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Dear Aspirants,

This **GK Tornado** is a complete docket of important **Banking Awareness & Current Affairs news** and events that occurred in the last **4.5 months (1st July 2022 to 15th November 2022)**. This file is important and relevant for all competitive exams like the IBPS RRB officer & Clerk exam 2022.

News related to RBI

(1st to 15th November 2022)

1. Central Bank Digital Currency Could End RBI-ESMA Row

Note: The deadlock between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Securities and Market Authority (ESMA) over the inspection of Indian financing clearing houses may be broken by a new-age product – the central bank digital currency (CBDC). European lenders such as HSBC, Deutsche, Standard Chartered, Barclays and make up anything between 15% and 25% of the trades in the so-called negotiated dealing system order matching segment (NDS-OM) run by the Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (CCIL), which is one of the central counterparties for settlement of trades.

2. RBI to launch Digital Rupee pilot for wholesale segment from November 1

Note: The RBI will commence pilot launches of the digital rupee from November 1. It has identified nine banks for participation in the pilot launch. They are the State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank, and HSBC. A Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee is a digital

form of currency notes issued by a central bank. Digital currency or rupee is an electronic form of money, that can be used in contactless transactions.

3. RBI Revokes Authorisation Certificate of Chennai-Based GI Technology

Note: The Reserve Bank has revoked certificate of authorisation of Chennai-based GI Technology Private Limited over governance concerns in the company. The company is in business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments. Governance concerns and non-compliance with regulatory requirements” are the reasons for revocation of Certificate of Authorisation (CoA), the central bank said in a statement. Following the revocation of the CoA, GI Technology cannot transact the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments, it said. Following the revocation of the CoA, GI Technology cannot transact the business of issuance and operation of prepaid payment instruments, it said. However, customers or merchants having a valid claim, if any, on the company as PSO, can approach the company for settlement of their claims, the Reserve Bank added.

(1st to 31st October 2022)

1. RBI asks Banks to Set Aside Capital, Provisions for Unhedged FX Exposure

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) tweaked guidelines for banks on incremental capital and provisioning requirements in relation to unhedged foreign currency exposures, amid the weakness in the rupee vis-a-vis the US dollar. The rupee has depreciated about 10 per cent against the US dollar thus far in 2022, and as a result there has been greater scrutiny of firms’ unhedged exposure through borrowings in foreign currencies

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3. RBI raises Minimum Capital Requirement for setting up Asset Reconstruction Company(ARC) to Rs 300 cr

Note: The Reserve Bank raised the minimum capital requirement for setting up an asset reconstruction

company (ARC) to Rs 300 crore from the existing Rs 100 crore with an aim to strengthen the securitisation sector which plays a vital role in the management of distressed financial assets. An Asset Reconstruction Company is a specialized financial institution that buys the NPAs or bad assets from banks and financial institutions so that the latter can clean up their balance sheets. Or in other words, ARCs are in the business of buying bad loans from banks. ARCs clean up the balance sheets of banks when the latter sells these to the ARCs.

4. **RBI Launches Concept Note to Create Awareness About Central Bank Digital Currency**

Note: The Reserve Bank Of India(RBI) has released a concept note on the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). The CBDC is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank. While most central banks across the globe are exploring the issuance of CBDC, the key motivations for its issuance are specific to each country's unique requirements. This Concept Note explains the objectives, choices, benefits and risks of issuing a CBDC in India, referred to as e-₹ (digital Rupee). The e-₹ will provide an additional option to the currently available forms of money. It is substantially not different from banknotes, but being digital it is likely to be easier, faster and cheaper. It also has all the transactional benefits of other forms of digital money.

5. **RBI introduces Internal Ombudsman Mechanism for Credit Information Companies(CICs)**

Note: To enhance the effectiveness of its grievance redressal systems, the Reserve Bank of India

(RBI) has urged Credit Information Companies to designate an internal ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023. The Central Bank made the decision in August to include CICs in the scope of the RBI-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2021 in order to broaden its appeal. Only complaints that the CIC has already reviewed but rejected in whole or in part will be handled by the IO.

6. **RBI Launches DAKSH- Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System**

Note: The Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das launched a new 'SupTech' initiative DAKSH – the bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System, which is expected to make the supervisory processes more robust. In a statement, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said it has been taking various initiatives in strengthening supervision, which among other initiatives include adoption of latest data and analytical tools as well as leveraging technology for implementing more efficient and automated work processes.

7. **RBI Again Raises Rates By 50 Basis Points**

Note: The global economy has been rattled by scorching inflation and geo-political tensions, forcing more central banks to join the US Federal Reserve in raising interest rates. So, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised the repo rate (repurchase rate) for the fourth time in a row. The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to raise the policy rate by 50 basis points (1 basis point= 1/100th of a per cent).

(1st -30th September 2022)

1. **5th RBI Monetary Policy review:**

Current Policy Rates: September 2022

Policy Repo Rate	5.90%
Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.15%
Bank Rate	6.15%

2. **RBI cancelled licence of Maharashtra-based Laxmi Cooperative Bank**

Note: Reserve Bank of India has canceled the license of Solapur-based The Laxmi Co-operative Bank Limited as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. The Laxmi Co-operative Bank Limited submitted the data, which shows more than 99 percent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC).

3. **RBI Governor Launches 3 key Digital Payment Initiatives at Global Fintech Fest 2022**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor, Shaktikanta Das, launched three key digital payment initiatives at the Global Fintech Fest 2022. The three digital payment initiatives that were launched by the RBI are RuPay Credit Card on Unified Payments Interface (UPI), UPI Lite, and Bharat BillPay Cross-Border Bill Payments. UPI Lite will provide users with a convenient solution for faster and simpler low-value transactions, the National Payments Corp Of India (NPCI) said in a statement. Currently, India has been using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for low-value payments with 50 per cent of transactions through UPI below ₹200.

4. **RBI Removes Central Bank of India from PCA Framework**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) removed Central Bank of India from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) after the lender showed improvement in various financial ratios, including

minimum regulatory capital and net non-performing assets (NNPAs). The RBI had imposed the PCA norms on the bank in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and negative return of assets (RoA). After reviewing the performance of the Central Bank of India, RBI decided to remove the restrictions on the bank.

5. RBI imposes fine on three entities for failing to comply

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposes fine on three entities: Three organisations, including Industrial Bank of Korea, have received fines from the Reserve Bank for breaking regulations. The Reserve bank of India announced that Industrial Bank of Korea has been fined Rs 36 lakh for failing to follow several Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines.

6. RBI to release "fraud registry" blacklist with details of Scammers

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2. Bank credit rise expedites 14.2% in the June 2022 quarter: RBI

Note: The Bank credit growth increased from 6% in the quarter that ended in June 2021 to 14.2% in the quarter that concluded in June 2022 as per the data released by the Reserve Bank of India. The Bank credit has increased by 10.8% in the three months that ended in March 2022. The last five quarters have seen a consistent 9.5 to 10.2% annual growth in aggregate deposits.

3. American Express Praises RBI's Decision to Ease Restrictions

Note: American Express Banking Corp. praised the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to ease restrictions on the firm so that it may accept new domestic clients as the consequence of the company's large local investments in technology, infrastructure, and resources. American Express applauded RBI's choice to remove the limitations on it. American Express will now be able to add new

Indian clients to its card network thanks to the easing of the embargo.

4. RBI Cancels Licence Of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank

Note: The RBI said the licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka, has been cancelled as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC), the central bank said in a release.

5. Reserve Bank Of India's 1st Set Of Digital Lending Norms

Note: All digital loans must be disbursed and repaid through bank accounts of regulated entities only, without pass-through of loan service providers (LSPs) or other third parties, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said in its long-awaited guidelines for the segment. The guidelines, aimed at curbing rising malpractices in the digital lending ecosystem, follow the recommendations of a working group for digital lending, whose report was made public in November 2021. "The concerns primarily relate to the unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business conduct, charging of exorbitant interest rates, and unethical recovery practices," the RBI said in the final guidelines.

6. RBI cancelled the license of Rupee Co-operative Bank, Pune

Note: The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of Pune-based Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd as the lender does not have adequate capital and

earning prospects. However, the RBI said that in compliance to an order of the High Court of Bombay, its direction will become effective after six weeks. Consequent to the cancellation of its licence, 'Rupee Co-operative Bank Ltd, Pune' stands prohibited from conducting the business of banking which includes, among other things, acceptance of deposits and repayment of deposits with effect from September 22, 2022.

7. **RBI authorises HR subsidiary of SBI to manage cost effectively**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India preliminary approved the operations and support subsidiary of State Bank of India (SBI). The subsidiary will likely be staffed by a group of employees who will be hired by the arm on a contract basis and will initially focus on managing branches in rural and semi-urban areas. Recruits made by State Bank Operations Support Services may not be qualified for the benefits, according to sources.

8. **RBI Imposes ₹2.33 Cr Monetary Penalty On Spandana Sphoorty Financial**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹2.33 crore on Hyderabad-based Spandana Sphoorty Financial Ltd for its failure to adhere to the pricing of credit guidelines for Non-Banking Financial Company – Micro Finance Institutions (NBFC-MFIs).

9. **RBI permitted use of INR for foreign commerce invoices and payments**

Note: Bhagwat Kisanrao Karad, the Union Minister of State for Finance, informed the Rajya Sabha that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has permitted foreign trade invoices and payments to be made in the Indian Rupee. By means of a circular titled International Trade Settlement in Indian Rupees (INR) that was published on July 11, 2022, the central bank has permitted payments for international trade in the Indian currency.

10. **RBI permitted bidders for IDBI Bank to own more than 40%**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), as perceived by the Union Government and Life Insurance Companies (LIC), has reportedly accepted the center's request to permit non-financial institutions and unregulated entities to own more than 40 percent stake in IDBI Bank and to sell between 51 and 74 percent of the lender through a strategic divestment process. As the Union government and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) look to sell 51–74% of the lender through the strategic divestment process, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has agreed to the Centre's request to permit non-financial institutions and non-regulated entities to own more than 40% of IDBI Bank. Through a tactical divestiture, the government and LIC intend to sell 51–74 percent of the lender.

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2. **RBI approves Piramal Enterprises' establishment of NBFC**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given the organisation permission to begin conducting business as an NBFC to Piramal Enterprises. The

licence is required to start an NBFC that does not accept public deposits. RBI has granted the company a certificate of registration allowing it to start operating as a non-banking financial institution without taking deposits from the general public. The company gained agreement from the shareholders to demerge its pharmaceuticals division and streamline its corporate structure, the RBI granted its approval. The company paid Rs 34,250 crore to buy Dewan Housing Finance (DHFL).

3. **RBI approves Open, Cashfree Payments, PayNearby and Fairexpay for Cross-Border Payments**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India gave the go-ahead to Open, Cashfree Payments, PayNearby & Fairexpay, providers of payments and API banking solutions, for its cross-border payments offering. Cross-border payments are the focus of the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) announcement about the Second Cohort's release from the Regulatory Sandbox. The reserve bank chose four of the eight entities that were a part

of the Test Phase. These companies include the unicorn of neobanking, Open, as well as Cashfree Payments, PayNearby, and Fairexpay. These entities have all successfully passed the second cohort's Test Phase.

4. **Urban Cooperative Banks 4-tier regulatory structure adopted by RBI**

Note: In order to improve the financial soundness of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs), the RBI has decided to create a straightforward four-tiered regulatory framework. A panel of experts led by former RBI deputy governor N S Vishwanathan had presented a number of suggestions for improving UCBs. In addition to other recommendations, the committee had suggested a four-tiered regulatory structure depending on the size of the banks' deposits and the regions in which they operated.

5. **Govt and RBI policies aid banks to recover bad loans of Rs. 8.6 lakh crore in 8 fiscal years**

Note: The administration informed Parliament that concrete actions taken by the RBI and government assisted banks in recovering bad loans of more than Rs 8.6 lakh crore over the course of the previous eight fiscal years. Non-performing assets (NPAs) are a natural, albeit unfavourable, corollary of the banking industry, according to Minister of State for Finance Bhagwat Karad in a written response to the Lok Sabha.

6. **RBI imposed penalty of Rs 1.67 cr on Ola Financial Services for non-compliance provisions**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.67 crore on Ola Financial Services Private Limited for non-compliance with certain provisions related to pre-paid payment instruments and Know Your Customer norms. The penalty has been imposed in the exercise of powers vested in RBI under Section 30 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

7. **Federal Bank and Bank of India penalized by RBI for breaking regulatory obligations**

Note: Due to shortcomings in regulatory compliance, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) fined Federal Bank Rs 5.72 crore. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (financial services provided by banks) Directions, 2016 has strict penalties for violations. Federal Bank did not make sure that the insurance company did not compensate any of its employees providing corporate agency or insurance broking services with incentives (cash or non-monetary).

8. **RBI chooses Hansa Research Group to conduct fieldwork of inflation anticipation survey**

Note: In order to undertake field research for the July 2022 cycle of the consumer confidence and inflation

anticipation surveys, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced that it had chosen to partner with the Mumbai-based Hansa Research Group. It is now known that M/s Hansa Research Group Pvt.Ltd., Mumbai has been hired to conduct field work for the July 2022 round of the two surveys on behalf of the Reserve Bank of India, the RBI said in a statement. This follows press releases announcing the launch of the consumer confidence survey (CCS) and inflation expectation survey of households (IESH), both dated June 30, 2022.

9. **RBI imposes monetary penalty on IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.05 crore and Rs 1 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank and IndusInd Bank, respectively, for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. RBI's these penalties are based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and are not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

10. **RBI modifies the rules for banknote sorting and authentication**

Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published guidelines ordering banks to test their currency sorting equipment every three months. Following the release of the new series of banknotes, the central bank updated the preexisting standards for authentication and sorting. The Reserve Bank stated that vendors will need to re-calibrate the equipment in the event of inconsistencies during the sorting.

11. **Banks' gross non-performing assets reached six-year low of 5.9%: RBI**

Note: In March 2022, banks' gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio decreased to a six-year low of 5.9 percent from a high of 7.4 percent in March 2021, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) most recent Financial Stability Report (FSR). According to stress testing, the GNPA ratio of commercial banks may go from 5.9% in March 2022 to 5.3 percent by March 2023 due, among other things, to higher-than-anticipated bank loan growth and a downward trend in the stock of GNPA's, according to the research.

12. **Credit card spending exceeded Rs. 1.13 billion in May: RBI**

Note: May saw credit card spending reach an all-time high of \$1.14 trillion, indicating that the retail sector is doing well. According to Reserve Bank of India data, credit card spending increased 118 percent annually and 8 percent monthly as a result of strong e-commerce spending, high-value travel and tourism spending, and discretionary purchases.

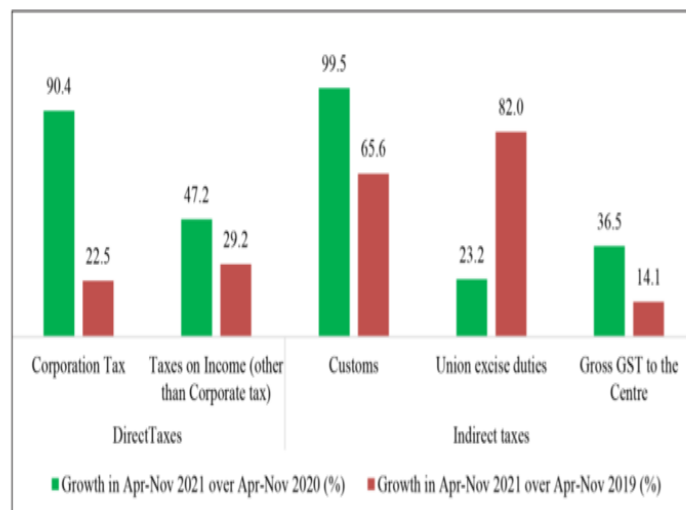
Highlights Economic Survey 2021-22

1. State of the Economy

- Government's flexible and multi-layered approach is partly based on “**Agile**” framework that uses feedback-loops for monitoring of real-time data.
- For this, govt use eighty **High Frequency Indicators (HFIs)** in an environment of extreme uncertainty.
- As per first advance estimate, Indian economy is estimated to grow by 9.2% in real terms in 2021-22, subsequent to a contraction of 7.3% in 2020-21.
- **GDP projection: Growth of 8% to 8.5% in real terms in 2022-23.**
- As per IMF's latest World Economic Outlook ,India's real GDP is projected to grow at 9% in 2021-22 and 2022-23 and at 7.1% in 2023-2024, making India the fastest growing major economy in the world.
- **Sectoral Trends:**
 - **Agriculture and allied sectors:** It is expected to grow by 3.9% in 2021-22
 - **Industry:** It will grow by 11.8% in 2021-22
 - **Services sector:** It will grow by 8.2% in 2021-22.
- Consumption is estimated to grow by 7.0% on demand side.
- **Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF):** to grow by 15%.
- Exports will grow by 16.5% and imports by 29.4% in 2021-22.
- **India's Consumer Price Index inflation:** 5.6% YoY in December 2021.
- Economic impact of “Covid's second wave” was much smaller than that during the full lockdown phase in 2020-21, though health impact was more severe.
- Government opted to use safety-nets for vulnerable sections on one hand while responding iteratively based on Bayesian-updating of information.

2. Fiscal Developments

- **Revenue receipts** during April to November, 2021 have increased by **67.2%** (YoY) as against an expected growth of **9.6%** in the 2021-22 Budget Estimates.
- **Gross Tax Revenue:** It shows growth of over 50% during April to November, 2021 in YoY terms.



- Tax performance is strong as compared to pre-pandemic levels of 2019-2020.
- Gross monthly collections of GST have crossed 1 lakh crore mark consistently since July 2021.
- During April-November 2021, **capital expenditure has grown by 13.5%** (YoY), with focus in infrastructure-intensive sectors.
- Fiscal deficit for April-November 2021 has been contained at 46.2% of BE.
- Central Government debt is increased from **49.1%** of GDP in 2019-20 to **59.3%** of GDP in 2020-21.

3. External Sectors:

- India's merchandise exports and imports has rebounded strongly and surpassed pre-COVID levels during current financial year.
- Current account balance of India turned into deficit of 0.2% of GDP in the first half (H1) of 2021-22.
- **Net capital flows:** US\$ 65.6 billion in the first half of 2021-22, on account of continued inflow of foreign investment, revival in net external commercial borrowings, higher banking capital and additional special drawing rights (SDR) allocation.
- **India's external debt** increased from US \$ 556.8 billion in 2020 to US \$ 593.1 billion at end-September 2021.
- Foreign Exchange Reserves touched US \$ 633.6 billion as of December 31, 2021.
- On November 2021, India was the fourth largest forex reserves holder in the world, after China, Japan and Switzerland.
- Top export destinations in April-November 2021: **USA followed by UAE and China.**
- Largest import sources for India in April-November, 2021: **China, UAE and USA.**
- **Major Schemes & Initiatives to boost exports:**

- Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)
- Developing District as Export Hub
- Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for 14 sectors.
- Electronic Platform for Preferential Certificate of Origin (CoO)
- Infusion of capital in EXIM Bank
- Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC)
- Export Promotion Capital Goods (EPCG) Scheme
- Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES)
- Market Access Initiatives (MAI)
- Special Economic Zone (SEZ) scheme

4. Monetary Management and Financial Intermediation:

- **Repo rate** was maintained at **4% in 2021-22**.
- RBI took various measures like **G-Sec Acquisition Programme** and **Special Long-Term Repo Operations** to provide liquidity in the market.
- **Bank credit growth** accelerated gradually from 5.3% in April 2021 to 9.2% as on 31st December 2021.
- **Gross Non-Performing Advances ratio of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs)** declined from 11.2% at the end of 2017-18 to 6.9% in September, 2021.
- **Net Non-Performing Advances ratio** declined from 6% to 2.2%.
- **Capital to risk-weighted asset ratio of SCBs** increased from **13% in 2013-14** to **16.54% in September 2021**.
- Return on Assets and Return on Equity for Public Sector Banks remain positive for the period ending September 2021.
- During April-November 2021, Rs. 89,066 crore was raised via 75 Initial Public Offering (IPO) issues.
- Sensex and Nifty touched peak at 61,766 and 18,477 respectively in October, 2021.

5. Prices and Inflation:

- **Average headline CPI-Combined inflation** decreased to 5.2% in 2021-22 (April-December) from 6.6% in 2020-21.
- Decline in retail inflation was due to ease of food inflation.
- Food inflation averaged at a low of 2.9% in 2021-22 as against 9.1% in 2020-21.
- Measures were taken to control price rise in pulses and edible oils.
- Reduction in central excise and subsequent cuts in Value Added Tax by most States eased petrol and diesel prices.

- **Wholesale inflation based on Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** rose to 12.5% during **April to December 2021-22**.
- Divergence between CPI-C and WPI Inflation has been observed, that can be explained by factors like:
 - Variations due to base effect
 - Difference in scope and coverage of the two indices
 - Price collections
 - Items covered and difference in commodity weights.

6. Sustainable Development and Climate Change:

- India's score on the NITI Aayog SDG India Index and Dashboard: 66 in 2020-21. The rank was 60th in 2019-20
- **Number of Front Runners (scoring 65-99):** 22 States and UTs in 2020-21
- Across North East India, 64 districts were Front Runners and 39 districts were Performers in the NITI Aayog North-Eastern Region District SDG Index 2021-22.
- India has tenth largest forest area across the world.
- India ranked 3rd globally in increasing its forest area during 2010 to 2020.
- Forest covers 24% of India's total geographical, that accounts for 2% of the world's total forest area.
- Compliance status of Grossly Polluting Industries (GPIs) in the Ganga and its tributaries improved from 39% in 2017 to 81% in 2020.
- **New Measures:**
 - Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, was notified to phase out single use plastic by 2022
 - Draft regulation on Extended Producer Responsibility for plastic packaging was notified.
 - PM Modi announced ambitious targets to be achieved by 2030 to enable further reduction in emissions at COP26 in Glasgow in November 2021
 - 'LIFE' (Lifestyle for Environment) movement was underlined.
- India continued significant climate leadership at **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)** and **Leadership Group for Industry Transition (LeadIT Group)**.

7. Agriculture and Food Management:

- Agriculture sector registered growth of **3.6% in 2020-21** and **3.9% in 2021-22**.
- **Minimum Support Price (MSP) policy** to promote crop diversification is used extensively.

- Net receipts from crop production have increased by 22.6% in the recent Situation Assessment Survey (SAS) compared to SAS Report of 2014.
- **Livestock sector** has grown at CAGR of 8.15% over the last five years. It has been a stable source of income across groups of agricultural households accounting for about 15% of average monthly income.
- Government also facilitated food processing measures like subsidized transportation and support for formalization of micro food enterprises.
- India runs one of the largest food management programmes in the world.
- Government has extended coverage of food security network through schemes like **PM Gareeb Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY)**.

8. Industry and Infrastructure:

- **Index of Industrial Production (IIP):** It grew at 17.4% (YoY) during April-November 2021.
- **Capital expenditure for Indian railways** increased to Rs. 155,181 crores in 2020-21 and it has been budgeted to further increase to Rs. 215,058 crores in 2021-22, which is five times increase in comparison to 2014 level.
- Extent of road construction per day increased 30.4% to 36.5 Kms per day in 2020-21 from 28 Kms per day in 2019-20.
- Net profit to sales ratio of large corporates reached an all-time high of 10.6% in July-September 2021-22.
- Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme gave major boost to physical as well as digital infrastructure, along with measures to reduce transaction costs and improve ease of doing business, would support the pace of recovery.

9. Services:

- Overall service Sector GVA is expected to grow by 8.2% in 2021-22.
- GVA of services crossed pre-pandemic level in July-September 2021-22 but GVA of contact intensive sectors like trade, transport, etc. still remain low.
- During first half of 2021-22, service sector received over US\$ 16.7 billion FDI, that accounts for almost 54% of total FDI inflows into India.
- IT-BPM services revenue reached US\$ 194 billion in 2020-21, adding 1.38 lakh employees.
- Major government reforms in this:
 - removing telecom regulations in IT-BPO sector
 - opening up of space sector to private players.
 - 100% FDI flow in telecom sector.
- **Start-ups:**
 - India has become 3rd largest start-up ecosystem of the world after US and China.

- New recognized start-ups increased from 733 in 2016-17 to over 14000 in 2021-22.
- A total of 44 Indian start-ups bagged unicorn status in 2021 taking overall tally of unicorns to 83.

10. Social Infrastructure and Employment:

- **Covid vaccination:**
 - Union Budget 2021-22 has allocated 35,000 crore for procurement of vaccines under COVID-19 Vaccination Program.
 - 156.76 crore doses of COVID-19 vaccines has been registered as on 16th January 2022
 - With this, 93% of 18 year and above aged persons have been vaccinated with first dose and about 70% with second dose.
- As per quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey (PFLS) data, employment in urban sector affected by pandemic has recovered almost to the pre-pandemic level.
- Gross enrolment ratio in higher education reached 27.1% in 2019-20.
- **Expenditure on social services (health, education and others)** by Centre and States as a proportion of GDP increased to 8.6% in 2021-22 (BE)
- As per **National Family Health Survey-5:**
 - **Total Fertility Rate (TFR)** came down to 2 in 2019-21 from 2.2 in 2015-16
 - **Infant Mortality Rate (IMR)** improved.
 - 83 districts have become 'Har Ghar Jal' districts under Jal Jeevan Mission.
 - Increased allotment of funds to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MNREGS) to provide buffer for unorganized labor in rural areas during Covid.

11. Tracking Development through Satellite Images & Cartography

- The Economic Survey 2021-22 saw plethora of information from satellites, drones, mobile phones and other sources.
- The chapter saw India's night-time luminosity comparison between 2012 and 2021 using satellite images.
- Maps have been created by combining satellite data over the course of 12 month period in each year.
- Components included under this:
 - Physical as well as financial infrastructure development in India.
 - Expansion of national highways, airports, commercial bank branches, metros, etc.
 - Change in net sown area of India over the last 15 years.

- Comparison of Kharif crop cycle in Moga district, Punjab during 2005 and 2021.
- Shift of Kharif sowing cycle by around two-to-three weeks causing the Kharif harvest to

almost coincide with Rabi sowing in November.

- Population density of select Indian cities
- Wasteland redeployment in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat.

Highlights of Union Budget 2022-23

Pillars of Union Budget 2022-23

Union Budget 2022-23 comprises of **four Pillars**:

- PM Gati Shakti
- Inclusive development
- Productivity Enhancement & Investment, Sunrise Opportunities, Energy Transition, and Climate Action
- Financing of investments

Union Budget 2022-23 will lay special focus on youth, women, farmers, and the backward classes.

India's growth is estimated to be at 9.27%.

India at 75 to India at 100

Union Budget 2022-23 seeks to lay foundation, providing blueprint of economy over 'Amrit Kal' of next 25 years from India at 75 to India at 100.

Capital Expenditure

- Effective Capital Expenditure (CapEx) of Central Government is estimated at Rs 10.68 lakh crore in 2022-23
- It is about 4.1% of GDP.
- FY23 CapEx target: **Rs 7.50 lakh crores.**

Fiscal Deficit

- Fiscal Deficit for FY22 is pegged at 6.9% from 6.8% in FY21.
- Fiscal deficit target for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (FY23): 6.4% of GDP, which is above expectations.

Four Pillar Approach

PM Gati Shakti Masterplan

- It is a **National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity** that intends to bring together 16 infrastructure related Ministries.
- PM Gati Shakti will encompass 7 engines for multi-modal connectivity to facilitate faster movement of

people & goods including railways, roads, ports, airways, etc.

- It will enrich the economy, create jobs and opportunities for the youth.
- **Roadways:** National Highways (NH) Network to be expanded by 25000 Km in 2022-23 with Rs 20,000 crores finance mobilization.
- **Logistic Parks:** Four Multimodal Logistics Parks will be implemented through PPP mode in 2022-23
- **Railways:**
 - 'One Station One Product' to help local businesses & supply chains.
 - Railway network of 2000 Km to be brought under Kavach, indigenous world class technology and capacity augmentation in 2022-23.
 - 400 new generation Vande Bharat Trains to be manufactured in the next three years.
 - 100 Cargo Terminals under PM Gati Shakti will also be developed in the next few years.
- **Parvatmala (National Ropeways Development Program):** Contracts for 8 ropeway projects of 60 Km length will awarded in 2022-23 on PPP mode.

Inclusive Development

Farmers and Agriculture

MSP:

- Rs 2.37 lakh crores will be given as direct payment of MSP to farmers
- Procurement of wheat in Rabi season 2021-22 and estimated procurement of paddy in Kharif season 2021-22 will cover 1,208 lakh metric tonnes of wheat and paddy from 163 lakh farmers

Agriculture financing:

- Funds with blended capital raised under co-investment model to finance start-ups in agriculture and rural enterprises for farm produce value chain will be set up.
- They will be facilitated through NABARD

Agricultural Education: States will be encouraged to revise agricultural universities syllabi to meet needs of natural, zero-budget and organic farming, modern-day agriculture.

Use of drones:

- Drones will be used for crop assessment, digitization of land records, spraying of insecticides and nutrients.

Other Areas

- NABARD will provide funds to finance start-ups for agriculture and rural enterprise for the farm produce value chain.
- Chemical-free Natural Farming will be promoted.

Ken Betwa project

- **Outlay:** Rs 1400 crore.
- It will provide irrigational benefits to 9.08 lakh hectares of farmers' lands.

MSME

- Interlinking of Udyam, e-shram, NCS and ASEEM portals
- **Emergency Credit Linked Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS):**
 - Additional credit to 130 lakh MSMEs
 - It will be extended up to March 2023.
 - Guarantee cover to be expanded by Rs 50000 Crore to Rs 5 Lakh Crore.
- Additional credit of Rs 2 lakh crore for Micro and Small Enterprises to be facilitated under Credit Guarantee Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE).
- **Raising and Accelerating MSME performance (RAMP) programme** to be rolled out with outlay of Rs 6000 Crores.

Skill Development

- **Digital Ecosystem for Skilling and Livelihood (DESH-Stack e-portal)** will be rolled out
- Startups will be promoted for 'Drone Shakti' and Drone-As-A-Service (DrAAS).

Education

- **PM eVIDYA's 'One class-One TV channel' programme** to be expanded to 200 TV channels.
- Virtual labs and skilling e-labs to be set up.
- High-quality e-content to be developed for delivery through Digital Teachers.

- Digital University for world-class quality universal education to be established.

Health

- **National Digital Health Ecosystem platform** to be rolled out.
- **National Tele Mental Health Programme** for counselling and care services to be launched.
- Network of 23 tele-mental health centres of excellence will be set up, with NIMHANS as nodal centre and International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIITB) providing technology support.
- Two lakh anganwadis will be upgraded to Saksham Anganwadis.

Har Ghar, Nal Se Jal

- Outlay: **Rs. 60,000 crores.**
- Will cover 3.8 crore households in 2022-23

Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East Region (PM-DevINE)

- **Aim:** to fund infrastructure and social development projects in the North-East.
- Rs. 1,500 crores allocated initially.

Banking

- 5 lakh post offices to come under core banking system.
- Scheduled Commercial Banks to set up 75 Digital Banking Units in 75 different districts.

e-Passport

- e-Passports with embedded chip and futuristic technology features to be rolled out.

Urban Planning

- Modernization of building byelaws, Town Planning Schemes, and Transit Oriented Development will be implemented.
- Battery swapping policy will be rolled out

Land Records Management

- Unique Land Parcel Identification Number will be provided for IT-based management of land records.

Productivity Enhancement & Investment, Sunrise Opportunities, Energy Transition, and Climate Action

Accelerated Corporate Exit

- Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit (C-PACE) to be established

Telecom Sector

- Scheme for design-manufacturing to be launched strong for 5G as part of the Production Linked Incentive Scheme.

Export Promotion

- Special Economic Zones Act to be replaced with new legislation to enable States to become partners in 'Development of Enterprise and Service Hubs'.

Defence

- Sector observed 68% of capital procurement earmarked for domestic industry in 2022-23
- Defence R&D to be opened up for industry, startups and academia with 25% defence R&D budget earmarked.
- For meeting testing and certification requirements, Independent nodal umbrella body will be set up

Sunrise Opportunities

- Sunrise Opportunities: Artificial Intelligence, Geospatial Systems and Drones, Semiconductor and its eco-system, Space Economy, Genomics and Pharmaceuticals, Green Energy, and Clean Mobility Systems.
- Govt will contribute to its R&D

Energy Transition and Climate Action:

- Additional allocation of Rs. 19,500 crores for Production Linked Incentive (PLI) for manufacture of high efficiency solar modules to meet 280 GW goal of installed solar power by 2030.
- 5 to 7% biomass pellets to be co-fired in thermal power plants that will reduce CO2 emission, provide extra income to farmers and help in avoiding stubble burning.
- Financial support to farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for agro-forestry.

Financing of investments

Public Capital Investment

- Public investment continue to pump- private investment and demand in 2022-23.
- Outlay for capital expenditure stepped up by 35.4% to Rs. 7.50 lakh crore in 2022-23 from Rs. 5.54 lakh crore in the current year.
- Outlay in 2022-23 to be 2.9% of GDP.

Digital Rupee

RBI to introduce Digital Rupee in 2022-23.

GIFT-IFSC

- World-class foreign universities and institutions to be established in the GIFT City.
- International Arbitration Centre to be set up for timely settlement of disputes

Mobilising Resources

- Data Centres and Energy Storage Systems to be upgraded to infrastructure status.
- Venture Capital and Private Equity investment to be scaled up
- Blended funds to be promoted for sunrise sectors.
- Sovereign Green Bonds for mobilizing resources for green infrastructure to be issued

Greater Fiscal Space to States

- Enhanced outlay for 'Scheme for Financial Assistance to States for Capital Investment' from Rs. 10,000 crore in Budget Estimates to Rs. 15,000 crore in Revised Estimates for current year
- States will be allowed fiscal deficit of 4%, of which 0.5% will be tied to power sector reforms in 2022-23.

Tax Proposals

Direct Tax

- **New updated return:** Here people can file updated return within 2 years of filed IT Return.
- **Cooperative societies:**
 - Alternate minimum tax reduced for cooperatives from 18.5% to 15%.
 - Surcharge of cooperative societies reduced from 12% to 7% for those having income of more than 1 crore and up to Rs 10 crores.
- **Tax Benefits to startups:** Existing tax benefits for Startups to be extended by 1 more year till 2023.
- **Tax relief to persons with disability:** Payment of annuity and lump sum amount from insurance scheme to differently abled dependent during

lifetime of parents/guardians, i.e., on parents/guardian attaining the age of 60 years.

- **Parity in National Pension Scheme (NPS) Contribution**
 - Tax deduction limit increased from 10% to 14% on employer's contribution to the NPS account of State Government employees.
 - Brings them at par with central government employees.
- **Virtual digital assets:**
 - They will be taxed at 30%.
 - Loss from transfer of virtual digital asset cannot be set off against any other income.
 - TDS on payment made in relation to transfer of virtual digital asset is at the rate of 1%.
 - Gift of virtual digital asset will also to be taxed in the hands of the recipient.
- **Tax incentives to IFSC:**
 - Income of non-resident from offshore derivative instruments.
 - Income from over the counter (OTC) derivatives issued by an offshore banking unit.
 - Income from royalty and interest on account of lease of ship.
 - Income received from portfolio management services in IFSC.
- **Surcharge**
 - Surcharge on Association of Persons (AOPs) capped at 15%.
 - Surcharge on long term capital gains on transfer of any type of assets capped at 15%.
- **Health and Education Cess:** Any surcharge or cess on income and profits not allowable as business expenditure.
- **Discouragement against tax-evasion:** Budget discourages tax invasions and allow any loss against

undisclosed income detected during search and survey operations.

Indirect Tax

- **GST:** GST revenues goes buoyant despite the pandemic. Gross GST collections for the month of January 2022 is Rs 1,40,986 crore, which is the highest since the inception of the tax in 2017
- **Special Economic Zones:** Customs Administration of SEZs to be fully IT driven and Customs National Portal will be implemented by 30th September 2022.
- Customs Reforms and duty rate changes
- Faceless Customs service has been fully established.
- Certain exemptions for advanced machineries that are not manufactured within India shall continue.
- Few exemptions introduced on inputs, like specialized castings, ball screw and linear motion guide will encourage domestic manufacturing of capital goods.
- More than 350 exemption entries to be gradually phased out.
- **Electronics:** Duty concessions to parts of transformer of mobile phone chargers and camera lens of mobile camera module and certain other items.
- **Gems and Jewellery:** Customs duty on cut and polished diamonds and gemstones has been reduced to 5% and Nil customs duty to simply sawn diamond.
- Customs duty exemption for steel scrap extended for one more year.
- Unblended fuel to attract an additional differential excise duty of Rs 2 per litre from 1st October 2022.

Summit and Conference

1-15 November

1. Third Ministerial 'No Money for Terror' Conference

- Organized by: Ministry of Home Affairs
- It will be held on 18th and 19th of November in New Delhi.
- Focus: To advance the international community's talks on countering terrorist financing held in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019).

2. 17th East Asia Summit

- VP Jagdeep Dhankhar will attend ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and 17th East Asia

Summit, that will be organized in Cambodia in mid-november.

- This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year

3. Shilp Samagam-2022

- Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Virendra Kumar has inaugurated SHILP SAMAGAM-2022 in New Delhi.
- The event is organized from 1-15, November 2022 to showcase and sell handicraft products

- Some products are Cane & Bamboo Handicraft Items (Assam), Madhubani Paintings (Bihar), Aari work Sozni Work Kashmiri Shawls (J&K), etc.

4. CANSO Asia Pacific Conference

- Three day long Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Conference is being organised in Goa from 1st to 3rd November 2022.
- Theme: **Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local**
- Aim: To turn the Complete Air Traffic System (CATS) Global Council's vision for the skies of 2045 into a reality.
- The delegates and exhibitors from Asia Pacific region and beyond has discussed and collaborated on the key issues.

5. Global Investors Meet 'Invest Karnataka 2022'

- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has addressed inaugural function of Invest Karnataka 2022, the Global Investors Meet via video conferencing.
- Aim: To attract prospective investors and setting up development agenda for the next decade.
- The country sessions would each be hosted by the partner countries: France, Germany, Netherlands, South Korea, Japan, and Australia.

6. First conference on Akash Tatva - Akash for Life

- It will be held from 5th to 7th November 2022 in Dehradun.
- This event will showcase the blend of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought.
- Aim: To expose the youth of India to the wisdoms of ancient science along with modern scientific advancements.
- The campaign 'Sumangalam' is being organized across the country for finding the solutions to the environmental problems.

October 2022

1. UNSC Counterterrorism Committee meet

- United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Counter-Terrorism Committee is being hosted in Mumbai and Delhi on 28th and 29th of October.
- Theme 2022: **Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes**
- Focus: Internet (including social media), new payment technologies and fundraising methods, and unmanned aerial systems (including drones)

- Organized by: **Spices Board India** in association with various trade and export farmers.
- It will be held on 16-18 February at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Maharashtra. Theme: **Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability-Productivity – Innovation – Collaboration-Excellence and Safety)**
- It will be organized as a G20 event, after India takes up the presidency from Dec 2022 to Nov 2023.

2. Global Youth Climate Summit 2022

- Organized by: **Global Youth Leadership Centre (GYLC)**.
- It has been inaugurated in Khulna, Bangladesh, held from October 20-22, 2022 to bring together 650 youth in a hybrid format with 150 youth participating in person and 500 online.
- The youth will explore how they can lead the fight against climate change.
- Mission of the summit is to build the knowledge of youth about climate science.

4. 12th Defence expo

- The 12th edition of biennial DefExpo is being organised in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 18th - 22nd, Oct, 2022.
- Theme of 12th DefExpo: 'Path to Pride'.
- Agenda: Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry.

3. 14th edition of World Spice Congress

5. Ninth World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo

- Organized by: **World Ayurveda Foundation**, an initiative of Vijnana Bharti.
- Goa will host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo from December 8th to 11th.

- Aims: To create an accessible and affordable healthcare system that is in harmony with modern medical practices.
- The expo will provide a transformational push to ayurveda to bring it into global focus.
- Focus theme: "Ayurveda for one health".

6. InvenTiv at IIT Delhi

- Education and Skill Development Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated InvenTiv at Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi.
- It is the first-ever all-IITs Research and Development Showcase.
- This R&D Fair was organized under the supervision of a Steering Committee and marks the coming together of all 23 IITs under one umbrella to showcase their respective research and innovation expertise.

7. 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL

- India will host 90th General Assembly of International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) from 18th to 21st October, 2022 in New Delhi.
- INTERPOL General Assembly is taking place in India after 1997.
- India joined the INTERPOL in 1949.
- INTERPOL aims to promote possible assistance between all criminal police authorities in the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes.

September

1. Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector

- Launched by: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
- Union Minister, G. Kishan Reddy has launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector in Northeast India.
- SymphoNE is the start of a series of dialogues on Northeastern Region's Development Conference comprised of a broad range of Policy Thinkers, Stakeholders & Influencers.
- It is being organized on 24th - 27th September 2022

2. Swachh Toyathon 2022

8. PM Kisan Samman Sammelan

- PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
- The conference was participated by more than 13,000 farmers and around 1,500 Agri Startups.

9. UN World Geospatial International Congress

- Hosted by: Ministry of science and technology
- PM, Narendra Modi has addressed 2nd United Nations World Geospatial International Congress (UNWGIC), held in Hyderabad.
- Theme of UNWGIC 2022: **Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind.**

10. 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022

- Education minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated 13th edition of two-day FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 in New Delhi.
- Theme 2022: **Education to Employability - Making It Happen**
- This Summit 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.
- It was concluded with an event "VIRASAT" The Heritage which honours the exquisite craft of the Indian artisans.

- Launched by: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) as a part of the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav.
- It is a unique competition to make toys from dry waste and explore innovative solutions for the use of dry waste in manufacturing toys.
- Knowledge partner: Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar
- It will be hosted on the MyGov portal.

3. Arogya Manthan 2022

- Health Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya has inaugurated 2-day 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.

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

4. EAM Dr. S Jaishankar hosts G-4 meeting of Foreign Ministers

- External Affairs Minister of India, S Jaishankar has hosted the G-4 meeting of Foreign Ministers.
- It was attended by Foreign Ministers: Carlos França (Brazil), Yoshimasa Hayashi (Japanese) and Annalena Baerbock (German)
- He led India delegation for High Level Week at the 77th Session of UNGA.
- 77th UNGA theme: Watershed Moment: Transformative Solutions to Interlocking Challenges

5. Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurates conference on consciousness

- Organized by: India Foundation and NIMHANS
- It is supported by Ministry of Ayush
- Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated international conference on Consciousness at NIMHANS, Bengaluru.
- Theme 2022: Exploring Consciousness- From Non- Locality to Non- Duality: The Man- Machine Debate
- He has also inaugurated Centre of Excellence project in the Department of Integrative Medicine at NIMHANS, Bengaluru as part of Ayurswasthya Yojana.

6. 3rd edition of Lok Manthan programme

- Jagdeep Dhankhar has inaugurated 3rd edition of the Lok Manthan programme at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati.
- Theme 2022: Lokparampara (Lok traditions).
- Lokmanthan 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.

7. National Conference of Environment Ministers in Gujarat

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated 2-day National Conference of Environment Ministers in Gujarat through video conferencing to create synergy amongst the Central and State govt in formulating better policies
- It will have six thematic sessions: LIFE, Combating Climate Change, PARIVESH, Forestry Management, Prevention and Control of Pollution, Wildlife Management and Plastics and Waste Management.

8. Global Clean Energy Action Forum

- Union Minister, Jitendra Singh led the Joint Indian Ministerial official delegation in Global Clean Energy Action Forum.
- Coveted joint convening of Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM13) and Mission Innovation (MI-7) took 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.

9. Sixth All India Prison Duty Meet

- Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated 6th All India Prison Duty Meet in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- It is a biennial event and was last organized in Ahmedabad in 2007
- Organized by: Bureau of Police Research and Development.

10. Gastech Milan-2022

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri attended Gastech Milan- 2022, held in Milan, Italy.
- Minister also chaired ‘India Spotlight: Powering India’s energy industry - new avenues for a sustainable future” panel discussion and select Ministerial Panel of the Opening Ceremony along with Egyptian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources and State Secretary of Energy of Portugal.

11. First Homoeopathy International Health Summit held in Dubai

- First edition of “World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy” was held in Dubai with the theme

‘Diseases caused by climate change and global warming’ to educate and promote a homoeopathic system of medicine, drugs, and practices.

