

# Bi-Weekly Current Affairs (16-30 Sept 2022) English PDF

## Bi-Weekly One Liner Updates 16-30th September 2022

Dear readers,

**Bi-Weekly One-Liners Updates** is a collection of important news and events that occurred in the **two weeks** (16-30th) of **September 2022**. This file is important for, **Banking, SSC, Railway & Insurance** exams.

### **Banking & Financial Awareness**

1. Which bank has hit the mark of Rs 5-trillion in market capitalization (market cap) for the first time after its shares touched a record high of Rs 564.45, up 1% on the BSE in intra-day trade in an otherwise weak market \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI**.

**Note:**

- With a market cap of Rs 5.03 trillion, SBI stood at the seventh position in the overall market cap ranking.
- After, HDFC Bank (market cap of Rs 8.38 trillion) and ICICI Bank (market cap of Rs 6.33 trillion), SBI has become the third lender in the country.

2. Which insurance company has launched an AI-powered digital voice agent in collaboration with an AI-based SaaS voice automation platform named Skit.ai \_\_\_\_\_ **ICICI Lombard**.

**Note:**

- Feature: It will assist customers with the status of their insurance claims for health and motor insurance policies.
- The Digital Voice Agent has already started helping customers to complete the process of receiving updates on the status of their claims in under a minute.

3. RRBs are planning to make an initial public offering to raise capital must have at least \_\_\_\_ of net worth for the previous three years \_\_\_\_\_ **Rs 300 crore**.

**Note:**

- The government has issued a detailed draft of the guidelines for Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to raise capital and putting the onus for identifying eligible RRBs on their sponsor banks.
- They should also have their capital adequacy above the regulatory minimum level of 9%.

4. As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry data, what is the wholesale price-based inflation in August 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **12.4%**.

**Note:**

- Reason: The WPI inflation fell on easing prices of Manufactured products.
- The Wholesale inflation was at a record high of 15.88% in May 2022 and stood at 11.64% in August 2022.
- August is the 17th consecutive month of double-digit wholesale price inflation (WPI).

5. As per the Fitch ratings, what would be the India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **7%**.

**Note:**

- Reason: Due to the impact of the global economic slowdown, elevated inflation and tighter monetary policy.
- The European gas crisis, high inflation and a sharp acceleration in the pace of global monetary policy tightening are taking a heavy toll on economic prospects.
- The Fitch has predicted the growth to be slowed down to 6.7% in 2023-24 from 7.4%.

6. Which ministry has revised the threshold for paid up capital of "small companies" to facilitate the Ease of Doing Business and reduce the compliance burden on small companies \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Corporate Affairs**.

**Note:**



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- Thresholds for paid up capital: Increased from Rs 2 crore to 4 crore.
  - Turnover: Increased from Rs 20 crore to Rs 40 Crore.
  - Benefits: No need to prepare cash flow statement; Advantage of preparing and filing an Abridged Annual Return, etc.
7. Which bank has become the only Indian bank to be listed by Great Place to Work®, the global authority on workplace culture \_\_\_\_\_ **Federal Bank**.
- Note:**
- The bank has ranked 63 on the Best Workplaces™ in Asia 2022.
  - This recognition is based on confidential survey data assessing employee experiences of trust, innovation, company values and leadership
  - Companies are also evaluated on how well they are creating For All™ workplace experience, inclusive of all employees irrespective of position
8. Which general insurance company has tied up with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) to offer insurance solutions to the home loan customers of the latter \_\_\_\_\_ **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)**.
- Note:**
- EGI will offer property insurance cover and loan protection cover to RHFL's customers through their branches spread across India.
  - EGI will offer customized, affordable, and convenient insurance solutions to financially protect loan borrowers.
9. Which country's central bank has signed a FinTech Co-operation Agreement with IFSCA to provide regulatory collaboration and partnership in FinTech technology \_\_\_\_\_ **Monetary Authority of Singapore**.
- Note:**
- MAS is Singapore's central bank and integrated financial regulator.
  - IFSCA is a unified authority for the development and regulation of financial products in the International Financial Services Centres in India.
10. Which bank has collaborated with Remitly to provide safe and simple remittances to India \_\_\_\_\_ **SBI**.
- Note:**
- The collaboration will enable NRIs to send money through SBI via Remitly to their family members by using mobile and web applications.
  - Depending on the form and amount of transfers, Remitly provides superior exchange rates, immediate credits, and no remittance charge.
  - The US Department of Treasury has certified Remitly as a money services firm.
11. SBI has extended the deadline to invest in its senior citizen FD scheme, SBI WeCare FD, till which year \_\_\_\_\_ **March 31, 2023**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To secure senior citizens' income by paying additional interest on term deposits.
  - Period of Deposit: 5 to 10 years
  - Interest Rate: Additional premium of 30 bps (over and above existing premium of 50 bps) over card rate for Public.
  - Interest rate applicable to the FD will be 6.45%.
  - It also provides availability of Loan Facility.
12. RBI has decided to remove which bank from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) \_\_\_\_\_ **Central Bank of India**.
- Note:**
- Reason: Improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital
  - PCA norms: It is a supervisory tool and is imposed on banks, when they breach certain regulatory thresholds on capital to risk weighted assets ratio, net NPAs, and return on assets.
  - The RBI imposed PCA norms on the bank in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and negative RoA.



13. Which state government has received a loan of \$150 million (approx Rs 1,200 crore) from the World Bank to help the state better manage its financial resources and improve access to public services \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab**.

**Note:**

- Punjab at present has a debt of Rs 2.63 lakh crore.
- The \$150 million loan has a maturity of 15 years including a grace period of 6 months.
- Punjab government will launch new projects with World Bank's assistance to attain its development goals.

14. CCI has approved the proposed merger of which OTT platform with Viacom18 Media to make one of the largest OTT platform \_\_\_\_\_ **Jio Cinema OTT**.

**Note:**

- Under this, Jio Cinema OTT app of Reliance will be transferred to Viacom18.
- In April 2022, RIL and Viacom18 have announced a strategic partnership with Bodhi Tree Systems (BTS).
- BTS will invest Rs 13,500 crore in Viacom18 while Reliance Projects & Property Management Services will invest Rs 1,645 crore in the broadcaster.
- BTS is an investment firm of Uday Shankar (ex-chairman of Star).

15. As per the Asian Development Bank (ADB), what would be the India's economic growth rate for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **7%**.

**Note:**

- Reason: Higher inflation and monetary tightening.
- The economy of India has been grew 13.5% year-on-year (Y-o-Y) in the first quarter of 2022-23, that shows strong growth in services.
- Report: Second supplement to Asian Development Outlook Report 2022.

16. Kotak Mahindra Bank and which institution have jointly launched the 'Save Energy Mission' to encourage adoption of various energy conservation measures in the micro, small and medium enterprises sector \_\_\_\_\_ **the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)**.

**Note:**

- Under the CSR initiative of Kotak Mahindra Bank, satellite centres would be set up at IIT-Bombay, IIT-Gandhinagar, IIT-Indore, IIT-Ropar.
- While the hub of Save Energy Mission would be at the IIT-Madras campus in Chennai.

17. Which Maharashtra -based cooperative bank license has been canceled by the RB due to lack of adequate capital \_\_\_\_\_ **Laxmi Co-operative Bank**.

**Note:**

- Claim: Every depositor would be entitled to receive a deposit insurance claim amount up to 5 lakh rupees.
- The Commissioner for Cooperation and Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Maharashtra) has also been asked to wind up the business and appoint a liquidator for the bank.
- As per the data, 99% of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of DICGC.

18. How much amount has been invested by the Japanese MUFG Bank to boost the capital of its branches within India \_\_\_\_\_ **₹3,000 crore (\$380m)**.

**Note:**

- Reason: As the bank looks to expand its India business
- Impact: It will strengthen its financial base in India and better respond to the diverse financing needs of its clients
- With this capital injection, the total capital of MUFG Bank in India will rise to ₹5,207 crore.
- The bank has already expanded its presence by opening a branch at Gujarat International Finance TecCity.

19. Which dutch based paymet platform has partnered with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), the international arm of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to allow Indian customers and merchants with an active UPI ID to make and accept cross-border payments \_\_\_\_\_ **TerraPay**.

**Note:**



- Both organisations are intend to fortify UPI payments & QR solutions to extract their maximum potential.
  - The partnership will further increase the use of UPI and QR for cross-border merchant payments.
20. What is the name of an online platform for Oriental and South Asian Studies that has been launched by Nirmala Sitaraman \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharat Vidya**.
- Note:**
- This platform is designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).
  - This is a first-of-its-kind online platform that offer both free and paid courses covering various aspects of Indology about art, architecture, philosophy, language, and science.
  - BORI will collaborate with Indian and Foreign universities for awarding credits for its courses.
21. Which bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval to open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees \_\_\_\_\_ **UCO Bank**.
- Note:**
- This is the first bank to receive RBI's approval after the RBI's decision to allow Indian banks to settle trade in Indian currency in July.
  - Gazprombank of Russia was set up by world's largest gas producer and exporter Gazprom.
  - Aim: To provide banking services for gas industry enterprises
22. SEBI has allowed emerging investment vehicles, Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), to issue which instrument \_\_\_\_\_ **commercial papers**.
- Note:**
- Reason: In August 2022, RBI has indicated that InvIT and REIT having net worth of at least Rs 100 crore are eligible to issue commercial paper.
  - Condition: They need to abide by the guidelines prescribed by RBI for issuances of commercial papers and follow the conditions of listing norms prescribed by Sebi.
23. The World Bank has approved how much loan to Gujarat for Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G) \_\_\_\_\_ **USD 350 million**.
- Note:**
- Reason: For augmenting health services with primary focus on adolescent girls and disease surveillance in the state.
  - Funded by: International Bank of Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
  - Maturity: 18 years (including a grace period of 5.5 years)
24. In September 2022, RBI has felicitated the bankers of the district to which district for achieving 100% digitization of banking operations \_\_\_\_\_ **Leh district**.
- Note:**
- Digital Banking: It refers to the electronic banking service provided by a bank for its financial and other transactions through electronic devices online.
  - In 2019, RBI has proposed to make at least one district of every state in the country have 100% digitization of banking operations.
  - First fully digital banking district of India: Thrissur, Kerala
25. As per the S&P Global Ratings, what would be the economic growth projection of India for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_\_ **7.3%**.
- Note:**
- S&P has also predicted that inflation is likely to remain above the Reserve Bank of India's upper tolerance threshold of 6% till the end of 2022.
  - Reason: The external environment has soured for economies in the region and higher global interest rates will exert pressure on central banks.
  - While, OECD has projected India's GDP growth rate 6.9% for FY23.
26. Which bank has inaugurated 'Ethical Hacking Lab' at the Cyber security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Bank of India**.
- Note:**



