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## The Most Important Current Affairs December 2022

### India's 100 Richest 2022: Gautam Adani tops Forbes rich list

#### India's 100 Richest 2022:

The world economy may be slowing but India's richest have grown even richer this year. The **Forbes 2022 list of India's 100 richest** is finally here, according to which, the combined wealth of India's 100 richest grew by \$25 billion to touch a colossal \$800 billion. The top 10 richest Indians are worth a cumulative \$385 billion. **Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani** has bagged the top spot on the list with a net worth of \$150 billion. According to Forbes, the gain was largely due to a record-breaking feat by infrastructure tycoon, which changed the pecking order at the top for the first time since 2008.

#### Top 10 names in the list:

RANK	NAME	NET WORTH (in Rupees)
1	Gautam Adani	Rs 1,211,460.11 crore
2	Mukesh Ambani	Rs 710,723.26 crore
3	Radhakishan Damani	Rs 222,908.66 crore
4	Cyrus Poonawalla	Rs 173,642.62 crore
5	Shiv Nadar	Rs 172,834.97 crore
6	Savitri Jindal	Rs 132,452.97 crore
7	Dilip Shanghvi	Rs 125,184.21 crore
8	Hinduja Brothers	Rs 122,761.29 crore
9	Kumar Birla	Rs 121,146.01 crore
10	Bajaj Family	Rs 117,915.45 crore

#### New Faces on India's 100 richest list:

- **Falguni Nayar:** With a net worth of \$4.8 billion, as per the Forbes data, Nayar is on the 44th spot in the list.
- **Rekha Jhunjhunwala:** The wife of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who is fondly remembered as India's very own Warren Buffet. At the 30th spot, Rekha Jhunjhunwala, 59, has replaced her husband on the list. She has a net worth of \$5.9 billion.
- **Nehal Vakil:** The representative of the third generation of the Vakil family that is running Asian Paints, which was founded in 1942. The family's total worth is \$5.2 billion.
- **Venu Srinivasan:** The founder of the TVS group, one of the largest two-wheeler manufacturers in the world, is also a new entrant on the list this year. He is also the recipient of Padma Bhushan, the third-highest civilian award in the country.
- **Ravi Modi:** The owner of Vedant Fashions, named after his only son. The manufacturer of Indian ethnic wear — known for the Manyawar brand — went public in 2022. His total worth is about \$3.6 billion.

- **Nirmal Minda:** The Chairman and MD of UNO Minda (formerly Minda Industries), has the net worth of \$2600 crore.
- **Rafique Malik:** Having listed Metro Brands last December, Rafique Malik figures on No. 89 with \$2.22 billion. The privately held company is known for its brands such as Mochi, Metro and Walkway.

#### The returnees on India's 100 richest list:

- Among the four returnees on the list is Anand Mahindra with a net worth of \$2.2 billion or Rs 17,768.08 crore. Bhadresh Shah (Rs 15,345.16 crore), Anu Aga (Rs 18,010.37 crore) and Joy Alukkas (Rs 25,036.84 crore) are also among the returnees on the rich list.
- Paytm CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma was a notable name among the drop-offs, who saw shares of his One97 Communications tank amid the global tech rout. The cutoff for the top 100 was \$1.9 billion this year.

### Vijay Hazare Trophy Final: Saurashtra beat Maharashtra by 5 wickets

#### Vijay Hazare Trophy Final

**Saurashtra** beat **Maharashtra** by 5 wickets in the final to win the **Vijay Hazare Trophy** at the Narendra Modi Stadium in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. They restricted Maharashtra at 248/9 in 50 overs as captain **Ruturaj Gaikwad** hit a century, scoring 108 off 131 balls after a slow start. Saurashtra bowler Chirag Jani claimed a hat-trick in the match. Man of the moment is Sheldon Jackson.

Chasing the target of 249, Saurashtra started off cautiously before the openers stitched a 125-run partnership. Batter Sheldon Jackson held one end as wickets tumbled around him. He scored a match-winning 133 off 136 balls to help Saurashtra chase down the target in 46.3 overs, with five wickets to spare. It was Saurashtra's second title triumph in history.

**Notably:** The win enhanced Jaydev Unadkat's credentials as captain, he had led Saurashtra to their first Ranji Trophy title in 2019-2020. He also finished at the top of the wicket-taking charts in the Vijay Hazare Trophy with 19 strikes to his name.



**Full List of Award Winners:**

- Player of the match in the final: **Sheldon Jackson (133 runs in 135 Balls)**
- Player of the tournament: **Ruturaj Gaikwad (Games: 5; Runs: 660; Avg: 220)**
- Most Runs: N Jagadeesan (Tamil Nadu): 830runs, 8 innings
- Highest Score: N Jagadeesan – 277 off 141 balls vs Arunachal Pradesh
- Most Fours: N Jagadeesan – 73 in 8 innings
- Most Sixes: Ruturaj Gaikwad – 34 in 5 innings
- Most Wickets: Vasuki Koushik (Karnataka) – 18 wickets in 9 matches

**Reserve Bank of India implements 4 tiered regulatory norms for UCB**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a four-tiered regulatory framework for categorisation of **Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)**. Besides, the central bank has come out with norms pertaining to the net worth and capital adequacy of these banks.

The Reserve Bank of India had constituted the Expert Committee on Urban Co-operative Banks, under the Chairmanship of **Shri N. S. Vishwanathan**, former Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank to examine the issues in urban cooperative banking sector and to review regulatory/supervisory approach for strengthening the sector. Based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee, RBI had released the Revised Regulatory Framework for Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs) on July 19, 2022. The four-tiered regulatory framework, based on size of deposits of the UCBs, will come into force with immediate effect.

**RBI has now categorized Urban Co-Operative Banks in India into four tier depending upon the deposit with the bank:**

- Tier 1: UCB are those banks having deposits up to **Rs 100 crore** operating in a single district or having branches in contiguous districts.
- Tier 2: UCBs with deposits more than **Rs.100 crore and up to Rs.1000 crore.**
- Tier 3 – UCBs with deposits more than **Rs.1000 crore and up to Rs.10, 000 crore.**
- Tier 4 – UCBs with deposits more than **Rs.10, 000 crore.**

**Minimum Net worth Requirement of the banks**

- The minimum net worth (have a minimum capital and reserves) requirement for the Tier 1 UCBs operating in single districts shall be Rs 2 crore.

**For other UCB it shall be Rs 5 crore.**

- Those UCBs which do not meet the requirement, have to achieve the minimum net worth of ₹2 crore or ₹5 crore in a phased manner in five years. The banks will have to achieve the 50% minimum net worth requirement in three years and the remaining 50% in next two years.

**What is Urban Cooperative Banks?**

Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) are registered as cooperative societies under the provisions of, either the State Cooperative Societies Act of the State concerned under the provisions of the or the **Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002**. There is a duality of control over the UCB. It is regulated by the **Registrar of Cooperatives and also by the RBI**. UCB registered under the State Cooperative Societies Act are regulated and supervised by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) of the State concerned. UCB which are set up under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002 are regulated by the **Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS)**.

**Regulation of banking function**

The Banking Regulation Act 1949 was made applicable on these banks from 1 March 1966. The Reserve Bank regulates and supervises the banking functions of UCBs under the provisions of **Banking Regulation Act, 1949**.

**Earthshot Prize 2022**

**Earthshot prize 2022:**

**India’s Greenhouse-in-a-box** was among the five winners announced by the Prince of Wales, Prince William, in Boston, United States. It is a sustainable solution for small-scale farmers developed by an **Indian startup, Kheyti**, in Telangana which has won one million pounds (\$1.2 million). Co-founder and CEO of Kheyti, Kaushik Kappagantulu, said that he had launched the solution for at least 100 million local smallholder farmers who are most impacted by climate change. The aim of greenhouse-in-a-box is to reduce costs and increase yields which in turn would help protect the livelihoods of these farmers.

**About the Earthshot prize:**

Founded by Prince William this was the second edition of the Earthshot prize which has also been dubbed the ‘Eco Oscars’ and witnessed the presence of several celebrities who walked the green carpet. Kheyti won the prize in the Protect and Restore Nature category which saw hundreds of entries from across the world.

All 15 finalists will receive support from the Earthshot Prize Global Alliance which is a network of NGOs and private sector businesses around the world which will assist in scaling these solutions. The other five winners are from Kenya, the United Kingdom, Australia and Oman.

**Here are the 2022 Earthshot Prize winners:**

- Mukuru Clean Stoves tackles clean air in Kenya
- Kheyti is protecting and restoring nature in India
- The Queensland Indigenous Women Rangers Network is helping revive Australia’s oceans
- Notpla’s circular solution to waste in the U.K.
- The 44.01 Project in Oman is turning CO2 into rock

**RBI Monetary Policy 2022: RBI Repo Rate Hike by 35 bps to 6.25%**

**RBI Monetary Policy 2022:**

The decision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor **Shaktikanta Das** headed six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has been announced. In the consecutive fifth hike this year, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee has raised the repo rate by **35 basis points (bps) to 6.25 per cent** with immediate effect, making loans expensive. The policy rate is now at the highest level since August 2018. The RBI has maintained policy stance at **'withdrawal of accommodation'**.

**RBI Repo Rate: Consequently, the various rates are as under**

- Policy Repo Rate: **6.25% (Changed)**
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF): **6.00% (Changed)**
- Marginal Standing Facility Rate: **6.50% (Changed)**
- Bank Rate: **6.50% (Changed)**
- Fixed Reverse Repo Rate: **3.35%**
- Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR): **4.50%**
- Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR): **18.00%**

**Key Points of the Monetary Policy:**

- RBI has maintained consumer price index (CPI) inflation forecast for FY23 at **6.7%**. Real FY23 GDP forecast lowered to **6.8% from 7%**.
- Inflation expected to be above **4% in the next 12 months**.
- Standing Deposit Facility rate, Marginal Standing Facility rate also increased by **35 basis points each to 6% and 6.5%**
- India's retail inflation fell to a three-month low of **6.77%** in October, down from 7.41% in September. However, remained above the RBI's tolerance band for the 10th consecutive row.
- Equities open flat with a negative bias as Sensex dips over 55 points, Nifty falls 0.2% ahead of RBI's policy decision.
- Liquidity conditions are set to improve. Weighted average lending rate is up 117 bps in May-October.

**The Monetary Policy Committee**

**Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act, 1934** provides for an empowered six-member **monetary policy** committee (MPC) to be constituted by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette. The first such MPC was constituted on September 29, 2016. The present MPC members, as notified by the Central Government in the Official Gazette of October 5, 2020, are as under:

1. Governor of the Reserve Bank of India—Chairperson, ex officio;
2. Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, in charge of Monetary Policy—Member, ex officio;
3. One officer of the Reserve Bank of India to be nominated by the Central Board—Member, ex officio;
4. **Prof. Ashima Goyal**, Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research —Member;

5. **Prof. Jayanth R. Varma**, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad—Member; and
6. **Dr. Shashanka Bhide**, Senior Advisor, National Council of Applied Economic Research, Delhi—Member.  
(Members referred to at 4 to 6 above, will hold office for a period of four years or until further orders, whichever is earlier)

**What is the role of MPC?**

- The MPC determines the policy repo rate required to achieve the inflation target.
- The MPC is required to meet at least four times in a year. The quorum for the meeting of the MPC is four members.
- Each member of the MPC has one vote, and in the event of an equality of votes, the Governor has a second or casting vote.
- Each Member of the Monetary Policy Committee writes a statement specifying the reasons for voting in favour of, or against the proposed resolution.

**United Nations: "Diwali Stamp-Power of One" awarded to four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker**

**Diwali Stamp-Power of One Awards:**

Four veteran diplomats and a US lawmaker have been honoured with this year's annual **'Diwali- Power of One'** award here for their efforts in working towards a peaceful and secure world. The award, which is also known as the **'Oscars of Diplomacy'**, is presented to former top diplomats of the United Nations or a member state for their effort to help form a more perfect, peaceful and secure world for all." The 2022 award ceremony was co-organised by **Diwali Foundation USA and the Delegation of the European Union** to the United Nations, and the Permanent Missions of Chile, Georgia, India, Kazakhstan, Kiribati, Morocco, Oman and Sri Lanka to the United Nations. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the awards were suspended in 2020 and 2021.

**Notably:** Previous honourees of the award include former Deputy Executive Director of UN Women **Lakshmi Puri**, former UK Ambassador to the UN **Matthew Rycroft**, Ukraine's former UN envoy **Yuriy Sergeyev** and Vietnam's former Permanent Representative to the UN **Nguyen Phuong Ngai**.

**Award Winner 2022:**

- Former Permanent Representative of Georgia to the UN **Kaha Imnadze**,
- Former Permanent Representative of Grenada to the UN **Keisha McGuire**,
- Former Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the UN **Georgi Velikov Panayotov**,
- Former Permanent Representative of Benin to the UN **Jean-Claude do Rego**,
- Former Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee of the US House of Representatives **Eliot Lance Engel**.

**About the Diwali Stamp-Power of One Awards:**

The UN General Assembly recognised the significance of Diwali in its resolution in 2014. Thereafter, Diwali Foundation USA Inc. Was established in 2017 to promote a peaceful and consensus-based process to achieve societal 'Good', as befits the high hopes and ideals of humanity enshrined in the United Nations Charter. The Foundation established the "Diwali Stamp – The Power of One" Award to celebrate and highlight the important work done in a peaceful manner, especially at the United Nations.

**BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List: 4 Indian women's in the list**

**BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List:**

The **British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)** has published the list of **100 most influential women in the world** and has included women from several areas such as **politics, science, sports, entertainment, and literature**. The BBC's 100 most influential women's list also includes four Indians: **Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, author Geetanjali Shree, engineer and astronaut Sirisha Bandla, and social worker Sneha Jawale.**

The annual list celebrates the achievements of women internationally, from grassroots volunteers to global leaders, and is used by BBC to focus on women's experiences around the world through a dedicated series of interviews, documentaries and features. For the first time this year, the BBC asked some of the previous '100 Women' to nominate women they feel deserve a place on the 2022 list.

**Some of the notable names included in the BBC 100 most influential women's lists:**

- European Commission President **Ursula von der Leyen**,
- Barbados Prime Minister **Mia Mottle**,
- Ukraine's First Lady **Olena Zelenska**,
- Music star **Billie Eilish**,
- Actress and disability activist **Selma Blair**,
- Iranian climber **Elnaz Rekab** who recently made waves in Iran for competing in South Korea without wearing a headscarf.
- From sport, Iranian climber **Elnaz Rekab** who recently made waves in her home country for competing in South Korea without wearing a headscarf.
- Tunisian tennis star **Ons Jabeur** who became the first Arab or African woman to reach a Grand Slam final in the Open era.

**About the BBC Releases 100 Most Influential Women's List:**

The BBC most influential women's list is celebrating its 10th season, as well as the 90th anniversary of the BBC World Service and the centenary of the BBC. The theme for 100 Women' in 2022 is progress and the related set of programmes for the season will take the opportunity to look back at what's changed over the past decade, as well as highlighting the inspiring women who have made a difference.

**Time Magazine's 2022 Person of the Year: Volodymyr Zelensky and "Spirit of Ukraine"**

**Time magazine** named President **Volodymyr Zelensky** as well as **"the spirit of Ukraine"** as its 2022 person of the year, for the resistance the country has shown in the face of Russia's invasion. Zelensky shares the 2022 title with "the spirit of Ukraine," which Felsenthal said was embodied by the "countless individuals inside and outside the country" who fought behind the scenes, including everyday people such as chefs and surgeons.

The Time magazine editor **Edward Felsenthal** wrote that "spirit of Ukraine" referred to Ukrainians around the world, including many who "fought behind the scenes" against the Russian invasion. The magazine said Mr Zelensky had inspired Ukrainians and was recognised internationally for his courage in resisting the Russian invasion.

**Other categories winners:**

- **Time Heroes of the Year:** Women in Iran were named the **Time Heroes of the Year**. Iranian women who are protesting for over three months against the custodial death of 22-year-old **Mahsa Amini**. She was arrested for not wearing hijab publicly and she died while in the custody of the Iranian morality police. Her death has triggered a mass protest from the Iranian women against public wearing of Hijab and the morality police.
- **Time's Entertainer of the year:** The South Korean K-pop band **Blackpink** were recognised as.
- **Athlete of the Year:** American baseball player **Aaron Judge**.
- **Icon of the Year:** Malaysian actress **Michelle Yeoh**.

**Named the Indian who featured time person of the Year:**

- **Mahatma Gandhi** is the only Indian to be named TIME Person of the Year, having been given the honour in 1930. The magazine described him as 'Saint Gandhi' and later named him as one of the 25 Political Icons of all time.
- The tradition of naming Time person of the year started in 1927. Initially it was named the Time Man of the Year. Other past winners have included the former dictator of **Germany, Adolf Hitler in 1938, and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was 2007's Person of the Year.**
- Time first presented its Person of the Year award in 1927. Last year's honoree was Tesla and **SpaceX chief Elon Musk**, who has since made major headlines with his high-profile purchase of Twitter.

**IPL remains the most searched query on Google in India on 2022**

**Google** has released its **"Year in Search 2022" report**, which highlights the topics that generated the most interest and were most frequently searched on the website this year. India's search trends have changed noticeably since last year, according to the list, which is published annually for various nations.

**Year in Search 2022: Key points**

- **The Indian Premier League (IPL)**, which was also the most searched sporting event in the nation, came out on top of all 2022 trending search results in India.
- **CoWIN**, a government website portal that streamlines COVID-19 vaccine registration and appointment scheduling and issues digital vaccine certificates, followed IPL.
- **The FIFA World Cup**, which began on November 20 in Qatar, ranked third among trending topics in searches in India. Sports competitions, **the Asia Cup and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup**, respectively, took the fourth and fifth spots.
- Bollywood blockbuster **Brahmastra: Part One – Shiva** earned the sixth spot on the list, while **KGF: Chapter 2** came in at number nine.
- **Nupur Sharma**, a spokesperson for the BJP who has since been suspended, was among the top-searched individuals in India in 2022.
- **Droupadi Murmu**, the president of India, was subsequently followed by **Rishi Sunak**, the new prime minister of the **United Kingdom**, and **Lalit Modi**.
- In terms of news events, Google headlined that the demise of **Lata Mangeskar**, **Sidhu Moose Wala**, **Queen Elizabeth** and **Shane Warne** were the most searched topics.
- People also took interest in the **Russia-Ukraine war**, **UP Elections**, and **Har Ghar Tiranga campaign**.
- Depicting a logical transition in annual trends, the most popular “near me” searches were for “movies near me,” “water parks near me,” swimming pools near me,” and other travel and outing-related terms. In contrast, searches for “COVID test near me,” “Oxygen cylinder near me,” and “COVID hospital near me” were made last year.

**Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2022 announced**

**Jamnalal Bajaj Award 2022:**

**The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation** has on 8 December 2022 announced the winners of the **Jamnalal Bajaj award 2022**. The Foundation gives 4 awards in different categories. Three are given to Indians and one award, for promoting Gandhian values outside is given to a foreigner.

**Jamnalal Bajaj Award: Categories**

- Constructive Works
- Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development
- Development and Welfare of Women and Children
- International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India

**Jamnalal Bajaj 2022 winners**

**For Constructive Works**

- **Nilesh Desai** of Madhya Pradesh has been chosen for the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Constructive Works. He is the founder of the Sampark Samaj Sevi Sansthan which works for the upliftment of the Bhil Community.

**Award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development:**

- **Mansukhbhai Prajapati** of Gujarat was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Application of Science and Technology for Rural Development. He was selected for his innovation and entrepreneurship in bringing traditional pottery making into the mainstream. His company Mitticool produces clay products and clay pots .He has helped the rural artisans making clay pottery to find new markets and business.

**Award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children:**

- **Sophia Saik** of Odisha was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Development and Welfare of Women and Children. She is a social service activist who works for women empowerment and gender rights. She is a prominent activist for women beedi workers in Odisha.

**International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India:**

- Dr Ogirat Younan and Dr Walid Slyabi of Lebanon was awarded the Jamnalal Bajaj award for Promoting Gandhian Values outside India.
- They are the founders of the Academic University College for Non-Violence and Human Rights. They are the pioneers of non-violence in Lebanon and Arab world and spreading the Gandhian ideas in the region.

**About the Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation:**

**The Jamnalal Bajaj Foundation** established in 1977, instituted four Awards, to globally propagate the ideals of Jamnalal Bajaj. The annual awards are the Foundation's gratifying felicitation to those women and men involved at the grassroots level, who are committed to inclusive development, working in line with **Mahatma Gandhi's** constructive work program and who have taken a vow to selflessly serve the people, their community and nation, at large. Jamnalal Bajaj Awards are categorized into three National and one International Award. Each award carries a Citation, a Trophy and a Cash Prize of **Rs. 10, 00,000**.

**FIFA World Cup 2022 concludes**

**FIFA World Cup 2022:**

**FIFA World Cup 2022:** Messi's **Argentina** clinched their **3rd World Cup trophy** from six final appearances in history, seeing off France 4-2 on penalties (3-3 after extra time) to win the biggest prize in men's football. It had won two in **1978 and 1986 under Diego Maradona**. Lionel Messi had come close to winning in 2014 but La Albiceleste lost the final 0-1 to Germany. The only similarity from Messi's 2014 campaign in Qatar was his Golden Ball award for Player of the Tournament award. He became the first player to win two World Cup Golden Balls.

**Notably:** The **22nd edition** of the World Cup just ended and for another 4 years for the next World Cup. Also, The 2026 World Cup will be held across three different countries, **the United States, Canada and Mexico**.