- Organized by: Burnett Homoeopathy Pvt Ltd

August 2022

1. ITU's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia & Oceania region begins

- Regional Standardization Forum of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for Asia and Oceania region has been started in New Delhi, hosted by Communications Ministry.
- Theme of 'Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications'.
- MoS for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan has inaugurated the Regional Standardization Forum.
- More than 250 delegates from 20 countries has been participated in the Forum, to provide an insight from policy and regulatory perspective.

- Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar

4. Amit Shah inaugurates National Security Strategies Conference

- Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference in New Delhi.
- Aim: To ensure a safe and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of national security mechanism.
- During the conference, he has also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) that was developed by NCRB.
- NAFIS will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database.

2. HM Amit Shah to inaugurate National Conference of Rural Cooperative Banks

- Union Home Minister, Amit Shah will inaugurate the National Conference of Rural Cooperative Banks.
- It was organized by the Ministry of Cooperation and the National Federation of State Cooperative Banks.
- He will also confer Performance Awards to select State Cooperative Banks, District Central Cooperative Banks, or PACS.
- The short-term cooperative credit structure in India comprises 34 State Cooperative Banks, 351 District Central Cooperative Banks, and 96,575 PACS.

5. 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference being held in Halifax, Canada

- An Indian Parliamentary delegation led by Om Birla will be attending the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference scheduled to be held in Halifax, Canada from August 20-26.
- The Conference will also be attended by 23 Presiding Officers and 16 Secretaries from State Legislatures in India who are also members of the CPA.
- Om Birla will participate as a panellist in Workshop ‘C’ titled “A People’s Parliament: Accessibility through Innovation”.

3. Election Commission of India hosts virtual Asian Regional Forum meet

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) hosted a virtual meet of the ‘Asian Regional Forum’ at Nirvachan Sadan on August 11, 2022.
- Theme: “Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative
- This Regional Forum meet was a precursor to the “Summit for Electoral Democracy” that to be hosted by the National Electoral Institute of Mexico in the coming month.

6. 10th National Conference of Women Police to begin in Shimla, HP

- The 10th National Conference of Women Police has been started in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Home affairs Nityanand Rai.
- The conference is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in collaboration with Himachal Police.

- Objective: To enhance the leadership potential of women police officers and discuss their problems and challenges.

7. HM Amit Shah chaired the 23rd meeting of Central Zonal Council in Bhopal

- HM Amit Shah has chaired the 23rd edition of Central Zonal Council meeting in Bhopal.
- Issues: connectivity, power, sharing of river water and other matters of common interests
- The meeting was attended by CMs, ministers and senior officers of the member states.
- The Central Zonal Council comprises Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- Five zonal councils in the country were set up in 1957 under Section 15-22 of the States Reorganisation Act, 1956.

8. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh to attend SCO Defence Ministers' meeting

- Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has attended the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting at Tashkent in Uzbekistan.
- He also hold the bilateral meetings with his counterparts Lieutenant General, Bakhodir Kurbanov (Uzbekistan); Colonel, General Zhaksylykov Ruslan Zhaksylykov (Kazakhstan) and Lieutenant General, Viktor Khrenin (Belarus).
- Aim: The entire spectrum of defence cooperation with the three countries was reviewed to expand mutually beneficial collaboration.

9. India-Bangladesh Joint River Commission meeting held in Delhi

- The 38th Meeting of Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh was held in New Delhi.
- Aim: Finalized the text of MoU on 'Interim Water Sharing of Kushiyara river'
- Both sides have finalized the design and location of the water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura, as per the October 2019 India-Bangladesh MoU on the subject.
- The JRC of India and Bangladesh was constituted in 1972.

10. J&K LG, Manoj Sinha inaugurates 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo

- Lieutenant Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, Manoj Sinha has inaugurated the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at New Delhi.
- This Expo provides a platform to SMEs, startups, trade, and industry, service providers to explore new opportunities for buyers and sellers, and exchange information about federal, state, and local programmes.
- J&K has one of the fastest growing horticulture markets in the country.
- MSME Minister: Narayan Rane

July 2022

1. India Stack Knowledge Exchange 2022 kick started

- India Stack Knowledge Exchange has been kick started on 7th July 2022, as a part of the Digital India Week 2022
- It is a 3-day long virtual event and is an opportunity to showcase India's most significant contribution to Digital world-India Stack, which is a unified software platform to bring India's 1.4 billion population into the Digital Age.
- Objective: to give an orientation to the basic building blocks of India Stack, which is driving Digital Transformation in India

2. NMCG organizes 8th Edition of 'Igniting Young Minds: Rejuvenating Rivers'

- National Mission for Clean Ganga has organized 8th Edition of the Webinar Series 'Igniting Young Minds, Rejuvenating Rivers'
- Theme: Afforestation
- Aim: to connect with the youth on the important issue of Ganga Rejuvenation.
- Namami Gange Programme is an Integrated Conservation Mission, approved as flagship programme in June 2014 with budget outlay of Rs.20,000 Crore to accomplish the effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of National River Ganga

3. PM Modi inaugurates first All India DLSAs Meet

- PM Modi has addressed the inaugural session of the first All India District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) meeting conducted by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

- Aim: Creation of an integrated procedure in order to bring homogeneity and synchronisation across DLSAs.
- There are a total of 676 DLSAs in the country and are headed by the District Judge, acts as Chairman of the authority.
- The DLSAs reduces the burden on courts by regulating the Lok Adalats.

Ranking, Indexes, Reports and Survey

1-15 November 2022

1. Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report released

- Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has released Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report 2022.
- As per the report, total annual ground water recharge for India is 437.60 billion cubic meters (BCM) and annual ground water extraction is 239.16 BCM.
- Out of 7089 assessment units, 1006 units have been categorized as Over-exploited.
- Improvement in ground water conditions is observed in 909 assessment units.

networth individuals (HNIs) are the reason for this MF penetration.

- Jharkhand is also one of the top 10 states with 13%.

2. QS Asia University Rankings 2023 released

- IIT-Bombay has been ranked 40th (42nd in 2022) in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2023, followed by IIT Delhi (46), Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore (52nd), IIT Madras (53), IIT Kharagpur (61), IIT Kanpur (66), and University of Delhi (85).
- **Top performers:** China's Peking University, National University of Singapore, Tsinghua University, Beijing, and The University of Hong Kong

4. Three Indian women featured in 2022 Forbes' Asia's Power Businesswomen

- The list features 20 women from the Asia-Pacific region.
- Steel Authority of India chairperson, Soma Mondal; Mamaearth's co-founder, Ghazal Alagh; and Emcure Pharma executive director, Namita Thapar are the top Indian business leaders in the Asia's power list.
- Other women: Choi Soo-yeon (CEO of Naver); Anna Nakajima and Mizuki Nakajima (co-founders of Coly)

3. Maharashtra topped the Mutual Fund penetration in India

- Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) released data showing Maharashtra (60), New Delhi (42), and Goa (28) with the maximum Mutual Fund penetration in India.
- High income levels, Higher literacy rates, and Substantial inflows from corporations and high-

5. Reliance ranks 20th in Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022

- According to Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022, Reliance Industries has ranked 20th in the index and becomes the only Indian firm to place in the top 20 rankings
- Top performer: Samsung Electronics (South Korea), followed by Microsoft, IBM, Alphabet and Apple
- Other Indian companies:
 - HDFC Bank (137th), Bajaj (173rd), Aditya Birla Group (240th), Hero Motocorp (333rd), Larsen & Toubro (354th), ICICI Bank (365th), HCL Technologies (455th)

6. 2022 WTW Global Gender Wealth Equity report released

- According to "2022 Global Gender Wealth Equity" report, average women are expected to reach

retirement with just 74% of the wealth that are accumulated by men.

- Asia Pacific has one of the lower global wealth gaps on average for gender wealth equity.
- The gender wealth gap is the largest in India at 64%.
- Only 3% of women in the workforce occupying senior positions.
- Women are expected to accumulate just over three-quarters (76%) of men's wealth levels

7. India has cheapest manufacturing cost globally: Report

- US News and World Report released a report in which India bagged 31st position, out of 85 nations in the overall Best Countries ranking, ahead of China and Vietnam.
- Top performers of the report: Switzerland, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden.
- India is also featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category.

8. Education ministry released Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States and UT for 2020-21

- PGI promote evidence-based policymaking and highlight course correction for quality education
- Key Findings:
 - Total of seven States/UTs have attained Level -2 grading in 2020-21 including Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh
 - Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh are the new entrants with the highest achieved level.

9. Indian defence ministry is world's biggest employer: Report

- According to report Statista infographic on employers with the largest workforces worldwide 2022, Ministry of Defence of India is the world's biggest employer with 2.92 million people (includes combined active service personnel and reservists).
- US Department of Defense has placed second in the list, with the employment of 2.91 million people.

October 2022

1. India ranks 40th in Global Innovation Index 2022

- Released by: World Intellectual Property Organization
- India has climbed to 40th rank in 2022, from 46th position in 2021 and at 81st rank in 2015.
- Top performer: Switzerland with the score of 64.6 for the 12th consecutive year, followed by US, Sweden, and UK
- Other countries: China (11th); Lithuania(39th); Latvia (41st); Bangladesh (102nd); Guinea (132nd, last)

- As per the data released by CMIE, unemployment rate of India has been dropped drastically to 6.43% in 2022 September due to increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas.
- **Highest unemployment rate:** Rajasthan (23.8), followed by Jammu and Kashmir (23.2%), Haryana (22.9%), Tripura (17%), Jharkhand (12.2) and Bihar (11.4%).

2. WHO released the Global TB Report 2022

- As per the report, India's TB incidence for 2021 is 210 per 100,000 population, compared to the baseline year of 2015 (incidence was 256 per lakh of population in India); there has been an 18% decline which is 7% points better than global average of 11%
- India is placed at 36th position in terms of incidence rates

4. WWF's Living Planet Report 2022

Key findings:

- Wildlife populations declined by 69% between 1970 and 2018.
- Largest decline of monitored wildlife populations: Latin America and Caribbean regions (94%)
- Wildlife populations have dipped by 66% in Africa and 5% in Asia Pacific.
- Freshwater populations have declined by 83% on average as compared to other species groups.
- As per the IUCN Red List, cycads are the most threatened species.

3. Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) report

5. Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index 2022

- Prepared by: Oxfam International and Development Finance International (DFI).
- As per the Index, India has been jumped 6 places from last year to reach 123rd out of 161 countries in 2022
- India has reduced inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending.
- Top Performers: Norway, Germany, and Australia

6. IISc Bangalore retains its spot in the 2023 THE ranking

- IISc has topped the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) rankings among Indian institute and is the only Indian university in the top 300 list.
- India has become the 6th most represented country in the list, featuring 75 institutes in THE's 2023 ranking.
- Other Indian Institute: IIT Ropar (501-600), IIT Indore (601-800), IIT Gandhinagar ((801-1000)
- Top performer: University of Oxford (seventh consecutive year).

7. Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2022 survey report

Key findings:

- 15 states and Union Territories (UTs) have come out as 'achievers.'
- The report has been released by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal.
- Achievers: Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, UP, TN, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Punjab, Odisha, Karnataka, HP, Assam, Delhi, Chandigarh, and Haryana.
- Fast movers: Kerala, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Puducherry, and Rajasthan

8. Public Affairs Index 2022

- Released by: Bengaluru-based Public Affairs Centre (PAC)
- The states have been divided into two categories - large and small, excluding Union Territories.
- Haryana has emerged as the best-governed among 18 big states of the country, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka.
- Sikkim has topped in the category of 10 smaller states.

9. UNDP: 415 million exited poverties in India in 15 years

- According to a new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 and 2019-21.
- MPI was released jointly by UNDP and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI).
- As per the index, India still has the world's highest number of poor at 228.9 million, followed by Nigeria.
- 90% of India's poor people live in rural areas and 10% in urban areas.

10. India ranks 3rd in list of centi-millionaires list

- As per the report, international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners, India ranks third in the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires with assets of more than Rs 830 cr (\$100 million).
- Top Performers: USA, followed by China.
- India will overtake China as the fastest growing market for centi-millionaires by 2032.
- Top Cities for Centi-Millionaires: New York, followed by San Francisco Bay Area, London, and Mumbai (15)

11. Mercer CFS Global Pension Index

Key findings:

- India has been ranked 41 out of 44 countries in the index, with the index value of 44.4.
- India needs to strengthen its regulatory framework and boost the coverage under private pension arrangements.
- Top performer: Iceland, followed by the Netherlands and Denmark.

12. Delhi airport emerges as world's 10th busiest airport in October

- As per the report of aviation analytics firm OAG, Indira Gandhi International airport (Delhi) has emerged as world's 10th busiest airport in October 2022.
- Busiest airport: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (Georgia), followed by Dubai and Tokyo Haneda airports.

- The rankings by OAG are based on scheduled airline capacity in the current month and

compared to the equivalent month in 2019, pre-pandemic.

September 2022

1. India ranks 132nd out of 191 in 2021 Human Development Index

- Released by: United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).
- Theme of the report: 'Uncertain times, unsettled lives: Shaping our Future in a Transforming World'.
- As per the report, India has ranked 132nd among 191 countries and territories due to fall in life expectancy.
- India was ranked 131st among 189 countries in 2020 report.
- Top performers: Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Hong Kong, Australia
- Worst Performers: Central African Republic (188), Niger (189), Chad (190), South Sudan (191)

2. Ministry of Environment release Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MOO) 2022

- 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. Global Crypto Adoption Index

- Released by Chainalysis
- India has been ranked fourth in the 2022 Global Crypto Adoption Index.
- Top Performer: Vietnam for the second consecutive year, emerging as the country that is most eager to embrace cryptocurrency adoption.
- India has categorized cryptocurrency as virtual digital assets (VDA) and profits generated from crypto fall under 30% tax bracket.
- US is ranked 5th in the index.

4. Bloomberg Billionaires Index

- Gautam Adani has become the second richest person in the world, after surpassing Amazon founder Jeff Bezos with net worth of \$147 billion as of September 2022
- Tesla's founder Elon Musk with net worth of \$264 billion is the top performer of the index.
- Mukesh Ambani has been ranked tenth on the list with net worth of \$88.7 billion.

5. Fourth round of quarterly employment survey Report

- Labour minister, Bhupender Yadav has released report on 4th round of quarterly employment survey (January to March 2022) that indicates increase in overall employment in the last four quarterly survey.
- Estimated employment has increased from 3.14 crore in third quarter to 3.18 crore in 4th Quarter.
- The report provides quarterly estimates about the employment and related variables of establishments in both organized and unorganized segments.

6. All-India house price index released by RBI

- As per the index, during the first quarter of 2022-23, pricing index for homes in India has been grown by 3.5% year-on-year.
- All-India house price index (HPI) is released quarterly by RBI, based on transaction-level data obtained from the housing registration authorities in 10 major cities in the country.
- 10 cities: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, nd Mumbai.

7. India's unemployment rate increases to 1-year high of 8.3% in August

- As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy data, unemployment rate of India has been surged to a one-year high of 8.3% in August 2022, as employment sequentially fell by 2 million to 394.6 million.

- Urban unemployment rate has been increased to 9.6% and rural unemployment rate also increased to 7.7%.
- In July 2022, unemployment rate was at 6.8% and employment was 397 million.
- Unemployment rate for August was highest in Haryana (37.3%).

8. Annual report on Environment Sustainability 2020-21

- It is a comprehensive document highlighting the steps taken by Railways to promote green and clean energy.
- It brings out Railways' effort towards net zero emission.

9. Boeing report: Air traffic of India may surge annually by average 7% till 2040

- As per the Boeing report, air traffic of India will grow by an average of 7% per year till 2040 even as the country's carriers face challenges like high fuel prices, rupee depreciation and low fares.
- Air traffic of south-east Asian market will grow at an average annual rate of 5.5%.
- Chinese, African and Latin American market will grow at an average annual rate of 5.4%, 5.4% and 4.8% respectively, till 2040.

10. Services exports rise 20.2% to \$23.26 billion in July 2022: RBI data

- As per the RBI's data, services exports of India has been increased by 20.2% year-on-year to \$23.26 billion in July 2022.
- However, July exports were lower than June by \$25.29 billion in 2022.
- As per the monthly data on India's international trade in services for July 2022, imports surged by 22.3% to \$13.92 billion in July.

August 2022

1. Nature Index 2022

- It is compiled by Nature Research.
- It is a database that tracks institutions and countries and their scientific output since its introduction in November 2014.
- University of Hyderabad has secured first position among Indian Universities while has

11. Grievance Redressal Index August 2022

- Published by: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped all Ministries/Departments for resolving Public Grievances in the ranking in August 2022
- UIDAI robust grievance redressal mechanism is enable to resolve around 92% of CRM Grievances within 7 days.

12. National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released Accidental Deaths & Suicides report 2021

- The report says that 1.64 lakh persons died by suicide in 2021, an increase of 7.2% from 2020 when 1.53 lakh persons had killed themselves.
- Rate of suicide (number of death due to suicides per one lakh population) in 2021: 12
- Highest number of deaths by suicide: Maharashtra has reported the highest number of deaths by suicide (22,207).

13. 'The Global Estimates of Modern Slavery' report

- Published by: International Labour Organisation (ILO), International Organisation for Migration (IOM) and international human rights group Walk Free
- The report shows that 50 million people were living in modern slavery in 2021.

been placed at 16th position among all institutions in academic sector.

- Hyderabad was ranked first with 72 research papers and a share of 19.46 in academic sector.

2. Accidental Deaths and Suicides in India 2021

- It is released by National Crime Records Bureau
- Suicide: 120 deaths per million population

- At the national level, number of suicides increased by 7.17 % from 2020 to 2021.
- Overall share of Persons engaged in the farming sector among the total recorded suicides stood at 6.6% during 2021
- Maximum suicide: Maharastra
- Road Accidents: Deaths in road accidents up by 17%
- Crime against Women: It increased from 56.5% in 2020 to 64.5% in 2021.

3. Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 Report

- It is released by International Labour Organization
- Unemployment rate among youth aged 15-24 has reached to 15.6% across the world.
- As per report, number of unemployed young population has decreased from 75 million in 2021 to 73 million in 2022.

July 2022

1. Internet in India report 2022

- It is released by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
- As per the report, about 346 million Indians practices online transactions including digital payments and e-commerce, outnumbering US (331 million).
- Global covid-19 pandemic has resulted an increase of 51% in digital transactions.
- Usage of OTT platforms is more in rural India and penetration of online gaming, digital payments, e-commerce, is angled towards urban areas of India.
- Currently, there are 692 million active internet users in India.

2. Expat Insider 2022 survey

- It is conducted by InterNations
- Top performer: Mexico, followed by Indonesia, Taiwan, Portugal, Spain, UAE, Vietnam, Thailand, Australia, and Singapore
- India has been ranked on 36th position out of the 52 countries

- According to CMIE, Labour Force Participation Rate (LPR) in India had fell down to 38.8% in June 2022.

4. 2022 Fortune Global 500

- Top performer: Walmart, U.S; State Grid, China; China National Petroleum, China and Sinopec, China
- 9 Indian public and private companies have been added.
- LIC of India has been ranked at 98th position in the list, with revenue worth USD 97,266.7 million.
- Reliance Industries Ltd. has been placed at 104th position,
- Indian Companies in the list includes IOCL at 142nd, ONGC at 190th, SBI at 236th and BPCL at 295th spot.

- USA has been ranked at 14th place, Canada at 23rd while United Kingdom is ranked below India, at 37.
- Worst performers: Kuwait, New Zealand, Hong Kong, Cyprus, and Luxembourg.

3. India Bioeconomy Report 2022

- It is released by Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC).
- With about a 3% share of the global biotechnology market, India is one of the top 3 biotechnology destinations in South Asia and in the top 12 worldwide.
- India's bioeconomy is expected to reach \$150 billion by 2025 and more than \$300 billion by 2030.

4. India ranks 87th in 2022 World's most powerful passports

- According to the 2022 Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners (an immigration consultancy), India has been ranked 87th on the list of world's most powerful passports.
- Top 10: Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Germany, Spain, Finland, Italy, Luxemburg, Austria, Denmark

- India neighbouring countries: Bhutan (93rd), Myanmar (99th), Sri Lanka (103rd), Bangladesh (104th) and Pakistan (109th), China (69th)
- Worst passport in the world: Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

5. NITI Aayog releases report on Digital Bank

- NITI Aayog has released its report on digital banks, offering a template and roadmap for licencing and regulatory regimes.
- Report titled: A proposal for Digital Banks in India: Licensing and Regulatory Regime
- Report recommendations:
 - Issuing a restricted digital bank licence.
 - Inclusion (of the licensee) in a regulatory sandbox framework enacted by RBI

6. World Airport Traffic Dataset 2021 released

- The Airports Council International has published World Airport Traffic Dataset, in which Delhi Airport placed 13th on the list of the world's busiest airports for 2021.
- IGIA has witnessed 3.7 crore passenger footfall in 2021.
- The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 ranking with 7.6 crore footfall of passengers.
- Airports Council International HQ: Montreal, Canada

7. India Innovation Index 2021

- It is released by NITI Aayog.
- Top performers: **Karnataka** (Major States' category), **Manipur** (Northeast and Hill States' category), and **Chandigarh** (Union Territories and City States' category).
- Number of indicators has increased from 36 to 66 in 2021.

8. NIRF Rankings 2022

- It is released by Ministry of Education.
- It is the first-ever effort by the govt to rank Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in India.
- Categories:
 - Overall: IIT-Madras, IISc-Bangalore, and IIT-Bombay
 - University: IISc, Bengaluru.
 - Colleges: Miranda College.
 - Research Institution: IISc, Bengaluru
 - Engineering: IIT-Madras.
 - Management: IIM Ahmedabad
 - Medical: AIIMS, New Delhi
 - Pharmacy: Jamia Hamdard.
 - Architecture: IIT Roorkee.
 - Law: National Law School of India University, Bengaluru.

9. Global Gender Gap (GGG) Index 2022

- It is released by World Economic Forum (WEF)
- India is ranked 135th out of 146 countries with a score of 0.629.
- Top performers: **Iceland, Finland, Norway, New Zealand, and Sweden.**
- Worst-performing country: **Afghanistan**

10. The Global Findex Report 2021

- It is released by **World Bank.**
- It surveys over 125,000 adults in 123 economies during Covid-19 to better understand how people use formal and informal financial services and digital payment.
- Large shares of global population without formal banking (130 million and 230 million, respectively) lives in India and China because of their size.
- 24 % of adults are unbanked globally and distance is a barrier for 31 % of unbanked adults.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1-15 November 2022

1. First Digital Rupee pilot project of India has been launched on **November 1, 2022** by RBI for the wholesale segment.
Note: Participated Banks: SBI, BoB, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC. CBDC can be classified into two types: Retail (CBDC-R) and Wholesale (CBDC-W). CBDC-R: It would be potentially available for use by all. CBDC-W: It is designed for restricted access to select financial institutions.
2. The fiscal deficit of the central government from April-September 2022 has touched at **37.3%**.
Note: The fiscal deficit was 35% of BE in last fiscal. In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit was Rs 6,19,849 crore during the period.
3. The Reserve Bank has imposed fine of Rs 1.76 crore on Vakrangee, for violating **White Label ATM (WLA) directions** norm.
Note: Jammu and Kashmir State Co-operative Bank Ltd: Rs 30 lakh. The Pratap Co-operative Ltd (Mumbai-based): Rs 6 lakh. LIC Housing Finance and The Mysore Merchants Co-operative Bank Ltd: Rs 5 lakh. The Nagar Sahakari Bank Ltd, Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh: Rs 4 lakh
4. **Rs. 1,51,718 crore** gross GST revenues of India has collected by the government in October 2022.
Note: Central GST (CGST) revenues for the month were ₹26,039 crore. State GST (SGST) was ₹33,396 crore and IGST revenues were ₹81,778 crore (including Rs 37,297 crore collected on import of goods). This mark the second highest monthly collections since the launch of the indirect tax regime. The highest GST collections in a month were recorded in April 2022, at ₹1,67,540 crore.
5. Insurance firm **HDFC ERGO** has launched a technology backed farm yield insurance policy for farmers.
Note: In this policy, a satellite-based index will be used to provide localized farm level coverage. It will provide comprehensive cover across the crop life cycle from sowing to harvesting, basis satellite-based data. The product is targeted at farmers under corporate/farm input company (FIC) contracts.
6. **Bank of India** has launched a special fixed deposit scheme named Star Super Triple Seven Fixed Deposit.
Note: This special scheme is providing 7.25% rate of interest (7.75 per cent for citizens) on a deposit for 777 days, for limited period. The bank has raised interest rate on its existing 555-days fixed deposit scheme to 6.30%.
7. Health insurance company **Niva Bupa** has partnered with IDFC FIRST Bank to provide best-in-class health insurance solutions to the bank's customers.
Note: It is the first bancassurance partnership of NBHICL for FY 23. Benefit: With this partnership, NBHIC can expand its reach through bank for their services, and address the healthcare related concerns of the bank's customers. Previously, NBHIC was known as the Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited.
8. **India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has conducted First Floating Financial Literacy Camp of India in Srinagar, J&K.
Note: Aim: To promote Financial Literacy 'By the women, for the women'. It was launched with an initiative called 'Niveshak Didi'. This concept is based on the ideology of women for women as rural area women feel more comfortable to share their queries with a female itself.
9. ADB has approved the funding of **USD 30 million** to the farm efficiency initiative of Smartchem Technologies Limited (STL).
Note: The loan facility will be for a tenure of 5 years. The ADB has also given approval for a technical assistance grant of USD 5,00,000 for building capacity for Soil Nutrition Management in India. This loan would be the first agribusiness "Blue Loan" of ADB. STL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation.
10. **State Bank of India (SBI)** has revised its credit growth outlook from 11-12% to 14-16% for the current financial year (FY23).
Note: Reason: To driven by strong revival in capex cycle and corporates replacing overseas credit with rupee loans. SBI has a pipeline of corporate loans worth ₹3.5 trillion under sanction. The country's largest lender (SBI) is seeing demand from infrastructure, renewable power, oil and marketing companies, and services sectors.
11. **Unity Small Finance Bank Limited** has launched Shagun 366 (1 year, 1 day) fixed deposit scheme to offer the return of 7.80% p.a.
Note: While, 8.30% p.a. return for senior citizens for a 366-day tenure. This scheme is valid for deposits made before November 30, 2022. In addition to this, the Unity Bank has also raised the interest rates on both callable (up to 7.75% interest) and non-callable bulk deposits (up to 7.85%).
12. **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has approved a USD 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan to Maharashtra for better road connectivity.
Note: The Connecting Economic Clusters for Inclusive Growth will develop the road network in the Ahmednagar, Hingoli, Jalna, Kohalpur, Nagpur, Nanded, Nashik, Pune, Sangli and Satara districts. It will build on the Maharashtra State Road Improvement Project approved by ADB in April 2020.
13. **Kerala** state has become the first state in India to launch uniform gold prices based on the bank rate.
Note: The decision to introduce a uniform price on 916 purity 22-carat gold has been taken at meeting between Malabar Gold and Diamonds and All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association. It offers an opportunity for consumers to purchase gold at a reasonable and transparent price.

14. Conglomerate company **Reliance Industries** will acquire German retailer, METRO AG's Cash & Carry business in India in a deal estimated at around 500 million euros.
Note: The deal includes 31 wholesale distribution centres, land banks and other assets owned by METRO Cash & Carry in India. It will help Reliance Retail to expand its presence in the B2B segment.
15. According to the latest data, released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI), **Maharashtra** state has topped the list of maximum MF penetration in India.
Note: Followed by New Delhi (42), and Goa (28). Reason: High income levels, Higher literacy rates, and Substantial inflows from corporations and high-networth individuals (HNIs). While Jharkhand is one of the top 10 states with 13%.
16. **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** has signed an agreement with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to promote energy efficiency financing for MSMEs.
Note: SIDBI acts as the principal financial institution for the promotion, financing and development of MSMEs. Besides direct financing, it is also a project executing agency for Partial Risk Sharing Facility (PRSF) that guarantees energy efficiency projects.
17. Additional amount **USD 100 million** was invested by the UAE-based bank, Emirates NBD in its India operations to open two more branches in Chennai and Gurugram.
Note: The lender, having the largest presence in the Middle East region, and invested USD 300 million in the last five years of its operations in India in three tranches. Its current presence is not as a wholly-owned subsidiary, which is preferred by RBI for units of foreign lenders.
18. **Green bonds** will help to generate funds for investment in environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects.
Note: FM Nirmala Sitharaman has approved the final Sovereign Green Bonds framework of India. The Ministry has also constituted a Green Finance Working Committee (GFWC), chaired by CEA, GoI. The committee will meet at least twice a year to support Finance Ministry with selection and evaluation of projects.
19. **Muthoottu Mini Financiers** has introduced Safe lock Gold Loan facility with an objective to avail the benefits of a locker by pledging any quantity of gold for a minimum loan amount of Rs 100.
Note: The annual charges for using this facility is Rs 300. With this, the customer will have insurance coverage for the pledged gold jewellery. This facility can be obtained at any time through online and offline channels and repay as per the customer's convenience.
20. Complete digital lending solution **RazorpayX Digital Lending 2.0** for NBFCs and FinTechs was launched by Razorpay.
Note: Aim: To support the new digital lending guidelines issued by RBI. It will help in automating direct disbursements & repayments between the borrower's and the Regulated Entity's account, which was mandated by the RBI recently. It also make easier for NBFCs and Fintechs to work together more efficiently than ever before.
21. The IMF has agreed to support a package of **\$4.5 billion** to Bangladesh to stabilize the economy and protect the vulnerable people.
Note: Bangladesh is the third South Asian country, after Sri Lanka and Pakistan, to secure a bailout package from the IMF. The amount will be disbursed in seven installments till December 2026. The first installment of \$447.48 million will be cleared in February 2023. The Finance ministry officials calculated the interest rate to be around 2.2%.
22. **State Bank of India** has lowered the current account deficit (CAD) at 3% for this fiscal (2022-23) as against the minimum consensus of 3.5%.
Note: Reason: Rising software exports, remittances and a likely \$5-billion jump in forex reserves via swap deals. CAD: The country is importing more goods and services than it is exporting. The biggest impact on CAD is oil imports, which form as much as 30% of the country's import bills.
23. National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the open-source license model for UPI based application -- **BHIM App**.
Note: Under the new model, the source code of the BHIM app will be licensed to regulated entities participating in the UPI ecosystem. Presently, a large number of banks do not have a mobile banking app and by licensing the source code of BHIM to such banks, NPCI bridge this gap by extending all available features of UPI to these entities.
24. In November 2022, **The United States** Department of Treasury has removed India from its Currency Monitoring List after two years.
Note: The US has also removed Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam from its List. The countries that have been removed from the list have met only one out of three criteria for two consecutive reports. The USA has retained China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan as a part of its list.
25. According to the Moody's, The economic growth forecast of India for the calendar year 2022 -- **7%**.
Note: Reason: Higher inflation, high interest rates and slowing global growth. The weakening of the rupee and high oil prices continue to exert upward pressures on inflation, which has remained above RBI '4 per cent +/- 2 per cent' target inflation range.

26. SEBI has introduced a regulatory framework to facilitate providers of online bond platforms that are selling listed debt securities.

Note: As per this rule, no person would act as an online bond platform provider without obtaining registration

certificate as a stock broker from SEBI. A person, who is acting as an online bond platform provider without registration certificate prior to the date of this regulation coming into force, can continue to do so for a period of 3 months

October 2022

1. An amount of **Rs 1,47,686 crore** of gross GST revenue has been collected in the month of September 2022.

Note: Central GST: Rs 25,271 crore; State GST: Rs 31,813 crore; Integrated GST: Rs 80,464 crore (including Rs 41,215 crore collected on import of goods) and Cess is Rs 10,137 crore (including Rs 856 crore collected on import of goods) The GST revenues for September 2022 are 26% higher than revenue in same month last year. GST mop-up has been over ₹ 1.40 lakh crore for seven months in a row.

2. SBI will adopt 30 remote villages across India under the 4th phase of the 'Gram Seva' program.

Note: This is one of the flagship CSR programs of SBI Foundation. The bank will adopt remote villages across Aspirational Districts in Haryana, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal. Aim: Comprehensive development of villages by active intervention in areas like education, healthcare, livelihoods, and infrastructure.

3. As per the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Development Report 2022, **5.7%** would be the expected economic growth of India for 2022.

Note: Reason: Higher financing cost and weaker public expenditures. The organization has also predicted that the GDP of country will further decelerate to 4.7% in 2023. India has experienced an expansion of 8.2 per cent in 2021.

4. As per the WTO, **-2.8% to 4.6%** would be the global trade growth for 2023.

Note: Reason: Sharply higher energy and food prices and rising interest rates curb import demand. As per the report, the merchandise trade would increase by 3.5% in 2022-23, up from its April estimate of 3%. However, for 2023, it sees trade growth of just 1%, compared with a previous forecast of 3.5%. The WTO has provided a band of trade growth expansion of 2% to 4.9% for 2022-23 and of -2.8% to 4.6% for 2023.

5. The investment arm of World Bank, the International Finance Corp. (IFC) has launched financing facility of amount **\$6 billion**.

Note: Aim: To strengthen private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production. Concern: The Ukraine war and an

uneven global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic have raised the levels of hunger and malnourishment. This crises have already worsened by climate change (damaging harvests and reducing yields).

6. National Payments Corporation of India has signed a historic MoU with Central Bank Of Oman to launch the Rupay debit card in Oman.

Note: The MoU was signed during the visit of MoS for External Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, V. Muraleedharan to Oman. It enables the acceptance of Indian RuPay cards issued by banks in India at all OmanNet network ATMs, POS & E-commerce sites. As a reciprocal, acceptance of Oman cards/MPCSS in the networks of NPCI in India.

7. Nabard has sanctioned Rs 221.99 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to **Punjab** government.

Note: Reason: For the construction of 2,328 additional classrooms, 762 labs and 648 playgrounds in rural schools in all 23 districts of Punjab. Presently, there are 632 projects involving the RIDF assistance of Rs 686 crore under various stages of implementation by the Department of School Education, Punjab.

8. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved amalgamation of **Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEE)** and Bangla Entertainment Private Limited (BEPL) with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (CME), with certain modifications.

Note: CME: It is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Sony Group Corporation (SGC), is part of the SGC group (SGC Group). BEPL: It is also an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of SGC and a part of the SGC Group.

9. A new 'SupTech' initiative **DAKSH** was launched by the Governor of RBI, Shaktikanta Das.

Note: Aim: It will be the advanced supervisory monitoring system of bank. It will help to make the supervisory processes more robust. With the help of this, RBI shall monitor compliance requirements in a more focused manner. This also improves the compliance culture in Supervised Entities (SEs) like Banks, NBFCs, etc.

10. HDFC Bank has launched an one-stop merchant solution app named SmartHub Vyapar Merchant app.

Note: It is a comprehensive payments and banking solution. It is designed to fulfill the everyday business needs of merchants. This app would facilitate instant, digital and paperless merchant on-boarding for HDFC Bank customers. It also allow merchants to accept interoperable payments across multiple payment modes which include Cards – Tap & Pay, UPI and QR code.

11. As per the World Bank, **6.5%** would be the GDP growth forecast of India for 2022-23.

Note: Reason: The impact of the ongoing war in Ukraine, rising global interest rates and high inflation. The organization has also noted that slowing global demand will impact the country's exports. Recently, RBI has cut the economic growth projection for the current fiscal to 7%. UNCTAD has also declined the India's economic growth will decline to 5.7% for 2022-23.

12. As per the new direction of RBI, regarding the appointment of Internal Ombudsman for all Credit Information Companies (CICs), every CIC must appoint the Internal Ombudsman for a fixed term of **3 to 5 years**.

Note: Either a retired or a serving officer. Not below the rank of Deputy GM or equivalent, should have at least seven years of experience in banking sector. Not attain the age of 70 before completion of the proposed term. No reappointment for extension of term in the same CIC

13. RBI has released a Concept Note on CBDC to create awareness about Digital Rupee. **Central Bank Digital Currency** is the full form of CBDC.

Note: This note explains the objectives, choices, benefits, and risks of issuing a digital currency in India. It also discusses issues like technology and design choices, possible uses of the Digital Rupee, issuance mechanisms, and role of RBI in introduction of the CBDC. RBI will soon commence the launch of Digital Rupee on a pilot basis for specific use.

14. **ICICI** bank has launched a "Smart Wire" to help customers with SWIFT-based inward remittances in a faster and hassle-free manner.

Note: ICICI Bank becomes the first bank in the country to launch such a service. The Smart Wire facility will allow both NRIs and resident customers to undertake inward remittance transactions in an online and paperless way. Important features includes: Online submission of details; Digital declarations; Block exchange rates; Online tracking

15. The government and LIC will together divest **60.72** percent of stakes in the IDBI Bank.

Note: The Centre will divest a 30.48% stake while LIC will offload 30.24%. For this, the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) has invited expressions of interest (EoIs)

from potential bidders. The potential investor should have a minimum net worth of ₹22,500 crore, must report net profit in three out of the past five years, will be eligible for bidding.

16. **South Indian Bank** has bagged a world record for staging and swinging the highest 101 Oonjals (Jhoolas).

Note: The South Indian Bank has organized an event 'Onnichirikkam Oonjaladam'. The World Book of Records team has also presented the award to South Indian Bank officials. Swings were made using wood and rope in the traditional way.

17. SEBI has granted its in-principle approval to **BSE** for introducing a social stock exchange as a separate segment.

Note: Social stock exchange will enable the listing of non-profit organisations and for-profit social enterprises that are engaged in 15 broad eligible social activities approved by the market regulator. These social entities can raise funds through equity, issue of zero-coupons zero-principal bonds, MF, social impact funds and development impact bonds.

18. As per the World Economic Outlook 2022 report, **6.8%** would be the GDP growth forecast of India for 2022-23.

Note: The IMF has also predicted that India will remain on track to become one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. While, IMF has projected that global growth will slow from 6% in 2021 to 3.2% in 2022 and 2.7% in 2023. IMF has also expected that inflation in India will come down to 4% range next year.

19. **Pune based Seva Vikas Co-operative Bank** has been cancelled by RBI with effect from October 10, 2022 due to lack of adequate capital and earning prospects.

Note: As per the data submitted by the bank, about 99% of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from DICGC. RBI has also imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 48 lakh on Kerala State Co-operative Bank Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram for non-compliance of 'Gold Loan - Bullet Repayment'.

20. **IDBI Bank** has signed an MoU with Vayana Network for end-to-end digitalization services.

Note: Aim: To contribute in the growth of the supply chain finance penetration in India, which is less than 1% of gross domestic product (GDP) and contributes only 5% of the outstanding banking assets IDBI Bank has an existing CMS and e-trade platform. With this partnership, the bank aims to provide complete digital solutions to corporate banking and small business clients.

21. **State Bank of India** has unveiled its next-gen Contact Centre service for an enhanced and more personalized customer experience.

Note: This revamped Contact Centre will set a new industry benchmark by providing 30+ banking solutions in 12 languages, with the availability of 24x7. The bank has introduced easy-to-remember 4-digit toll-free numbers (1800-1234 or 1800-2100) to simplify the process further. The contact centre is also helping in early stage collections.

22. The Reserve Bank has raised the minimum capital requirement for setting up an asset reconstruction company (ARC) to **Rs 300 crore** from Rs 100 crore.

Note: Aim: To strengthen the securitisation sector which plays a vital role in the management of distressed financial assets. RBI has generally requested all ARCs to gradually increase their minimum net-owned fund to Rs200 crore by the end of March 2024 and Rs300 crore by the end of March 2026.

23. RBL Bank and **BookMyShow** have partnered to launch a new credit card named 'Play'.

Note: With this card, RBL Bank will be able to reach BMS's wide base of 200 million monthly customer visits. This card will be available to select customers on BookMyShow and give them access to offers on transactions. While BMS customers can purchase this credit card for an annual fee of Rs 500. Earlier in 2016, RBL Bank had partnered with BMS for the launch of Fun Plus credit card.

24. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), **7.41%** is the retail inflation of India in September 2022.

Note: The number retains above the RBI upper tolerance band (2-6 per cent) for the ninth straight month. The food inflation has been surged to a 22-month high of 8.6% while core inflation rose to a 4-month high of 6.3%. Meanwhile, industrial growth has been contracted 0.8% in August as compared to 2.4% in July.

25. The World Bank (WB) has extended an unconditional loan of \$250 million to the SALT project. This project was launched by **Andhra Pradesh**.

Note: SALT refers to Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation. SALT project aims to improve the quality of learning for students in Andhra Pradesh. The SALT is the first project in the school education sector to be funded by the World Bank without any precondition. It is a five-year result-oriented programme, for which World Bank release funds after key goals are achieved.

26. **State Bank of India (SBI)** has become the first bank in the country to achieve Rs 6-trillion Assets Under Management (AUM) in the home loan segment.

Note: SBI has offered a concession of up to 0.25% on Home Loans, 0.15% on Top Up Loans, and

0.30% on Loan Against Property. The bank has also waived off the processing fees on home loans up to January 31. As per the Crisil, the share of bank in the home loan segment has risen to around 62% as of March 2022.

27. **USD 532.868 billion** of forex reserves of India was recorded on 7th October 2022.

Note: Reason: An increase in the value of gold holdings. Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs) was decreased to USD 471.496 billion. SDRs has been increased by USD 155 million to USD 17.582 billion. Reserve position of India with IMF increased to USD 4.836 billion. Last week, the overall reserves were dropped by USD 4.854 billion to USD 532.664 billion.

28. **DCB Bank** has been relaunched Suraksha Fixed Deposit (FD) as a festive treat for customers.

Note: The bank offers higher interest rates and free insurance as well as other benefits on this FD. Free life insurance coverage up to Rs 10 lakh if the value of FD is more than Rs. 10 lakh. Interest rate: 7.10% p.a. No insurance premium will be paid by Suraksha FD customer. No medical evaluation is required for life insurance coverage.

29. **Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship** had signed an MoU with DAY-National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) to enable financial access for the growth of 10 lakh women entrepreneurs over 3 years.

Note: Aim: To strengthen non-farm livelihoods by building the capacity of women entrepreneurs (WEs). Focus: Building capacity of stakeholders and bankers from public sector banks, digitally-led NBFCs and small finance banks.

30. The Indian Army has signed an MoU with **11 banks** for providing banking facilities to Agniveers on enrollment.

Note: 11 Banks: SBI, PNB, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank and Bandhan Bank. The features and benefits offered under Agniveer salary package are similar to defence salary package. The banks have also offered soft loans to exiting Agniveers to promote and enhance their entrepreneurial skills.

