Government has also issued an order to **post 26 other officers** on the post of Additional Secretary. Piyush Goyal is currently serving as Additional Secretary in the Union Home Ministry. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- UN Secretary-General **António Guterres** has appointed **Simon Stiell** as the new Executive Secretary of the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat based in Bonn, Germany. The appointment has been endorsed by the Bureau of the **UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Centre and the board of the **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)** has appointed **Rajkiran Rai G** as its **managing director (MD)** for the next five years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** suggested **Mohammad Mustafa** to lead NABARD. **Mohammad Mustafa** is recommended by the bureau for the position of Chairman at the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**, according to a statement from the FSIB. **Mohammad Mustafa** served as the Small Industries Development Bank of India's Chairman and Managing Director (CMD). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Bajaj Electricals**, part of business conglomerate Bajaj Group, has elevated its Executive Director **Anuj Poddar** to **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**. The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director and its patron **Shekhar Bajaj** will continue as **Executive Chairman** of the company. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian philanthropist **Ashish Dhawan** has been named to the board of trustees of the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**. The foundation announced the appointment of two new members to its board of trustees. **Ashish Dhawan** is the founder and CEO of Convergence Foundation, and along with him, **Dr Helene D Gayle**, President of Spelman College, US, has also been appointed. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Adidas** CEO, **Kasper Rorsted** will step down next year, the sports apparel maker. Rorsted, who has been CEO since 2016, and its supervisory board mutually agreed that he will hand over during the course of **2023**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Odia scientist, **Debasisa Mohanty** was appointed as **Director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII)**. He is currently working as a staff scientist at NII. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment, with effect from the date of assumption of charge of the post and up to the age of his superannuation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Odisha cadre 1987-batch IAS officer, **Rajesh Verma** has been appointed as the Secretary to President **Droupadi Murmu**. He replaces the incumbent **Kapil Dev Tripathi**, a 1980-batch IAS officer. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Vikram K. Doraiswami**, a seasoned diplomat appointed as India's new High Commissioner to the United Kingdom which is seen as a significant position given the two nations' expanding strategic alliance. **Vikram K. Doraiswami** is Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh currently. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Sajith Sivanandan** has been appointed as the **executive vice-president and head of Disney+Hotstar**. Disney's International Content and Operations is India's largest streaming service and Sajith Sivanandan has previously worked with Google. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- According to a Personnel Ministry order, Distinguished scientist **Samir V Kamat** was appointed as **Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**. Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed **G Satheesh Reddy** who has been named as scientific adviser to **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Former Chief Economic Adviser, **KV Subramanian** was appointed as the Executive Director for India at the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. His term will begin from November and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier, by curtailing the tenure of eminent economist **Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF up to 31 October 2022.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The private sector lender **RBL Bank** has appointed **Gopal Jain and Dr Sivakumar Gopalan** as the non-executive directors. RBL Bank has been working on adding a diverse set of leaders with relevant experience to accelerate its **2.0 strategy.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The IDFC Ltd board** has approved the appointment of **Mahendra N Shah** as **managing director-designate of the company** with effect from October 1, 2022, till September 30, 2023, subject to the approval of the shareholders. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **DreamSetGo**, a sports experiences and travel platform, has announced **Sourav Ganguly** as its first brand ambassador. Founded in 2019, DreamSetGo is solving a specific problem - access to worldwide sporting events and experiences for fans. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC)** has appointed **Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan**, an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), as a whole-time member of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**. He will hold office for three years from the date he assumes charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Santosh Iyer** will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of **Mercedes-Benz** (The German luxury automaker) India's operations on January 1, 2023. Martin Schwenk, who will take over as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand, will be replaced by Santosh Iyer. Santosh Iyer was appointed vice president of the firm for customer services and retail training in 2016. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Member of Parliament from the Jhansi-Lalitpur parliamentary constituency, **Anurag Sharma** has been elected as the **International Treasurer** of the **Parliamentary Association Conference (CPA)** at the **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference** in Halifax, Canada. He will now be on the main Executive Council. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- **Kerala**, which dropped to eighth place in terms of convening Assembly sessions during the initial **COVID-19** pandemic in 2020, regained first place in 2021 with the nation's longest House session at 61 days. The **PRS Legislative Research**, a think tank with its headquarters in New Delhi, published the research on the **operation of State Assemblies for 2021.** **Karnataka** came in second with 40 sitting days, followed by **Tamil Nadu** with 34, and **Odisha** with 43. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Savitri Jindal**, the Chairperson Emeritus of **OP Jindal Group**, has surpassed **China's Yang Huiyan** to become Asia's richest woman, as per the real-time **Bloomberg Billionaires Index.** The 72-year-old Savitri Jindal who also holds the position of the richest woman in India has a total fortune of **\$11.3 billion.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Over seven percent of India's population owns digital currency, according to the UN, which said the use of cryptocurrency rose globally at an unprecedented rate during the Covid-19 pandemic.** Ukraine topped the list with 12.7 per cent, followed by Russia (11.9 per cent), Venezuela (10.3 per cent), Singapore (9.4 per cent), Kenya (8.5 per cent), and the US (8.3 per cent). In India, 7.3 per cent of the population owned digital currency in 2021, ranking seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister of India** are the three most trusted institutions in the country, according to a **survey by Ipsos India.** The Supreme Court of India came fourth and it was followed by the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).** **Defence Forces** with at least 2 in 3 (65 per cent of respondents) reposing faith in them was ranked first, followed by **Reserve Bank of India** with 1 in 2 (50 per cent). **Prime Minister of India** as an institution was at the third spot with **49 per cent citizens** having trust in it, the survey said. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- Full-service **Vistara** emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share last month with a **10.4% pie of the sky**, distantly second to the market leader **IndiGo at 58.8%**. The airline is Tata Sons' joint venture with Singapore Airlines. The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — **Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian team** secured the **third rank** in the medal tally at the **15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA)**. India held the third position jointly with **Singapore with students winning three gold and two silver medals**. In the medals tally, India was placed jointly in the third position along with Singapore, behind **Iran's official team (5 golds) and guest team (4 golds, 1 silver)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Bengaluru ranks second in the Asia Pacific region** in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing, according to a report by Cushman and Wakefield. The report, called '**Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate**', studied as many as 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe. After Beijing and Bengaluru, the list has **three other Indian cities**, Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad. **Mumbai and Pune** also made it to the top-10 list with eighth and ninth position in a list of 14 cities from the APAC. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** has now overtaken **China and UK** to become the world's 10th largest life insurer. According to a survey by Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021, a London-based brand valuation consultancy organisation, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), a state-owned insurance behemoth and life insurer has emerged as the third strongest and tenth most valuable insurance brand globally. The report states that the combined value of the top 100 insurance brands in the globe decreased by 6% from \$462.4 billion in 2020 to \$433.0 billion in 2021. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's **Gautam Adani** is now the **third richest person in the world**. The rankings by **Bloomberg Billionaires Index** come as business conglomerate Adani Group's chairman overtakes **Louis Vuitton chairman Bernard Arnault**. With a total net worth of **USD 137.4 billion**, 60-year-old Adani is now just behind business magnate **Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos** in the ranking. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Sports Current Affairs