**2022 FIFA World Cup Awards:**

- Top 4 team Rankings: Argentina (Winner), France (2nd), Croatia (3rd) and Morocco (4th)
- Golden Boot Award: **Kylian Mbappe (France); (8 Goals)**
- Golden Ball Award: **Lionel Messi (Argentina); (7 goals and registering 3 assists)**
- Golden Glove Award: **Emiliano Martinez (Argentina)**
- FIFA Young Player Award: **Enzo Fernandez Enzo Fernandez**
- FIFA Fair Play Award: **England**
- Silver Boot Award: **Lionel Messi**
- Bronze Boot Award: **Olivier Giroud (France)**
- Silver Ball Award: **Kylian Mbappe**
- Bronze Ball Award: **Luka Modric (Croatia)**

**Hurun Global 500 rankings: India ranked 5th in the list of valuable companies**

**2022 Hurun Global 500 list**

**India**, with 20 of the most valuable companies in the world, has moved into the **fifth position** among countries that are home to the world's top 500 firms. Last year, it ranked ninth with eight companies. The US continued to top the charts, according to the **2022 Hurun Global 500 list**. The list, released by the **Hurun Research Institute**, is a compilation of the 500 most valuable non-state-controlled companies in the world. Companies were ranked according to their market capitalisation (for listed companies) and valuations for non-listed companies.

**Key points in the ranking:**

- Of the 20 Indian companies featuring on the list this year, 11 are based in Mumbai, four in Ahmedabad and one each in **Noida, New Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata**.
- With a \$202-billion valuation, **Reliance Industries (RIL)** topped the charts of Indian companies, while it ranked 34th in the world. It was followed by **Tata Consultancy Services (\$139 billion)** and **HDFC Bank (\$97 billion)**.
- The list also saw the entry of four companies — Adani Transmission, Adani Green Energy, Adani Enterprises and Adani Total Gas — led by billionaire Gautam Adani, with a total valuation of \$173 billion.
- The other new entrants in the list from India include **ITC (\$52 billion)**, **Avenue Supermarts (\$33 billion)**, **Axis Bank (\$33 billion)**, **Bajaj Finserv (\$32 billion)** and **Larson & Toubro (\$32 billion)**.
- Interestingly, 50 per cent or 250 companies in the Hurun Global 500 companies have presence in India.

**Tops global charts:**

- Globally, **Apple** retained the title of the most valuable company in the world with a market cap of \$2.4 trillion and **Microsoft** came second (\$1.8 trillion), while Alphabet, the parent company of **Google**, displaced **Amazon** to take the third place.

- **China** came in second with 35 companies, followed by **Japan (28) and the UK (21)**. India and Canada moved up to the fifth place with 20 companies each, adding eight and three companies, respectively, overtaking **France and Germany**.

**Jos Buttler & Sidra Ameen named as ICC Player of the Month award for November 2022**

England's T20 World Cup-winning captain **Jos Buttler** was named **ICC men's Player of the Month** for the first time following his stupendous show in **November**. Pakistan's **Sidra Ameen** became the second successive winner of the **women's Player of the Month award** from the country, thanks to her brilliant performance in the ODI series win over Ireland.

**ICC Men's Player of the month award for November: Jos Buttler**

Buttler, who is one of the destructive batters in white-ball cricket in the world, beat **Adil Rashid and Shaheen Shah Afridi** to win the ICC Player of the Month award for his brilliant performance in the crunch semi-final match against India and leading England to their first T20 World Cup title since 2010.

England opener smashed 73 from 47 balls against New Zealand, and then 80 from 49 balls, as well stitched unbeaten 170-run partnership with Alex Hales during England's victory in the semi-final against India before making a valuable 26 in the final against Pakistan to guide the side to T20 World Cup title.

**ICC Women's Player of the month award for November: Sidra Ameen**

Sidra Ameen beat Ireland's **Gaby Lewis** and Thailand's **Natthakan Chantam** to win the ICC Women's Player of the Month for her outstanding performance against Ireland in the ODI series, where she amassed 277 runs in three matches at home. She became the second Pakistani cricketer after Mohammad Rizwan (September) to win this award.

**Ex-Vice President Venkaiah Naidu receives SIES award for public leadership**

Former vice president **Venkaiah Naidu** has been conferred with the **25th Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award (SIES)**. The award was presented during the event held at Shanmukhananda auditorium, King's Circle in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The awards are given in the fields of public leadership, community leadership, science and technology, and social thinkers who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The SIES was set up in 1932 by M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai.

**Other Awardees in various categories:**

- **Public Leadership:** Arif Mohammed Khan Governor of Kerala
- **Community Leadership:** Ratan Tata, an eminent industrialist



- **Science and Technology:** Dr Marthanda Varma Sankaran Valianathan, renowned cardiologist and Padma Vibhushan awardee
- **Science and Technology:** Prof Ajay Kumar Sood, Scientific Advisor to the Government of India
- **Spiritual Leadership:** Vishakha Hari Harikatha artiste.

**About Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award:**

- The Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award was instituted by SIES in 1998 in memory of late seer of Kanchi, Sri Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi. This award is given annually in the field of Public eminence, Community leadership, Science and Technology, Social thinkers and the International category.
- SIES was set up in 1932 by M. V. Venkateshwaran in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**Gamosa, Tandur Redgram, and Ladakh apricots get GI tags from Assam**

**GI tags from Assam:**

The Assam Gamosa, the Telangana Tandur Redgram, and a Ladakh apricot variety are just a few of the items that have received the Geographical Indications (GI) label from the government. The overall number of GI has reached 432, according to a statement made on Wednesday by the ministry of business and industry.

**GI tags from Assam: Key Points**

- Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, and Kerala are the top five states with the greatest number of GIs, it was said.
- The government approved spending of Rs 75 crore for three years for GI promotion at awareness programmes, supporting the promotion of GIs.

**What is GI tag?**

A GI is primarily a produced product (handicrafts and industrial goods), an agricultural product, or a natural product that comes from a specific geographic region. Such a name typically carries a guarantee of quality and originality, which is mostly attributed to the location of its origin.

**How to register for GI tag?**

- The correct procedure for registering GI items entails the submission of an application, preliminary examination and scrutiny, show cause notice, publication in the geographical indications journal, opposition to registration, and registration.
- Any group of individuals, producers, organisations, or authorities created by or operating under the law are eligible to apply. The applicant must converse for the interests of the producers.

**What are the popular products with GI tags?**

The well-known products that have the GI tags include Basmati rice, Darjeeling tea, Chanderi fabric, Mysore silk, Kullu shawl, Kangra tea, Thanjavur paintings, Allahabad surkha, Farrukhabad prints, Lucknow zardozi, and Kashmir walnut wood carving.

**PETA India's 2022: Sonakshi Sinha named as 'Person of the Year' title**

**PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year title:**

Bollywood actress, **Sonakshi Sinha** has been awarded **PETA India's 2022 Person of the Year** title. Sonakshi's actions helped save the lives of many animals killed for fashion, but her strong advocacy for dog and cat rights earned her the title. She is actively involved in animal welfare activities and regularly voices out the need for stronger animal protection laws. The international animal rights non-profit group endorsed the title and celebrated the actions of the "Dabang" actress for saving animal lives in India.

Last year, **Alia Bhatt** was awarded the same title. Previously PETA India Person of the Year winners include former Supreme Court Justice **KS Panicker Radhakrishnan**, cricketer **Virat Kohli**, comedian **Kapil Sharma**; and actors **John Abraham**, **Anushka Sharma**, **Sunny Leone**, **R Madhavan**, **Jacqueline Fernandez**, **Hema Malini**, and **Sonam Kapoor Ahuja**, among others.

**About PETA:**

PETA stands for People for Ethical Treatment of Animals. PETA was founded in 1980 and is dedicated to **establishing and defending the rights of all animals**. PETA operates under the simple principle that animals are not ours to experiment on, eat, wear, use for entertainment, or abuse in any other way. PETA is the largest animal rights organization in the world, and PETA entities have more than 9 million members and supporters globally.

**Rafael Nadal and Iga Swiatek crowned ITF World Champions 2022**

**ITF World Champion Awards:**

Spanish Tennis Player, **Rafael Nadal** has been named the Men's International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champion 2022 for the 5th time after an outstanding 2022 season. Previously, He has been named the men's ITF World Champion in 2008, 2010, 2017 and 2019. Polish tennis player, **Iga Świątek**, has been named Women's ITF World Champion 2022 for her performance in 2022 winning 2 Grand Slam titles and 8 titles. The winners will be honoured at the annual ITF World Champions Awards event which will be held on 8th July 2023 at Victoria and Albert Museum, London, United Kingdom(UK). The event is usually held in Paris France.

**ITF World Champion Awards is annually presented under 4 categories:**

- ITF Singles World Champions
- ITF Doubles World Champions
- ITF Wheelchair World Champions
- ITF Junior World Champions

**ITF World Champions 2022:**

- **Barbora Krejckova and Katerina Siniakova** have been named ITF Women's Doubles World Champions for the 2nd straight year and the 3rd time overall, having won the title in 2018 and 2021.
- **Rajeev Ram and Joe Salisbury** have been named ITF Men's Doubles World Champions for the 1st time.
- Japan's **Shingo Kunieda** and Netherlands' **Diede de Groot** were honoured in the men's and women's wheelchair categories
- At junior level, two-time Grand Slam boys' singles runner-up **Gilles Arnaud Bailly** of Belgium has been rewarded for a season of consistent performances, while Roland Garros girls' singles champion **Lucie Havlickova** of Czech Republic was crowned as ITF Girls World Champion.

**Jaipur Pink Panthers won 9th Pro Kabaddi League title**

**Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 Final:**

- **Jaipur Pink Panthers** won the **Pro Kabaddi League Season 9 Final** against a hard-fighting **Puneri Paltan** by a score of 33-29 to win their second PKL championship. After Patna, Jaipur Pink Panthers, the league's first-ever winners, are currently only the second team to win multiple titles. The tournament was played across Bengaluru, Pune, and Hyderabad while the playoffs were played in Mumbai. Jaipur Pink Panthers team is currently led by **Sunil Kumar Malik** and coached by Sanjeev Baliyan. The team is owned by **Abhishek Bachchan**.

**PKL Season 9: Award winners from the Final**

- Perfect Player of the Final: **Sunil Kumar (Pink Panthers)**
- Game Changer of the Final: **V Ajit Kumar (Pink Panthers)**
- Moment of the Final: **Ankush Rathee (Pink Panthers)**
- Move of the Final: **V Ajit Kumar (Pink Panthers)**
- Perfect Moment of the Final: **Sunil Kumar (Pink Panthers)**

**PKL Season 9: Prize money**

- WINNERS: Jaipur Pink Panthers: Rs 3 crore
- RUNNERS UP: Puneri Paltan: Rs 1.80 crore
- Semi-Final Losers: Dabang Delhi KC & Bengaluru Bull: Rs 90 lakh
- Eliminators Losers: UP Yoddhas & Tamil Thalavivas: Rs 45 lakh

**PKL Season 9: Award Winners of the Season:**

- Most Valuable Player of the Season: **Arjun Deshwal (Pink Panthers)** Rs 20 lakh
- Raider of the Season: **Bharat (Bengaluru Bulls)** Rs 15 lakh
- Defender of the Season: **Ankush (Pink Panthers)** Rs 15 lakh
- Young Player of the Season: **Narender (Bengaluru Bulls)** Rs 8 lakh

**List of winners of Pro Kabaddi League till now:**

Pro Kabaddi League Seasons	Winner
Season 1 (2014)	Jaipur Pink Panthers
Season 2 (2015)	U Mumba
Season 3 (2016)	Patna Pirates
Season 4 (2016)	Patna Pirates
Season 5 (2017)	Patna Pirates
Season 6 (2018)	Bengaluru Bulls
Season 7 (2019)	Bengal Warriors
Season 8 (2021-22)	Dabang Delhi

**Sahitya akademi awards 2022 announced**

**The Sahitya Akademi Award:** The award has been given by the central government for the best literature of every year. Accordingly, the central government has announced the Sahitya Akademi Award for literature on **December 22**. Writer **M. Rajendran** from Tamil Nadu has received this award for his novel '**Kala Pani**'. The awardee will be presented with a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a copper Shield. This 'Kala Pani' novel is a historical novel based on the war of Kalayarkovil or Kalayarkool.

**The following have won the Award in the below mentioned category:**

**SAHITYA AKADEMI AWARD 2022:**

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Assamese	Bhool Satya (Short Stories)	Manoj Kumar Goswami
Bodo	Sansrini Modira (Poetry)	Rashmi Choudhury
Dogri	Chhe Roopak (Drama)	Veena Gupta
English	All The Lives We Never Lived (Novel)	Anuradha Roy
Gujarati	Gher Jatan (Autobiographical Essays)	Gulam Mohammad Shaikh
Hindi	Tumadi Ke Shabd (Poetry)	Badri Narayan
Kannada	Bahutvada Bhaarata mattu Bouddha Taatvicate (Collection of Articles)	Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy

Language	Title and Genre	Name of the Author
Kashmiri	Zael Dab (Literary Criticism)	Farooq Fayaz
Konkani	Amrutvel (Novel)	Maya Anil Kharangate
Maithili	Pen-Drive Me Prithvi (Poetry)	Ajit Azad
Malayalam	Ashaante Seethayanam (Literary Criticism)	M. Thomas Mathew
Manipuri	Leironnung (Poetry)	Koijam Shantibala
Marathi	Ujavya Sondechya Bahulya (Novel)	Praveen Dashrath Bandekar
Nepali	Saino (Drama)	K.B. Nepali
Odia	Dayanadi (Poetry)	Gayatribala Panda
Punjabi	Main Ayngosh Nahi (Short Stories)	Sukhjot
Rajasthani	Alekhun Amba (Play)	Kamal Ranga
Sanskrit	Deepmanikyam (Poetry)	Janardan Prasad Pandey 'Mani'
Santali	Sabarnaka Balire Sanan' Panjay (Poetry)	Kajli Soren (Jagannath Soren)
Sindhi	Sindhi Sahit Jo Mukhtasar Itihas (Literary History)	Kanhaiyalal Lekhwani
Tamil	Kaala Paani (Novel)	M. Rajendran
Telugu	Manodharmaparagam (Novel)	Madhuranthakam Narendra
Urdu	Khwab Saraab (Novel)	Anis Ashfaq

#### Sahitya Akademi:

- Sahitya Akademi is India's National Academy of Letters.
- The Government of India established the Sahitya Akademi on 12 March 1954.
- Sahitya Akademi was set up by the Government but functions as an autonomous organisation.
- On 7 January 1956, it was registered as a society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- Sahitya Akademi has recognised English and Rajasthani apart from the 22 languages enumerated in the Indian Constitution.

#### General Rules and Eligibility Criteria for the Sahitya Akademi Award:

- The book must be a remarkable contribution to the language and literature to which it belongs.
- The literary work or book should be first published in any of the languages recognised by the Sahitya Akademi during the five years prior to the year, immediately preceding the year of the award.
- The literary work should be written by an Indian and published in India.

- The book or literary work should not be a work of translation or an anthology of multiple authors
- When two or more books are equally good, the total literary contribution and standing of the authors of the books will be considered to decide the award.

#### Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2021-22

**Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize:** The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize has been jointly won by **Sudeep Sen** for his genre and formbender Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation (Pippa Rann Books & Media, 2021) and **Shobhana Kumar** for her haibun collection A Sky Full of Bucket Lists (Red River, 2021). The winners, awarded \$10,000 and a Rabindranath Tagore statuette, were picked from a shortlist of 11 at India International Centre, with the Tagore Prize for social achievement going to Sanjoy K Roy, producer of the Jaipur Literature Festival.

#### Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize Shortlist for 2021-22:

- A Play for the End of the World: **Jai Chakrabarti (Knopf, 2021)**
- Manual for a Decent Life: **Kavita A. Jindal (Linen Press, 2020)**
- Two and a Half Rivers: **Anirudh Kala (Niyogi, 2021)**
- A Sky Full of Bucket Lists: **Shobhana Kumar (Red River, 2021)**
- Osmosis: **Debarshi Mitra (Hawakal Publishers, 2020)**
- The Elegant Nobody: **Jagari Mukherjee (Hawakal Publishers, 2020)**
- My City is a Murder of Crows: **Nikita Parik (Hawakal Publishers, 2022)**
- I Want a Poem and Other Poem: **Jerry Pinto (Speaking Tiger Books, 2021)**
- The Earthspinner: **Anuradha Roy (Mountain Leopard Press, 2021)**
- Anthropocene: Climate Change, Contagion, Consolation: **Sudeep Sen (Pippa Rann Books&Media, 2021)**
- Love Without a Story: **Arundhati Subramaniam (Bloodaxe Books, 2021)**

#### About the Awards:

The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was started in 2018 to annually recognise literary and social accomplishments. In 2020, the award was won by Raj Kamal Jha, Chief Editor, The Indian Express, for The City and The Sea (2019, Penguin Books), and in 2019, it was awarded posthumously to Kabir for One Hundred Poems of Kabir, translated by Rabindranath Tagore.

#### BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 Award

**Beth Mead** has been awarded the **BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022** as she was the player of the tournament and top scorer at **Euro 2022**. Beth Mead defeated Germany in the finals at **Wembley** to win England's first major **women's football** trophy. The 27-year-old competed against Ben Stokes and Ronnie O'Sullivan for the BBC Sports Personality of the Year for 2022 award.

**Beth Mead Awarded BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2022 Award- Key Points**

- Beth Mead defeated eight-time champion **Germany** with her six goals and five assists at the Wembley finals.
- England secured their first major trophy for the first time since **1966**.
- They also won the **team of the year** and coach of the year for **Sarina Wiegman**.
- England's Cricketer **Ben Stokes** was second with winter Olympics curling champion **Eve Muirhead Third**.
- Seven-time snooker world champion **Ronnie O'Sullivan**, gymnast **Jessica Gadirova**, who won the floor title and 1,500 m athletics World Champion **Jake Wightman** were also shortlisted for the award.
- Beth Mead won the player of the tournament and won the **Golden boot** with six goals and five assists.
- She has been also named Arsenal's player of the season.
- Her international goal tally for the **2021-22 season** was 20 in 19 matches, beating the record of 13 scored by Jimmy Greaves in 1960-61.

**About Beth Mead**

**Bethany Jane Mead** was born on 9th May 1995. She is an English Professional footballer who plays forward for the **women's super league club Arsenal** and the England national team. At **UEFA Women's Euro 2022**, she became the Golden Boot Winner, Player of the Tournament, and top assist provider, leading England to win a major tournament for the first time.

**Forbes annual list, PV Sindhu among top 25 highest-paid female athletes**

**Forbes annual list:** India's badminton star, **PV Sindhu** is the only Indian sportsperson to feature in the top 25 of Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. Sindhu, the 2016 Tokyo Olympics silver medallist, occupies the 12th spot in the list. Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka tops the list. For the third straight year, Osaka tops Forbes' annual list of the World's highest-paid female athletes. The list is dominated by tennis players once again.

**List of 15 highest paid female athletes of the year:**

- Naomi Osaka (Japan) – Tennis – \$51.1 million
- Serena Williams (USA) – Tennis – \$41.3 million
- Elieen Gu (China) – Skiing – \$20.1 million
- Emma Raducanu (UK) – Tennis – \$18.7 million
- Iga Swiatek (Poland) – Tennis – \$14.9 million
- Venus Williams (USA) – Tennis – \$12.1 million
- Coco Gauff (USA) – Tennis – \$11.1 million
- Simone Biles (USA) – Gymnastics – \$10 million
- Jessica Pegula (USA) – Tennis – \$7.6 million
- Minjee Lee (Australia) – Golf – \$7.3 million
- Candace Parker (USA) - Basketball - \$7.2 million
- P.V. Sindhu (India) - Badminton - \$7.1 million
- Leylah Fernandez (Canada) - Tennis - \$7 million
- Lydia Ko (New Zealand) - Golf - \$6.9 million
- Ons Jabeur (Tunisia) - Tennis - \$6.5 million

**Important facts:**

- Sindhu, the 2016 Tokyo Olympics silver medalist, is ranked 12th in the list, which is topped by Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka.
- The 27-year-old Sindhu, who won the singles gold and doubles silver at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham earlier this year, earned \$7 million out of her total earnings of \$7.1 million.
- For the third year in a row, Osaka topped Forbes' annual list of the world's highest-paid female athletes. The list is once again dominated by tennis players.
- Naomi Osaka, the world number 42, topped the list with a total annual earning of \$51.1 million, while Serena Williams is a distant second with \$41.3 million and Eileen Gu, the freestyle skier, third with a total coffer of \$20.1 million.

**FIFA officially announced the 2022 world rankings**

**FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association):** **FIFA** has officially announced the **2022 world rankings**, and Brazil hold on to their No. 1 spot and 22nd FIFA Men's World Cup 2022 Champions Argentina ranked 2nd. Morocco has improved from 22nd to 11th in the FIFA world ranking, following their achievements at the 2022 FIFA Global Cup.

**Why aren't Argentina top?**

Given the way FIFA calculates its rankings, Lionel Messi and Argentina were given points based on the strength of their recent opponents. Brazil have a total points tally of 1840.77, just over two points more than Argentina's 1838.38. That means that Argentina will overtake Brazil after their next game if they win and Brazil fail to win.

**Who are the big climbers?**

- Morocco** are the big winners as the Atlas Lions surged up 11 spots to 11th in the world. The job Walid Regragui did was sensational and they were the darlings of the 2022 World Cup.
- Japan** also moved up four spots to 20th, while the USA and Switzerland each moved up three spots with the Americans ranked 13th in the world and Switzerland in 12th.
- Australia** moved up 11 spots to 27th as the Socceroos shocked us all by reaching the last 16 at the World Cup, where they gave eventual champs Argentina a really tough game.
- Cameroon moved up 10 places to 33rd, thanks largely to their famous victory against Brazil in the group stage.