31. PM Narendra Modi has dedicated **75** digital banking units (DBUs) to the nation to promote financial inclusion.

Note: The ceremony was attended by Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman and RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das via virtual mode. The setting up of 75 DBUs in 75 districts of the country was done to commemorate the 75 years of independence of the country. 11 public sector banks, 12 private sector banks and one small finance bank are participating in the endeavour

- 32. Karnataka Bank** bank has launched a Term Deposit Scheme “KBL Centenary Deposit Scheme” with higher rate of interest.
Note: Aim: To provide an opportunity to bank customers to save and invest for better returns. This deposit will be for a period of 555 days with interest rate of 7.20 % p.a. For Senior Citizens the rate of interest will be 7.60 % p.a. Karnataka Bank MD & CEO: Mahabaleshwara M S; Chairman: P Pradeep Kumar
- 33. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)** has launched a new scheme 'Dhan Varsha'.
Note: This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings life insurance plan that offers a combination of protection and savings. This is a close ended plan and would be available for sale till March 31, 2023. Premiums can be paid in single (lumpsum) payment mode only. The policy can be surrendered by the policyholder at any time during the policy term.
- 34. SBI General Insurance** company has joined hands with Gupshup to offer a new insurance policy, renew an existing one, intimate claims and more, through WhatsApp.
Note: Customers across the country can buy insurance from SBI General by sending a 'Hi'. The Gupshup's chat bot will guide users through a simple and secure buying process. It also help them to complete the purchase within the WhatsApp chat thread.
- 35. CASHe** has partnered with Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to provide a 'travel now pay later' (TNPL) payment option on its IRCTC Rail Connect app.
Note: This feature will enable travellers of Indian Railways to book their rail tickets instantly and pay for it later in EMIs, ranging from three to six months. With this option, the booking and paying for rail tickets on the IRCTC travel app, is become easier and hassle-free.
- 36. World Bank** has appointed neutral expert and chairman of the Court of Arbitration regarding the design features of the Kishenganga (330 megawatts) and Ratle (850 megawatts) hydroelectric power plants.
Note: Reason: For disagreements and differences between India and Pakistan over the 1960 Indus Water Treaty (IWT). Michel Lino has been appointed as the Neutral Expert. Sean Murphy has been appointed as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration.
- 37. The Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has imposed monetary penalties of more than ₹392 crore on MakeMyTrip (MMT), Goibibo, and OYO.
Note: Reason: For alleged unfair business practices. CCI imposed a fine of ₹223.48 crore on Make My Trip-Goibibo (MMT-Go) and ₹168.88 crore on OYO. CCI was investigating the companies since 2019 following allegations by a hotel body that MMT gave special treatment to Oyo on its platform. While, MMT-Go imposed price parity on hotel partners.
- 38. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai)** has recently approved the launch of **Bima Sugam** portal for all insurance companies can sell life and non-life insurance on a single platform.
Note: The portal will be operationalised from 1 January 2023. Aggregators like PolicyBazaar, brokers, banks and insurance agents will act as facilitators or bridges to sell insurance policies through Bima Sugam to individuals.
- 39. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)** has joined hands with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) to enhance the reach of financial solutions to large sections of society across India.
Note: Under the arrangement, both will plan, design and execute innovative products to bridge the gap by bringing digitalised services at the customer's doorstep. RBIH, a wholly-owned subsidiary of RBI, that promotes and facilitates innovation across the financial sector.
- 40. As per the government data, PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)** has crossed the **₹1.75 lakh crore** mark on October 5, 2022.
Note: The total number of beneficiaries has reached 47 crore. Women hold a bigger share of 26.16 crore accounts, of which the bulk 31.42 crore accounts were in rural and semi-urban areas. Of the total, PSBs held Rs 1.35 lakh crore, followed by Regional Rural Banks with Rs 34,573 crore. About 18% of total accounts are either dormant or inoperative as on June 2022.
- 41. Fintech firm, Cygnet** has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as a non-banking financial company (NBFC) account aggregator.
Note: Account Aggregator: It is an open financing data-sharing protocols, regulated by the RBI. It allows consumers to instantly share their financial data with various financial institutions. It also facilitates financial institutions to quick access consumers' consent-based financial data.
- 42. Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Ltd** has partnered with **India Post Payments Bank** to enhance credit access to a larger customer base.
Note: IPPB will provide lead referral services to Mahindra Finance for passenger vehicles, three-wheeler, tractor and commercial vehicle loan categories. As a pilot, this scheme would launch in the IPPB branches of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. It is expected to spread across other states over the next four-six months.

43. The finance ministry has released the total grant of **Rs 1,764 crore** to Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Uttar Pradesh.
Note: Andhra Pradesh (Rs 136 crore), Chhattisgarh (Rs 109 crore), Maharashtra (Rs 799 crore) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs 720 crore). The govt has released the grants for Million Plus Cities/ Urban Agglomerations (MPC/UAs) of Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh; Durg Bhilainagar and Raipur in Chhattisgarh; Aurangabad, Greater Mumbai, Nagpur, Nashik, Pune and Vasai-Virar City in Maharashtra.
44. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty of over 1,337 crore rupees on **Google**.
Note: Reason: For misusing its dominant position in multiple markets. The Commission has also directed Google to modify its conduct within a defined timeline. Google has leveraged its position in the app store market for Android OS to enter as well as protect its position in non-OS specific web browser market through Google Chrome App.
45. **PhonePe** fintech firm has launched its first green data centre in India, leveraging technologies and solutions from Dell Technologies and NTT.
Note: This facility has opened up new opportunities in data management with efficient data security, power efficiency, and cloud solutions. This 4.8-megawatt facility will occupy 13740 sqft at Mahape, Navi Mumbai. It is built and designed with advanced alternative cooling technologies like Direct Contact Liquid Cooling and Liquid Immersion Cooling.
46. **HDFC Securities** has opened its the first-ever women-only Digital Centre (DC) in India.
Note: The centre, staffed with a team of women, will serve both male and female investors. The DC will be based in Bengaluru and cater to customers from Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. This closely follows the company's announcement regarding the opening of multiple DCs across India to ease access to services and promote digital adoption.
47. **Karnataka Bank** has bagged National Digital Transformation Awards DX 2022 Awards for best practice in digital transformation under BFSI segment.
Note: The award was instituted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). This award was given in recognition of the "Innovative Excellence" in 'KBL HR NxT - Employee Engagement', 'KBL Operations NxT - Operational Excellence' and 'KBL Customer NxT - Customer Experience'. Bank has launched KBL Vikas in 2017, KBL NxT in 2021.
48. **IndusInd Bank** has raised \$150 million loan from the United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) to expand its microfinance portfolio.
Note: The main focus of the loan to boost the access to finance for women borrowers, as well as uplifting the livelihoods of these women and their families. The bank will use the proceeds to lend to women borrowers in rural communities of Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar. IndusInd Bank MD and CEO: Sumant Kathpalia
49. **Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)** has launched Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) on its platform.
Note: Aim: Efficient and transparent price discovery of the yellow metal. The EGR was introduced in two new products of 995 and 999 purity and trading will be in multiples of 1 gram and deliveries in multiples of 10 gram and 100 gram. This platform will lead to greater assurance in the quality of gold supplied, efficient price discovery, and transparency in transacting.
50. IRDAI has set up a committee of 24-member to develop and suggest an affordable and comprehensive cover for the rural population, which will be headed by **Thomas M Devasia, Member (non-life), IRDAI**.
Note: While the proposed cover will be a benefit based / parametric structure, called Bima Vistaar. IRDAI has asked committee to develop and suggest constitution and operation of women centric distribution channel to focus on reaching rural areas and recommend regulatory framework.
51. CRISIL has upgraded its long-term rating on the bank facilities and debt instruments of **Muthoot FinCorp** to 'CRISIL AA-'.
Note: It has also upgraded the ratings of Muthoot Microfin Ltd, Muthoot Capital Services Ltd and Muthoot Housing Finance Company Ltd, to A+. These upgrades are driven by improvement in the capitalisation profile and expected improvement in the earnings profile of MPG. Chairman of Muthoot Pappachan Group: Thomas John Muthoot
52. As per the International Monetary Fund (IMF), **4.0%** would be the economic forecasts of Asia for 2022-23.
Note: Reason: Global monetary tightening; Rising inflation (due to war in Ukraine); and Sharp slowdown in China The IMF has expected that the growth of China to slow to 3.2% in 2022-23. As per the IMF, the China economy would grow to 4.4% in next year and 4.5% in 2024.
53. **Odisha** state government has launched a common credit portal SAFAL (Simplified Application for Agricultural Loans) for the welfare of farmers.
Note: This credit facility will enable farmers and agri-entrepreneurs to access more than 300 term loan products of over 40 banks. This portal has been integrated with Krushak Odisha and will

have access to 70-plus model project reports. It will ease the loan application process and provide benefit to farmers and banks significantly.

54. RBI has lifted ban on **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** after three years, which prevented the banker from opening new branches.

Note: The restrictions was rescinded with effect from October 21, 2022. The restriction was imposed by RBI on TMB in 2019 after the bank's shareholders decided to raise authorized share capital to Rs 500 crore. The central bank objected to the bank not raising its subscribed capital to at least half of the authorized capital as required.

55. **Indian Bank** has launched six new digital initiatives under 'Project WAVE' to enhance customer experience through integrated services on its digital platform.

Note: The bank will provide online vehicle and health insurance through its mobile banking app IndOASIS, in association with Universal Sompo General Insurance. Bank partnered with Rupeek Capital to offer jewel loan at doorsteps. The bank has extended pre-approved personal loans to self-employed customers of the bank.

56. IRDAI has set up a 15-member Health Insurance Consultative Committee with an aim to achieve the goal of universalisation of health insurance in the country, that will be headed by **Rakesh Joshi**.

Note: The panel has been set up for two years. He will be responsible for identifying the challenges in carrying out the health insurance business smoothly and make recommendations to facilitate ease of doing business.

57. **IPPB** has launched a group accident insurance plan with an accidental death coverage of Rs 10 lakh.

Note: It has been launched in partnership with TATA AIG and Bajaj Allianz General Insurance companies, will offer the insurance plan at a premium of Rs 399 or Rs 396 p.a. The policy will be issued digitally in five minutes using a smartphone or a fingerprint sensor carried by the postman under e-KYC (Aadhaar based) method. Age between 18 and 65 years can join this insurance plan

58. **Dabur India** FMCG firm has announced that it will acquire 51% stake in Badshah Masala in a Rs 587.52-crore deal.

Note: While the balance 49% of the equity share will be acquired after a period of 5 years. With this acquisition, Dabur India aspires to expand its Foods business to Rs 500 crore in 3 years and expand into new adjacent categories. This also marks Dabur's entry into the over Rs 25,000-crore branded spices and seasoning market in India.

59. **Nitin Gadkari** rang the opening bell at Bombay Stock Exchange to mark the listing of Non-

Convertible Debentures of National Highways Authority of India Infrastructure Investment Trust- NHAI InvIT.

Note: Minister informed that 25% of Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) have been reserved for retail investors with minimum investment slab being just Rs 10,000. NCDs offer an effective yield of 8.05% per annum with highest credibility

60. **Karnataka Vikas Grameena Bank** and LIC have renewed their agreement through an MOU for bancassurance tie-up.

Note: Aim: To increase insurance penetration in rural areas and to provide better deal to customers on service and premium The bank will market products of LIC through its 639 branches. Bancassurance: Selling life Insurance products through the bank branches.

61. SEBI has extended the deadline for implementation of the Rs 25 crore-threshold rule for direct ETF transactions with asset management companies to **May 1, 2023**.

Note: This is the second time the Securities and Exchange Board of India. Rule: To enhance liquidity in units of ETFs in stock exchange platforms, direct transactions with AMCs will be facilitated for investors only when the transaction amount is greater than Rs 25 crore.

62. Employee insurance **Healthsure** platform has partnered ManipalCigna Health Insurance to launch India's first flexi top-up insurance plan.

Note: This plan will allows employees to personalize and upgrade their corporate health insurance plans. Employees can upgrade their cover, by paying a nominal add-on premium. With this, they will be able to eliminate the need of buying independent personal health cover and it also save up to 90% of premium spending.

63. BSE Technologies (subsidiary of BSE) has launched of KRA, which maintains KYC records of investors in an electronic form. **KYC Registration Agency** is the full form of KRA.

Note: KRA is a Sebi-regulated intermediary that grants the market participants authorisation for investors' Know Your Client (KYC). KRAs need to independently validate records of those clients (existing as well as new) whose KYC has been completed using Aadhaar as an Officially Valid Document (OVD).

64. Life insurance company **Tata AIA Life Insurance** has tied up with Medix to offer consumers access to a local and global network of accredited medical specialists during serious illnesses.

Note: This service is complementary for policyholders who have purchased eligible life insurance products across term, savings, and pension plans. This partnership would also offer

the Personal Medical Care Management facility in India, bringing world class, healthcare advice to consumers.

65. **Meghalaya** state government has signed an MoU with the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGFTMSE), under the

Ministry of MSME, to help facilitate flow of credit to MSME borrowers.

Note: Aim: To implement the Meghalaya Credit Guarantee Scheme. Presently, the loans taken by MSME borrowers are covered under CGTMSE against a risk coverage of 75% of the loan amount under various MSME schemes.

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1. Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has joined hands with **HSBC Bank** to support women athletes of the country.
Note: Under the partnership, promising girl athletes will be selected from the National Inter District Championships for U-14 and U-16 categories. Special coaching camps would be set up for the selected athletes and nurtured them to perform on the global platform.
2. As per the official data, the Indian economy has grown by **13.5%** in the April-June period 2022.
Note: Reason: Better performance by the agriculture and services sectors. India has also remained the fastest growing major economy as China registered economic growth of 0.4% in the April-June 2022 quarter. As per the data released by the National Statistical Office, the Indian economy has been grown by 20.1% in April-June 2021-22.
3. As of 31st August 2022, as per the RBI data, **\$1.11 billion** of foreign direct investment by the India Inc's has been recorded in July 2022.
Note: The domestic firms had invested over \$2.56 billion on Outward Foreign Direct Investment in July 2021 in the form of equity, loan and issuances of guarantees. The Indian businesses has invested \$579.15 million by equity infusion, \$193.21 million as loans and \$337.49 million infused by issuing guarantees to their overseas ventures
4. Alappuzha has become the fifth fully digital banking district, is located in **Kerala**.
Note: Four Kerala districts: Thrissur, Kottayam, Palakkad and Kasaragod. The project was initiated by the RBI with the support of the State Level Bankers' Committee and respective district administrations as part of the Digital India project. As part of the initiative, at least one digital transaction facility has been enabled.
5. As per the data released by RBI, during the first quarter of 2022-23, the pricing index for homes in India has been grown by **3.5%** year-on-year.
Note: The all-India house price index (HPI) is a quarterly release done by the central bank. This index is based on transaction-level data obtained from the housing registration authorities in 10 major cities in the country. The cities are: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Lucknow, and Mumbai.
6. As per the Reserve Bank India data, the services exports of India has been increased by **20.2%** year-on-year to \$23.26 billion in July 2022.
Note: However, the July exports were lower than June by \$25.29 billion in 2022. As per the monthly data on India's international trade in services for July 2022, the imports surged by 22.3% to \$13.92 billion in July. The exports during April-July 2022-23 stood at \$94.75 billion, and the imports totalled \$58.94 billion during the period.
7. According to Finance Ministry data, the government has collected **₹1,43,612 crore** as the gross GST revenue in the month of August 2022.
Note: CGST is ₹ 24,710 crore, SGST is ₹ 30,951 crore, IGST is ₹ 77,782 crore. It includes ₹ 42,067 crore collected on import of goods and cess is ₹ 10,168 crore (including ₹ 1,018 crore collected on import of goods). The revenues for the month of August 2022 are 28% higher than the GST revenues in the same month in 2021 of ₹ 1,12,020 crore.
8. **SBI Card** has launched 'CASHBACK Card', a cashback focused credit card, to boost the online transactions.
Note: Consumers across country, including tier-2 and 3 cities, can apply for the card on the digital application platform 'SBI Card SPRINT'. CASHBACK SBI Card customers will earn unlimited 1% cashback on all spends, cashback will increase to 5% on all online spends up to maximum of ₹ 10,000 per monthly statement cycle.
9. Financial service company **MuthootFinCorp** has partnered with IME India Pvt Ltd to expand its money remittance services between Indo-Nepal corridor.
Note: Muthoot has been assisting the Nepali community in India in remitting money through their existing partner (Prabhu Money Transfer Pvt Ltd). Now, Muthoot will be able to serve a larger mass of Nepalese diaspora living in India. IDFC First Bank, India and Global IME Bank Ltd., Nepal are the banking partners to facilitate Indo-Nepal remittance service.
10. **IndusInd Bank** has signed an agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to provide support and promote supply chain finance (SCF) solutions in India.
Note: The bank has entered into a partial guarantee programme with ADB with an initial outlay of USD 70

million (₹560.0 crore). Aim: To grow IndusInd Bank presence in MSME financing. This partnership will further strengthen various initiatives of the bank in this domain.

- 11. BOB Financial Solutions Ltd** has joined hands with Snapdeal in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Japan's JCB International Co. Ltd to launch the Credit Card.

Note: It is co-branded contactless credit card. User will receive up to 5% unlimited cashback (accrued as 20 reward points on every ₹100 spent) on the Snapdeal app and website. It offers 10 Reward points per ₹100 spent on online spends.

- 12. RBI** has released new guidelines on digital lending.

Note: The central bank has given regulated entities (RE) till November 30th to put in place adequate systems and processes to ensure that 'existing digital loans' comply with fresh lending guidelines. The new norms are applicable to both 'existing customers availing fresh loans' and to 'new customers getting onboarded'. These have come into effect from September 1st, 2022 onward.

- 13.** As per the State Bank of India (SBI), **6.8%** would be the GDP growth forecast for India for FY23.

Note: Earlier, the growth forecast was 7.5%. Reason: Statistical adjustments as the reason for lowering the GDP forecast The revised GDP forecast by SBI has been come after the National Statistical Office (NSO) data for the April-June quarter (Q1) of 2022-23, where the economy showed a growth of 13.5% (lower from 20.1% in Q1 of FY22).

- 14.** As per the official data of RBI, India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves has been declined in the week ending August 26, 2022 by **\$561 billion**.

Note: India's FER has declined sharply in recent months as the RBI continues to intervene in the currency markets to defend the rupee. The value of gold reserves also fall down by \$271 million to \$39.643 billion during the week ended August 26. The value of India's SDRs with IMF has also declined by \$155 million to \$17.832 billion.

- 15.** The Securities and Exchange Board of India has restructured its panel on cyber security that recommends measures to safeguard the capital markets from such attacks, chaired by **Navin Kumar Singh**.

Note: Earlier, The committee had only four members but now it has six members. Other members: Sanjay Bahl, H Krishnamurthy, Sandeep Shukla and DebdeepMukhopadhyay, SugataGangopadhyay

- 16.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched a pilot project for end-to-end digitization of KCC lending. **Kisan Credit Card** is the full form of KCC.

Note: The pilot has been developed by the central bank and its subsidiary Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). Objective: To make it more efficient and

reduce costs for borrowers. States for pilot project: Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu with Union Bank of India and Federal Bank, respectively

- 17.** As per the report of the State Bank of India (Economic Research Department), by the year **2029** India would become the third largest economy in the world.

Note: India will surpass Germany in 2027 and most likely Japan by 2029 at the current rate of growth. The country has undergone a large structural shift since 2014 and is now the 5th largest economy overtaking the United Kingdom. The report is authored by SoumyaKanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, SBI.

- 18.** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the \$4.7 billion acquisition deal between PayU (backed by Prosus) and online payments firm **BillDesk**.

Note: The commission has cleared the acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital of <http://IndiaIdeas.com> (BillDesk) by PayU Payments. The PayU-BillDesk deal is pegged as the second-largest buyout in the Indian internet sector after Walmart's \$16 billion acquisition of ecommerce major Flipkart in 2018.

- 19.** Public sector banks will open about **300** brick-and-mortar branches in the unbanked areas of various states by December 2022.

Note: Aim: To cover all remaining unbanked villages. Branches in: Rajasthan (95), followed by Madhya Pradesh (54), Gujarat (38), Maharashtra (33), Jharkhand (32) and Uttar Pradesh (31). Banks have been asked to open branches at allocated locations by the respective State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) by December 2022.

- 20.** IppoPay has acquired **Tutelar**, AI-based risk management company for an undisclosed amount.

Note: IppoPay is a Chennai-based payment gateway firm, that is backed by Coinbase Global, Better Capital and Blume Founders Fund. Addition of Tutelar makes IppoPay an important constituent in the fight against fraud in the payments space.

- 21.** RBI Deputy Governor, T Rabi Sankar has announced that, government will launch CBDC by the end of 2022. **Central Bank Digital Currency** is the full form of CBDC.

Note: The RBI will launch digital currency on a pilot basis in 2022. In Budget for 2022-23, the finance minister had said the RBI would roll out a digital equivalent to the rupee. Benefit: CBDC could become a tool for reducing time and cost for cross-border transactions. Data Security Issue: They are keep working on it on a continuous basis.

- 22.** **HDFC Bank** has introduced a new SMS banking facility for its customers by using 7308080808, to provide a wide range of banking services round-the-clock.

Note: In order to start new SMS banking facility of HDFC Bank, a customer need to complete the

registration process. They need to SMS “Register” <Space> “Last 4 digits of customer ID” <Space> “Last 4 digits of A/C No.” and then sent it to 7308080808 from their registered mobile number.

23. RBI has selected HDFC Bank and Precision Biometric India for testing their 'on tap' retail payments applications under the regulatory sandbox scheme.

Note: It refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment. For this regulators permit certain relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing. It allows the regulator, innovators, financial service providers and customers to conduct field tests.

24. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has recorded 657 crore transactions in the month of August 2022, a 5% month-on-month growth compared to the previous month.

Note: The transaction volume has crossed Rs 10.72 lakh crore in August. In July 2022, the UPI transactions breached the level of 600 crore. The growth in UPI volumes by nearly 100% year-on-year (YoY) and amounts transacted growing by 75% YoY. NPCI also aims to process 1 billion transactions per day in the next few years.

25. 17 is the present no. of Insurance Ombudsman in different locations of India.

Note: The Insurance ombudsman has disposed of 40,527 complaints against insurance firms across the country during 2021-22 as compared with 30,596 in 2020-21. The complaints relating to health insurance made up a third of the total number cases disposed of by ombudsmen in 2020-21. An alternative mode of settling insurance disputes. It was constituted under rules framed by the finance ministry in 2017.

26. ESAF Small Finance Bank Ltd has launched a 'Rainbow Savings Account' for the transgender community.

Note: This bank account offer a host of features, including high savings rate and advanced debit card facilities. In 2015, the Reserve Bank of India has directed banks to include a separate column 'third gender' in all their forms and applications. The savings habit of the marginalised community will contribute heavily to the growth of the economy as a whole.

27. IDFC First Bank has signed up as participant in the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), an initiative of ministry of commerce and industry.

Note: The bank has enabled a platform for buyers, that help them to discover sellers in the ONDC network. The bank has started onboarding small merchants, who are its current account customers, on to a partner app registered with ONDC. The app is expected to help small merchants carry out transactions over ONDC's electronic network.

28. Reliance General Insurance and Policybazaar have jointly launched Reliance Health Gain Policy, that gives

its customers the freedom to choose and personalise their health policies as per their requirements.

Note: To make accessible to all, the product is being live on digital distribution channel, Policybazaar. This policy is available in – Plus, Power and Prime. This plan will cater to the needs of a small family of 2 as well as a larger one of 12.

29. Karnataka Bank has now become the participant of the Treasury Department's Khajane-II (K2) integrated financial management system (IFMS).

Note: Reason: For implementing the Single Nodal Agency (SNA) account system for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS). The bank will continue to engage and cooperate with the Government of Karnataka in implementing its numerous efforts to benefit the people through its technology and digital-led solutions.

30. Cloud computing division of Google has been partnered with **HDFC ERGO General Insurance** to build a platform that will help digitize the buying and servicing of insurance in India.

Note: HDFC ERGO will launch innovative insurance products. HDFC ERGO aims to fully migrate to the cloud by 2024. At present, nearly 93% of its retail policies are issued digitally and almost 40% of its customer requests are serviced virtually.

31. HDFC Bank has unveiled 'Bank on Wheels' service in Gujarat, as a part of Rural Banking service.

Note: Aim: To increase the accessibility of Bank in rural area. Currently, the van is part of the pilot project and more vans are planned to be rolled out in various states. Bank on Wheels: Bank vans will visit remote villages located 10 - 25 km from the nearest branch.

32. Lord's Mark has received direct insurance broking licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

Note: The insurance firm has received the license for selling life and general insurance products. Lords Mark will collaborate with other insurance firms for launching life and general insurance products on its platform called Policy King. Policy King: Offer its customers facilities to compare all available insurance offers.

33. WAAREE Solar Panel manufacturer has signed an agreement with SBI for providing unsecured financing for solar projects through Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme.

Note: The agreement also provide working capital for Channel Partners under EDFs (Electronic dealer finance scheme). WAAREE intended to leverage over Rs 500 Cr of a credit line through Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme. WAAREE is the only manufacturer in India to get a 650Wp Solar panel listed in ALMM.

34. PayNearby has partnered with the Axis Bank to aid the private lender in achieving the targets of priority sector lending.

Note: This partnership will be used to set up current and savings accounts for both retail and individual

customers in remote areas. As per the Reserve Bank of India guidelines, 40% of net bank credit is to be extended to the priority sector (includes agriculture and micro, small and medium enterprises).

- 35. \$832 billion (Rs 66.36 trillion)** to the Fortune report, what is the collectively worth of the wealth of 142 billionaires based in India.

Note: The maiden list was made in collaboration with wealth management firm, Waterfield Advisors. Fortune and Waterfield collected details of listed and unlisted wealth, additional information regarding investments outside of the listed business: such as stakes in other public companies.

- 36. RBI** has imposed monetary penalty of **Rs 36 lakh** on Industrial Bank of Korea for non-compliance with regulatory norms.

Note: Reason: For non-compliance with certain Know Your Customer (KYC) norms. RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 59.10 lakh on Woori Bank for non-compliance on Creation of a Central Repository of Large Common Exposures – Across Banks'. A fine of Rs 12.35 lakh has been imposed on Indiabulls Commercial Credit Limited for contravention of KYC Directions.

- 37. Max Life Insurance Company Ltd** has launched the 'Smart Flexi Protect Solution', that offers health and enhanced life cover, along with market-linked investment returns.

Note: This is a combination of Max Life Flexi Wealth Plus, and Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Secure Rider. This policy is a unique proposition of wealth creation along with comprehensive protection against death, disability and critical illness.

- 38. HSBC** has committed to invest Rs 125 crore over the next five years to support green causes like wetland conservation and energy transition projects in India.

Note: Under the commitment, the HSBC has divided the works into energy transition and nature-based solutions. Nature-based solutions: Projects to protect and revitalise wetlands, mangroves and forests, landscape restoration. Energy transition: Renewables and energy efficiency programmes

- 39. HDFC Bank** has become the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

Note: The new e-BG will eliminate the paper based and time-consuming process. It can be processed, stamped, verified and delivered instantly with enhanced security. HDFC Bank will migrate to eBG platform completely in order to expedite the issuance of BGs for customers. MD & CEO of NeSL: Debajyoti Ray Chaudhuri

- 40. Axis Bank** has partnered with the Square Yards to launch a joint branded home buyer ecosystem named "Open Door".

Note: Aim: The entire process of finding and purchasing a dream house is hassle-free, effective, and enjoyable for clients. This partnership also ensure that

all customers get easy access to home loans. Open Doors is an integrated platform that is created to handle all consumer inquiries around residential real estate.

- 41. HDFC Life** has launched a term insurance plan named Click2Protect Super.

Note: Offers: It enables customisation as per protection needs and only pay for the benefits/plan options that you have chosen. It is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, pure risk premium/ savings life insurance plan. It provides with multiple flexibilities such as changing life cover, extending the policy term, getting coverage for accidental death and terminal illness, etc.

- 42. Canara HSBC Life Insurance** has launched a new life insurance policy named iSelect Guaranteed Future, an individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection plan.

Note: The policy comes in multiple options: iAchieve and Flexi iAchieve option: Pay for a limited period and get a guaranteed sum assured at maturity. iAssure and Flexi iAssure plan: Pay for a limited period, and get the guaranteed lump sum on maturity. Easy iAchieve: Single premium payment term

- 43. DWS Group** and **Nippon Life India Asset Management** have collaborated to provide portfolio management and investment advisory services to the European-listed Indian Government Bond ETF.

Note: DWS is continuously developing its range of ETFs in order to meet the ever-evolving needs of investors. Through this collaboration, clients can access to the attractive Indian bond market. Nippon Life India brings in its deep knowledge of the Indian Fixed-Income market.

- 44. SBI** 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.

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.

- 45. ICICI Lombard** has launched an AI-powered digital voice agent in collaboration with an AI-based SaaS voice automation platform named Skit.ai.

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.

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

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%.

47. As per the Commerce and Industry Ministry data, what is the wholesale price-based inflation in August 2022 is **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).

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

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%.

49. **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** 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.

Note: 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.

50. **Federal Bank** has become the only Indian bank to be listed by Great Place to Work®, the global authority on workplace culture.

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

51. **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** has tied up with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) to offer insurance solutions to the home loan customers of the latter.

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.

52. **Monetary Authority of Singapore's** central bank has signed a FinTech Co-operation Agreement with IFSCA to provide regulatory collaboration and partnership in FinTech technology.

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.

53. **SBI** has collaborated with Remitly to provide safe and simple remittances to India.

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.

54. SBI has extended the deadline to invest in its senior citizen FD scheme, SBI WeCare FD, till **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.

55. RBI has decided to remove **Central Bank of India** from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF).

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.

56. **Punjab** 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.

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.

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

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).

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

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.

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

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.

- 60. Maharashtra -based Laxmi Co-operative Bank** license has been canceled by the RB due to lack of adequate capital.

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.

- 61. ₹3,000 crore (\$380m)** amount has been invested by the Japanese MUFG Bank to boost the capital of its branches within India.

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.

- 62. TerraPay** 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.

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.

- 63. Bharat Vidya** is the name of an online platform for Oriental and South Asian Studies that has been launched by Nirmala Sitaraman.

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.

- 64. UCO 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.

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

- 65. SEBI** has allowed emerging investment vehicles, Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), to issue **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.

- 66. The World Bank** has approved **USD 350 million** loan to Gujarat for Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G).

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)

- 67. In September 2022, RBI** has felicitated the bankers of the district to **Leh district** for achieving 100% digitization of banking operations.

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

- 68. As per the S&P Global Ratings, 7.3%** would be the economic growth projection of India for 2022-23.

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.

- 69. Union Bank of India** has inaugurated 'Ethical Hacking Lab' at the Cyber security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad.

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.

- 70. Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has announced plans to provide at least \$14 billion to Asia-Pacific for 2022–2025.

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.

- 71. BSE** has received the final approval from SEBI for introducing the Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) on its platform.

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

- 72.** The govt will launch a fund of **\$1 billion** in collaboration with World Bank and Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI).

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

- 73.** In September 2022, Yubi (earlier, CredAvenue) has joined hands with **State Bank of India (SBI)** to provide growth in co-lending portfolio of bank.

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

- 74.** In September 2022, **Samsung** has partnered with the Axis Bank to launch a co-branded credit card, that is powered by Visa.

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

- 75.** As per the World Bank, **3.2%** would be the expected growth in the East Asia and Pacific region for 2022.

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.

- 76. Bank of Baroda** has launched a festive campaign named "Khushiyon ka Tyohaar" with a range of offers for customers.

Note: 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.

- 77. 5.9%** is the revised repo rate after the hike of repo rate by a half percent by Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

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, he 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

- 78. DBS Bank (India)** 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.

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.

- 79.** The Cabinet has increased the dearness allowance (DA) and dearness relief by 4%, effective from **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.

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- 1. IndusInd Bank** has entered into a strategic partnership with Rupy for offering 100% paperless loan processing.
Note: Rupy, digital lending platform, is a fintech arm of the Jaipur based, Ginnarsoft Pvt Ltd (which houses brands like CarDekho, BikeDekho, Zigwheels, etc). This partnership will simplified documentation and instant processing of vehicle loans from IndusInd Bank. IndusInd Bank customers can now opt for flexible repayment options while transacting on 'Rupy'.
- 2. ₹1,48,995 crore** amount of gross GST has been collected by the government for July 2022.
Note: The second highest collection ever since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax. The July 2022 revenue is 28% higher than the revenues in the July 2021 of ₹1,16,393 crore. CGST is ₹25,751 crore, SGST is ₹32,807 crore, IGST is ₹79,518 crore (including ₹41,420 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹10,920 crore (including ₹995 crore collected on import of goods).
- 3. 6 billion** transactions of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has been recorded by the NPCI in July 2022.
Note: It is the highest ever since its inception in 2016. According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the UPI has reported 6.28 billion transactions amounting to Rs 10.62 trillion. Month-on-month, the volume of transactions was up 7.16% and value increased 4.76%.
- 4. IRDAI** organisation has revised the guidelines on the anti-money laundering rules and counter financing of terrorism programme for insurance companies.
Note: The rules issued to consolidate and update guidelines replace the assorted norms issued since 2013. No life, general, or health insurer can claim any relaxations to comply with the money-laundering rules, with effect from Nov 1, 2022.
- 5. SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.** has entered into a partnership with Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI) for empowering MSMEs.
Note: According to the agreement, SIDBI will extend refinance facility to SVC Bank to facilitate an improved flow of credit to MSMEs. The agreement was signed by Ashish Singhal (MD, SVC Bank) and Sanjeev Gupta (GM, SIDBI) in Mumbai. SIDBI is the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the MSME sector.
- 6. Union Bank of India** has launched first ever, men-focused Committee 'EmpowerHim' as part of its flagship HR initiative 'Prerna'.
Note: Aim: To promote the employees' career trajectory and improve diversity in the Bank by picking out and resolving individual as well as common existing challenges. This Committee will complement the women focused; EmpowerHer Committee launched by the bank earlier in July 2022.
- 7.** Rs 10 lakh crores of loans have been written off by the bank in the last five financial years i.e. 2017-18 to 2021-22 **Note:** The write-off amount has come down to Rs 1,57,096 crore (2021-22) as compared to Rs 2,02,781 crore (2020-21). In 2019-20, the write-off has also come down from Rs 2,36,265 crore to Rs 2,34,170 crore. The commercial banks and financial institutions have reported credit information of all borrowers having aggregate credit exposure of Rs 5 crore and above to RBI.
- 8.** The financial inclusion (FI) index has been increased to 56.4 in March 2022 from 53.9 in March 2021, constructed by the **Reserve Bank of India**.
Note: It shows growth in across all sectors across the country. Financial inclusion index was constructed to capture the extent of financial inclusion across the country. Sectors: Banking, investments, insurance, postal, pension sector. This index has been created without any base year, and published in July every year.
- 9.** The government has lowered the mandatory turnover threshold from Rs 20 crore to 10 Crore under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime from October 1, 2022.
Note: Aim: Digitising a higher volume of transactions, transparency in sales reporting, reducing errors and mismatches, automating data entry work, and improving compliance. E-invoicing (electronic billing) has been started in October 2020.
- 10. SEBI** has restructured advisory committee on market data, that recommends policy measures pertaining to securities market data access and privacy.
Note: The market data advisory committee will now have 20 members (earlier 21 members). Sebi has replaced former MD and CEO of NSE, Vikram Limaye by NSE current chief, Ashishkumar Chauhan. The committee is chaired by S Sahoo Professor at National Law University.
- 11.** Current Repo Rate **5.40%** has been increased by the 50 basis points by the RBI
Note: Standing Deposit Facility Rate to 5.15%, MSF and Bank Rate revised to 5.65% in the latest bi-monthly monetary policy. Reason: to control the inflationary pressure. As per the RBI, real GDP growth for the first quarter of the ensuing fiscal year is projected at 6.7%. GDP growth projection for 2022-23 retained at 7.2%. India's reserves remain the fourth largest globally.

12. Health Insurance Company Ltd has launched Smart Health+ Disease Management Rider, for its ReAssure customers -- **Niva Bupa**.
Note: Coverage: It provide coverage for diabetes, hypertension and related complications from Day 1. It offers quarterly health check-ups. It also offers discount of up to 20% on health insurance renewal premium on managing a healthy lifestyle.
13. **Federal Bank** has become the first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the Income Tax Department's TIN 2.0 platform.
Note: TIN 2.0 platform was launched on July 1, 2022. This "Payment Gateway" has been enabled by providing one more payment option to taxpayers. With this taxpayers can now make their payments with by using Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and Internet Banking.
14. **IndusInd Bank** has collaborated with M2P Fintech to launch customer value propositions across payments and lending solutions.
Note: The Bank will leverage M2P's cutting-edge technology backed by analytics. Aim: To deliver hyper personalised offering across payments and lending. M2P is fully equipped API infrastructure. It enables the bank to develop innovative products/experiences on top of Bank's core banking system (CBS).
15. **Insurance Dekho** has partnered with Future Generali India Insurance Company to offer a unique dog health cover.
Note: This dog health insurance plans offers comprehensive coverage for over 25 breeds of dogs. Age of dog: Six months to 10 years. Premium: Rs 324 annually. This insurance provide financial assistance for expenses incurred by pet parents towards hospitalisation, treatment of terminal illness, and surgery, subject to certain terms and conditions.
16. **Bandhan Bank** has opened its first currency chest in **Deedargunj, Patna**.
Note: This is the first ever currency chest of bank. It will help in cash management for the branches and ATMs in the city. This currency chest will help people, MSMEs and small traders with supply of currency notes to the bank branches and the ATMs as and when required. The currency chest will also benefit the bank branches with storage.
17. RBI and Life Insurance Companies (LIC) have accepted the center's request to permit non-financial institutions and unregulated entities to own more than **40 %** stake in IDBI Bank.
Note: Also, allowed to sell between 51 and 74% of the lender through a strategic divestment process. Through a tactical divestiture, the government and LIC intend to sell 51-74% of the lender.
18. **Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank (APGB)** has signed an agreement with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to facilitate an improved flow of credit flow to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state.
Note: APGB has started banking operations in 2006. This bank provide loan to agriculture and self-help groups in rural areas. SIDBI is playing a prominent role as an enabler in empowering the MSME ecosystem in the country.
19. According to a report, the Indian Food Processing industry could potentially grow at a CAGR of **1011%** to reach \$500-530 bn by FY27.
Note: This is due to its strong agricultural background and several favourable trends supporting its progress. According to the report, India has emerged as a global agricultural powerhouse. Now it is the world's 2nd-largest agricultural producer, leading in the production of cereals, pulses, fruits and vegetables, sugar, and milk.
20. **Reserve Bank of India** will soon issue draft guidelines on outsourcing of financial services by financial institutions
Note:The draft norms, deemed to be titled 'RBI (Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services) Directions, 2022', will be issued for public comments and feedback shortly. The revised norms will expand the scope of the directions to include regional rural banks, local area banks, AIFI, CIC and non-scheduled payments banks.
21. **Dr Agarwals Eye Hospitals** has strengthened its presence in Maharashtra by acquiring five eye hospitals in Pune,
Note: The leading eye care chain announced it has acquired Prabhudesai Eye Clinic (Kothrud); Global Eye Care Clinic (Pimpri Chinchwad and Sangvi); Om Eye Care (Viman Nagar and Vishrantwadi), all of which have been eyecare centres of repute in Pune for many years. The eye care chain now runs 118 eye hospitals across the country and abroad.
22. The board of **Reliance Infrastructure** has authorized the issuance of up to \$400 million, 5 per cent unsecured Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) on a private placement basis.
Note: The FCCBs shall be convertible into equity shares of ₹10 each of the company as per the FCCBs term, at ₹123 (including a premium of ₹113) per equity share. The tenure of the bonds will be ten years. Each FCCB of \$1,000,000 is equivalent to ₹7.94 crore.
23. The RBI has imposed a penalty of amount **₹82 lakh** on Bengaluru-based Jupiter Capital Private Ltd, for breach of norms on submission of credit information.
Note: RBI also imposed a fine of ₹32 lakh on Indian Bank for breach of directions on classification and

- reporting of frauds. The examination of the Risk Assessment Report, Inspection Report and all related correspondence revealed that Indian Bank was in violation of certain provisions of RBI Directions, 2016.
- 24.** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of **former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian**.
Note: Aim: To increase the overseas flows into the country. Other members: Representing foreign banks, stock exchanges depositories and RBI. The committee will review investment avenues available for FPIs and to advise on the feasibility of new investment avenues.
- 25. Max Life Insurance Company Ltd.** has launched Max Life Smart Secure Easy Solution, a comprehensive three-in-one protection of life, critical illness & disability and accidental cover.
Note: It covers self-employed individuals, salaried and other professionals to comprehensively guard against life's uncertainties. Aim: Providing financial protection in case of any uncertainties in life with an accidental cover option and Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Health Rider.
- 26.** After completion of how many year as AD Category-II, all scheduled small finance banks (SFBs) can be eligible for an authorised dealer (AD) category-I licence **at least two years**.
Note: Eligibility norms for Small Finance Banks: It should have included in the Second Schedule to RBI Act 1934. It should have a minimum net worth of ₹500 crore. Its CRAR should not be less than 15%. The net NPAs of the bank should not exceed 6% (last four quarters).
- 27. American Express** has launched its cross-border payments platform for small to medium-sized businesses named Global Pay.
Note: It will work as a digital solution that will let U.S. businesses make secure domestic and international B2B payments. In addition to this, the eligible customers can earn rewards points on foreign exchange payments. Global Pay is available to all eligible American Express Small Business Card Members in the U.S.
- 28.** Indian Bank has signed an MoU with Hatchlab Research Centre, TBI of SRM University-AP to launch 'IND Spring Board'.
Note: It is an initiative for financing start-ups and MSMEs. The bank will extend financial aid of up to Rs 50 crore to start-ups incubated at SRM Hatchlab for their working capital requirements. This collaboration is one of its kind in the state of Andhra Pradesh.
- 29. PNB Housing Finance** has revamped its 'Unnati' loan portfolio to offer affordable housing loans of ₹9-12 lakh to target customers.
Note: PNB Housing has created a small vertical under Unnati which will be different from existing ₹18-19 lakh as affordable housing loans. In the June quarter, PNB HFC has already opened 10 more branches.
- 30. IDFC FIRST Bank** has partnered with the LetsVenture have to support the startup ecosystem by providing curated products and solutions to startups (founders and investors).
Note: IDFC FIRST Bank provides customised solutions to start-ups under its FIRST WINGS programme. With this, it makes IDFC FIRST Bank a preferred banker to all startups on LetsVenture's Scalix. LetsVenture's Scalix is a newly launched platform that supports the startUp ecosystem.
- 31.** Axis Bank becomes the first Indian bank to launch Axis Receivables Suite (ARS).
Note: Aim: Simplifies Receivables reconciliation, accelerates cash flow, enhances the client experience and reduces the cost of doing business. ARS is an end-to-end proposition to automate the reconciliation of receivables against sales invoices raised by clients. Benefit for Clients: Know about payments, real-time control over receivables
- 32. YES Bank** has joined hands with IBSFINtech (TreasuryTech Solution provider) to explore digital services for corporate clients.
Note: This partnership will strengthen the corporate treasury ecosystem with a strong decision-making tool and automated workflows. It will provide connectivity between a corporate's ERP (Enterprise resource planning) and a bank's solutions.
- 33.** RBI has issued the regulatory framework to make digital lending safe for customers.
Note: The RBI has mandated that digital loans must be credited directly in the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party. Any fees, charges, payable to Lending Service Providers in the credit intermediation process shall be paid directly by Regulated Entities and not by the borrower. Automatic increase in credit limit without explicit consent of borrower is prohibited.
- 34. Rupee Co-operative Bank** licence has been cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India.
Note: Reason: The bank is unable to pay its present depositors in full (capital inadequacy). It does not comply with the provisions of Section 11(1) and Section 22 (3) (d) with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949. The bank has also prohibited from conducting the business of 'banking' which includes, acceptance and repayment of deposits.

- 35. Paytm** has partnered with the Piramal Capital & Housing Finance for expanding distribution of merchant loans to the small cities and towns of India.
Note: With this, merchants can avail loans of up to Rs 10 lakh with a tenure of 6-24 months. It will also empower MSMEs from smaller cities and towns with access to digital credit. Piramal Capital & Housing Finance is a subsidiary of Piramal Enterprises Limited.
- 36.** According to State Bank of India's economic research report "Ecowrap", India's home loan market would be **double** in the next **5 years**.
Note: Currently valued at about ₹24 lakh crore and it is expected to double (₹48 lakh crore). The share of 'Housing Loans' in 'Bank Credit' has increased to 14.4% in June 2022 from 13.1% in March 2020. The total home loan portfolio grew by 10% in FY22 in tier-3 and tier-4 areas, faster rate than tier-1 and tier-2 districts.
- 37.** Kotak Mahindra Bank has launched an account named Kotak Creme. This account has been categorized in **salary account**.
Note: This account will offer an upgraded experience to its customers working in MNCs, retails, law firms, unicorns etc. The account will be available to all corporates in India and will also come with a host of privileges and rewards across lifestyle, travel, healthcare, dining, skilling and learning experiences.
- 38.** Retail inflation in July 2022 -- **6.71%**.
Note: Inflation eased mainly due to easing prices in the Food & Beverages section. However, the retail inflation level remains above the mandated level of 4% with a margin of 2% on either side. CPI-based inflation or retail inflation: Change in the price index over a period.
- 39. State Bank of India (SBI)** has signed an agreement with High Commission of India in Dhaka to extend the operations of the Indian Visa Application Centre (IVAC) in Bangladesh for two more years.
Note: The IVAC will also start a few additional services which include facilitation for online form filling and submission of forms, slot booking and launching of a mobile app. A priority lounge was also inaugurated at the IVAC centre in Dhaka.
- 40.** Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger proposal of **HDFC Bank** with HDFC Ltd.
Note: The proposed combination envisages the merger of HDFC Investments and HDFC Holdings with HDFC Ltd in the first step and subsequently, the merger of HDFC Ltd into HDFC Bank. Benefits of merger: The increased scale of business, new product lines, a strong balance sheet; reduction in unsecured loans. Chairman of HDFC Limited: Deepak Parekh
- 41.** Payment solution provider **Razorpay** has become the first Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List in the definitive ranking of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world.
Note: The ranking has been published by Forbes in partnership with Bessemer Venture Partners and Salesforce Ventures. Razorpay has entered the list for the second time, placed at 49th for being a Financial Solutions Software. The list has been topped by Stripe (CEO: Patrick Collison)
- 42. SBI** bank has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit".
Note: This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time. Under the Utsav Fixed Deposit Scheme, SBI is offering an interest rate of 6.10% per annum on fixed deposits with a tenure of 1000 days. And senior citizens will be eligible to get an additional interest rate of 0.50% over and above the regular rate.
- 43. 13.93%** is the Wholesale price inflation (WPI) for July month 2022.
Note: According to the Commerce and Industry Ministry, WPI inflation fell on easing prices of food articles and manufactured products. The WPI was at a record high of 15.88% in May 2022 and stood at 11.57 per cent in July 2021. The retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) was also declined to 6.71% in July 2022 from 7.01 in preceding month.
- 44.** Paytm has partnered with **Samsung** stores across India to provide smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point of sale devices.
Note: Paytm through its postpaid service will provide credit limit of up to Rs 60,000 per month. It will also give customers an option to avail personal loan of up to Rs 2 lakh
- 45. Bima Manthan 2022** is the name of the first hackathon organised by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.
Note: Theme: Innovation in Insurance. Aim: To identify and develop solutions that have the potential to make the insurance available to every individual. Problem areas: Automated Death Claim settlement, miss-selling of Insurance products, identify uninsured motor vehicles, distribution of insurance products, Fraud prevention in motor insurance
- 46. Karnataka Bank** has launched a new Term Deposit Scheme, Amrit Samriddhi under ACC and Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days), will be available for a limited time.
Note: The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is 6.10% per annum. With the new product, KBL Amrit Samriddhi, the bank has extended the benefit of increase in the interest rates to customers.