- Aim: To build cyber defence mechanism to safeguard the Bank's Information Systems, Digital Assets, Channels etc against potential cyber threats.
  - The Ethical Hacking Lab was inaugurated by Ms. A. Manimekhalai (MD & CEO, Union Bank of India).
  - Union Bank is adopting various new initiatives to increase Digital Footprints.
27. Which international bank has announced plans to provide at least \$14 billion to Asia-Pacific for 2022–2025 \_\_\_\_\_ **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**.
- Note:**
- Reason: To ease a worsening food crisis and improve long-term food security by strengthening food systems due to climate change.
  - Use of fund: The funding will be channeled through existing and new projects in sectors including farm inputs, food production and distribution, social protection, irrigation, and water resources management.
28. Which stock exchange has received the final approval from SEBI for introducing the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) on its platform \_\_\_\_\_ **BSE**.
- Note:**
- Earlier, SEBI has proposed a regulatory framework for setting up a gold exchange.
  - Aim: To help in having a transparent domestic spot price discovery mechanism.
  - EGRs: The instruments representing gold is known as EGRs
  - It will be notified as securities, with trading, clearing and settlement features similar to other securities that are available in India
29. The govt will launch a fund of how much amount in collaboration with World Bank and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) \_\_\_\_\_ **\$1 billion**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide guarantees against loan default to lenders financing purchase of 2/3 wheelers EV and facilitate faster and easier financing of EVs.
  - The NITI Aayog will be the facilitating agency of the project.
  - Initially a \$300 million fund will be used as a "first loss risk sharing instrument."
  - Implementing institution: SIDBI
30. In September 2022, Yubi (earlier, CredAvenue) has joined hands with which bank to provide growth in co-lending portfolio of bank \_\_\_\_\_ **State Bank of India (SBI)**.
- Note:**
- Yubi Co.Lend is a co-lending marketplace, that facilitate lenders to collaborate with multiple partners and disburse joint loans to the priority sector.
  - Yubi is a unified credit platform with a comprehensive product suite catering to all stages of the debt lifecycle.
  - Founder and CEO, Yubi: Gaurav Kumar
31. In September 2022, which organisation has partnered with the Axis Bank to launch a co-branded credit card, that is powered by Visa \_\_\_\_\_ **Samsung**.
- Note:**
- Benefits: Consumers will get 10% cashback across all Samsung products and services round the year.
  - Variants: Visa Signature and Visa Infinite
  - Signature variant: Cardholders can avail up to ₹10,000 cashback annually, with a monthly cashback limit of ₹2,500
  - Infinite variant: Cardholders can avail up to ₹20,000 cashback annually, with a monthly cashback limit of ₹5,000
32. As per the World Bank, what would be the expected growth in the East Asia and Pacific region for 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **3.2%**.
- Note:**
- The previous year growth of East Asia and Pacific region was 7.2%.
  - Due to sharp slowdown in China that caused by its strict zero-COVID rules.



- China strict rules have disrupted industrial production, domestic sales and exports.
  - Interest rate hikes that central banks across the world are undertaking to combat soaring inflation.
33. Which bank has launched a festive campaign named "Khushiyon ka Tyohaar" with a range of offers for customers \_\_\_\_\_ **Bank of Baroda**.
- BoB Home Loans are available at a competitive interest rate beginning at 7.95% p.a. with no processing charges.
  - BoB Car Loans are being offered at a special rate starting from 7.95% p.a. – a 25 basis points concession.
  - Other benefits: No pre-payment/ part payment charges, concessional processing charges, and longer repayment tenure of seven years.
34. What is the revised repo rate after the hike of repo rate by a half percent by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) \_\_\_\_\_ **5.9%**.
- Note:**
- Accordingly, Standing Deposit Facility stands adjusted to 5.65%, and Marginal Standing Facility and Bank rate stand adjusted to 6.15%.
  - Since May 2022, the RBI has raised the repo rate by 190 basis points
  - The Real GDP for 2022-23 is projected to grow at 7.0%.
  - The RBI has retained its inflation projection at 6.7 per cent for this fiscal year.
  - India's foreign exchange reserves: \$537.5 billion
35. Which bank has collaboration with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Co Ltd and reinsured by Atradius (trade credit insurance provider) to provide Credit Insurance - Accounts Receivable solution to Tata Metaliks \_\_\_\_\_ **DBS Bank (India)**.
- Note:**
- This credit insurance deal is amongst the first to leverage Trade Credit Insurance.
  - The revised framework was rolled out by IRDAI in November 2021, that allow banks to participate in this proposition.
36. The Cabinet has increased the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief by 4%, effective from which date \_\_\_\_\_ **July 1, 2022**.
- Note:**
- The additional instalment of DA and dearness relief (DR) is an increase of 4% over the existing rate of 34% of basic pay/pension.
  - The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both DA and DR would be Rs 12,852.5 crore p.a.
  - The increase in the DA and DR is based on the percentage increase in 12 monthly average of All India CPI for the period ending June, 2022.

### Obituaries

1. S. Samy Vellu, who has been passed away, was a cabinet minister of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Malaysia**.

**Note:**

  - He has served as Minister of Works from June 1983 to June 1989 and again from May 1995 to March 2008.
  - He has also hold the post of Minister of Energy, Telecommunications from June 1989 to May 1995.
  - He was the longest-serving MIC president after holding the position for 31 years from 1979.
2. Asad Rauf, has been passed away, was former umpire of which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Pakistan**.

**Note:**

  - He had made his first appearance as an umpire in international cricket in 2000.



- He officiated in 64 Tests, 139 ODIs and 28 T20Is and was one of Pakistan's leading umpires in the mid-2000s.
  - He had played 71 first-class matches for National Bank and Railways before taking up umpiring, was appointed in the ICC elite panel in April 2006.
3. Naresh Kumar, who has been passed away recently, was a former player of which sport \_\_\_\_\_ **Tennis**.
- Note:**
- Naresh Kumar went on to become a big name in Indian tennis after Independence.
  - He made news by reaching the final of the Northern Championships (later known as Manchester Open) in England in 1949.
4. Manikrao Gavit, who has recently passed away was a related to which field \_\_\_\_\_ **politics**.
- Note:**
- The Congress leader was the home minister of state in the 2004 Manmohan Singh-led government.
  - A nine-time Lok Sabha MP, Gavit represented the tribal-dominated Nandurbar constituency from 1980 to 2009 and lost the election in 2014.
  - Gavit's son Bharat joined the BJP after he was denied a ticket by the Congress in 2019.
5. Raju Srivastava, who has been passed away, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Comedian**.
- Note:**
- He was the chairman of the Film Development Council Uttar Pradesh.
  - He got fame after participating in the first season of the reality stand-up comedy show "The Great Indian Laughter Challenge" in 2005.
  - He played supporting roles in Hindi films such as Maine Pyar Kiya, Baazigar, the remake of Bombay to Goa and Aamdani Atthani Kharcha Rupaiya.
6. Cosmonaut, Vladimirovich Polyakov, who holds the record for the longest single stay in space, has been passed, was a related to which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Russia**.
- Note:**
- He flew his first mission into space in 1988 and returning in 1989 after eight months.
  - He had lived and worked in space for a record 437 days in one stint, orbiting Earth aboard the Mir space station more than 7,000 times between January 8, 1994 and March 22, 1995.
  - He undertook two space expeditions during his career (678 days and 16 hours).
7. Louise Fletcher, who has been passed away, was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ **Actress**.
- Note:**
- She was awarded the Oscar in 1976 for her role as Nurse Ratched in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975).
  - She was also a recipient of BAFTA Award, and a Golden Globe Award.
  - She was nominated for two Emmy Awards for her roles in the television series Picket Fences (1996) and Joan of Arcadia (2004).
8. Name the author of the best-selling book titled, Wolf Hall, who has been passed away recently \_\_\_\_\_ **Dame Hilary Mantel**.
- She had been honoured with the Booker Prize for Wolf Hall (2009) and Bring Up the Bodies (2012).
  - Her notable works: Fludd; Beyond Black
  - Her first novel 'Every Day is Mother's Day', was published in 1985.
  - She was also honoured with the Walter Scott Prize (2010, 2021) and Costa Novel Prize (2012).
9. Aryadan Muhammed, who has been passed away, was a member of which political party \_\_\_\_\_ **Congress**.
- Note:**
- He has won the Nilambur seat (Malappuram district) of Kerala legislative assembly in 1977.
  - He was also a minister in the EK Nayanar cabinet when he was part of the Left Front Group A in 1980.
  - He also held the ministerial post in the AK Antony cabinet and Oommen Chandy cabinet.



10. US rapper Coolio, who has been passed away. What is his real name \_\_\_\_\_ **Artis Leon Ivey Jr.**

**Note:**

- He has won 1996 Grammy Awards for Gangsta's Paradise in Best Rap Solo Performance category.
- He has also received the American Music Awards in 1996.
- His other albums: It Takes a Thief (1994), My Soul (1997), Fantastic Voyage (1994), 1, 2, 3, 4 (Sumpin' New) (1996), and C U When U Get There (1997)

11. Jayanti Patnaik, who has been passed away, was a \_\_\_\_\_ **Politician.**

**Note:**

- She was also the first chairperson of NCW (1992 to 1995) and second chairperson of All India Mahila Congress.
- She was elected from Cuttack and Berhampur Lok Sabha constituencies in 1981, 1984 and 1998.
- She was nominated to Rajya Sabha in 1996.
- She was also known for her literary skills, translated KM Munshi's Krishnavatara into Odia.

### Important Days

1. India observes National Engineer's Day on which date every year to recognise the contribution of engineers in the development of the nation \_\_\_\_\_ **September 15.**

**Note:**

- This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Sir Moksha Gundam Visvesvaraya, who is considered one of the greatest engineers of India.
- MV was the Chief Engineer of Krishna Raja Sagar dam in the north-west suburb of Mysuru city.
- Along with India, Sri Lanka and Tanzania also celebrate Engineers Day on September 15, 2022.