**FIFA rankings top 10:**

Ranking	Country	Points
106.	India	1192.09
1.	Brazil	1840.77
2.	Argentina	1838.38
3.	France	1823.39
4.	Belgium	1781.30
5.	England	1774.19

Ranking	Country	Points
6.	Netherlands	1740.92
7.	Croatia	1727.62
8.	Italy	1723.56
9.	Portugal	1702.54
10.	Spain	1692.71

### Banking and Financial Current Affairs

- Over seven years since launch, borrowers of **Mudra loans** – essentially **micro and small enterprises** – have paid their **EMIs (equated monthly instalments)** to banks. **Non-performing assets** of banks for Mudra loans – including those extended during the Covid-19 pandemic when small enterprises were the worst hit – are **lower than the average NPAs of the sector as a whole**, data obtained under the Right to Information Act reveals. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Mutual funds (MFs)** have to pay **dividend** to unit-holders in **seven working days after declaration of record date**. In a circular issued, **SEBI** said the record date will be two working days from the issue of public notice on dividend payment. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Risk and vulnerability management company **TAC Security** announced that it is the official **cyber security partner for the stock exchange-BSE**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has for now declined to entertain **Paytm Payments Services’ (PPSL)**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Paytm, application for an authorisation to provide payment aggregator services for online merchants. The **central bank has advised PPSL to resubmit** its application within 120 days after taking certain steps. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a **monetary penalty** of Rs 1.25 crore on **Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank, Bombay**, for non-compliance with **RBI directions on ‘Discounting of Bills by UCBs – Restricted Letters of Credit’** and the provisions of the **Co-operative Banks Rules, 1985**. This penalty had been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI, the central bank said in a statement. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced a trial for **retail digital rupee (e ₹-R)** beginning 1 December, with **four banks** in as many cities participating in the pilot programme, a month after testing the wholesale **central bank digital currency (CBDC)**. While it has identified eight banks for gradual participation in the pilot, the first phase will begin with four: **State Bank of India, ICICI Bank, Yes Bank and IDFC First Bank**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank** has entered into bancassurance partnerships with **Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Ltd**, part of the **Chennai-based Murugappa Group**, and **Max Life Insurance Company** to provide general insurance products and life insurance schemes respectively to TMB’s customers. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- State Bank of India** plans to raise **Rs 10,000 crore** worth of **infrastructure bonds** during the current financial year. SBI confirmed the meeting of the Executive Committee of the **Central Board of State Bank of India** to seek approval for raising infrastructure bonds to Rs 10,000 crore through public issues or private placement. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- TurtleFin**, India’s leading insurtech platform, has partnered with **YES BANK**, one of the leading private sector banks in India, to create a comprehensive technology platform **EasyNsure**. Turtlefin’s distinctive API will power the platform to offer a bouquet of holistic insurance solutions on a single platform. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **National Payments Corporation of India** has extended the deadline for payment aggregators to meet the guidelines on volumes of **UPI (Unified Payments Interface)** transactions by two years till December 31, 2024. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** and the **Financial Services Agency (FSA)**, **Japan** exchanged letters of cooperation in the field of **Central Counter Parties (CCPs)** with the objective of improving mutual cooperation. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- IIFL Mutual Fund** has launched **India’s first passive tax saver fund**, almost six months after the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** introduced the passive alternative in the **Equity Linked Savings Scheme (ELSS) space**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** can now invest up to **15 per cent of its excess fund into equity** after the Centre allowed the body to do so. The social security body can invest its surplus fund in equity through **exchange traded funds**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- SBI** announced that its **personal banking advances** excluding high value home loans have crossed the **₹ 5 lakh-crore mark**. The largest lender in the country took a year to book the **last ₹ 1 lakh crore of advances**, as against over 15 months for the previous ₹ 1 lakh crore and over 30 months for the previous ₹ 1 lakh crore, as per an official statement. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has put in place a framework to allow **overseas subsidiaries and branches of Indian banks and financial institutions** to undertake activities not specifically permitted in the Indian domestic market. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Edelweiss Mutual Fund** has announced the launch of the **fourth tranche of BHARAT Bond ETF** – India’s first corporate bond ETF (**exchange-traded fund**). A **central government initiative**, Bharat Bond ETF invests only in **‘AAA’-rated bonds** of public sector companies. **Edelweiss Asset Management** is the fund manager of the scheme. This latest tranche of the ETF and **BHARAT Bond Fund of Fund (FoF) series** will mature in April 2033. The new fund offer (NFO) will start on 2 December and end on 8 December. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** enhanced the capabilities of the **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)** by introducing a 'single-block-and-multiple debits' functionality, which allows a customer to enable a payment mandate against a merchant by blocking funds for specific purposes in his/her bank account which can be debited, whenever needed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State-owned Bank of Baroda** on 6 December 2022 has bagged an **EAG Laureate award** in the International Olympiad of Financial Security held at **Sochi, Russia** on 10 October 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Fintech player Spice Money** has partnered with **Axis Bank** to facilitate opening of instant, zero balance savings or current accounts for rural citizens through its **Adhikari network**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India** has signed a **Currency Swap Agreement** with the **Maldives Monetary Authority (MMA)** to enable MMA to make drawals in multiple tranches up to a maximum of **\$200 million** from the RBI. This agreement has been signed under the **SAARC Currency Swap Framework**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In its bid to extensively use **advanced analytics, artificial intelligence** and machine learning to analyse database and improve regulatory supervision over banks and **NBFCs**, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** is mulling over to hire external experts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Banks have **written off** bad loans worth ₹ 10,09,511 crore during the last **five financial years**, **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** informed Parliament. The **non-performing assets (NPAs)**, including those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, are removed from the balance sheet of the bank concerned by way of write-off. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State-owned Bank of Baroda (BoB)** said it plans to **sell** its majority stake in **Nainital Bank**. The board of directors of the bank has approved **divestment** of its majority shareholding in **Nainital Bank Limited (NBL)**, and authorised issuance of an advertisement inviting Expressions of Interest (EOI) through a Preliminary Information Memorandum (PIM) from interested parties (IPs). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HDFC Bank** announced the launch of its **sixth annual grants** program for **social startups** in partnership with the Government of India's flagship initiative '**Startup India**'. Known as **Parivartan SmartUp Grants**, the program aims to identify startups working in the social impact space and support them through monetary grants to their incubators. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **599th meeting** of the **board** was held in **Kolkata** on December 16. The meeting was **chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das**. The Central Board of Directors of the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** reviewed the **current economic situation, and global and domestic challenges** including the overall geopolitical developments, finance, and trade. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Road, transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari** launched the **country's first-ever surety bond insurance product**, a move that would reduce the dependence of **infra developers** of bank guarantee. Surety Bond Insurance will act as a security arrangement for infrastructure projects and will insulate the contractor as well as the principal. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IDFC FIRST Bank** has declared **ZERO Fee Banking** on savings accounts and waived fees on multiple banking services, including Passbook charges, NEFT charges. The bank said that customers maintaining as low as Rs 10,000 Average Monthly Balance, and the Rs 25,000 AMB savings account variant will get these benefits. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** said **note in circulation (NiC)** has witnessed an annual growth of 7.98 per cent to Rs 31.92 lakh crore as of December 2, 2022. The demand for currency depends upon several macroeconomic factors, including economic growth and level of interest rates. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** recently said that **all leading banks** should issue the locker agreement to its holders **before January 1, 2023**, as the new locker rules will be implemented from that date. Earlier, the RBI had announced revised guidelines on August 8, 2021, which became effective from January 1, 2022. And now, **all the locker owners must display their eligibility for a new locker arrangement** and sign a renewal agreement prior to January 1, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Worldline ePayments India (WEIPL)**, a leader in **digital payments**, has received in-principle authorisation from the **Reserve Bank Of India (RBI)** to act as a **payment aggregator (PA)**. The authorisation by the RBI was under the provisions of the Guidelines on Regulation of Payment dated March 17, 2020. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Bank**, one of the leading public sector banks in the country, has launched its flagship business mentoring program for MSME entrepreneurs '**MSME Prerana**' in the state of **Rajasthan**. Indian Bank's unique program, "MSME Prerana", is a first-of-its-kind initiative for MSME Sector in the country by any bank. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- To enhance the insurance force in India, the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** will soon introduce "**Bima Vahaks**" in each gram panchayat. **Each Gram Panchayat** will have a 'Bima Vahak' who would be tasked to sell and service simple parametric bundled insurance products, **Bima Vistar**, covering health, property, life and personal accident. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to an RBI report, public sector banks (PSBs) accounted for the majority of frauds reported in 2018–19, with 55.4% of the cases reported and 90% of the money involved. This is primarily due to an inadequate internal process, lack of personnel, and inadequate systems to address operational risks. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance**, one of the leading private general insurers of India, announced the launch of its unique health insurance rider '**Respect Senior Care Rider**'. This rider helps one fulfill their parental responsibility smoothly. In order to accomplish this goal, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has **tied up with a wide network of service providers** to assist the insured with their worries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) stated in its annual report on trend and progress of banking in India that the health of Indian banks continued to improve in 2021–2022 with their balance sheet rising at double digits after a gap of seven years and their asset quality and capital position improving. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**, in its report released on annual procurement, ranked **Indian-PSU company WAPCOS** as top amongst consulting services firms in water and other infrastructure sectors, with the highest sanctioned financed amount. In another report on its members' Fact Sheet – 2022 released by the ADB, WAPCOS figured amongst the **Top 3 consultants from India** involved in consulting services contracts under ADB loan, grant, and technical assistance projects in energy, transport and water, and other urban infrastructure sectors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published a web publication on the activities of the Indian banking sector called Statistical Tables relating to Banks in India: 2021–22' The publication includes details of priority sector advances for scheduled commercial banks, except regional rural banks, together with entity-specific information on the main categories of liabilities and assets, along with their maturity profile, income, and expenses. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SBI Foundation** has designed a project in collaboration with **Himalayan Environment Studies and Conservation (HESCO)** that aims to promote equitable economic and ecological development in 10 disaster-prone villages in Joshimath Block of **Chamoli District**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Economy Current Affairs

- **S&P Global Ratings** cut **India's economic growth** forecast for the current fiscal year ending March to **7 per cent as against 7.3 per cent** projected earlier. S&P has also cut the growth forecast for 2023 to **6 per cent from 6.5 per cent** as projected earlier. Subsequently, for FY24, GDP growth was downgraded by **50 basis points to 6%**. The **Indian economy** grew 8.5 per cent in 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's milk production** has registered a **monumental growth** in the last eight years as it has increased by **83 Million Tonnes**. In 2013-14, the production was **138 Million Tonnes which increased to 221 Million Tonnes in 2021-22**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Capital markets regulator SEBI** came out with a uniform format for reporting **over-the-counter (OTC) trades** in listed **non-convertible securities**. The development comes after Sebi observed that information on OTC trades in listed non-convertible securities provided to the stock exchanges by the investors is **incomplete and inaccurate**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections** for the month of **November 2022** stood at **Rs 1,45,867 crore**, according to the data shared by finance ministry. The revenue for the month of November are 11% higher than the GST revenue in the same month last year, which itself was **Rs 1,31,526 crore**. The gross GST revenue collected in November 2022 came in at Rs 1,45,867 crore of which CGST is Rs 25,681 crore, SGST is Rs 32,651 crore, IGST is Rs 77,103 crore (including Rs 38,635 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is ₹10,433 crore (including Rs 817 crore collected on import of goods). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Stock Exchange's** subsidiary **NSE Indices** has said it has launched one more index under the **Nifty Bharat Bond Index series**. The **Bharat Bond Index series** follows a target maturity date structure wherein each index in the series measures the performance of a portfolio of '**AAA**' rated bonds issued by government owned entities maturing in a specific year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IDFC Asset Management Company Limited (AMC)**, one of the **top 10 AMCs** in the country, has received **regulatory clearances from regulators** for its proposed change in ownership. **Securities market regulator SEBI** granted the necessary no objection for IDFC AMC's acquisition by a consortium comprising **Bandhan Financial Holdings Limited (BFHL)**, GIC (GIC), and ChrysCapital (CC). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** will be the **first country in the world** to receive **\$100 billion from remittances** during 2022, the **World Bank** has said. Though remittances to the rest of the **South Asian countries** declined by 10%, it rose by 12% in India's case. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)**, the renewables arm of Adani Group, has commissioned its third wind-solar hybrid power plant at **Jaisalmer in Rajasthan**. Earlier, in May 2022, AGEL had operationalised India's first hybrid power plant of 390 MW. This was followed by the commissioning, in September 2022, of the **world's largest co-located hybrid power plant of 600 MW**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- According to the **World Bank**, Indian economy is set to grow at **6.9 per cent** in 2022-23, raising its forecast of **6.5 per cent growth made in October**. In October, it had cut India's GDP growth forecast to 6.5 per cent from 7.5 per cent earlier. Now, it has upgraded the projection to 6.9 per cent for 2022-23 (April 2022 -March 2023). [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Retail inflation of India** has been eased to **5.88% in November 2022** from 6.77% in October. It is the first time in this Financial Year when the inflation rate came within the tolerance band of RBI i.e. 2 to 6%. Food prices, which account for nearly 40% of the CPI basket, eased to **4.67% in November, compared with 7.01% in October**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **wholesale price-based inflation** declined to a 21-month low of 5.85 per cent in November on easing prices of **food, fuel and manufactured items**. After remaining in double digits for 19 months, the **wholesale price index (WPI)** based inflation declined to 8.39 per cent in October. The inflation was 14.87 per cent in November 2021. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Manila-based Asian Development Bank** kept its **economic growth** outlook for **India** unchanged at seven percent for the fiscal 2022-23. The bank also forecasted a weaker-than-previously expected pace for developing Asia. The seven percent growth projection for fiscal 2022-23, unchanged from its September forecast, against 8.7 percent GDP growth in the previous fiscal. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The 48th **Goods and Service Tax (GST)** Council meeting at the national capital Delhi on 17 December has concluded **without any decisions** on the highly anticipated **GST Appellate Tribunals, tax rate applicable on gutkha and pan masala**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **India's overall trade deficit** for goods and services in November this year **has fallen to \$11.11 billion**, lower than year-ago and month-ago levels. Moreover, thanks to a recovery in exports, India's monthly **merchandise trade deficit** came down to a six-month low of \$23.81 billion. **Trade deficit** is the amount by which a country's import costs exceed its export value in a given period. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Gross collection of Direct Taxes** has registered a **growth of 25.90 percent** which stood at 13,63,649 crore rupees in the financial year 2022-23. The Gross collection in the corresponding period stood at 10,83,150 crore rupees. According to the **Finance Ministry** data, the **Net Direct tax collection** for FY 2022-23 stood at 11,35,754 crore rupees, registering a **growth of 19.81 percent**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)** received in-principle approval from the capital markets regulator **Securities Exchange Board of India (Sebi)** to set up a **Social Stock Exchange (SSE)** as a separate segment. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reduced India's growth prediction for FY23 from 7.4% forecasted in July to 6.8%. India's growth projection for FY23 has undergone three decreases, starting from 9% in January of this year. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR)**, which is a **UK-based economics consultancy**, predicted that **India** will become the **third-largest economy** by 2037. **14th edition** of the report noted that over the next five years, the **annual rate of GDP growth** is expected to **average 6.4%**. After that, the growth is expected to **average 6.5%** in the subsequent nine years. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- A pan-Indian "Financial Literacy and Inclusion survey" conducted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) found that awareness and knowledge of digital banking are on par between the rural and urban population nationwide, with the average for both segments being 11.7 on a scale of 21. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The 26th edition of the Financial Stability Report was released by the Reserve Bank of India on December 29. The Reserve Bank of India publishes a financial stability report (FSR) twice in every year. The report reflects the Sub-Committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council's (FSDC) collective evaluation of the financial system's resilience and vulnerabilities to financial stability. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **government's fiscal deficit** in end-November touched 59 per cent of the full year Budget Estimate on increased **capital expenditure** and slow growth in non-tax revenue. In actual terms, the **fiscal deficit**, which is the difference between expenditure and revenue, was Rs 9.78 lakh crore during the April-November period of 2022-23. In the corresponding period last year, the deficit was 46.2 per cent of the Budget Estimates of 2021-22. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Production of eight infrastructure sectors** increased by 5.4 per cent in November against a 3.2 per cent growth in the same month last year on a better show by **coal, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity segments**. **Crude oil, natural gas and refinery products**, however, recorded negative growth in November this year. The **production growth of eight key sectors** slowed down to 0.9 per cent in October. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **central government hiked interest rates** on various **small savings schemes** including senior citizen savings scheme during the January to March quarter **but kept the rate for Public Provident Fund (PPF) and Sukanya Samriddhi scheme** unchanged for this period. The rates on the various instruments have been raised between 20 to 110 basis points and now range from 4.0 % to 7.6%. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)



**Business Current Affairs**

- **Singapore Airlines (SIA) and Tata Sons** announced that they have agreed to **merge Air India and Vistara**, with SIA getting a 25.1 per cent stake in the merged entity at an investment of **Rs 2,058.5 crore (\$250 million) in Air India as part of the transaction.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **News Broadcaster New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV)** promoter firm **RRPR Holding** announced that it has transferred shares constituting 99.5 percent of its equity capital to Adani group-owned **Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL)**. The transfer of shares will give **Adani Group** control over a 29.18 percent stake in NDTV. They are also open to offer for another 26 percent stake in the media firm. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Hindustan Unilever's (HUL)** acquisition of two digital first brands — **OZiva and Wellbeing Nutrition** — is in line with the premiumisation trend with an increasing number of FMCG players foraying in the high growth **wellness and nutrition category**, which has gained prominence amongst consumers in the post-pandemic world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IPL surpasses \$10 billion valuation:** The Indian Premier League (IPL), whose total valuation has surpassed \$10 billion, has evolved into a decacorn. A D and P Advisory report made public on Tuesday states that the league is currently worth \$10.9 billion. Notably, it has shown a startling 75% rise since 2020. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Reliance Projects and Property Management Services — a subsidiary of telecom major **Reliance Jio** — has deposited **Rs 3,720 crore** in an SBI escrow account to acquire mobile tower and fibre assets of **Reliance Infratel**. Reliance Infratel has fibre assets of about 178,000 route kilometres and 43,540 mobile towers across the country. The **National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)** gave an approval to Jio for the acquisition of Reliance Infratel (RITL). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **GoldSikka** with technology support from **Hyderabad-based startup, Opencube Technologies** has launched its first **Gold ATM** at Begumpet and described it India's first Gold ATM and world's first Real Time Gold ATM. This ATM can dispense gold coins in different denominations ranging from 0.5 gm to 100 grams. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Billionaire **Gautam Adani** is to control 64.71% of **New Delhi Television Ltd (NDTV)** as the founders have decided to sell most of the shares. The founders of NDTV, Prannoy Roy and his wife Radhika Roy have decided to transfer most of the shares in the company giving Gautam Adani his conglomerate control of about 65% of NDTV. The decision comes after four months after Gautam Adani announced his takeover of the news channel. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Reliance Jio** announced it has launched **True 5G services in Andhra Pradesh**. The 5G services were launched in **Tirumala, Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Guntur districts**. Apart from their existing investment of Rs 26,000 crore, additionally **Jio has invested over Rs 6,500 crore** for deploying 5G network in Andhra Pradesh. By December 2023, Jio True 5G services will be made available in every town, taluka, mandalam and village of Andhra Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rupay-based credit card on UPI platform:** By March 2023, State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank want to start issuing RuPay credit cards over the UPI. Currently, the RuPay credit card segment on the UPI platform is live with three public sector banks—Union Bank of India, Punjab National Bank, and Indian Bank—and one private sector bank—HDFC Bank. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Reliance Retail Ventures Limited (RRVL)**, a subsidiary of **Reliance Industries Ltd** signed definitive agreements to acquire 100 percent equity stake in **Metro Cash and Carry India Pvt Ltd**, which operates under the '**Metro India**' brand, for a cash consideration of **Rs 2,850 crore.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Motors** to complete the acquisition of **Ford India's** manufacturing plant at Sanand through its subsidiary on 10th January 2023. The company has announced that its arm **Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd (TPEML)** would acquire **Ford India Pvt Ltd (FIPL)** Sanand Plant in Gujarat for Rs 725.7 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Adani Group** informed stock exchanges that it has acquired additional 27.26 per cent equity stake in **NDTV from founders Prannoy Roy** and his wife Radhika Roy. The billionaire **Gautam Adani**-backed Adani Group acquired shares from Roys at Rs 342.65 per share which was 16.55 per cent higher than the open offer price of Rs 294 per share. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**International Current Affairs**