47. **Yes Bank** has announced its partnership with SellerApp (a seller-centric intelligence platform) to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC).
Note: This partnership will help them to expand their digital commerce footprint. ONDC is a strategic initiative of the Indian government with an aim to democratize the entire digital commerce space. The network is also being built as an alternative to e-tailers like Walmart-owned Flipkart and Amazon in the Indian ecommerce market.
48. **Bank of Baroda (BoB)** has launched the 'Baroda Tiranga Deposit Scheme', a special retail term deposit product that offers interest rates of 5.75% for 444 days and 6% for 555 days.
Note: This scheme is applicable on retail deposits below ₹2 crore and remain in force till December 31, 2022. Senior citizens will earn an additional interest rate of 0.50%, while non-callable deposits will get 0.15% extra.
49. Indel Money Ltd has launched its mobile app and e-portal to provide digital personal loan. **Umesh Mohanan** is the CEO of Indel Money Ltd.
Note: Initially this service will be offered to its existing customers, to provide complete digitalised experience with faster disbursement of loan. The rate of interest will be 10-20% based on the individual credit score. The repayment tenure is in the bracket of 3-6 months.
50. The State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its first "state-of-the-art" dedicated branch for start-ups in India to facilitate and support them in **Koramangala, Bangalore**.
Note: After Bengaluru, the second and third branch will be launched in Gurgaon and Hyderabad respectively. The branch has also entered into MOUs with the government of Karnataka initiatives.
51. **Axis Bank** has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide "Ultima Salary Package" with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees.
Note: Personal Accidental cover: up to Rs.20 lakhs ; Additional Education Grant: upto Rs. 8 lakhs. Total Permanent Disability Cover benefit: up to Rs. 20 lakhs; Permanent Partial disability: up to Rs.20 lakhs. Air Accident cover of Rs. 1 Crore
52. As per the annual report of bank for FY 22, Amitabh Chaudhry was the highest-paid private bank chief in India in the previous financial year, has drawn a total of Rs 7.62 crore in annual salary, he is a CEO of **Axis Bank**.
Note: Followed by IndusInd Bank chief, Sumant Kathpalia, who made over Rs 7.31 crore in annual salary in FY22. Sandeep Bakhshi, MD of ICICI Bank, has earned Rs 7.05 crore in annual salary last fiscal.
53. **HDFC Bank** has launched latest campaign 'Vigil Aunty' with an aim to promote safe banking habits among people _____.
Note: Anuradha Menon who plays the popular character of 'Lola Kutty' on television, will be the face of the 'Vigil Aunty' campaign. This campaign will run with the Bank's popular 'Mooh Band Rakho' campaign, that urges people not to share their confidential banking information with others. The Vigil Aunty campaign will run for 4-6 weeks.
54. The Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank** due to inadequate capital and earning prospects in August 2022.
Note: As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99 percent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). The cooperative bank ceases to carry on banking business, with effect from the close of business on 18 Aug.
55. **Larson & Toubro** has commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat.
Note: The development comes 5 months after the company inked a joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation and ReNew Power for the production of green hydrogen. L&T and IOC had also inked a separate joint venture for the production of electrolyzers. The plant will produce 45 kg of green hydrogen daily, which will be used for captive consumption in the company's Hazira manufacturing complex.
56. **HDFC** has opened its first all-women branch in Cherootty Road, north Kerala region in Kozhikode.
Note: The four women bankers branch was inaugurated by the city Corporation Mayor, Beena Philip. According to the bank, as of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the total workforce. The private lender wants to raise it to 25% by 2025.
57. Indian Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has partnered with payments solutions provider **PayXpert** to start its business in the UK market starting with QR code-based transactions.
Note: The NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) has partnered with PayXpert. Aim: To internationalise the acceptance of its payment solutions in the UK. UAE, Japan, the US, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal and France are already accepting UPI payment services.
58. India has signed an loan agreement of **USD 96.3 million (approx Rs 769 crore)** with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for safe drinking water and improve water supply and sanitation services in Himachal Pradesh.

- Note:** This agreement was signed between the multilateral lending agency and the central government. The project will build up the capacity of the Jal Shakti Vibhag of the Government of Himachal Pradesh and gram panchayat village water and sanitation committees.
- 59.** Gold finance provider **Muthoot Finance** has launched Milligram Reward Programme for its customers to strengthen its relationships with customers.
Note: With this launch, the company has become the first gold loan NBFC to launch a new reward programme. Two year long programme, every customer referral transaction with the company will yield 20 mg of gold.
- 60.** **SEBI** has joined the Account Aggregator framework of RBI to boost the regulated financial-data sharing system _____.
Note: It will allow customers to share information about their mutual fund and stock holdings with financial service providers. The account aggregator (AA) is a licensed by the RBI to enable the flow of data between Financial Information Providers (FIPs) and Financial Information Users (FIUs). The user has to give consent while sharing data.
- 61.** General insurance company **HDFC ERGO** has launched a portal named 'All Things EV' (www.allthingsev.io) for Electric Vehicles (EV).
Note: This is the country's first one-stop-solution portal that can be used by existing and potential EV users. This portal provides information on nearby charging stations, locations of charging stations. The platform serves to all Indians who have either purchased EVs or are planning to buy EV or to make an earning out of the booming EV space.
- 62.** **AMG Media Networks Limited (AMNL)** has indirectly acquired a 29.18% stake in media and news broadcaster New Delhi Television (NDTV).
Note: AMG Media Networks (AMN) would acquire 29.18% of NDTV through an investor in the channel, Vishvapradhan Commercial (VCPL). VCPL will have to make an open offer to acquire 26 % of NDTV from public shareholders at Rs 294 apiece, a total cost of around Rs 483 crore.
- 63.** Digital insurance provider **Edelweiss General Insurance** has partnered with health ministry to create digital health IDs under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
Note: Digital Health ID or ABHA (Ayushman Bharat Health Account) number is a 14-digit number that helps users to access their health records digitally with registered healthcare providers. The National Health Authority (NHA) is the nodal agency for implementing this program under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.
- 64.** The Reserve Bank of India has lifted the business restrictions on the financial card the service provider **American Express Banking Corp** and allows to restart onboarding of new domestic customers on its card network.
Note: RBI had put the curbs on American Express in May 2021. Reason: For not complying with a circular issued on storage of payments data in 2018. American Express is payment system operators authorised to operate card networks in India under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- 65.** Reserve Bank of India has become the net seller of the US currency in June 2022 after selling **USD 3.719 billion** on a net basis.
Note: The central bank has purchased USD 18.96 billion from the spot market and sold USD 22.679 billion. In June 2021, RBI was net buyer of the greenback after it purchased USD 18.633 billion on a net basis from the spot market. In May 2022, the RBI has net bought USD 2.001 billion (Purchased USD 10.143 billion and sold USD 8.142 billion).
- 66.** The Centre has announced an amendment in the Foreign Exchange Management (Overseas Investment) Rules, came into effect from **22nd August**.
Note: Reason: Simplify the existing framework for overseas investment. Presently, the overseas investment by a person residing in India is governed by the Foreign Exchange Management (Transfer or Issue of Any Foreign Security) Regulations, 2004 and Foreign Exchange Management (Acquisition and Transfer of Immovable Property Outside India) 2015
- 67.** **BASIX Social Enterprise** has launched **BASIX Farmers' Market (BFM)** (AgriTech platform) in partnership with **Mastercard**.
Note: Objective: To integrate farmers into the digital economy. BFM will leverage technology capabilities of Mastercard and deep industry expertise of BASIX in agriculture to improve the lives of small and marginal farmers. This platform will digitizes data and workflows for FPOs with strong controls on data privacy and security.
- 68.** **KreditBee** has partnered with banking solutions company, Cashfree Payments to offer an option to convert online purchases into EMIs, at the time of checkout.
Note: KreditBee has a large customer base which can avail the online checkout finance facility from merchant partners of Cashfree Payments. The checkout finance loans range from ₹2,400 to ₹2 lakhs with a tenure of 3-18 months. KreditBee is currently offering personal loans and a digital gold investment product.

- 69. Universal Sompo General Insurance** non-life insurer organisation has partnered with Repco Home Finance for insuring home loans.
Note: Aim: To provide security to home financier customers by insuring their home loans in the event of an unfortunate event during the repayment term of the loan. This partnership will additionally disburse affordable insurance solutions like group credit protection and personal accident policies to customers of Repco.
- 70. PNB** has launched pre-qualified credit card which also including insurance coverage.
Note: It has also introduced a facility of overdraft against fixed deposit on PNB One in a few clicks and a single OTP. This card facility will be available for salary account customers and they will be able to apply through PNB One, or website. There is a concession of 0.25% on the interest rate when applied through digital platforms like PNB One.
- 71. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)** has partnered with the TP Renewable Microgrid Ltd (TPRMG), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, to set up 1,000 green energy enterprises throughout the country.
Note: As per the agreement, SIDBI will provide them a "Go REsponsive, ENterprise incentive (GREENi)", after the entrepreneurs finish a capacity-building programme organised by TPRMG.
- 72.** The RBI has imposed certain restrictions on Kerala based, **Thodupuzha Urban Co-operative Bank** for a period of six months.
Note: Reason: Due to its deteriorating financial condition. Restriction on granting or renewing loans and advances and making any investments.
- 73. IRDAI** has given insurers more flexibility in paying commission by linking limits to the overall portfolio and company management expenses.
Note: IRDAI has proposed to cap commissions paid by the health and general insurers at 20 per cent of gross written premium (GWP). For life companies, IRDDAI has proposed to link commissions with expenses of management (EoM).
- 74. HDFC Bank** would invest in Go Digit Life Insurance Ltd, the general insurer backed by Canada-based Fairfax Group.
Note: HDFC Bank has proposed an investment of between Rs 49.9-69.9 crore (two tranches) by subscribing to equity shares of the company for an equity stake of up to 9.944% of the paid-up equity share capital of the company. Recently, Go Digit General Insurance filed draft papers with SEBI to raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO).
- 75. Tata Neu and HDFC Bank** have partnered to launch two co-branded credit cards variants named 'Plus Credit Card' and 'Infinity Credit Card'.
Note: Customers will earn 2% NeuCoins with Tata Neu Plus HDFC Bank Credit Card on all purchases on partner Tata brands. And, customer will earn 5% NeuCoins with Tata Neu Infinity HDFC Bank Credit Card. Tata Neu customers can apply for the credit card on the Tata Neu app and access its key details.
- 76.** As per the latest data collated by PGA Labs shows that, **State Bank Of India** has topped debit cards market with a 30% market share, as of June 2022.
Note: Followed by Bank of Baroda (8% market share), Bank of India, Canara Bank Union Bank, and Punjab National Bank with 5% each. HDFC Bank also topped the charts in the credit cards segment with a market share of 22%, followed by SBI (18%), ICICI Bank (17%), Axis Bank (12%), RBL Bank (5%), and Kotak Mahindra Bank (5%).
- 77. Indian Army** has introduced a Yoddha co-branded credit card in association with BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).
Note: This co-branded credit card will be available on the RuPay platform and have contactless features. All members of the Indian Army will be eligible for the co-branded credit card's Life Time Free (LTF) offer. The Yoddha credit card will offer features like Personal Accident Insurance and many more.
- 78.** As per the report of RBI, the Bank credit growth has been accelerated to **14.2%** in the quarter ended June 2022 from 6% June 2021.
Note: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the 'Quarterly Statistics on Deposits and Credit of SCBs for June 2022' that shows collected data from all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs), which include regional rural banks, small finance banks and payments banks. In the quarter ended March 2022, bank credit had expanded by 10.8%.
- 79.** The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) has signed an agreement with **ICICI Bank** for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application.
Note: ICICI Bank will design, develop and deploy the application for NMDFC and provides source code and executable database information among others. This MoU provides for the development of financial accounting software for NMDFC and State Channelizing Agencies, loan accounting software.
- 80.** Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Education, Rajkumar Ranjan Singh has ceremonially handed over a cheque of **USD 1 million** for the BIMSTEC Secretariat's operational budget.

Note: BIMSTEC Secretary General, Tenzin Lekphell who was on a visit to India and meet Rajkumar Ranjan Singh. He has also held discussions on cooperation in specific areas led by India including counter-terrorism, disaster management, maritime cooperation and energy security.

81. Along with Kochi Metro Rail Limited, **Axis Bank** launched a campaign to promote the more use of Kochi-1 smart card in connection with Onam.

Note: The bank has also partnered with the Amazon Pay to provide discounts on recharges, utility and bill payments. The 'Dining Delights' offer has been extended to Kochi1 card holders by which they can avail discounts on food and beverage bills. Customers can also avail dine-out deals with EazyDiner while using their Kochi1 card.

82. IRDAI Chairman, Debasish Panda has announced that IRDAI has been eased the registration process of new companies by reducing the time taken to process new applications from 8 to 2 months.

Note: The regulator has created a facilitation cell consisting of two officers for handholding the applicants so that the entity gets its approval to start its operations. According to Irdai data, the insurance penetration in the country is at 4.2% as of 2021, which is higher than China.

83. **PGIM India Mutual Fund** has launched a new investor education and awareness website 'MoneyAndMe'.

Note: This website contains exhaustive content on various aspects of personal finance including household budgeting, protection, savings and investing. The company also launched of a consumer awareness campaign – 'Aapka HappinessPlanned' to promote the MoneyAndMe Initiative. Aim: To help investors dealing with various financial challenges

84. **ICICI Bank** has announced its partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch Coral variant credit cards on payments network RuPay.

Note: The ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Card is presently available in the Coral variant of the Bank's Gemstone series. This will be soon followed by Rubyx and Sapphiro variants. It is a contactless card that comes with a slew of perks and benefits.

85. SEBI has imposed the monetary penalty of **₹25 lakh (Total)** on Aadhaar Ventures India Ltd and its directors for violating insider trading rules and listing conditions.

Note: Directors: Jils Raichand Madan, Somabhai Sunderbhai Meena and Jyoti Munver. SEBI has conducted an early investigation for alleged price manipulation in the scrip of AVIL. AVIL, Madan, Meena and Munver had failed to disclose the information to the stock exchange, thereby violating disclosure lapses.

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1. **World Bank** has approved two complementary loans of **\$500 million each to enhance** and support India's health sector.

Note: This \$1 Billion financing will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). This scheme was launched in October 2021.

2. ICICI Securities has launched learning app **ICICIdirect iLearn**.

Note: Its aim to provide customers with easy access to learning financial products and market topics. This will help customers with this app to better assist them in their investment journey.

3. Insurance company **Max Life** has launched a smart solution, 'Insta confirmation of insurance (InstaCOI)'.

Note: Aim: To customers buying the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan'. This is a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan on Max Life website or Policybazaar platform.

4. Around 10% of the growth of bank deposit has been recorded in March 2022 as compared with 11.9% in 2021, as per the Reserve Bank of India data.

Note: Current, savings and term deposits have been increased by 10.9%, 13.3% and 7.9%, respectively, during 2021-22. The share of current account and savings account (CASA) deposits has been increasing over the years and stood at 44.8% in March 2022 as compared with 41.7% three years ago.

5. **Axis Bank** has joined hands with EazyDiner to launch of Dining Delights for the bank customers.

Note: It offers choice of over 10,000 premium restaurants across India and Dubai. 40% discount on specific credit cards at hand-picked premium restaurants in India and Dubai

6. **Visa** platform will be used by 'Aditya Birla SBI Card' credit card.

Note: SBI Card has entered into a partnership with Aditya Birla Finance Ltd to launch credit card named Aditya Birla SBI Card. This is a rewards-centric credit

- card, launched in two variants - 'Aditya Birla SBI Card SELECT' and 'Aditya Birla SBI Card'.
7. According to the CRISIL, the real GDP growth for India in FY23 -- **7.3%**.
Note: The downward revision to higher oil prices, slowing of export demand and high inflation. The RBI has also estimated 7.2% real GDP growth for this fiscal year.
8. General Insurance **Edelweiss General Insurance** has joined hands with Avanse Financial Services to provide travel insurance to Indian students.
Note: It offers complete coverage against medical, stay, travel inconvenience-related covers, emergencies and losses. The students can also customize their plan per their needs and requirements from universities.
9. Amount of GST has been collected by the government in June 2022 -- **Rs 1,44,616 crore**.
Note: The mop-up in June 2021 had stood at Rs 92,800 crore. This is the second-highest collection ever, after the April 2022 mop-up of Rs 1,67,540 crore.
10. In two cases Non-bank payment system operators (PSOs) shall require approval from the RBI -- **Takeover or acquisition of control and Sale or transfer of payment activity**.
Note: The RBI shall respond within 45 calendar days after receipt of complete details. The authorised non-bank PSO should inform DPSS, CO, RBI within 15 calendar days.
11. The RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.05 crores on **Kotak Mahindra Bank** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
Note: RBI imposed Rs 1 crore penalty on IndusInd Bank. Kotak Mahindra Bank has failed to maintain margin on advances to stock brokers, credit the amount involved in the unauthorised electronic transactions to the customers' account.
12. **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** has signed a bancassurance pact with SBI Life Insurance to offer wide product range of SBI Life.
Note: Products include: Wealth creation, credit life, annuity and savings products.
13. **Muthoot Finance** has received an approval from the RBI to open 150 new branches across the nation.
Note: This approval will help the company to expand its customer base. Muthoot Finance had also expanded its doorstep service of gold loan@home across South India with an aim to make credit more accessible and easy to avail.
14. General Insurance company **Edelweiss** has launched a comprehensive motor insurance product named SWITCH.
Note: This product was launched under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (IRDAI) Sandbox initiative. SWITCH is a digital mobile telematics-based motor policy.
15. The **Central government** has decided to set up the **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** for appointments of Wholtime Directors and Non-Executive Directors in public sector banks (PSBs), public sector insurers (PSIs) and financial institutions (FIs).
Note: This new entity will be headed by former Chairman of Banks Board Bureau, Bhanu Pratap Sharma for two years. The Cabinet committee, headed by the Prime Minister has approved the establishment of FSIB.
16. **SBI General Insurance** company has launched the Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan for individuals.
Note: This comprehensive cyber insurance cover provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks. This covers unauthorised e-transactions, loss of wages resulting from identity theft and instances impacting online reputation.
17. **South Indian Bank** has signed an agreement with Forest and Wildlife Department of Kerala to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State.
Note: With the help of this partnership, the digital collection system of South Indian Bank will now be available at all 124 tourist spots that comes under the Forest Department.
18. IRDAI has permitted the general insurance provider to introduce technology-enabled add-ons to **motor insurance**.
Note: Add-ons are: Pay-as-you-drive, pay-how-you-drive and floater policy for vehicles belonging to the same individual owner for two wheelers and private cars. **Objective:** It will make motor insurance more affordable, especially for customers who primarily opt for only third-party (TP) insurance and overlook the benefits of OD covers.
19. **HDFC Ltd.** bank has partnered with software firm, Salesforce to support the company's growth priorities.
Note: HDFC, to build the next generation of integration backbone, to connect backend and frontend systems including Salesforce. Mulesoft (Software Company) with its innovative API-led integration approach and low code integration capabilities will help HDFC to innovate quickly around connecting systems.

20. Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed MoU **Indian Air Force** for 'PNB Rakshak Plus'.
Note: The scheme covers personal accidental insurance, air accidental insurance to serving, retired and trainees of the defence forces, central armed police forces, state police force, metro police and retired defence pensioners. Death Cover- Personal Accidental: Rs. 50 lakh; Air Accidental Insurance : Rs. 100 lakh
21. **Max Life Insurance Company** has launched Smart Capital Guarantee Solution, which is a life insurance product solution that combines three benefits.
Note: This product is launched by merging the benefits of Max Life Smart Wealth Plan and Max Life Flexi Wealth Advantage Plan. It will offer wealth creation through market-linked returns along with a guarantee on premiums paid at maturity with additional financial protection
22. RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 crore on **Federal Bank** for deficiencies in regulatory compliance.
Note: RBI imposed penalty of Rs 70 lakh on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of Know Your Customer (KYC) norms and instructions on 'compliance function in banks' issued by RBI. RBI has been imposed on Dhani Loans and Services Ltd, Gurugram for non-compliance with KYC norms with fine of Rs 7.6 lakh
23. Along with Razorpay, Pine Labs, and Stripe, **1Pay** has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for payment aggregator licences.
Note: Payment aggregators: Entities that enable e-commerce sites and merchants to accept various payment instruments from customers. They allow merchants to connect with acquirers. In the process, they receive payments from customers, pool and transfer them to the merchants after a time period.
24. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved the establishment of an Interim Operational Hub in **Abu Dhabi**.
Note: The hub will provide AIIB with a strong platform to enable effective supervision of its growing investment portfolio. India is the second-largest shareholder in AIIB after China. Reason: UAE was chosen as the location keeping in mind its connectivity with many of the 105 members of the bank.
25. State bank of India has partnered with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) to support the state's budding startups with collateral-free loans.
Note: Aim: To leverage the existing Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), set up by the Centre to improve the credit flow to the MSE sector. The CGTMSE will be utilised by the SBI to provide collateral-free loans of up to Rs 2 crore to startups recognised under KDEM's Elevate programme.
26. Bank of Baroda has partnered with **Women's World Banking** to roll out the third phase of the 'Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' programme across Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
Note: In this phase, the programme will reach out to existing Jan Dhan customers of BoB through financial literacy camps. Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' encourage women account holders to save money by depositing Rs. 500 monthly for five months and can get a PMJDY overdraft loan facility of up to Rs 10,000.
27. **Edelweiss Asset Management Ltd.** has launched a new fund offer (NFO) for Focused Equity Fund.
Note: This will invest in 25-30 stocks spread across three key investing opportunities of - (1) brands, (2) market share gainers, and (3) innovators. The fund will be managed by Trideep Bhattacharya and Abhishek Gupta.
28. **RBI** has announced a system for the domestic traders to settle imports and exports in rupees.
Note: This system will promote the global trade growth with an emphasis on exports from India and will support the increasing interest of the global trading community in the domestic currency. This decision was came after, the rupee touching record lows against the dollar.
29. **SBICAP Ventures Limited** has signed MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs for establishing the Trilateral Development Cooperation Fund (TDC Fund).
Note: The TDC Fund helps to route the India's commitment of approx. Rs.175 cr. to the Global Innovation Development Fund (GIP Fund). The UK and India have partnered to launch the GIP and the Trilateral Development Corporation fund.
30. **Tata AIA Life Insurance Co. Ltd.** has joined hands to create a strategic alliance with City Union Bank.
Note: Aim: To offer life and health insurance solutions to the Bank's consumers. With the help of this partnership, the City Union Bank consumers (existing and new) will get benefit from Tata AIA Life's diverse and innovative products and services spanning term insurance, savings and investment, and health.
31. **IRDAI** has formed two task forces to study the issues of non-life and life insurance industries face in reinsurance support.
Note: Reinsurance support: It refers to insurance companies transferring a part of the risk they underwrite to other firms. Non-life insurance: Headed by Bhargav Dasgupta (MD&CEO, ICICI Lombard General Insurance); Nine members. Life insurance: Headed by Naveen Tahilyani (MD&CEO, TATA AIA Life Insurance; seven-members

- 32. City Union Bank (CUB)** signs MoU with Shriram General Insurance to distribute the latter's insurance products through its branches.
Note: Under this, Shriram General Insurance will offer personal lines of insurance products like motor, personal accident, home and travel, along with commercial lines of insurance products such as property, marine and engineering insurance to the bank's customers.
- 33. India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation** has signed a strategic partnership with RBL Bank to offer mortgage guarantee backed home loan products to salaried and non-salaried customers.
Note: This partnership will help RBL Bank to extend the mortgage guarantee-backed home loans to new borrower segments through the bank's network. It also help to create a conducive lending environment by ensuring timely disbursal of housing credit and longer tenure to customers
- 34. Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd.** has partnered with the Common Services Centres (CSC), under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to increase the health insurance penetration in rural India.
Note: Aim: To provide over 5 lakh CSCs access to a select range of Star Health insurance products and the products have been designed to meet the needs of rural customers across the tier-II, tier-III cities, and rural markets pan India.
- 35. Digital lending app ApnaArohan** of the NBFC-MFI Arohan Financial Services, that was for its customers to make repayments and other transactions through the digital mode.
Note: It reduces the physical interaction with the loan officers of the MFI. The AI-powered app will help to increase the outstanding portfolio from ₹4,500 crore (June 2022) to around ₹5,100 crore by the end FY23.
- 36. Agri-tech startup nurture.farm** has partnered with the SBI General Insurance and Future Generali India Insurance Company to expand its insurance solutions for farmers.
Note: nurture.farm is an open digital platform for growers, farming communities and food systems. The company had recently received a corporate agency licence from IRDAI to enable nurture.farm, to help farmers access innovative insurance solutions at cost-effective price points.
- 37. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of India for the month of June 2022 -- 15.18% (Provisional).**
Note: Reason of high rate of inflation: Rise in prices of mineral oils, food articles, crude petroleum & natural gas, basic metals, chemicals & chemical products, food products etc. Fuel and Power category: Index increased by 0.65% to 155.4 in June.
- It remained in double-digit for the 15th straight month.
- 38. Bank Indonesia** has signed an MoU with RBI to improve mutual cooperation between them.
Note: With this MoU, RBI and BI committed to deepening relations between the two central banks and strengthening the exchange of information and cooperation in the area of central banking. It includes payment systems, digital innovation in payments services, and a regulatory and supervisory framework.
- 39. Kotak Mahindra Bank** has completed technical integration with the new e-filing portal of the IT department and has become the 1st private bank to fully integrate with the portal.
Note: Its customers can now pay their direct taxes through the e-pay tax tab on the portal. This will make the tax payment process simple, instant, and convenient for customers.
- 40. The Internet and Mobile Association of India** has decided to shut down the Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council.
Note: With this, IAMAI will cease to represent crypto-exchanges operating in India. IAMAI had created and nurtured BACC for four years.
- 41. India's commodities trade deficit** has been recorded in June 2022 -- **\$26.1 billion.**
Note: Reason: Continuing global commodity supercycle kept the prices of key energy and metal imports high. The exports in June 2022 has been increased by 23.5% to \$40.13 billion and imports raised by 57.5% to \$66.31 billion.
- 42. DBS bank** has been honoured with the 2022 global best SME bank by the leading UK-based financial publication Euromoney, for the second time since 2018.
Note: The DBS bank also won three first-time awards at Euromoney's Awards for (1) World's Best 'Financial Innovation of the year' 2022, (2) 'Asia's Best Bank for Wealth Management 2022', (3) 'Asia's Best Bank for SME award 2022'. The World's Best Bank for 2022: Bank of America. The World's best investment bank 2022: Goldman Sachs
- 43. Kotak Mahindra General Insurance** has launched an automation of vehicle inspection for insurance renewals with Artificial Intelligence based technology.
Note: The company has partnered with Inspektlabs to automate the vehicle inspection process. Aim: Help in the renewal process as well as to detect fraud thereby aiding the underwriting process. During policy renewals process, the customers can capture photos or videos of their vehicle and upload them on the cloud-based App.

44. General Insurance company **Go Digit** has launched an add-on feature for motor insurance Own Damage policies, named 'Pay as you Drive'.
Note: Customers who drive less than 10,000 Km per year on an average, will now pay less with this add-on. Digit will use odometer reading, telematics data and annual kilometer opted to give this discount (up to 25%). IRDAI has also permitted to the general insurance companies to introduce such tech-enabled concepts in motor OD policies.
45. As per the SBI study, the average income of farmers between FY 2017-18 and 2021-22, has shown an increment across India -- **1.3 -1.7 times**.
Note: Income from allied and non-farm: 1.4-1.8 times (growth). Some crops like soybean in Maharashtra and cotton in Karnataka, incomes have in fact doubled during the same time. The study is based on primary data, contains granular data of various crops from agri-intensive branches and analyses the change in income of farmers.
46. As per the Morgan Stanley, India's real GDP growth for FY23 -- **7.2%**.
Note: It has also estimated that the GDP growth for the FY24 will slow down to 6.4%, this is lower by 0.30% as compared to the earlier estimate.
47. According to the RBI report, the share of remittances from **Gulf Cooperation Council region** has declined in 2021.
Note: Observations: slower pace of migration and the presence of the Indian diaspora in informal sectors that were hit the most during the pandemic period. Article: 'Headwinds of COVID-19 and India's Inward Remittances'. The US, The UK, and Singapore are an Important sources countries of remittances (accounting for 36% of total remittances in 2020-21).
48. The government of India has declared "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as **Securities**.
Note: Zero coupon zero principal instrument: An instrument issued by a Not for Profit Organisation, will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange. These will be governed by rules made by the Securities and Exchange Board of India. Social Stock Exchange: To serve private and non-profit sector providers by channelling greater capital to them.
49. RBI has imposed a capped of withdrawal limit of Rs 15,000 per customer for a period of six months -- **Raigad Sahakari Bank**.
Note: Reason: Worsening of financial situation of the lender. RBI has also imposed a penalty of Rs 6 lakhs on Shri Chhatrapati Rajarshi Shahu Urban Co-operative Bank Limited for contravention of provisions related to 'Frauds - Classification and Reporting'.
50. **State Bank of India** has launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers
Note: Customers of the SBI can access their Account Balance and view Mini Statement on WhatsApp. This WhatsApp Banking services can available to customers when they send a message saying 'Hi' on the number 919022690226.
51. Revised minimum capital adequacy ratio (CAR) for Urban Cooperative Banks (UCBs) for the deposits above Rs 100 crore -- **12%**.
Note: It has provided a path till March 2026 to meet revised CAR norm in phases for UCBs that don't meet it currently. This is based on recommendations of a panel headed by N S Vishwanathan (former Deputy Governor). It has retained the norm of a minimum CAR of 9% for tier-1 banks (deposits up to Rs 100 crore).
52. **Standard Chartered Bank** has launched a co-branded credit card with EaseMyTrip to offer exclusive travel benefits with instant discounts and reward points to card holders.
Note: This credit card offers flat 20% instant discount on domestic & international hotel bookings, flat 10% on domestic & international flight bookings on EaseMyTrip. Standard Chartered Bank CEO: Bill Winters; Headquarters: London. EaseMyTrip Headquarters: New Delhi
53. **IndusInd** bank's board has approved a proposal to raise up to Rs 20,000 crore in debt on a private placement basis to fund its business growth.
Note: As on March 31, the capital adequacy ratio of the bank stood at 18.42% (tier-I capital being at 16.80% and tier-II capital at 1.62%) as percentage of its risk-weighted assets. The fund-raising plan is subject to the approval of its shareholders.
54. **Tamil Nadu** has topped the list of the states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission.
Note: Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore, Uttar Pradesh (second) has utilised Rs 2699 cr out of Rs 3142 crore, released by the Centre. On 8 July 2022, the Centre has released Rs 30,751.41 crore for 100 Smart Cities out of which Rs 27,610.34 crore has been utilized. Smart Cities Mission launched: 25 June, 2015.
55. As per the Asian Development Bank (ADB), economic growth forecast for India for the current fiscal year (2022-23) -- **7.2%**.
Note: For the South Asian region: Cut the forecast for 2022 to 6.5% from 7% ; For 2023, from 7.4% to 7.1%. Economic crisis in Sri Lanka, high inflation and associated monetary tightening in India
56. **RBI** has renewed its statement of commitment to the FX Global Code, a compilation of best market practices formulated by central banks worldwide.

- Note:** It is implemented by the Global FX Committee (GFXC) in co-ordination with the Local FX Committee (LFXC) in each jurisdiction. FX Global Code developed under the Bank for International Settlements.
- 57. USD 875 million** has been approved by the New Development Bank for water, sanitation, ecotourism and transport to India, Brazil and China.
Note: Brazil: \$ 300 million for water supply and sewage collection. India: \$ 79 million for the Meghalaya Ecotourism Infrastructure Development Project. China: EUR 265 million for Lanzhou Zhongchuan International Airport and RMB 805 million for Xi'an Xianyang International Airport.
- 58. RBI** has capped the withdrawal limit restrictions on Saibaba Janata Sahakari Bank, Maharashtra, due to its deteriorating financial positions -- **Rs. 20,000**.
Note: RBI imposed restriction on Suri Friends' Union Co-operative Bank Ltd, West Bengal, United India Co-operative Bank Limited, Bijnor (UP) and National Urban Co-operative Bank Ltd, Bahraich (UP). Withdrawal limit: Suri Friends' Union Co-operative: Rs. 50,000; National Urban Co-operative: Rs.10,000
- 59. The name of the mobile app, that was launched by the Canara Bank -- Canara ai1.**
Note: It is available in 11 languages to cater to multiple sections of the society in their preferred language. Features: Intuitive UI and UX with multiple themes and customised menus which can be personalised as per the user's choice. Security features: Device binding, malware detection, detection of remote administration tools and a dynamic keyboard to provide safe and secure banking.
- 60. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has announced the launch of its add-on motor insurance cover, called 'Pay As You Consume' (PAYC).
Note: It is a usage-based motor insurance add-on cover, can be opted by the customer along with the basic Own Damage (OD plan) under Package Product, Bundled and Standalone OD cover. Customers can choose coverage based on their vehicle usage, further to which the premium will be calculated, i.e., kilometres driven annually.
- 61. According to the latest report released by the Reserve Bank of India, The foreign exchange reserves of India -- \$572.7 billion.**
Note: It is dropped from \$7.5 billion during the week ended July 15, 2022. Reason: It is mainly due to foreign currency assets that were down \$6.5 billion. Reserves have been fallen about \$60 billion in 2022 due to aggressive intervention by the central bank to curb the sharp volatility in the foreign exchange market.
- 62. City Union Bank** has signed bancassurance partnership with Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Ltd (ABHICL) for the distribution of health insurance products through the former's network of branches across the country.
Note: CUB has already signed bancassurance pacts with Star Health and Alliance Insurance, and Care Health (formerly known as Religare Health Insurance Co). The CUB has also signed bancassurance pact with Royal Sundaram General Insurance
- 63. HDFC Securities Ltd.** has partnered with Equitas SFB to provide demat accounts, and broking and investment services to its customers.
Note: Equitas Small Finance Bank will offer its customers 3-in-1 account, to access the services of HDFC Securities. With this partnership, Equitas Small Finance customers will be able to open their demat account for buying and selling shares and trading in futures, commodities, and currencies.
- 64. Life insurance corporation (LIC)** has reduced shareholding in Sun Pharmaceuticals by selling **2%** stakes, in the company for about Rs 3,882 crore, to 5.024%.
Note: The shares were sold through open market transactions during the period from May 17, 2021 to July 22, 2022. As per the norms of Sebi, listed companies are required to intimate the stock exchanges when their shareholding in an entity falls by 2% or more.
- 65. Rajasthan Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad (RGAV)** has signed an agreement with Stree Nidhi-Telangana to set up a financial institution for women.
Note: Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi is being set up in Rajasthan on the lines of Telangana's Stree Nidhi model. Rajasthan's CM, Ashok Gehlot had announced the setting up a bank run by women in the state budget 2022-23.
- 66. According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), what would be the gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India for the current financial year (FY23) 7.4%.**
Note: The IMF has also reduced the growth forecast for FY24 to 6.1% as against 6.9% earlier. Reason: Due to less favorable external conditions and more rapid policy tightening.
- 67. Piramal Enterprises** has received the non-banking finance company (NBFC) business license from RBI.
Note: The RBI has grant license under Section 45 IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The license was received by the Company on 26th July, 2022. Last year, the Piramal Enterprises board approved the demerger of its pharmaceuticals business and simplification of the corporate structure.
- 68. RBI** has launched a campaign to raise the awareness about the unclaimed deposits, with a focus on the eight states that have the maximum amount of unclaimed deposits.
Note: The unclaimed deposits in banks have increased to Rs 48,262 crore in FY22 from Rs 39,264

- crore. Eight states: Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Bengal, Karnataka, Bihar and Telangana/Andhra Pradesh. This campaign is launched in Hindi and English along with the languages of these eight states.
69. As per the RBI report, the amount involved in fraud cases reported by PSBs has been reduced to **Rs 3,204 crore** in the last fiscal from Rs 28,884 crore in 2017-18.
Note: In 2018-19, a total of 9,092 cases were reported amounting to Rs 26,720 crore. In 2019-20, the number of frauds rose to 11,074, involving a monetary value of Rs 21,170 crore. The gross NPAs (non-performing assets) of these banks also reduced to Rs 5,41,750 crore from Rs 6,16,616 crore in 2020-21.
70. After Singapore (27.01%), USA (17.94%) has emerged as the top sourcing countries in FDI equity flows into India in FY2021-22.

- Note:** Mauritius (15.98%) has been ranked third followed by Netherland (7.86%) and Switzerland (7.31%). Top 5 sectors: Computer Software & Hardware (24.60%), Services Sector, Automobile Industry, Trading and Construction (Infrastructure) Activities. Top 5 States: Karnataka (37.55%), Maharashtra (26.26%), Delhi (13.93%), Tamil Nadu, and Haryana
71. For ease of transition to an alternate system in respect of transactions where cardholders decide to enter the card details manually at the time of undertaking the transaction is known as **Guest checkout transactions**.
Note: The RBI has relaxed card-on-file data storage norms pertaining to guest transactions checkout. Now, apart from the card issuer and the card network, the merchant or its payment aggregator involved in the settlement of the transactions can save the data for a maximum of T+4 days or till the settlement date, whichever is earlier.

Banking & Financial terms

1. **AEPS** – Aadhar Enabled Payment System
2. **APBS** – Aadhar Payment Bridge System
3. **ATM** – Automated Teller Machine
4. **ALM** - Asset Liability Management
5. **AIIB** - Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
6. **AMFI** - Association of Mutual Funds in India
7. **BIS** - Bureau of Indian Standards
8. **BBPS** – Bharat Bill Payment System
9. **BCA** -Baseline Credit Assessment
10. **BHIM** - Bharat Interface for Money
11. **BLRA**: Bank Led Resolution Approach
12. **CBL** - Chest Balance Limit
13. **CMFRI** - Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute
14. **CBS** – Core Banking System
15. **CIDR** - Central Identities Data Repository
16. **CTS** – Cheque Truncation System
17. **CDR** - Corporate Debt Restructuring
18. **CASA** – Current Account Saving Account
19. **CAD** – Capital Account Deficit
20. **CRA** - Counterparty Risk Assessment
21. **CRR** – Cash Reserve Ratio
22. **ECS** – Electronic Clearing Service
23. **DNS** - Domain Name System
24. **DEAF** - Depositor Education and Awareness Fund
25. **EFTPOS** - Electronic funds transfer at point of sale
26. **EFT** – Electronic Fund Transfer.
27. **FRBM** - Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management
28. **LGD** - Loss Given Default
29. **LTV**- Loan To Value
30. **LRS** - Liberalized Remittance Scheme
31. **LCR** - Liquidity Coverage Ratio
32. **GNFV** - Gross Negative Fair Value
33. **SFTs**: Securities financing transactions
34. **HCE** - Host Card Emulation
35. **PFE** - Potential Future Exposure
36. **IIP** - Index of Industrial Production
37. **IBBI** - Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
38. **IFC** - International Finance Corporation
39. **IDRBT** - Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology
40. **Ind As** - Indian Accounting Standards
41. **ICAAP** - Internal Capital Adequacy Assessment Process
42. **IFSC** - Indian Financial System Code
43. **IMPS** - Immediate Payment Service
44. **IMPS** - Interbank Mobile Payment Service
45. **MMID** - Mobile Money Identifier
46. **MPIN** - Mobile Personal Identification Number
47. **NPA** – Non- Performing Assets
48. **NSFR** - Net Stable Funding Ratio
49. **NPCI** - National Payment Corporation of India
50. **NFS** – National Financial Switch
51. **NSFR** - Net Stable Funding Ratio
52. **NACH** – National Automated Clearing House
53. **NEFT** – National Electronic Fund Transfer
54. **NFC** - Near field communication
55. **NDTL** – Net Demand and Time Liabilities.
56. **NASSCOM** - National Association of Software and Services Companies

57. **NIIF** - National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
58. **OTC** – Over the Counter
59. **PIN** – Personal Identification Number
60. **PAC** - Personal Access Code
61. **PCA** - Prompt Corrective Action
62. **PCR** – Public Credit Registry
63. **PCR** - Provisioning Coverage Ratio
64. **PSPs** - Payment Support Providers
65. **TC-CCP** - Third-Country Central Counterparty
66. **TRR** - Temporary Recognition Regime
67. **TReDS** - Trade Receivables Discounting System
68. **RTGS** – Real Time Gross Settlement
69. **USSD** - Unstructured Supplementary Services Data
70. **UIDAI** - Unique Identification Authority of India
71. **VPA** - Virtual Payment Address.
72. **WMA** - Ways and Means Advances
73. **TIEA** - Tax Information and Exchange Agreement
74. **NRETP** - National Rural Economic Transformation Project
75. **IBC** - Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code
76. **GSP** - Generalised System of Preferences
77. **IFFCO** - Indian Farmers Fertilizer Co-operative
78. **PMJAY** - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
79. **NBFC** - Non-banking finance companies
80. **SWIFT** - Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications
81. **NHB** – National Housing Bank
82. **NGT** - National Green Tribunal
83. **DSIB** – Domestically Systematically Important Bank
84. **RWAs** - Risk Weighted Assets
85. **TCs** - Trade credits
86. **CSO** - Central Statistics Office
87. **ASSOCHAM** - Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India
88. **WPI** - Wholesale Price Index
89. **FTA** - Free Trade Agreement
90. **NHB** - National Housing Bank
91. **YONO** - You only need one
92. **ARC** - Asset Reconstruction Company
93. **D-SIBs** - Domestic Systemically Important Banks
94. **MFIs** - Micro Finance Institutions
95. **FPIs** - Foreign portfolio investors
96. **FVCIs** - Foreign venture capital investors
97. **PPF** - Public Provident Fund
98. **NSC** - National Savings Certificate
99. **CbC** - Country-by-Country
100. **WEF** - World Economic Forum
101. **MPI** - Multidimensional Poverty Index
102. **UNDP** - United Nations Development Programme
103. **UPI** - Unified Payments Interface
104. **NPCI** - National Payments Corporation of India
105. **CII** - Confederation of Indian Industry
106. **NBCC** - National Buildings Construction Corporation
107. **NSSO** - National Sample Survey Office
108. **EMV** - Europay, MasterCard, Visa.
109. **FATF** - Financial Action Task Force

Books and Authors

1-15 November 2022

1. **Rene Naba (French)** is an author of book “De la Nucléarisation de l’Asie”(Nuclearization of Asia).
Note: The book is bilingual book, and will be available in both French and English. The book discusses the nuclear emergency and threat posed by the nexus of Pakistan and China. The book was published by Golias.
2. **Nirmala James** has authored the new book title "E. K. Janaki Ammal: Life and Scientific Contributions".
Note: The book was published by Enview Research and Development. It was released during the event organised on the 125th birth anniversary of E. K. Janaki Ammal. She was born on 4th November 1897 in Thalassery, Kerala. E. K. Janaki Ammal is the India's first woman botanist.
3. **Subodh** first edition was launched by the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) vigilance department.
Note: Aim: To reinforce the NMDC's commitment to fostering honesty and transparency among all stakeholders. The magazine was released by NMDC CMD, Sumit Deb. It was released in the presence of Director (Finance) Amitava Mukherjee, Director (Production) Dilip Kumar Mohanty.