- Daughter of India, weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** has won **India's first Gold Medal** at the **Commonwealth Games 2022** in the Women's **49Kg** weightlifting category. She aggregated a total of 201kg (88kg+113kg) to stamp her authority in the competition and achieve a Commonwealth Games record in the process. The silver went to Mauritius' **Marie Hanitra** Roilya Ranaivosoa (172kg) and the bronze to Canada's **Hannah Kaminski (171 kg)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's **Jeremy Lalrinnunga** has won the **gold medal in men's 67 kg category weightlifting** at the **2022 Commonwealth Games**. The 19-year-old Youth Olympic champion lifted a total of 300kg (140kg+160kg) to get the first position. This is the second gold for the country and fifth medal overall. Samoan weightlifter **Vaipava Nevo Ioane** secured a silver medal with a lift of 293 (127kg + 166kg) and Nigeria's **Edidiong Joseph Umoafia** won bronze, 290kg (130kg+160kg). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's weightlifter, **Achinta Sheuli (73 Kg representative)** bagged the **gold medal in The Commonwealth Games 2022**. The 20-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a combined effort of **313 Kilograms** (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk). India has been performing exceptionally well in weightlifting as the contingent has already bagged **6 medals** in this edition. Malaysia's **Erry Hidayat Muhammad**, who gave Sheuli a tough competition, ended as the second-best lifter in the event. He had the best effort of 303kg (138kg 165kg). Canada's **Shad Darsigny** was third with a total lift of 298kg (135kg 163kg). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Another Weightlifter of India, **Bindyarani Devi (55kg)** has clinched a silver in the women's 55kg as India continued its medal rush at the Commonwealth Games. She lifted a total weight of **202kg (86kg+116kg)**. Nigeria's **Adijat Adenike Olarinoye** also obliterated the Games record in snatch and total effort with an aggregate of 203kg (92kg+111kg) to win the gold medal. Local favourite **Fraer Morrow** finished third with a total lift of 198kg (86kg+109kg). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Max Verstappen** (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the **Formula One (F1) 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022**. This is his overall 28th race win and the 10th win of the 2022 season. **Lewis Hamilton** (Mercedes-Great Britain) stood second and **George Russell** (Mercedes – Britain) came third. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The European Championship final saw **England** defeat **Germany** 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship. After **Germany** failed to successfully clear a corner, **Chloe Kelly** scored the game-winning goal on a rebound in the second period of extra time. At **Wembley Stadium**, the score was tied 1-1 after 90 minutes thanks to goals from Germany's **Lina Magull** and England's **Ella Toone**. The result was decided in extra-time. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The four new members were appointed by **International Olympic Committee** President, **Thomas Bach**. The appointments were made in consultation with **Emma Terho**, Chair of the IOC Athletes' Commission. While the focus of the four newest members will soon shift to the elected positions as the Paris 2024 Summer Olympic Games approach. Olympians **Allyson Felix**, **Alistair Brownlee**, **Oluseyi Smith** and **Masomah Ali Zada** have joined the Athletes' Commission of the International Olympic Committee (IOC). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The organizers of the **2024 Paris Olympics** unveiled "**Games Wide Open**" as their official slogan. The 2024 Summer Olympics are scheduled to take place from **July 26 to August 11, 2024**. The slogan was released alongside a video promising the Olympics and Paralympics would be "faster", "higher" and "stronger" — as well as "more inclusive, more brotherly, more beautiful." ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's **Harjinder Kaur** claimed the **bronze medal** in the women's 71kg weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham. England's **Sarah Davies** won gold with a Commonwealth Games record of 229kg, while young **Alexis Ashworth** of Canada won silver with a total lift of 214kg. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Shushila Devi Likmabam** got a silver in the women's judo **48kg final**, giving India its seventh medal of the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. Shushila had defeated **Harriet Bonface** in the quarterfinal, and notched up a second win by beating Priscilla Morand of Mauritius in the semis to assure herself a medal. Sushila was in for a gold finish but came up short against South Africa's **Michaela Whitebooi** in the final. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Vijay Kumar Yadav** handed India second medal in Judo of the Commonwealth Games 2022 as he beat **Petros Christodoulides** of Cyprus in the men's 60kg tie to clinch bronze. Earlier, India's **Vijay Kumar Yadav** defeated Dylon Munro of Scotland to enter the bronze medal match. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's lawn bowls women's fours team** made history by winning the **gold medal** at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. This was the country's first medal in the lawn bowls event and the team, made of skipper **Rupa Rani Tirkey**, **Lovely Choubey**, **Pinki** and **Nayanmoni Saikia**, ended up winning the title itself after beating 2018 silver medallists South Africa. The Indian team won against **South Africa** with a **17-10 victory**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Lovepreet Singh** has won **bronze in the men's 109kg** weightlifting final with a total lift of **355kg**, taking India's medal tally in the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. **Cameroon's Junior** has taken the lead with a total lift of 361kg. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's paddlers** retained their men's team championship title with a convincing 3-1 win over **Singapore** in the **Table-Tennis Final of the Commonwealth Games 2022**. For India, **Harmeet Desai** and **G Sathiyam** gave India a great start by registering a win in the doubles match. However, **Chew Zhe Yu Clarence** won the next game to level Singapore at 1-1. But **G Sathiyam** and **Harmeet Desai** ensured India's gold by winning their respective matches. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian badminton team** claimed the **silver medal** in the **mixed group match** of the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. Indian badminton mixed team suffered a 1-3 defeat against Malaysia and had to settle for silver. Only **PV Sindhu** managed to earn a win in the summit clash against Malaysia in the women's singles match. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The fourth edition of the **ONGC Para Games** was officially launched in New Delhi's **Thyagaraj Sports Complex** by Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Housing, and Urban Affairs **Shri Hardeep Singh Puri**. The 4th ONGC Para Games are being held by **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC)** from August 2-4, 2022, and feature 275 Persons with Disabilities (PwD) who work for eight central oil and gas public organisations. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's **Gurdeep Singh** won a **bronze medal** in the men's **109+kg weightlifting event**. Gurdeep lifted a total weight of **390kg (167kg+223kg) in the final**, as he won India's 10th weightlifting medal at the ongoing edition of the Games. Gurdeep joined Gururaja Poojary and Lovepreet Singh to add a third bronze medal in weightlifting for India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian judoka, **Tulika Maan** settle for a **silver medal** in the women's 78kg category in the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. Tulika Maan gets India's second silver medal in Judo and third overall in the Judo, as she conceded a defeat by Ippon to Scotland's Sarah Adlington in the Women's +78kg final. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- India's **Saurav Ghosal** has clinched the bronze medal in **squash men's singles** by beating **James Willstrop of England** 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 to take **India's Commonwealth Games 2022**. This was also India's first-ever medal in squash singles at the Games. He had lost the men's singles semi-final 3-0 (11-9 11-4 11-1) to New Zealand's **Paul Coll**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's **Tejaswin Shankar** won **India's first medal in athletics** at the **Commonwealth games 2022**, by clinching a historic **bronze** in the **men's high jump final**. Tejaswin, competing for India for the first time in four years nailed a landing of 2.22m to secure a podium finish. He did not have trouble clearing 2.5m and 2.10m in the opening two jumps. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tania Sachdev** has registered a 2.5-1.5 win for India against **Hungary** in the fourth-round match of women section at the **44th Chess Olympiad** in Mamallapuram, Chennai. She thrashed **Zsoka Gaal** to earn a decisive point as well as a match for the team. **Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika and R Vaishali** ended with a draw in their respective encounters. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Murali Sreeshankar** has clinched a **silver in the men's long jump** to give India its second medal in athletics at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. Sreeshankar has soared to **8.08m** in his fifth attempt to finish second behind **Laquan Nairn of Bahamas** in a nerve-wracking men's long jump final. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Sudhir** claimed the gold medal in the **men's heavyweight para powerlifting** event at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. Sudhir, an Asian Para Games bronze medallist, lifted **208kg** in his first attempt before increasing it to 212kg in his second effort to gather 134.5 points and break the Games record. **Ikechukwu Christian Obichukwu** won the silver with 133.6 points, while **Micky Yule** bagged the bronze with 130.9 points. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Bajrang Punia** has won his **3rd Commonwealth Games medal** and his second successive **Gold medal** in the men's 65kg category. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist beat **Lachlan McNeil** of Canada in the final (9-2). He had won silver in his maiden CWG in 2014 and then bettered the colour four years ago in Gold Coast by winning a gold. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Sakshi Malik** has won the **gold medal** in the **Women's Wrestling Freestyle 62Kg** at the 2022 **Birmingham Commonwealth Games**. She defeated **Ana Godinez Gonzalez** of Canada in the final. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's wrestler **Deepak Punia** has won the **gold medal** in the **Commonwealth Games 2022** by defeating Pakistan's **Muhammad Inam** by 3-0 in the men's **86 kg category** in the final. In the semifinal earlier, Deepak saw out Canada's **Alexander Moore** 3-1 as he gained early points. This is India's third gold medal in wrestling. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian Grappler or wrestler, **Anshu Malik** won the silver medal in the **Women's Freestyle 57kg category** in the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. She faced 3-7 defeat against **Nigeria's Adekuoroye** in the gold medal match. Malik bagged the first medal for India in the wrestling of the Commonwealth Games 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian grappler, **Mohit Grewal** has clinched the bronze medal in the **Men's Freestyle 125kg** in the **Commonwealth Games 2022** after defeating **Jamaica's Aaron Johnson**. Grewal defeated Johnson 5-0 in the bronze medal match. He bagged the medal in only three minutes and 30 seconds. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian wrestler, **Divya Kakran** has won a **bronze medal** in the women's **68 kg category** at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. In the bronze medal match, Kakran defeated **Tonga's Tiger Lily Cocker Lemalie** in 26 seconds via Victory by Fall. Kakran bagged the medal in only 26 seconds via Victory by Fall. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** is celebrating the second '**Javelin Throw Day**' on **August 7, 2022**. The day was first observed in **2021** in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first **Olympic gold medal** in athletics at Tokyo. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India beat Bangladesh** 5-2 after extra time to clinch the **2022 SAFF U20 Championship title**, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. India was the host of the **4th edition** of the **SAFF U-20 Championship**. **Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam** was the captain of the Indian team and **Som Kumar** was the goalkeeper. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Chennai-based chess prodigy **V Pranav** became **India's 75th Grandmaster** by winning a tournament in Romania. The Chennai-based Pranav won the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania to secure his third and final GM norm and attain the Grandmaster title. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian chess legend, **Viswanathan Anand** was elected deputy president of the **International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)**, the sport's world governing body. While incumbent president **Arkady Dvorkovich** was re-elected for a second term. Five-time world champion Anand was part of Dvorkovich's team. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