- **India** will provide **technical support to Sri Lanka** to enhance its **dairy industry and milk output**, a move aimed at reducing the **cash-strapped country's** dependence on **imported milk products**, the **Sri Lankan President's Office** said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Dina Boluarte** became **Peru's first female president** amid a political maelstrom when her predecessor and former boss **Pedro Castillo** was **ousted in an impeachment trial** and detained by police after he tried to illegally shut down Congress. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian-origin teacher in **Australia** has received the **2022 Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching** in secondary schools. Melbourne-based **Veena Nair**, who is ViewBank College's Head of Technology and STEAM project leader, has been awarded for demonstrating practical application of STEAM to students, and how they can use their skills to make a real impact in the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)** of the **United Nations**, organized an opening ceremony for the **International Year of Millets – 2023 (IYM2023)** in Rome, Italy. An Indian delegation led by **Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare** were present at the opening ceremony. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity**, also called as **Conference of Parties (COP-15) commenced in Montreal, Canada** on 7 December 2022. The two-weeklong conference (7-19 December 2022) was **originally scheduled to be held in Kunming, China** in October but was shifted to Montreal, Canada due to covid situation in China. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Japan** has announced that it will jointly develop its **next-generation fighter jet** with the **United Kingdom and Italy** as it looks to expand defense cooperation beyond its traditional ally, **the United States**. The **Mitsubishi F-X fighter jet** will replace the aging fleet of F-2s that Japan previously developed with the United States. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **Gender Toolkit** based on “**Enabling gender-responsive urban mobility and public spaces**” was launched in a session conducted by the **World Bank** and the **Chennai Urban Metropolitan Transport Authority**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The U.S. The Treasury (United States of America’s Finance Ministry)** has printed the first US banknotes (currency notes) with two women’s signatures. The new currency notes of \$1 and \$5 value carry the signature of the Secretary of Treasury (American Finance Minister) **Janet Yellen** and **Lynn Malerba**. The United States currency notes are popularly called as Greenback. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Japan** is elated and proud of its **space startup** that successfully launched a **spacecraft to the moon** recently, marking a significant step towards what would be a historic first, both for the **nation and a private company**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **20th Edition** of the **Kathmandu International Mountain Film Festival** kicked off in **Kathmandu, Nepal**. This year, the festival was scheduled to be held from December 8 to 12, 2022. The festival is resuming its physical screening after two years, because of the pandemic and is ready to showcase numerous films from across the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Russia** has for the first time emerged as **top oil supplier to India** replacing Iraq as refiners last month snapped up oil from Moscow fearing a price cap from Dec. 5 could hit supplies and choke payment avenues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the French embassy, **France** will host an International conference “**Standing with the Ukrainian People**” in **Paris** with an aim to coordinate international support for civilian resilience in Ukraine and address the Ukrainian people’s urgent humanitarian needs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **New Zealand government** has passed a law to completely **end tobacco smoking** by banning youth from buying cigarettes for life. **The Smoke Free Environments and Regulated Products (Smoking Tobacco) Amendment Bill** has been passed in New Zealand which aims to make New Zealand smoke free by 2025. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The value of **global trade** is set to reach a new record this year, increasing by about **12 per cent** to an estimated **\$32 trillion**, according to a UN report that signaled a slowdown heading into 2023. “The substantial trade growth during the last year was largely due to **increases in the value of the trade of energy products**,” the **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** said in the report. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **group of nine rich industrialized nations** approved a deal to provide **Vietnam** with \$15.5 billion to help the **Southeast Asian nation** move faster from coal power to **renewable energy**, cutting its climate-damaging pollution. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **United States** has announced a **nuclear fusion** breakthrough, a historic step towards the promise of ‘**near-limitless**’ **clean energy** and may help the fight to curb climate change. **US Department of Energy** said, researchers at the **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)** in California for the first time produced more energy in a fusion reaction than was used to ignite it, something called net energy gain. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In an unprecedented move, **Iran** has been expelled from the **United Nation’s Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)** in a vote on which India abstained. The **US proposal** at the **UN Economic and Social Council** to remove Iran from the panel received 29 votes, while there were eight votes against and 16 abstentions in the 54-member elected body. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Japanese capital** local assembly passed a new regulation which stated that all **new houses in Tokyo** built by **large-scale homebuilders** after April 2025 must install **solar power panels** to cut household **carbon emissions**. Currently, Japan stands at **fifth spot** in the **world’s largest carbon emitters list**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian-origin Leo Varadkar** has returned for a second term as **Ireland’s Prime Minister** as part of a job-sharing deal made by the country’s centrist coalition government. His appointment was confirmed when he received the seal of office from **President Michael D. Higgins**, Ireland’s head of state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the 70th anniversary of the establishment of **diplomatic relations between India and Japan**, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** said that the ties between the two countries have deepened in every sphere, be it **strategic, economic or people-to-people contacts**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Use of rupee in foreign trade:** In order to facilitate international trade, Sri Lanka has agreed to utilize the Indian Rupee (INR). It occurs shortly after the Indian government announced it was looking into ways to include nations who are particularly short on dollars in the Indian rupee trade settlement process. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **BF.7, New Covid Variant :** The **BF.7 sub-variant of Omicron** that is prevalent in China is thought to be the cause of the present spike in Covid-19 infections there. This isn't the first time BF.7 has been in the spotlight; back in October, it began to displace the main variations in the US and several other European nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **U.N. Security Council** has adopted its **first ever resolution on Myanmar** in 74 years to demand an end to violence and urge the **military junta** to release all political prisoners, including ousted leader **Aung San Suu Kyi**. Ms. Kyi, 77, has been a prisoner since the army toppled her government almost two years ago and violently cracked down on dissent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United States** is finalizing plans to send the **Patriot missile defense system** to Ukraine. **Ukraine** has asked its Western partners for air defenses, including **U.S.-made Patriot systems**, to protect it from heavy Russian missile bombardment including against its energy infrastructure. The system is part of **\$1.85 billion in assistance** unveiled in parallel with a **visit to Washington by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The lower house of the Spanish Parliament approved a measure allowing individuals over the age of 16 to change their legally recorded gender without the need for medical supervision. According to the law, drafted by the center-left coalition government, minors between the ages of 14 and 16 must be accompanied by their parents or legal guardians and those between the ages of 12 and 13 will require a judge's permission to make the move. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sitiveni Rabuka** was confirmed as **Fiji's next Prime Minister** more than two decades after the former military commander first held the office in a term lasting nearly seven years. The 74-year-old won the nomination by one vote over incumbent Frank Bainimarama at a sitting of the Fijian Parliament in Suva. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bomb Cyclone:** Bomb Cyclone has thrashed **US and Canada** with extreme climate and has trapped the residents inside their houses with snow and power outages. During the Christmas season, the bomb cyclone occurred due to a low temperature of **-40 degrees Fahrenheit**. Thousands of flights have been canceled and several highways have been blocked. People are advised not to step outside their homes as it can be life-threatening. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Maldives** criminal court sentenced **former president Abdulla Yameen** to **11 years in prison** and fined him \$5 million after finding him **guilty of corruption and money laundering** charges related to receiving kickbacks from a private company. Yameen has denied any wrongdoing. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Antarctica's Biodiversity** new research has indicated that more has to be done to safeguard Antarctic ecosystems, and if we don't make a change, up to 97% of Antarctic species with land-based populations might go extinct by the year 2100. The study, which was just released, also discovered that ten crucial techniques to lessen threats to Antarctica's biodiversity may be implemented with just USD 23 million annually. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Brain-eating amoeba infection reported in South Korea:** For the first time ever, a rare and potentially fatal brain-eating amoeba has been discovered in South Korea. Primary amebic meningoencephalitis (PAM) is a rare and serious infection caused by the amoeba *naegleria fowleri*, which is commonly found in warm freshwater and soil. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bangladesh **Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina** inaugurated the first metro rail in Dhaka. The metro train was flagged off in Dhaka for the first journey between **Diabari and Agargaon station**. The metro rail is part of the Bangladesh project of Mass Rapid Transit to be completed by 2030. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India-assisted 720 Megawatts **Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Power Project** has been recently handed to Druk Green Power Corporation (DGPC) in **Bhutan**. With this project, **India and Bhutan** have successfully completed four mega hydroelectric power projects. The commissioning of the project has increased **Bhutan's Electrical Power Generation Capacity** by 44 per cent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Benjamin Netanyahu** was sworn-in as **Israel's prime minister** for a sixth time, leading the Jewish state's most right-wing government to date. Netanyahu, 73, already **Israel's longest-serving Prime Minister**, has the support of 63 lawmakers in the **120-member Knesset (Israeli parliament)**. In the house, 54 lawmakers voted against his government. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vice President Kamala Harris** has named **Indian American Rajeev Badyal** to a key **national space advisory group**, which is tasked to maintain a robust and responsible US space enterprise and preserve space for current and future generations. Badyal, vice-president of **Project Kuiper** of Amazon, is among the 30 space experts named by Harris to the National Space Council's **Users Advisory Group (UAG)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- British Indian Army Memorial will be erected in Glasgow, Scotland, to honour the millions of Indian troops who gave their lives fighting alongside the British throughout the two World Wars. Recently, Glasgow City Council approved the planning proposal subject to limitations, clearing the way for the memorial's final designs to be created next to Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**National Current Affairs**

- **India** will formally take over the **G-20 presidency** from 1st December 2022. Several events are to take place across the country including the lighting of **100 monuments** with the G-20 logo to mark the occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **world's leading** full-stack debt support and risk mitigation platform has inaugurated **India's first Innovation Lab (SIL)** dedicated to the debt collection segment of banking industries **in India and the Middle East**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** inaugurates the two-day long 65th Foundation Day celebrations of the **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)** in New Delhi. During the event, DRI said it will take the opportunity of its founding day to **organise Regional Customs Enforcement Meeting (RCEM)** for effectively engaging with partner Customs organisations and International agencies like **World Customs Organisation, INTERPOL for enforcement-related issues**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India's total coal production** went up by 11.66 per cent to 75.87 million tonnes in November 2022 from 67.94 million tonnes recorded during the corresponding period of last year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)** issued **Telecom Tariff (69th amendment) order 2022** on Tariff for SMS and cell Broadcast alerts disseminated through **Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) platform during disasters/non-disasters**. During both disasters and non-disasters, the **Department of Telecom (DoT)** requested that TRAI provide a tariff for SMS and cell broadcast alerts and messages that TSPs will distribute via the CAP platform. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has flagged off India's **sixth Vande Bharat Express** between **Bilaspur (Chattisgarh)-Nagpur (Maharashtra) route**. This is the second Vande Bharat express in the state after the Mumbai-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat express. He inaugurated the 'Nagpur Metro Phase I', and laid the foundation stone of 'Nagpur Metro phase- II' at Khapri Metro Station. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi** participated in a programme commemorating **Sri Aurobindo's 150th birth anniversary**, on 13th December, 2022. The programme, being held in Kamban Kalai Sangam, **Puducherry**, under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, witnessed the Prime Minister releasing a commemorative coin and postal stamp in honour of Sri Aurobindo. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud** virtually inaugurated **10 district court digitisation hubs (DCDH) in Odisha**, and said that modernisation of judiciary is the need of the hour. The hubs at **Angul, Bhadrak, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Keonjhar, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nayagarh and Sonepur**, will take care of digitisation work of all 30 districts of the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** plans to commission **20 nuclear power plants** by 2031, adding nearly 15,000 MW in power generating capacity, the government told the Lok Sabha. The first of these 20 nuclear power plants, a 700 MW unit, is expected to be commissioned in 2023 at **Kakrapar in Gujarat**, which already has three atomic power generating units operational. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** will be the first country to auction **spectrum for satellite communication**, and it should be designed to attract investments in the sector, **telecom regulator Trai chairman PD Vaghela**. The regulator is yet to come up with a consultation paper on the spectrum auction as per the standard process meant for satellite communication. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and several Union Ministers paid tribute to **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** on his **71st death anniversary on 15th December**. Stating that the country will forever be grateful to Patel, PM Modi said, "Remembering Sardar Patel on his Punya Tithi. India will always be grateful to him for his monumental service, his administrative skills, and the untiring efforts to unite our nation." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** looks forward to being back in the **UN Security Council**, **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** said, as he declared the country's candidature as **non-permanent member** for the 2028-29 term. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ministry of Culture** in collaboration with Prasiddha Foundation inaugurated **Delhi International Arts Festival** at Kartavya Path with the tag-line - '**Where Bharat Meets India**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Steel Minister, **Jyotiraditya Scindia** has launched India's first Green Steel Brand "**KALYANI FERRESTA**" in New Delhi. This first-of-its-kind steel has been manufactured by a Pune-based Steel company, Kalyani group by using renewable energy resources, leaving zero carbon footprints in the environment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To raise awareness about the **importance of millet**, the **Agriculture Ministry** is hosting a **Millet food festival** in Parliament for the members. As the global agrifood systems face challenges to feed an ever-growing **global population, resilient cereals like millet** provide an affordable and nutritious option. The United Nations has passed a resolution declaring the year 2023 as the **International Year of Millets (IYM)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Stock brokerage firm **HDFC Securities** has launched **Roots**, a dedicated platform providing comprehensive **investor education and market analysis**. The site offers multiple forms of valuable information, including articles, bite-sized tips, podcasts by experts, video tutorials and explainers, and live social media feed on the Indian financial markets. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Rajya Sabha Chairman **Jagdeep Dhankhar** has nominated legendary former athlete **PT Usha** to the panel of vice-chairperson in the upper house of the Parliament. YSRCP member **Vijai Sai Reddy** has also been nominated along with her. PT Usha was also elected as the president of the Indian Olympic Association recently. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India votes for UNSC resolution:** A UNSC resolution on the mental health of UN peacekeepers has India's support. According to India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ruchira Kamboj, as one of the nations that has sent the most troops over the years, India pays the utmost significance on the safety, security, and welfare of UN soldiers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **HDFC borrows USD 400 million from IFC:** As part of their efforts to promote climate goals, the International Finance Corporation (IFC) has provided a loan to mortgage giant HDFC in the amount of USD 400 million for the financing of green, affordable housing units. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal** launched a host of new initiatives, including the **right to repair portal** and an **NTH mobile app** and opened new premises of **National Consumer Helpline centre** in the national capital. A memorandum of understanding was also signed between the **Consumer Affairs Department and IIT (BHU)**, Varanasi as well launched a capacity building programme of consumer commissions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Esports received a huge boost from the Indian government. It is incorporated into the nation's mainstream sports disciplines. Droupadi Murmu, the President of India, amended the regulations governing eSports in accordance with the authority "conferred by clause (3) of article 77 of the Constitution" and requested that "e-Sports be included as part of multi-sports events" from the Ministries of Electronics and Information Technology and Sports. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- An **Indian firm** has bagged a contract for providing consultancy for a capacity building project at **Mongla port**, the second largest seaport in **Bangladesh**, which will boost sub-regional connectivity in South Asia. The contract was signed between **Mongla Port Authority and EGIS India Consulting Engineers Pvt Ltd**. The total project cost under **Government of India concessional Line of Credit is USD 530 million** of which PMC contract awarded to EGIS India Consulting Engineers Ltd. is for USD 9.60 million. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Smt. Droupadi Murmu** has laid the foundation stone of the project '**Development of Pilgrimage Facilities at Bhadrachalam Group of Temples**' at Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamivari Devasthanam, Bhadrachalam in Telangana. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **President Murmu** inaugurated the project "**Development of Srisailam Temple in the State of Andhra Pradesh**" at Srisailam Temple Complex, **Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**. The project has been sanctioned and executed under **PRASHAD** scheme viz. National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive of the **Ministry of Tourism**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### States Current Affairs

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M K Stalin** has inaugurated an industrial park at **Eraiyrur in Tamil Nadu's Perambalur district**. He also laid the foundation stone for the **Phoenix Kothari Footwear Park**. The inauguration of the 243.39-acre park of the **State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu (Sipcot)** followed an announcement in the 2022-23 budget session that new parks would be set up in Coimbatore, Perambalur, Madurai, Vellore and Tiruvallur districts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ministry of External Affairs (MEA)** in partnership with **Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR)** and the Goa government will organize the **International Lusophone Festival** in Goa from 3-6 December. It will be inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant at Durbar Hall in Raj Bhavan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **23rd Hornbill Festival 2022** begins at Naga Heritage Village Kisama in Nagaland. Nagaland's famous Hornbill Festival is scheduled from 1st December to 10th December 2022. Vice President **Jagdeep Dhankhar** graced the inaugural function of the festival as the Chief Guest. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Meghalaya cabinet** has approved a policy aimed at addressing the issues of mental health and social care through collaborative engagement with communities. The **Meghalaya Mental Health & Social Care Policy** was approved at the cabinet meeting, chaired by the Chief Minister. In **2014**, the Centre launched the first-ever **National Mental Health Policy** in an attempt to provide universal psychiatry care. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- A polling booth located in a remote forest area of **Gir Somnath district in Gujarat** recorded 100 per cent voting after its lone voter cast his vote in the first phase of the state Assembly elections. The area is part of Una Assembly constituency, which went to polls along with 88 other seats in the state. **The Election Commission (EC)** had set up a polling booth at Banej village located inside Gir forest so that the only voter there can exercise his franchise. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** has announced that the state will establish a **separate Divyang department for the welfare of differently-abled persons** with a fund allocation of 1,143 crore rupees. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Meghalaya government** in partnership with startup **TechEagle** has unveiled Asia's first drone delivery hub and network which is aimed at providing universal access to healthcare for the people in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Karthigai Deepam Chariot festival** was held at **Thiruparankundram in Madurai, Tamil Nadu** after a gap of two years due to the **COVID-19 pandemic**. This is one of the most important festivals in Madurai which many devotees attend. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Election Commission** informed **TRS president and Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao** that it has accepted the name change of his party from **Telangana Rashtra Samithi to Bharat Rashtra Samithi**. In a letter to TRS, the EC cited a letter that the party sent to the poll body on October 5 requesting its name change. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** inaugurated the country's first chartered gateway, and a business jet terminal at the **Cochin International Airport**. With this, Cochin airport has become the fourth airport in the country to operate a **private jet terminal**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tamil Nadu** is set to become the **first state** to launch its own **Climate Change Mission**. It had launched the **Green Tamil Nadu Mission** last September and the **Tamil Nadu Wetlands Mission** this August. A Special Purpose Vehicle—the **Tamil Nadu Green Climate Company (TNGCC)**—will implement the State Climate Action Plan. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Congress leader **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu** has taken oath as the New Chief Minister of **Himachal Pradesh** at historic ridge ground in Shimla. Deputy Chief Minister **Mukesh Agnihotri** also took oath with him. Governor **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** administered the oath to both. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan** declared a **seed farm**, located in **Aluva**, as the first carbon neutral farm in the country. A significant reduction in carbon emission has helped the **seed farm, achieve the carbon neutral status**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Mopa International Airport in Goa**, which has been named after former Chief Minister **Manohar Parrikar**. The new airport, which is about 35 km from capital city Panaji, can handle 44 lakh passengers annually. Its capacity can be raised to over 3 crore passengers per year after expansion plans in the future. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bhupendra Patel** took oath as the **Chief Minister of Gujarat** for a **second straight term in Gandhinagar**. He was administered oath as the 18th Chief Minister of Gujarat by Governor **Acharya Devvrat**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Uttarakhand Government** is planning for **genetic enhancement of Badri Cow** through sex-sorted semen and embryo transfer technology with the aim to increase its productivity. The Badri breed derived its name from the **holy shrine of Char Dham at Badrinath**. It is found **only in the hill districts of Uttarakhand** and was earlier known as the 'pahadi' cow. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** to lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth **Rs 75,000 crores in Maharashtra**. According to the Prime Minister's Office, PM Modi inaugurated Phase-I of Hindu Hrudaysamrat Balasaheb Thackeray Maharashtra **Samruddhi Mahamarg**, covering a distance of 520 Kms and **connecting Nagpur and Shirdi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Forest department in association with **Noolpuzha grama panchayat** has launched the '**Vanikaran**' (**afforestation**) project to root out invasive plants, especially *Senna spectabilis*, and restore natural forests. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Meghalaya government**, which has adopted a '**Jan Andolan**' (**people's movement**) against Tuberculosis received an award for best practices in controlling the disease that affects 2.6 million people in India every year. The award for Best Practice in **Advocacy, Communication and Social Mobilisation (ACSM)** in Tuberculosis control was presented to representatives of the health department at a national workshop, aimed at ending TB infections, in the national capital. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **M.K.Stalin** inaugurated the statue of **Mahakavi Subramanian Bharathiyar** at the renovated house of Bharathiyar at Varanasi via video conference on 11th December. Stalin also released a souvenir on his centenary. Bharathiyar's 141st birth anniversary celebrates on the behalf of State Government in various places in the State. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- '**Goa Liberation Day**' is celebrated on **December 19** to commemorate the **state's liberation from Portuguese rule in 1961**. As part of **Operation Vijay**, the Indian armed forces used the armed forces triffecta with the help of local resistance movements to eradicate European rule from the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Tamil Nadu government** has announced that all those who are eligible for benefits (other than minor children) under various government schemes are required to submit proof of possession of an Aadhaar number or undergo **Aadhaar identification**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The 'Friends of Library' programme**, under which books would be directly given to those who are unable to access state-run libraries, was introduced by the **Tamil Nadu government**. The project will be helpful to people with disabilities, seniors, kids, and hospital in-patients, among others, who are unable to visit a library. Volunteers will hand over the books to such people from the libraries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai** said that a **National Youth festival** is poised to be hosted at **Hubballi-Dharwad** twin cities, which will be inaugurated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The National Youth Festival will be organized on January 12 in connection with the **birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As the growth in the **tourism sector** is vital for socio-economic development in a state, the **Assam State Cabinet led by CM Himanta Biswa Sarma** approved the proposal for grant of **industrial status** to the tourism sector in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **UP's Sania Mirza Clears NDA Exam**: Sania Mirza, a **Mirzapur** resident and the daughter of a TV mechanic, successfully passed the National Defense Academy admission examination (NDA). Sania Mirza is from the Jasovar village, which is within the jurisdiction of the Mirzapur Dehat Kotwali Police Station. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Madhya Pradesh government**: According to **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, a huge statue of former Prime Minister **Atal Bihari Vajpayee** will be installed and a research centre will be built as part his grand memorial in Gwalior. On December 26 at the 'Gwalior Gaurav Diwas' function to mark the late leader's **98th birth anniversary**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Stage is all set in **Uttar Pradesh** to rename two places after the state government got the approval by Union Home Ministry. The Union Home Ministry has given its consent to change the names, a Municipal Council in Gorakhpur and a village in Deoria, both in eastern UP, following recommendations from the state government. The 'no-objection' certificates were issued by the Union Home ministry for changing the name of **'Mundera Bazaar' municipal council** in Gorakhpur district to 'Chauri-Chaura' and that of **'Telia Afghan'** village in Deoria district to **'Telia Shukla'**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Kerala Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan's constituency** has achieved a new record recently. It has become the only constituency in India to have a library in all the wards. CM Vijayan's constituency **Dharmadam** has achieved the position of complete library constituency in India, the first in India. Out of the total 138 wards in the constituency, there were no libraries in 63 wards. Dharmadam reached the achievement with the opening of libraries in these wards too. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh** Deputy Chief Minister **Brijesh Pathak** and Minister of State for Medical Education **Mayankeshwar Sharan Singh** inaugurated the **'E-Sushrut' Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)** in 22 state medical colleges. The initiative was launched by the state medical education department in collaboration with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy** to be set up at Tehri in Uttarakhand. The Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy **R.K.Singh** announced the World Class Kayaking Canoeing Academy. Chief Minister **Pushkar Singh Dhami** also inaugurated the National Championship "Tehri Water Sports Cup" at Tehri Lake. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 'Spice Coast' in the far north of **Kerala**, better known as **North Malabar**, bask in myriad colours and the pomp and splendour of the cultural extravaganza titled **'Bekal International Beach Festival'**. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has inaugurated the 10-day first international beach festival, that captures the wholeness and the essence of the district's cultural and artistic uniqueness and displays the rich cultural diversity and grandeur of the country, at the majestic Bekal Beach Park. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Maharashtra **assembly** has passed the **Lokayukta Bill 2022**, which brings the chief minister and council of ministers under the ambit of the anti-corruption ombudsman. The bill was passed without discussion as the opposition had staged a walkout over the alleged scam in the Teachers Entrance Test. Deputy Chief Minister **Devendra Fadnavis** termed the bill a historic legislation. Cabinet Minister **Deepak Kesarkar** introduced the Bill which has a provision to bring the Chief Minister and the cabinet under the purview of the anti-corruption ombudsman. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The 'Dhanu Yatra' festival**, the largest open-air theatre festival began after a gap of two years, in **Bargarh at the Odisha**. The vibrant Dhanu Yatra is associated with the culture of **Odisha**. The Festival is being held from December 27 to Jan 6, 2023. Several artists from 130 cultural troupes from across the country are scheduled to perform during the festival. Around 3,000 artistes of 130 cultural troupes from across the country is participating in the festival. However, Kansa is the central attraction of the Dhanu Yatra. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Madurai Bench of **Madras High Court** has prohibited devotees from carrying mobile phones inside temples in Tamil Nadu. The Division Bench of Justice R. Mahadevan and J Sathya Narayana Prasad held that the gadgets divert the attention of the devotees from the purpose of visiting the temple. The **Tamil Nadu Temple Entry Authorisation Act 1947**, and the Rules empower the trustees or any authority in charge of the temple to make regulations for the maintenance of order and decorum in the temple. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Andhra Pradesh government** has introduced a lesson on the contribution of **Fatima Sheikh** in the textbooks of the eighth class. Fatima Sheikh was India's first woman Muslim teacher and one of India's greatest social reformers and educators. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tamil Nadu Government** has announced the '**Nilgiri Tahr Project**', India's first-of-its-kind initiative aimed at restoring the state animal's original habitat and stabilizing its population. The 'Nilgiri Tahr Project' is a five-year program with a budget of Rs 25.14 crore. It will also have a dedicated team chaired by the project director to deal with species conservation. The team will explore the possibility of undertaking captive breeding of the animals for **re-introduction in forest patches** where it has become locally extinct. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Uttar Pradesh government's ambitious One District One Product (ODOP) scheme** has received praise at the national level for helping in the revival of traditional crafts in the state. Now, on similar lines, the government has launched the **One District One Sport (ODOS) programme** for promoting local sporting talent. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Central Government** announced that it has extended the **Rooftop Solar Programme** till 31 March, 2026. The **subsidy under the programme** will be available until the target under the Programme is achieved now. The government has advised all residential consumers to not pay any additional charges to any vendor on account of fee for application on the **National Portal** or any additional charges for net-metering/testing which are not prescribed by the respective distribution company. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government has put in **an additional Rs 5,000 crore** into the **SWAMIH Invest Fund-I** to help the stressed realty investment platform achieve its **final close at Rs 15,530 crore**. The fund set up under the Special Window for **Affordable and Mid-Income Housing** is **India's largest social impact fund**, which said the government recently infused Rs 5,000 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Education (MoE)** approved a new scheme "**New India Literacy Programme**" for the next five years to cover all the aspects of adult education to align with new **National Education Policy (NEP)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Schemes/Committees