October 2022

1. Tagore & Gandhi: Walking Alone, Walking Together has won the best books of the year at the 2022 'Valley of Words Book Awards', was written by **Rudrangshu Mukherjee**.
Note: Anees Salim's The Odd Book of Baby Names and Neelakshi Singh's 'Khela' were adjudged the best in English and Hindi, respectively, in the fiction category. The PFC-VoW Book Awards is considered

- one of the most comprehensive independent literary award programmes in India.
- The book titled "The Last Heroes" that is scheduled to release on November 21, 2022, has been authored by **P Sainath**.
Note: The book has been published by the Penguin Random House India (PRHI). This book is an attempt to recognition those freedom fighter stories, who are truly deserve, but were never granted. He is also an author of the acclaimed book, Everybody Loves a Good Drought. P Sainath was awarded the 2007 Ramon Magsaysay Award.
 - External Affairs Minister, Dr S Jaishankar has participated in the Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022, where he launched the book **Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery** in Auckland.
Note: The event was also attended by the New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern. The event felicitated members of the Indian community in New Zealand for their exceptional achievements and contributions. The book originally launched on 11th May 2022.
 - Odisha CM, Naveen Patnaik** has released a book titled 'Pandemic Disruptions and Odisha's Lessons in Governance'.

- Note:** This book was written by Rajya Sabha MP, Amar Patnaik. The book is a collection of the various essays on pertinent contemporary issues that emerged in India during the pandemic years of 2020-21 and 2021-2022. The book also highlights the achievements of Odisha's 5-T framework of governance. 5-T: Team work, technology, transparency, transformation and time limit
- A book titled 'The Philosophy of Modern Song', written by **Bob Dylan**.
Note: The book will be published by Simon and Schuster. This book is a collection of essays, is his first book of new writing since 2004, when he released 'Chronicles, Volume One.' He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2016 for having created new poetic expressions within the great American song tradition.
 - A new book "The Corbett Papers" has been co-edited by educator Akshay Shah and **Stephen Alter**.
Note: This book was published by Hachette India. This book has brought together lesser known parts of Jim Corbett's life through unpublished letters, documents and a privately-published book

September 2022

- Saumya Saxena** is the writer of the book 'Divorce and Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India'.
Note: A new book on divorce laws and various religions in the post-colonial era was released at the India International Centre. She is a British Academy Fellow at the faculty of History, University of Cambridge, the book talks about the Indian state's difficult dialogue with divorce, which reconciles largely through religion.
- Dr Munjpara Mahendra bhai Kalubhai** is the writer of book titled "Science Behind Surya Namaskar".
Note: The book is a collection of evidence-based research on one of the most well-known Yoga asanas at the AIIA. The book was released during the Continuing Medical Education (CME) Programme 2022 organised by the departments of Swasthavritta, Panchakarma, and Darvyaguna in association with Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth (RAV), New Delhi.
- A book titled, 'Forging Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story' has been authored by **Pavan C. Lall**.
Note: In this book, the senior journalist Pavan C. Lall tells the story of Nrupender Rao and his entrepreneurial journey. It is a unique story of how a business built with ethics, social and environmental concern at the core of its values can indeed be profitable and sustainable. This book was published by Harper Business.
- Sjoerd Marijne** has authored "Will Power" in which writer shares the inside story of the team's incredible turnaround at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
Note: The book will be published by HarperCollins India and released on September 21. Marijne was appointed as the chief coach of the women's team in 2017. He has played for The Netherlands, and guided the Dutch Under-21 women's side to a World Cup title.
- Former President Ram Nath Kovind** has released a book titled "Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation" in New Delhi.
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.
- Noted Film Actor, Manoj Bajpayee has released a book titled Muskurate Chand Lamhe aur Kuchh Khamoshiyan, was authored by **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.

7. 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 **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.
8. **Former VP, Venkaiah Naidu** has released a book titled “Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas” at Akashvani Bhawan in New Delhi.
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.

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

August 2022

1. A book titled, 'Madam President: A Biography of Draupadi Murmu' that will be released by the end of 2022, is written by **Sandeep Sahu**.
Note: Sandeep Sahu is a Bhubaneswar-based senior journalist. The book will be published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI).
2. Union Minister of State (IC) of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, launched a poetry book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds', is written by **Sannidhya Sharma**.
Note: She is a student of class 7th at Jammu. The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers.
3. “Bibi: My Story” is an autobiography of **Benjamin Netanyahu** the former prime minister of Israel.
Note: The English translation will be released by American publisher Simon & Schuster while the Hebrew version will be released by Shibolet Library. He is the longest-serving leader in the history of Israel (1996-1999; 2019 -2021). He presently serves as the chairman of the National Liberal Movement (Likud party).
4. Former Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled, 'New India - a compilation of selected articles 2014-19' on the death anniversary of former Union Minister **Arun Jaitley**.
Note: Arun Jaitley has served as the Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs of the Government of India from 2014 to 2019. He was awarded the Padma Vibhushan (second highest civilian award of India), posthumously in 2020 in the field of Public Affairs.

5. A book titled, “The Hero of Tiger Hill”, is an autobiography of **Subedar Major (Honorary Captain)**.
Note: Yogendra Singh Yadav is the youngest Param Vir Chakra awardee (India’s highest gallantry award) at the age of 19 for his actions in the 1999 Kargil conflict. This book was published by Srishti Publishers. It is the true story of a brave soldier who left no stone unturned and fought valiantly for the honour of India
6. **Dr Ashutosh Raravikar** has authored a new book titled “Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence”.
Note: He is the Director of the Department of Economic & Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The book is published by Aswad Prakashan Private Limited. Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India has written the foreword of the book.
7. **Mallika Sarabhai** is the writer of the self-help memoir, “Free Fall: My Experiments with Living”.
Note: The book is about “coming to terms with yourself, your body and finding the lifestyle that works for you”. It is published by Speaking Tiger.
8. A new book named ‘India’s Economy From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History’ written by **Pulapre Balakrishnan**.
Note: The book, India’s Economy ‘From Nehru To Modi: A Brief History’ is written about the economic progression of India from the time of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to the current time of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Independent The 75-year odyssey of the Indian economy is coming to an end.

July 2022

1. Author-journalist **Susan Ninan** has written the memoir *Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life*.
Note: Hachette India has announced the paperback edition of five-time world chess champion Viswanathan

Anand’s widely acclaimed memoir “Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion’s Life”. It is written by Anand with author-journalist Susan Ninan.

2. **Hector Garcia and Francesc Miralles** is the writer of the book titled "Shinrin Yoku: The Rejuvenating Practice of Forest Bathing".
Note: 'Shinrin Yoku', which translates as 'forest bathing', refers to taking mindful walks amidst nature to relieve stress and realign our energies. The term was coined by the Japanese Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries in 1982.
3. Union Minister **Meenakshi Lekhi** has launched the book titled, "Swadhinta Sangram na 75 Shoorveero" in Gujarati.
Note:
This book is a page-long summary of 75 freedom fighters of India like- Tirupur Kumaran from Tamil Nadu who saved the Flag. It is a part of the "Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to mark the 75th year of the country's Independence. The book is published by the Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
4. **General JJ Singh (Retd)** is the writer of the book titled, "The McMahon line: A century of discord".
Note: He was a former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff. The book is based on the experiences and research on the India-China border dispute. The book had laid emphasis on politics, history, structure and geography of the McMahon line.
5. **Aradhana Johri (Senior IAS)** is the writer of the book "BEYOND THE MISTY VEIL", Temple Tales of Uttarakhand, released by CM Pushkar Singh Dhami.
Note: This book will be known as an authentic introduction to the divine temples of Uttarakhand in the country and abroad. Former IAS officer Aradhana Johri who had served earlier as the District Magistrate of Nainital.
6. **S. Jaishankar (External Affairs Minister)** released the 'Connecting through Culture', an anthology of essays on various aspects of India's soft power strengths.
Note: The Minister described the book as the "good cop" in diplomacy. It can be used to encourage others to work with India because "it creates a comfort about India."
7. **Union Minister Anurag Thakur** has released the Moods, Moments and Memories - Former Presidents of India (1950-2017) A Visual History, published by Directorate of Publications Division.
Note: Other two books published by Directorate of Publications Division and released by Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur are: (1) First Citizen - Pictorial Record of President Ram Nath Kovind's Term. (2) Interpreting Geometries - Flooring of Rashtrapati Bhavan

Agreement & Deals

(1st to 15th November 2022)

1. **Bihar Govt Signed Agreement with ICCR to Showcase Its Soft Power to World**
Note: The Bihar government will sign an MoU with the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) to help artists from the state, handicrafts and several other ethnic arts to get international exposure. The Art and Culture Department of the state government will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) in this regard. The department is now preparing a calendar of live art and heritage performances to be held worldwide in the coming months after this MoU
2. **India and Finland Agrees to Enhance Cooperation in Digital Partnership**
Note: India And Finland agree to carry mutual cooperation between the two countries to a new level and enhance partnership in areas such as digital partnership in Future ICT, Future Mobile Technologies and Digital Education. The decision was taken during a meeting between Finland's Minister of Education and Culture Petri Honkonen and Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh at North Block in New Delhi. He was accompanied by a high level delegation which later held a separate meeting with the Indian delegation in the presence of the two Ministers.
3. **Centre Approves BSNL Rs 26,821 Crore 4G Deal with TCS**
Note: Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) received a nod from Central Government to go ahead with Rs 26,821 crore deal with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) paving its way to launch 4G services in India. TCS is ready to set up the 4G lines and maintain the network for nine years. BSNL will give Rs 10,000 crore worth of purchase orders to TCS soon. The state-run telco will aim to launch its 4G services by December 2022 or January 2023.
4. **MoRD signs MoU with Veddis Foundation under DAY-NRLM**
Note: The Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD) has signed an MoU with Veddis Foundation to support the setting up of effective governance systems under the DAY-NRLM. The DAY-NRLM stands for Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihood Mission. The partnership with MoRD and Veddis Foundation for three years is non-financial in nature.

5. NIIFL Signed An Agreement with JBIC to Boost Japanese Investments in India

Note: National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIFL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) to promote and enhance Japanese investments into India. The MoU outlines a partnership framework between NIIFL and JBIC which is considering the establishment of a bilateral **India-Japan Fund (IJF)**. JBIC and the Government of India will invest in the India-Japan Fund, which will make equity investments in environmental preservation and low carbon emission strategies,”

6. TATA Power and the Indian Army collaborate to install EV charging stations

Note: TATA Power and the Indian Army collaborate: The Indian Army collaborated with Tata Powers to install 16 EV charging stations, in

accordance with its “Go Green Initiative.” In several areas of Delhi Cantonment, charging stations have been installed. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth, General Officer Commanding Delhi Area, officially opened the installation of charging stations in cooperation with the nation’s largest integrated utility in the presence of army authorities and senior TATA Power and TATA Motors executives.

7. Dharmendra Pradhan signs MoU with FIFA and AIFF for Football4Schools

Note: Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurial Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan signed an MoU with FIFA and the All India Football Federation for the ‘Football4Schools’ initiative in India. FIFA President, Mr. Gianni Infantino, and President, of All India Football Federation, Shri Kalyan Chaubey signed MoU on behalf of the respective organizations.

(1st -31st October 2022)

1. Retail jewellery major Malabar becomes 1st Indian jeweller to import 25 kg gold from UAE

Note: Retail jewellery major **Malabar Gold and Diamonds** has become the first jeweller in India to import 25 kg gold under the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** between India and the UAE. The gold has been imported through ICICI Bank with one per cent duty rebate under the agreement. The group has effectively utilised the duty benefits of the agreement both in import and export for the first time in India. The Company has also been among the first few jewellers to receive permission to export jewellery to the UAE with tax concessions under this agreement in May 2022.

2. Google partners with Assam Government to power digitalised learning

Note: Google partners with Assam Government: In order to help and expedite the Assam government’s objective to foster digital growth and development in the State, Google inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). As part of this new initiative, Google will work with the **Assam Government’s Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED)** to strengthen school digitization efforts with digital tools and solutions to support teaching and learning, as well as to promote the fundamentals of online safety and digital citizenship to schoolchildren through the “Be Internet Awesome” programme.

3. Arya.ag and FWWB India partner with UNDP to implement Project Excel

Note: Arya.ag and FWWB India partner with UNDP: Project Excel is being implemented in the Gujarati districts of Jamnagar and Dwaraka Devbhumi by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the integrated grain commerce platform Arya.ag and Friends of Women’s World Banking India (FWWB India). It aims to increase the incomes of 10,000 farmer households through the promotion of small businesses, intervention in the agri-value chain, and skill development in the agricultural industry.

4. ICC tie-up with UNICEF to promote gender equality

Note: The International Cricket Council (ICC) and UNICEF have launched a global partnership to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket. The initiatives to drive greater gender equity along with advocacy campaigns involving some of the world’s best players will form the basis of the partnership, which aims to mobilise the “**power of cricket to driving positive social change**”.

5. BHEL signed an MoU with CIL & NLCIL for Coal Gasification

Note: Bharat Heavy Electricals (BHEL) signed MoU with Coal India (CIL) and NLC India for setting up Coal Gasification based plants. BHEL rose 2.56% to Rs 62.20 after the company clarified it has entered into a non-binding MoU with CIL and NLCIL. With this, the company aims to set up a Coal Ammonium Nitrate Project with CIL based on the Gasification

of high-ash Indian coal, and a lignite-based gasification pilot plant with NLCIL for power generation. The state-run BHEL is engaged in designing, engineering, constructing, Testing, commissioning, and servicing a wide range of products and services to the core sector of the economy.

6. Tata Power partnered with 75F Smart Innovations for energy-efficiency solutions

Note: Tata Power Trading Company (TPTCL) has signed an agreement with 75F Smart Innovation India to jointly promote automation and energy efficiency solutions in the commercial building space. This will include industry verticals like IT/ITeS, BFSI hospitality, healthcare, education, government, and retail. The collaboration of TPTCL and 75F will offer solutions in the space of HVAC optimization and smart building automation powered by the finest technology like cloud, IoT, and AI.

7. Ashok Leyland, IIT Madras tie up to develop hybrid EVS Using Turbine Tech

Note: Ashok Leyland has joined hands with researchers at the National Centre for Combustion Research and Development (NCCRD) for the development and commercialization of a 'swirl mesh lean direct injection (LDI) system' for developing hybrid electrical vehicles using turbine technology. Ashok Leyland is a flagship company of the Hinduja group and a leading commercial vehicle manufacturer. NCCRD is an arm of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras.

8. Haryana Govt and Dubai ink an MoU for Economic Cooperation

Note: Haryana Govt and Dubai ink an MoU: The government of Dubai has sealed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Govt. of Haryana for collaboration in a variety of economic activities for the Haryana Govt. Under the terms of the MoU, the Government of Dubai shall identify a suitable entity to assist with identifying the potential areas of collaboration.

9. India-US Announce Launch of New Energy Storage Task Force

Note: India and US announced the launch of a new energy task force to support the large-scale integration of renewable energy needed to support the clean energy transition. The announcement will strengthen the India-US partnership in the critical energy sector to new levels. There was also

a bilateral meeting between Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri and US Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, after which the announcement was made.

10. India and Japan signed an MoU to develop scientific collaboration for Indian Ayurveda

Note: India and Japan signed an MoU: The National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), Japan, and the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU aims to increase academic institutions' technical capabilities and capacities.

11. NSIC and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank signs MoU

Note: NSIC and Utkarsh Small Finance Bank signs MoU: The National Small Industries Corporation Ltd. (NSIC), a Government of India Enterprise under the Ministry of MSME, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. This Memorandum of Understanding with the banks intends to assist MSMEs with their lending needs.

12. India-New Zealand Navies sign pact on White Shipping Information Exchange

Note: India-New Zealand Navies sign pact: The Royal New Zealand navy and the Indian navy have signed a contract on the exchange of White Shipping Information Exchange. Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral R. Hari Kumar and New Zealand Navy Chief Rear Admiral David Proctor signed the contract. In order to encourage more openness in the Maritime Domain, the agreement was signed.

13. Historic MoU Signed to launch India's Rupay debit card in Oman

Note: National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and **Central Financial institution Of Oman** signed a historic MoU to launch the Rupay debit card in Oman, paving the best way for a brand new period of monetary connectivity.

14. India signed an agreement with Armenia to export missiles, rockets & ammunition

Note: India will export missiles, rockets, and ammunition to Armenia after the recent clashes between Armenia and Azerbaijan. The missiles will also include Indigenous Pinaka Multi-Barrel Rocket Launcher. India has signed this deal with Armenia to help them to depend on the country against their neighboring country Azerbaijan.

(16th -30th Sep 2022)

1. Air India Signs Agreement With Willis Lease For Aircraft Engines

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

2. Royal Society of Chemistry and CSIR collaborate for chemistry in Indian schools

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

3. ESSCI partnered with Samsung India to train Indian youth

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

7. IBM and IIT Madras collaborate to promote quantum computing in India

Note: IBM and IIT Madras collaborate: Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-Madras) and International Business Machines (IBM) have cooperated to improve quantum computing research and talent development in India. IIT Madras joins the IBM Quantum Network's global membership of over 180 organisations through this agreement. IIT Madras also joins the global network of Fortune 500 corporations, start-ups, academic institutions, and research labs using IBM Quantum technology to enhance quantum computing and investigate business application cases as the "first Indian university."

8. MeitY Startup Hub and Meta Collaborate to speed up XR technology startups in India

The MoU was exchanged by Ken Kang, President and CEO of Samsung Southwest Asia, and Abhilasha Gaur, COO, ESSCI.

4. Hero MotoCorp tie-up with HPCL to set up EV charging infrastructure

Note: Hero MotoCorp has joined hands with Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd to set up charging infrastructure for electric two-wheelers in the country. As a part of the initiative, the two companies will first establish charging infrastructure at Hindustan Petroleum Corporation's (HPCL) existing network of stations, with the likelihood of subsequently broadening the collaboration for supplementary business opportunities.

5. India, Egypt sign MoU to bolster defence cooperation in mutual interest sectors

Note: India and Egypt have signed an MoU to bolster defense cooperation and decided to enhance joint military exercises, training, co-production, and maintenance of equipment. The MoU was signed by Defence Ministry of India Rajnath Singh and General Mohamed Zaki from Egypt at a meeting in Cairo.

6. Indian Navy signed an MoU with Amity University for Academic Cooperation

Note: Amity University Uttar Pradesh signed an MoU with the Indian Navy to form a long-term relationship for Academic cooperation. The MoU between Amity University and Indian Navy will enhance the educational qualifications improving the prospect for 'in-service' appropriate nautical assignment and better placements in superannuation from the Indian Navy.

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

9. Vedanta And Foxconn to Invest 1.54 Lakh Crore In Gujrat For Chip Manufacturing

Note: The Anil Agarwal-led-Vedanta Limited and Foxconn Group will invest more than Rs 1.54 lakh crore to set up an semiconductor ecosystem in Gujarat. The oil-to-metals conglomerate said Vedanta Displays Limited will set up a Display Fab Unit with an investment of Rs 94500

core and Vedanta Semiconductors Limited will set up an integrated Semiconductor Fab Unit and OSAT (Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test) facility with investment of Rs 60000 crore.

10. NIESBUD, IIE and ISB Signs MoU to offer Entrepreneurial Programmes to India's Youth

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

11. India-Bangla Trade Now Set For CEPA Boost

Note: Following a meeting with the visiting Prime Minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India and Bangladesh will soon commence negotiations on a Bilateral Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA). "We both believe that by taking lessons from the Covid pandemic and recent global developments, we need to make our economies stronger,"

12. BEL tie-up with Smiths Detection to manufacture scanning systems

Note: Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Smiths Detection, a global leader in threat detection and security inspection technologies, for offering advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market. The MoU, signed for a period of five years and can be extended further by mutual consent, will leverage the

high-end, technological capabilities of both firms to meet India's domestic security needs.

13. Adobe and AICTE collaborate to promote digital literacy in India

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

14. Tata Steel and Punjab govt inked an MoU to establish steel facility in Ludhiana

Note: Tata Steel and Punjab Govt signs an MoU: The Tata steel company and the Punjabi government have agreed to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year (MnTPA) long products steel facility with an electric arc furnace (EAF) powered by scrap. Tata Steel's decision to build the greenfield facility at Kadiana Khurd in Ludhiana's Hitech Valley is a part of the company's commitment to investing in a circular economy and switching to low-carbon steel making through steel recycling.

15. Andhra Pradesh signs MoU with Parley for the Oceans

Note: Andhra Pradesh government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the 'Parley for the Oceans', a U.S.-based company that works for plastic-waste management. The minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Audimulapa Suresh, MAUD Principal Secretary, Y.Sri Lakshmi, and Founder of Parley for the Oceans, Cyrill Gutsch. The MoU was signed under the presence of Chief Minister of Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and an event was held at the AU Convention Centre in Vishakhapatnam.

August 2022

1. AAI and Sweden inks an MoU for sustainable aviation Tech

Note: At the AAI Corporate Headquarters in New Delhi, the LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden and the Airports Authority of India (AAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding. In order to investigate smart aviation solutions, the agreement between Sweden and Airports Authority of India (AAI) brings together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, who have a track record of developing and implementing the newest generation of environmentally friendly aviation technology.

2. Hero Electric Partners with Jio-BP for Charging & Battery swapping

Note: Hero Electric, an Indian electric scooter maker announces a partnership with Jio-BP to provide EV charging

and battery swapping solutions in India. The partnership between Hero electric and Jio-BP will allow the automaker's customers access to the latter's charging and battery swapping infrastructure. In 2020, a joint venture between Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries and British oil giant BP, called Jio-BP.

3. Royal Enfield tie-up with UNESCO to promote cultural heritage of India

Note: Royal Enfield has partnered with UNESCO (the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation) to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage of India, beginning with the Himalayas. The programme is curated as an experiential and creative showcase of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) practices in the Western Himalayas and the North Eastern region.

4. SIDBI and Tata Power's TPRMG collaborated to support green entrepreneurs

Note: In order to build 1,000 green energy businesses across the nation, the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) and TP Renewable Microgrid Ltd (TPRMG), a fully owned subsidiary of Tata Power, have teamed up to launch green energy businesses programme. The project will promote sustainable business models across the country, resulting in the empowerment of rural entrepreneurs.

5. Godrej Agrovet signed agreements with Assam, Manipur, and Tripura for Palm Oil

Note: Godrej Agrovet, a diversified agribusiness conglomerate, announced that it has signed an MoU with the governments of Assam, Manipur, and Tripura to advance and promote oil palm growth in the area under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm initiative. The partnership between Godrej Agrovet and the state governments will create new chances for expansion of oil palm plants in these states as well as support for farmers.

6. IREDA and MAHAPREIT sign an MoU to provide loans for green energy projects

Note: IREDA and MAHAPREIT sign an MoU: The Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd. (MAHAPREIT), a fully owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% owned by the Government of India and 51% owned by the Government of Maharashtra), and the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) signed a memorandum of understanding.

7. TCS partnership with five star bank to offer hyper-personalised customer experience

Note: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. 'Five Star Bank' on its digital transformation journey. This partnership enables it to determine lending risk and deliver hyper-personalized customer experiences using the TCS Customer Intelligence & Insights (CI&I) analytics platform. TCS will leverage the AI-powered CI&I platform's real-time contextual engagement capabilities to help the bank gain insights to avoid attrition blind spots and drive omnichannel customer personalization.

8. K-DISC inks MoU with LinkedIn to Promote Employability

Note: Kerala Development and Innovation Strategy Council (K-DISC) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, along with the ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK) under the Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM) as a part of Connect Career to Campus campaign (CCC). Kerala government aims to boost employability skills with this partnership among the youth of Kerala to get relevant jobs using LinkedIn.

9. NIESBUD tie-up with Hindustan Unilever Ltd to develop entrepreneurial skills

Note: National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration. The alliance will further enhance employment generation and create sustainable livelihood opportunities, giving a major boost to nano and micro-entrepreneurship advancement in the country.

10. IOCL and Bangladesh ink MoU to supply emergency petroleum products

Note: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the emergency delivery of petroleum products via Bangladeshi territory to India was signed by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and the Bangladesh Roads and Highways department in Dhaka. The Indian High Commission stated in a tweet that this is an interim setup to help with the urgent supply of petroleum products due to damage caused by the flood in Assam this year.

11. IISc Bengaluru and Indian Navy ink MoU for joint aviation research

Note: In accordance with the objectives of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Navy have signed an MoU to cooperate on aviation research and development and to intensify self-reliance efforts for the Indian Navy. The inked MoU gives the Indian Navy a legal framework for communication with the appropriate IISc faculty members and will support collaborative research initiatives in areas of shared interest, according to a statement from the Bengaluru-based institution.

12. Agreement Between NPCI and IIT Kanpur for Research Collaboration

Note: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur, paves the way for the exchange of creative ideas and collaboration on the creation of homegrown digital payment solutions. The collaboration will also aid in strengthening cybersecurity safeguards for the goods and services provided by NPCI and its affiliates. The MoU will spur NPCI and IIT Kanpur to work together on a variety of projects.

13. For next "Make in Odisha" summit in 2022, Odisha and FICCI ink an MoU

Note: A Memorandum of Understanding between the state-run Industrial Promotion and Investment Corporation of Odisha and the business organisation Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) designates the latter as a national industry partner for the Make in Odisha Conclave 2022. The Odisha government's Principal Secretary for Industries, Hemant Sharma, emphasised that "Make in Odisha" is the state's most entrepreneurial event and draws investors, businesspeople, and industrialists alike.

14. International North-South Transport Corridor(INSTC)

Note: International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is a multi-modal transport corridor established in the year 2000 for the purpose of promoting transportation cooperation among the Member States. This corridor connects India-Ocean and Persian-Gulf to the Caspian Sea via Iran and is then connected to Saint Petersburg and North European via Russia.

15. NSE and BSE approve of Zee's merger with Sony Pictures

Note: The BSE and NSE stock exchanges have given Zee Entertainment their approval for Zee Entertainment's proposed merger with Sony Pictures Networks India. According to a statement by Zee Entertainment Enterprises Ltd., both the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and the National Stock Exchange (NSE) have accepted the planned merger with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited

(formerly Sony Pictures Networks India). The stock exchanges' approval is a decisive and encouraging step in the merger approval process as a whole.

16. IMF Signed Extended Fund Facility(EFF) With Pakistan

Note: IMF(International Monetary Fund) provides assistance to countries experiencing serious payment imbalances because of structural impediments or slow growth and an inherently weak balance-of-payments position. It provides support for comprehensive programs including the policies needed to correct structural imbalances over an extended period. As structural reforms to correct deep-rooted weaknesses often take time to implement and bear fruit, EFF engagement and repayment cover longer periods than most Fund arrangements. The funds are provided for up to 3 to 4 years. And amounts drawn under an EFF are to be repaid over 5–10 years.

July 2022

1. Indian and Malaysian bodies signs deal to support palm oil business

Note: The Malaysian Palm Oil Council (MPOC) and the Indian Vegetable Oil Producers' Association (IVPA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to expand their cooperation in promoting the usage of palm oil. The MoU is anticipated to increase collaboration in areas of shared interest and to advance the production and consumption of palm oil from Malaysia and palm oil with the MSPO certification. Through cooperative actions and assistance for product and market development, it would advance the interests of producers, processors, users, and consumers.

2. Egypt signs \$8 billion agreement with India for Suez Canal Economic Zone

Note: Egypt and an Indian company have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to construct a green hydrogen factory in the Suez Canal Economic Zone, according to a cabinet announcement. The MoU states that Indian ReNew Power Private Limited (RENE.BO) will invest \$8 billion to construct a facility that will create 20,000 tonnes of green hydrogen annually.

3. Talgo and Bharat Forge inks a contract for the production of trains

Note: A joint venture to produce high-speed passenger trains has been established by BF Infrastructure Ltd., a fully owned subsidiary of Bharat Forge Ltd., and Talgo India Pvt Ltd., a fully owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer Patentes Talgo S.L. The cooperation will take advantage of forthcoming local requirements in the field as well as new economic prospects in the railways sector.

4. One of India's largest financial deals, Axis Bank-Citi merger, gets approved by CCI

Note: The acquisition of Citibank, N.A. and Citicorp Finance (India) Limited's consumer banking operations by Axis Bank has been approved, according to the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The acquisition had been disclosed by the firms. According to CCI, the transaction entails the going-concern slump sale of Citibank and Citicorp's consumer banking operations to Axis.

5. To Establish Center of Excellence for MSME, NSIC and LG Electronics sign an agreement

Note: In the presence of Shri Narayan Rane, Honorable Cabinet Minister, Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma, Honorable Minister of State, Shri B. B. Swain, Secretary MSME, Shri P. Udayakumar, CMD, NSIC, and Shailesh Kumar Singh, AS&DC, National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) signed an agreement with LG Electronics India Pvt Ltd. and the Electronics Sector Skills Council of India (ESSCI).

6. MoU signed between Flipkart and Bihar State Skill Development Mission

Note: E-commerce market, Flipkart said that it had signed an agreement with the Bihar State Skill Development Mission to start the Supply Chain Operations Academy (SCOA) projects in the state. According to a release, the programme aims to develop a talent pool of skilled supply chain operations personnel and disseminate pertinent training and expertise of the business.

7. India sign an agreement with Namibia to reintroduce cheetah

Note: A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Namibia aims to bring back cheetahs to the

country after nearly seven decades. The first eight cheetahs are expected to arrive in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park by August 15. Separately, India is anticipated to receive 12 cheetahs from South Africa; a draught deal has already been signed, and a final one is forthcoming, according to authorities with knowledge of the situation.

8. RIL tie-up with Athletics Federation of India to support Indian Athlete

Note: Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) have entered into a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of athletics in India. The partnership aims to discover, nurture and develop Indian athletes from across the country and provide them with world-class facilities, coaching and sports science and medicine support by leveraging the Reliance Foundation ecosystem including the Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics High-Performance Center and Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital.

9. Vedanta collaborates with company started from IIT Madras

Note: In order to implement safety incident detection, metal and oil and gas company Vedanta has partnered with Detect Technologies, a startup established at IIT Madras, and deployed T-Pulse HSSE Monitoring System across all of its business units. The partnership is consistent with the Vedanta Group's objective to achieving zero harm through the implementation of AI-enabled safety monitoring of workplaces, which is a key priority in its roadmap for digital transformation.

10. Coffee Board to collaborate with ISRO to develop climate-resistant varieties

Note: State-run Coffee Board is planning to focus on developing new varieties that will be resistant to the changing climatic patterns. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Coffee Board and the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) was signed with regard to breeding climate-resilient varieties and assessing the carbon sequestration potential in coffee among others.

11. Rashtriya Raksha University, DroneAcharya tie up to set Remote Pilot Training Centre

Note: Rashtriya Raksha University at Gandhinagar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited for setting

up a Remote Pilot Training Centre for imparting drone flying skills. This training will be imparted to the Police and security force personnel and citizens at RRU Campus near Gandhinagar. According to official sources, this initiative is in accordance with the mission of the University to identify, prepare and sustain statecraft of national strategic and security culture among the security, police and civilian society.

12. Tata Power and Tamil Nadu inks a pact to establish a solar manufacturing facility

Note: Tata Power revealed that it has reached a deal with the Tamil Nadu government to invest Rs. 3000 crore in the construction of a new solar cell and module manufacturing facility in the state's Tirunelveli district. According to the agreement, both parties will endeavour to promote the switch to renewable energy and the creation of jobs in the state. The investment in the facility must take place over a period of more than 16 months and must result in the creation of jobs, the majority of which will be for women.

13. Avanse Financial and Edelweiss collaborate to provide student travel insurance

Note: Avanse Financial Services, an NBFC with an emphasis on education, and Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) have teamed to offer student travel insurance to international students who are supported by Avanse. Student travel insurance from Edelweiss General Insurance covers medical costs and guards against emergencies and financial losses. The Edelweiss General Insurance plan ensures students have a worry-free time while studying and staying by providing comprehensive coverage against medical, lodging, and travel inconvenience-related covers.

14. To establish semiconductor park, IGSS Ventures and Tamil Nadu Govt signs MoU

Note: In the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Tamil Nadu and the Singapore-based M/s. IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd to build a 300-acre semiconductor high-tech park in the State with an investment and grants of 25,600 crore. At the function held at the Secretariat were Industries Minister Thangam Thennarasu, Chief Secretary V. Irai Anbu, and other top officials. In the next five years, the project is expected to directly employ more than 5,000 individuals, according to an official press release.

Obituaries

1-15 November 2022

1. Jamshed J. Irani, who has been passed away, also known as **Steel Man of India**.

Note: He was associated with Tata Steel for 43 years and retired from the board of Tata Steel in June 2011. He served as the National President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 1992-93. He was conferred the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to the industry; and International Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in 1996.

2. Elaben Bhatt, who has passed away recently, was a founder of **SEWA**.

Note: She was the Chairperson of Sabarmati Ashram and recently resigned as the Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi-founded Gujarat Vidhyapith. In 2007, she joined the group of world leaders called the Elders (founded by Nelson Mandela) to promote human rights and peace across the world. Awards: Padma Bhushan (1985), Ramon Magsaysay Award (1977)

3. Vijayakumar Menon, who has passed away, was a **Critic artist**.

Note: He has authored many books such as Adhunika Kaladarsanam; Ravivarma Padanam; Bharathiya Chitrakala-Irupatham Noottandil; and Bharathiya Lavanya Darsanavum Kala Parasparyavum. He has translated many plays from foreign languages to Malayalam. He was awarded with Kerala Lalithakala Akademi Award for best book on art; Kerala Sahitya Akademi's endowment for Scholarly Literature; Kesari Puraskaram.

4. Shyam Saran Negi, who was passed away recently, he was a **First voter of independent India**.

Note: He had cast his vote for the 34th time on November 2 for the Himachal assembly polls. He would be cremated with full honours at his village in Kalpa. In 1951, he was a member of the polling team and vividly remembers that he cast his first vote in Shonthong polling station. Negi was also made the brand ambassador by the Election Commission.

5. Gal Costa, who has been passed away, was a **Brazilian singer**.

Note: Her known studio albums are - Aquarela do Brasil, Dindi, Que Pena, A Pele do Futuro, and Baby. In 2011, she was honoured with the Latin Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award.

6. Siddhaanth Vir Surryavanshi, who has been passed away, was a/an **Actor**.

Note: He was best known for his roles in shows like 'Kkusum' and 'Kasautii Zindagi Kay'. He started his career as a model and then made his debut with 'Kkusum'. He was also a part of several other TV shows including, 'Kasautii Zindagii Kay', 'Sufiyana Ishq Mera', 'Ziddi Dil Maane Na' and 'Waaris'.

7. RL Kashyap, who passed away, was a scholar in **Mathematic** subject.

Note: Shri RL Kashyap was a multifaceted personality and great scholar. He was very proud of India's cultural roots and distinguished himself in Vedic studies. RL Kashyap worked as a professor in the Department of Electrical and Computers for three decades at Purdue University in America.

October 2022

1. Founder, chairman and MD of **Suzlon Group and Suzlon Energy Limited**, Tulsii Tanti passed away.

Note: He was also the chairman of Renewable Energy Council of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). He encouraged the wind revolution in India with the founding of Suzlon Energy in 1995. He operated his business from Ahmedabad and has settled in Pune since 2004.

2. Actor, **Arun Bali** passed away recently.

Note: He was best known for his work on TV show "Swabhimaan" and "3 Idiots". He has started his acting debut with noted filmmaker Lekh Tandon's TV show "Doosra Keval" and his last film is "Goodbye". He was suffering with Myasthenia gravis, an autoimmune disease. This happens when the communication between the muscles and nerve cells become impaired.

3. Mulayam Singh Yadav, passed away, was a founder of **Samajwadi Party**.

Note: He was born in a small village Saifai in the Etawah district of Uttar Pradesh and was a trained

wrestler. He had started his political career in 1967 and formed the Samajwadi Party in 1992. He served for three non-consecutive terms as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh. He was also served as the Minister of Defence (1996 – 1998) and elected an MLA 10 times and an MP seven times.

4. Veteran Kavignar Subbu Arumugam, who passed away, was an exponent of **Villupaattu**, an ancient form of musical story-telling method.

Note: He was conferred with Padma Shri (fourth highest civilian award of India) in 2021. Other awards: Sangeetha Natak Akademi; Kalaimamani Award and Bharathi Award (By Tamil Nadu govt).

5. Padma Shri awardee, Temsula Ao, who has been passed away, was a **Writer**.

Note: She had also served as the Chairperson of the Nagaland State Commission for Women. She was conferred with the Padma Shri in 2007 and also won Sahitya Akademi Award, Nagaland Governor's Award for Distinction in Literature. Books: 'Books of Songs',

- 'Poetry Here and There', 'These Hills Called Home', 'The Tombstone in My Garden'
6. **Actor**, Robbie Coltrane passed away.
Note: He had played Hagrid in "Harry Potter" movies. He was known for his role in a crime-solving psychologist on "Cracker", Bond villain Valentin Dmitrovich Zerkov in "Golden Eye" (1995) and "The World is Not Enough" (1999). He was awarded the Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2006.
 7. Known as the father of **Oral rehydration therapy** physician, Dr. Dilip Mahalanabis passed away.
Note: During the Liberation War in Bangladesh in 1971, he saved thousands of lives with the oral rehydration solution during an outbreak of cholera while serving in a refugee camp at Bangaon in West Bengal. It is a solution used to prevent and treat dehydration.
 8. Deputy Speaker of **Karnataka Assembly** Anand Mamani passed away.
Note: He was the three-time MLA, who has represented Saudatti legislative assembly constituency in Karnataka. In 2020, he was unanimously elected as the deputy speaker of Karnataka legislative assembly. He was the son of Chandrashekhara M Mamani, who also served as the deputy speaker in the 1990s.
 9. Founder of Formula One racing team **Red Bull** Dietrich Mateschitz passed away.
Note: He was also a co-founder of energy drink company Red Bull. He was co-founder of the Wings for Life foundation that supports spinal cord research together with Heinz Kinigadner. He has also initiated the World Stunt Awards, an annual fundraiser to benefit his Taurus Foundation.
 10. **Actor** Leslie Jordan passed away.
Note: He has played roles including Lonnie Garr on Hearts Afire, Beverley Leslie on Will & Grace and American Horror Story. He won the Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Guest Actor in a Comedy Series, Will & Grace, in 2006. He had published his autobiography 'How Y'all Doing?: Misadventures and Mischief from a Life Well Lived' in April 2021.
 11. **Bengali films director** Pinaki Chaudhuri passed away.
Note: He was suffering from lymphoma, a cancer of the lymphatic system. He had been awarded the two national awards for Shanghaath (Conflict) in 1996 and for Ballygunge Court in 2007. His other notable films: 'Kakababu Here Gelen?' (Kakababu defeated?), 'Ek Tukro Chand' (A slice of the moon) and 'Arohan' (Ascension).
 12. **Assamese actor** Nipon Goswami passed away.
Note: He was an alumnus of the Film and Television Institute of India, Pune. He was born in Tezpur, and made his acting debut as a child actor in the Assamese film 'Piyoli Phukan'. He has started his film career as the lead actor of the Assamese movie 'Sangra'. His last Assamese film was 'Lankakanda', directed by Rajani Barman.
 13. Prominent **Artist** Neel Pawan Baruah passed away.
Note: He was a prominent painter and illustrator, who founded the Assam Fine Arts & Craft Society at Guwahati in 1971 to revive the art of Brindabanivastra, famous textile painting associated with Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev. He was awarded the 'Assam Sourabh' award by the Government of Assam in 2021.

September 2022

1. The former Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, who has passed away, had been honoured with the nobel prize in the year **1990**.
Note: He had served as the general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and de facto leader of the country in 1985. He was the youngest member of the ruling council known as the Politburo.
2. Cyrus Mistry, who has passed away, was a former chairman of **Tata Sons**.
Note: He had served as the chairman of the Tata group in 2012, he succeeded Ratan Tata. He was the sixth chairman of the Tata group and second chairman who did not have the Tata surname. He joined the Tata Sons board as a director in 2006.
3. TV Sankaranarayan, who has passed away, was a renowned **Carnatic musician**.
Note: He was the torchbearer for Madurai Mani Iyer style of Carnatic music. He had shared several stages with Madurai Mani Iyer. He won the Madras Music Academy's SangeetaKalanidhi Award in 2003 and was honored with the Padma Bhushan in 2003.
4. Legendary artist, Ram Chandra Manjhi, has passed away, was known for folk dance **Launda Naach**.
Note: He was an Indian Bhojpuri folk dancer and theatre artist who is known as a Launda Naach performer. He has been felicitated with Sangeet Natak Academy Award (2017), Padma Shri (2021) awardee in the field of Arts.
5. The world's longest-ruling monarchs in history, Queen Elizabeth II has passed away, was a monarch of **United Kingdom**.
Note: She was ascended the throne in 1952. She became the UK's longest-serving monarch in 2015, when she surpassed the record of Queen Victoria (1837 to 1901). Charles III (73) has become king of the UK and the head of state of 14 other realms including Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

6. Noted archeologist Braj Basi Lal, who led an excavation at the Ramjanabhoomi site in the mid-1970s, has passed away, was honoured with Padma Vibhushan in **2021**.
Note: Considered India's senior-most archaeologist, Lal was actively involved in archaeological research and writing till the age of 100. He was trained by Sir Mortimer Wheeler at Taxila in 1944, after which he joined the Archaeological Survey of India and served as its Director-General from 1968 to 1972.
7. U. Krishnam Raju, who has passed away was a **Former Central Minister and Film Actor**.
Note: He started his film career in 1966 as an actor with Chiluka Gorinka. He has been honoured with the first Nandi Award founded by the State Government for Best Actor. In 1990, he joined BJP and was elected to the 12th and 13th Lok Sabha from Kakinada and Narsapuram constituencies.
8. Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati, who has passed away at Narsinghpur, Madhya Pradesh, was a peeth of **Dwarka peeth**.
Note: He was born as Pothiram Upadhyay in Dighori village in the Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh in 1924. He had left his home in the pursuit of God at the age of nine. He was incarcerated during the freedom struggle. He was the Shankaracharya of Dwarka Sharada Peetham in Gujarat and the Jyotir Math in Badrinath.
9. Kamal Narain Singh has passed away, was a **Former Chief Justice of India**.
Note: He was the 22nd Chief Justice of India, with a term from November 25, 1991 to December 12, 1991. He started his career as an Additional Judge of the Allahabad High Court in 1970. He then became a Permanent Judge in August 1972. He got elevated as a Supreme Court judge in 1986.
10. Jean-Luc Godard, who has been passed away, was Iconic filmmaker of **France**.
Note: He was known for his debut feature Breathless. He was considered as the father of the French New Wave and one of the most influential filmmakers of the 20th century. His notable movies: My Life to Live; Contempt; Pierrot le Fou; A Woman Is a Woman; Histoire(s) du cinema. He had been awarded the Golden Lion (1983); Golden Bear (1965) and Honorary Academy Award (2010).
11. S. Samy Vellu, who has been passed away, was a cabinet minister of **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.
12. Asad Rauf, has been passed away, was former umpire of **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.
13. Naresh Kumar, who has been passed away recently, was a former player of **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.
14. Manikrao Gavit, who has recently passed away was a related to **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.
15. 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.
16. Csmonaut, Vladimirovich Polyakov, who holds the record for the longest single stay in space, has been passed, was a related to **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).
17. 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).
18. **Dame Hilary Mantel** is author of the best-selling book titled, Wolf Hall, who passed away recently.
Note: 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).
19. Aryadan Muhammed, who has passed away, was a member of **Congress** political party.
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.
20. US rapper Coolio, who has been passed away. **Artis Leon Ivey Jr** is his real name.
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)
21. 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.