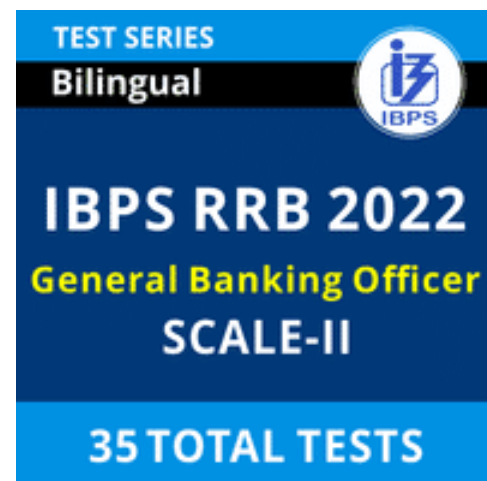
- **Nikhat Zareen** wins the **Gold medal** at **Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham**. She defeated Mc Naul of Northern Islands in the finals, by 5-0 in **women's light-fly 48kg-50kg Boxing**. With Nikhat Zareen's gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2022, India gets a total of 17 golds and 48 total medals. Nikhat Zareen again proves her dominance in the world of boxing. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India's shuttler **P V Sindhu** has clinched a gold medal in the final of women's single at the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. The double Olympic medalist beat **Michelle Li of Canada** to win the Gold. PV Sindhu beat Michelle Li by 21-15, 21-13. This is the first-ever Commonwealth Games singles gold of Sindhu's career. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian women's cricket team** has created history and secured the country's first-ever medal in cricket in the history of the **Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2022**. The Women in Blue have reached the gold medal match after beating hosts England in a nail-biting clash at the Edgbaston Cricket Ground. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- 28-year-old swimmer, **Emma McKeon** from **Australia**, has set a unique record of sorts at the **Commonwealth Games 2022** as she bagged more medals than 56 nations/territories at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. She won **one bronze, one silver, and six gold medals** across various events in swimming at the Commonwealth Games. Out of the 72 countries/territories that took part in the CWG 2022, only **16 won eight or more medals**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Chess Olympiad 2026**: According to a tweet from the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)**, Uzbekistan will host the 2026 Chess Olympiad. In Chennai's ongoing **Chess Olympiad**, their young team is now in the lead. Teams from around the world compete in the Chess Olympiad, a biennial chess competition. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Tennis legend from the United States, **Serena Williams** has announced her retirement. Williams focused on her family in the announcement, writing that her nearly five-year-old daughter wants to be an older sister. Williams is married to Reddit founder Alexis Ohanian. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** announced table tennis player **Achanta Sharath Kamal** and **Boxer Nikhat Zareen** as the **Flagbearers of India** for the closing ceremony of the **Commonwealth Games 2022** at Birmingham. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The team **Uzbekistan** has won the gold medal in the Open section of the **44th Chess Olympiad** which concluded. Team **Armenia** won **silver** while the India-2 team settled for **bronze** in Open Section. In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold medal. Team Georgia won the silver, while the India-1 team won the bronze medal. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Real Madrid** beat **Eintracht Frankfurt**, 2-0 in the finals to win the **2022 UEFA Super Cup** for a record-equalling **fifth time, in Helsinki, Finland**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former West Indies all-rounder, **Kieron Pollard** became the first cricketer to **play 600 T20 matches**. The hard-hitting batter achieved this landmark during his side's London Spirit's match against Manchester Originals. Behind him are players **Dwayne Bravo (543 matches), Shoaib Malik (472), Chris Gayle (463) and Ravi Bopara (426)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The first **Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16** is scheduled to be held at the **Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi from August 16 to 23, 2022**. The Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) is yet another endeavour by the Khelo India's Sports for Women component, which takes the most necessary steps to power in more female participation in a wide array of sports competitions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **4th edition** of the **Tata Steel Chess India tournament** will be held in Kolkata from **November 29 to December 4, 2022**. For the first time, a separate women's section has been added in the tournament, which had only the Open section so far. Tata Steel Chess India (rapid and blitz) is one of the most important chess tournaments in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The 1st Edition of **Women Indian Premier League** will be starting from **March 2023** to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams, a senior **BCCI official confirmed**. The BCCI bigwigs have discussed the issue and a March window has been found for the tournament after the **Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Bureau of the **FIFA Council** has unanimously decided to suspend the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** with immediate effect due to undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the **FIFA Statutes**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Malaysia's premier men's hockey tournament, the **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022** will be held from **November 16 to 25 in Ipoh**. The tournament is making a return after a two-year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. World No 1 **Australia**, fifth-ranked **Germany**, **India**, **New Zealand**, and **Canada** have been invited to the tournament. All matches will be played at the Azlan Shah Stadium in the city of Ipoh in Malaysia, which is the permanent venue of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Asia's Oldest Football Tournament Durand Cup 2022** has begun. The **131st** edition of the **Durand Cup 2022** has been kicked off, the **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** and **Chief Army Staff General Manoj Pande** will visit Manipur to be a spectator of the inaugural match. The inaugural match will be held at the **Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Ireland** all-rounder **Kevin O'Brien** has announced his **retirement from international cricket** after falling out of contention for this year's T20 World Cup in Australia. O'Brien played three Tests, 153 one-day internationals and 110 T20 internationals during a 16-year international career and had spells with a number of English county clubs and T20 franchise sides around the world. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Bengaluru will host the **FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship** beginning on September 5. According to Dr. Narayanagowda, the minister of sports and youth empowerment for Karnataka, Bengaluru will host the **FIBA U-18 women's Asian Basketball Championship** from September 5 to 11. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Young striker **Manisha Kalyan** became the first Indian footballer to play at the **UEFA Women's Champions League** when she made her debut for **Apollon Ladies FC** in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus. In November 2021, the 20-year-old had become the first ever Indian footballer to score a goal in the AFC Women's Club Championship. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian chess master **Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa** has defeated world champion, **Magnus Carlsen**, in the **FTX Crypto Cup** in Miami, an international chess Championship. Praggnanandhaa's winning run came to an end at the hands of China's Quang **Liem Le** in the fifth round. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Antim Panghal**, a 17-year-old wrestler from Haryana, defeated Kazakhstan's Atlyn Shagayeva 8-0 to win the title of Under-20 world champion, making her the first Indian woman to do so. The U-20 World Wrestling Championship was held in Sofia, Bulgaria. With an opening-round victory of 11-0 over German Amery Olivia, **Antim Panghal** prevailed because to her superior technical skills. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian men's volleyball team** has won the bronze medal by defeating **Korea 3-2** in the **14th Asian U-18 Championship** in Tehran, Iran. In the preliminary league match too, India defeated Korea but lost to **Iran** in the semifinal. The Indian U-18 team has qualified for the FIVB World U-19 Men's Volleyball Championship. **Japan** clinched the gold after beating Iran in the final match. **China finished fifth and Chinese Taipei** was placed sixth at the end of the competition. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In the **28th Abu Dhabi, Masters Chess Tournament** Grandmaster **Arjun Erigaisi** defeated David Anton Guijarro from Spain in the ninth and final round. Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi won the 28th Dhabhi Masters Chess Tournament with 7.5 points. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Olympic champion and javelin thrower, **Neeraj Chopra** scripted history as he became the first Indian to clinch a **Lausanne Diamond League**. In his first attempt, he hurled the spear **89.08m** to seal his victory in his own style. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Bureau of the **FIFA Council** has decided to lift the suspension that was imposed on the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** due to undue third-party influence. The decision was taken after FIFA received confirmation that the mandate of the committee of administrators that was set up to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee had been terminated and that the AIFF administration had regained full control of the AIFF's daily affairs. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Cricket Legend **Virat Kohli** has become the **first Indian and just the second player overall** in international cricket history to have **played 100 matches each** in all three formats of the game. He added another milestone to his name when he was named in India's playing XI for the highly anticipated **Asia Cup 2022 match with Pakistan**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian Skipper, **Rohit Sharma** overtook New Zealand's **Martin Guptill** to become the leading run-scorer in men's **T20 Internationals**. In 133 matches in the shortest format for India, Rohit Sharma has scored 4 hundred and 26 half-centuries so far. Rohit now has **3499 runs** in the format. Following him is Martin Guptill, who has scored **3497 runs**. **Virat Kohli** is the third highest scorer in men's T20 Internationals with **3341 runs from 100 matches**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Summits And Conferences

- **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** became the **first Indian pair** to win a medal in the men's doubles competition at the World Championships. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are the **world's number 7 combination**, and the duo also bagged a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Indian Olympic Association** has co-opted **Adille Sumariwalla** as the President of the association till fresh elections are held. The erstwhile President of the IOA, **Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra**, resigned from the post of President, IOA on July 18 due to personal reasons. Thereafter, 18 executive members out of 31 in accordance with clause 11.1.5 of the IOA Constitution co-opted the undersigned to fill the vacancy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Red Bull's driver **Max Verstappen** has won the **Belgian Formula 1 Grand Prix 2022**. Red Bull's **Sergio Perez** & Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** finished at second and third positions respectively. Verstappen has now won 9 of this season's 14 races. It was his 71st podium finish & he collected 26 points from this race. Verstappen won the Belgian GP in 2021 as well. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Denmark's **Viktor Axelsen** has clinched his **second BWF World Championships men's singles** title after beating Kunlavut Vitidsarn from Thailand in Tokyo, Japan. World number one Axelsen has lost only one singles match this season and was too much for 21-year-old rising star Vitidsarn, who was blown away in the first game. The win gave Axelsen his sixth title of the season. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- England's **James Anderson** has become the first-ever fast bowler to complete **950 wickets** in international cricket. He attained this historic feat on Day 3 of the second Test against South Africa. He broke the record of **Australia's Glenn McGrath (949 wickets)**. The most successful bowlers in international cricket are Sri Lankan spin wizard, **Muttiah Muralitharan (1,347 wickets)**, late Aussie spin great **Shane Warne (1,001 wickets)** and Indian spin great **Anil Kumble (956 wickets)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- 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](#))

- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** spent all day in Chandigarh where he inaugurated a symposium on drug trafficking and national security. Along with **Shah**, other speakers at the national conference included **Banwarilal Purohit**, the chief ministers of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, the lieutenant governor of Jammu & Kashmir, and the Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **31 July** was designated **Chabahar Day** in Mumbai by the **Ministry of Port, Shipping, and Waterways (MoPSW)** to commemorate the Chabahar - Link to **International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC)** - Connecting Central Asian Markets. According to the MoPSW press release, Sonwal mentioned in his talk that India's ambition is to turn **Shahid Beheshti Port** in Chabahar into a transit centre and connect it to INSTC to reach out to Central Asian countries. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In October, India will host diplomats from the **UN Security Council's** 15 member countries for a special counterterrorism meeting. India's two-year term as an elected non-permanent member of the **UN Security Council** is halfway over. In December of this year, India's term on the Council will come to a close, and for that month, it will also serve as President of the influential UN body. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022)**, is scheduled to be held in **New Delhi** from **September 12**. India will look to improve its per animal milk productivity by drawing lessons from advanced nations. Currently, the world's largest milk producer with about 210 million tonnes of production per year, India lags behind many advanced countries in dairy productivity. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- New Delhi hosted ITU's **Regional Standardization Forum** where **Devusinh Chauhan**, Minister of State for communications delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania. According to **Devusinh Chauhan**, the nation's telecommunications network is the second largest in the world and offers the best prices. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister) **Shri Rajnath Singh** will open a national seminar entitled "**Introspection: Armed Forces Tribunal**" that the Armed Forces Tribunal (Principal Bench) Bar Association is hosting in New Delhi. In addition to serving members of the armed forces, the **Introspection: Armed Forces Tribunal** seminar is being held to evaluate how the Armed Forces Tribunal, which was formed to assure prompt and affordable justice for veterans, their families, and war widows, operates. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** (CPC) will be led by Amos Masondo, the chair of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), along with a distinguished team of MPs. The **65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** (CPC), will be held in Halifax, Canada, from August 22 to 26, 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah led the 23rd Central Zonal Council Meeting in Bhopal. **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, and **Pushkar Singh Dhami**, the chief minister of Uttarakhand, attended the meeting. **Yogi Adityanath**, the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, and **Bhupesh Baghel**, the chief minister of Chhattisgarh, participated virtually due to poor weather. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The 20th edition of **BioAsia 2023** will be hosted by the Government of Telangana, the premier event of BioAsia 2023 for the life sciences and health tech, on February 24-26, 2023. **BioAsia 2023's** logo and theme, "Advancing for ONE: Shaping the next generation of humanised healthcare," have been unveiled by Minister for Industries and Commerce **KT Rama Rao**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The fourth edition of **India's Clean Air Summit (ICAS)** took place in Bangalore with global experts. With the help of India's Clean Air Summit, global experts are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolving **air pollution and increasing climate change**. India's Clean Air Summit will continue till 26th August 2022. The **Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS)** and the **Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP)**, think-tanks have organized the summit. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Ministry of Education hosted the **Smart India Hackathon-2022**. During the grand conclusion of the Smart India Hackathon-2022 (SIH 2022), Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** interacted with the attendees. The prime minister spoke to the present students through video conferencing. The two Smart India Hackathon 2022 editions are **Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Hardware** and **Smart India Hackathon (SIH) Software**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022** was officially opened by Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** in New Delhi. The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 gives SMEs, startups, business, industry, and service providers a much-needed platform to discover new prospects, connect with buyers and sellers, and exchange information about federal, state, and local programmes, among other things. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Awards & Recognition

- Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin** received the renowned "President's Colours" for the Tamil Nadu Police from Vice-President of India **M. Venkaiah Naidu**. One of the very few law enforcement agencies in the nation to be awarded the coveted "President's Colours" is the Tamil Nadu Police. To commemorate the achievement, Mr. Stalin declared that each police officer in the service would get a medal. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Agriculture Minister for the Government of India, **Narendra Singh Tomar** gave out **Agriculture Infrastructure Fund Awards** in New Delhi. As a specific Central Government programme, the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was introduced two years ago as part of the expansive **Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package**. For investments in the development of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets, it offers a medium-long term credit facility. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Canadian scholar, **Jeffrey Armstrong** has been awarded the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist** for 2021. He has presented the award in a ceremony by Manish, India's consul-general in Vancouver. The citation for the award states that it has been conferred upon Armstrong "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the study/teaching/research in India's philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation, society, etc". ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Tibetan spiritual leader, **Dalai Lama** was honoured with the '**dPal rNgam Duston**' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. This award is given for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory. The sixth award was conferred by **Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh** which celebrated the '**dPal rNgam Duston**' with great fervour on the occasion of its foundation day at Sindhu Ghat. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian American from Virginia, **Aarya Walvekar** has crowned **Miss India USA in 2022** in New Jersey. **Saumya Sharma**, a second-year premedical student at the University of Virginia, was declared first runner up and **Sanjana Chekuri** of New Jersey was the second runner-up. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Karnataka Chief Minister, **Basavaraj Bommai** has announced that Kannada film star **Puneeth Rajkumar**, who died last year, will be conferred with the '**Karnataka Ratna**' award posthumously. On November 1, which happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day. He will be the **10th recipient** of the state's highest civilian honour. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Ahmedabad University Professor, **Ramadhar Singh** becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the **US Heritage Wall of Fame** of the **Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP)** in the **United States**. He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Senior Congress leader **Shashi Tharoor**, set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award **Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur**. The French government is honouring him for his writings and speeches and the French Ambassador here **Emmanuel Lenain** has written to Tharoor informing him about the award. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** has approved **107 Gallantry awards** to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2022. The awards include three **Kirti Chakra**, **13 Shaurya Chakras**, **two bar to Sena Medals (gallantry)**, **81 Sena Medals (gallantry)**, **one Nao Sena Medal (gallantry)** and **seven Vayu Sena Medals (gallantry)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- London home of **Dadabhai Naoroji** will get a '**Blue Plaque**', an honour that is reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London. Naoroji was the first Asian who was elected as a **Member of Parliament in Britain**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Union ministry of home affairs (MHA)** has awarded **1,082 police personnel** from **CAPFs** and state forces with various categories of service medals, including for gallant action on the eve of Independence Day. The decorations include **347 police medals for gallantry (PMG)**, **87 President's police medals** for distinguished service and **648 police medals for meritorious service**. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).
- As the first recipient from the global south and the first South Asian, renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher, and educator **Marina Tabassum** received the prestigious **Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Bangladesh-born **Fahmida Azim** working for the Insider online magazine of the US has been selected for the **Pulitzer Prize 2022**. She will be awarded under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary. She is among the four journalists including **Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey** of Insider being published from New York, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs. The work 'I escaped a Chinese internment camp' has illustrations by Fahmida Azim. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Liberty Medal 2022** will be awarded this fall to Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy**. The National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy will be honoured in a ceremony in October for what it called "his heroic defence of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny." ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Karim Benzema and Alexia Putellas** were rewarded for outstanding seasons by winning the **UEFA men's and women's player of the year prizes** at a ceremony in **Istanbul, Turkey**. France striker Benzema captained Real Madrid to victory over Liverpool in the Champions League final and scored 15 goals in the competition, while Putellas was the top scorer in the Women's Champions League, helping Barcelona reach the final which they lost to Lyon. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- 23-year-old **Divita Rai** from Karnataka won the prestigious title of **Miss Diva Universe 2022**. She was crowned by the reigning **Miss Universe 2021, Harnaaz Sandhu**, at a lavish ceremony that celebrated the 10th anniversary of the coveted pageant. At the 71st Miss Universe pageant, Rai will be representing India, where Harnaaz Sandhu was crowned as the winner last year. **Pragnya Ayyagari** of Telangana was declared **Miss Diva Supranational 2022**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Important Days

- **World Breastfeeding Week** is observed every year to emphasize regular breastfeeding for babies. This year breastfeeding week commences on **August 1** while it concludes on **August 7**. This year's World Breastfeeding Week, under its theme '**Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support.**' is a time to revisit the commitments made at the start of this year by prioritizing breastfeeding-friendly environments for mothers and babies. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Muslim Women's Rights Day** is observed every year on the **01st of August** to celebrate the enforcement of the law against the '**Triple Talaq**' rule among Muslims. According to the **Shariat or Muslim Personal Law**, Muslim men were given the privilege to end their marriage anytime by uttering the word Talaq three times in a row. But the law was repealed by the Indian Government in 2019. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Every year, **World Lung Cancer Day** is observed on **01st August** to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and highlight the issues of lack of sufficient research funding for the ailment. Lung cancer is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths among men and women. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Hiroshima Day** is observed on **August 6** to commemorate the atomic bombing of **Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II**. The horrific incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named "**Little Boy**", on the town of Hiroshima in Japan. **2022 marks the 77th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing.** ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In India, the **National Handloom Day** is observed annually on the **7th of August** to honour the handloom weavers. Handloom is a symbol of our glorious cultural heritage and an important source of livelihood. **2022 marks the 8th National Handloom Day.** This year theme of National Handloom Day 2022 is "**Handloom, an Indian legacy**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** is celebrated on **09th August** across the world. The celebration highlights the role of indigenous people and the importance of preserving their rights, communities and knowledge they gathered and passed down over centuries. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Japan** commemorates the **9th of August** every year as **Nagasaki day**. On August 9, **1945**, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on **Nagasaki, Japan**. It was code-named "**Fat Man**" due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape. On August 9, 1945, a **US B-29 bomber** dropped an atomic bomb on the city, killing nearly 20,000 people. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Lion Day** is observed globally on **10th August**. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Biofuel Day** is commemorated on **10 August** every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. During this day, the government and private organisations come together to spread awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as a different source of energy. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Youth Day** is celebrated on **12 August** every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth. The theme for 2022's edition of International Youth Day is "**Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages.**" ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Elephant Day** is celebrated on **12 August** every year to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world. The day tries to highlight why these animals should be protected and what laws and measures can be enacted to ensure their survival. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed globally on the **13th of August**. This day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of donating organs. It also plays a pivotal role in debunking various misconceptions about donating organs. This year's theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "**let's pledge to donate organs and save lives**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Lefthanders Day** is observed on **August 13** across the world. The day is observed to raise awareness about the lefty people's experience with living in a right-hand dominant world. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Sanskrit Day or World Sanskrit Diwas 2022** is celebrated on the occasion of Shraavana Poornima. World Sanskrit Day also coincides with the festival of Raksha Bandhan. In 2022, **World Sanskrit Day** is celebrated on **12th August 2022**. Sanskrit is the mother of all languages and it is one of the **oldest languages** to exist in the World. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Every year, **Parsi New year** is celebrated on the **16th of August**. This year also on Parsi New Year 2022, India will observe a regional holiday which marks the beginning of the new year according to the 'Shahenshahi' calendar. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Photography Day** is celebrated on **August 19** each year. The aim of World Photography Day is to create awareness, share ideas and encourage people to take up photography. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Humanitarian Day** is celebrated on **August 19** every year to recognise all aid and health workers who volunteer to help victims of disasters and crises against all odds. The day aims to spread awareness about the need for humanitarian assistance worldwide. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India celebrates **Sadbhavna Diwas** in memory of **Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary**. Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 commemorates the **78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi** on 20th August 2022. Sadbhavna Diwas was instituted after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in **1992**, by Congress. Sadbhavna Diwas promotes **peace, harmony, empathy, and unity** among all citizens of India. On this several cultural events and contests are organized across the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Every year on the 20th of August India observes **Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day**. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022 or Renewable Energy Day aims to spread awareness about the **development and adoption of renewable energy** in India. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022, marks its importance by promoting and lining up the alarming rate of depletion of Natural resources. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Mosquito Day**: The monsoon season is when mosquito-borne illnesses including malaria, dengue fever, and chikungunya are most prevalent. **World Mosquito Day** reminds us of the Millions of people worldwide are in danger of dying from it, despite the fact that it is treatable and preventable. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief**, observed on **August 22**. On this day, the international community honours the survivors and victims of religious-based violence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Senior Citizens' Day** is celebrated on **August 21** every year. It is also known as **National Senior Citizens' Day** in the United States (US). The day is observed with the intent to highlight the contributions of elderly people in human society and honour them. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** is observed on **August 21** each year in memory of the victims of terrorism. The day is observed to show the victims of terrorism that they are not forgotten and they are respected and recognised across the world. The theme for 2022's International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is "**memories**," as mentioned in a United Nations (UN). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition** is an international day celebrated on **August 23** of each year. The day was chosen by the **United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)** to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Water Week 2022** takes place from **23 August to 1 September**. The World Water Week is an annual event organized by **Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)** since 1991 to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development. The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: "**Seeing the unseen: The value of water**", which helps us view water in new and fascinating ways. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Gujarati Language Day 2022** is celebrated every year on **24 August**. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat '**Veer Narmad**'. '**Gujarati Diwas**' is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language. He has made Gujarati literature international. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Dog Day** is celebrated annually on **August 26** to promote the adoption of dogs instead of buying them from pet shops. The day was founded by Animal Welfare Advocate and Pet Lifestyle expert **Collen Paige**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Women's Equality Day 2022** is celebrated all over the world to celebrate **women's empowerment and equality**. This year, Women's Equality Day will be celebrated on 26th August 2022. In **1973**, the **first Women's Equality Day** was celebrated across the world. Women's Equality Day 2022 theme is "**Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **International Day against Nuclear Tests** is observed on **29th August** to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons. This year marks the thirteenth anniversary of the event. On this day, the **United Nations** organises an event that creates public awareness regarding the effects of nuclear weapons tests, and detonations and further highlights the requirement for cessation of such nuclear tests. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances** is observed globally on the **30th of August** every year by United Nations. The day is being observed to express deep concern about the rise in enforced or involuntary disappearances in different regions of the world including the incidents of arrest, detention and abduction. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- In India, the **National Small Industry Day** is celebrated on **30 August** every year, to support and promote small Industries for their overall growth potential and opportunities received for their development in the year. The day recognises the contribution of small industries to the country's growth. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The International Day for People of African Descent** is celebrated on **31 August** globally. The day was first celebrated in **2021**, halfway through the **International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024)**, which calls for concrete actions on the part of states and other members of the international community to promote recognition, justice and development. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- International Whale Shark Day is observed on August 30, and to commemorate this occasion in (International Whale Shark Day 2022), try to understand the purpose. The **International Whale Shark Day 2022** is to raise awareness of the value of whale sharks and the need for their conservation. People can learn about the magnificent species on this day and take action to protect them on International Whale Shark Day 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