2. Which organisation has started Swachh Amrit Mahotsav, fortnight of activities to galvanize action around swachhata from 17th September 2022, Seva Diwas, till 2nd October 2022, Gandhi Jayanti \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Swachhata League.**

**Note:**

- It began with whole-hearted participation and the presence of highly motivated youth teams carrying with pride their own team identity.
- It is an inter-city competition played on the parameters of swachhata powered by the youth of the city.

3. Which day is observed every year on 17th September to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety \_\_\_\_\_ **World Patient Safety Day.**

**Note:**

- It is one of the WHO's global public health days.
- It was established in 2019 by the 72nd World Health Assembly through the adoption of resolution WHA72.6 – Global action on patient safety.
- Theme of Patient Safety Day 2022: Medication without Harm.

4. The International Week of the Deaf (IWD) is observed on the full week ending on which day of September \_\_\_\_\_ **last Sunday.**

**Note:**

- In 2022, IWD is being observed from September 19 to 25 September 2022.
- The theme of the 2022: Building Inclusive Communities for All
- It is an initiative of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and was first launched in 1958 in Rome, Italy to commemorate the month when the first World Congress of the WFD was held.

5. World Bamboo Day 2022 is observed on which date in order to raise awareness about the conservation of this extremely useful plant \_\_\_\_\_ **September 18.**

**Note:**

- This day has been conceptualised by the World Bamboo Organisation (WBO).
- This day also promotes the bamboo industry by highlighting its concerns.



- WBD was officially declared by the World Bamboo Organization on September 18 at the 8th World Bamboo Congress held in Bangkok in 2009.
6. International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on which date to represent the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value \_\_\_\_\_ **18 September**.
- Note:**
- International Equal Pay Day was first observed back in 1996 by the National Committee on Pay Equity.
  - The goal was to achieve pay equity. It was not until 2019 that the Equal Pay International Coalition began officially marking it as a day to raise awareness.
7. World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on which date to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety \_\_\_\_\_ **17 September**.
- Note:**
- Theme: Medication Safety along with the slogan 'Medication Without Harm' with a call to action to 'Know, Check & Ask'.
8. World Ozone Day or the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed on the which date \_\_\_\_\_ **16th of September**.
- Note:**
- The day aims to create awareness about the importance and need of the Ozone layer which is the single protection on Earth against UV rays coming out from the sun.
  - Theme: Global Cooperation Protecting Life on Earth.
9. World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD) is held on which date every year to raise the awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer \_\_\_\_\_ **September 15**.
- Note:**
- It is a global initiative hosted by the Lymphoma Coalition.
10. International Day of Democracy is observed on which date \_\_\_\_\_ **September 15**.
- Note:**
- This year, this day marks the 15th anniversary of the International Day of Democracy.
  - This year, the day is focused on the "importance of media freedom to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals".
  - The International Day of Democracy was established after a resolution was passed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007.
11. World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about neurological disorders \_\_\_\_\_ **September 21**.
- Note:**
- The theme 2022: know dementia, know Alzheimer's.
  - Alzheimer's disease: It is the most common form of dementia. It destroys the brain cells which causes memory loss, memory changes, erratic behaviour, and loss of body functions.
12. The International Day of Peace is observed globally on which date to promote ideals of peace among nations and people by observing non-violence and ceasefire for 24 hours \_\_\_\_\_ **September 21**.
- Note:**
- Theme for the International Day of Peace 2022 is "End racism. Build peace."
  - The day was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly.
13. World Rhino Day is observed every year on which date to spread awareness about the different Rhinoceros species \_\_\_\_\_ **22nd September**.
- Note:**
- This day also celebrates all five rhino species namely the Sumatran, Black, Greater One-horned, Javan, and White rhino species.
  - The theme 2022: "Five Rhino Species Forever".
  - The announcement of this day was done in 2010 by WWF-South Africa.
  - This day was first observed in 2011 and since then it has been observed worldwide.



14. The United Nations has declared which date as the International Day of Sign Languages to spread the awareness about the importance of sign language in the realization of the human rights of people who are deaf \_\_\_\_\_ **23rd September**.

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Sign Languages Unite us
- The first International Day of Sign Languages was celebrated in 2018 as part of the International Week of the Deaf.
- Indian govt conduct Sign Language Day event, in which Indian Sign Language Dictionary App launched.

15. The World Pharmacists Day is observed every year on which date to highlight the role of pharmacists and pay them a tribute \_\_\_\_\_ **September 25**.

**Note:**

- This day was introduced in 2009 by the International Pharmaceutical Federation (FIP) council in Istanbul.
- Theme 2022: Pharmacy united in action for a healthier world
- This date was selected to observe World Pharmacists Day as the International Pharmaceutical Federation was established on this day in 1912.

16. World Tourism Day 2022 is observed annually on which date to promote tourism in various parts of the world \_\_\_\_\_ **27 September**.

**Note:**

- The theme of World Tourism Day 2022 is 'Rethinking Tourism'.
- This day was initiated by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) in 1979.
- This date was selected by UNWTO, because the date marks the anniversary of the adoption of the Statutes of UNWTO.
- In 1997, UNWTO decided that the day would be celebrated in different host countries each year.

17. World River Day 2022 is observed on which date to raise awareness regarding water bodies and to promote their conservation \_\_\_\_\_ **September 25**.

**Note:**

- It is observed every year on the fourth Sunday of September.
- This day highlights the values of rivers and strives to increase public awareness and encourages the improved supervision of rivers around the world.
- The theme for this year's World Rivers Day is 'The importance of Rivers to Biodiversity'.

18. World Environmental Health Day is observed on which date every year \_\_\_\_\_ **September 26**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To increase public awareness of the environment's condition and encourage people to take the required steps to stop it from getting worse.
- The theme for this year's World Environment Health Day is "Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals".

19. International Daughter's Day is observed every year on which day of September \_\_\_\_\_ **Fourth Sunday of September**.

**Note:**

- This year, the day is being celebrated on September 25.
- To mark this day, people across the globe celebrate by spending some quality time with their daughters and doing something special for them.

20. World Contraception Day is marked on which date to raise awareness about contraceptive knowledge and family planning \_\_\_\_\_ **September 26**.

**Note:**

- According to the World Health Organisation, the significance of World Contraception Day is captured in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

21. The United Nations observes which date every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons \_\_\_\_\_ **26 September**.



**Note:**

- Aim: To enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.
- It provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.

22. Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on which date in India \_\_\_\_\_ **25th September.**

**Note:**

- It marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is celebrated in his honour to remember his life and legacy.
- In 2022, the Antyodaya Diwas marks the 105th birth anniversary of Upadhyaya.
- He was the co-founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh (BJS) and a Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) thinker.

23. World Rabies Day is celebrated each year on which date to promote the fight against Rabies and raise awareness of its prevention \_\_\_\_\_ **September 28.**

**Note:**

- As per the World Health Organisation, the theme of World Rabies Day 2022 is 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths.'
- This day was first observed in 2007 to raise awareness about the world's deadliest infectious disease.
- The campaign was started as a partnership between many organizations including the Alliance for Rabies Control.

24. The International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) is observed on which date every year to raise awareness regarding the need to expand laws related to information \_\_\_\_\_ **September 28.**

**Note:**

- Aim: To support the idea that everyone has the right to seek, receive, and distribute information.
- The theme of the Global Conference in 2022 is "Artificial Intelligence, e-Governance and Access to Information"
- On 17 November 2015, UNESCO has declared September 28 is date as IDUAI.

25. World Heart Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about the cardiovascular issues and illnesses \_\_\_\_\_ **September 29.**

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Use Heart for Every Heart
- This day was created in the collaboration of the World Health Organization and the World Heart Federation (WHF).
- The President of WHF, Antoni Bayes de Luna, who served in the position from 1997 to 1999, had come up with this idea.
- Earlier, this day was originally celebrated on September 24, 2000.

26. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) observes World Maritime Day on which day of September \_\_\_\_\_ **last Thursday.**

**Note:**

- This year, it was observed on September 29.
- Focus: Draw public attention to maritime safety and the marine environment.
- 2022 Theme: New technologies for greener shipping
- World Maritime Day was celebrated for the first time on March 17, 1978.
- The IMO was founded in 1948 to oversee the shipping sector.

**New Appointments**

1. Who will be the 14th Attorney General for India again after KK Venugopal vacates the post \_\_\_\_\_ **Mukul Rohatgi.**



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**Note:**

- Mukul Rohatgi has served as AG between June 2014 and June 2017.
  - At the end of June this year, AG Venugopal's tenure was extended for a period of three months or "until further orders".
  - This extension is set to expire on September 30.
2. The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected whom as its president for 2022-23 \_\_\_\_ **Vinod Aggarwal (MD & CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles)**.

**Note:**

- He succeeded Kenichi Ayukawa, Executive Vice Chairman & Whole Time Director, Maruti Suzuki India.
  - Earlier, he was served as the vice president of SIAM.
  - The SIAM has also elected MD of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility, Shailesh Chandra as the vice president for 2022-23.
3. IndusInd Bank has approved the re-appointment of whom as managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) for three years with effect from March 24, 2023 \_\_\_\_ **Sumant Kathpalia**.

**Note:**

- He was appointed as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank in March 2020.
  - Prior to joining IndusInd Bank, he had stints with Citibank, Bank of America and ABN Amro.
4. Who has been appointed as the newest UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador \_\_\_\_ **Ugandan climate activist, Vanessa Nakate**.

**Note:**

- Her collaboration with the organisation and recognising her outstanding global advocacy for climate justice for current and future generations.
  - She started her activism in January 2019 with a protest with her siblings and cousins on the streets of Kampala, inspired by Greta Thunberg.
5. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has selected whom as the Chairman and Managing Director of NLC India Limited \_\_\_\_ **Prasanna Kumar Motupalli**.

**Note:**

- He is currently serving as the Executive Director of NTPC limited.
  - He is a gold medalist in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Business Management in Operation Management, HR Management, Marketing, and Financial Management.
6. Who has been assumed charge as Ex-Servicemen Welfare Secretary \_\_\_\_ **Senior bureaucrat, Vijoy Kumar Singh**.

**Note:**

- He is a 1990-batch IAS officer of Punjab cadre and has an experience of more than 32 years in administration.
  - He recently served as special secretary in Ministry of Textiles.
7. Who has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF) \_\_\_\_ **Arun Kumar Mishra**.

**Note:**

- He has also been elected as a member of the Global Alliance of National Human Rights Institutions (GANHRI) Bureau at the 27th Annual General Meeting of the APF.
  - The GANHRI is one of the largest human rights networks worldwide.
8. The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of whom as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of CSB Bank for three years \_\_\_\_ **Pralay Mondal**.