August 2022

1. T Mohandas M Pai, who has passed away, was founder of the newspaper **Udayavani(Kannada daily)**.
Note: He was also the president of the Dr T M A Pai Foundation and Manipal Media Network, which runs 'Udayavani'. He also served as the chairman and non-executive director at ICDS limited.
2. Johnny Famechon, who has been passed away was belonged to **Boxing** sports.
Note: He was associated with professional boxing for more than 20 years and had a record of 56 wins (20 by knockout, six draws and five losses). He won his featherweight world title against Masahiko Harada from Japan.
3. Olivia Newton-John, who has recently passed away, was a popular **Singer and actor**.
Note: She was best known for her music video Physical and the hit musical Grease. She received her first Grammy awards in 1973 in Best Female Country Vocal Performance category for "Let Me Be There".
4. K Maya Thevar, who has been passed away, was a former MP of the political party **AIADMK**.
Note: He started his career as lawyer, and practised as an advocate at the Madras HC. Later he moved to politics and joined AIADMK, and becomes the candidate for the first-ever Lok Sabha election faced by the AIADMK after the formation of the party in 1972 by former CM MG Ramachandran.
5. P V Kamaraj who has been passed away, won the bronze at the Asian Championships, Tokyo in 4x400m Indian men's relay, held in **1979**.
Note: He was retired as a Chief Reservation Officer with the Indian Railways and had contributed immensely to athletics in Tiruchi (hometown of Kamaraj).
6. Uma Pemmaraju, who has been passed away, was a **Indian American journalist**.
Note: She was a part of various shows such as The Fox Report, Fox News Live, Fox News Now, and Fox On Trends. She has been awarded many Emmy Awards in her career for investigative reporting and journalism.
7. Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, who has been passed away, was a **Stock market investor**.
Note: He was started his journey in stock markets while still in college with a capital of just 5,000 rupees. India's newest budget carrier, Akasa Air was one of the business ventures of Rakesh Jhunjhunwala. The airline began commercial operations this month with a maiden flight from Mumbai to Ahmedabad.
8. David McCullough, who won Pulitzer Prizes for his biographies of presidents John Adams and Harry Truman, has away, has won the first Pulitzer Prize in **1993**.
Note: He won a Pulitzer Prize in 1993 for Truman, a biography about the 33rd president of the US and another Prize in 2002 for the biography about the second US president, John Adams. He has also earned National Book Awards for "The Path Between the Seas: The Creation of the Panama Canal and Mornings on Horseback".
9. Anshu Jain, who has recently passed away, was a former co-Chief Executive Officer of **Deutsche Bank**.
Note: He started his career at Wall Street and also worked at financial major Merrill Lynch. He was appointed to the Management Board of Deutsche Bank in 2009, where he was responsible for the Corporate and Investment Bank division from 2010. He became the Co-CEO of Deutsche Bank in 2012.

10. Writer, Nicholas Evanshas, who has recently passed away. **The Horse Whisperer** is the name of his debut novel.

Note: It was published in 1995, was the bestselling novels in the United States for 1995 as determined by The New York Times. The book was turned into a movie in 1998. His other work includes "The Loop" (1998), "The Smoke Jumper" (2001), "The Divide" (2005) and "The Brave" (2010).

11. Amitabh Chaudhary, who has passed away was a former acting secretary of **BCCI**.

Note: He had also served as a president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA). He served as acting secretary of the BCCI until 2019. He was a retired senior IPS officer, who rose to the rank of IGP with the Jharkhand Police and was the chairman of Jharkhand Public Service Commission. He played a crucial role in developing infrastructure for Jharkhand cricket.

12. Kerala's first tribal novelist and short story writer, Narayan, who has recently passed away. **Kocharethi** is the name of his debut novel.

Note: He was born in the Malayaraya community in Kadayathur hills in Thodupuzha taluk in 1940. His debut novel, 'Kocharethi' published in 1998, was selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi award in 1999. The novel has been translated to English, Hindi and south Indian languages.

13. Samar 'Badru' Banerjee, who has recently passed away, was a former India team captain of **Football**.

Note: He led the country to a historic 4-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics. Fondly known as 'Badru Da', he was suffering from Alzheimer's,

Azotemia and high-blood pressure-related ailments. Besides guiding Mohun Bagan to several trophies including their 1st ever Durand Cup (1953), Rovers Cup (1955), Banerjee has also won the Santosh Trophy twice as a player (1953, 1955) and once as coach (1962).

14. Senior Congress leader, Syed Sibtey Razi has been passed away, was a former governor of **Jharkhand and Assam**.

Note: He had served as the governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004- 2009 and governor of Assam in 2009. He was born on March 7, 1939 in Rae Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh and joined the Youth Congress in 1969. He was made president of the Youth Congress in 1971 -1973. He was served as a member of Rajya Sabha thrice.

15. Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala, fondly known as Gaffarbai, has been passed away, was a **Filmmaker**.

Note: He was known for his films including Mahabharat (1965), Jhutha Sach (1984), Lahoo Ke Do Rang (1997), Hera Pheri (2000), Welcome (2007) & More. He had started his film production and media entertainment company in 1953.

16. Abhijit Sen, who has passed away, was an eminent **Economist**.

Note: In his career, he taught economics at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He was a member of Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014, during the tenure of PM Manmohan Singh. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for public service in 2010.

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1. Peter Brook, who passed away, was an eminent personality in **Theatre and cinema director**.

Note: He was born in London and transferred from Britain to Paris in 1970. He was received the Tony Award for Best Direction in 1966 for his interpretation of Peter Weiss' "Marat/Sade," and in 1970 for the production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

2. Tarun Majumdar, who passed away, he was a veteran **Filmmaker**.

Note: He has won National Award four-times and received Padma Shri. His first directed film was Chawa Pawa (1959), starring Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen.

3. Gopinathan Nair passed away, was a famous **Freedom fighter**.

Note: He had participated in the Quit India Movement in 1942 and imbibed the Gandhian

principles of peace and non-violence in everyday life. He was served as chairman of the Kerala Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Trust, which is managed by the Union Government.

4. Mohammad Barkindo (Nigerian), who has passed away, was secretary-general of **OPEC**.

Note: His second term as head of OPEC was set to end on July 31, 2022. He hold the post for six years since 2016. He started his career with the Nigerian Mining Corporation in 1982, and also served as deputy MD of Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas.

5. Shinzo Abe, who has been passed away, was a longest Prime Minister of **Japan**.

Note: He held office in 2006 for one year and again from 2012 to 2020. In 2020, he resigned from the PM post due to the debilitating bowel condition ulcerative colitis. He was the first Japanese PM to be chief guest at India's Republic Day parade in 2014.

6. José Eduardo dos Santos, who has passed away, was former President of **Angola**.

- Note:** He was one of Africa's longest-serving heads of state, who ruled for almost four decades as president of Angola. He stepped down from the president's post in 2017. He had also fought for the continent's longest civil war and turned his country into a major oil producer.
7. Luis Echeverria Alvarez, who has passed away, served as president of **Mexico**.
Note: He started his career as a lawyer and become a member of Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party. He has also initiated the establishment of diplomatic relations with China in February 1972. He was also known for promoting the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States at the United Nations in 1972.
8. Former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), Brijendra K Syngal, who has passed away, was acknowledged as the father of **Indian Internet**.
Note: Syngal has written his memoir "Telecom Man: Leading From the Front in India's Digital Revolution". Under his leadership, on August 15, 1995, VSNL had formally launched the Internet for the Indian public.
9. Dr. Enamul Haque, who has been passed away, was associated with **Archaeology**.
Note: He became the director of the museum in 1973 and served as director general of National Museum from 1983 to 1991. He was conferred with Padma Shri in 2020 for his work on Bengal's Iconography and terracotta art.
10. Barry Sinclair, who has passed away was a former cricket captain of **New Zealand**.
Note: He was the third batter from New Zealand after Bert Sutcliffe and John R Reid to score 1,000 runs in Test cricket. He had played 21 Tests for New Zealand between 1963 - 1968, scored 1148 runs, including three centuries against South Africa, Pakistan and England.
11. Avdhash Kaushal, who has passed away, was a **Social worker**.
Note: He founded the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra (RLEK) for the development work among tribal hill communities in the areas of Jaunsar-Bawar (Dehradun district). He led various initiatives including protecting the fragile eco-system of Doon valley, abolition of the bonded labour system in Jaunsar-Bawar area of Dehradun and securing the rights of marginalised communities.
12. Achuthan Kudallur, who has been passed away at 77, was known for his **abstract art**.
Note: He has participated in several art shows and was a well-regarded name in South Indian contemporary art. He is a recipient of the national and Tamil Nadu state Lalit Kala Akademi Awards. He was born in 1945 in Kerala, but lived alone in Chennai, and pursued a degree in Civil Engineering and revelled as an Indian Asian Modern and Contemporary painter.
13. Bhupinder Singh, who has passed away at the age of 82, was an eminent **Singer**.
Note: He was born in Punjab's Amritsar and started his career with All India Radio and was also associated with Doordarshan Delhi. He worked with Mohammed Rafi, RD Burman, Lata Mangeshkar, and Bappi Lahiri.
14. Nirmal Singh Kahlon, who has passed away was a former speaker of **Punjab**.
Note: He was the Rural Development and Panchayat Minister from 1997 to 2002 and was elected as an MLA from Fatehgarh Churian constituency in Gurdaspur district in 1997 and 2007. He served as the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 2007 to 2012.
15. Noted scientist, Dr Ajay Kumar Parida, who has passed away, He was a director of **Institute of Life Sciences (ILS), Bhubaneswar**.
Note: He was awarded the Padma Shri Award by the President of India in 2014 for his outstanding contribution in the field of Science and Engineering. He had also served as an Executive Director in M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation.
16. Anant Yashwant Khare, who has passed away, was a renowned writer in **Marathi** language.
Note: Noted work: 'Antajichi Bakhar', 'Bakhar Antakalachi' and 'Udya' He received the Bhai Madhavrao Bagal Award for his book 'Kahani Manav Pranyachi' in 2010. He was awarded with Granthali, Vidarbha Sahitya Sangh, and Lokmangal.
17. Sushovan Bandyopadhyay, fondly known as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor, who has passed away, received the Padma Shri in **2020**.
Note: His name was recorded in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients. He was a former MLA from Bolpur seat and had contested on a Congress ticket in 1984, but after the formation of Trinamool Congress, he became the president of Birbhum district.
18. David Trimble, who has passed away, awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize to end the conflict in Northern Ireland in **1998**.
Note: He was also the Member of Parliament (MP) for Upper Bann from 1990 to 2005. He was known as the architect of the Good Friday Agreement in 1998, which ended the 30 years of disputes in Northern Ireland. In October 1998, John Hume and David Trimble were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts to end the conflict in Northern Ireland.
19. Balwinder Safri, who has passed away, was a renowned **Punjabi singer**.
Note: He was based in Birmingham, UK, was part of the UK bhangra scene since 1980 and formed the Safri Boyz Band in 1990. He was known for his

Punjabi tracks such as “Rahaye Rahaye” and “Chan Mere Makhna”.

20. Writer of 'Namghoria', Atulananda Goswami known for his novels and short stories, who has been passed away, was famous writer of **Assamese** language.

Note: He had also received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 2006 for his short story collection 'Seneh Jarir Ganthi'. Awards: Ambikagiri Roy Choudhury Sahitya Award, the Kumar Kishor Memorial Award, the Katha Award and the Sneha Bharati Sahitya Samman, among other honours. He also translated many English, Bengali and Odia texts into Assamese.

21. Nirmala Mishra, who has passed away, was a renowned singer in **Bengali** language.

Note: She also sang various songs in Odia and Assamese films. The West Bengal government has also awarded her 'Sangeet Samman', 'Sangeet Mahasamman' and 'Bangabhibhushan' awards. She has been conferred with the Sangeet Sudhakar Balakrushna Das Award for her lifetime contribution to the Odia music.

22. Fidel Ramos, who has passed away was a former president of **Philippines**.

Note: He was the 12th president of the Republic of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998. During his tenure, the Philippines was recognized as a budding “tiger economy”.

Appointments

List of Cabinet Ministers of India 2021 and their Constituency

Prime Minister			
Shri Narendra Modi	Prime Minister and also in charge of: Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy; Department of Space; All important policy issues and All other portfolios not allocated to any Minister.	Varanasi(Uttar Pradesh)	
Cabinet Ministers			
Sr. No	Name of the Minister	Portfolio	Constituency
1	Shri Raj Nath Singh	Minister of Defence	Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh)
2	Shri Amit Shah	Minister of Home Affairs and Ministry of Cooperation	Gandhinagar (Gujarat)
3	Shri Nitin Jairam Gadkari	Minister of Road Transport and Highways	
4	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman	Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs.	Rajya Sabha (Karnataka)
5	Shri Narendra Singh Tomar	Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare	Morena(Madhya Pradesh)
6	Kiren Rijju	Minister of Law and Justice	Arunachal West(Arunachal Pradesh)
7	Shri Virendra Kumar	Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment.	Tikamgarh (Madhya Pradesh)
8	Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar	Minister of External Affairs.	Rajya Sabha (Gujarat)
9	Shri Dharmendra Pradhan	Minister of Education and Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship	Deogarh (Odisha)
10	Shri Arjun	Minister of Tribal Affairs.	Khunti(Jharkhand)

	Munda		
11	Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani	Minister of Women and Child Development	Amethi(Uttar Pradesh)
12	Shri Mansukh Mandaviya	Minister of Health and Family Welfare and Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers	Palitana (Rajya Member from Gujarat)
13	Shri Bhupender Yadav	Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Minister of Labour and Employment	Rajya Sabha member (Rajasthan)
14	Shri Piyush Goyal	Minister of Commerce and Industry; Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of Textiles	Rajya Sabha (Maharashtra)
15	Shri Narayan Tatu Rane	Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises	Rajya Sabha Member
16	Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi	Minister of Minority Affairs.	Rajya Sabha (Jharkhand)
17	Shri Pralhad Joshi	Minister of Parliamentary Affairs; Minister of Coal and Minister of Mines.	Dharwad(Karnataka)
18	Dr Mahendra Nath Pandey	Minister of Heavy Industries	Chandauli(Uttar Pradesh)
19	Shri Giriraj Singh	Minister of Rural Development; and Minister of Panchayati Raj	Begusarai(Bihar)
20	Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat	Minister of Jal Shakti.	Jodhpur(Rajasthan)
21	Shri Sarbananda Sonowal	Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of AYUSH	
22	Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia	Minister of Civil Aviation	Rajya Sabha Member from Madhya Pradesh
23	Shri Ramchandra Prasad Singh	Minister of Steel	Rajya Sabha Member from Bihar
24	Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw	Minister of Railways; Minister of Communications; and Minister of Electronics and Information Technology	Rajya Sabha Member from Odisha
25	Shri Pashu Pati Kumar Paras	Minister of Food Processing Industries	Hajipur (Bihar)
26	Shri Raj Kumar Singh	Minister of Power; and Minister of New and Renewable Energy	Arrah (Bihar)
27	Shri Hardeep Singh Puri	Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs	Rajya Sabha (Uttar Pradesh)
28	Shri Parshottam Rupala	Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying	Rajya Sabha Member from Gujarat
29	Shri G. Kishan Reddy	Minister of Culture; Minister of Tourism; and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region	Secunderabad (Telangana)
30	Shri Anurag Singh Thakur	Minister of Information and Broadcasting; and Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports	Hamirpur (Himachal Pradesh)

List of Ministers of State (Independent Charge)

S. No	Name of the Minister	Portfolio	Constituency
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1	Rao Inderjit Singh	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Planning; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs	Gurugram (Haryana)
2	Dr. Jitendra Singh	Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Science and Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Earth Sciences; Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office; Minister of State in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Minister of State in the Department of Atomic Energy; and Minister of State in the Department of Space	Udhampur (Jammu & Kashmir)

List of Ministers of State

S. No	Name of the Minister	Portfolio
1.	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
2.	Shri Faggansingh Kulaste	Minister of State in the Ministry of Steel; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
3.	Shri Prahalad Singh Patel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries
4.	Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
5.	Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal	Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture
6.	General (Retd.) V. K. Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Civil Aviation
7.	Shri Krishan Pal	Minister of State in the Ministry of Power; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries
8.	Shri Danve Raosaheb Dadarao	Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways; Minister of State in the Ministry of Coal; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Mines
9.	Shri Ramdas Athawale	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
10.	Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti	Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Rural Development
11.	Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
12.	Shri Nityanand Rai	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
13.	Shri Pankaj Chaowdhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
14.	Smt. Anupriya Singh Patel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

15.	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel	Minister of State in the Ministry of Law and Justice
16.	Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
17.	Sushri Shobha Karandlaje	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
18.	Shri Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
19.	Smt. Darshana Vikram Jardosh	Minister of State in the Ministry of Textiles; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways
20.	Shri V. Muraleedharan	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
21.	Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture
22.	Shri Som Parkash	Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry
23.	Smt. Renuka Singh Saruta	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
24.	Shri Rameswar Teli	Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Labour and Employment
25.	Shri Kailash Choudhary	Minister of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
26.	Smt. Annpurna Devi	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
27.	Shri A. Narayanaswamy	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
28.	Shri Kaushal Kishore	Minister of State in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
29.	Shri Ajay Bhatt	Minister of State in the Ministry of Defence; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Tourism
30.	Shri B. L. Verma	Minister of State in the Ministry of Development of Northeastern Region; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Cooperation
31.	Shri Ajay Kumar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
32.	Shri Devusinh Chauhan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Communications
33.	Shri Bhagwanth Khuba	Minister of State in the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
34.	Shri Kapil Moreshwar Patil	Minister of State in the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
35.	Sushri Pratima Bhoumik	Minister of State in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
36.	Dr. Subhas Sarkar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Education

37.	Dr. Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad	Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance
38.	Dr. Rajkumar Ranjan Singh	Minister of State in the Ministry of External Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Education
39.	Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar	Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
40.	Shri Bishweswar Tudu	Minister of State in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Jal Shakti
41.	Shri Shantanu Thakur	Minister of State in the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
42.	Dr. Munjapara Mahendrabhai	Minister of State in the Ministry of Women and Child Development; and Minister of State in the Ministry of AYUSH
43.	Shri John Barla	Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs
44.	Dr. L. Murugan	Minister of State in the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
45.	Shri Nisith Pramanik	Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

National and International Appointment

1-15 November 2022

- The Board of Directors of Samsung Electronics has approved the appointment of **Jay Y Lee** as executive chairman of the company.
Note: This appointment was recommended by Independent Director and Board Chairman, Han-Jo Kim. He takes over a position previously held by his father, Lee Kun-hee. Samsung Electronics is a South Korean multinational electronics corporation headquartered in Yeongtong-gu, Suwon, South Korea.
- Vetsa Rama Krishna Gupta** has assumed the additional charge of Chairman and Managing Director of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL).
Note: He has replaced Arun Kumar Singh, who superannuated on 31st October 2022. Gupta has joined BPCL in August 1998 and has an experience across Finance functions (Commercial Finance, Corporate Accounts, Risk Management, Budgeting, Treasury operations, etc).
- Vishal Kapoor** has been appointed as the CEO of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
Note: He replaced Arun Kumar Mishra, who hold this position last year. He will take charge after completing his tenure as the joint secretary at the Ministry of Power. As joint secretary, he led various government interventions, schemes, and reforms in the distribution sector.
- The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has appointed **Subhrakant Panda** as President.
Note: He is also serving as the Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA). He will succeed Sanjiv Mehta (CEO & Managing Director, Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL)) as President at the 95th Annual General Meeting, scheduled to be held on December 16 and December 17, 2022.
- KV Kamath** has been appointed as an Independent Director and non-executive Chairman for Reliance Strategic Investment Limited (RSIL) for 5 years.
Note: Currently, he is the Chairman of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development. He was retired from ICICI Bank as MD & CEO in 2009 and continued as chairman till 2015. He was also appointed as the first president of BRICS Countries bank, NBD.
- KV Kamath** has been appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his contribution to the Australia-India bilateral relationship.

- Note:** He is a tireless promoter of Australia-India relations, challenging the nations' governments and people to realise the underlying potential of a stronger bilateral relationship.
7. **Mohammad Tayyab Ikram (Macau)** has been elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for two years.
Note: He is a CEO of Asian Hockey Federation (AHF). He has succeeded Narinder Batra (India) as its full-time chief. He has defeated Marc Coudron (Belgium) in the 48th FIH Congress. Batra became the FIH president in 2016, resigned from the post in July.
8. **Anant Goenka** has been appointed as the interim managing director of Zensar Technologies Ltd.
Note: He has been appointed for a term up to the next annual general meeting of the company or 31 July 2023 whichever is earlier subject to requisite approvals. Reason: As the present CEO Ajay Bhutoria is undergoing treatment for an undisclosed health condition.
9. **Vijay Srirangam** has been appointed as part-time Non Official Director and Non Executive Chairman of Canara Bank for three years.
10. Byju's has appointed football player **Lionel Messi** as the global brand ambassador of its social initiative, "Education For All".
Note: Aim of this initiative: To make education equitable, accessible, and free for underserved kids in India. Byju's has tied-up with Messi, ahead of the Fifa World Cup 2022 that will be held in Qatar. Messi also runs his own non-profit organization Leo Messi Foundation, that deals with issues such as healthcare, education and sports.
11. **Rituraj Awasthi** has been appointed as the chairperson of 22nd Law Commission of India.
Note: He was a Judge of Allahabad High Court and former Chief of Karnataka HC. 22nd Law Commission was formed in February, 2020. Other members: Justice KT Sankaran(former Kerala HC judge), Prof. Anand Paliwal, Prof. DP Verma, Prof. (Dr) Raka Arya and M Karunanithi
12. **Prof. Kishor Basa** has been appointed by the Ministry of Culture India as the chairman of National Monuments Authority (NMA) for three years.
Note: Presently, he is serving as Vice Chancellor of Maharaja Sriram Chandra Bhanja Deo University in Baripada. He is also the member of Indian National Confederation and Academy of Anthropologists (INCAA).
13. The GSMA has elected Bharti Airtel CEO as Deputy Chair for two-year term (Jan 2023- Dec 2024) --
Gopal Vittal
- Note:** He is the second Indian after Sunil Mittal (Bharti Enterprises Chairman) to be named a top GSMA functionary. Mittal had served at the highest level as GSMA's Chair during 2016-18. While, CEO of Spain's Telefónica Group, José María Álvarez-Pallete López will continue as the GSMA Chair.
14. **Aruna Miller** has become the first Indian-American politician to win the election of Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland.
Note: She is also the first South Asian woman to serve at such an important position. She was born in Hyderabad, India in 1964 and was immigrated to the United States when she was seven-years-old. She became a US citizen in 2000.
15. **Ramesh Kejriwal** has been elected as president the All India Rubber Industries Association (AIRIA) for 2022-23.
Note: He has succeeded Dr. Sawar Dhanania. Role: Leading forward the road map of AIRIA for rubber industries in the country. Prior to this, he was a Managing Committee Member of AIRIA and had served as the Eastern Region Chairman.
16. **Neeraj Chopra** has been appointed as the 'Friendship Ambassador' by Switzerland Tourism.
Note: Role: To showcase and promote the adventurous, sporty, and stunning outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers. He was also visited the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, where he donated his gold-winning javelin.
17. **Greg Barclay** has been re-elected as the Independent Chair of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term.
Note: He was unopposed following the withdrawal of Tavengwa Mukuhani (Zimbabwe) from the process. He is an Auckland-based commercial lawyer. He was appointed as the ICC Chair in November 2020. Prior to this, he was the Chair of New Zealand Cricket (NZC) and was a director of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2015.
18. **Nataša Pirc Musar** has won a runoff vote to become Slovenia's first female president.
Note: Pirc Musar has secured 54% of the votes, while her rival, former Foreign Minister Andže Logar has won 46%. She is a former TV presenter who became an influential lawyer. She campaigned on human rights, the rule of law and social welfare issues. She had also represented former US first lady, Melania Trump in copyright and other cases in her native Slovenia.

October 2022

- S Bharathan** took over as director, of refineries, at HPCL.
Note: He replaced Vinod S Shenoy. HPCL is the 3rd-largest oil refining and fuel marketing company. Bharathan earlier served as executive director, Refineries Coordination, with additional charge of research and development (R&D). Bharathan has wide exposure to the refinery operations of the company and has worked in operations and technical departments of Mumbai and Visakh refinery for over 25 years
- Lalit Bhasin** has been appointed as the national president of Indian American Chambers of Commerce (IACC).
Note: A well - known name in business and social circles Bhasin was the executive vice president of IACC. Bhasin is the 54th national president of IACC, which was set up in October 1968 and is headquartered in Mumbai. He is closely associated with India's apex business organizations like CII, PHD CCI and served as chairman of its legal committees.
- N S Rajan** has been unanimously elected as the chairman of the Board of Governors of the Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI).
Note: He has replaced Subhash Kamath. While, Saugata Gupta (Managing Director & CEO, Marico Limited) was elected Vice-Chairman of ASCI. Shashidhar Sinha (CEO at IPG Mediabrands India) was appointed as the Honorary Treasurer of ASCI. ASCI headquarters: Mumbai; Founded: 1985
- Sujoy Lal Thaoson** has been appointed as the new director generals of the CRPF.
Note: He has replaced Kuldip Singh (1986-batch), who was retired on 30th September 2022. He is a 1988-batch officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre. He is currently working as DG of SSB and holding the additional charge of ITBP. While, Anish Dayal Singh has named as director generals of ITBP. He is a 1988-batch officer (Manipur cadre) and currently serving as a special director in IB
- Dr. A K Anil Kumar** has been elected as the Vice President of the International Astronautical Federation (IAF).
Note: He is currently working as Associate Director, ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC). It is a recognition of ISRO's space endeavors and helps in promoting international collaboration. The IAF is the world's leading space advocacy body with 433 members in 72 countries. It was founded in 1951.
- The government has appointed the governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Brig. (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.) to discharge the functions of the Governor of **Meghalaya**.
Note: Reason: Satya Pal Malik has completed his term on October 3, 2022. Satya Pal Malik had been a governor of Bihar (2017), Jammu and Kashmir (2018) and Goa before becoming the Governor of Meghalaya in August 2020. Meghalaya Capital: Shillong; Chief minister: Conrad Sangma
- The Committee of Cabinet has approved the appointed **Ajay Bhadoo** as the Deputy Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India.
Note: He has been appointed as the deputy election commissioner until July 24, 2024. He is a 1999-batch Indian Administrative Officer (IAS) officer of the Gujarat cadre. Prior to this, he was appointed as the Joint Secretary of the President of India. Earlier, he has also served as Gujarat's Vadodara Municipal Commissioner.
- The Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of **Prashant Kumar** as the MD and CEO of YES Bank for another three years, with effect from 6th October 2022. The appointment will be subject to the approval of shareholders of the private sector lender.
Note: He was appointed as the CEO of the bank after YES Bank was bailed out by a consortium of lenders in March 2020. He has served as the Deputy MD and CFO of State Bank of India.
- US President, Joe Biden has nominated **Dr Vivek Murthy** to serve as America's representative on the executive board of the World Health Organisation.
Note: He will serve in the new position alongside his continued duties as the US Surgeon General. In March 2021, He was confirmed by the US Senate to serve as the 21st Surgeon General of the country. He also served as the 19th Surgeon General under President Barack Obama.
- Bank of India Investment Managers Private Ltd has appointed **Mohit Bhatia** as its chief executive officer with effect from 4 October, 2022.
Note: He has over 26 years of professional experience in mutual funds and financial services industry. He served as head-sales and marketing in Canara Robeco Asset Management Company Ltd.
- A Balasubramanian** has been re-elected as the chairman of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi).
Note: He will also continue as the ex-officio chairman of the AMFI Financial Literacy Committee. While, Radhika Gupta (MD of Edelweiss AMC) has been re-elected as the vice-chairperson of AMFI. Sundeep Sikka (chief of Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited) has been elected as chairman of the Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) committee.

12. Gulf Oil Lubricants has appointed **Indian cricketer, Smriti Mandhana** as its new brand ambassador.
Note: With this association, Gulf Oil became the first company in the lubricant space to appoint a woman cricketer as ambassador. She will join the ranks of current brand ambassadors Mahendra Singh Dhoni and Hardik Pandya.
13. SBI General Insurance Company has appointed **Kishore Kumar Poludasu** as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer.
Note: His appointment was came into effect from 4th October 2022. He was nominated by SBI (parent company). He was associated with SBI since 1991. Prior to this, he was the Deputy Managing Director, Head of State Bank of India, Singapore Operations.
14. **Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan** has assumed charge as Whole Time Member of SEBI.
Note: He has an experience of more than 25 years in banking and financial sector. He served as the Associate Professor, SP Jain Institute of Management & Research, Mumbai. He has completed his post-graduate diploma in Management from IIM, Lucknow and awarded the Director's Gold Medal for standing second in the batch.
15. **Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey** has been sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of J&K and Ladakh.
Note: J&K LG, Manoj Sinha has administered the oath of office to Justice Ali Mohammad Magrey. He has replaced Justice, Pankaj Mithal, who has been transferred to the Rajasthan high Court. He started his career as an advocate after completing his law degree from Kashmir University in 1984.
16. **Aparajita Sarangi** has been elected as a member to the executive committee of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU).
Note: She is a Lok Sabha member from Bhubaneswar, Odisha. She has bagged 12 votes out of total 18, in the election to the post, held at Kigali, Rwanda. She will represent India at the 15-member executive committee of the union.
17. **Bandhan Bank** has appointed Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador.
Note: He will help amplify the brand message of the Bank and endorse the products and banking services. Bandhan Bank was set up in 2001. Aim: Financial inclusion and women empowerment through sustainable livelihood creation
18. Abdul Latif Rashid has been appointed as the president of **Iraq**.
Note: He is a British-educated engineer and served as the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010. He also served as the senior adviser to the President. He is a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) party.
19. President, Murmu has appointed **Dr. Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud** as the 50th Chief Justice of India.
Note: His appointment will come into effect from 9th Nov, 2022 and continue till 10 November 2024. He will replace CJI, Uday Umesh Lalit. He was appointed as the Judge of SC on 13th May 2016. Prior to this, he served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.
20. **Partha Satpathy** has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Note: He is currently as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary. He served as the Hungarian Ambassador for 11 months and then became the Ambassador of India to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Meanwhile, Dr Adarsh Swaika, joint secretary in MEA, has been appointed India's next Ambassador to Kuwait. Avtar Singh has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guinea.
21. Yubi (formerly CredAvenue) has appointed **Atanu Chakraborty** as the independent chairman of its board.
Note: He is also currently serving as the chairman of the board of HDFC Bank. He is a 1985 batch officer of the Indian Administrative Service, of the Gujarat cadre. He has served as Economic Affairs Secretary of India till his retirement in April 2020.
22. Paytm Payments Bank has appointed **Deependra Singh Rathore** as the interim chief executive officer (CEO), in addition to his role as chief product & technology officer.
Note: He will replace Satish Gupta, who is presently serving as the bank's CEO and retire in October 2022. The bank has also appointed Sunil Chander Sharma, a former IRS officer as chief operating officer (COO).
23. **Roger Binny** has been appointed as the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India.
Note: He has replaced Sourav Ganguly. Jay Shah has been re-inducted as the secretary of the board. Vice President: Rajiv Shukla ; Joint-secretary: Devajit Saikia. Treasurer: Ashish Shelar ; IPL Governing Council Chairman: Arun Singh Dhumal. IPL Governing Council member: Avishek Dalmiya. Apex Council member: M Khairul Jamal Majumdar
24. **Bharati Das** has been appointed as the 27th Controller General of Accounts (CGA).
Note: She has replaced Sonali Singh, who had given the additional charge of CGA, after the superannuation of Dipak Dash. Prior to this, she has served as Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (Pr. CCA), CBDT and Ministries of External Affairs, Home Affairs. CGA is 'the Principal Advisor' on Accounting matters to the Union Government.
25. Adani Airport Holdings has named **Arun Bansal** as its chief executive officer.
Note: He has spent 25 years at the Swedish telecom network company and was most recently its

- president for Europe and Latin America. The appointment will help strengthen digital transformation and the business growth agenda. Adani's airports account for 25% of airport footfalls and 40% of air cargo in India.
- 26. Sanjay Malhotra** has been appointed as the new revenue secretary.
Note: He will replace Tarun Bajaj who will retire on November 30. Road Transport and Highways Secretary, Aramane Giridhar has been named the new defence secretary. He will replace Ajay Kumar. Ministry of Heavy Industries: Kamran Rizvi. Department of Rural Development: Shailesh Kumar Singh. Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Manoj Govil
- 27. ISRO** has named **Dr Sankarasubramanian K** as the Principal Scientist of the 'Aditya-L1' Mission.
Note: He is the head of the Space Astronomy Group (SAG) of ISRO's UR Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru. He has contributed to AstroSat, Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2 missions of ISRO in several capacities. Aditya-L1: It is the first observatory-class space-based solar mission from India and it is scheduled for launch in 2023.
- 28. K.P. Ashwini** has been appointed Special Rapporteur for United Nations Human Rights Commission
Note: She will take over the UNHCR special rapporteur in Geneva on November 1 for a period of six years. She is the first Indian and Asian woman to be appointed to this post. She hails from Kurabarahalli in Kolar district, Karnataka. She has obtained MPhil and PhD from JNU, Delhi.
- 29. ICICI Bank's** board of directors has reappointed **Sandeep Bakshi** as the MD and CEO for a period of 3 years.
Note: He was appointed as the banks's MD and CEO since October 15, 2018. He has served as Wholetime Director and the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the bank, prior to his appointment as MD and CEO. His reappointment will be effective from October 4, 2023 to October 3, 2026.
- 30. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited** has appointed C S Rajan as an additional and independent director on the bank's board.
Note: Rajan's appointment is for a period of five years effective 22 October 2022. Rajan has over 40 years of experience across significant government portfolios. Rajan is currently serving as a non-executive chairman of Infrastructure Leasing and Financial Services Limited, appointed by the government of India.
- 31. The government** has appointed **Jaxay Shah** as the Chairman of Quality Council of India (QCI).
Note: He was former Chairman of realty developers' body CREDAI and founder Chairman of Savvy Group. He has been appointed for a period of three years with effect from October 21, 2022. He succeeds the former McKinsey India Chief Adil Zainulbhai.
- 32. Indian Banks' Association** has re-elected A K Goel as its new chairman, he is currently serving as the MD and CEO of **Punjab National Bank**.
Note: He will serve the association for FY 2022-23. Generally, the senior most MD of a public sector bank is elected as chairman for a period of one year. IBA has also appointed Dinesh Khara (Chairman of SBI), A S Rajeev (MD & CEO of Bank of Maharashtra), and Madhav Nair (CEO of Mashreq Bank) as deputy chairman. Honorary secretary: N Kamakodi (CEO of City Union Bank)
- 33. Rishi Sunak** has become the prime minister of United Kingdom.
Note: He has replaced former PM Liz Truss, who had resigned from the post just after 44 days. He also the youngest PM of UK in modern history at the age of 42 years. While, William Pitt the Youngest PM of UK, who become the PM at the age of 24 in 1801. He was born in UK's Southampton area to an Indian family. He became a member of Parliament in 2015 after he got elected from Richmond, Yorkshire.
- 34. The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI)** has appointed **Yuvraj Singh** as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind.
Note: While, Ajay Kumar Reddy B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will lead the Indian team and Venkateswara Rao Dunna - B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will be the vice-captain. The World Cup matches will be held from December 6 to 17. Participants: India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.
- 35. The government of India** has appointed **Sangeeta Verma** as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI).
Note: Her appointment came into effect from 26th October 2022. She will remain in office for three months or till appointment of regular Chairperson or till any further orders, whichever is the earliest. She has replaced Ashok Kumar Gupta, who relinquished office after a four-year tenure.
- 36. Shefali Juneja** has been elected as the chairperson of UN specialized aviation agency's Air Transport Committee (ATC).
Note: She is a 1992 batch officer of IRS (Income Tax cadre), served as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Civil Aviation before joining the ICAO. India has secured this position in ICAO after 28 years when she was unanimously elected to the post. ATC is a standing committee of the ICAO created by the Chicago Convention in 1944
- 37. Navjit Kaur Brar** has become the first turban-wearing Sikh woman to be elected as a city councillor of Brampton in Canada.

Note: She is an Indo-Canadian respiratory therapist. She was elected in the recent municipal council polls after she won the race in Wards 2 and 6. She is a former Conservative MP candidate for Brampton West. Elections for municipal government in Canada held every four years on the fourth Monday of October.

38. Hockey India has named **Harmanpreet Singh** as the captain of the 22-member Indian men's hockey team.
Note: He has been appointed for the upcoming double-header matches against Spain and New Zealand in the season opener of FIH Hockey Pro League 2022-2023 to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. While, Manpreet Singh has been named as his deputy. All matches will be held at the Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
39. The US administration has named **Elizabeth Jones** as the next Charge d'Affaires ad interim in New Delhi.
Note: She is the sixth interim US envoy in the last 21 months (since January 2021). She had worked on NATO's role in Europe vis-a-vis Russia as the US Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia. Currently, Patricia A Lacina is the Chargé d'Affaires at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, who assumed charge on September 9, 2021.
40. **Mata Amritanandamayi Devi** has been appointed as the Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C20).

Note: It is an official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G20). The C20 is its platform for civil-society organisations (CSOs) to bring forth non-government and non-business voices to the G20 leaders. India will hold the Presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. G20 Leaders' Summit will take place in New Delhi from September 9 to 10, 2023.

41. **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** has been elected as new president of Brazil after defeating incumbent president, Jair Bolsonaro.
Note: He has secured 50.83% of the votes, whereas his opponent, Bolsonaro got 49.17% votes. He was served as the president of Brazil for two terms from 2003 to 2006 and then 2007 to 2011. India has had excellent relations with Brazil under his government.
42. **Dr. Rajesh Ranjan** has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire.
Note: Presently, he is serving as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana. Prior to this, he has served in the Indian Embassy in Moscow as Second/Third Secretary dealing with Political and Commercial issues. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

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1. ONGC has appointed **Rajesh Kumar Srivastava** as the interim chairman for a period of 4 months with effect from September 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022.
Note: He is the senior-most director on the ONGC board. He has been given additional charge of chairman and managing director after current acting head Alka Mittal has been superannuated.
2. **Nagesh Singh** has been appointed as next ambassador of India to Thailand.
Note: He is presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. He will replace ambassador, Suchitra Durai and is expected to take up the assignment shortly. Nagesh Singh is a 1995 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) who has served as Consul General of India in Atlanta.
3. Starbucks has appointed **Laxman Narasimhan** as the next chief executive officer and a member of the Starbucks Board of Directors.
Note: He will work closely with the interim CEO, Howard Schultz, before taking charge as CEO role. Howard Schultz will continue as interim CEO until April 1, 2023.
4. The President of India, Draupadi Murmu has nominated **Justice DY Chandrachud** as new executive chairperson of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).

Note: He has replaced Justice U.U. Lalit, who was elevated as the 49th Chief Justice of India. He was the former Chief Justice of the Allahabad HC and a former judge of Bombay HC. NALSA has been constituted under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 to provide free Legal Services to the weaker sections.

5. **Kalyan Chaubey** has been elected as the president of All India Football Federation (AIFF).
Note: He has defeated India's football team captain, Bhaichung Bhutia by 33-1. In the 85-year history of federation, this was the first time a former player was elected president.
6. **MV Iyer** has been given an additional charge of additional charge as the Chairman and Managing Director of the GAIL.
Note: He has been succeeded the current CMD, Manoj Jain, who superannuated on August 31. He has been appointed to the post for a period of three months with effect from September 1, 2022, or until further orders, whichever is the earlier.
7. **Yamuna Kumar Chaubey** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director of NHPC for three months, with effect from September 1st 2022.
Note: He has replaced Abhay Kumar Singh, who retired on August 31, 2022. He is a graduate in Civil Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur. He joined NHPC Limited in 1985 as a Probationary Executive (Civil) at

- 540 MW Chamera Hydro-Electric Project, now Chamera-I Power Station, Himachal Pradesh.
8. Leader of the Conservative Party, Liz Truss has been elected as the 56th prime minister of **United Kingdom**.
Note: She has succeeded present PM Boris Johnson, who will tender his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II. She has been served as the foreign secretary since 2021. She has defeated rival Rishi Sunak with 57 per cent of the vote. She will be third female prime minister to lead the country.
9. The Board of Directors of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank Ltd has approved the appointment of **Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam** as the Managing Director & CEO with effect from 4th September 2022 for a term of 3 years.
Note: He has replaced present MD & CEO, K V Rama Moorthy, whose tenure ended on 3rd September 2022. Earlier, he was the MD & CEO of Punjab and Sind Bank from 4th September 2020 to 31st May 2022.
10. **Capt. B. K. Tyagi** has assumed charge as chairman & MD of the Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI) on 3rd September, 2022.
Note: Prior to this, he was the director, who was looking after the liner and passenger services division at SCI. He started his career as a trainee nautical officer and sailed on board various ships in different ranks including as master in SCI in 1990. SCI is a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (MoPSW).
11. **Sanjay Kumar Verma** has been appointed as India's next high commissioner to Canada.
Note: He is a 1988 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service and is currently the ambassador of India to Japan. He has been served in Indian missions in Hong Kong, China, Vietnam and Turkey. He has also served as Consul General of India in Milan, Italy. While Amit Kumar, who is currently Consulate General of India in Chicago, has been named as the next ambassador to the Republic of Korea.
12. President Draupadi Murmu has appointed **Justice M Duraiswamy** as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court with effect from September 13, 2022.
Note: Prior to this, he was the senior judge of the Madras High Court. He has replaced Chief Justice of Madras High Court Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari. He got enrolled as an Advocate in the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry in 1987.
13. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed **Volker Turk** of Austria as the next UN High Commissioner for Human Rights.
Note: The new High Commissioner is currently coordinating global policy work as an Under-Secretary-General in the UN's Executive Office. From 2019 to 2021, Turk served as Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination in the UN chief's Executive Office.
14. **King Charles** will officially be proclaimed as Britain's new monarch in a ceremony followed by gun salutes and the reading of proclamations.
Note: Charles, 73, succeeded his mother immediately, but an Accession Council made up of hundreds of politicians, bishops and senior civil servants will proclaim his succession at a ceremony. Charles is king and head of state of the United Kingdom and 14 other realms including Australia, Canada, Jamaica, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.
15. American Express Banking Corp has appointed **Sanjay Khanna** as the chief executive officer and country manager for India.
Note: Responsibilities: For increasing growth across the organization's consumer and commercial businesses. Prior to this role, Khanna has held many leadership positions in the company including head of global financial operations, India centre lead for finance and chairman of the American Express India Pvt Ltd (AEIPL) legal entity board.
16. The Kerala Assembly has elected **AN Shamseer** as the 24th Speaker of the Kerala Legislature.
Note: He defeated UDF MLA Anwar Sadath by 56 votes in the election. UDF candidate and Aluva MLA Anwar Sadath secured 40 votes against the LDF nominee who received 96 votes. Deputy Speaker Chittayam Gopakumar headed the election procedures.
17. Nayara Energy has appointed **Prasad K Panicker** as the Chairman of the company with effect from October 3, 2022.
Note: He will take on this role from Charles Anthony (Tony) Fountain who has served the company for five years. In his new role, he will deploy his technological experience and knowledge of the local Indian market to lead Nayara Energy.
18. The Centre appoints **Chief Justice of Madras High Court, Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari** the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.
Note: The post of the Chairperson of the Tribunal was vacant since September 2019. The order was issued by the Department of Revenue under the Ministry of Finance. The Tribunal for Forfeiture of Property under the SAFEMA and the PMLA Appellate Tribunal were merged in 2016 through the Finance Act, 2016.
19. The Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Senior diplomat, **Sibi George** as the next Indian ambassador to Japan.
Note: He will replace Sanjay Kumar Verma as India's envoy to Japan, has recently appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Canada. He is a 1993-batch Indian Foreign Service officer and is currently

- serving as the Ambassador of India to Kuwait. India and Japan share very strong Strategic and Global Partnership.
20. The US President Joe Biden has appointed **Dr Renee Wegrzyn** as the inaugural director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) for five years.
Note: Purpose of the ARPA-H: To seek innovative solutions to biomedical problems. She is a biologist and former government scientist. Dr. Renee Wegrzyn is currently serving as the vice president of business development at Ginkgo Bioworks and Head of Innovation at Concentric by Ginkgo.
21. **BharatPe** has appointed the two independent directors are BP Kanungo (former Deputy Governor of RBI) and Kaushik Dutta (Chairman and Independent Director at Zomato).
Note: B P Kanungo: He served as the Deputy Governor of the RBI from 2017 to 2021 and here, he will be responsible to build a profitable business. Kaushik Dutta: He previously held leadership positions at PwC.
22. **Mukul Rohatgi** will be the 14th Attorney General for India again after KK Venugopal vacates the post.
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.
23. The Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) has elected **Vinod Aggarwal (MD & CEO of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles)** as its president for 2022-23.
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.
24. IndusInd Bank has approved the re-appointment of **Sumant Kathalia** as managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) for three years with effect from March 24, 2023.
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.
25. **Ugandan climate activist, Vanessa Nakate** has been appointed as the newest UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador.
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.
26. The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) has selected **Prasanna Kumar Motupalli** as the Chairman and Managing Director of NLC India Limited.
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.
27. **Senior bureaucrat, Vijoy Kumar Singh** has been assumed charge as Ex-Servicemen Welfare Secretary.
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.
28. **Arun Kumar Mishra** has been elected as a member of the Governance Committee of the Asia Pacific Forum (APF).
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.
29. 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.
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.
30. **BVR Subrahmanyam (IAS)** has been appointed as the new Chairman & Managing Director of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).
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.
31. **Sanjay Kumar Rakesh** has been named managing director of the CSC e-Governance India SPV, which is run by the central government.
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.
32. Burjeel Holdings, a private healthcare services provider in the MENA region has signed Bollywood actor **Shah Rukh Khan** as its new brand ambassador.
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.
33. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its approval to the appointment of **Rama Subramaniam Gandhi** as the Non-Executive (Part-time) Chairman of Yes Bank with effect from September 20, for a tenure of 3 years.
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.
34. Along with KT Thomas (former SC judge) and Kariya Munda (former Deputy Speaker), **Ratan Tata (Tata Sons chairman)** has been appointed as the trustees of the PM CARES Fund.
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).
35. Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of **PR Ravi Mohan** as the Chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank for a further period of three years from December 21, 2022.
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.
36. **Justice L Nageswara Rao** has been appointed the head of committee for amending constitution of Indian Olympic Association.
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.
37. **Max Life 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.
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.
38. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has approved the re-appointment of **Dilip Asbe** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of five years with effect from January 8, 2023.
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.
39. **Dilip Tirkey** was unanimously elected as president of Hockey India (HI).
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. Bhola Nath Singh was elected the secretary general.
40. **Sanjai Kumar** has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of RailTel.
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.
41. The Central government has appointed **Dr Rajiv Bahl** as a Director General of Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) cum- Secretary Department of Health Research (DHR) for three years.
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.
42. **Giorgia Meloni** has become the first woman prime minister of Italy, after defeating, Mario Draghi by a huge margin.
Note: 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.
43. **Bandaru Wilsonbabu** has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar.
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.
44. **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman** has been appointed the prime minister of Saudi Arabia by the King Salman bin Abdulaziz.
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.
45. IAS officer of TN cadre, 1992-batch, Rajendra Kumar has been appointed the director general of **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.
46. Government has appointed **Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired)** as the second Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) of India.
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.
47. **R Venkataramani** has been named as the 14th Attorney General of India for a period of three years w.e.f. 1st October 2022.
- 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.
48. Data Security Council of India (DSCI) has appointed **Vinayak Godse** as the new CEO of the organization.
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.
49. Britannia Industries has appointed **Rajneet Kohli** as executive director and chief executive officer effective September 26, 2022.
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.