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Defence Current Affairs

- The 3rd edition of **Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022"** is conducted at **Chandimandir, Haryana** from August 1 to 20, 2022. The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is the **"Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations"**. The exercise will further strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Armed Forces** and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in **"Operation Vijay", Point 5140 at Dras in the Kargil sector** has been christened as **Gun Hill**. Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences including Point 5140, which was the key factor in the early completion of operations. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV'** begins in **Rajasthan** at the **Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges**. The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from **August 01 to 13, 2022**. The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** will be part of the mega air combat exercise **"Pitch Black 2022"** among 17 nations, to be held in the **Northern Territory of Australia**. India's participation in the exercise, **"Pitch Black"**, has been confirmed by the Australian government. Over 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 nations will be part of the drill. The exercise is scheduled to take place from August 19 to September 6. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Indian Air Force** will retire one of its four remaining squadrons, **MiG-21 (Russian combat aircraft) fighter jets by 2022** September and the other three are scheduled to be phased out by 2025. The old MiG-21s will be replaced with newer fighter jets. Six MiG-21s have been lost in crashes in the last 20 months, killing five pilots. The IAF also plans to start the phasing out of the three squadrons of MiG-29 fighter jets in the next five years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian Navy** guided-missile frigate **INS Tarkash**, while on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a **Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX)** with French naval ships in the **North Atlantic Ocean** on July 29 and 30. INS Tarkash and French Fleet Tanker FNS Somme carried out a replenishment at sea, followed by cooperative air operations with the maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50, taking part in several mock missile engagements and air defence drills. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **The Indian Army and the US Army** will conduct the 18th edition of the fortnight-long mega military exercise “**Yudh Abhyas**” from **October 14 to 31, 2022, at Auli in Uttarakhand**. The exercise is aimed at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies. The previous edition of the exercise took place in Alaska, the US, in October 2021. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Indian Army** has conducted a pan-India satellite communication exercise named ‘**Ex Skylight**’, in the last week of July. The main objective of this exercise was to test the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems, in the event of an attack by an adversary. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Ministry of Defence** has announced that the **12th edition of the Defence Expo, India’s flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems**, will be held in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022. The theme for this edition is ‘**Path to Pride**’ invoking nationalistic pride and encouraging citizens to partake in nation-building through establishing a capable indigenous Defence industry. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **India-US Joint Special Forces** exercise “**Ex Vajra Prahar 2022**”, began on August 08, 2022, at the Special Forces Training School in **Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh**. Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is the 13th edition of the annual exercise. The main objective of this joint exercise is to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian Army** has launched the **Him Drone-athon programme** in collaboration with the **Drone Federation of India**. The initiative is in line with self-reliance in defence manufacturing. It is aimed at providing opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting the requirements of frontline troops. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Air Force (IAF)** contingent left for Malaysia to participate in a four-day bilateral exercise ‘**Udarashakti**’ with the **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)**. The exercise will give an opportunity to the IAF contingent members to share and learn best practices with some of the best professionals from the RMAF, while also discussing mutual combat capabilities. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura** reached the **San Diego Harbour North American Continent** on 13th August to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India. The INS Satpura conducted a **75 Lap Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Run** at the San Diego US Navy Base on the Independence Day of India. The ship hoisted the Indian Tricolour flag in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries in the North American Continent on the historic occasion of 75 years of Independence of India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has unveiled the Statue of “**Veer Durgadas Rathore**” on his **385th** birth anniversary in **Rajasthan’s Jodhpur**. The Raksha Mantri paid glowing tribute to Veer Durgadas Rathore on the occasion, terming him as the symbol of social harmony, honesty, bravery and devotion. He stated that people, irrespective of caste or religion, should take inspiration from Veer Durgadas Rathore, who strived for peace and harmony against divisive elements in society. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Defence Minister of India, **Rajnath Singh** handed over to the **Indian Army** the much-awaited **Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS)** at the unveiling ceremony of various defence and strategic systems held in Delhi. The full gear of the F-INSAS includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India on August 15 gifted a **Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka** which will enable the island nation to tackle multiple challenges like human and drug trafficking, smuggling and other organised forms of crime in its coastal waters more effectively. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The People’s Liberation Army of **China** will take part in the **Vostok-2022** strategic command and staff exercise in **Russia**, which also includes the armies of **India**, Belarus, Tajikistan, and Mongolia, according to the country’s defence ministry. **China’s** People’s Liberation Army will send some troops to **Russia** to participate in the **Vostok-2022 (East)** strategic exercise, in accordance with the two countries’ yearly military cooperation plan and agreement. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Border Security Force (BSF)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to ensure the safety and security of booking data under its air e-ticket service for the troops of India’s border guarding force. The pact will ensure the facility of **extra baggage, lounge, cargo** and less cancellation or reschedule charges for authorised BSF personnel. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- India intends to purchase **Tu-160 bomber** from Russia, in order to boost its strategic force. America objected to its initial flight because of how hazardous this bomber is in nature. Tupolev **Tu-160 bomber** can reach a peak speed of 2220 kmph. The maximum weight that this aircraft can carry while flying is 110,000 kg. It has a 56-meter wingspan. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** inked a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to establish its first international marketing and sales office in Kuala Lumpur in anticipation of a potential agreement for the **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas** in Malaysia. The change has taken place because Tejas is being considered by Malaysia as a Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) aircraft for the Royal Malaysian Air Force. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** is all set to join the elite global club, and the Indian Army will soon possess indigenous and more advanced **quantum communication technology** with equipped troops and a high-end secured defense system. With the support of **Innovation for Defence Excellence (iDEX), Defence Innovation Organisation**, the QNu Labs which is a Bengaluru-based deep tech startup has innovated advanced secured communication through Quantum Key Distribution (QKD). ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Centre has allowed them to purchase **critical weapon systems for their operational requirements** through an **emergency procurement route**. The approval was given in a meeting of the Defence Ministry which was headed by **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)**, was successfully flight tested by the **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** for Naval warships and the Indian Navy. The VL-SRSAM flight test was carried out from Chandipur Coast, in Odisha. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A first-of-its-kind, **Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR)** was inaugurated by Vice Admiral **Biswajit Dasgupta** at **INS Karna**. The CISR is a state-of-the-art, self-contained, 25 m, six-lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy. With advanced target systems and associated control software, this range would enable personnel to hone their firing skills, enabling them to challenge and take on adversaries in demanding scenarios. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India will commission its **first Indigenous aircraft carrier**. US aviation major **Boeing** has made a strong pitch for the Indian Navy to choose the **F/A 18 Super Hornet fighter jet**, claiming that it would bring a profit of \$3.6 billion in domestic manufacturing. Boeing has joined its offers with the Government scheme **Aatmanirbhaar Bharat**, before the commissioning of the indigenous aircraft carrier **Vikrant** which will operate the new fighters. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **first indigenous carrier** which has been constructed by **Cochin Shipyard Ltd**, will soon be commissioned as **INS Vikrant** on September 2. The warship will play the role of ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The aircraft landing trials on board **INS Vikrant** will begin in November and will be completed by **mid-2023**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Pinaka extended range rocket** trials developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** were carried out in firing ranges of **Pokhran, Rajasthan**. Multiple successful Pinaka extended range rocket trials firings were conducted in Pokhran. The Pinaka extended range is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO, and is produced by a **private sector firm**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi's** Make in India in the defence sector received a major boost as the Indian Navy received the first-ever completely **made-in-India 30mm ammunition**. The ammunition will be used in **AK-630 guns**, which is fitted on warships. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Indian judoka **Linthoi Chanambam** scripted history by winning **India's first-ever medal in Judo World Championships** with a gold in the **Women's 57kg category** at the **World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships**. The 15-year-old judoka outclassed Brazil's Bianca Reis in the 57-kg category final. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **13th edition** of the **India-US** joint special forces exercise **Vajra Prahar 2022** concluded at **Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh**. Special forces from the two countries participated in a 21-day joint training exercise. The joint training provided an opportunity for the forces from both nations to train in airborne operations, special operations and counter-terrorism operations in a joint environment under the United Nations Charter. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** will reveal a new ensign of the Indian Navy (**New Naval ensign**), at the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant Commissioning celebration on September 2. He will formally inaugurate the nation's first aircraft carrier, **INS Vikrant**. The Indian Navy will receive a New Naval ensign on September 2 without the Saint George's cross that has been on its flag since the British placed it during the pre-independence era. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise **SAREX-22** was carried out by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Chennai. Along with other organisations and foreign participants, the chief of the Indian Coast Guard, VS Pathania, assessed the exercise "**SAREX-2022**." In an emergency, ICG Dornier aircraft demonstrated to viewers how to rescue passengers from ships and aeroplanes. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Indian national flag** was unfurled in space at an altitude of over **30 km** as the country marked its **75 years of Independence**. The tricolour was sent to the edge of space on a balloon by **Space Kidz India**, which describes itself as an aerospace organisation creating young scientists for the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) handed two pieces of space equipment to the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) for use in the **Gaganyaan mission**. This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that India's top space agency has purchased from HAL for the mission ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- At 14,000 feet in **Ladakh**, ONGC is getting ready to pump **geothermal energy**. State-run explorer ONGC has set out on a mission to harness the steam streaming from the earth's core at **Puga**, a lonely valley off the road to Chumar on the de facto boundary with China, at a height of more than 14,000 feet. In India, **geothermal energy** is nothing new. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The 13 prospective landing locations for **NASA's Artemis III mission**, which would bring the first woman and person of colour to the Moon, have been revealed, as promised. The following 13 areas have been chosen by NASA as potential landing sites for the **NASA's Artemis III mission**: Peak Near Shackleton, Connecting Ridge, Connecting Ridge Extension, Haworth, Malapert Massif, Leibnitz Beta Plateau, Nobile Rim 1, Nobile Rim 2, and Amundsen Rim are some of the features that make up the Faustini Rim A. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory**, to track objects as small as **10 cm** in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the **Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara**, a space sector start-up. The **space situational awareness (SSA) observatory** will help India track any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering over the region. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **India** has developed the first indigenously-developed **RT-PCR kit** for testing **monkeypox** disease. The kit is developed by **Transasia Bio-Medicals**, the kit was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Centre **Ajay Kumar Sood**. The kit would help in early detection and better management of the infection which the WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Science and Technology