**Note:**

- He was the Deputy Managing Director of the bank since February 17, 2022.
  - He was subsequently appointed as interim MD & CEO with effect from April 1, 2022.
  - Prior to joining CSB Bank, Mondal was Executive Director and Head, of Retail Banking at Axis Bank.
9. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) \_\_\_\_ **BVR Subrahmanyam (IAS)**.



**Note:**

- He will be replacing LC Goyal.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Subrahmanyam on September 15.
- A 1987 batch Indian Administrative Services officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, he is currently working as the Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

10. Who has been named managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by the central government \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanjay Kumar Rakesh**.

**Note:**

- The appointment follows Dinesh Tyagi's resignation from the position, who was instrumental in increasing the number of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at the moment.

11. Burjeel Holdings, a private healthcare services provider in the MENA region has signed which Bollywood actor as its new brand ambassador \_\_\_\_\_ **Shah Rukh Khan**.

**Note:**

- The company is owned by UAE-based Indian entrepreneur Shamsheer Vayalil.
- The actor will appear in a multi-platform advertising campaign in the region for the group that will be unveiled in the coming weeks.

12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to the appointment of whom as the Non-Executive (Part-time) Chairman of Yes Bank with effect from September 20, for a tenure of 3 years \_\_\_\_\_ **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi**.

**Note:**

- He is currently serving as a financial sector policy expert and adviser.
- He served as an RBI deputy governor for three years from 2014 to 2017.
- He also served as a director of Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad.

13. Along with KT Thomas (former SC judge) and Kariya Munda (former Deputy Speaker), who has been appointed as the trustees of the PM CARES Fund \_\_\_\_\_ **Ratan Tata (Tata Sons chairman)**.

**Note:**

- The Trust further decided to nominate other eminent persons for the constitution of Advisory Board to the PM CARES Fund.
- Advisory Board: Rajiv Mehrishi, Sudha Murthy, and Anand Shah (Former CEO of Piramal Foundation).

14. Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of whom as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank for a further period of three years from December 21, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **PR Ravi Mohan**.

**Note:**

- He is a certified associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers.
- Previously, He was employed as a chief general manager in the department of banking supervision of the Reserve Bank of India.
- He was a resident advisor in financial sector supervision with IMF, AFRITAC South, Mauritius.

15. Who has been appointed the head of committee for amending constitution of Indian Olympic Association \_\_\_\_\_ **Justice L Nageswara Rao**.

**Note:**

- Responsibility: To prepare a road map for amending the constitution and holding elections by December 15, 2022.
- Background: IOC had issued a final warning to IOA to resolve its governance issues and hold elections by December.
- Impact: If failed to do so, then the world sports body will ban India.

16. Which insurance company has appointed Indian men's cricket team captain, Rohit Sharma and his wife, Ritika Sajdeh as their new brand ambassadors for two years \_\_\_\_\_ **Max Life Insurance**.

**Note:**

- The core message of Max Life Insurance is to be prepared mentally, physically, and financially for emerging challenges.



- Aim: To promote the Max Life brand ethos of valuing the 'self' to determine the right financial value to protect themselves and their family.
17. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approved the re-appointment of whom as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of five years with effect from January 8, 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Dilip Asbe.**
- Note:**
- He took charge as MD & CEO of NPCI in January 2018.
  - Prior to this, he was the chief operating officer of NPCI for 5 years.
  - NPCI was founded in 2008.
  - It is an umbrella organisation which operates the country's retail payment and settlement systems.
18. Who was unanimously elected as president of Hockey India (HI) \_\_\_\_\_ **Dilip Tirkey.**
- Note:**
- He was member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games.
  - He has a record 412 international matches as a defender in his career spanning more than 15 years.
  - He represented India at the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996, Sydney in 2000, and Athens in 2004.
  - Bholu Nath Singh was elected the secretary general.
19. Who has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of RailTel \_\_\_\_\_ **Sanjai Kumar.**
- Note:**
- He was currently working as director of networking, planning & marketing at the company.
  - He is an officer of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE1).
  - RailTel is a "Mini Ratna (Category-I)" Central Public Sector Enterprise is an information and communications technology (ICT) provider.
  - As on 30 June 2022, the Government of India holds 72.84% stake in the company.
20. The Central government has appointed whom as a Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) cum- Secretary Department of Health Research (DHR) for three years \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr Rajiv Bahl.**
- Note:**
- Presently, He is serving as a head of the research on maternal, newborn child and adolescent health cum-newborn unit at WHO, Geneva.
  - He has replaced Dr Balram Bhargav, whose tenure has been ended in July 2022.
21. Who has become the first woman prime minister of Italy, after defeating, Mario Draghi by a huge margin \_\_\_\_\_ **Giorgia Meloni.**
- She has joined politics at age 15 in 1992, joining the neo-fascist Social Movement.
  - She has also served as a youth minister in Berlusconi's 2008-2011 government before founding the Brothers of Italy in 2012.
  - Three prominent political leaders Meloni, La Russa, and Crosetto founded a new political movement Brothers of Italy in 2012.
22. Who has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar \_\_\_\_\_ **Bandaru Wilsonbabu.**
- Note:**
- He is presently serving as the joint secretary in the ministry of external affairs.
  - He will be replacing ambassador Abhay Kumar.
  - He has also served as the joint Secretary in the Eurasia division.
23. Who has been appointed the prime minister of Saudi Arabia by the King Salman bin Abdulaziz \_\_\_\_\_ **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.**
- Note:**
- He is already de facto ruler of the Saudi Arabia.
  - Previously, he has served as the deputy prime minister as well as defence minister.



- He is being replaced as defence minister by his younger brother, Khalid bin Salman, who was deputy defence minister.
24. IAS officer of TN cadre, 1992-batch, Rajendra Kumar has been appointed the director general of which organisation \_\_\_\_\_ **ESIC**.
- Note:**
- He is currently an additional secretary in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
  - T Natarajan has been appointed as an additional secretary in the Department of Economic Affairs.
  - V Hekali Zhimomi has been appointed as additional secretary in the Department of Health and Family Welfare.
25. Government has appointed whom as the second Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired)**.
- Note:**
- He had retired as the Eastern Army Commander in May 2021 and was serving as the Military Advisor to the National Security Council.
  - He was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981.
  - He is an alumnus of the NDA (Khadakwasla) and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun.
  - He has also served as a United Nations mission to Angola.
26. Who has been named as the 14th Attorney General of India for a period of three years w.e.f. 1st October 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **R Venkataramani**.
- Note:**
- He will replace current Attorney General, KK Venugopal whose term ends on September 30, 2022.
  - He was registered as a lawyer with the Bar Council of TN in 1977.
  - In 1997, SC has designated him as Senior Advocate.
27. Data Security Council of India (DSCI) has appointed whom as the new CEO of the organisation \_\_\_\_\_ **Vinayak Godse**.
- Note:**
- Prior to this, he was serving as the senior vice president of organisation.
  - He will succeed Rama Vedashree, who served DSCI for nearly six years.
  - Vedashree has also served on the Justice BN Srikrishna committee, which was charged with developing a model for the nation's Personal Data Protection Bill.
28. Britannia Industries has appointed whom as executive director and chief executive officer effective September 26, 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Rajneet Kohli**.
- Note:**
- He has a 25-years long experience in Asian Paints and Coca-Cola and Britannia.
  - He joined Britannia from food services company Jubilant FoodWorks.
  - Under his leadership, Jubilant FoodWorks has delivered sustained profitable growth and emerged as the largest QSR chain.

### Important News – India

1. Which state legislative assembly has approved the University of Forestry (UOF) Act 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Telangana**.
- Note:**
- The 'University of Forestry (UOF) will be the first of its kind in the country.
  - With only Russia and China having forest universities in the world, globally, this will be the third university of forestry.
  - The Government of Telangana has decided to expand Forest College and Research Institute (FCRI) in Hyderabad into a full-fledged university.



2. Which ministry has recently released the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE-ZOO) report 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

**Note:**

- The report was created on the survey of zoos across India
- India has 147 recognized zoos {large (17), medium (23), small (33), mini-zoos (60) and rescue centres (14)}.
- Top performers Zoo in different categories:
- Large: Vandalur Zoo, TN
- Medium: Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, WB
- Planning element: Vandalur Zoo

3. NCPCR has revamped the online portal E-Baal Nidan. What is the full form of NCPCR \_\_\_\_\_ **National Commission for Protection of Child Rights**.

**Note:**

- Aim: For timebound redressal of grievances against violation of child rights.
- Feature: It include bifurcation of complaints based on the nature of the complaint into their subject matters like Juvenile Justice, POCSO, Labour and Education.
- It will be beneficial for the complainants as well as the commission while dealing with complaints.

4. Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran community of belongs to which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Tamil Nadu**.

**Note:**

- The Cabinet has cleared the proposal to notify several tribal communities under the ST category in Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh.
- Betta-Kuruba community as a synonym of Kadu Kuruba of Karnataka
- Gonds, along with its five sub-castes, in Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh
- Hatti community living in Himachal's Sirmour area
- Brijjia community and 11 other tribes from Chhattisgarh

5. Who has launched National Logistics Policy at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **PM Narendra Modi**.

**Note:**

- The policy ensures quick last mile delivery, end transport-related challenges, save time and money of the manufacturers, prevent wastage of the agro-products.
- PM also launched Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) that will bring all the digital services of transportation sector into a single portal
- Under this, Ease of logistics Services -E-Logs has also been started.

6. PM Narendra Modi has released how many wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, which has been brought from Namibi \_\_\_\_\_ **8**.

**Note:**

- Cheetah was declared extinct from India in 1952.
- Cheetahs are being introduced in India under Project Cheetah, which is world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.
- Out of the eight Cheetahs, there are 5 female and 3 male Cheetahs.

7. Which organisation has organizing Hackathon 3.0 titled 'KRITAGYA' on promoting 'speed breeding for crop improvement' \_\_\_\_\_ **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**.

**Note:**

- It will provide an opportunity for Students and others to showcase innovative approaches and technology solutions to promote innovation for crop improvement.
- Registration for this event is open till 26th September 2022.

8. Who has presented 'INSPIRE' awards to 60 Start-Ups and financial support to over 53,000 students \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Science and Technology Minister, Jitendra Singh**.