- The **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the top six **engineering institutes of India** for introducing **Indian standards** as an integral part of the curriculum. This initiative is towards institutionalizing engagement of BIS with eminent institutes to secure active participation of academia. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Yes Bank** has signed a **Share Purchase Agreement (SPA)** with **JC Flowers Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**, acquiring a 9.9 percent stake in the ARC at **Rs 11.43 per share** on 28th November 2022. A subsequent acquisition of the additional shareholding of 10 percent is subject to requisite regulatory approvals. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy, **R.K. Singh** inaugurated REC's CSR initiative for procurement, operation and maintenance of 10 Mobile Health Clinics (MHC) '**Doctor Apke Dwar**' at Sadar Hospital, Aarah, Bhojpur District Bihar. The project aims to facilitate operational expenditure for three years for smooth functioning. The total cost of the project is Rs. 12.68 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Central government** on December 1 launched its facial recognition system **DigiYatra at Delhi, Bangalore and Varanasi airports**, which will allow domestic passengers to seamlessly travel without an identification card. The Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the service at **Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** has inaugurated the **7th India Water Impact Summit (IWIS 2022)** on December 15, 2022 in the presence of **Shri Bishweshwar Tudu, Minister of State for Jal Shakti**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **5th edition of Youth Co:Lab, Asia Pacific's** largest youth innovation movement was jointly launched by **Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and UNDP India** December 15th 2022. The applications for this edition were launched by Dr. Chintan Vaishnav, Mission Director AIM, NITI Aayog and Mr. Dennis Curry, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Minister of Minority Affairs, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani** in a reply to a question in the **Lok Sabha** informed that the **Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Ko Kaam Karyakram (PMKKK)** has now been named as **Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme**. The integrated scheme converges five erstwhile schemes of the Ministry viz. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Ayush** issued a notification regarding the status of the **centres of excellence** scheme 'AYURSWASTHYA Yojana'. Financial assistance is provided to eligible individual organizations/institutes for establishing and upgrading their functions & facilities and/or for research & development activities in AYUSH under the scheme. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **New pension scheme vs old pension scheme:** Several states are returning to the old pension scheme. The Punjab government recently announced that they are planning about going back to OPS for its employees. Punjab will become the fourth state to switch back to the OPS if the idea were to pass. The old pension scheme is already in place in states like Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, and Jharkhand. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma** launched the second version of 'Orunodoi', the flagship scheme of the state government aimed at providing **financial security** to financially disadvantaged families. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha** announced three New Schemes- **Holistic Development of Agriculture & Allied Sectors, Aspirational Towns, and Aspirational Panchayat for J&K Union Territory.** The projects which have now been approved by the administrative council, have an **outlay of 5013 crore rupees.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The government said that the **food processing industry** has invested Rs 4,900 crore so far under the **production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme.** The PLI scheme for the food processing industry was approved in March 2021, with a budget outlay of Rs 10,900 crore. It will be implemented for seven years, until 2026-27. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Airbnb** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Department of Tourism, Government of Goa**, to jointly promote Goa as one of the most sought-after high potential tourism destinations in India and around the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The European Union has adopted a plan for a global minimum 15% tax on big business. The landmark deal between nearly **140 countries** aims to stop governments racing to cut taxes in a bid to attract companies. It was praised by **US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen** as "an historic agreement which helps even the playing field". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The next **World Trade Organization** ministerial conference will be held in **Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates** in February **2024**, the global trade watchdog confirmed in a statement. The UAE and Cameroon were both vying to host the event and came to an informal agreement for Abu Dhabi to host the first one and **Cameroon** to do the next, trade sources said. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Atal Incubation Centre (AIC)** at the **Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC)** signed agreements with **MSMEs** for incubation of newer technologies into commercial products. The agreements were signed to commemorate the launch of the AIC at the BARC to hasten conversion of products from research labs to the market. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NTPC** signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Tecnimont Private Limited**, the Indian subsidiary of Maire Tecnimont Group, Italy. NTPC is India's largest power generation company. The objective of the MoU is to jointly **evaluate and explore** the possibility to develop a commercial-scale Green Methanol production facility at the NTPC project in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Centre signed a peace agreement with a **Manipur insurgent group**, which agreed to give up violence and join the peaceful democratic process. The tripartite agreement was signed by the central and Manipur governments and the **Zeliangrong United Front (ZUF)** rebel group which mostly operated in Manipur. The agreement was signed by senior home ministry officials and the government of Manipur and the representatives of ZUF in presence of **Chief Minister N Biren Singh.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Power** announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** to implement an **early warning system** for vulnerable hydro projects and power stations in hilly regions. The MoU was signed by Alok Kumar, Secretary at the Ministry of Power, and Dr Samir V Kamat, Secretary of the Department of Defence (R&D) and Chairman of DRDO. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

- **External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar** and **Germany's foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock** signed a **comprehensive migration and mobility partnership**, which will facilitate easier access for people to study, research and work in both countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **Memorandum Of Understanding** was signed between **The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. and Walmart Global Sourcing India Private Limited**, to facilitate services to MSMEs in Walmart **Vridhhi program.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar** and the **Army Training Command (ARTRAC)** of the Indian Army has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** for setting up a **centre of excellence** for studies and applied research in **defence and security** at the premier institute. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a bid to promote **Ayurveda** across continents, the **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with the University of **Medical Sciences, Cuba**, and extended the agreement with **Rosenberg European Academy of Ayurveda (REAA)**, Germany, for five more years to take forward collaborative programmes. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Nicosia, Cyprus, Foreign Minister of Cyprus Ioannis Kasoulides and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar signed three important agreements. The two ministers had fruitful conversations during Jaishankar's first official visit to Cyprus about bilateral relations, multilateral cooperation, geopolitical and regional problems, the Indo-Pacific issue, the Middle East, Europe, and India's relationship with the European Union. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In conjunction with the Learning Links Foundation, the National Education Society for Tribal Students (NESTS) was setting up a two-day face-to-face capacity building program which was held on 28th and 29th of December 2022, for EMRS teachers to implement the Amazon Future Engineer Program (LLF). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tata Steel and TuTr Hyperloop signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) at IIT Madras to collaborate on the development and wide-scale use of Hyperloop technology. The primary study topics will concentrate on the most important design and material selection problems. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India, Australia** Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement comes into force from 29 December. **India and Australia** signed the **Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA)** on the 2nd of April 2022. ECTA is the first trade agreement of **India with a developed country after more than a decade**. The agreement encompasses cooperation across the entire gamut of bilateral economic and commercial relations between the two friendly countries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Institute of Cost Accountants of India said that **Vijender Sharma** has been elected as the **new president** and **Rakesh Bhalla** as **vice-president for 2022-23**. The institute, which is a statutory body set up under an Act of Parliament, comes under the administrative control of Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Government of India had appointed **Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar**, Professor Emeritus at Chennai Mathematical Institute (CMI), as the part-time chairperson of the **National Statistical Commission (NSC) of India** for a period of three years. He will take up this role as an additional responsibility while continuing as Professor Emeritus at CMI. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Union Minister **Hansraj Gangaram Ahir** has assumed charge as **Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC)**. He is an Agriculturist by profession, read a statement from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian tech brand "Noise" has appointed **Virat Kohli** as its new brand ambassador for its **smartwatches**. The new partnership will bring together the two domains together which is said to exemplify the brand. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Distinguished Scientist of Department of Atomic Energy, **K.V. Suresh Kumar** has assumed charge as Chairman and Managing Director of **BharatiyaNabhikiyaVidyut Nigam Limited (BHAVINI)** on 2nd December 2022 at Kalpakkam. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **K V Shaji** has been named Chairman of the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**. He formerly served as NABARD's **Deputy Managing Director (DMD)** till May 21, 2020. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Appointments/Resignations (National & International)

- A senior journalist, **Ravish Kumar** has resigned from **NDTV** according to news sources. This comes just a day after the channel's founders and promoters **Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy** resigned from their positions as directors on the board of **RRPR Holding Private Limited (RRPRH)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prasanth Kumar**, CEO, South Asia of GroupM Media (India) Pvt Ltd, has been elected as the president of the **Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI)**. He has an experience of over 25 years in the Industry. Before joining GroupM, he held positions at Pepsi, The Hindu, The Media Edge, and McCann Erickson. He has served as AAAI's vice president from 2020 to 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- IAS **Sanjay Kumar** took charge as **Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy**, Ministry of Education in Shashtri Bhawan in New Delhi. Sanjay Kumar, a 1990-batch Bihar cadre IAS officer, was a former Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. He replaced **Anita Karwal** IAS upon her superannuation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Meghna Ahlawat** was elected president of the **Table Tennis Federation of India**. Meghna Ahlawat has been elected its first female President, eight-time national champion **Kamlesh Mehta** takes over as the new secretary general of the TTFI and **Patel Nagender Reddy** has been elected as the Treasurer. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Chairman of Tata Sons, **N Chandrasekaran** has been appointed as the chair of **B20 India** which represents the entire **G20 business community**. He will lead the business agenda during India's G20 Presidency. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)** has appointed **Meenesh C Shah** as its Managing Director with effect from **November 15**. Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala informed that the Gujarat-based NDDB does not have regular chairman since December 2020. ([Click here to read the article](#))

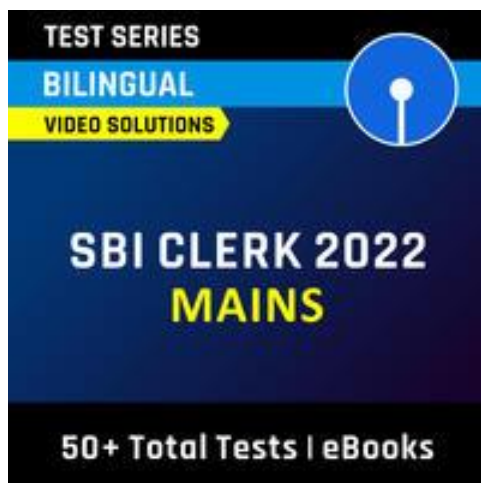
- The **Federal Reserve Bank of New York** has appointed Indian-origin **Sushmita Shukla** as its **First Vice President, and Chief Operating Officer (COO)**, making the insurance industry veteran its highest-ranked official after President and CEO, **John C Williams**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Legendary athlete **Pilavullakandi Thekkeraparambil Usha or PT Usha** was elected as the first woman president of **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**. **Ajay Patel** of National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has been elected unopposed as senior vice-president. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Justice **Dipankar Dutta** has taken oath as a judge of the **Supreme Court**. Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud administered the oath to Justice Dutta in the swearing-in ceremony in the Supreme Court in the presence of all judges. With the appointment of Justice Dutta, the Supreme Court will have 28 judges out of the strength of **34 judges**. Justice Dutta will have a term till **February 8, 2030**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Supreme Court Collegium** has recommended to the Centre the names of five high court judges for appointment as apex court judges. The recommendation came after the meeting of the six-member Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India **D Y Chandrachud**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Health Organization (WHO)** announced that **Dr Jeremy Farrar** will become its new **Chief Scientist**. Currently, Director of the Wellcome Trust, Dr Farrar will join WHO in the second quarter of 2023. **Dr Amelia Latu Afuhaamango Tuipulotu** will become **WHO's Chief Nursing Officer**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior cardiologist from Hyderabad, **Dr PC Rath**, was formally elected president of the **Cardiological Society of India (CSI) for the year 2023-24**, in an annual meeting held in Chennai. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games organising committee has named American executive Cindy Hook as its first CEO. After speaking with 50 candidates over a six-month period, the organising committee made the announcement of the appointment. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Harvard University** named **Claudine Gay**, a dean of the Faculty of Arts and Science, as its new president, the **first African American** to hold the post at the prestigious university. Gay, 52, is just the second woman to be elected to head the school in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Gay, the daughter of Haitian immigrants, will take over as the university's 30th president on July 1, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Major General **Mohit Seth** has taken over as the **General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Counter Insurgency Force Kilo**. He took over from Major General **Sanjiv Singh Slaria** who has been moved to Northern Command headquarters in Udhampur. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **New head of AERB**: According to an order issued from the Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT), the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of **Dinesh Kumar Shukla** to the post of Chairperson of the **Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)**. Shukla is the Former Executive Director of AERB. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former Supreme Court judge, **Hemant Gupta** has been appointed as the chairperson of **New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (NDIAC)**. The NDIAC was established for the purpose of creating an independent and autonomous regime for institutionalised arbitration. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian Foreign Service official of 1997 batch, **Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan** who is presently the Ambassador of India to the **Republic of Lebanon** has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of **Saudi Arabia**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Air India management** has appointed Air India Express CEO **Aloke Singh** as the chief of Air India's low-cost airline business from January 1, 2023. The Low Cost Carrier (LCC) business will consist of AirAsia India and Air India Express. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **State Bank of India: SBI Funds Management** has appointed **Shamsher Singh** as managing director and chief executive officer of the company. Singh, who was deputy managing director at State Bank of India (SBI), has taken over the charge from Vinay M Tonse following his repatriation to the public sector lender, the asset management company. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Anil Kumar Lahoti** has been appointed as the **Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Railway Board**. The former General Manager of Central Railway was appointed as a Member (Infrastructure) of the board a week ago, and will be taking over the chairmanship from **Vinay Kumar Tripathi on January 1**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS** has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the **Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)**. Shri Ganji Kamala V Rao IAS is currently serving as the Managing Director of Indian Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Santosh Kumar Yadav**, the senior bureaucrat, was appointed as the Chairman of the **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)**. Santosh Kumar Yadav is a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. He is currently serving as the additional secretary in the Department of School Education and Literacy, **Ministry of Education**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Lieutenant General **Arvind Walia** has been appointed as the next **Engineer-in-Chief of the Indian Army**. He would be succeeding **Lt Gen Harpal Singh** who is superannuating on December 31. An officer of the 1986 batch, Lt Gen Walia is an alumnus of the Indian Military Academy, Dehradun, and also received the prestigious Silver Medal there. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has approved the reappointment of Baskar Babu Ramachandran as the MD & CEO of **Suryoday Small Finance bank** for three years effective from 23rd January 2023. The founder of the bank, Baskar Babu Ramachandran sold the bank's 50 lakh shares on 16th December for **₹55.44 crores** to close a loan for exercising warrants to maintain the promoter's stake at the minimum of 26 percent for the first 5 years. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Vigilance Commissioner **Praveen Kumar Srivastava** has been appointed as the **acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC)**. He appointment comes after **Suresh N. Patel** completed his term as the chief of the anti-corruption watchdog Central Vigilance Commission on December 24. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **Uttar Pradesh** government has appointed **IPS officer Laxmi Singh** as the new Noida Police chief, making her the first woman officer to head a Police Commissionerate in the state. The 2000-batch officer, who replaced Alok Singh in Gautam Buddh Nagar. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- India was ranked at 87th position in the world's strongest passport list. Countries with the weakest passports are Afghanistan (38) Syria (39), Iraq (40), Pakistan (44). **The UAE** has the strongest passport in the world. **Passport Index 2022** published by **Arton Capital** ranked the world's strongest and weakest passports. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**, Biocon Executive Chairperson **Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw** and Nykaa founder **Falguni Nayar** are among six Indians who have made it to the Forbes' annual list of "**The World's 100 Most Powerful Women**". [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** topped the **grievance redressal index** among all group A ministries, departments and autonomous bodies for resolution of public grievances for the fourth month in a row in November. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **India's electric vehicle (EV)** value chain revenue pool is expected to reach a size of **\$76-100 billion by 2030**, potentially translating to \$8-11 billion profit pool, according to a report by **Bain & Company**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

### Ranks and Reports

- **WMO (World Meteorological Organization)** has released its first annual **State of Global Water Resources Report 2021**. The aim of this annual report is to support monitoring and management of **global freshwater resources** in an era of growing demand and limited supplies. The report gives an **overview of river flow**, as well as **major floods and droughts**. It provides insights into hotspots for changes in freshwater storage and highlights the crucial role and vulnerability of the cryosphere (snow and ice). [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- According to DGCA officials, **India** has jumped to the **48th position** in the global aviation safety ranking by the **International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**. Four years ago, the country was ranked at the 102nd position. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- As per the recent report by the US think tank **Early Warning Project**, **India** is **ranked 8th** among the countries that are at the highest risk for mass killing in 2022 and 2023. India has seen a drop in rank from second position in the earlier year. Pakistan is estimated to have about a one in six chance of experiencing a new mass killing in 2022 or 2023, it said. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- According to **GroupM's global end-of-year forecast**, **India** is expected to **surpass Brazil to become the eighth-largest advertising market** in 2023. In 'This Year, Next Year 2022', **GroupM has ranked India as the ninth-largest advertising market globally**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Billionaires **Gautam Adani**, HCL Technologies's **Shiv Nadar**, and Happiest Minds Technologies' **Ashok Soota** are the three Indians who have been named in the **16th edition** of the annual list. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **United Nations** has recognised the **Namami Gange initiative** to rejuvenate India's sacred **River Ganga** as one of the top **10 World Restoration Flagships** to revive the natural world. The award was received by **G Ashok Kumar**, Director General, Namami Gange, at the **15th Conference of the Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- New York and Singapore are the most expensive cities in the world, according to the Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) **Worldwide Cost of Living Index** for this year. Some Indian students are interested in attending these cities for higher education. Here is a list of some of the well-known universities and institutions in these pricey cities. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- The **2022 Global Food Security Index (GFSI)** report was released by the **British weekly The Economist**. The **11th Global Food Security Index** shows a deterioration in the global food environment for the third year, **threatening food security**. In this report, **South Africa overtook Tunisia** to become the most food-secure country in Africa. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Union Minister for Science and Technology, **Jitendra Singh** has revealed that India had jumped from **7th to 3rd** in global scientific publications and scholarly output, according to a report by America's **National Science Foundation**. India also ranks third globally in the number of PhDs produced annually. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Social Progress Index (SPI) for States and Districts** made by the **Institute for Competitiveness and Social Progress Imperative** was submitted to **Economic Advisory Council- Prime Minister** and released. Based on the SPI scores, states and districts have been ranked under six tiers of social progress. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- Three new cultural sites in India, including the iconic **Sun Temple at Modhera, historic Vadnagar town in Gujarat, and rock-cut relief sculptures of Unakoti in Tripura**, have been added to the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage sites. The UNESCO website describes a tentative list as an “inventory of those properties which each State Party intends to consider for nomination”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Bollywood superstar, **Shah Rukh Khan** has become the only Indian to be named in an international list of **50 greatest actors of all time by a prominent British magazine**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- YouTube’s creative ecosystem supported more than 750,000 full-time equivalent jobs in India in 2021 and added more than Rs 10,000 crore to the GDP of the nation. The business also disclosed that Courses, a new product that will provide viewers a greater learning experience and creators a new opportunity to monetize their work, would launch in beta in 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** is ranked **fifth** on the global list of the best cuisines for 2022, according to **Taste Atlas**. The ranking is based on audience votes for ingredients, dishes, and beverages. Italy’s food came in first place followed by Greece and Spain. India received 4.54 points and the best rated foods of the country include “**garam masala, malai, ghee, butter garlic naan, keema**”, the rating said. It has a total of 460 items in the list. Furthermore, the best restaurants to try Indian cuisine are **Shree Thaker Bhojanalay (Mumbai), Karavalli (Bengaluru), Bukhara (New Delhi), Dum Pukht (New Delhi), Comorin (Gurugram)** and 450 others, according to the list. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Punjab** ranks **second** in the country in **average monthly income per agricultural household**. The fact came to light in a data provided by **Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar** in the ongoing session of Rajya Sabha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri** launched draft guidelines for a **new ranking system of cities** based on finance and beauty. The competition is aimed at identifying and promoting financially happy cities and improving municipal finances. ([Click here to read the article](#))