- Tech giant, **Google** has launched '**India Ki Udaan**' to mark **75 years of Independence**. The project has executed by **Google Arts & Culture** celebrates the country's achievements and is "**themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years**". As part of the country-wide celebrations, Google also announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Microsoft** and the Indian government will work together on a programme to teach its digital toolkit to almost 2.5 million civil servants. The **Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE)**, the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and the tech giant are working together to support civil servants in their efforts to assist the less fortunate with the help of **Microsoft**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** has launched a digital platform called the '**SPARK space museum**' for showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface. The digital platform known as the '**SPARK space museum**' was launched by the **Chairman of ISRO, S Somnath**. This idea by ISRO is a new initiative while celebrating the **Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav** marking 75 years of Independence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Researchers in Hyderabad have successfully 3D-printed an artificial cornea (**3D-printed Human Cornea**) and placed it in a rabbit eye for the first time ever in India. A **3D-printed Human cornea** made from human donor corneal tissue has been created by researchers from the **L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)**, **Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H)**, and the **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Researchers at **IIT Guwahati** have created a fermentation process that uses ultrasound to safely generate **Xylitol** from sugarcane bagasse, the byproduct of crushing sugar cane. This approach gets over the operational constraints of chemical synthesis and the time lags of traditional fermentation. The use of ultrasound during the fermentation process not only reduced the time of fermentation to 15 hours, but also increased the yield of the product by almost 20%. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The James Webb Space Telescope** recently captured new beautiful photos of Jupiter. The **James Webb Space Telescope**, which was launched in December 2021, has already captured amazing photographs of colourful galaxies, gorgeous nebulae, and other breathtaking celestial bodies in the furthest reaches of the universe. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **AirAsia India** becomes the first airline to use **CAE's artificial intelligence**-powered training system to train the airline's pilots. CAE is the leading provider of pilot training solutions that are based on simultaneous technology. The **CAE headquarters are in Canada**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- IT giants, **Google** has unveiled a programme to **upskill 100,000 Indian developers and researchers in cyber security**. The campaign will be part of the company's **Cyber Security Roadshow**, which will cover multiple cities across India and offer tools, tutorials, and mentorship on security practices for building consumer apps, as well as enterprise programmes. ([Click here to read complete 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](#))



Books & Authors

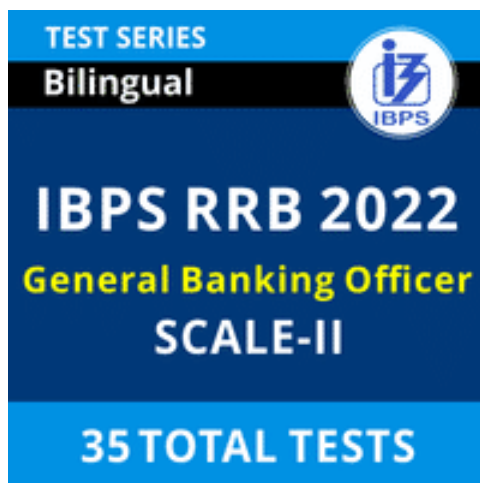
- Marine biologist **Ellen Prager** has come up with a book titled "**Dangerous Earth: What we wish we knew about volcanoes, hurricanes, climate change, earthquakes and more**". In the book, the author seeks to respond to the most compelling question: Why can't we better predict natural disasters? ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A book titled "**Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War**" is all about an "India's first fighter pilot" who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born. The book has been written by author **Stephen Barker**, who describes in great detail, how challenging it was for an Indian to serve in the British armed forces, fighting racial discrimination – both institutional and interpersonal. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** covered about 1,331 different bird species that can be found in India in a field guide that was written by ZSI. According to ZSI Director Dhriti Banerjee, Unlike prior books that mostly used drawings, it emphasizes high-quality images of birds. The identification of each species is essential for accurate documentation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, **Dr. Jitendra Singh**, launched a poetry book titled '**Rusty Skies and Golden Winds**' written by 11 years old **Sannidhya Sharma**, student of class 7th, here at Jammu. The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers. The Union Minister lauded the efforts of the little author in crystallising his thoughts in the shape of a collection of his poems and his rare achievement at this tender age and wished him a bright future. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "**Bibi: My Story**" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not," . ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Vice President, **M Venkaiah Naidu** has released a book titled "**A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19**", a compilation of selected articles of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan **Arun Jaitley** on his death anniversary. The event was also attended by Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha**, and Union civil aviation minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia**, who also released the book along with Naidu. The book has been published by Juggernaut. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- A new book named ‘**India’s Economy From Nehru To Modi:: A Brief History**’ written by **Pulapre Balakrishnan** will be launched shortly. The book, **India’s Economy From Nehru To Modi:: A Brief History**’ is written about the economic progression of India from the time of **Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru** to the current time of Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**. Independent The 75-year odyssey of the Indian economy is coming to an end. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Acclaimed classical dancer and activist **Mallika Sarabhai** bares it all in her upcoming self-help memoir, “**Free Fall: My Experiments with Living**”. The book, which will hit the stands on August 30, is about “coming to terms with yourself, your body and finding the lifestyle that works for you”. It is published by **Speaking Tiger**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Director of the Department of Economic & Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **Dr Ashutosh Ravarikar** has authored a new book titled “**Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence**”. The book is published by **Aswad Prakashan Private Limited**. **Bibek Debroy**, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India has written the foreword of the book. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The autobiography “**The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir**”, is about the inspiring story of **Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd)**, the Youngest Param Vir Chakra (PVC) awardee, at the age of 19 for his actions in the 1999 Kargil conflict. This autobiography is published by **Srishti Publishers & Distributors**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **UMEED Market Place** as part of the **AVSAR** Scheme of the **Airport Authority of India** launched by Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** at the Srinagar International Airport in Jammu and Kashmir. The Jammu Airport now has a marketplace that is comparable, and both locations will feature goods from all 20 districts, which is **UMEED Market Place**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tamara Walcott**, a female powerlifter from **Maryland in the United States** broke according to sources in the investigating agency for the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of **737.5 kg across three compound lifts – the squat, the bench press, and the deadlift**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF)**, have launched a pan-India operation known as **Operation Yatri Suraksha**. Under this initiative, several steps are taken to provide round-the-clock security to passengers. To kickstart Operation Yatri Suraksha, the RPF launched a month-long pan-India drive against criminals who loot passengers in July 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Delhi** Chief Minister, **Arvind Kejriwal** has formally unveiled his **Aam Aadmi Party’s** national ambition with the launch of the ‘**Make India No 1**’ campaign. At an event organised at Talkatora stadium here, he proposed a five-point vision for good governance. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor termed the campaign a “national mission” and appealed to the masses to join. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Indian Railways** conducted a test run of its latest train called **Super Vasuki**. The Super Vasuki is operated by the South East Central Railway (SECR) zone of the Indian Railways. The SECR ran the record **long-haul freight trains Vasuki and Trishul last year and the 2.8 km long SheshNaag train before that**. The Super Vasuki was set up by amalgamating five rakes of goods trains as one unit. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Central government has awarded **Geographical Indication (GI)** tag to **Mithila Makhana**. With this move, growers will get the maximum price for their premium produce. Over five lakh farmers of the Mithila region of Bihar will be benefitted from this decision. Makhana registered with GI Tag, farmers will get profit and it will be easier to earn. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Anna Mani**, Known as the **Weather Woman of India**, was an Indian Physicist and India’s one of the best Scientist. **Anna Mani** did research, wrote multiple publications, and made advances to the field of meteorological instrumentation by measuring solar radiation, ozone, and wind energy. Because of her significant contribution to the field of science and research, **Anna Mani** has earned the title of “**Weather Woman of India**.” ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Miscellaneous Current Affairs