**Note:**

- It is instituted by Department of Science and Technology and these innovators will be extended complete incubation support for entrepreneurship journey



- Annual INSPIRE Awards-MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) competition attracted an unprecedented 6.53 Lakh ideas and innovations from all States
9. As per the analysis firm Chainalysis, India has been ranked at which place in the 2022 Global Crypto Adoption Index \_\_\_\_\_ **Fourth**.
- The index is led by Vietnam for the second consecutive year, emerging as the country that is most eager to embrace cryptocurrency adoption.
  - Aim: To track countries adopting cryptocurrencies or investing in the digital assets.
  - India has categorised cryptocurrency as virtual digital assets (VDA) and profits generated from crypto fall under the 30% tax bracket.
10. Which country has emerged as the second-biggest oil supplier to India after a three-month gap \_\_\_\_\_ **Saudi Arabia**.

**Note:**

- Saudi Arabia has overtaken the Russia by a thin margin, while Iraq retained the top spot in August 2022.
  - India is the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 863,950 barrels per day (bpd) of crude from Saudi Arabia (up 4.8% from the previous month).
  - UAE has ranked four, while Kazakhstan replaced Kuwait to become fifth oil supplier to India, followed by US.
11. Which state has accounts for more than 70% of the 13.81 lakh pending trials in fast-track courts in cases of heinous crimes against women, children and senior citizens \_\_\_\_\_ **UP**.

**Note:**

- More than 9.33 lakh cases are pending in the fast-track courts of Uttar Pradesh, followed by over 1.4 lakh cases in Maharashtra, 1.06 lakh cases in Tamil Nadu, 71,260 cases in West Bengal and 12,538 cases in Telangana.
  - As many as 3,28,556 cases are pending in the FTSCs across 28 states and Union territories.
12. Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has declared which state/UT as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh \_\_\_\_\_ **Andaman and Nicobar Islands**.

**Note:**

- He handed over the certificate to A&N's LG Admiral DK Joshi.
  - All the villages of Andaman and Nicobar Island have been certified as Har Ghar Jal and verified as open defecation free - ODF plus.
  - On World Water Day (22 March 2021) A&N Islands were declared to have achieved 100% coverage of rural households with tap water connection.
13. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Programme for students of which classes \_\_\_\_\_ **I to V**.

**Note:**

- The NEP 2020 is inspired by the philosophy of Swami Vivekananda.
  - Ramkrishna Mission has a legacy of imparting applied education.
  - NEP 2020 has emphasized on creating value-based educational programs for 9th and 12th in addition to creating programs for classes I to VIII.
14. Which organization has signed an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for the development of sports in India \_\_\_\_\_ **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)**.

**Note:**

- NTPC and REC have been provided financial support of 215 crore rupees for the development of sports.
- NTPC: Contributed an amount of Rs115 crore for Archery (5 years).
- REC: Committed an amount of Rs 100 crore to support Women's Hockey, Athletics and Boxing (3 years).



15. The government of India has decided to invite Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest Countries to take part in which meeting during its Presidency \_\_\_\_\_ **G 20**.

**Note:**

- International Organisations: UN, IMF, World Bank, WHO, WTO, ILO, FSB, OECD and AU, AUDA-NEPAD and ASEAN, ISA, CDRI and ADB.
- This is a part of the G20 tradition of inviting some Guest Countries and International Organisations (IO) to its meetings and summit.

16. PM Narendra Modi is on two-day visit of which country from September 15 to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit \_\_\_\_\_ **Samarkand in Uzbekistan**.

**Note:**

- Mr. Modi has received an invitation from Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev.
- Agenda: To review the grouping's activities over the past two decades and discuss the prospects of multilateral cooperation.
- The SCO is an inter-governmental organisation founded in Shanghai in June 2001

17. Who will lead the Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation in the Global Clean Energy Action Forum \_\_\_\_\_ **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh**.

**Note:**

- The coveted joint convening of the Clean Energy Ministerial CEM13 and Mission Innovation MI-7 will take place from 21st to 23rd of September at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA.
- Aim: To bring together thousands of clean energy leaders from across the world to accelerate clean energy innovation and deployment.

18. Which group has overtaken the Tata-led conglomerate with an overall market capitalization on the BSE at over ₹ 22 lakh crore makes it the most valued in India \_\_\_\_\_ **Adani group**.

**Note:**

- The combined consolidated revenues and net profit of listed companies of Tata Group were Rs 8.6 trillion and Rs 74,523 crore in FY22 respectively.
- Mukesh Ambani's group of nine companies stood third on the list with a market capitalisation of more than ₹ 17 lakh crore.

19. PM Narendra Modi has received a copy of the Braille version of Dictionary Hemkosh from Jayanta Baruah in New Delhi, was originally written in which language \_\_\_\_\_ **Assamese**.

**Note:**

- The Braille version of 'Hemkosh' has been conceptualized and published by the Editor of Asomiya Pratidin, Jayanta Baruah.
- Hemkosh is South-East Asia's first Braille dictionary in Assamese.
- It was also the first Assamese dictionary which was edited by Hemchandra Baruah in the 19th century.
- This edition of 'Hemkosh' comprises of approx 10,000 pages,

20. The government has launched a joint convergence portal for different schemes run by Food Processing and which ministry \_\_\_\_\_ **Agriculture**.

**Note:**

- Schemes include: Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).
- The portal was launched in the presence of Union Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Choudhary.

21. Who has inaugurated 3rd edition of the Lok Manthan programme at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati \_\_\_\_\_ **VP, Jagdeep Dhankhar**.

**Note:**

- Theme of 2022 biennale is Lokparampara (Lok traditions).
- Kerala Governor, Arif Muhammad Khan will be the Chief Guest at the concluding session (24th September).



- Lokmanthan: It is an occasion where artists, intellectuals, and academicians are come from different parts of the country converge and brainstorm on the questions that haunt the society.
22. India will receive its first flex-fuel vehicle that run on ethanol blended petrol and battery in October 2022 from which country \_\_\_\_\_ **Brazil**.

**Note:**

- The Flex Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) will be imported from Brazil to use as a pilot.
  - Aim: To assess its performance in terms of reduced carbon emissions.
  - The road transport ministry has notified the guidelines regarding FFV and FFV-SHEV.
  - The automobile manufacturers are advised to manufacture vehicles complying with BS- 6 standards.
23. Which ministry has launched the Swachh Toycathon as a part of the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)**.

**Note:**

- It is a unique competition to make toys from dry waste.
  - Aim: To explore innovative solutions for the use of dry waste in manufacturing toys.
  - The knowledge partner for the initiative is the Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar and the competition will be hosted on the MyGov portal.
24. President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- The Cryogenic engines are used by ISRO for its satellite launch operations.
  - The President has also laid the foundation stone of the South Zonal Institute of Virology virtually at HAL.
  - She has also inaugurated the St. Joseph University and attended a Civic reception hosted by the State Government in her honour.
25. CEC of LAHDC, Feroz Ahmad Khan has inaugurated the first ever Mega Kissan Mela at Indoor Stadium of which district of Ladakh \_\_\_\_\_ **Kargil**.

**Note:**

- This event was organised by Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (SKUAST) Kashmir
  - Stalls were established by scores of progressive farmers, KVK Centre, & Research Centre from across UT Ladakh and J&K.
  - Aim: Experts will educate the farmers about latest techniques and use of high yielding varieties for satiable agriculture.
26. Which ministry has launched a Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of National Clean Air Programme \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To reduce air pollution upto 40% by 2025-26.
  - This survey has categorized 131 cities into three groups based on population.
  - First group: Population more than 10 lakh (47 cities)
  - Second group: Population between 3 to 10 lakh (44 cities)
  - Third group: Population less than 3 lakh (40 cities)
27. Which Indian force has signed an MoU with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) to tackle the issue of plastic pollution and achieve the universal goal of clean water bodies through Puneet Sagar Abhiyan and Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme \_\_\_\_\_ **National Cadet Corps (NCC)**.

**Note:**

- The MoU was signed in the presence of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
  - Puneet Sagar Abhiyan, was launched by the NCC on 1st December 2021.
28. Which Indian oil company has signed an MoU with Petrobras to diversify its crude oil sourcing \_\_\_\_\_ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd**.



**Note:**

- The MoU was signed by Arun Kumar Singh (Chairman BPCL) and Caio Paes de Andrade (CEO Petrobras) in Brazil.
- Aim: To strengthen future crude oil trade relations between the two companies and explore potential crude import opportunities by BPCL.
- Petrobras operates in an integrated and specialized manner in the oil, natural gas and energy industry.

29. The Govt has launched a Scheme Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for which fiscal year \_\_\_\_\_ **2022-23**.

**Note:**

- Aim: Provide financial aid to the States Govts in the form of 50-year interest free loan for capital investment projects.
- Under the Part-V of scheme, Rs 3000 Crore is earmarked and will be available to States for capital projects on OFC network.
- Dept of Expenditure has approved 50 Cr, 84 Cr, 65 Cr and 156 Cr to Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Haryana and Karnataka respectively.

30. What is the name of an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application that has been launched by the government of India \_\_\_\_\_ **Sign Learn**.

**Note:**

- It contains 10,000 words.
- The app was launched by Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment, Pratima Bhoumik.
- This mobile app is based on the Indian sign language dictionary of the Indian Sign Language Research And Training Centre (ISLRTC).
- All the words in the ISL dictionary can be searched through Hindi or English medium.

31. Who has inaugurated Arogya Manthan 2022 to celebrate the four years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana and one year of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission \_\_\_\_\_ **Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya**.

**Note:**

- The scheme provides a health cover of five lakh rupees annually to vulnerable families.
- The Minister has also launched several new initiatives including Health Claims Exchange (HCX), National e-Rupi Portal and Roadmap for Digitization.

32. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in which state through video conferencing on 23rd September \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- Agenda: To create synergy amongst the Central and State govt in formulating better policies
- The two-day Conference will have six thematic sessions: (1) LiFE, (2) Combating Climate Change, (3) PARIVESH, (4) Forestry Management, (5) Prevention and Control of Pollution, (6) Wildlife Management and Plastics and Waste Management.

33. Who has hosted the G-4 meeting of Foreign Ministers during the 77th Session of UNGA \_\_\_\_\_ **EAM, Dr. S Jaishankar**.

**Note:**

- The summit was attended by Ministers Foreign Ministers - Carlos França (Brazil); Yoshimasa Hayashi (Japanese); Annalena Baerbock (German)
- He is on visit USA from 18-28 September 2022.
- He led India delegation for the High Level Week at the 77th Session of UNGA.
- 77th UNGA theme: Watershed Moment: Transformative Solutions to Interlocking Challenges

34. Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the international conference on Consciousness at NIMHANS in which city \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru**.