## Sports Current Affairs

- FIFA has announced that **Stephanie Frappart of France** will be the first woman to referee a **men’s World Cup match**. She will officiate the match to be played between **Germany and Costa Rica** in Group E on 2 December 2022. France’s Frappart is one of three women referees among the 36 selected for the tournament in Qatar, alongside Rwandan official **Salima Mukansanga** and **Japan’s Yoshimi Yamashita**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA India)** is hosts an Inclusion Conclave for the first time to sharpen the focus on anti-doping education and processes for athletes with disabilities. Secretary Department Sports Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, UN Resident Coordinator Shombi Sharp and WADA Asia-Oceania Regional Office Manager, Kenny Lee will address the conclave. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian shooter Rudranksh Patil** has clinched the **International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) President’s Cup** held in **Cairo, Egypt**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian skipper **Rohit Sharma** has surpassed former batter **Mohammed Azharuddin** to become the **sixth-highest** run-getter for his country in ODI cricket. The batter accomplished this record during India’s first ODI against Bangladesh at Dhaka. With this, his ODI statistics stand at **234 matches, and 9,403 runs in 227 innings** at an average of 48.46. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Famous Footballer, **Cristiano Ronaldo** has sensationally joined **Saudi Arabian club Al-Nassr** on a two and a half year deal worth **200 million euros per season**. The news has been reported by renowned Spanish outlet Marca ahead of the **Portugal captain’s FIFA World Cup 2022** Round of 16 fixture against Switzerland, scheduled for Wednesday at the Lusail Stadium in Qatar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Deepika Padukone** will unveil the **FIFA World Cup trophy** in **Qatar** later this month, according to reports. The trophy will be unveiled before the World Cup final on December 18. Deepika will be the first actor to receive such an honour at the world’s most-watched sporting event. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World No 3 Sukant Kadam** smashed his way to a gold medal at the recently concluded **Peru Para-Badminton International**, defeating ace shuttler **defeated Singapore’s Chee Hiong Ang**. India won **14 medals in total** (6 gold, 1 silver and 7 bronze). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Olympic silver medallist **Mirabai Chanu** won **silver at the 2022 World Weightlifting Championships in Colombia**. She beat the Tokyo 2020 champion **Hou Zhihua of China**. China’s **Jiang Huihua** took home the **gold medal** with a combined weight of 206 kg. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Sixteen-year-old Aditya Mittal** has become **India's 77th chess Grandmaster** during an ongoing tournament in Spain. The **Mumbai player**, who had secured three GM norms, crossed 2,500 ELO points mark during the sixth round of the ongoing **Ellobregat Open tournament in Spain**. He drew the game against **Spain's No.1 Francisco Vallejo Pons** to achieve the feat. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Belgium** captain **Eden Hazard** has announced his retirement from international football after Belgium's early exit from the **FIFA World Cup 2022**. He was the captain of Belgium in the 2022 FIFA World Cup. Hazard made his international debut in 2008 and scored 33 times in 126 appearances. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur** said one thousand **Khelo India** centres will be opened by the **15th of August** next year across the country. He added that out of these one **thousand centres, 733 centres** have been already sanctioned. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- World champion American hurdler **Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone** and Swedish pole vaulter **Mondo Duplantis** won the **World Athlete of the year awards**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Karnataka shooter **Divya T.S** has secured her first women's 10m air pistol national title at the **65th National Shooting Championship Competitions** in Pistol events held in Bhopal. Olympian, Manu **Bhaker** has won the junior women's air pistol, after defeating Esha Singh (Telangana). Rhythm Sangwan has won the gold medal in the Youth category. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former England skipper **Joe Root** became only the third cricketer in history to **score 10000 runs and pick up 50 wickets in Test cricket**. He achieved the feat during the ongoing second Test against Pakistan in Multan. Root reached the milestone when he dismissed **Faheem Ashraf** in the 70th over of Pakistan's second innings at the Multan Cricket Stadium. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Hyderabad Strikers** has crowned as champions of **4th Tennis Premier League (TPL) 2022**. The final of the 4th TPL was held in **Pune, Maharashtra**. Hyderabad Strikers beat **Mumbai Leon Army** (41-32) and was crowned champions of the event for the 2nd year in a row. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In Swimming, **Indian swimmer Chahat Arora** set a **national record** in the women's 100-metre breaststroke at the **FINA World Swimming Championships 2022 in Melbourne, Australia**. FINA is the International Swimming Federation. Chahat Arora completed the 100-metre breaststroke race in 1 minute, 13.13 seconds. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Steel Limited** signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with **Hockey India** on December 13, 2022 to become an **Official Partner** of the **FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup 2023** Bhubaneswar – Rourkela. The FIH Men's World Cup is the pinnacle of men's hockey tournaments. The **15th edition** of the esteemed event will take place in **Bhubaneswar and Rourkela** from January 13 to January 29, 2023. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rehan Ahmed** becomes **England's youngest-ever Test Cricketer** to debut in the final match between Pakistan and England. Rehan Ahmed will be 18 years and 126 days old when the match begins. Till now, Brian Close, who was 18 years and 149 days old, was the youngest player in England during the **New Zealand vs England** match in 1949. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the World Athletics, **Tokyo Olympics gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra** of India was the most written about track and field athlete in 2022, displacing the Jamaican legend Usain Bolt from the top lists. The data collated by media analysis company **Unicepta** was cited by World Athletics, the global governing body for athletics. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian women Hockey team** led by Captain **Savita Punia** beat **Spain** 1-0 in the final to win the inaugural FIH Nations Cup played at Valencia, Spain. The winning goal was scored by **Gurjit Kaur** of India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- England's leg-spinner **Rehan Ahmed** has become the **youngest men's Test cricketer** to take a five-wicket haul on debut during the ongoing third match against Pakistan at the National Bank Cricket Arena. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- France footballer **Karim Benzema** has announced his retirement from International football. Benzema ends his time with France with **37 goals in 97 appearances**, but his time with the squad hasn't exactly been easy since his debut 15 years ago. When Benzema made his debut for France against Austria in March 2007, he scored while playing as a substitute. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian national blind cricket team** won the **T20 World Cup** for the Blind for the third time in a row. They defeated Bangladesh at Bengaluru's M Chinnaswamy Stadium by a commanding score of 120 runs. The Indian captain, **Ajay Kumar Reddy** elected to bat after winning the toss, and his side eventually set a challenging total of 277 runs for Bangladesh. The Bangladeshi team could only muster 157 runs for three in return. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **International Olympic Committee (IOC)** announced that **Viacom18 Media Private Limited (Viacom18)** has secured the exclusive media rights to broadcast the **Olympic Games Paris 2024**, plus non-exclusive rights to the **Winter Youth Olympic Games Gangwon 2024**, in Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The manufacturer and designer of causal and athletic footwear, **Puma** has roped in Bollywood actor and entrepreneur **Anushka Sharma** as its brand ambassador. The association is intended to “accelerate Puma’s strong commitment towards women consumer segment”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Morocco** was rewarded by FIFA with hosting rights for the next Club World Cup in February, with an expanded **32-team edition set to launch in 2025**. The most recent edition of the tournament was held in the UAE in February 2022 and was won by the English football club, Chelsea. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Goa** will host India’s first ever **World Table Tennis (WTT)** series event from February 27 to March 5. The top tier WTT Star Contender Goa 2023 will take place at the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor stadium, located at the Goa University Campus. **Stupa Analytics**, a homegrown sports analytics firm, will be the tournament host with active **support from the Goa government**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sam Curran** breaks all the records and became the **most expensive cricketer ever** to be bought by any franchise of the **Indian Premier League (IPL)**. Sam Curran is a 24-year-old English Cricketer who was bought by **Punjab Kings** on the first day of the IPL auction for ₹18.5 crores. The IPL auctions for the 2023 season are being held in Kerala. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Geta Sora**, a rising star in badminton, won the under-9 category of the **Top Arena Junior International Badminton Championship** in Malaysia, bringing honor to Arunachal and the nation as a whole. **Jaryl Teh**, the second seed from Malaysia, was defeated by Sora in two sets of 21-5 and 21-16 to win the championship. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Telangana Boxing star and the reigning world champion, **Nikhat Zareen**, and **Lovlina Borgohain**, the bronze medalist from the Tokyo Olympics, both won gold medals in their separate finals in the Elite Women’s National Boxing Championships. The Railway Sports Promotion Board won the team trophy with ten awards in the **6th Elite Women’s National Boxing Championships in Bhopal**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Boxing Day Test between **Australia and South Africa** at the iconic MCG, Cricket Australia (CA) and Australian Cricket Association (ACA) in a joint-statement announced that Australia’s Men’s Test Player of the Year award will now be named in honour of the late Shane Warne. Cricket Australia (CA) chief executive Nick Hockley and Australian Cricketers’ Association Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Todd Greenber renamed the Australia’s men’s Test Player of the Year award to honour the legendary spinner ‘Shane Warne’ during the Boxing Day Test against South Africa. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **South African** batter **Farhaan Behardien** has announced retirement, concluding an 18-year international cricketing career. The 39-year old has represented the Proteas in 59 ODIs and has 1074 runs and 14 wickets under his belt. Behardien also has 38 T20I caps for South Africa and has amassed 518 runs at an average of 32.37. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Summits And Conferences

- On the occasion of **164th birth anniversary** of legendary **Indian scientist Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose** and as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava, Vijnana Bharati and **Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India** organized an “International conference on the contributions of J C Bose: **A Satyagrahi Scientist**”, at Inter-University Accelerator Centre, **New Delhi**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **This is the first time India is hosting a conclave of top security officials from Central Asian countries including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan** focussing on the evolving **security situation in Afghanistan** and ways to deal with the threat of terrorism emanating from that country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Third Global Ministerial Conference on Antimicrobial Resistance** concluded in **Oman**, with the issue of **The Muscat Manifesto**, which aims to accelerate One Health actions on antimicrobial resistance to achieve the **2030 Sustainable Development Goals**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo 2022** will be held in Goa from 8-11 December with an objective to provide a global platform to stakeholders, including **industry leaders, practitioners, traditional healers, educationists, students, medicine manufacturers**, etc. The theme for the **9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC)** this year is ‘**Ayurveda For One Health**’. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Towards empowering and mobilising farmers across the nation with the **use of agri-drones**, **Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur** inaugurated India’s first Drone Skilling and Training Virtual E-Learning Platform at the Chennai manufacturing facility of **Garuda Aerospace, a drone-based startup of India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** is organizing a two-day convention on the theme “**Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC) 2022**” on **December 10 and 11, 2022**, in **Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh**. The two-day event will be inaugurated by the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Mrs. Anandiben Patel, in the presence of Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Dr. Bharti Praveen Pawar, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The first **G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies (FCBD)** meeting is held in Bengaluru. This meeting, which will mark the start of discussions on the Finance Track agenda under the **Indian G20 Presidency**, will be hosted jointly by the **Ministry of Finance and the Reserve Bank of India**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India International Science Festival (IISF)-2022** will be held in **Bhopal** in January 2023 and incidentally, it is one of the major events to be held after **India took over G-20 Presidency**. IISF is the initiative of the Ministry of Science & Technology and Ministry of Earth Science of Government of India in association with Vijnana Bharati which is a science movement with swadeshi spirit led by eminent scientists of the country. The IISF 2022 is the **eighth edition** since its inception in **2015**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In Gujarat, Chief Minister **Bhupendra Patel** has unveiled the logo, website and social media handles of the Urban-20 conference in **Gandhinagar**. The UNESCO heritage city Ahmedabad will host the Urban 20 cycles as part of **G-20** meetings between February to July. The logo unveiling event in Gandhinagar was attended by senior officials of the Gujarat government and the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** addressed the **75th Amrut Mahotsav of Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan** via video-conferencing. Shree Swaminarayan Gurukul Rajkot Sansthan was established at **Rajkot** in **1948** by seer **Shri Dharmajivandasji Swami**. It has expanded and currently has more than **40** branches all over the world, providing facilities for school, undergraduate and postgraduate education to **more than 25,000 students**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** has been announced as the **Secretariat for Science 20 (S20)**, the G20 summit's **science working group**. IISc stated that S20 will play a key role in helping resolve global issues like poverty and bring together the developments made by the G20 member states for development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As part of **India's G20 presidency**, the Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways, **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw** has launched the **"Stay Safe Online"** campaign and the **"G20 Digital Innovation Alliance"** (**G20-DIA**). MeitY, the Nodal Ministry for the G20 Digital Economy Working Group (DEWG), has represented India in numerous working groups and Ministerial sessions during previous presidencies. ([Click here to read the article](#))

## Awards & Recognition

- South Korea's **Mina Sue Choi** was crowned **Miss Earth 2022** during the pageant's coronation night on November 29 at Cove Manila, Okada Hotel, **Parañaque City**. There were 86 Eco-warriors, and only three queens were awarded the pageant's three elements titles. **Miss Fire 2022** is Andrea Aguilera of Columbia, **Miss Water 2022** is Nadeen Ayoub of Palestine, and **Miss Air 2022** is Sheridan Mortlock of Australia. During the pre-pageant activities, Choi bagged a few medals too. She won resort wear, long gown, beach wear, and swimsuit competition. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Filmmaker **SS Rajamouli** won the **Best Director Award for RRR** at the **New York Film Critics Circle 2022**. The group is one of the first critics' groups to weigh in on the awards season. Rajamouli's win surprised many as his competitors included Steven Spielberg, Darron Aronofsky, Sarah Polley, and Gina Prince-Blythewood. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Canara Bank** won the **'Banker's Bank of the Year Award 2022'** for India segment at the **Global Banking Summit held in London**. Bank Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer **LV Prabhakar** received the award from the organisers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Cardiologist and director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research **C.N. Manjunath**, writer **Krishnappa G.** and social activist and businessman **S. Shadakshari** have been selected for the **Nadoja Award** given by Kannada University in Hampi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Swayam Shikshan Prayog (SSP)**, Maharashtra-based organisation has been awarded the **Local Adaptation Champions Awards, organised by the Global Center on Adaptation (GCA)** at the ongoing COP27 in **Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- US President **Joe Biden** has recognised Indian-American and a longtime Houstonian, **Krishna Vavilala**, with the **Presidential Lifetime Achievement (PLA) Award**, the nation's highest honour for his contributions to his community and the country at large. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Jammu and Kashmir** has been awarded **1st prize** in the category for **Ayushman Bharat health account ID generation** and **2nd prize** in the category for **Teleconsultation** conducted during the celebration of **Universal Health Coverage Day 2022**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SpiceJet** has been awarded the **'Safety Performer of the Year'** award by **GMR Delhi Airport Awards** for being the top performer among the self-handling airlines and as it has been able to reduce ground safety violations significantly. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SS Rajamouli**-directed period movie 'RRR' has been nominated in two categories at the **Golden Globe Awards** to be held in January 2023. The **Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA)** has nominated 'RRR' in the **Best Picture: Non-English language** and **Best Original Song Naatu Naatu**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **Mrs World 2022:** Sargam Koushal created history as she finally won the Mrs World 2022 title after 21 years while competing for India in the pageant. The 32-year-old won the competition in Las Vegas after defeating competitors from 63 other nations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)** won the coveted **IEI (Institution of Engineers, India) Industry Excellence Award 2022** in Chennai. The largest producer of the iron ore in the country was felicitated at the 37th Indian Engineering Congress for its outstanding performance and high level of business excellence. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Under Smart Cities Mission, **Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs** has won the **Platinum Icon** in the **Digital India Awards 2022** for their initiative **"DataSmart Cities: Empowering Cities through Data"**. The award was announced under the 'Data Sharing and Use for Socio-Economic Development' category. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Gujarati-language **Chhello Show (The Last Show)**, which is India's official entry for the **2023 Academy Awards or Oscars awards** in the International Feature film category, has been shortlisted for next year's Academy Awards. Meanwhile, the track **Naatu Naatu from SS Rajamouli's RRR** has been shortlisted in the **Best Original Song Category**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Rohini Nayyar prize: Sethrichem Sangtam**, who helped triple the incomes of **1,200 marginalised** farmers in Eastern Nagaland, was awarded the first **Rohini Nayyar prize** for outstanding contribution to rural development. The prize awarded to an individual 40 years or under in age, was presented by the **Niti Ayog Vice-Chairman Suman Bery**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has won the prestigious **GRIHA Exemplary Performance Award 2022**, a top national level Green Building Award. UIDAI HQ has been declared a winner among the existing highest rated building category. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NHPC Limited** has been awarded as the winner of the **'Best Globally Competitive Power Company of India-Hydropower and Renewable Energy Sector'** at PRAKASHmay 15th Enertia Awards 2022. On the behalf of NHPC, Shri U.S. Sahi, Executive Director (EMS/CC/CSR) received the award. The event was held at the New Delhi Institute of Management, New Delhi on 22nd December 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Professor Thalappil Pradeep**, Indian Scientist, India Institute of Technology, Madras received VinFuture special Prize on 20th December 2022 in Hanoi. Prof Thalappil Pradeep was awarded for the innovation of a **low-cost filtration system** to remove arsenic and other heavy metals from groundwater. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kura Pokkhir Shunye Ura** (The Golden Wings of Watercocks) of Bangladesh and Upon Entry of Spain won the Best Film Award at the **28th Kolkata International Film Festival. Upon Entry** is a film from Spain which is a story about the unexpected interrogation of a couple from Barcelona that has to go through after landing in New York with pre-approved immigration visas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ekalabya Puraskar:** Indian cyclist **Swasti Singh** has been honoured with the prestigious **30th Ekalabya Puraskar for the year 2022**. The award is instituted by IMFA's charitable wing, **IMPACT**. Swasti received a cash award of **Rs 5 lakh** along with a citation at the Ekalabya Puraskar function held in Bhubaneswar. She has bagged two gold and as many silver medals at the national level. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **KR Gouri Amma national award:** Noted Cuban social worker and human rights advocate, **Aleida Guevara** has been selected for the first **KR Gouri Amma national award** instituted by the **K.R. Gouri Amma Foundation**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Awards**, also known as **"the Oscars of Education,"** gave significant recognition to the **Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M)**. The best programme awards went to the IIT Madras courses, BS Data Science and NPTEL in partnership with IISc Bangalore. The institute has been awarded and its BS in Data Science and Applications is awarded the silver in the best online programme category. While, the **National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL)**, a joint initiative of IITs and IISc, run by IIT Madras, won the gold in the lifelong learning category. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister of the country Atal Bihari Vajpayee, many personalities who played an important role in various fields were honored, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi during 9th Atal Samman Samaroh. **Prabhu Chandra Mishra** has been awarded **Atal Samman Award** for his excellence in field of science & research. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)**, the US-based international organisation has selected the anti-drug & illicit liquor campaign **'Nijaat'** of **Chhattisgarh** police for 'Leadership in Crime Prevention' award in the institutional category. The prestigious IACP 2022 Award has selected the de-addiction drive 'Nijaat', which was executed following the directive by chief minister **Bhupesh Baghel** to act tough against drug peddlers, and bootleggers and check to smuggling of drugs. A successful singular campaign, 'Nijaat' witnessed the striking results to achieve a drug-free society with missionary zeal. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Important Days**