- The astronomical observatory at the **Langat Singh College**, commonly known as **L. S. College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar** is now included in the **UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage observatories of the world**. The college authorities have requested the state government to conserve the **old Astro lab** as a specimen of the glorious past of the state and also to preserve and promote it as a heritage structure. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Kerala Development and Innovation Strategy Council (K-DISC)** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **LinkedIn**, the world’s largest professional network, along with the **ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK)** under the **Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM)** as a part of **Connect Career to Campus campaign (CCC)**. Kerala government aims to boost employability skills with this partnership among the youth of Kerala to get relevant jobs using LinkedIn. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **India** has nominated the Indian dance form **Garba** to be inscribed on **UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list**. Last year, Durga Puja was included in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list and for 2022, India has nominated 'Garba'. The next **UNESCO** meeting will be held in November. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India is set to construct more **railways and motorways in 2025**. The length of all national highways in India is anticipated to reach **1.8 lakh kilometres** and the railway lines would be **1.2 lakh kilometres** by 2025 according to the **report of Bank of America Securities India**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A 17-year-old pilot, **Mack Rutherford** became the **youngest person to fly solo** around the world in a small aircraft after he landed in **Bulgaria**, where his journey kicked off five months ago. Mack Rutherford, a Belgian-British dual national, landed on an airstrip west of Bulgaria's capital, Sofia, to complete his task and claim **two Guinness World Records**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The government of India** has approved a proposal to give specific names to all the AIIMS, based on regional heroes, freedom fighters, historical events or monuments of the area, or their distinct geographical identity. The majority of the **23 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)** has submitted a list of names. All the AIIMS are known by its generic name and distinguished only by their location. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The largest religious monument in the world, the **Temple of Vedic Planetarium** in **West Bengal**, which will serve as the headquarters of the **International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON)**, will also have the world's biggest dome. The Vedic Planetarium will offer guests a tour of the various parts of the cosmic creation. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



Obituaries

- Former Philippine President **Fidel Valdez Ramos**, has passed away due to the complications of COVID-19. He was 94. Ramos served as the 12th president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. He was a military officer by profession. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Renowned Bengali singer **Nirmala Mishra** has passed away. She was 81. She was born in 1938 in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district. She sang various songs in Bengali, Odia, and Assamese films. Her melodies in the Bengali language include 'Eamon Ekta Jhinuk', 'Bolo to Arshi' and 'Eai Banglar Mati Te'. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Australian featherweight boxing world champion **Johnny Famechon** has passed away. He was 77. He was associated with professional boxing for more than 20 years and had a record of 56 wins, which includes 20 by knockout, six draws and five losses. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Rudi Koertzen**, the former international cricket umpire, has passed away in a car crash. He was 73. Koertzen, who took up umpiring in the year 1981 and stood in his first international match back in **1992 between India and South Africa at Port Elizabeth**, went on to officiate in 331 international matches, a record that stood tall until he retired in the year 2010. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Member of Parliament (MP) and senior **All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK)** politician **K. Maya Thevar** has passed away due to an age-related illness. He was 87. **He was the first MP of the AIADMK**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Veteran stock market investor, **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala** passed away at the age of 62. Often referred to as **'India's Warren Buffett'** and the **Big Bull of Indian markets**, Jhunjhunwala's net worth was **\$5.8 billion**. An investor with a Midas touch, Jhunjhunwala was the 48th richest man in the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- An Indian American journalist, **Uma Pemmaraju** has passed away at the age of 64. She was a part of various shows such as **The Fox Report, Fox News Live, Fox News Now, and Fox On Trends**. She has been awarded many Emmy Awards in her career for investigative reporting and journalism. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Amitabh Chaudhary** the former **BCCI acting secretary** and president of **Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA)** has passed away. He served as acting secretary of the BCCI until 2019. He entered cricket administration in 2004 and served as the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) president for over a decade. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer **Narayan** has passed away at the age of 82 in Kochi. He was born in the Malayaraya community in **Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk** in 1940. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former India football team captain, **Samar 'Badru' Banerjee**, who led the country to a historic fourth-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, has passed away recently. He was 92. He was bestowed with the **Mohun Bagan Ratna in 2009**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Former Jharkhand Governor, **Syed Sibtey Razi** has passed away. He served as the Governor of Jharkhand from the year **2004- 2009**. He was associated with Congress. He was a member of **the Rajya Sabha thrice**. Later he was made the Governor of **Jharkhand and Assam**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Veteran filmmaker, **Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala** passed away at the age of 91. Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala was known for backing over 50 Hindi films including 1965 film "Mahabharat" and hit comedies in the 2000s such as "Hera Pheri" and "Welcome". He had started his film production and media entertainment company in 1953. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Internaut Day** is being celebrated around the world to mark the invention of the **World Wide Web**. An "internaut" is a **person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Mikhail Gorbachev**, who as the **last leader of the Soviet Union** waged a losing battle to salvage a crumbling empire but produced extraordinary reforms that led to the end of the **Cold War, died**. He was 91. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Renowned economist and former Planning Commission member, **Abhijit Sen** has passed away at 72. He was a member of the **Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014**, during the tenure of PM Manmohan Singh. He was awarded the **Padma Bhushan** for public service in 2010. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Oscar Award-winning animator, **Ralph Eggleston** passed away at the age of 56 years due to pancreatic cancer in **California, United States of America (USA)**. He was born on 18 October 1965 in Lake Charles, Louisiana (United States). He was an American animator, art director, storyboard artist, writer, film director, and production designer at Pixar Animation Studios. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Static Takeaways

- International Olympic Committee Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Olympic Committee President: Thomas Bach;
- International Olympic Committee Founded: 23 June 1894, Paris, France.
- World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action Headquarters location: Penang, Malaysia;
- World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action Founder: Anwar Fazal;
- World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action Chairperson: Felicity Savage;
- World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action Founded: 14 February 1991.
- Chief Executive Officer, Deutsche Bank Group, India: Kaushik Shaparia
- CEO of Deutsche Bank, Asia Pacific and Member of the Management Board: Alexander von zur Muehlen
- CEO of ASCEDCL: Astik Kumar Pandey
- Assistant project manager (climate change) for ASCDCL: Aditya Tiwari
- CEO of ZEEL: Punit Goenka
- CEO of Sony Pictures Network: Anthony "Tony" Vinciguerra
- CEO, Sony Pictures Networks India: NP Singh
- The Press Information Bureau was established in June 1919.
- In 1941, J. Natrajan became the first Indian to be head the Bureau as Principal Information Officer.
- The organisation's name was changed to the Press Information Bureau in 1946. The Bureau has been reconstituted many times since the independence of India in 1947.
- Interim chairperson and managing director of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation: Alka Mittal
- MD SVC Bank: Ashish Singhal
- General Manager of SIDBI: Sanjeev Gupta
- Minister for Railways, Communications, Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw
- Founder of Bharti Airtel: Sunil Bharti Mittal
- Central Vigilance Commission Formed: February 1964;
- Central Vigilance Commission Objectives: To address governmental corruption;
- Central Vigilance Commission Jurisdiction: Government of India;
- Central Vigilance Commission Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Central Vigilance Commission First executive: Nittoor Srinivasa Rau;
- Central Vigilance Commission Appointer: President of India.

- CEO of State Rythu Bazars: B. Srinivasa Rao
- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945;
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France;
- UNESCO Members: 193 countries;
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- RBI 25th Governor: Shaktikanta Das
- Headquarters of RBI: Mumbai
- RBI Founded: 1 April 1935, Kolkata.
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- Amazon Founder: Jeff Bezos;
- Amazon CEO: Andy Jassy;
- Amazon HQ: Seattle, Washington, United States;
- Amazon Formed: 5 July 1994.
- IOCL Chairman: Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- Vodafone Idea Limited Founder: Kumar Mangalam Birla;
- Vodafone Idea Limited Founded: 31 August 2018;
- Vodafone Idea Limited Headquarters: Gandhinagar.
- Hindustan Unilever Limited CEO: Sanjiv Mehta (10 Oct 2013–);
- Hindustan Unilever Limited Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Hindustan Unilever Limited Established: 17 October 1933.
- Oil India Ltd Headquarters: Noida;
- Oil India Ltd Founded: 18 February 1959.
- Athletics Federation of India President: Adille J Sumariwalla;
- Athletics Federation of India Founded: 1946;
- Athletics Federation of India Headquarters location: New Delhi.
- South Asian Football Federation President: Kazi Salahuddin;
- South Asian Football Federation Founded: 1997;
- South Asian Football Federation Headquarters: Dhaka, Bangladesh;
- South Asian Football Federation Abbreviation: SAFF;
- South Asian Football Federation General Secretary: Anwarul Huq.
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research Founded: 26 September 1942;
- Council of Scientific and Industrial Research President: Prime Minister of India.
- Colombia Capital: Bogota; Currency: Colombian peso.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai;
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Chief Asia economist at Morgan Stanley: Chetan Ahya
- Microsoft Founders: Bill Gates and Paul Allen
- Microsoft CEO: Satya Nadella
- Group leader & director of government affairs at Microsoft India: Ashutosh Chadha
- Senior Executive Vice President, HDFC Bank: Vijay Mulbagal
- MD & CEO, M1xchnage: Sundeep Mohindru
- The All India Football Federation Founded: 23 June 1937;
- The All India Football Federation Headquarters: Dwarka, Delhi;
- The All India Football Federation FIFA affiliation: 1948;
- The All India Football Federation AFC affiliation: 1954;
- The All India Football Federation SAFF affiliation: 1997.
- Indian Airforce founded: 08th October 1932;
- Indian Airforce Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Airforce Chief of Air Staff: Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- State Bank of India (SBI) chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara;
- State Bank of India Headquarters: Mumbai;
- State Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955.
- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino;
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- NATGRID Formed: 2009;
- NATGRID Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO: Uday Kotak;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Founded: February 2003.
- MHRA Chief Executive: Dr June Raine
- Chair of the Commission on Human Medicines: Professor Sir Munir Pirmohamed
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangaluru;
- Karnataka Bank CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- Chairman of the Mahindra & Mahindra group: Anand Mahindra
- Chairman of Zydus Lifesciences: Pankaj Patel
- TVS Motors Chairperson: Venu Srinivasan
- National Institute of Ocean Technology Founded: 1993;
- National Institute of Ocean Technology Director: Dr Gidugu Ananda Ramadass;
- National Institute of Ocean Technology Parent agency: Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- IRDAI Founded: 1999;
- IRDAI Headquarters: Hyderabad;
- IRDAI Chairperson: Debasish Panda.
- Bajaj Group Founder: Jamnalal Bajaj;