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Exploring Consciousness- From Non- Locality to Non- Duality: The Man- Machine Debate



- The conference was organized by India Foundation and NIMHANS and supported by Ministry of Ayush.
- He has also inaugurated the Centre of Excellence project in the Department of Integrative Medicine at NIMHANS, Bengaluru as part of Ayurswasthya Yojana.

35. Who has launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector in North East India  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Union Minister, G. Kishan Reddy.**

**Note:**

- SymphoNE is the start of a series of dialogues on North Eastern Region's Development Conference comprised of a broad range of Policy Thinkers, Stakeholders & Influencers.
- The Virtual Conference is being organized on 24th - 27th September 2022, by Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region on the occasion of World Tourism Day(27 September).

36. Which state owned oil organisation has become the first oil marketing company (OMC) to produce and market, AVGAS 100 LL \_\_\_\_\_ **IndianOil.**

**Note:**

- In an event, hosted by IndianOil at Hindon Airforce Station, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban, Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri has launched AVGAS 100 LL.
- AVGAS 100 LL: It is a special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles.
- Currently India is importing AVGAS 100 LL from European countries.

37. Name three Indian Railways that has been approved by the Union Cabinet for the re-development  
\_\_\_\_\_ **New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai CSMT.**

**Note:**

- This re-development project involves an investment of approximately ₹10,000 crore.
- Re-development project includes:
- Installation of CCTV and access control.
- Spacious roof plaza with all passenger amenities (spaces for retail, cafeterias, recreational facilities).
- Divyang friendly facilities, etc.

38. Who has released the report on 4th round of quarterly employment survey (January to March 2022)  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Bhupender Yadav.**

**Note:**

- It indicates that the overall employment has increased in the last four quarterly survey.
- The estimated employment has increased from 3.14 crore of the third quarter to 3.18 crore of 4th Quarter.
- It provides quarterly estimates about the employment and related variables of establishments in both organized and unorganized segments.

39. Which Japanese firm has installed its India's first solar power plant at Jalgaon manufacturing plant in Maharashtra \_\_\_\_\_ **Hitachi Astemo.**

**Note:**

- Hitachi is working to reduce its carbon emissions and become carbon neutral by 2050.
- With the set up of 3 MW solar power plant, the company would be able to eliminate close to 4000 tons of CO2 emissions each year.
- At its Jalgaon plant, Hitachi Astemo is responsible for making high quality brake systems for vehicles.

40. Who has launched the JALDOOT App and e-brochure \_\_\_\_\_ **Faggan Singh Kulaste.**

**Note:**

- Developed by: Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.
- Use: To capture the water level of selected 2-3 wells in a village.
- The manual monitoring of water levels in open wells will be measured twice in a year (pre-monsoon and post-monsoon level for the same well).
- Assigned officers will measure the water levels and upload the geo-tagged photographs.



41. The All India Football Federation has launched grassroots football development (GFD) scheme in which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Arunachal Pradesh**.

**Note:**

- Aim: Tap, select and nurture football talents in the age group of 6 to 12 years.
- GFD committee chairman, Shantanu Pujari has launched this scheme in the presence of CM Pema Khandu and AIFF President, Kalyan Chaubey
- The state government would begin this scheme in 100 schools, and physical training teachers of selected schools would be trained by AIFF experts

42. Who has inaugurated the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Education minister, Dharmendra Pradhan**.

**Note:**

- Theme 2022: Education to Employability - Making It Happen
- The Summit would look through the NEP lens and focus on how India can become the "Skill Capital of the World," using the UN SDG4 as an underlying theme.
- The two day Summit was conclude with an event "VIRASAT" The Heritage which honours the exquisite craft of the Indian artisans.

43. Government of Maldives has signed an MoU with which Indian organisation for Maldives Hanimaadhoo International Airport Development Project \_\_\_\_\_ **JMC Projects**.

**Note:**

- The worth of project is about USD \$136.6 million.
- It was confirmed that the project will be financed by India's Exim Bank.
- The Maldives govt is expected to build a 2.46 kilometer runway in addition to a terminal that can serve 1.3 million passengers annually.
- The construction work is expected to be fully operational by the year 2024.

**Important News – State**

1. Which city has implemented a fully digital addressing system that makes Indore the first city in India to do so \_\_\_\_\_ **Indore (MP)**.

**Note:**

- For this smart city initiative, an MoU was signed with the firm Pataa Navigations.
- Pataa: This organisation has developed patented technology and is working with ISRO to develop a digital addressing system for the nation.
- Users of the Pataa App can upload images of their homes, landmarks, etc, along with their addresses in the full text.

2. Which state has launched Sports Policy 2022 with an aim to reduce bottlenecks from the path of sportspersons in excelling at national and international events \_\_\_\_\_ **Jharkhand**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To create the country's first sports digital database for all the players of the state, establishment of a sports university, reservation for sportspersons in jobs and educational institutions.
- The sports policy has been made for a period of five years.

3. The Delhi and which state governments have joined hands to use Pusa bio-decomposer on 5,000 acres of land in the agrarian state to prevent stubble burning which is a major cause of air pollution \_\_\_\_\_ **Punjab**.

**Note:**

- Pusa bio-decomposer is a microbial solution that can decompose paddy straw in 15 to 20 days.
- In 2022, the total area under paddy cultivation in Punjab is pegged at 29-30 lakh hectares.
- The state on an average generates around 20 million tons of paddy straw annually.

4. Which state government has launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM) \_\_\_\_\_ **Manipur**.

**Note:**



- Aim: To receive complaints and grievances from the general public.
  - The public can raise their grievances in the web portal by logging on to [www.cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in](http://www.cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in).
  - With the help of this portal, the complainants can also check the status of their complaints.
  - This portal will be used by the Public Grievances Redressal and Anti-Corruption Cell stationed at CM Secretariat.
5. Which state government is ready to introduce a 'no-bag day' rule in schools and a mandatory games period at least once a week to reduce the burden on students \_\_\_\_\_ **Bihar**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To engage students in various activities which can positively impact their learning.
  - As per the notification, the weekly "no-bag day" will have task-based practical classes.
  - At least once a week, students will come to school only with their lunch boxes. They do not need to carry books.
6. Which state government has approved Rs 261 crore for regeneration of coastal ecosystem and to enhance climate resilience among people living on the coast \_\_\_\_\_ **Odisha**.
- Note:**
- The government has decided to implement this livelihood action plan from the current year till 2026-27.
  - The main coastal landscapes to be treated under the project and would include areas like Bhitarkanika in Kendrapara district, Bahuda and Chilika in Ganjam district, and Devi Mouth, Chilika in Puri district.
7. Which state government has decided to use the air pressure machine named 'SAANS' to provide lifesaving breathing support to infants in hospital settings as well as during travel. \_\_\_\_\_ **Assam**.
- Note:**
- 'SAANS' is a portable neonatal Continuous Positive Air Pressure (CPAP) system.
  - It is developed by a Bangalore-based start-up, InnAccel Technologies.
  - For the development of the machine, InnAccel Technologies has joined hands with the SAMRIDH Healthcare Blended Finance Facility.
8. Which state government to launch its own health insurance scheme called the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) on 1st of October \_\_\_\_\_ **Nagaland**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To reduce out-of-pocket expenditure on hospital care for all bonafide citizens of the state.
  - It provides free health insurance coverage of up to five lakh rupees per family per year.
  - It will cover State government employees and pensioners and all the Indigenous and or Permanent residents of the State.
9. Which state government will launch a special campaign called 'Hamar Beti - Hamar Maan' (our daughters, our honour) \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhattisgarh**.
- Note:**
- Aim: For protection and safety of girls and women and provide them essential services.
  - Implementation: Women police personnel will visit schools and colleges in all districts and educate girls about their legal rights.
  - Govt will soon launch a helpline number for complaints about misbehaviour, molestation and other crimes against women.
10. Which state cabinet has given their nod to the 'Early childhood care and education tutor scheme-2022' for children in the age group of 3 to 6 \_\_\_\_\_ **HP**.
- Note:**
- Aim: To provide an appropriate care and stimulation of the brain in early years to ensure healthy development and growth.
  - The govt will be paid a sum of ₹9,000 a month to those candidates who have done a one-year diploma in nursery teacher, so that they can bridge courses to make them eligible.



## Important News - World

1. Mastercard Lighthouse MASSIV has partnered with which international organisation to amplifying the private sector's role in creating a significant positive impact on people \_\_\_\_\_ **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**.

**Note:**

- It is a free-of-charge startup partnership program dedicated to helping one billion people live more prosperous and secure lives by 2025.
- Purpose: To support the impact tech companies on their impact measurement and management and connect them to the broader UN initiatives.

2. India has launched a joint whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' with which country at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Denmark**.

**Note:**

- Aim: Capturing the current status of wastewater treatment in India and potential pathways for future treatment structures, co-creation, and collaborations
- The event was attended by Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat along with Danish Environment Minister Lea Wermelin.

3. In the declaration, the rotational presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has been handed over to which Samarkand, Uzbekistan \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India will hold the presidency of SCO for a year until September 2023 and also host the SCO summit in 2023.
- The leaders of SCO Member States have signed the Samarkand Declaration in the meeting of the Council of Heads of State.
- Member of States has highlighted the impacts of global climate change.

4. India has overtaken which country to emerge as the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.

**Note:**

- India has provided a total of 968 million US dollars in loans to Sri Lanka in four months of 2022.
- In the past five years from 2017-2021, China has been the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka.
- Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been the largest multilateral lender in the past five years and disbursed funds amounting to 610 million dollars in 2021.

5. According to **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, who has become the second richest person in the world, after surpassing Amazon founder Jeff Bezos \_\_\_\_\_ **Gautam Adani**.

**Note:**

- As of 17th September 2022, the net worth of Adani is \$147 billion and Tesla's founder Elon Musk who has net worth of \$264 billion.
- Bezos' net worth has declined \$45.5 billion so far this year while Adani's wealth has jumped by \$70.3 billion.
- Ambani has been ranked tenth on the list with net worth of \$88.7 billion.

6. Which country is the current presidency of Asia-pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- The decision was taken unanimously by the AIBD member countries at the two-day General Conference held in New Delhi.
- Currently, CEO of Prasar Bharati and DG of Doordarshan, Mayank Kumar Agrawal is the President of AIBD.
- The conference was inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.