- Every year, on **1 December**, the world commemorates **World AIDS Day**. People around the world unite to show support for people living with and affected by HIV and to remember those who lost their lives to AIDS. The World AIDS Day theme for 2022 is “equalize”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** celebrates the **58th BSF Raising Day (1st December)** in 2022. This is for the first time that the Raising Day Parade of India’s first line of defense is being held in Punjab and the second time outside the national capital. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery** is celebrated, each year, on **December 2**. The day is observed to remind us of the evils of enslavement, forced labour, child labour, and sexual exploitation and trafficking and to eliminate slavery practised in our time. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **December 2** is observed as **International Computer Literacy Day**. It was started in 2001 by NIIT, a world-famous Indian computer firm. The day is entirely devoted to Computers and how they are a significant source of concern with the modernisation of the planet. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Pollution Control Day** is observed every year on 2 December in India. The day is recognized to commemorate the precious lives that were lost in the Bhopal Gas Tragedy, one of the greatest industrial disasters in the history of India. The incident happened on the night of **2 and 3 December 1984**, and that is why the National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on 2 December. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **December 3rd** is celebrated as the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, worldwide. The day is observed to highlight issues that affect people with disabilities and to champion their well-being, their dignity and fundamental rights. The theme of International Day of Persons with Disabilities, this year, is “**Transformative solutions for inclusive development: the role of innovation in fuelling an accessible and equitable world**”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Navy Day in India** is observed annually on **December 4** to recognise the contributions and accomplishments of Indian Naval forces. **Indian Navy Day** is observed to commemorate the attack and to pay tribute to all Navy personnel who sacrificed their lives while serving the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The National Zoological Park, Delhi Zoo** has celebrated **International Cheetah Day and Wildlife Conservation Day** in New Delhi on **4th December**. The purpose of the celebration is to spread awareness among the present generation about Wildlife Conservation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development** is observed on **December 5** every year. The day is also referred to as International Volunteer Day (IVD) to recognize and promote the tireless work, not just of UN Volunteers, but of volunteers across the globe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **December 5** is celebrated annually as **World Soil Day** to highlight the importance of healthy soil and promote sustainable management of soil resources. The theme for 2022 World Soil Day is ‘**Soils: Where Food Begins**’. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Day of Banks** is celebrated on **December 4** to recognise the importance of multilateral and international development banks in financing sustainable developments. United Nations also observes the day in recognition of the vital role of banking systems in Member State in contributing to the improvement of the standard of living. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India observed **December 6 as Mahaparinirvan Divas** to mark the death anniversary of **Dr Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar**. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid floral tributes to Babasaheb Dr B.R. Ambedkar on his Mahaparinirvan Diwas at Parliament House Lawns in New Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On **December 7, International Civil Aviation Day** is observed globally. The aviation industry has made a huge impact on our lives. ICAO has decided that from now until 2023, the theme of International Civil Aviation Day will be: “**Advancing Innovation for Global Aviation Development**”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **December 7**, India commemorates **Armed Forces Flag Day** in order to raise donations for the welfare of the **Armed Forces Staff**. This day is observed to honour Indian soldiers, sailors, and pilots. The day also pays tribute to hundreds of thousands of men who have died protecting the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Charter Day** is observed every year on **8th December**. On this day in 1985, SAARC Charter was adopted in Dhaka, during the first summit of the group. This year marks the **38th Anniversary** of the regional group. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime** is commemorated on December 9 of every year around the world. 2022 marks its **74th anniversary**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The world celebrate **International Anti-Corruption Day** on **December 9**. The main motive behind marking this day is to spread awareness about a corruption-free society. This year, the theme for International Anti-Corruption Day is “**Uniting the world against corruption**.” ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Human Rights Day** is celebrated across the world on December 10 every year. It marks the day that the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** adopted the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)** in 1948. This year marks the **74th anniversary** of the adoption of the UDHR and the **72nd Human Rights Day**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Mountain Day** is celebrated annually on **December 11** to increase public awareness of the value of mountains to both life and climate. The theme of this year's International Mountain Day (IMD) is **'Women Move Mountains.'** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year **UNICEF Day** is celebrated on **December 11** every year. The word UNICEF stands for **United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund** and the purpose served by the organisation is to save children's lives by providing them with humanitarian aid across the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Day of Neutrality** is commemorated on **December 12**. It is a day when people look at the possibility of a world free of armed and other types of conflicts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Universal Health Coverage Day** is celebrated annually on **12th December**. The day is marked to promote the importance of building robust, resilient, world-class healthcare systems globally. According to the UN, this year's theme, **"Build the world we want: A healthy future for all,"**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **National Energy Conservation Day** is celebrated every year on **14th December 2022**. The purpose is to showcase the achievements of the nation in energy efficiency and conservation. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Migrants Day** is observed annually on **December 18** to bring attention to the social and economic realities of migrants around the world. This day is observed to guarantee that the rights of migrants are equally respected and not violated. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Minorities Rights Day** is commemorated on **December 18** every year in India. Its aim is to safeguard the individual rights of the religious, ethnic, racial, or linguistic minorities in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **International Human Solidarity Day (IHSD)** is observed annually on **December 20** across the globe to celebrate the ideal of unity in diversity. The celebration of the International Day of Human Solidarity is a significant step in the aim of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Agenda for 2030**, to eradicate poverty in all its forms across the globe. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions **Dr. Jitendra Singh** has inaugurated **Good Governance Week** celebrations from **19-25 December 2022** at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The Minister also launched a five-day **"Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore"** a nationwide Campaign, to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Mathematics Day** is celebrated on **December 22** across the nation every year. The National Mathematics Day is marked to recognise and celebrate the works of **Srinivasa Ramanujan**. Srinivasa Ramanujan, the Indian mathematical genius, was born on this day in 1887. This year nation celebrates his **135th birth anniversary of Ramanujan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **National Farmers' Day:** December 23 is observed as **Farmers' Day or Kisan Diwas** across India. Farmers are the backbone of our economy and to honour their hardship, this day was coined by the government of India in 2001. This day also marks the birth anniversary of the 'Champion of Indian Peasants' and the fifth Prime Minister of India, **Chaudhary Charan Singh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Every year on **December 24**, India observed the **National Consumer Day or Bharatiya Grahak Diwas**. This day is used to make all consumers aware of their powers and rights. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Good Governance Day:** Every year, in honour of former Indian Prime Minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee's birthday, India observes "Good Governance Day". The day is devoted to former prime minister Atal Vihari Vajpayee. Prime Minister Narendra Modi 2014 announced that "Good Governance Day" will be observed annually on December 25 in memory of the former PM. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced to observe **Veer Bal Diwas 2022** on the occasion of the Prakash Purab of **Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji**. Veer Bal Diwas is going to be celebrated in India every year on 26th December. Veer Bal Diwas 2022 marks the martyrdom of Sri Guru Gobind Singh's sons **Sahibzada Baba Zorawar Singh Ji** and **Baba Fateh Singh Ji**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gwalior Gaurav Diwas** is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**. He is also known as the son of Gwalior. Gwalior Gaurav Diwas is celebrated on 25th December. On the occasion of Gwalior Gaurav Diwas, **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** reviewed the participation through video conferencing and appealed to the people of Gwalior to light lamps at their homes on 25th December 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))



- **International Day of Epidemic Preparedness** on **December 27** serves the purpose of creating awareness about epidemics. In its 75th session and 36th plenary meeting on **December 7, 2020**, the **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** passed a resolution which declared December 27 as the International Day of Epidemic Preparedness. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Defence Current Affairs

- In a first, **four US Army officers** part of the **11th Airborne Division** were promoted high up on **Nanda Devi**, India's second-highest Himalayan peak, during the 18th edition of India-US joint military exercise '**Yudh Abhyas**' in Uttarakhand. **Capt. Cerruti, Lt. Russell, Lt. Brown and Lt. Hack** became the first four US Army Officers to be promoted in the Himalayas during Yudh Abhyas Exercise. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps** carried out **Exercise Sudarshan Prahar** in the deserts of **Rajasthan**. The exercise focussed on the synergised application of combat power through the integration of force multipliers & practising new battle techniques in an integrated all arms environment showcasing high level of professionalism and offensive spirit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The 12th Edition of Exercise Agni Warrior**, a bilateral exercise between the **Singapore & Indian Army**, which had commenced on 13 November 2022 concluded at Field Firing Ranges, Devlali (Maharashtra). Exercise Agni Warrior, involved showcasing joint firepower planning, execution and use of New Generation Equipment by the Artillery arm of both armies. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To mark the **51st anniversary of India's victory** in the **Longewala battle** during the 1971 war, **Parakram Diwas** celebrated at Jaisalmer Military Station and Longewala War Memorial in Rajasthan on **December 5**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The 7th edition of Exercise Sangam**, a joint Naval Special Forces exercise between **Indian Navy MARCOs and US Navy SEALs** commenced in Goa. The present edition which will see personnel from SEAL Team Five based at San Diego, US and Indian Navy MARCOs from INS Abhimanyu together aims at exchange of ideas and experiences on various aspects of maritime special operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **United States** has unveiled its latest **high-tech strategic bomber – the B-21 Raider** – which is **capable of carrying a nuclear payload** and can be flown without a crew on board. The **next-generation stealth bomber** was rolled out at **arm's manufacturer Northrop Grumman's facility in California**. The **US Air Force** plans to buy at least **100 of the B-21 aircraft**, which comes with a **\$700m price tag per plane**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The government's **Make-in-India** push in indigenous defence production seems to be bearing positive results as the two Indian Defence Public Sector Undertakings, **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** and **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)**, have improved upon their previous rankings among the arms producing companies of the world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Bangladesh Navy** is hosting the **first-ever International Fleet Review** at Inani of Cox's Bazar between December 6 and 9. Naval commanders, ships from some **30 countries** including the **United States, China, India** and the neighbouring Myanmar would participate in the international gathering. Indian Navy ships **Kochi, Kavaratti and Sumedha** will participate in this. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 39th edition of **India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT)** between the Indian Navy and the Indonesian Navy is being conducted from 08 – 19 December 2022. Indian Naval Ship (INS) **Karmuk**, an indigenously built Missile **Corvette** participated in the pre-deployment briefing at **Belawan, Indonesia**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Army's Airawat Division** conducted **Ex Sanchaar Bodh** in extensive obstacle ridden terrain of Punjab. The exercise validated tactical communication capabilities. The formation reaffirmed its determination to win at any cost under adverse conditions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 6th Edition of **Indo – Kazakhstan** joint training exercise "**KAZIND-22**" is conducted at **Umroi (Meghalaya)** from 15 to 28 December 2022. The scope of this exercise involves a Command Post Exercise (CPX) at the Battalion level and Company level Field Training Exercise (FTX) on sub-conventional operations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The 16th Edition of **Indo-Nepal joint training Exercise "SURYA KIRAN-XVI"** between India and Nepal will be conducted at Nepal Army Battle School, Saljhandi (Nepal), from 16 – 29 December 2022. Exercise "**SURYA KIRAN**" is **conducted annually between India and Nepal** with the aim to enhance interoperability in **jungle warfare & counter terrorism** operations in mountainous terrain and HADR under UN mandate. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India** has successfully conducted night trials of **nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni V**, capable of striking targets at ranges **more than 5,000 kilometers** with very high degree of accuracy. The missile test firing was conducted from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast. This was the **latest test in the Agni missile series**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- All 36 Rafale aircraft were delivered to India by France, with the last one touching down. After taking off from France, the aircraft received a brief mid-flight refuelling from a UAE Air Force tanker aircraft, according to the Indian Air Force. India and France struck an intergovernmental agreement wherein Paris committed to pay India 60,000 crore rupees for 36 Rafale fighter jets in 2016. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **Indian Navy's sailboat INSV Tarini** has set sail for an expedition to **Cape Town, South Africa** for participating in the **50th edition of Cape to Rio Race 2023**. This ocean sailing race will be flagged off from Cape Town on 2 January 2023 and will culminate at **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**. The race is one of the most prestigious **Trans-Atlantic ocean races**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **fifth Scorpène submarine, Vagir of Project - 75 Kalvari Class submarines** has been delivered to the Indian Navy by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai**. Defence Ministry said, the submarine would shortly be commissioned into the Navy and enhance its capability. Project-75 includes the indigenous construction of six submarines of Scorpene design. These submarines are being constructed at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) Mumbai, under collaboration with Naval Group, France. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- As the conflicts in the border region with **China** increase, the **Indian armed forces** are now set to procure the '**Pralay**' ballistic missile that can hit the target from 150 to 500 km. **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** had successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the indigenously developed surface-to-surface missile 'Pralay', from Dr A P J Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha in December 2021. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Indian Navy** launched '**Arnala**', the first of the eight **indigenously-built anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (ASW-SWC)**, at the shipbuilding facility of L&T in Chennai's Kattupall. Built by **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)**, 'Arnala' made its first contact with the water of the **Bay of Bengal**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Veer Guardian 23: Indian Air Force (IAF) and Japanese Air Self Defence Force (JASDF)** are set to hold their maiden bilateral air exercise, "**Veer Guardian 23**", from January 16 to 26 at Hyakuri air base and Iruma air base in Japan. The IAF is fielding four Su-30MKI fighters from No. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In a step to augment the operational capabilities of the **Armed Forces and the Indian Coast Guard in future**, the **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, headed by **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** accorded approval for **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for **24 Capital Acquisition Proposals**. These proposals include **six for the Indian Army, six for the Indian Air Force, 10 for the Indian Navy and two for the Indian Coast Guard** for a total value of **Rs 84,328 crore**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Drone manufacturer Garuda Aerospace** has received the Type Certification and **RPTO (Remote Pilot Training Organisation)** approvals from the **Director General of Civil Aviation** for the indigenously designed **kisan drones**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** launched the '**Prahari Mobile app** and Manual of **Border Security Force (BSF)** in New Delhi. The Prahari App will enable jawans to access personal information and information related to accommodation, Ayushman-CAPF, and leaves on their mobile. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Air Force** successfully tested the extended range version of the **BrahMos Air Launched Missile** against the Ship Target in the Bay of Bengal from the SU-30 MKI fighter jet. The test was carried out on 29th December 2022 and according to the Defence Ministry, the **Supersonic cruise missile** successfully achieved all its mission objectives. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Indian Army** inaugurated its first **3-D Printed House Dwelling Unit (with Ground plus One configuration)** for soldiers at Ahmedabad Cantt. The dwelling unit has been constructed by the **Military Engineering Services (MES)** in collaboration with MiCoB Pvt Ltd incorporating the latest 3D Rapid Construction Technology. Construction work of the dwelling unit measuring 71 sqm with garage space was completed in just 12 weeks by utilising the 3D printed foundation, walls and slabs. The disaster-resilient structures comply with Zone-3 earthquake specifications and green building norms. ([Click here to read the article](#))

### Science and Technology

- **Three Indian-origin women** are among 60 scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians who have been selected as **Australia's Superstars of STEM**. This initiative aims to smash society's gender assumptions about scientists and increase the public visibility of females and non-binary people. This year among those recognised as Superstars of STEM include three Indian-origin women: **Neelima Kadiyala, Dr Ana Baburamani, and Dr Indrani Mukherjee**. Female scientists of Sri Lankan descent have also been chosen for distinction, in addition to Indians. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ladakh** is all set to have **India's first Dark Night Sky Reserve** at **Hanle village in Changthang region**. In about eighteen locations in Hanley, powerful telescopes will be installed for stargazing. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Google's Jigsaw subsidiary** is launching a new anti-misinformation project in India, aimed at preventing misleading information that has been blamed for inciting violence. The initiative will use "**prebunking**" videos – designed to counter false claims before they become widespread – circulated on the **company's YouTube platform** and other social media sites. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) Researchers** have developed an '**Ocean Wave Energy Converter**' that can generate electricity from sea waves. The trials of this device were successfully completed during the second week of November 2022. The product has been named '**Sindhuja-I**', which means 'generated from the ocean.' ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a **memorandum of understanding (MoU)** with incubator and accelerator **Social Alpha**, to launch the **SpaceTech Innovation Network (SpIN)**, focused on innovation curation and venture development for the space domain. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ladakh** has approached the **Indian Institute of Remote Sensing (IIRS)**, a unit of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** for developing “**Spatial Data Infrastructure geoportal ‘Geo-Ladakh’** for **UT-Ladakh**”. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **SpaceX Falcon 9** rocket carried into space the first ever **Arab-built lunar spacecraft**. It was launched from the **Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida**. The **Rashid Rover** was built by **Dubai’s Mohammed bin Rashid Space Centre (MBRSC)**, in the **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**, and is being delivered by the **HAKUTO-R lander**, engineered by **Japanese lunar exploration company ispace**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** successfully conducted a **joint hypersonic vehicle trial** along with the Headquarters, Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS). According to the country’s premier space research agency, the joint hypersonic vehicle trial **matched with the predetermined targets**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To promote the use of ‘**NAVigation with the Indian Constellation’ (NavIC)**, the **Indian version of GPS**, the **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** will introduce the **L1 frequency** in all its future satellites. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)** and the **French space agency Centre National d’Etudes Spatiales (CNES)** have jointly launched the newest **Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) spacecraft** to track nearly all the water on the surface of the Earth. It was launched atop a **SpaceX** rocket from **Space Launch Complex 4E at California’s Vandenberg Space Force Base**. It will remain operational for 3 years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Government has said, the country’s **maiden human space flight mission, Gaganyaan**, is targeted to be launched in the fourth quarter of 2024. **Science & Technology Minister, Dr. Jitendra Singh** said, in view of the paramount importance of crew safety, two uncrewed flights are scheduled, before the final human space flight- ‘**H1 mission**’, to demonstrate the performance of the crew escape system and parachute-based deceleration system for different flight conditions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Vainu Bappu 40-inch telescope**, several stellar discoveries of the telescope were highlighted. The celebrations were held on the **15th and 16th of December 2022** in Kavalur, Tamil Nadu. The telescope set up by **Professor Vainu Bappu** has played a significant role in astronomy with major discoveries like the presence of rings around the **planet Uranus**, a new satellite of Uranus, the presence of an atmosphere around Ganymede which is a satellite of Jupiter. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** forthcoming **Chandrayaan 3 mission** will carry scientific instruments of the **United States of America**. The Chandrayaan mission 2 also carried American scientific instruments .This information was given by the **Union Minister of state (Independent charge ) Science & Technology, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh** in the Rajya Sabha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **IIT Kanpur** is ready with an **artificial heart** that would be of great help to people with acute cardiac problems. **Artificial hearts can be implanted in serious patients**. IIT Kanpur and cardiologists from across the country have developed this artificial heart. Trial on animals will start from February or March. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Bharat Biotech’s “iNCOVACC”** is the **world’s first Intranasal vaccine** for COVID to receive approval for the primary 2-dose schedule, and as a heterologous booster dose. **Bharat Biotech International (BBIL)** announced that **iNCOVACC (BBV154)**, is scheduled to be introduced in the country as a booster dose shortly. iNCOVACC is now available on CoWin, and priced at **Rs 800+GST** for private markets and priced at **Rs 325+GST** for supplies to Govt of India and State Governments. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- To create the **SwasthGarbh** app, the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee** and the **All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) New Delhi** worked together. Pregnant women can access antenatal care and real-time medical support through the smartphone app. The software may be downloaded for free from the Google Play Store. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **SpaceX Falcon 9** launch vehicle launched into low Earth Orbit the first **54 Starlink Satellites** of the new generation, or **v2.0 or Gen2**. The **SpaceX Falcon 9** was launched on **28th December 2022**, and it took place from the **SLC-40 launch pad of the US Air Force Base** at Cape Canaveral. It is the **60th successful SpaceX mission** since the beginning of 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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**Books & Authors**

- A book on the popular forest conservation campaign **Chipko Movement**, written by historian-activist **Shekhar Pathak**, was named the winner of the **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize 2022**. Translated from Hindi by Manisha Chaudhry, **“The Chipko Movement: A People’s History”** was selected from a diverse shortlist of five books covering a wide expanse of modern Indian history and encompassing distinct topics and perspectives. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- British writer **Katherine Rundell’s** biography **“Super-Infinite: The Transformations of John Donne”** was named winner of the 50,000 pound (\$59,000) **Baillie Gifford Prize** at a ceremony in London. Rundell’s book was a unanimous choice by the six judges from among 362 books submitted for the prize. The book argues that Donne, best known four centuries after his death for a poem that begins “No man is an island” – is “a writer perhaps as great as Shakespeare, and a writer we should all read for his writing on love, sex and death.” ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Founder of Manasvani, **Mansi Gulati** has released her book **‘Miracles of Face Yoga’**, which has been appreciated by the President of India **Droupadi Murmu**. Mansi Gulati, an international Yogi, celebrated author, and thought leader, devoted her efforts to learning everything possible about yoga practices and philosophy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times** is a nonfiction book written by **Michelle Obama** and published, by Crown Publishing. The Light We Carry will inspire readers to examine their own lives, identify their sources of gladness, and connect meaningfully in a turbulent world. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Air Marshal PV Iyer (retd.)** has launched his book **‘Fit At Any Age’** at India International Centre, New Delhi. He penned his journey to fitness in the book and shared anecdotes from his life to explain how he became motivated to work out daily. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A book titled, **‘The Indian Navy@75 Reminiscing the Voyage’** by Commodore Ranjit B Rai (Retd) and defence journalist Aritra Banerjee. The books tells you how the exploits and sacrifices of the British-era Royal Indian Navy (RIN) during World War 2 were omitted by British historians who could not digest the RIN’s mutiny in 1946. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **C Rangarajan** authored a book titled **“Forks in the Road: My Days at RBI and Beyond”**. It was published by the Penguin Business (Penguin Group). The book is the memoir of Dr C. Rangarajan, an Indian economist, a former Member of Parliament, and the **19th Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