August 2022

1. **Sanjay Arora** has taken charge as police commissioner of Delhi.
Note: He is due for retirement in 2025. He succeeded Rakesh Asthana (Gujarat cadre IPS officer), who retired after nearly 38 years in service. He was appointed the Director General of the paramilitary Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
2. **Auguste Tano Kouamé** has been appointed as the country director for India by World Bank.
Note: He succeeded Junaid Kamal Ahmad (Bangladeshi economist), who has recently completed his term of five-year. He recently served as the country director of World Bank for Turkey. Earlier, he worked as the director of the department of human development and economic management in the World Bank Group's Independent Evaluation Group (IEG).
3. **Vaani Kapoor** has been appointed as the brand ambassador Noise for its upcoming smartwatch, X-Fit 2 series.
Note: Last year, the company had announced partnership with HRX, a fitness brand jointly owned by Hrithik Roshan and Exceed Entertainment. India's wearables market saw double-digit growth in Q1 2022 with products crossing 13.9 million units, according to the international Data Corporation India.
4. **Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaoson** has assumed the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi.
Note: He is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre. He has taken charge from Sanjay Arora, who has recently appointed as the Police Commissioner of Delhi Police.
5. **Satyendra Prakash** has been appointed as the principal director general of Press Information Bureau (PIB).
Note: Earlier, he served as the principal DG of Central Bureau of Communication (HQ: New Delhi). He has a wide range of experience in the field of public communication, media management, administration, policy formulation and programme implementation. He has also represented India in various national and international forums.
6. **Ranjit Rath** has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-run Oil India Ltd (OIL).
Note: He has replaced Sushil Chandra Mishra who superannuated on June 30. Prior to his appointment, he served as the CMD Mineral Exploration & Consultancy Ltd. He has also held the positions of the CEO of Khanij Bidesh India Limited, additional charge of the Director General of Geological Survey of India, and MD of Bharat Gold Mines Ltd

- 7. Inderjit Camotra** has been appointed as the MD & CEO of Unity Small Finance Bank (USFB).
Note: His appointment has been approved by the RBI and Unity Bank's Board. Prior to this appointment he was interim CEO of the Bank. Camotra has over 25 years of experience as a Banker in leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank, ANZ and Citibank. USFB has been promoted by Centrum Financial Services (Centrum Group) with Resilient Innovations (BharatPe) as joint investor.
- 8. Deepak Padaki** has been appointed as the president of Catamaran, an investment firm.
Note: MD Ranganath as its Chairman. Padaki will be responsible for driving the firm's investment management strategy in its mission to nurture ideas from entrepreneurs into impactful business outcomes. Ranganath served as the Chief Financial Officer at Infosys for 18 years till 2018.
- 9. Dr N. Kalaiselvi** has been appointed as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for two years.
Note: She succeeded Shekhar Mande, who superannuated in April 2022. She is the first woman scientist to hold this position. Currently, she is working as the head of the CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CSIR-CECRI). She is known for her work in the field of lithium-ion batteries.
- 10. Viswanathan Anand** has been elected as the deputy president of FIDE.
Note: While the present president, Arkady Dvorkovich (Russian) has been re-elected for a second term. Anand was nominated by incumbent president Arkady Vladimirovich Dvorkovich as part of his team. Dvorkovich a Muscovite has received 167 votes in his favour while his opponent Andrii Baryshpolets got 16.
- 11. Jagdeep Dhankhar** has been elected as the 14th Vice President of India after defeating joint Opposition candidate Margaret Alva.
Note: He will succeed M Venkaiah Naidu whose tenure ends on August 10. He secured 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes in the Vice-Presidential election.
- 12. The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC),** headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a one-year extension of Union cabinet secretary **Rajiv Gauba**.
Note: After the extension, he will remain in the same position till August 30, 2023. He had taken over as the new Cabinet Secretary in the Government of India after the superannuation of PK Sinha in 2019. He is an IAS officer of the Jharkhand cadre (1982 batch) and served as like Union Home Secretary.
- 13. Gustavo Petro** has sworn in as the first leftist President of Colombia.
Note: He is a former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group, who won the presidential election in June 2022 by beating conservative party candidate. He also promised to implement outstanding provisions of the 2016 peace agreement that saw the rebel FARC movement lay down arms after nearly six decades of civil conflict.
- 14. Pramod Kumar** has been appointed as the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Powergrid Corporation of India Limited.
Note: Prior to this, he served as the Executive Director (Finance) of the company. He has an experience of 35 years in the Power Sector including Finance and Accounting functions i.e. finalisation of Corporate Accounts, formulation of Capital Budget etc.
- 15. James Marape** has been re-elected as PM of Papua New Guinea for second term.
Note: Papua New Guinea has been governed by multi-party coalitions. He joined the PANGU Pati in May 2019 and announced to lead the PANGU Pati.
- 16. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit** has been appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India for three months.
Note: He will replace CJI Justice N V Ramana, who will retire on 26th August 2022. He was appointed as Judge of the Supreme Court (SC) in August 2014. He will be the second CJI to be directly elevated to SC from the Bar, after Justice S.M. Sikri (13th CJI).
- 17. Gopal Vittal** has been re-appointed as the managing director of Bharti Airtel for a period of five years (February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2028).
Note: He was re-appointed as the managing director and CEO with effect from February 1, 2018 for a period of 5 years, (upto January 31, 2023). Fixed pay of Vittal (excluding perquisites) stood at Rs 9.1 crore in 2021-22, in addition to a variable pay component.
- 18. Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios** has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP).
Note: He replaced Major General José Eladio Alcain of Uruguay, who steps down after the completion of his assignment. He was also served as the Navy Warfare School's Education Department Chief (2018), Marines Infantry Fleet Commander (Brigade Commander) (2020-2021).
- 19. The Central government** has appointed IAS, Shah Faesal as Deputy Secretary in **Tourism Ministry**.
Note: He is a 2010 batch IAS topper of erstwhile Jammu and Kashmir cadre. He worked in various positions in the Jammu & Kashmir administration. He had resigned from the services in January 2019

- and joined politics, which he later quit in August 2020.
20. Secretary of United Nations, General António Guterres has appointed **Simon Stiell** as the new executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
Note: He will replace Patricia Espinosa of Mexico. Responsibilities: Keeping countries on track to meet international climate goals.
21. **William Ruto** has been elected as the President of Kenya.
Note: He has won with 50.49% of the vote, defeated veteran opposition leader and former Prime Minister, Raila Odinga (contesting his fifth election). With this win, he become the fifth President of Kenya since independence. His party, Kenya Kwanza coalition, has also won a majority of seats in Senate of Kenya, the upper house of the parliament.
22. **Mohammad Mustafa** has been recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) for the post of NABARD Chairman.
Note: He is an IAS officer 1995 batch, UP cadre and served as the Chairman and Managing Director of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI). He had also served as a Joint Secretary in the Department of Financial Services; as CMD of NHB and as MD of CERSAI.
23. Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been signed as the brand ambassadors of **mastercard** to promote digital payment in India.
Note: Focus: To spread awareness about safety, security, and convenience of digital payments in India. This partnership will buildup the efforts of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and PM Modi's vision of Digital India. The company had also signed Shiv Kapur and Anirban Lahiri as brand ambassador in 2021.
24. **Anuj Poddar** has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Bajaj Electricals.
Note: The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director to marks the company's commitment to strong corporate governance standards. Shekhar Bajaj will continue as Executive Chairman of the company. Bajaj Electricals had a turnover of Rs 4,813 crore in FY22.
25. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of 10 eminent experts on internet governance. He is the Secretary of India in the ministry of **Electronics and Information Technology**.
Note: The panel includes: Vint Cerf, Hatem Dowidar, Lise Fuhr, Maria Fernanda Garza, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Maria Ressa, Karoline Edtstadler, Gbenga Sesan, Lan Xue. Agenda: To deal with strategic and urgent issues of the Internet and provide solution
26. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has appointed Indian philanthropist, Ashish Dhawan, to its board of trustees, is a founder and CEO of **Convergence Foundation**.
Note: The foundation has also appointed Dr Helene D Gayle, president of Spelman College, US. Dhawan is also the chairperson of Ashoka University and Central Square Foundation. The Gates Foundation has been working with the Indian government and other partners since 2003 on various issues like health.
27. Shareholders of One97 Communications have approved the re-appointment of **Vijay Shekhar Sharma** as managing director and chief executive officer of Paytm.
Note: According to the scrutinizer report, 99.67% votes were in favour of Sharma's re-appointment while only 0.33% voted against the resolution. Remuneration of Vijay Shekhar will be remain fixed for the next three years without any annual increment.
28. **RBL Bank** has appointed Gopal Jain and Dr. Sivakumar Gopalan as the non-executive directors.
Note: Gopal Jain: He cofounded Gaja Capital in 2004 and is a Managing Partner at firm. He has also been a member of Alternative Investment Policy Advisory Committee of SEBI since 2018. Dr. Sivakumar Gopalan: He has been a faculty of the Dept of Computer Science and Engineering, IIT Bombay, since 1991.
29. **Mali** 's military has appointed Colonel, Abdoulaye Maiga as the interim Prime Minister of the country.
Note: He replaced civilian Prime Minister of Mali, Choguel Kokalla Maiga, as he was admitted to hospital. Prior to this, he was working as a government spokesman and Minister of Territorial Administration and Decentralisation. Mali is governed by a military that promised to organise democratic elections in 2024
30. **Debasisa Mohanty** has been appointed as the director of the National Institute of Immunology (NII).
Note: He is currently working as the staff scientist with the institute. In another order, Revenue Secretary, Tarun Bajaj has been given additional charge as Corporate Affairs Secretary. Rajesh Verma, a 1987-batch IAS officer of Odisha cadre, was appointed as the Secretary to President, Droupadi Murmu.
31. **Credit Suisse** investment banking company has appointed Dixit Joshi as chief financial officer with effect from October 1, 2022 and Francesca

- McDonagh as group chief operating officer from September 19, 2022.
Note: Prior to this, Dixit Joshi was group treasurer at Deutsche Bank and also worked at Credit Suisse from 1995 to 2003. He replaced David Mathers, who stepped down from the post.
- 32. VVS Laxman** has been named interim head coach of Team India in Dubai for the 2022 Asia Cup.
Note: This decision was confirmed by BCCI, as Rahul Dravid, India's head coach, did not travel with the team after testing positive for COVID-19. Rohit Sharma and KL Rahul will lead the team as captain and vice-captain respectively for the Asia Cup 2022.
- 33. Vikram Doraiswami** has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the UK.
Note: He started his career as the journalist and joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1992. He had also served as the Third Secretary in the Indian Embassy in Hong Kong in May 1994.
- 34.** The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has appointed **Dr Samir V Kamat** as chairman, from the date of his assumption of charge till 60 years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
Note: He will replace G Satheesh Reddy, who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh. Presently, He is serving as the Director General, Naval Systems & Materials (NS&M).
- 35. KV Subramanian** has been appointed as the Executive Director for India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
Note: His term will begin from November 2022 and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier. He will replace the eminent economist, Surjit S Bhalla as ED (India), IMF whose tenure will end on 31 October, 2022.
- 36.** India's first premium sports experiences and travel platform, DreamSetGo has appointed **Sourav Ganguly** as its first brand ambassador.
Note: He will play a key role in promoting DSG's curated experiences through its key partnerships with Manchester City, Chelsea FC, ICC Travel and more. DreamSetGo became the 'Official Travel Agent' of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Australia 2022 and the 'Official Tour Operator' of the Australian Open 2023. DreamSetGo was founded by Monish Shah in 2019.
- 37. Senior RJD MLA Awadh Bihari Chaudhary** has been elected as the Speaker of Bihar Assembly under Nitish kumar-RJD led Mahagathbandhan.
Note: Election for the post of Speaker was necessitated following the resignation of Vijay Kumar Sinha from the post in the changed political scenario in Bihar.
- 38. Ananth Narayan Gopalkrishnan** has been appointed as the fourth whole-time member (WTM) of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
Note: He has been appointed for an initial period of 3 years. Other WTMs: SK Mohanty, Ashwani Bhatia, Ananta Barua Prior to SP Jain, Narayan was the Regional Head of Financial Markets for ASEAN and South Asia at Standard Chartered Bank
- 39.** Luxury carmaker, Mercedes-Benz has appointed **Santosh Iyer** as the Managing Director & CEO of the Indian operations with effect from January 1, 2023.
Note: He is currently serving as the Vice President of Sales & Marketing. He will succeed Martin Schwenk who will take charge as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand. He joined Mercedes-Benz as VP of Customer Services & Retail Training business in 2016.

July 2022

- 1. Eknath Shinde** has become the 20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
Note: BJP leader, Devendra Fadnavis was sworn-in as Deputy Chief Minister of the state. Devendra Fadnavis had served as the CM of Maharashtra from 2014-19.
- 2. Yair Lapid** has been officially became the 14th prime minister of Israel, after replacing Naftali Bennett.
Note: His term could be a fairly short one, as he takes over a caretaker government ahead of national elections on November 1. He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since July 1, 2022.
- 3. Shahid Kapoor** has been appointed as a brand ambassador of PokerBaazi.
Note: To create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India. According to research firm Statista, the online gaming industry across India was valued at around ₹79 billion in 2021, marking a leap from about ₹65 billion in 2020.
- 4. T Raja Kumar** has been appointed as President of world's anti-terrorism financing agency, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for two years (July 2022 - June 2024).
Note: He succeeded Dr Marcus Pleyer, who served as the chief of the FATF. He will be responsible for enhancing the effectiveness of global anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing measures.

5. **Rahul Narwekar** was elected as the 16th Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly after defeating Rajan Salvi (Shiv Sena candidate).
Note: The post of the Maharashtra Speaker was vacant after Nana Patole (Congress) resigned from the office in February 2021.
6. **Asit Rath** has been appointed as the new chief executive officer and managing director of Aviva India, with effect from July 11, 2022.
Note: He will replace Amit Malik, who is leaving the business after 10 years. Currently, He is working as the CEO of Prudential Myanmar Life Insurance.
7. **Ravi Shastri** has been appointed as the new brand ambassador for FanCode.
Note: FanCode is set to host some of the best cricketing action with exclusive rights to India's tour of the West Indies and ECB's The Hundred. Shastri will bring out FanCode's 'fan-first' proposition by leading the upcoming campaigns for these properties.
8. **Suranjan Das** has been appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU).
Note: is one year tenure has come into effect from July 1. Earlier, he was a Professor of History at the University of Calcutta and served the Vice Chancellor at University of Calcutta for the period between 2008 and 2015.
9. **VP Nandakumar** has been reappointed as MD & CEO of Manappuram Finance with effect from 27 July 2022 upto 31 March 2024.
Note: He is post graduate in science with additional qualifications in Banking & Foreign Trade. He started his banking career with Nedungadi Bank. In 1992, he promoted Manappuram Finance and has been a director of the company since then.
10. **Smriti Irani** has been assigned the charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs after the resignation of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi.
Note: Jyotiraditya Scindia has been given the additional charge of the Ministry of Steel after the resignation of Ram Chandra Prasad Singh.
11. **Lt Gen Mohan Subramanian** has been appointed as Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS).
Note: He succeeds Lt Gen Shailesh Tinaikar (India). Presently, he is serving as the Commandant of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington.
12. **Amitabh Kant** has been appointed as India's new Sherpa for the G-20.
Note: He replaced Piyush Goyal (Minister for Commerce & Industry and Consumer Affairs), who was appointed as the G-20 Sherpa in September 2021. India will hold the presidency of G20 from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. He served as the NITI Aayog CEO from June 2016 to 2022.
13. **R Dinesh** has been elected President Designate of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for 2022-23.
Note: He has been the Chairman of CII Southern Region during 2018-19. Sanjiv Puri (Chairman and Managing Director, ITC) will continue as the Vice-President of CII. Anjiv Bajaj (Chairman and Managing Director, Bajaj Finserv Ltd) continues to be the President of CII for 2022-23.
14. **Paritosh Tripathi** has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the private non-life insurer SBI General Insurance with effect from 5th July 2022.
Note: He succeeded P.C. Kandpal, who has been posted as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at SBI. He has more than 32 years of banking experience and has worked in various departments including MSME, mid-corporate segment, international banking and bancassurance.
15. **Alvaro Lario** has been appointed as the seventh President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) with effect from 1st October 2022 for a four-year term.
Note: IFAD is an international financial institution and specialized United Nations agency. It is the only multilateral development organization that focuses on rural economies, food security and climate change
16. **Brajesh Kumar Upadhyay** has been appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director of Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for a period of five years, with effect from 10th July 2022.
Note: Earlier, he was serving as the Director of Operations within the company (GSL). He will be responsible for the efficient functioning of the company for achieving its corporate objectives.
17. **Meena Hemchandra** has been appointed as part-time chairman of the Karur Vysya Bank for three years.
Note: Previously, she worked as an additional director under Independent Category of the bank. She worked as Executive Director of RBI from June 2015 to November 2017 and served as secretary to the Board of Note Mudran for four years.
18. **Madhulika Bhaskar** has been appointed as CMD of the New India Assurance Company Ltd (NIACL) for three months.
Note: She has replaced Atul Sahai, whose tenure had ended on February 28, 2022 following his superannuation.
19. **G Rajkiran Rai** has been recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) as Managing Director at the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID).
Note: He served as the MD & CEO of Union Bank of India for five years, till the date of his superannuation in May 2022. FSIB was incorporated on July 1, 2022. The erstwhile Banks Board Bureau (BBB) was revamped into FSIB with certain amendments in its mandate.

- 20. Ashish Kumar Chauhan** has been appointed as the new managing director and CEO of the National Stock Exchange for five years.
Note: He will be taking over the helm of NSE from Vikram Limaye. He is currently served as the MD and CEO of BSE, tenure of Chauhan is scheduled to end in November 2022. He is a technocrat from IIT and IIM and considered as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE from 1993-2000.
- 21. La Ganesan (Manipur Governor)** has been given the additional charge as the new Governor of Bengal, after the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar.
Note: He will discharge the functions of the governor of West Bengal, in addition to his own duties from the date he assumes charge of the office until regular arrangements are made. Jagdeep Dhankhar has filed his nomination as the Vice-President candidate by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).
- 22. Justice Vineet Saran** has been appointed as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman.
Note: He has succeeded Justice (Retd) D K Jain, whose term ended in June 2021. He is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.
- 23. Manoj Kumar** has been appointed as the chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC).
Note: KVIC's former Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena has moved on to take charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. Manoj Kumar was earlier part of KVIC as the Expert Member (Marketing) and has professional experience in the areas of marketing and rural development.
- 24. V K Singh** has taken charge as Director (Technical) of REC Limited with effect from 12th July, 2022.
Note: V K Singh had been Executive Director in REC holding portfolio of key business areas including Private Sector Project Management, Entity Appraisal and Procurement. He is also a Director on the Board of REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited.
- 25. Ranil Wickremesinghe** has been sworn-in as the eighth president of Sri Lanka at the parliament premises before Chief Justice Jayantha Jayasuriya.
Note: He has secured 134 votes in the 225-member House while his rival Dullas Alahapperuma got 82. He had took over as the Acting President after ex-President Gotabaya Rajapaksa fled the country. He will complete the tenure of Rajapaksa's term, which ends in November 2024.
- 26. Droupadi Murmu** has been elected as the 15th President of India, after securing 64% of the votes.
Note: She is the first tribal woman and the second woman (First: Pratibha Patil) to hold the position of President of India. CJI, N V Ramana will administer the oath of office to Droupadi. She was born in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha. Tribe: Santhal. She served as Governor of Jharkhand from 2015 to 2021.
- 27. Seif Ahmed (Egypt)** has been appointed as acting president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) after the resignation of Indian administrator Narinder Batra from the post.
Note: Batra has resigned as FIH president and also quit as chief of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). He also gave up his International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.
- 28. Rajarshi Gupta** has appointed as MD of ONGC Videsh Ltd, is an overseas investment arm of state-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC).
Note: He has replaced Alok Gupta who was superannuated in June 2022. He has more than 33 years of experience in supervisory, managerial and strategic planning capacities in domestic and international operations of ONGC and ONGC Videsh.
- 29. Dinesh Gunawardena** has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Sri Lanka** along with 17 other cabinet ministers.
Note: Along with Prime Minister ship, he has additional charge of Public Administration, Home Affairs, Provincial Council, and Local Government.
- 30. Rama Subramaniam Gandhi** has been appointed as an additional independent director of YES bank for a period of five years, effective from July 23, 2022.
Note: He is currently serving as a financial sector policy expert and adviser. He was a Deputy Governor of the RBI for three years from 2014 to 2017. He had a three-year secondment to the SEBI and also served as Director of the Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), Hyderabad.
- 31. Ennarasu Karunesan** has been named as the official representative of the International Association of Ports and Harbors' (IAPH) in India.
Note: He has started his career in the port industry with the Mumbai port and later worked as the general manager of operations and CEO of the Westport Container Terminal in Port Klang, Malaysia (from 2001 to 2004). IAPH is the world's port industry's forum for cooperation and excellence.
- 32. Akshaya Moondra** has appointed as new chief executive officer of Vodafone Idea with effect from August 19, 2022 for a period of three years.
Note: He will succeed Ravinder Takkar. Takkar will continue to be a non-executive and non-independent director of the company post completion of his term as the MD & CEO. Moondra has over 30 years of international experience and over 14 years' experience in the Indian telecom sector.
- 33. Indermit Gill** has been appointed as a new Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics of World Bank, will be effective September 1, 2022.

- Note:** He will succeed American economist, Carmen Reinhart. He is currently serving as the Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions. He will be the second Indian to serve as chief economist after Kaushik Basu who was Chief Economist of the World Bank from 2012 to 2016.
- 34. Ahmad Nawaf Al Ahmad Al Sabah** has been appointed as the Prime Minister of **Kuwait**.
Note: He succeeded Sheikh Sabah Al Khaled, who resigned in April 2022. He is a retired Kuwaiti military with the rank of Lieutenant-General at the Ministry of Interior and the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior since March 9, 2022.
- 35. Ravi Kishan Takkar** has been appointed as the Additional Director (Independent) of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL), effective from July 25, 2022.
Note: He served as an MD & CEO of UCO Bank for three years till November 01, 2018.
- 36. Nakul Jain** has been appointed as the CEO of Paytm Payments Services Ltd (PPSL).
Note: He replaced Praveen Sharma, who is now serving as the acting CEO of PPSL. Praveen Sharma has been promoted to oversee the organisation's commerce vertical in addition to his other duties. Nakul Jain has served as managing director of private banking, priority banking, deposits and branch banking at Standard Chartered Bank.
- 37. Bajram Begaj** has been sworn-in as the President of the **Republic of Albania** and becomes the ninth president of the country.
Note: He was elected as president on June 4, 2022 after receiving 78 votes in favour out of 83 votes. He was a major general and hold the post of chief of general staff of the Albanian Armed Forces.

Important Days

I-15 November 2022

1. President, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated 7th edition of India's Water Week in Greater Noida on **November 1, 2022**.
Note: 2022 theme: "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity". This event was organised by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation till the 5th of November. Aim: To raise awareness, conserve and use water resources in an integrated manner.
2. The University Grants Commission has declared **December 11** as a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' every year.
Note: Aim: To create language harmony and develop a conducive environment for learning Indian languages. The committee has selected December 11 as Bharatiya Bhasha Divas to mark the birth anniversary of poet Subramania Bharati, who was a pioneer of modern Tamil poetry.
3. Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) was observed Vigilance Awareness Week on **31st October 2022 to 6th November, 2022**.
Note: Theme 2022: Corruption free India for a developed Nation. During the Vigilance Awareness Week, public meetings held at district and block levels in order to raise public awareness against perils of corruption. CVC has the mandate under the CVC Act, 2003 to fight corruption and to ensure integrity in public administration.
4. World Radiography Day is observed annually on **November 8** to mark the anniversary of the discovery of x-rays.
Note: 2022 theme: Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety. The X-ray was discovered by Professor Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen (Wuerzburg University, Germany) in 1895.
5. Public Service Broadcasting Day is celebrated on **12th November** every year.
Note: This day is commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947. The day was declared as Public Service Broadcasting Day or (Jan Prasaran Diwas) in 2001.
6. **Second Thursday of November** has observed as the World Usability Day annually.
Note: The date is also mentioned on the UN calendar. World Usability Day, which will fall on November 10 this year, is also known as 'Make Things Easier' day. "The theme of World Usability Day 2022 is "Our Health".
7. The National Education Day is observed annually on **November 11** in India.
Note: This day marks the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, who was India's first education minister after independence. He was awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously, India's highest civilian honour in 1992.
8. The World Science Day for Peace and Development annually on **November 10**.
Note: It was proclaimed by the UN Educational, Scientific and UNESCO in 2001 under the UNESCO 31 C/Resolution 20. This year's theme for World Science Day for Peace and Development is "Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development".

9. National Legal Services Day is marked every year on **9th November**.

Note: It celebrates the commencement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 which came into force on this very day in 1995. The Legal Services Authorities Act of 1987 was passed on October 11, 1987, and took effect on November 9, 1995.

10. The International Week of Science and Peace every year around the globe -- **November 9 to November 14**.

Note: This week is an initiative taken by the United Nations (UN), hoping to make people contribute towards the encouragement and promotion of peace across the globe.

11. World Diabetes Day is observed every year on **November 14** to bring the attention of the people to health threats posed by diabetes.

Note: The theme of World Diabetes Day 2022 is "access to diabetes education". This day was first observed in the year 1991 by the declaration of the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and World Health Organisation (WHO). This day mark the birth anniversary of Frederick Banting, who, along with Charles Best, have discovered insulin.

12. The World Kindness Day is observed every year on **November 13** to promote kindness and support this fundamental attribute that links people from all walks of life.

Note: The theme for World Kindness Day 2022 is 'Kindness makes you live longer'. This day was commenced in 1998 by an organisation named World Kindness Movement during the 1997 Tokyo conference. In 2019, under Swiss law, this organisation was registered as an official NGO.

October 2022

1. To encourage pension and retirement planning among Indian residents, PFRDA is marking **1st October** as National Pension System (NPS) Diwas.

Note: The Day was established last year as part of a programme to encourage pension and retirement plans for worry-free and Azad retiring. This initiative is being promoted by PFRDA via its social media channels every year on the said date. PFRDA Chairperson: Supratim Bandyopadhyay

2. The International Day of Older Persons has been observed annually on **October 1** with an aim to honour the contribution of older persons and looking into the problems that they face.

Note: The day was introduced by the United Nations General Assembly. Theme 2022: Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World. The UNGA has passed a resolution the International Day of Older Persons (resolution 45/106) to designate October 1 as International Day of Older Persons day.

3. The United Nations observes on **first Monday of October** as World Habitat Day.

Note: This year, World Habitat Day will be observed on October 3. Focus: Growing inequalities and challenges in cities and human settlements. The 2022 theme is "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind". In 1985 the United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. This day was first celebrated in 1986, Nairobi (Kenya) was the host city.

4. World Teachers' Day is observed every year on **October 5** to honour teachers for their contributions to their students.

Note: 2022 Theme: The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers. It is observed all over the world over since 1994 after the UNESCO

recommendation. On October 5th, 1966, International Labour Organization (ILO) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (Unesco) have signed a recommendation concerning the "Status of Teachers".

5. **World Space Week (WSW)** is observed every year from October 4 to 10.

Note: 2022 theme is "Space and Sustainability". This day observed to celebrate science and technology, and their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition. October 4 marks the launch of the first human-made Earth satellite, Sputnik 1. The first time this event was celebrated was in 2000. In 2000, the theme was "Launching the Space Millennium."

6. **66th** edition of Dhammachakra Pravartan Day is being celebrated at DeekshaBhoomi in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

Note: Reason: Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar (Architect of the Indian Constitution) has embraced Buddhism on the day of Vijaydashmi on 14th October 1956 with lakhs of his followers. From that date, the day is celebrated as DhammaChakra pravartan day. Millions of followers have reached Deekshabhoomi, to pay their respects to the Central memorial of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in this day.

7. Every year **Breast Cancer** awareness campaign has been observed in the month of October, from 01 to 31.

Note: Aim: To increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness.

8. The annual observance of World Day for Farmed Animals (W DFA) on **October 2nd (Gandhi's birthday)**.
Note: The day is organised by the International animal welfare organization, World Animal Protection along with Asia for Animals coalition to show the importance and urgency of farm animal welfare.
9. The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on **2nd October**.
Note: This day marks the birthday anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The day is observed to spread the message of non-violence through public awareness and education. Mahatma Gandhi was born on October 2, 1869. This year, Gandhi Jayanti will mark the 153rd birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
10. Every year, International Coffee Day is observed on **October 1** to celebrate and promote the use of coffee.
Note: The day is marked to celebrate “the coffee sector’s diversity, quality and passion.” It is an opportunity for coffee lovers to share their love of the beverage and support farmers whose livelihood depends on the aromatic crop.
11. World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed on **October 6**.
Note: Cerebral Palsy is a lifelong disability with no known cure. The Theme for World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022 is “Millions of Reasons”. In 1810, Dr. William John Little, the first person to study Cerebral Palsy was born. Harry Jennings built the first modern folding wheelchair in 1932.
12. World Vegetarian Day is celebrated on **first day of October**.
Note: It also kickstarts Vegetarian Awareness Month. Aim: To encourages people to reduce their consumption of animal products. The day is commemorated to create awareness about the benefits of vegetarianism.
13. Indian Air Force Day is observed every year on **8th October**.
Note: Indian Air Force (IAF) was officially established on 8th October 1932, as an auxiliary air force of the British Empire which honoured India’s aviation service during World War II with the prefix Royal. First aircraft of IAF came into being on 1st April 1933 with six RAF-trained officers and 19 Havai Sepoys (air soldiers). IAF is celebrating the 90th foundation day in 2022.
14. World Mental Health Day is observed on **October 10** to draw attention to mental health issues and their effects.
Note: The theme for 2022 is “Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority.” The then World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) Deputy Secretary General, Richard Hunter had initiated the first celebration of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 1992. WFMH is a non-governmental organisation founded in 1948.
15. **October 9** is celebrated as Indian Foreign Service Day.
Note: On 9 October 1946, the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India’s diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas.
16. World Post Day is celebrated each year on **9 October** to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.
Note: It was established on 9th October 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969. The theme for World Post Day 2022 is ‘Post for Planet’.
17. The International Day of the Girl Child is observed annually on **October 11** to raise awareness about the gender inequality faced by girls worldwide.
Note: Theme 2022: ‘Our time is now - our rights, our future.’ On December 2011, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted resolution to declare 11th October as this day. This day was first celebrated on October 11, 2012.
18. World Arthritis Day is observed globally on **12th October** every year to raise awareness about the existence and impact of rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases.
Note: The theme for 2022 is “It’s in your hands, take action”. The first World Arthritis Day was observed in 1996, in collaboration with The Arthritis and Rheumatism International Foundation.
19. The International E-Waste Day is held on **14 October** to raise awareness about the impacts of e-waste.
Note: This day was first observed in 2018 by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) Forum. 2022 Slogan: Recycle it all, no matter how small!. UN had estimated that in 2019, over 22 million tonnes small e-waste were produced worldwide.
20. World Standards Day is observed every year on **October 14** to raise awareness about the importance of using standardised measurements, technologies, and industries.
Note: The theme for World Standards Day 2022 is ‘Shared Vision for a Better World.’
21. Global Handwashing Day is marked on **October 15** with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap.
Note: 2022 theme: Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene. The Global Handwashing Partnership has observed the first Global Handwashing Day in 2008 in Stockholm, Sweden. 2008 was also marked the International Year of Sanitation. Later, the United

- Nations General Assembly marked it as Global Handwashing Day.
22. The International Day of Rural women is observed across the world on **October 15** to promote gender quality and highlight the important role played by women in rural areas.
Note: The United Nations General Assembly has established this day on December 18, 2007. The theme for 2022 is “Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All”. As per a UN report, approximately 40% of the total agricultural labour force in developing countries comprises women.
 23. World Food Day is observed annually on **16 October** to promote global awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and to highlight the need to ensure healthy diets for all.
Note: 2022 theme: Leave NO ONE behind. This day is led by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). UN's FAO was established on 16th October, 1945.
 24. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on **October 17**.
Note: Aim: To raise awareness about the global issue of poverty and how it is a violation of human rights and of human dignity. 2022 theme: Dignity For All in Practice. On December 22, 1992, the United Nations General Assembly, through resolution 47/196 declared 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
 25. On **October 20th** International Chefs Day is observed to honour the culinary masters who have protected the value of food and are passing on the same message to future generations.
Note: The theme for this year is “Growing A Healthy Future.” The idea behind this theme is to ensure a healthy and sustainable planet for future generations.
 26. World Statistics Day 2022 is celebrated annually on **October 20th** to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives.
Note: The United Nations Statistical Commission has been at the forefront of advocating for the use of statistics to track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is “Data for Sustainable Development”.
 27. World osteoporosis day is a global healthcare event observed every year on **20 October**.
Note: The day is observed to promote the early diagnosis of osteoporosis, its treatment and preventive tips for strong bones. This year 2022, the World Osteoporosis Day theme is “Step Up For Bone Health”
 28. On **October 17** World Trauma Day is observed to prevent the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world.
Note: The day was created in New Delhi, India, in 2011.
 29. October 15 is celebrated as World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**.
Note: He was an Aerospace scientist and former President of India. The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education. Dr Kalam was born on October 15, 1931.
 30. World Polio Day 2022 has observed every year on **October 24** to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio.
Note: 2022 theme: World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children. This day was established in 1985 by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk. Jonas Salk was the lead medical researcher of the team that developed a vaccine against polio.
 31. World Day for Audiovisual Heritage is observed on **October 27** every year to promote the importance of such preservation.
Note: Theme 2022: Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies. The Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images was adopted in the 21st General Conference of UNESCO held on October 27, 1980, at Belgrade, Serbia.

September 2022

1. India has observed National Nutrition week every year on **September 1 to September 7**.
Note: Aim: To make people aware about the adequate nutrition in food while enjoying the different flavours of Indian cuisine. The theme of National Nutrition Week 2022 is to ‘Celebrate a World of Flavours.’
2. World Coconut Day is observed annually on **September 2** to highlight the significance of coconut in our daily lives and how beneficial are they for health.
Note: Theme 2022: Growing coconut for a better future and life. Top exporters of coconuts: Indonesia, India, Philippines, Brazil and Sri Lanka.
3. The International Day of Charity is observed on **September 5**.
Note: September 5 was chosen to celebrate the day because it is Mother Teresa's death anniversary. Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize in

- 1979 for “work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress, which also constitute a threat to peace.”
- National Teachers’ Day observed on **5 September** to mark the birthday of the country’s first Vice President and second President of India, Dr Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.
Note: He was born on September 5 in the year 1888. The first Teachers’ Day in India was celebrated in 1962.
 - Ministry of Women and Child Development** is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1st September till 30th September.
Note: Rashtriya Poshan Maah serves as a platform to bring focus to the discourse of nutrition and good health. The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is “Mahila aur Swasthya” and “Bachaur Shiksha”.
 - The Air We Share** is the theme of the third International Day of Clean Air For Blue Skies 2022 is observed annually on 7 September to raise awareness about the importance of clean air for health.
Note: On November 26, 2019, the Second Committee of the 74th session of UNGA adopted a resolution to designate the 7 September as the “International Day of Clean Air for blue skies”. This day commemorates by the United Nations by hosting summits with member states.
 - International Literacy Day is celebrated annually on **September 8** to create importance about the literacy for individuals and societies.
Note: Theme 2022: Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces. The 14th session, General Conference of UNESCO on October 26, 1966 has declared September 8 as International Literacy Day. Since 1967, this day celebrations have taken place annually around the world.
 - World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD) is observed annually on **10 September** to raise awareness about suicide prevention worldwide.
Note: The day is organized by the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO). Theme 2022: Creating hope through action; it is the triennial theme for this day from 2021 to 2023.
 - World First Aid Day is celebrated every year on **Second Saturday** of September.
Note: This year, World First Aid Day falls on September 10. Aim: To raise public awareness of how First Aid can save thousands of lives in everyday crisis. The theme for World First Aid Day 2022 is 'Lifelong First Aid.'
 - The United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation is observed annually on **September 12** to highlight the importance of cooperation among people and countries in the global South.
Note: The day also aims at spreading awareness on the social, economic, and political developments made in the Southern region.
 - National Forest Martyrs Day is observed on **September 11** to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect forests and wildlife.
Note: It is marked by several events aimed at creating awareness about protecting forests and the environment at large. The day holds a lot of significance in the present scenario when depleting green cover is among the greatest challenges in front of the world.
 - World EV Day 2022 is observed on **9th of September**.
Note: Aim: To emphasize the importance of e-mobility. World EV day helps to spread awareness about sustainable transport facilities to the people. Air pollution is mainly caused by transportation, and EVs are one of the major alternatives to decrease air pollution.
 - The International Day to Protect Education from Attack is observed on **September 9**.
Note: The purpose of the day is to raise awareness regarding the importance of safeguarding schools as places of protection and safety for students and educators and the need to keep education at the top of the public agenda.
 - To promote the Hindi language and its usage across the nation, India observed Hindi Diwas annually on **September 14**.
Note: The day is also marks the birthday anniversary (September 14, 1916) of Beohar Rajendra Simha who played a crucial role in getting Hindi in Devanagari script. On September 14, 1949, the Constituent Assembly accepted Hindi in the Devanagari script as the official language of India. The first Hindi Day was celebrated on September 14, 1953.
 - India observes National Engineer’s Day on **September 15** every year to recognise the contribution of engineers in the development of the nation.
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.
 - Indian Swachhata League** 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.

- 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.
- 17. World Patient Safety Day** is observed every year on 17th September to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety.
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.
- 18.** The International Week of the Deaf (IWD) is observed on the full week ending on **last Sunday** of September.
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.
- 19.** World Bamboo Day 2022 is observed on **September 18** in order to raise awareness about the conservation of this extremely useful plant.
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.
- 20.** International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on **18 September** to represent the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value.
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.
- 21.** World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on **17 September** to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety.
Note: Theme: Medication Safety along with the slogan 'Medication Without Harm' with a call to action to 'Know, Check & Ask'.
- 22.** World Ozone Day or the International Day for the preservation of the Ozone Layer is observed on **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.
- 23.** World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD) is held on **September 15** every year to raise the awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer.
Note: It is a global initiative hosted by the Lymphoma Coalition.
- 24.** International Day of Democracy is observed on **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.
- 25.** World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on **September 21** to raise awareness about neurological disorders.
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.
- 26.** The International Day of Peace is observed globally on **September 21** to promote ideals of peace among nations and people by observing non-violence and ceasefire for 24 hours.
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.
- 27.** World Rhino Day is observed every year on **22nd September** to spread awareness about the different Rhinoceros species.
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.
- 28.** The United Nations has declared **23rd September** 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.
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.

29. The World Pharmacists Day is observed every year on **September 25** to highlight the role of pharmacists and pay them a tribute.
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.
30. World Tourism Day 2022 is observed annually on **27 September** to promote tourism in various parts of the world.
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.
31. World River Day 2022 is observed on **September 25** to raise awareness regarding water bodies and to promote their conservation.
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'.
32. World Environmental Health Day is observed on **September 26** every year.
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".
33. International Daughter's Day is observed every year on **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.
34. World Contraception Day is marked on **September 26** to raise awareness about contraceptive knowledge and family planning.
Note: According to the World Health Organisation, the significance of World Contraception Day is captured in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
35. The United Nations observes on **26 September** every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons.
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.
36. Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on **25th September** in India.
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.
37. World Rabies Day is celebrated each year on **September 28** to promote the fight against Rabies and raise awareness of its prevention.
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.
38. The International Day for Universal Access to Information (IDUAI) is observed on **September 28** every year to raise awareness regarding the need to expand laws related to information.
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.
39. World Heart Day is observed every year on **September 29** to raise awareness about the cardiovascular issues and illnesses.
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.
40. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) observes World Maritime Day on **last Thursday** of September.
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.