7. SBI Foundation has partnered with which organisation to generate fine-scale information on Red Panda species at a transboundary level and engage with communities in safeguarding them in the Khangchendzonga landscape of Sikkim and West Bengal \_\_\_\_\_ **WWF India**.

**Note:**

- The event was organised at the Himalayan Zoological Park in Gangtok.
- International Red Panda Day is celebrated every year on the third Saturday of September to support Red Panda conservation.
- SBI Foundation is the CSR arm of SBI.

8. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has announced to provide financial assistance of how much amount to address poverty and social inequalities \_\_\_\_\_ **USD 1.27 billion**.

**Note:**

- As per the annual Goalkeepers report, that every indicator of the UN SDGs are off track for achieving them by 2030.
- 2022 Goalkeepers awards:
- Global Goalkeeper Award: Ursula von der Leyen (Germany)
- Campaign Award: Vanessa Nakate (Uganda)
- Changemaker Award: Zahra Joya (Afghanistan)
- Progress Award: Dr. Radhika Batra (India)

9. Which group of nations have signed the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) partnership guidelines during a ministerial meeting hosted by the US on the sidelines of UNGA in New York \_\_\_\_\_ **QUAD group**.

**Note:**

- The partnership was announced during the Quad Leaders' Tokyo Summit 2022 as part of the grouping's shared vision of free and open Indo-Pacific.
- These guidelines aim to respond to disasters occurring in the Indo-Pacific region.

10. As per the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, who has topped the list with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore \_\_\_\_\_ **Gautam Adani**.

**Note:**

- While, Mukesh Ambani has been named as the 2nd richest in India with an estimated wealth of Rs. 7,94,700 crore.
- Nykaa Founder & CEO, Falguni Nayar became India's richest self-made woman, surpassed Biocon chief, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw in net worth.
- She is also the richest female in India, followed by Rekha Jhunjhunwala of Rare Enterprises.

11. Which organisation has partnered with the UNICEF India for Poshan Maah 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Vitamin Angels India**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To implement a comprehensive, unified outreach and awareness programme to enhance nutritional content, delivery, outreach, and immunity to disease and undernutrition.
- This partnership also includes the launch of the Poshan Innovation Platform (PIP) in January 2023.
- A phase-wise approach will be followed to assemble the PIP between September 2022 and December 2026.

12. As per the 2022 Global Innovation Index of World Intellectual Property Organization, what is the rank of India \_\_\_\_\_ **40th rank**.

**Note:**

- India was at 46th position in 2021 and at 81st rank in 2015.
- Switzerland with the score of 64.6, has emerged as the world's most innovative economy for the 12th consecutive year.
- The second position was secured by the US followed by Sweden, and UK
- Other countries: China (11th); Lithuania(39th); Latvia (41st); Bangladesh (102nd); Guinea (132nd, last)



13. Who has topped a self-made rich list of individuals under 40 years, released by the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ **Zerodha's founder, Nikhil Kamath.**

**Note:**

- Ola Electric CEO, Bhavish Aggarwal, with a wealth of Rs 11,700 crore has been placed second in the list, followed by Divyank Turakhia (Media Network, with Rs 11,200 crore).
- The Hurun India rich list has 53 entrepreneurs under 40 years of age.

### Honor & Awards

1. Who has been honoured with the 13th Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award-India \_\_\_\_\_ **CEO of Haqdarshak, Aniket Doegar.**

**Note:**

- The award has been established by Jubilant Bhartia Foundation and Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship.
- Haqdarshak is a tech platform that connects citizens with their eligible government welfare schemes.
- The award has been presented by Anurag Singh Thakur, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting.

2. Science magazine 'Vigyan Pragati' has received National Rajbhasha Kirti Award at the Second All India Rajbhasha Sammelan held during 14th-15th September 2022 in the Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium, Surat. This magazine has been published by which organisation \_\_\_\_\_

**CSIR.**

**Note:**

- It was organized by Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Vigyan Pragati is one of India's best popular science magazines and was started by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) in 1952.

3. Which startup has won the NASSCOM-NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge in the 'Predictive Analytics for Customer Retention' category \_\_\_\_\_ **TRaiCEInc.**

**Note:**

- Reason: By showcasing how the platform uses predictive AI to help lenders improve operational efficiencies for faster and safer financing.
- TRaiCEInc is a no-code AI-augmented Early Warning and Business Risk Monitoring System.
- The NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge is a competition where startups can pitch solutions that address in financial services sector.

4. Who has been conferred the top civilian honour of France 'Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur or Knight of the Legion of Honour' by Catherine Colonna (France's Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs) \_\_\_\_\_ **Dr Swati Piramal.**

**Note:**

- She has been honoured for her contributions in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine, and towards strengthening Indo-French ties.
- She is the vice-chairperson of the Piramal Group.
- She has also received the Padma Shri in 2012.

5. Which Gujarati Film has been selected as the India's submission to the Best International Feature Film category at the 95th Academy Awards \_\_\_\_\_ **Chhello Show (Last Film Show).**

**Note:**

- This movie was directed by Pan Nalin.
- This movie was honoured the Golden Spike at the 66th Valladolid International Film Festival in 2021.
- This movie was premiered at Tribeca Film Festival in 2021.

6. Which Indian initiative has won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' at the UN General Assembly, held at New York in USA \_\_\_\_\_ **India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI).**



**Note:**

- Reason: For its initiative to control and prevent hypertension under the government's National Health Mission.
- This initiative was launched in 2017 and expanded in a phased manner to cover more than 130 districts across 23 states.

7. Who has been honoured with the 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics \_\_\_\_ **Daniel A. Spielman**.

**Note:**

- **In Fundamental Physics:**
- Charles H. Bennett, Gilles Brassard, David Deutsch and Peter Shor
- Reason: Discovering the fundamental physics that underlie quantum computation.
- **Life Sciences:** Clifford Brangwynne and Anthony Hyman; Demis Hassabis and John Jumper; Emmanuel Mignot and Masashi Yanagisawa

8. Who has been named as the recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt \_\_\_\_ **Meena Kandasamy**.

**Note:**

- The Hermann Kesten Prize honours to those personalities who are in the spirit of the charter of the PEN association and stand up for the rights of persecuted authors and journalists.
- Her notable works: The Gypsy Goddess (2014), When I Hit You: Or, A Portrait of the Writer as a Young Wife (2017), and Ms Militancy (2010).

9. Which airport has received the Airport Service Quality award-2022 for its meticulous implementation of a programme 'Mission Safeguarding' in 2021-22 \_\_\_\_ **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL)**.

**Note:**

- This programme has ensured seamless traffic and reinforced passenger satisfaction in the aftermath of the pandemic.
- Category: 5-15 million passenger category of airports operating in the Asia-Pacific region
- The award was instituted by Airport Council International (ACI).

10. Who has been honoured with the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award in 20th Asian Achievers Awards, held at London \_\_\_\_ **Suella Braverman (UK Home Secretary)**.

- In 2022, she has replaced Priti Patel for the position of Home Secretary
- Art and Culture: Namit Malhotra (Chairman of DNEG)
- Business Person of the Year: Shamil and Kavi Thakrar (Founders of Dishoom)
- Community Service: Dr Zareen Roohi Ahmed (CEO of Gift Wellness)

11. Name the personality who has been honoured with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2021 \_\_\_\_ **Kumar Sanu**.

**Note:**

- Kumar Sanu and Shailendra Singh (Playback singers) and Anand-Milind (music-composer duo) will be conferred with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for different years.
- The prestigious award will be presented on September 28 (birth anniversary of the late legendary singer) at her birthplace Indore.
- Shailendra Singh will be given the Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2019.
- While Anand-Milind will be conferred with the honour for 2020.

12. Who has been awarded the highest recognition in the field of Indian cinema, Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2020 \_\_\_\_ **Asha Parekh**.

**Note:**

- She will receive the award from President Droupadi Murmu at the 68th National Film Awards on September 30.
- She was conferred the Padma Shri in 1992.
- She also became the first woman to head the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998-2001
- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award was instituted in 1969 and it was first presented to Devika Rani.



13. Which state has received the first prize for the best adventure tourism destination and all-around development of tourism from the Ministry of Tourism \_\_\_\_ **Uttarakhand**.

**Note:**

- The State's Tourism and Culture minister, Satpal Maharaj has received the awards from Vice President Jagdeep Dhankar during the presentation of the National Tourism Awards 2018-19 in New Delhi.
  - Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh; Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami
14. Name the Indian women's rights activist, who was honoured with the 'Changemaker' award at UN SDG Action Awards \_\_\_\_ **Srishti Bakshi**.

**Note:**

- Reason: For confronting gender-based violence and advocating for safe access to public spaces.
- This is a flagship of the UN SDG Action Campaign that 'Mobilise, Inspire and Connect' people to drive action towards a more sustainable future on a healthy planet.
- Other categories awards:
- Mobilise: SUPvivors say NO MORE
- Inspire: Masungi Story
- Connect: CyprusInno

### Sports News

1. Which country has secured the **South Asian Football Federation (SAFF)** U-17 Championship title after defeating Nepal by 4-0 in the final in Colombo, Sri Lanka \_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- India has played well to lift the title for the fourth time (2013, 2017, 2019, 2022).
  - India captain, Vanlalpeka Guite has named the **Most Valuable Player** of the Tournament, while goalkeeper, Sahil won the Best Goalkeeper awards
  - SAFF members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
2. Which Indian woman wrestler has clinched a bronze in 53-kilogram category at the World Championships, in Belgrade, Serbia \_\_\_\_ **Vinesh Phogat**.

**Note:**

- She becomes the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships.
  - She has defeated reigning European champion, Emma Malmgren of Sweden.
  - This is her second bronze medal at the Championships.
3. Roger Federer has announced his retirement, is associated with which sports \_\_\_\_ **Tennis**.
- Note:**
- He has played more than 1500 matches over 24 years the Marvel of Tennis exponent Federer.
  - He has played his first junior match in 1996 at the age of 14 at a grade 2 tournament in Switzerland.
  - He won his first grand slam championship at Wimbledon in 2003 at 21.
4. Rachael Haynes, who has announced her retirement from international cricket at the age of 35, is belong to which country \_\_\_\_ **Australian**.

**Note:**

- But, she would play one more season for Sydney Thunder in the Women's Big Bash League.
  - The left-hand batter has scored 3,818 runs in more than 150 internationals over all three formats since her debut in 2009.
  - She has won six global titles with Australia and became the vice-captain in 2018.
5. Who has become the 76th Grandmaster of India in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania \_\_\_\_ **Pranav Anand**.