**Miscellaneous Current Affairs**

- **The Tamil Nadu Government**, issued a notification declaring **Arittapatti and Meenakshipuram villages in Madurai district** the first biodiversity heritage site in the State. The site comprising 139.63 hectares in Arittapatti village (Melur block) and 53.8 hectares in Meenakshipuram village (Madurai East taluk) will be known as the Arittapatti Biodiversity Heritage site. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **world’s largest active volcano** erupted in **Hawaii** for the first time in four decades. **Mauna Loa** erupted at 11.30 pm according to the U.S. Geological Survey. It was the first eruption since 1984. The eruption began in Moku’aweoweo, the summit caldera of Mauna Loa, inside the **Hawaii Volcanoes National Park**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **‘Yaanam,’** a non-feature film, was screened under the Indian Panorama section at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival at Goa. It is based on the autobiographical book **“My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission”** by former space chairman Padma Bhushan Dr K. Radhakrishnan. ‘Yaanam’ movie portrays India’s dream project Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The US dictionary publisher **Merriam-Webster** announced that their 2022 word of the year is **“gaslighting”** or as Merriam-Webster defines it, **“the act or practice of grossly misleading someone especially for one’s own advantage.”** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Himalayan Yak** has been approved as a **‘food animal’** by the **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)**. The move is expected to help slow the decline of the high-altitude bovine animal population by incorporating it into the conventional milk and meat industries, according to an official at the National Research Centre (NRC) on Yak in Dirang, West Kameng district, Arunachal Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Airline EasyJet** and Aircraft Engine maker **Rolls-Royce** announced that they have successfully tested a **hydrogen-powered aircraft engine**, which is described as the **World’s First for aviation**. They had set a new aviation milestone with the world’s first run of a modern aero engine on hydrogen in a test carried out on land earlier this month. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Nagpur Metro** has successfully created a Guinness World Record by constructing the **longest double-decker viaduct (metro) is 3,140 meters** and was achieved by the **Wardha Road in Nagpur**. The double-decker viaduct of 3.14 km on Wardha Road has three metro stations – **Chhatrapati Nagar, Jai Prakash Nagar and Ujjwal Nagar**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The **second cyclone of the post monsoon** season is likely to form over **southwest Bay of Bengal and hit the east coast in Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh**, the India Meteorological Department predicted. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Oxford Dictionaries** said that “**goblin mode**” has been selected by an online vote as its word of the year. It defines the term as “a type of behavior which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations.” ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The national capital has got its first transgender councillor after **Aam Aadmi Party’s (AAP), Bobby Kinnar** has won the civic polls from Sultanpuri-A ward. Bobby Kinnar (38) was given a ticket from Sultanpuri A (ward 43) seat. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The ‘**dream crew**’ for the first civilian mission to the moon has been announced and it includes Indian actor **Dev Joshi**. Japanese billionaire **Yusaku Maezawa** has informed that Indian actor Dev Joshi, K-Pop star T.O.P. will be among the eight people who will join him on a flyby around the moon on a SpaceX spaceship next year. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Three medicinal plant species found in the **Himalayas** have made it to **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species** following a recent assessment. **Meizotropis pellita** has been assessed as ‘critically endangered’, **Fritilloria cirrhosa** as ‘vulnerable’, and **Dactylorhiza hatagirea** as ‘endangered’. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A first-of-its-kind **Tribal Winter Festival** was held in the **Bandipora district of Jammu and Kashmir**. The festival is organised by the district administration in collaboration with various departments at Ketson, the festival witnessed huge public participation. The festival witnessed music, dance, and cultural events that left the people enthralled. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar** has got A grade by scoring 3.85 points in **National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)** grading, thereby becoming the only University in India to get this score. GNDU is the only State/Central/Private University in India to get this score. **Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)** is the only other educational institution with a higher grade of 3.89 in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **India’s longest escape tunnel**, which is 12.89 km long constructed on the 111 km under-construction **Banihal-Katra railway line in Jammu and Kashmir** was completed by the Indian Railways. The longest tunnel is part of the **Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Railway Line (USBRL) project**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- With the onset of **winter solstice**, one of the harshest winter periods of 40 days, called **Chillai Kalan**, has begun in **Kashmir**. Chillai Kalan is a Persian term meaning ‘major cold’. The ongoing cold wave is said to reach its peak with **Kashmir’s mountains covered** in snow for weeks, and the famous Dal Lake also reaching freezing point. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **10th Edition of the North East Festival** began at the **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium** in New Delhi. The festival aims to promote the **North East region’s diverse life, culture, traditions, and tourism**. **Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Minister Narayan Rane** inaugurated the MSME Exhibition at the North East Festival. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Ladakh** celebrated **Losar Festival** to mark the Ladakhi New Year. Losar Festival is celebrated in Ladakh on 24th December 2022. The Losar Festival or the **Ladakhi New year** is a major socio-religious festival of Ladakh celebrated during winter. The **Losar Festival** will continue for nine days from the new year. People will celebrate by offering prayers in the name of God and goddess. They will also dance and sing in honor of **Ibex and the pilgrimage of Mount Kailash**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Bulandshahr prison of Uttar Pradesh** was awarded a five-star rating and the tag ‘**Eat Right Campus**’ by the **Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI)**. The FSSAI team inspected the kitchen’s food quality, storage and hygiene on stringent measures, based on which the Bulandshahr prison was given a five-star rating, the ‘Eat Right Campus’ tag in addition to the remark of ‘Excellent’ by the FSSAI. Bulandshahr Jail is the second prison after **Farrukhabad jail** to get this tag from Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Railways** has developed a new scheme to modernize over 1000 small stations over the coming year. The stations will be equipped with facilities inspired by the mega-upgradation of marquee stations. This scheme will be a part of the Ministry of Railways Station Redevelopment Drive and **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, which was marked as ‘Good Governance Day’ across the country, the Aurangabad unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) named a star after the ‘Bharat Ratna’ recipient. The distance of the star from Earth is **392.01 light years**. It is the closest star to the Sun. The star with the coordinates 14 05 25.3 -60 28 51.9 has been registered in the International Space Registry on December 25, 2022. The star gets the name Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji. **Registration Number CX16408US**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- REC Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India organized ‘**Bijli Utsav**’ in **Anandapur Gaon of Baksa district and adjoining villages in Assam**. The event witnessed speaker sessions by dignitaries and esteemed guests highlighting the consumer rights of electricity, benefits of electricity and the challenges faced during electrification in remote areas and how the quality of life improves with access to power. ([Click here to read the article](#))



**Obituaries**

- Veteran Bollywood actor **Vikram Gokhale** passed away recently at the age of 77. He was seen in many popular Bollywood movies like Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam, Mission Mangal, Aiyaary, Bhool Bhulaiya, and others. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- India's automotive industry stalwart and **Toyota Kirloskar Motor** vice chairperson, **Vikram S Kirloskar** has passed away. He was 64. Toyota Kirloskar Motor (TKM), which sells a range of vehicles, is a joint venture between the Japanese auto major Toyota Motor Company and the Kirloskar Group. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Jiang Zemin**, former President of China who presided over more than a decade of economic growth after the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown against pro-democracy protester, passed away at the age of 96 in Shanghai, China. He died from leukemia and multiple organ failure. Jiang Zemin was born in 1926 in Yangzhou, Jiangsu province, China. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Freedom at Midnight** author **Dominique Lapierre** has passed away at the age of 91. He was born on July 30, 1931 in Chatelaillon. Lapierre's works, in collaboration with the American writer Larry Collins, became bestsellers such that they sold about 50 million copies of the six books he wrote. The author was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award, in 2008. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Prof Yoginder K Alagh**, renowned economist, academic and a former Union minister, has passed away. He was emeritus professor at Ahmedabad-based **Sardar Patel Institute of Economic and Social Research (SPIESR)**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Renowned Marathi Lavani singer **Sulochana Chavan** has passed away at the age of 92. Earlier this year, Chavan was awarded the Padma Shri and also conferred the title of '**Lavani Samradnyi**' (**Queen of Lavani**) for her contribution to the traditional Maharashtrian musical genre of Lavani, associated with the folk theatre of **Tamasha**. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Highly-regarded American soccer journalist **Grant Wahl** passed away covering the Id Cup in Qatar. He was passed away while covering the World Cup match between Argentina and the Netherlands in Qatar. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Poland's only cosmonaut **Gen Miroslaw Hermaszewski** passed away recently at the age of 81. He circled the Earth in a Soviet spacecraft in 1978. Hermaszewski became a national hero thanks to his trip to space. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

- Lance Naik **Bhairon Singh Rathore**, a BSF veteran and hero of the 1971 India-Pakistan War, passed away in Jodhpur at the age of 81. The BSF veteran's bravery at Rajasthan's Longewala post during the war was portrayed by actor Suniel Shetty in the Bollywood movie 'Border'. He served in the 14th BSF unit during the war and retired from service in 1987. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **H.R. Keshava Murthy**, a senior gamaka exponent, who was honoured with Padma Shri earlier this year, passed away. He was born in a family of **gamaka artists**. He had his initial training from his father Ramaswamy Shastry. Under the guidance of Venkateshaiah he continued his studies. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- England's 1966 World Cup-winning right back, **George Cohen** has passed away, his former club Fulham announced. He made his international debut in 1964 and went on to represent his country 37 times, playing a key role in England's only World Cup triumph when it beat West Germany 4-2 after extra time at Wembley in the final. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Brazilian football legend **Edson Arantes do Nascimento**, famously called **Pelé**, has passed away aged 82. He is considered by many as one of the greatest footballers of all time. He was instrumental in Brazil's three World Cup victories in 1958, 1962, and 1970. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- Heeraben Modi (Hiraben Modi), mother of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, passed away early on Friday (30 December 2023) in an Ahmedabad hospital. Heeraben was 99. The news of her passing was announced in a bulletin from the UN Mehta Institute of Cardiology and Research Centre, where she was taken on Wednesday when her condition began to deteriorate. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)
- **Arata Isozaki**, a Pritzker-winning **Japanese architect** known as a post-modern giant who blended culture and history of the East and the West in his designs, has died. He was 91. Isozaki won the Pritzker Architecture Prize, internationally the highest honor in the field, in 2019. Arata Isozaki, Whose Hybrid Style Forged 'New Paths,' Wins Pritzker Prize. [\(Click here to read the article\)](#)

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**Static Takeaways**

- Christian Democratic Union Founder: Konrad Adenauer;
- Christian Democratic Union Founded: 26 June 1945, Berlin, Germany;
- Christian Democratic Union Headquarters: Berlin, Germany.
- Malaysia Capital: Federal Territory of Kuala Lumpur;
- Malaysia Prime minister: Anwar Ibrahim.
- FICCI President: Sanjiv Mehta;
- FICCI Founded: 1927;
- FICCI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FICCI Founder: Ghanshyam Das Birla.
- FSSAI Founded: 5 September 2008;
- FSSAI Headquarters: New Delhi;
- FSSAI Chairperson: Rita Teatonia.
- UPSC Chairperson: Manoj Soni;
- UPSC Founded: 1 October 1926;
- UPSC Founder: Government of the United Kingdom.
- BSF Director General: Pankaj Kumar Singh;
- BSF Headquarters: New Delhi.
- National Anti-Doping Agency Headquarters: New Delhi;
- National Anti-Doping Agency Founded: 24 November 2005;
- National Anti-Doping Agency DG: Ritu Sain.
- United Nations Security Council Headquarters: New York, United States;
- United Nations Security Council Founded: 24 October 1945.
- United Nations Secretary-general: António Guterres;
- United Nations Headquarters: New York, United States;
- United Nations Founded: 24 October 1945.
- Institute of Cost Accountants of India Founded: 28 May 1959;
- Institute of Cost Accountants of India Headquarters: Kolkata, India.
- National Statistical Commission Formed: 1 June 2005;
- National Statistical Commission Headquarters: New Delhi.
- UNICEF Founded: 1946;
- UNICEF Headquarters: New York City, USA;
- UNICEF Director General: Catherine M. Russell;
- UNICEF Membership: 192.
- Indian Olympic Association Founded: 1927;
- Indian Olympic Association Headquarters: New Delhi.
- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;
- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Pande;
- Indian Army Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Army Founded: 1 April 1895, India.
- World Health Organization Director-General: Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- World Health Organization Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- World Health Organization Founded: 7 April 1948.
- ISRO Chairman: S. Somanath;
- ISRO's foundation Date: 15th August, 1969;
- ISRO's Founder: Dr. Vikram Sarabhai.
- France President: Emmanuel Macron;
- France Capital: Paris;
- France Prime minister: Elisabeth Borne;
- France currency: Euro.
- Kazakhstan Capital: Astana;
- Kazakhstan Currency: Kazakhstani Tenge.
- New Zealand Prime Minister: Jacinda Ardern;
- New Zealand Capital: Wellington;
- New Zealand Currency : New Zealand dollar.
- Union Minister of Minority Affairs: Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi;
- Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs: John Barla.
- PETA Founders: Ingrid Newkirk, Alex Pacheco;
- PETA Founded: 22 March 1980;
- PETA Headquarters: Norfolk, Virginia, United States;
- PETA President: Ingrid Newkirk.
- International Tennis Federation (ITF) President: David Haggerty;
- International Tennis Federation (ITF) Headquarters: London, United Kingdom (UK);
- International Tennis Federation (ITF) Establishment: 1913.
- IDFC FIRST Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- IDFC FIRST Bank CEO: V. Vaidyanathan (19 Dec 2018-);
- IDFC FIRST Bank Parent organization: Infrastructure Development Finance Company;
- IDFC FIRST Bank Founded: October 2015.
- National Assessment and Accreditation Council Founded: 1994;
- National Assessment and Accreditation Council President: D. P. Singh;
- National Assessment and Accreditation Council Headquarters: Bangalore, Karnataka, India.
- Atomic Energy Regulatory Board Founded: 15 November 1983;
- Atomic Energy Regulatory Board Headquarters: Mumbai.
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Founded: Paris, France;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland;
- FIFA Membership: 211;
- FIFA Languages: English, French, German, Spanish & Italian;
- FIFA First President: Robert Guérin;
- FIFA Current President: Gianni Infantino (Switzerland);
- FIFA Secretary General: Fatma Samoura (Senegal).
- Saudi Arabia Capital: Riyadh;
- Saudi Arabia Currency: Saudi Riyal;
- Saudi Arabia King: Salman of Saudi Arabia.
- Air India Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Air India Founded: 1932, Mumbai;
- Air India Founder: J. R. D. Tata.
- Director, India, YouTube: Ishan John Chatterjee
- Director-South, SouthEast Asia and APAC Emerging Markets, YouTube: Ajay Vidyasagar

- UNSC Headquarters: New York, USA
- UNSC President: Admiral Lord Terrence Hood
- Indian Air Force Headquarters: New Delhi;
- Indian Air Force Founded: 8 October 1932, India;
- Indian Air Force Chief of Defence Staff (CDS): General Anil Chauhan.
- IMF Headquarters: Washington DC, USA
- IMF Managing Director: Kristalina Georgieva
- HDFC Headquarters: Mumbai, India
- HDFC Chairman: Shyamala Gopinath
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino;
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- Fiji Capital: Suva;
- Fiji Currency: Fijian dollar;
- Fiji President: Wiliame Katonivere
- Isreal Currency: Israeli shekel
- Isreal Parliament: Knesset
- Isreal President: Isaac Herzog.
- RBI founded in: 1 April, 1935
- RBI Chairman: Shaktikanta Das
- RBI Headquarter: Mumbai, Maharashtra
- Amazon CEO: Andy Jassy
- Amazon Headquarters: Seattle, Washington, USA
- Minister of Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda.
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Founded: May 1893;
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Formerly called: National Chiefs of Police Union;
- International Association of Chiefs of Police Headquarters: Alexandria, Virginia, United States;
- International Association of Chiefs of Police President: Cynthia E. Renaud.
- Scotland Capital: Edinburg
- Scotland Currency: GBP Pound (£)
- Scotland Prime Minister: Nicola Sturgeon.
- TuTr Co-founder CEO: R Balaji
- Tata Steel CEO: T. V. Narendran.

### List of Abbreviations Govt Schemes and Yojanas

1. **UDAY** : Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana
2. **PMMY** : Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
3. **PMJDY**: Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
4. **PMJJBY** : Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
5. **PMSBY** : Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
6. **APY** : Atal Pension Yojana
7. **KVP** : Kisan Vikas Patra
8. **SBA** : Swachh Bharat Abhiyan
9. **PMSAGY** : Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
10. **AMRUT** : Atal Mission For Rejuvenation & Urban Transformation
11. **NGM** : Namami Ganga Yojana
12. **HRIDAY** : Heritage City Development & Augmentation Yojana
13. **MUDRA** : Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency
14. **SETU** : Self Employment & Talent Utilization

15. **NPS** : National Pension Scheme
16. **PMKVY** : Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
17. **PMKSY** : Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana
18. **BBBP YOJANA** : Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao Yojana
19. **SSY** : Sukanya Samridhi Yojana
20. **PMFBY** : Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
21. **PMGSY** : Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
22. **PMUY**: Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana
23. **DICGC**: DEPOSIT INSURANCE CREDIT GUARANTEE SCHEME
24. **PMGKY** : Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana
25. **DICGC** : Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
26. **TEC INDIA** : Transform Energise And Clean India
27. **PACS** : Primary Agriculture Credit Societies
28. **CPI** : Consumer Price Index
29. **WPI** : Wholesale Price Index
30. **CAD** : Current Account Deficit
31. **KVKs** : Krishi Vigyan Kendras
32. **MSMEs** : Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
33. **CBS** : Core Banking Solution
34. **CORE** : Centralized Online Real Time Exchange
35. **LTIG** : Long Term Irrigation Fund
36. **MIF** : Micro Irrigation Fund
37. **NAM** : National Agricultural Market
38. **DIDF** : Dairy Processing and Infrastructure Development Fund
39. **MGNREGA** : Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act
40. **PMAY** : Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana
41. **NRDWP** : National Rural Drinking Water Programme
42. **SWAYAM** : Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds
43. **PMKK** : Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Kendra
44. **SANKALP** : Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness For Livelihood Promotion Programme
45. **STRIVE** : Skill Strengthening for Industrial Value Enhancement
46. **MSK** : Mahila Shakti Kendra
47. **NHB** : NATIONAL HOUSING BANK
48. **RRSK** : Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh
49. **M-SIPS** : Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme
50. **EDF** : Electronic Development Fund
51. **TIES** : Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme



**List of Famous Indian Personalities and their Autobiographies**

S.No	Autobiography Name	Famous Indian Personalities	Profession	Year
1	The Frontier Gandhi: My Life and Struggle Autobiography of Abdul Ghaffar Khan	Abdul Ghaffar Khan	Politician And Spiritual Leader	2021
2	The Story of My Experiments with Truth	Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi	Father of our Nation	1940
3	The Sardar of India	Vallabh Bhai Patel	First Deputy Prime Minister of India	1995
4	Lokmanya Tilak, A Biography	Bal Gangadhar Tilak	Indian Nationalist, teacher, and Freedom Fighter.	2008
5	Biography of Acharya Vinoba Bhave	Vinoba Bhave	Indian Advocate of Nonviolence and Human rights.	2020
6	Naoroji, a Pioneer of Indian Nationalism	Dadabhai Naoroji	22nd President of Indian National Congress	2020
7	Valmiki Life Introduction	Valmiki	Indian Poet	2020
8	Atmakatha (Hindi)	Dr. Rajendra Prasad	First President of India	1946
9	Indira Gandhi, a biography	Indira Gandhi	Former Prime Minister of India	2017
10	Sultan Zain-Ul-Abidin of Kashmir, an Age of Enlightenment	Jainul Abidin	King of Kashmir	2012
11	The Journey of my Life	T Prakasam	Former Chief Minister of Madras Presidency	1992
12	The Life and Times of C.N. Annadurai	C N Annadurai	Chief Minister of Madras State	2017
13	Life and Works of Babu Jagjivan Ram	Jagjivan Ram	Indian Independence Activist and politician of Bihar.	2006
14	The Dream of Revolution	Jayaprakash Narayan	Indian Independence Activist, Socialist, Theorist, and Political leader.	2021
15	The Life and Times of Deshbandhu Chitranjan Das	C R Das (Chitta Ranjan Das)	Lawyer	2013
16	Memories of My Life and Times	Bipin Chandrapal	Indian Nationalist, Writer, social reformer	2008
17	A Century Is Not Enough	Saurav Ganguli	Former Indian Cricket Captain.	2018
18	Shri Krishna Sinha, a biography	Dr. Srikrishna Singh	Former Chief Minister of Bihar	1987
19	A Biography of Dr. Anugraha Narayan Singh	Dr. Anurag Narayan Singh	Former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar.	1988
20	Chanakya a Biography	Chanakya	Ancient Indian Polymath	2015
21	Biography of Rabindranath Tagore	Rabindranath Tagore	Poet and a Noble Prize Winner.	1962
22	Gautama Buddha	Siddhartha Gautama	A Religious Teacher	2015
23	Rajaji: A life	C Rajagopalachari	Former Minister of Home Affairs of India.	2000
24	Encyclopedia on Lala Lajpat Rai	Lala Lajpat Rai	Indian Author and Freedom Fighter	2009
25	Lokmanya Tilak- A Biography	Bal Gangadhar Tilak	Indian Nationalist, Teacher, and Independence Activist	2008
26	Lata Mangeshkar: A Biography.	Lata Mangeshkar	Indian Playback Singer.	1995
27	An Autobiography	Jawaharlal Nehru	Freedom Fighter & 1 <sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of India	1936
28	Ravishankar Maharaj	Ravi Sankar Maharaj	Indian Independence Activist	2011
29	Sarojini Naidu: A Biography of her Vision and Ideas.	Sarojini Naidu	Former Governor of Uttar Pradesh	1999
30	Dada Saheb Phalke	Dhunduraj Govind Phalke	Indian Film Producer	2005
31	Unfinished Memoirs	Sheikh Mujibur Rahman	Bengali Politician	2012

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32	Incomparable Guru Golwalkar	M S Gohlwalkar	Second Leader of RSS	2018
33	The Life and Times of Pt.Madhan Mohan	Madan Mohan Malaviya	Indian Scholar, Social Reformer, and Politician	2016
34	Lal Bahadur Shastri: A Life of truth in Politics	Lal Bahadur Shastri	Former Prime Minister of India.	1996
35	Biography of Raja Ram Mohan Roy.	Raja Ram Mohan Roy	Indian Reformer	2010
36	An Indian Pilgrim- An Unfinished Autobiography.	Subhash Chandra Bose	Indian Freedom Fighter	2013
37	Mahan Karmayogi: Jannayak Karpoori Thakur	Karpuri Thakur	Former Chief Minister of Bihar	2014
38	Chaudhury Devi Lal A Political Biography	Chaudhury Devi Lal	Former Deputy Prime minister of India	2002
39	Mother Teresa: An Authorized Biography	Mother Teresa	Social Reformer	2011
40	Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah	Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah	Former Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir	2008
41	Why I Am An Atheist	Bhagat Singh	Freedom Fighter	1931
42	Kalidasa	Kalidasa	Sanskrit Author	2021
43	Nagarjuna: Buddhism's Most Important Philosopher	Nagarjuna	Philosopher	2014
44	Shri Krishna Sinha: A biography	Dr. Srikrishna Singh	Former Chief Minister of Bihar	1987
45	Mohammad Ali Jinnah: A Journey from India to Pakistan	Mohammad Ali Jinnah	Politician	2019
46	Samudragupta: The Making of an Empire.	Samudragupta	Emperor of Gupta Dynasty	2016
47	The Baburnama: Memoirs of Babur, Prince, and Emperor	Babur	Mughal Emperor	2002
48	Muhammad Bin Tughlaq: Tale of A Tyrant	Muhammad bin Tughlaq	Ruler of Delhi	2019
49	Shah-Jahan: The Rise and Fall of the Mughal Emperor	Shah Jahan	Mughal Emperor	2018
50	Purushottam Das Tandon	Purushottam Das Tandon	Lawyer and Member of the Indian National Congress	2017
51	The Blazing Chinar Autobiography	Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah	Kashmir Social Reformer	2016
52	Value & Betrayal	Major General Rajinder Singh	Military General	2021
53	Srikanta: Part I	Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay	Indian Novelist	2015
54	The Autobiography of Dayanand Saraswati	Dayanand Saraswati	Indian Philosopher	1976
55	Tipu Sultan-: A Biography	Tipu Sultan	Mughal King of Hyderabad.	2017
56	Divan	Amir Khushro	Historic Poet	2014
57	Chandra Sekhar: The last Icon of Ideological Politics.	Chandra Sekhar	Former Prime Minister	2019
58	Adi Shankara: The Jagadguru(His Life and Philosophy)	Sankaracharya	Indian Vedic Scholar and Teacher	2010
59	Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay: An Intellectual Biography	Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay	Indian Novelist	2008
60	Lord Rippon,1827-1909: A Political Biography	Lord Rippon	British politician	1982
61	Fall Of An Sparrow: A Autobiography	Salim Ali	Indian Ornithologist and Naturalist	1997