- Bajaj Group Founded: 1926;
- Bajaj Group Headquarters Location: Pune, Maharashtra.
- NASA administrator: Bill Nelson;
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States;
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.
- MD and CEO of Paytm: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- Paytm Founded: August 2010;
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- 13th and Current FIBA President: Hamane Niang
- FIBA Asia President: Saud Ali. Al-Thani
- Axis Bank Founded: 1993;
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Axis Bank Chairman: Rakesh Makhija;
- Axis Bank MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary;
- Axis Bank Tagline: Badhti Ka naam Zindag.
- Managing director and CEO, Edelweiss MF: Radhika Gupta
- Sebi-registered investment adviser and co-founder of MyWealthGrowth: Harshad Chetanwala
- Mastercard Founded: 16 December 1966, United States;
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States;
- Mastercard CEO: Michael Miebach;
- Mastercard Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga.
- Founder and general manager of Goodfellows: Shantanu Naidu
- Tata Consultancy Services CEO: Rajesh Gopinathan;
- Tata Consultancy Services Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Tata Consultancy Services Founded: 1 April 1968.
- Border Security Force Director General: Pankaj Kumar Singh;
- Border Security Force Founded: 1 December 1965;
- Border Security Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- ISRO Chairman: S Somanath
- HAL Chairman: Mihir Kanti Mishra
- Stockholm International Water Institute Executive Director: Torgny Holmgren;
- Stockholm International Water Institute Headquarters: Stockholm, Sweden;
- Stockholm International Water Institute Founded: 1991.
- Transasia Bio-Medicals Headquarters location: Mumbai;
- Transasia Bio-Medicals Founded: 1979.
- Adidas Founder: Adolf Dassler;
- Adidas Founded: 18 August 1949;
- Adidas Headquarters: Herzogenaurach, Germany.
- NDTV Founders: Prannoy Roy, Radhika Roy;
- NDTV Founded: 1988;
- NDTV Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Yes Bank Founded: 2004;
- Yes Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Yes Bank MD & CEO: Prashant Kumar;
- Yes Bank Tagline: Experience our Expertise.
- Godrej Agrovet CEO: Adi Burjorji Godrej
- CEO and MD, Tata Power: Praveer Sinha
- CMD SIDBI: Sivasubramanian Ramanan
- Mali Capital: Bamako;
- Mali Currency: Franc.
- Interim CEO and COO of the Indian arm of American Express: Sanjay Khanna
- IMF Formation: 27 December 1945;
- IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States;
- IMF Member Countries: 190;
- IMF MD: Kristalina Georgieva.
- RBL BANK Founded: 1943;
- RBL BANK Headquarters: Mumbai;
- RBL BANK MD & CEO: R Subramaniakumar;
- RBL BANK Tagline: Apno ka Bank.
- IDFC Ltd Headquarters: Mumbai;
- IDFC Ltd CEO: V. Vaidyanathan (19 Dec 2018-);
- IDFC Ltd Founded: October 2015.
- Royal Enfield CEO: B. Govindarajan (18 Aug 2021-);
- Royal Enfield Headquarters: Chennai;
- Royal Enfield Founded: 1955;
- Managing Director and CEO of Eicher Motors: Siddhartha Lal;
- Royal Enfield Parent organization: Eicher Motors.
- EAC- PM Chairman: Dr Bibek Debroy
- Current Chief Economic Advisor to Government of India: V Anantha Nageswaran
- Lieutenant Governor of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir: Manoj Sinha
- Capitals of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir: Srinagar (Summer) Jammu (Winter)
- Isha Foundation founder: Jagadish Vasudev (Sadhguru)
- South Korea Capital: Seoul;
- South Korea Currency: South Korean Won;
- South Korea Prime Minister: Han Duck-soo;
- South Korea President: Yoon Seok-youl.
- 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 Swede: Shri Tanmaya Lal
- Deputy Director General, LfV Sweden: Mr. Magnus Corell
- Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI): Shri Sanjeev Kumar

List of Countries and Its Important Festivals

Festival Name	Celebrated in
Orange Festival	Poland
International Mango Festival	New Delhi, India
Pancake Festival	Moscow, Russia
Marine Lobster Festival	Rockland USA
Mistura Food Festival	Lima, Peru
Melbourne Food & Wine Festival	Melbourne, Australia
San Francisco Street Food Festival	San Francisco, Australia
Oktoberfest	Munich, Germany
Chinchilla Melon Festival (Watermelon)	Australia
Alba White Truffle Festival	Alba, Italy
Baltic Herring Festival	Helsinki, Finland
Chocolate Festival	London, UK
Tomato Festival	Spain
Monkey Buffet Festival	Lopburi Province, Thailand
Potato Festival	Sweden
Onion Eating Festival	Spain
Vegetarian Festival	Thailand
Ivrea Orange Festival	Ivrea, Italy
Abergavenny Food Festival	Wales, UK
Grape Throwing Festival	Mallorca, Spain

List of Countries and their Parliaments

Sr No	Country	Parliament
1	Afghanistan	Shora
2	Albania	People's Assembly
3	Algeria	National People's Assembly
4	Andorra	General Council
5	Angola	National People's Assembly
6	Argentina	National Congress
7	Australia	Federal Parliament
8	Austria	National Assembly
9	Azerbaijan	Melli Majlis
10	Bahamas	General Assembly
11	Bahrain	Consultative Council
12	Bangladesh	Jatia Parliament
13	Belize	National Assembly
14	Bhutan	Tsogdu
15	Bolivia	National Congress
16	Botswana	National Assembly
17	Brazil	National Congress
18	Britain	Parliament (House of Commons and House of Lords)
19	Brunei	National Assembly
20	Bulgaria	Narodno Sabranie
21	Cambodia	National Assembly
22	Canada	Parliament
23	China	National People's Assembly
25	Colombia	Congress
26	Comoros	Legislative Council and Senate
27	Congo Democratic	Rep. of National Legislative Council
28	Costa Rice	Legislative Council and Senate
29	Croatia	Sabor
30	Cuba	National Assembly of People's Power
31	Denmark	Folketing
32	East Timor	Constituent Assembly
33	Ecuador	National Congress

Sr No	Country	Parliament
34	Egypt	People's Assembly
35	El Salvador	Legislative Assembly
36	Ethiopia	Federal Council and House of Representative
37	Fiji Islands	Senate & House of Representative
38	Finland	Eduskusta (Parliament)
39	France	National Assembly
40	Germany	Bundestag (Lower House) and Bundesrat (Upper House)
41	Great Britain	Parliament
42	Greece	Chamber of Deputies
43	Guyana	National Assembly
44	Hungary	National Assembly
45	Iceland	Althing
46	India	Sansad
47	Indonesia	People's Consultative Assembly
48	Iran	Majlis
49	Iraq	National Assembly
50	Ireland	Oireachtas
51	Israel	The Knesset
52	Italy	Chamber of Deputies and Senate
53	Japan	Diet
54	Jordan	National Assembly
55	Korea(North)	Supreme People's Assembly
56	Korea(South)	National Assembly
57	Kuwait	National Assembly
58	Lebanon	National Assembly
59	Laos	People's Supreme Assembly
60	Latvia	Saeima
61	Lesotho	National Assembly and Senate
62	Libya	General People's Congress
63	Lithuania	Seimas

Sr No	Country	Parliament
64	Luxembourg	Chamber of Deputies
65	Madagascar	National People's Assembly
66	Magnolia	Khural
67	Malaysia	Majilis
68	Maldives	Majilis
69	Mongolia	Great People's Khural
70	Montenegro	Federal Assembly
71	Mozambique	People's Assembly
72	Myanmar	Pyithu Hluttaw
73	Nepal	Rashtriya Panchayat
74	Netherlands	States-General (Staten-General)
75	New Zealand	Parliament (House of Representative)
76	Norway	Storting
77	Oman	Monarchy
78	Pakistan	National Assembly & Senate
79	Papua New Guinea	National Parliament
80	Paraguay	Senate & Chamber of Deputies
81	Philippines	The Congress
82	Poland	Sejm
83	Romania	Great National Assembly
84	Russia	Duma & Federal Council
85	Saudi Arabia	Majlis Al-Shura
86	South Africa	Parliament
87	Spain	Cortes
88	Taiwan	Yuan
89	Turkey	Grand National Assembly
90	USA	Congress
91	Uzbekistan	Oliy Majlis
92	Vietnam	National Assembly
93	Zambia	National Assembly
94	Zimbabwe	Parliament