**Note:**

- He has crossed the 2,500 Elo mark in the ongoing event in Romania.
- He has already met the other requirements that are necessary for a GM title.



- Eligibility to become GM: A player need to secure three GM norms and cross the live rating of 2,500 Elo points.
  - He had scored the third and final GM norm at the 55th Biel Chess in Switzerland.
6. Who has secured the 2022 WTA Chennai Open after beating third seed, Magda Linette (Poland) by 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at the SDAT Stadium, Chennai \_\_\_\_\_ **Linda Fruhvirtova (Czech)**.

**Note:**

- At 17 years and 141 days old, she is the youngest titlist of the season on the WTA Tour so far.
  - She is the youngest singles champion on tour since Coco Gauff won Parma last year at 17 years, 70 days old.
  - Doubles WTS Chennai Open: Gabriela Dabrowski and Luisa Stefani.
7. In men's wrestling, who has secured bronze medal in the men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships \_\_\_\_\_ **Bajrang Punia**.

**Note:**

- He defeated Sebastian C Rivera from Puerto Rico by 11-9.
  - This is Punia's fourth medal at the Championships, starting his journey with bronze in 2013.
  - This is India's second medal at the ongoing edition of the World Wrestling Championships.
8. Which team has defeated Indian Super League (ISL) giants Mumbai City FC by 2-1 to clinch the 131st edition of the Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata \_\_\_\_\_ **Bengaluru FC**.

**Note:**

- The goal by Alan Costa in 61st minute gave Bengaluru FC the winning lead against Mumbai.
  - The first edition of the competition was played in 1888.
9. Which country has secured the maiden SAFF Women's Championship title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal \_\_\_\_\_ **Bangladesh**.

**Note:**

- The Bangladesh has defeated hosts Nepal by 3-1 in the finals.
  - Sabina Khatun (Bangladesh skipper) has become the top scorer of the tournament with 8 goals in 5 matches.
  - She was also named as the Most Valuable Player of the tournament for her extraordinary game.
10. Name the veteran Assamese swimmer, who has become the first from the North East to cross the North Channel \_\_\_\_\_ **Elvis Ali Hazarika**.

- The North Channel is the strait between north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland.
  - Elvis and his team clocked a timing of 14 hours 38 minutes to achieve this feat.
  - With this, Elvis has become the oldest Indian swimmer to cross the North Channel.
11. Which country will host its maiden MotoGP World Championships race in 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **India**.

**Note:**

- MotoGP commercial rights owner, Dorna has signed an MoU with the Noida-based race promoters, Fairstreet Sports to host the premier two-wheel racing event in India for next seven years.
  - MotoGP has plans to also introduce MotoE into the Indian racing scenario that will not only be a first in Asia but a green initiative with net zero carbon emission.
12. Who has shattered his own world record by lowering the mark to 2:01:09 (new record) to win at the Berlin Marathon \_\_\_\_\_ **Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya)**.

**Note:**

- His previous best in an official 42.2km race was 2:01:39 set on the same course in 2018.
- He has long been dubbed the world's best marathon runner.
- He was the first athlete to run a marathon distance in under two hours in Vienna in 2019.
- Tigist Assefa (Ethiopia) has won the women's race in a course record of 2:15:37.



## Books and Authors

1. Who has released a book titled “Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer’s Ideas Performer’s Implementation” in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Former President Ram Nath Kovind.**

**Note:**

- It illustrates life, works and achievements of Dr. B.R Ambedkar and presents a convergence between the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar and New India’s development journey.
- It has been compiled in 12 chapters by Bluekraft Digital Foundation and has a foreword by music composer and Rajya Sabha member Ilaiyaraaja.

2. Noted Film Actor, Manoj Bajpayee has released a book titled Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan, was authored by whom \_\_\_\_\_ **Jiwesh Nandan.**

**Note:**

- The book has been released in presence of Information and Broadcasting Secretary Apurva Chandra in New Delhi.
- The book offers a collection of poems.
- The book has been published by Shobit Arya, the founder and publisher of Wisdom Tree, an Indian publishing organisation.

3. The book titled, She Is–Women in STEAM, has been unveiled by Prof. Ajay Sood (Principal Scientific Adviser to GoI) and Alex Ellis (British High Commissioner), was compiled by whom \_\_\_\_\_

**ElsaMarie D’Silva.**

**Note:**

- The book has honoured 75 women in STEAM (fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) celebrating gender, leadership, and sustainable development in the fields of STEAM.
- The book has been illustrated by Supreet K Singh.

4. Who has released a book titled “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas” at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi \_\_\_\_\_ **Former VP, Venkaiah Naidu.**

**Note:**

- The book was released in the presence of Kerala Governor, Arif Mohammad Khan at an event, organised by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
- The book is a collection of PM Modi selected speeches between May 2019 and May 2020.
- The book focuses on 86 speeches of PM on various subjects.
- The book was published in Hindi and English.

5. Who has translated the award-winning book “Lata: Sur-Gatha” in English that will be released in January 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ **Ira Pande.**

**Note:**

- The announcement has been made by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
- This book was originally written in Hindi by writer-poet, Yatindra Mishra.
- The book has also won the 64th National Film Award and the MAMI Award for Best Writing on Cinema (2016–17).

## Science sand Defence

1. Which space agency has agreed to join hands with UAE's Mohammed Bin Rashid Space Centre to land a rover on the Moon aboard a lander developed by the latter \_\_\_\_\_ **China's space agency.**

**Note:**

- Presently, the UAE is working on launching a rover to the Moon later 2022, under the Emirates Lunar Mission in a lander.
- The lander has been developed by a Japanese company named ispace.
- Rover named Rashid, is the robotic rover weighing 10 kg will be carried to the Moon inside the HAKUTO-R (lander).



2. The first female camel riding squad of BSF is ready to be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and which state \_\_\_\_\_ **Gujarat**.

**Note:**

- The squad will also participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1st December.
- This Squad will be the first of its kind in the world.
- This squad has received intensive training at the Bikaner Regional Headquarters of BSF under the supervision of skilled trainers.

3. Indian Navy has decommissioned which INS after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai \_\_\_\_\_ **INS Ajay**.

**Note:**

- It was commissioned on January 24, 1990 at Poti, Georgia in the erstwhile USSR.
- It was a part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron under the operational control of Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.
- Participation: Op Talwar during Kargil War and Op Parakram in 2001

4. ENC Yachting Championship was conducted by INWTC, INS Circas under the aegis of HQENC at which place \_\_\_\_\_ **Vishakhapatnam**.

**Note:**

- The Prize distribution and closing ceremony were facilitated by the Chief Guest, Cmde Sumantra Hazarika, Director MWC (V).
- In total 38 races were conducted in Enterprise Dinghy, ILCA 6, ILCA 7 classes, and BicNova Wind Surfer.
- A total of 46 yachtsmen and 8 yacht women took part in the ENC Yachting Championship.

5. Which country's Heron drones would be equipped with strike capabilities as part of the Indian Air Force's Project Cheetah under the Make in India programme \_\_\_\_\_ **Israel**.

**Note:**

- The Project Cheetah aims to improve the Indian Air Force's fleet of Israeli-made Heron unmanned aerial vehicles with stronger communication capabilities and long-range missiles that can hit enemy sites.

6. How many satellites of OneWeb, the Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite Communications Company has been arrived at Satish Dhawan Space Centre ahead of a planned launch from Sriharikota \_\_\_\_\_ **36**.

**Note:**

- The satellites will be launched by the heaviest ISRO rocket, the GSLV-MkIII.
- OneWeb has partnered with NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) to facilitate the launch.
- NSIL is the commercial arm of national space agency Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

7. The researchers of which country have discovered a rare lunar crystal and nuclear power source on near side of the moon \_\_\_\_\_ **China**.

**Note:**

- Changosite-(Y): It is a small, transparent crystal (Diamond shape).
- It was named after the Chinese moon goddess Chang'e.
- It is as wide as a human hair.
- Chang'e-5 Mission: It is China's first lunar sample-return mission and fifth lunar exploration mission.

8. Which organisation has developed an intelligent artificial limb, under an MoU with National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities, Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya National Institute for Persons with Physical Disabilities (Divyangjan) \_\_\_\_\_ **ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre**.

**Note:**

- Weight: 1.6 kg
- It has enabled an amputee to walk about 100 metres in the corridor with minimum support.
- It is a microprocessor-controlled knees (MPKs) that offers extended capabilities for the amputee.



9. The Defence Ministry has signed an MoU with Bank of Baroda and which bank under the SPARSH (System for Pension Administration) \_\_\_\_\_ **HDFC Bank**.

**Note:**

- Aim: To cover pension of seventeen lakh defence pensioners across the country
- The Defence Secretary, Dr Ajay Kumar has announced that the average time in pension settlement has come down significantly to about 16 days
- Till now, the SPARSH initiative has crossed one million pensioners onboard mark and disbursed 11,600 crore rupees in the 2021-22

10. An Indo-US coast guard joint exercise called Abhyas-01/22 held was conducted in which coast \_\_\_\_\_ **Chennai coast**.

**Note:**

- Aim: Search and rescue, anti-piracy operation and coordinated joint boarding of vessels
- Anti-piracy demonstration: A scenario of pirates hijacking a ship was created and the coast guard personnel of both the countries carried out a coordinated interdiction of the vessel.
- Search and rescue operation involves activities and external fire-fighting to salvage burning ships.

11. Which country's navy has completed a complex test of the Gabriel V anti-ship missile system from the new Sa'ar 6 corvette \_\_\_\_\_ **Israeli Navy**.

**Note:**

- The missile was manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries, IAI.
- Range: over 200 km

12. The Ministry of Defence has signed an agreement with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. (BAPL) for acquisition of additional dual-role capable Surface to Surface BrahMos missiles for what cost under "Buy-Indian" Category \_\_\_\_\_ **₹1700 Crore (approx)**.

**Note:**

- The Induction of these dual-role capable Missiles will enhance the operational capability of Indian Navy fleet assets.
- BrahMos variants can be launched from land, air and sea, and all three variants are in service in the Indian armed forces.

13. Which organisation has conducted successful test flights of Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missiles at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha \_\_\_\_\_ **DRDO**.

**Note:**

- It is a Man Portable Air Defence System that is designed and developed by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO facilities
- Use: To neutralize low-altitude aerial threats at short ranges
- The design of the missile including the launcher has been highly optimized to ensure easy portability



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