August 2022

- 1. World Breastfeeding Week** is observed annually on 1st -7th August.
Note: To highlight the regular breastfeeding for babies. Theme 2022: Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support. The World Health Organization (WHO) has created a memorandum in 1990 in association with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was established in 1991 and the inaugural World Breastfeeding Week was observed in 1992.
- 2. Ministry of Culture** has organized "Tiranga Utsav", to celebrate the 146th Birth Anniversary of Pingali Venkayya in New Delhi.
Note: The event include the release of a commemorative Postal Stamp in honor of Pingali Venkayya for his invaluable contribution to the country. Pingali Venkayya was born on August 2, 1876, in Andhra Pradesh. He was the designer of India's National Flag.
- 3. The National Handloom Day** in India has observed annually on **August 7** to highlight the contribution of the handloom industry in the socio-economic development.
Note: The National Handloom Day is celebrated across the country under the aegis of the Ministry of Textiles. The handloom sector is one of the largest economic sectors in the country. This sector played an important role during the Swadeshi Movement (August 7, 1905).
- 4. The International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples** observed on **9th August** across the world.
Note: Aim: To highlight the role of indigenous people and the importance of preserving their rights, communities and knowledge. 2022 Theme: The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge
- 5. World Biofuel Day** is celebrated annually on **August 10** to mark the importance of non-fossil fuels as a replacement for conventional fossil fuels.
Note: On this date, Sir Rudolf Diesel (German) successfully ran his diesel engine on peanut oil. In India, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change started celebrating World Biofuel Day 2015 onwards. Three types of biofuels used in India: Bioethanol, biodiesel, and biogas
- 6. World Lion Day** is observed globally on **10th August** to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation.
Note: In 2013, the first World Lion Day was observed. Dereck and Beverly Joubert, from the Big Cat Initiative and National Geographic, founded it.
- 7. The Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** is celebrating the second 'Javelin Throw Day' on **August 7, 2022**.
Note: The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo. Neeraj Chopra has scripted history at the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo. He threw the javelin to a distance of 87.58m to end India's medal drought in athletics at the Olympics.
- 8. World Elephant Day** is celebrated on 12 August every year to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world.
Note: This day was co-founded by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand, an initiative of HM Queen Sirikit.
- 9. International Youth Day** observed annually on **12th August** annually to create awareness about the issues faced by youth.
Note: Theme 2022: Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages. In 1999, the General Assembly has passed a resolution 54/120, and declared 12 August as International Youth Day. This decision was made after the recommendation made by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth (Lisbon, 8-12 August 1998).
- 10. International Lefthanders Day** is observed on **August 13** across the world.
Note: Aim: To raise awareness about being left-handed in a predominantly right-handed world.
- 11. World Organ Donation Day** is observed globally on the **13th of August**.
Note: This day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of donating organs. Theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives".
- 12. World Photography Day** is observed on **August 19** every year to celebrate the beautiful art of photography.
Note: Theme 2022: Pandemic Lockdown through the lens. This day was originated after the invention of the 'daguerreotype'. Daguerreotype is a photographic

- process that was developed in 1837 by Frenchmen Louis Daguerre and Joseph Nicéphore Niépce. On August 19, 1839, the French government has announced about the invention of the daguerreotype.
13. International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on **August 21** each year in memory of the victims of terrorism.
Note: The theme for 2022's International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is "memories," as mentioned in a United Nations (UN).
 14. World Senior Citizens' Day is celebrated on **August 21** every year.
Note: It is also known as National Senior Citizens' Day in the United States (US). World Senior Citizens' Day has its roots back in the August 19, 1988 proclamation by the then President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan.
 15. World Mosquito Day is observed on **August 20** in order to honour Sir Ronald Ross who discovered the link between mosquitoes and the transmission of malaria in the year 1897.
Note: As per his discovery, it is the female mosquitoes that disseminate malaria among humans. The purpose of this day is to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented.
 16. India observes Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day on **20th August** every year.
Note: This day aims to spread awareness about the development and adoption of renewable energy in India. Akshay Urja Diwas was first established in 2004 to support renewable energy development programs in India and promote the usage of natural resources.
 17. India celebrates Sadbhavna Diwas in memory of **Rajiv Gandhi** former PM birth anniversary.
Note: Sadbhavna Diwas 2022 commemorates the 78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi on 20th August 2022. Sadbhavna Diwas was instituted after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in 1992, by Congress.
 18. World Humanitarian Day is celebrated on **August 19** date every year to recognise all aid and health workers who volunteer to help victims of disasters and crises against all odds.
Note: The 2022 campaign, according to the United Nations, shines a light on "thousands of volunteers, professionals and crisis-affected people who deliver urgent health care, shelter, food, protection, water and much more."
 19. The World Water Week 2022 is being organised from **3 August to 1 September**.
Note: The Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) has organized World Water Week to transform the global water challenges. Theme of World Water Week Conference 2022: Seeing the Unseen: The Value of Water. There will be six main sessions held from August 23 to September 1.
 20. International Whale Shark Day is observed on **August 30** to raise awareness of the value of whale sharks and the need for their conservation.
Note: People can learn about the magnificent species on this day and take action to protect them on International Whale Shark Day 2022.
 21. The International Day for People of African Descent is celebrated on **31 August** globally.
Note: The day was first celebrated in 2021, halfway through the International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024). This day was created only recently by the United Nations and is set to be celebrated internationally for the first time this year.
 22. The National Small Industry Day is celebrated on **30 August** every year, to support and promote small Industries for their overall growth potential and opportunities received for their development in the year.
Note: The day recognises the contribution of small industries to the country's growth. The day is also an opportunity for the central and state governments to encourage and support small industries.
 23. International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is observed globally on the **30th of August** every year by United Nations.
Note: To express deep concern about the rise in enforced or involuntary disappearances in different regions of the world including the incidents of arrest, detention and abduction.
 24. International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on **29th August** to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons.
Note: This year marks the thirteenth anniversary of the event. Aim: To create public awareness regarding the effects of nuclear weapons tests, and detonations and further highlights the requirement for cessation of such nuclear tests. Nuclear technology was developed under J. Robert Oppenheimer of the Manhattan Project.
 25. The National Sports Day is celebrated on **29th August** in India to pay tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.
Note: It was 2012 when the day was first designated and celebrated as India's National Sports Day. The president gives away sports awards such as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, and Dhyan Chand Awards on this occasion.
 26. Women's Equality Day 2022 is celebrated on **26th August**.
Note: In 1973, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated across the world. Women's Equality Day

- 2022 theme is “Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow”.
27. International Dog Day is celebrated annually on **August 26** to promote the adoption of dogs instead of buying them from pet shops.
Note: The day was founded by Animal Welfare Advocate and Pet Lifestyle expert Collen Paige. Aim: Promoting this day is to raise awareness about adopting these animals who are currently in rescue centres.
28. Internaut Day is celebrated around the world on **August 23** to mark the invention of the World Wide Web.
Note: An “internaut” is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history. On this day, in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee as he allowed its access, CERN announced that the internet would be free to everyone and there would be no fee for its use.
29. World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on **24 August**.
Note: This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat ‘Veer Narmad’. ‘Gujarati Diwas’ is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language.
30. The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is celebrated on **August 23**.
Note: The day was chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade. The theme for this year is ‘Decolonisation.’
31. International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on **August 21**.
Note: It is observed in memory of the victims of terrorism. The day is observed to show the victims of terrorism that they are not forgotten and they are respected and recognised across the world. The theme 2022 for this day is “memories”.
32. International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is observed on **August 22**.
Note: On this day, the international community honours the survivors and victims of religious-based violence. The day aims to remember the victims and survivors of evil acts on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief.

July 2022

1. The Chartered Accountants’ Day or CA Day is observed on **1st July** annually in India.
Note: It is also known as ICAI Foundation Day. The day is marked to commemorate the foundation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949.
2. National Doctors’ Day has been observed annually in India by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) -- **1st July**.
Note: Theme 2022: “Family Doctors on the Front Line.” First time, this day celebrated in 1991 on July 1 to honour Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, whose birth and death anniversary, both fall on July 1.
3. The first Saturday of July has been observed as **International Day of Cooperatives**.
Note: This year, the International Day of Cooperatives is being observed on July 2. Theme 2022: Cooperatives Build a Better World.
4. The World UFO Day (WUD) is observed on **2nd July** annually.
Note: It is a day dedicated to the undoubted existence of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) by World UFO Day Organization (WUFODO). To raise awareness about the existence of UFOs.
5. World Sports Journalists Day is observed on **2nd July** every year.
Note: To celebrate the services of sports journalists for the promotion of sports. The International Sports Press Association (AIPS) established the World Sports Journalist Day in 1994.
6. International Plastic Bag Free Day observed annually on **3rd July**.
Note: To raise the awareness about the issue of plastic pollution on the planet. This day was first observed on July 3, 2008, by a member of Zero Waste Europe (ZWE) Rezero in Catalonia.
7. World Zoonoses Day is marked annually on **6th July** to commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease.
Note: To educate and raise awareness about zoonotic diseases that can transmit from animals to humans. It commemorates French biologist Louis Pasteur, who administered the first dose of the first vaccine against rabies.

8. World Kiswahili Language Day is observed on **7th July** annually.
Note: Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa and the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa. This is also the only African language that is an official language of the African Union.
9. National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated every year on **10th July** to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the Country.
Note: It is 65th National Fish Farmers Day being celebrated across the Country. National Fisheries Development Board, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day virtually at National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Hyderabad.
10. The World Population Day is observed on **11th July** every year with an aim to increase the awareness of the people towards the worldwide population issues.
Note: The Day was first marked on 11th July 1990 in more than 90 countries. The theme for World Population Day 2022 is 'A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all.
11. World Paper Bag Day is observed annually on the **12th July** to raise awareness of the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags.
Note: The theme for Paper Bag Day this year is, "If You're 'fantastic', Do Something 'dramatic' To Cut The 'Plastic', Use 'Paper Bags'." Francis Wolle, an American inventor, created the first paper bag machine in 1852.
12. International Malala Day is celebrated every year on **12th July** to honour the young woman who has been advocating for female education.
Note: The day is used as an opportunity to appeal to world leaders to ensure compulsory and free education for every child.
13. World Youth Skills Day 2022 is observed annually on **July 15** to promote the need of essential skills for employment, work, and entrepreneurship.
Note: Every year, World Youth Skills Day is marked with a certain theme set by the United Nations. The theme for 2022 is 'Transforming youth skills for the future'.
14. World Day for International Justice is observed annually on **July 17** to celebrate the organisations that work for bringing justice to the victims of international criminal acts.
Note: 120 countries came together on July 17, 1998, to sign a treaty titled Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The establishment came to be known as the International Criminal Court, which came into force on July 1, 2002. Theme 2022: Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment
15. The world marks Nelson Mandela International Day annually on **July 18** in the memory of the first democratically elected President of South Africa.
Note: The United Nations (UN) had declared July 18 as Nelson Mandela Day in 2009, a South African anti-apartheid activist who served as the first President from 1994 to 1999. The theme 2022: "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are". Nelson Mandela was conferred with the Nobel Peace Prize in October 1993.
16. World Chess Day is celebrated annually on **July 20** globally.
Note: The day marks the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924. On 12 December 2019, the General Assembly proclaimed 20 July as World Chess Day to mark the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
17. The General Assembly has declared to celebrate the International Moon Day annually on **July 20** to educate and promote awareness on the status and prospects for humanity.
Note: In cooperation with United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), the International Moon Day 2022 will be observed as an annual event and general public celebrations will be held all over the world.
18. The World Fragile X Awareness Day is marked on **22 July** every year to celebrate families impacted by Fragile X.
Note: The FRAXA Research Foundation was launched in 1994, by Clapp and her husband Michael Tranfaglia, MD. The World Fragile X Day was initiated by the US-based FRAXA Research Foundation.
19. National Broadcasting Day is observed on **July 23** in India.
Note: Both the Azad Hind Radio of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and the Congress Radio helped rouse Indians against the British before independence. Akashvani was also instrumental in helping Bangladesh gain independence from an oppressive Pakistan in the 1971 war.
20. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has observed the 163rd anniversary of Income Tax Day on **July 24**.
Note: Income Tax was introduced for the first time in India by Sir James Wilson on 24 July 1860. Purpose: To compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime during the first war of independence against British Rule in 1857.
21. World Drowning Prevention Day is observed every year on **July 25**.
Note: It was established by the UN General Assembly Resolution "Global drowning prevention" from April 2021.

22. International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is observed every year on **July 26**.

Note: The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses. The UN Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) General Conference established the day in 2015.

23. Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated by India on **July 26**.

Note: It is a historic win over Pakistan on July 26, 1999. The Indian Army successfully removed Pakistani forces who were illegally occupying a hilltop at the Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC) at Kargil, Ladakh. To commemorate this victory and remember those who sacrificed their lives for this country, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually in India on July 26.

24. World Hepatitis Day has observed annually on **28 July** to raise awareness and promote global action on viral hepatitis.

Note: Theme 2022: Bringing hepatitis care closer to you. The World Health Assembly has decided to

celebrate the birthday of Baruch Samuel Blumberg (July 28) World Hepatitis Day, who discovered Hepatitis B in the 1960s. Viral Hepatitis is an inflammation of the liver.

25. International Tiger Day is observed every year on **July 29** to raise awareness about the importance of the conservation of tigers.

Note: As per World Wildlife Fund, approximately 95% of the population of tigers has declined in the last 150 years. Theme 2022: "India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population". 2,967 tigers have been recorded in India, as per the fourth round of the national assessment of tiger numbers done in 2018.

26. World Day Against Trafficking is observed annually on **30 July** to aware people about the ordeal of human trafficking victims and the ways to safeguard their rights.

Note: Theme 2022: Use and abuse of technology. The World Day Against Trafficking in Persons was observed for the first time in 2013. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) collect data and analysis ways to protect the rights of the victims since 2003.

Important News - National (India)

1-15 November 2022

1. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth more than Rs. 3400 crore for the state at a program organized in **Mana Village** of Uttarakhand.

2. HARIT Aaykar initiative was launched by the Income Tax Department has launched on the occasion of National Unity Day, to increase greenery and create micro forests.

Note: HARIT refers to Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax. Under this initiative, the Department resolves to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around IT Department's buildings and other public areas.

3. **3,024** newly constructed EWS flats were inaugurated by PM Modi at Kalkaji in Delhi under Phase I of 'In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation' Project.

Note: He has also handed over keys to eligible beneficiaries at Bhoomiheen Camp, Vigyan Bhawan. These flats have been constructed at a cost of about Rs 345 crore.

4. **Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** has issued a notification to restrict the use of glyphosate as it is hazardous for humans and animals.

Note: Only authorised Pest Control Operators are allowed to use it. The notification was based on a

2019 report by the Government of Kerala on prohibiting the distribution, sale and use of glyphosate and its derivatives.

5. As per the report, by the India EXIM bank, India has emerged as a leading defence exporter of **African** country's maritime, aerospace and defence requirements with Mauritius, Mozambique and Seychelles.

Note: These countries has become the major buyers of Indian arms during 2017-2021. Report title: 'Reinvigorating India's Economic Engagements with Southern Africa'

6. President Murmu has launched the Atal Setu viaduct that connects two states **WB and Sikkim** on National Highway 10.

Note: President, Droupadi Murmu who is on her two day of Sikkim, will inaugurate and lay the foundation for various central and state government projects in the virtual mode from Gangtok. Two-lane Chisopani traffic tunnel, which include approach roads in East Sikkim. Ganju Lama Girls Hostel, Ravangla in South Sikkim under Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram.

7. **7** states/UTs have attained the Level -2 grading in 2020-21 that was released by the Ministry of Education in its Performance Grading Index (PGI) for States and UT for 2020-21.

- Note:** Aim: To promote evidence-based policy-making and highlight course correction for quality education. Total of seven States/UTs have attained Level -2 grading in 2020-21: Kerala, Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh. Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Andhra Pradesh are the new entrants with the highest achieved level.
8. **Aibawk cluster** in the Aizwal district of Mizoram has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). **Note:** SPMRM was launched by the Prime Minister in February 2016. Aim of scheme: To provide amenities to rural areas which are perceived to be urban and have the potential to stimulate local economic development.
 9. UP government aims to make one of India's largest pilgrimage centres, Mathura-Vrindavan a "net zero carbon emission" tourist destination by **2041**. **Note:** This means that tourist vehicles will be banned from the entire Braj region, which includes famous pilgrim centres such as Vrindavan and Krishna Janmabhoomi. Instead, only electric vehicles used as public transport will be allowed into the area.
 10. **Madhya Pradesh** state government has launched the flagship scheme 'Ladli Laxmi 2.0' with an aim to encourage girls to pursue higher education and make them independent. **Note:** They will also provide monetary benefits to eligible girl children to ensure quality education. The scheme had also ensure that the parents must not marry their girl child before the age of 18.
 11. **Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs)** has notified India Infrastructure Project Development Fund Scheme (IIPDF Scheme) for Financial Support for Project Development Expenses of PPP Projects. **Note:** Aim: To improve the quality and pace of infrastructure development in the country. Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) are being encouraged to bring private capital and efficiency in execution and operation of infrastructure projects. Budgetary outlay: Rs. 100 Crore
 12. **Mizoram Football Foundation** has tied up with Reliance Foundation to promote football at the grassroot level in the state. **Note:** RFYC academy will provide training support the young footballers. As a part of this partnership, Naupang (Children) League will be introduced in Mizoram. Aim of League: To develop local ecosystems and enable aspiring and talented footballers as young as 5-year-olds (both boys and girls).
 13. **Garuda Aerospace** has signed an MoU with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) for collaborative research operations and services using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). **Note:** The Department of Aerospace Engineering (DoAE) at IISc will provide support them for future operations. It will provide developments of digital input processing packaging tools, including yield estimation from a given image, diagnoses of crops, and mapping of fields.
 14. As per the data, Vortexa (Energy Cargo Tracker), **Russia** country has surpassed Saudi Arabia and Iraq, to become the top oil supplier of India in October 2022. **Note:** Russia, which imported 0.2% of all oil by India in March 2022, has supplied 9,35,556 barrels per day of crude oil to India in October (highest ever). It now makes up for 22% of India's total crude imports, ahead of Iraq (20.5%) and Saudi Arabia (16%). In June 2022, Iraq was top oil supplier, while Russia was at second.
 15. According to the vision document of EPFO, **Delhi** has topped the chart in terms of EPFO coverage. **Note:** Maharashtra has topped the chart in terms of absolute number of working age population. Delhi has topped the chart with 61.5% and Goa with 51.4% of their working population. Haryana is place at the third with 35.3% of its working population under EPFO, followed by Karnataka (29.6%) and Uttarakhand (26.7%). The EPFO coverage is the lowest in Tripura, Assam, and Meghalaya.
 16. **Vadodara** city has become the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond with assistance from the US Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance. **Note:** Aim: To provide funds for infrastructure projects in Vadodara. The officials from US Embassy and US Treasury joined counterparts from Ministry of Housing, city of Vadodara, and SEBI. Pune was the first city to issue municipal bond in 2017. The bond was oversubscribed by 10 times and was priced at a low yield of just 7.15%
 17. **Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali (President of Guyana)** will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention, organised in Indore, Madhya Pradesh from 8th -10th January 2023 . **Note:** While, Australian MP, Zaneta Mascarenhas will be the guest of honour at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas, that will be held on 8th January 2022. Theme: Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated once in every two years.
 18. Agriculture Minister **Narendra Singh Tomar** has launched a portal on National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF) for the benefit of the farming community. **Note:** The NMNF portal (<http://naturalfarming.dac.gov.in>) is developed by the agriculture ministry. It was launched in the first steering committee meeting of the National Natural Farming Mission. The portal provides all the

information about mission, implementation outline, implementation progress, farmer registration, etc.

19. The Ministry of Education has constituted a committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions, **Dr. K. Radhakrishnan** will be the head of this committee.

Note: Aim: To prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020. The committee will be headed by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, who is a Chairperson of Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur, and Chairperson of Standing Committee of IIT Council.

20. The ministry of health and family welfare will constitute 7 members committee headed by **AK Pradhan** to prepare the national drugs database.

Note: Aim: To recommend and prepare a comprehensive database of drug formulations manufactured and marketed in the country. The committee will also provide detailed information on a drug, its dosage form, strength, and details of the manufacturer, marketer, or importer of the drug.

21. The name of new AI/ML based chatbot that was launched by UIDAI for better experience of users -- **Aadhaar Mitra**.

Note: It will provide information like check Aadhaar enrollment/update status, tracking of Aadhaar PVC card status, and information on enrollment centre location. Residents can also register their grievances and track them using the bot. Recently, UIDAI has topped for resolving public grievances rankings for October 2022, published by DARPG

22. The theme of G20 summit 2023 under the chairmanship of India -- '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**' or '**One Earth One Family One Future**'.

Note: PM Modi has unveiled the logo, theme and website of India's G20 presidency in New Delhi on November 8, 2022. Logo takes inspiration from India's national flag – saffron, white and green, and blue. It juxtaposes planet Earth with the lotus (National flower), that reflects growth amid challenges. Below the G20 logo, word 'Bharat' is written in the Devanagari script.

23. Social networking platform for farmers **Krishify** has integrated with the Platform of Platforms (PoPs) portal by e-NAM, National Agricultural Market.

Note: e-NAM is a pan-India electronic trading portal that seeks to network existing Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMC). Aim: To create a unified national market for agrarian commodities for farmers, traders, and other intermediaries.

24. Minister of Jal Shakti **Gajendra Singh Shekhawat** has released the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report 2022.

Note: As per the report, the total annual ground water recharge for India is 437.60 billion cubic

meters (BCM). The annual ground water extraction is 239.16 BCM. Over-exploited Units: Out of 7089 assessment units, 1006 units have been categorized as Over-exploited. The report also shown improvement in ground water conditions in 909 assessment units.

25. The 'Transport4All Challenge Stage-2' was launched by **Hardeep Singh Puri (MOHUA)**.

Note: Under this, startups will be engaged to develop solutions to transport problems in 46 cities. Aim: To enhance mobility experience, focuses on digital innovation and invites cities, citizens and innovators to develop contextual solutions to improve formal as well as informal public transport. The minister has also launched the 'Citizen Perception Survey' under the Ease of Living Index-2022.

26. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has successfully completed a mother tongue survey with field videography of **576** languages and dialects across the country.

Note: According to the annual report of the Home Ministry for 2021-22, it has been planned to set up a web archive at NIC to preserve and analyse the original flavour of each indigenous mother tongue. The Linguistic Survey of India is a regular research activity in the country since the 6th Five Year Plan.

27. PM Narendra Modi, unveiled the statue of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda installed at **Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru)**.

Note: Called the Statue of Prosperity, is 108 feet tall and weighs 220 tonnes and has a sword with a weight of 4 tonnes. The structure has been termed the "first and tallest bronze statue of a founder of a city" by the World Book of Records. He was a 16th-century chieftain under the erstwhile Vijayanagara Empire.

28. Union power minister **RK Singh** launched the Green Energy Open Access portal to increase the purchase of renewable energy in the country.

Note: The portal will allow renewable energy (RE) open access to any consumer with a connected load of 100 kW or above. The move is aimed at allowing even small consumers to get access to renewable energy, which is why the government decided to reduce the eligibility from 1MW of sanctioned load to 100 kW or above, in June this year.

29. The FSSAI awarded which **Bhopal Railway Station** as a 4-star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing "high-quality, nutritious food to passengers".

Note: Railway stations are awarded the certificate after an FSSAI-empaneled third-party audit agency rates them on a scale of 1 to 5. The certification is part of the 'Eat Right India' movement- a large-scale effort by FSSAI. Chandigarh Railway station was the

fifth to receive a 5-star 'Eat Right Station' certification in Sep 2021.

- 30. Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL)** has collaborated with the IIT Madras to support startups in the maritime sector.

Note: Aim: To develop products or services with financial support from the shipyard. This is part of the startup engagement programme, 'USHUS' launched by the CSL to support the Centre's initiative in supporting maritime startups. IIT- Madras will act as an implementation partner.

- 31.** Rapid transit system **DMRC** has signed an MoU with Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) for the development of an indigenous Communication Based Train Control system (i-CBTC).

Note: This development comes under the 'Make in India' initiative of the Government of India under the aegis of Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA). CBTC is being adopted by many countries for its feature of moving block which allows high frequency of trains.

- 32.** In November 2022, **Cambodia** has organised the 17th East Asia Summit and ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit.

Note: VP Jagdeep Dhankhar has attended the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit in Cambodia. He will also have bilateral meetings with Cambodian Prime Minister, Hun Sen and other dignitaries at Phnom Penh. External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar will also participate in the summit. This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year

- 33.** PM Gati Shakti Multimodal Waterways Summit 2022, held at Varanasi, was launched by **Sarbananda Sonowal (Union Shipping and Waterways Minister)**.

Note: The event, being organised by the Indian Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the aegis of the Union ministry of ports, shipping and waterways. Aims: to generate greater public awareness about the 'PM Gati Shakti National Masterplan' with focus on infrastructure development in the waterways.

- 34.** 9th edition of Ministerial meeting of the India-US Economic and Financial Partnership was held in New Delhi.

Note: The Indian delegation was led by Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman and the USA delegation was led by Dr. Janet Yellen, Treasury Secretary. The 9th India-US EFP meeting covered the discussion on various economic issues including global macroeconomic outlook, climate finance, combating terrorism financing, India's upcoming G20 presidency, and MDB's reforms.

- 35. Cochin Shipyard Ltd** and IWAI have signed an agreement to build India's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel for Varanasi (UP).

Note: It has also signed MoU for the construction of six electric catamaran vessels for Uttar Pradesh and two for Guwahati. The hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel will have a seating capacity for 100 passengers. The electric hybrid vessels, designed for short-distance commute in riverine waters, will have seating capacity for 50 passengers.

- 36. Reliance Industries Ltd** has been awarded the project to build India's first multimodal logistics park (MMLP) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Note: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has announced that MMLP will be spread over 184 acres and cost Rs 1,424 crore. The project will get adequate connecting infrastructure support through a special purpose vehicle (SPV) formed between central and state agencies. The first phase of this project will be completed in two years.

- 37. PV Sindhu** has launched the mascots named Toofan and Toofani, for Fit India Movement's Fit India School Week initiative 2022.

Note: The 4th edition of Fit India School Week will start on 15 November 2022. Aim: To celebrate the fitness and sports in various forms and reaffirm its importance amongst the school fraternity. Fit India Movement was launched by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi in 2019.

- 38. DigiLocker** has successfully integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, so that users can digitally store their health records and link them with their Ayushman Bharat health account.

Note: Aim: Digital Empowerment of citizens by providing access to authentic digital documents. The issued documents in the DigiLocker system are deemed to be at par with the original physical documents.

- 39.** The 3rd Ministerial 'No Money for Terror' Conference will be organised by Ministry of Home Affairs on 18th and 19th of November in New Delhi.

Note: Focus: To advance the international community's talks on countering terrorist financing held in Paris (2018) and Melbourne (2019). In October 2022, India has hosted two international events - The annual General Assembly of Interpol (Delhi) and a special session of the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee (Mumbai and Delhi).

- 40.** 17th edition of G20 Summit was attended by PM Modi during his visit to Indonesia on November 14.

Note: Summit theme: "Recover Together, Recover Stronger". Three working sessions will be held as part of the G20 Summit Agenda. These are food and energy security, health, and digital transformation. At the closing session, the Indonesian President will symbolically hand over the G20 Presidency to PM

Modi. India will formally assume G20 Presidency

from December, 2022.

October 2022

1. **PM Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the 6th India Mobile Congress at Pragati Maidan.
Note: He has also launched the 5G telephony services in the country. 5G tech will provide seamless coverage, high data rate, low latency, and highly reliable communications. It will increase energy efficiency, spectrum efficiency and network efficiency. The cumulative economic impact of 5G on India is estimated to reach \$ 450 bn by 2035. The IGI Airport in Delhi is the 1st 5G-ready airport in India.
2. The executive committee of the National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved 14 projects at an estimated cost of **₹1,145 crore rupee**.
Note: The decision was taken at the 45th meeting of the executive committee under the chairmanship of director general G. Ashok Kumar. These include eight projects of sewerage management in five main stem Ganga basin states - Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal.
3. **Anurag Thakur** has launched month-long nationwide campaign Swachh Bharat 2022 from Prayagraj in UP.
Note: Swachh Bharat 2022 is being organized in 6 Lakh villages of 744 districts across the country. The Department of Youth Affairs has set a target of collecting and disposing of 1 crore kg plastic waste through Swachh Bharat 2022. Swachh Bharat 2022 will be launched with an aim to raise awareness, mobilize people and ensure their participation in making India clean.
4. As per the data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), the unemployment rate of India has been dropped drastically to **6.43%** in 2022 September.
Note: Reason: On the back of increase in labour participation in the rural and urban areas. As per the data, unemployment rate was the highest in Rajasthan (23.8), followed by Jammu and Kashmir (23.2%) per cent, Haryana (22.9%), Tripura (17%), Jharkhand (12.2) and Bihar (11.4%).
5. **Pegatron** has become the third Apple vendor to set up a manufacturing unit in Chennai, India.
Note: The firm will invest around Rs 1,100 crore in the unit and generate around 14,000 jobs. The other two Apple vendors in India are Foxconn and Wistron. Tamil Nadu has also planned to develop Hosur, Coimbatore and Sriperumbudur as electronics manufacturing hubs. Major players in the state include Samsung, Foxconn, Tata Electronics and Dell among major investors.
6. President, Droupadi Murmu has launched a 'Her Start' start-up platform for women entrepreneurs that was created by **Gujarat University**.
Note: 'Her Start' is an initiative of the varsity for women entrepreneurs. She has also inaugurated or laid foundation stones of various projects related to education and tribal development. She has also inaugurated various projects worth Rs 1,330 crore at a function in Gandhinagar.
7. India has emerged as the world's largest producer and second largest exporter of **sugar**.
Note: In 2021-22, more than five thousand lakh metric tons of sugarcane was produced in the country. Out of this, 35 lakh metric ton sugar was used for ethanol production and 359 lakh metric ton of sugar was produced by sugar mills. The country has registered records highest sugar exports of over 109 lakh metric tons. These exports earned foreign currency of about 40 thousand crore rupees.
8. PM Modi has inaugurated AIIMS at Kothipura in **Bilaspur** district of Himachal Pradesh.
Note: This institution will be built over an area of about 247 acres with the cost of 1471 crore rupees. Other projects: Inaugurated 140 crore rupees Government Hydro Engineering College in Bilaspur. Foundation stones of 350 crore rupees for Medical Devices Park at Nalagarh. Pinjore-Nalagarh four-lane road project under the Bharat Mala project with a cost of 1692 crore rupees.
9. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has announced Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for **Pahari** community in Jammu and Kashmir.
Note: Justice GD Sharma Commission has recommended reservation for Paharis in his report that was submitted to the government. The reservation will be rolled out after completion of administrative formalities. The minister has inaugurated and laid foundation stone of various developmental works of Kashmir Division.
10. Universal Service Obligation Fund, a body under the Department of Telecommunications, launched **Telecom Technology Development Fund Scheme** on October 01st, 2022.
Note: The scheme is aligned with PM Modi's clarion call of adding Jan Anusandhaan in the new phase of Amrit Kaal. TTDF aims to fund R&D in rural-specific communication technology applications and form synergies among academia, start-ups, research institutes, and the industry to build and develop the telecom ecosystem

- 11. Telangana** state government has launched a welfare scheme named 'Asara' pension.
Note: Aim: To ensure secured life for all the poor. Beneficiary: old people, widows, physically disabled and beedi workers. The state government has also distributed the card for the welfare of all. Presently, the state government has sanctioned 10,000 new Aasara pensions under Asif Nagar Mandal jurisdiction.
- 12. Andhra Pradesh** government has launched the website of YSR Kalyanamasthu and Shadi Tofa schemes.
Note: Aim: Providing financial assistance for daughter's wedding in poor families. Eligibility: SSC pass a mandatory clause for both bride and groom to get the assistance under this scheme. This will encourage parents to see that their children complete at least high school studies. The scheme would also prevent the child marriages and promote girl education.
- 13. Ministry of Education** has launched YUVA 2.0 - Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors.
Note: It is a programme to train young and budding authors (below 30 years of age). Aim: To promote reading, writing and book culture in the country. The launch of YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) is in tune with the Prime Minister's vision to encourage the youth to understand and appreciate India's democracy.
- 14. Banaras Hindu University (BHU)** has launched two major schemes to benefit divyang and below poverty line (BPL) students.
Note: Under first scheme, the university will transfer Rs 25,000 every year, into the bank accounts of all the divyang students of BHU. Under the second scheme, BPL card holder students shall be eligible to receive a financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 per annum. This will also be transferred directly into their accounts.
- 15. 15th** edition of International Sufi Rang Festival 2022 began in Ajmer on October 1, 2022.
Note: This event is being organized and planned by Haji Syed Salman, Chairman of Chishty Foundation, an Ajmer Sharif-based organisation. The annual International Sufi Festival India (ISFI) is a commemorative fiesta in honor of the Sufi Saint, Hazrath Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty. The Held yearly in Ajmer, the ISFI festival, remembers the teachings of Sufi Saint Hazrath Khwaja Moinuddin Chishty.
- 16.** As per the report, Indian Tourism Statistics 2022, the Mamallapuram (Unesco world heritage site), a Tamil Nadu town has beaten the **Taj Mahal** in the number of foreign visitors.
Note: As per the report, 1,44,984 foreign visitors came to Mamallapuram in 2021-22. While the Taj Mahal (Agra) has occupied the second spot with 38,922 foreign visitors. Top five states for domestic tourist visits in 2021: Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra
- 17.** The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has modified the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) for the aviation sector cheaper loan limit from ₹400 crore to **₹1,500 crore**.
Note: Aim: To help the sector tide over cash-flow problems. As per the modified ECLGS, an airline would be eligible for 100% of its fund- based or non-fund-based loan outstanding or ₹1,500 crore, whichever is lower.
- 18.** NTPC Ltd has signed an MoU with **GE Gas Power** industry to explore the feasibility of hydrogen (H₂) co-firing blended with natural gas.
Note: This process will be done in GE's gas turbines installed at NTPC's Kawas gas power plant in Gujarat. NTPC's Kawas plant is powered by four GE gas turbines. It is operating in a combined-cycle mode and has an installed capacity of 645 MW. GE's advance E-class gas turbine portfolio can burn upto 100% by volume of hydrogen when blended with natural gas.
- 19.** The Ministerial dialogue of US-India Strategic Clean Energy Partnership (USISCEP) is being organised in United States from October 7 to 11, 2022, was co-chaired by **Union petroleum ministry**, Hardeep Singh Puri.
Note: The revamped USISCEP was launched in 2021. It is based on the US-India climate and clean energy agenda 2030 partnership that was announced by PM Modi and President Joe Biden at a summit in April 2021.
- 20. Hero MotoCorp** has wrapped off their new electric scooter under the sub-brand, titled as 'Vida'.
Note: Hero Vida V1 is the first electric scooter of the brand, as it looks to catch up with newer firms who have taken the lead in the country's clean mobility push. It was first launched at a starting price of Rs 1.45 lakh (ex-showroom) at Jaipur Centre and would be launched in New Delhi, and Bangalore. It is available in two variants named Vida V1 Plus and Vida V1 Pro.
- 21.** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), comes under **Ministry of Commerce** that has notified the establishment of Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups (CGSS).
Note: It will provide credit guarantees to loans extended by Scheduled Commercial Banks, Non-Banking Financial Companies and Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs). Credit guarantees cover under the Scheme would be transaction based and umbrella based.

22. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh state has hosted 81st 'Indian Road Congress' from 8th to 11th October 2022.

Note: It will discuss modern techniques in road construction, and it will have many sessions regarding it. Union Minister, Nitin Gadkari along with UP CM Yogi Adityanath has jointly inaugurated 81st annual session of the Indian roads Congress in Lucknow. Projects worth Rs 5 lakh crore rupees will start in Uttar Pradesh by 2024

23. As per the latest demographic sample survey, conducted by the Union Home Ministry, the percentage of girls getting married before attaining maturity is highest in **Jharkhand** state with 5.8%.

Note: In Jharkhand, child marriages accounted for 7.3% of marriages in rural areas and 3% in urban areas. In West Bengal, more than half of the women are married before attaining the age of 21 years in the state. The survey was conducted in 2020 and the report was published late last month.

24. Nitin Gadkari (Road Transport and Highways Minister) has launched first of its kind pilot project of car manufacturing company **Toyota** on Flex-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles in India.

Note: The Toyota Corolla Altis FFV-SHEV, which was imported from Toyota Brazil for the pilot project, was unveiled.

Flex-fuel: It is compatible cars, run on more than one type of fuel and also a mixture. These vehicles will run on 100% petrol as well as 20 to 100% blended ethanol and electric power.

25. The first conference of the Agni campaign was organized in **Leh** on the theme of 'Sustainability and Culture' under LiFE (Lifestyle for environment) mission.

Note: It is organized by Power Foundation of India in association with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA). It witnessed participation from key stakeholders working in the areas of energy, culture, and sustainability. Agni Tattva is an element that is synonymous with energy and is amongst the five elements of Panchmahabhoot.

26. Union Minister for Power and New and Renewable Energy, R.K Singh has unveiled the curtain raiser to the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) along with side events to be held in **New Delhi** from 17th - 20th October, 2022.

Note: India holds the office of the President of the ISA Assembly. The Assembly will be presided over by R.K. Singh. The International Solar Alliance is an international organisation with 109 member and signatory countries.

27. Ministry of WCD has organized National Conference on Skilling in Non-Traditional Livelihood for Girls - Betiyan Bane Kushal in New Delhi.

Note: This conference was organized under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. Aim: Convergence between Ministries and Departments to ensure the skill development of girls. During the event, MoUs was signed between the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Ministry of Minority Affairs for Skilling of young Girls.

28. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has addressed **2nd** edition of United Nations World Geospatial International Congress (UNWGIC), which being held in Hyderabad.

Note: The theme of UNWGIC 2022 is Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind. Geospatial technology is used to create intelligent maps and models which help to collect geographically referenced data. It was hosted by the ministry of science and technology of the government of India.

29. Centre has constituted a 9-member task force for monitoring Cheetah introduction in **Kuno National Park** of Madhya Pradesh and other suitable designated areas.

Note: National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) will facilitate the working of Cheetah Task Force and render all necessary help. The task force will include Principal Secretaries, Forests and Tourism of Madhya Pradesh, and Inspector General of NTCA, New Delhi Amit Mallick. Tenure: 2 years.

30. Haryana govt delegation, led by **Manohar Lal Khattar** has finalized an MoU with the Dubai government for cooperation in various economic activities.

Note: To promote the State as a leading investment destination and for marketing key projects of the state. These economic activities include investment promotion and land development

31. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has signed an MoU with **Japan** the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology.

Note: Aim: For development of capacity, technological cooperation for academic establishment. This MoU will help both nations to advance scientific cooperation and capacity building in the area of the Indian Ayurvedic system of traditional medicine. AIIA is the apex institute of Ayurveda under the Ministry of AYUSH.

32. Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) has received an approval from the National Company Law Tribunals (NCLT) to acquire the balance of how much stake in Gangavaram Port Limited (GPL).

Note: Earlier, APSEZ had acquired 31.5% in the company from Warburg Pincus and 10.4% from Andhra Pradesh government. GPL is an all-weather deep-water multipurpose port. APSEZ is the flagship transportation arm of the diversified Adani group. The deal prices GPL at around Rs 6,200 crore.

- 33. Google** giant IT firm has launched its global rewards programme named 'Play Points' in India.
Note: Aim: To allow users to earn points and rewards for using Google Play Store billing for in-app purchases, subscriptions and buying apps, games, movies, and ebooks. This programme was first launched in 2018 and available in 28 other countries. This programme is fully funded by Google.
- 34.** The present five-year Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme (VAP) Joint Statement has been extended till **2027**.
Note: It is a unique bilateral programme. It is implementing by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), India, and National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA since July 1987. Aim: To improve the current knowledge of vaccine science to strengthen the scientific basis for future vaccine design.
- 35.** The Union Cabinet has approved PM-DevINE scheme to fund the infrastructure projects in the northeastern states. **Rs 6,600-crore** is the total outlay of this scheme.
Note: PM-DevINE refers to the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region. It will be applicable for the next four years of the 15th Finance Commission from 2022-23 to 2025-26. This is a 100% central funding scheme and will be implemented by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).
- 36. HIMCAD** the scheme that has been launched by the Himachal Pradesh government to provide irrigation facilities to farmers.
Note: As per the data, about 80% of the agricultural area of Himachal Pradesh is rain-fed. This scheme will provide end-to-end connectivity of farmers' fields for better water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming. It is planned to provide command area development activities to 23,344 hectares of cultivable command area by March 2024.
- 37. Coal India Ltd (CIL)** run organisation has signed MoUs with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) and GAIL (India) for setting up four Surface Coal Gasification (SCG) projects.
Note: Aim: To convert coal converted into syngas that can be subsequently processed for downstream production of value added chemicals. Aggregated estimated cost: Rs.35,000 crores
- 38.** NTPC and **Siemens** organisation have signed an MoU to demonstrate the feasibility for hydrogen co-firing blended with natural gas in V94.2 gas turbines installed at NTPC Faridabad gas power plant.
Note: The total installed capacity of Faridabad gas power plant is 432 MW with two V94.2 gas turbines.
Aim: To explore the pathways to reduce CO2 emissions from Faridabad gas power plant
- 39.** Education and Skill Development Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated IInvenTiv at **Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi**.
Note: He has also launched a brochure for IInvenTiv. It is the first-ever all-IITs Research and Development Showcase. This R&D Fair was organized under the supervision of a Steering Committee. The event marks the coming together of all 23 IITs under one umbrella to showcase their respective research and innovation expertise.
- 40.** As per the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) 2022 report, **15** states and Union Territories (UTs) have come out as 'achievers' category.
Note: The report has been released by the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal. Achievers: Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, UP, TN, Uttarakhand, Telangana, Punjab, Odisha, Karnataka, HP, Assam, Delhi, Chandigarh, and Haryana. Fast movers: Kerala, Sikkim, Madhya Pradesh, Tripura, Puducherry, and Rajasthan
- 41.** Union Minister for Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated India's First Aluminum Freight Rake -61 BOBRNALHSM1 at **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
Note: It was fully designed and developed indigenously in collaboration with RDSO, HINDALCO and Besco Wagon. Aim: To reduce carbon footprint due to lower consumption of fuel. A single rake can reduce 14,500 tonnes Carbon dioxide emissions during its lifetime.
- 42.** Union Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 in higher education for the session 2022-23 in **Uttarakhand**.
Note: The event was attended by CM, Pushkar Singh Dhami. Under the NEP, children will be linked to formal education for three years initially. Under this policy, Bal Vatika has been started. After learning for three years under the Bal Vatika scheme the child will enter the first class.
- 43.** According to the Public Affairs Index 2022, **Haryana** has emerged as the best-governed among 18 big states of the country.
Note: Followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka. This report was prepared by a Bengaluru-based think tank. The states have been divided into two categories - large and small. Union Territories are not a part of the report. Sikkim has topped in the category of 10 smaller states.
- 44.** Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri has inaugurated Asia's largest Compressed Bio Gas (CBG) plant in **Lehragaga, Sangrur, Punjab**.
Note: The plant has been commissioned with FDI of approximately Rs. 220 crores by Verbio AG (German

- bioenergy company). The present production of plant is about six tonnes per day. Soon, it will process 300 tonnes of paddy straw per day to produce 33 TPD of CBG by using eight digesters of 10,000 cubic meters.
- 45. 90th** edition of General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) held from 18th - 21st October, 2022 in New Delhi.
Note: The General Assembly is taking place in India after 1997. The move was proposed by HM, Amit Shah to Interpol secretary general, Jurgen Stock in August 2019. India joined the INTERPOL in 1949. Aim of INTERPOL: To promote possible assistance between all criminal police authorities in the prevention and suppression of ordinary law crimes.
- 46. PM Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the PM Kisan Samman Sammelen 2022 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
Note: The conference was participated by more than 13 thousand farmers and around 1,500 Agri Startups. PM has also released the 12th installment amount of 16,000 crore rupees under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi through DBT. Under the scheme, eligible farmer families are provided a benefit of 6,000 rupees per year in three equal installments.
- 47. Goa** will host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo from December 8 to 11.
Note: The expo will be organised by World Ayurveda Foundation, an initiative of Vijnana Bharti. Aims: To create an accessible and affordable healthcare system that is in harmony with modern medical practices. The expo would provide a transformational push to ayurveda to bring it into global focus.
- 48. Global Youth Climate Summit 2022** has been inaugurated in **Khulna, Bangladesh**.
Note: Aim: To bring together 650 youth in a hybrid format with 150 youth participating in person and 500 online. The youth will explore how they can lead the fight against climate change. The mission of GYLC is to build the knowledge of youth about climate science.
- 49. 14th** edition of World Spice Congress (WSC) will be held on 16-18 February at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Centre, Maharashtra.
Note: The summit will be organized by Spices Board India in association with various trade and export farmers. Theme: Vision 2030: SPICES (Sustainability- Productivity - Innovation - Collaboration- Excellence and Safety). It will be organized as a G20 event, after India takes up the presidency from Dec 2022 to Nov 2023.
- 50. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi** has started the distribution of PMJAY-MA Ayushman cards in Gujarat through video conferencing. **Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana - Mukhyamantri Amrutam** is the fullform of **PMJAY-MA**.
Note: Fifty lakh Ayushman cards was distributed to all the beneficiaries across Gujarat, at their doorstep. In 2012, then CM of Gujarat, Modi had started the Mukhyamantri Amrutam scheme to protect poor citizens from the catastrophic costs of medical treatment and illness.
- 51. PM Narendra Modi** has launched the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme (or PM Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana) at the PM Kisan Samman Sammelen 2022 at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute.
Note: He has also launched an e-magazine on fertilisers, called Indian Edge. Under this scheme, the all type of fertilisers, whether it is DAP, NPK or urea will be sold under the brand name of 'Bharat'. This will ensure affordable quality fertiliser of Bharat brand to the farmers.
- 52. Union Minister, Jitendra Singh** has launched an Integrated Pensioners' Portal at the Anubhav Awards Ceremony that was organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare in New Delhi.
Note: This portal provides a single window to address the needs of pensioners. SBI has become the first pension disbursing bank which has integrated its portal with the portal of DoPPW. Anubhav portal provides a platform to retiring government employees for sharing their experiences.
- 53. REC Limited and Power Finance Corporation Limited (PFC)** have signed an MoU with **SJVN Thermal Private Ltd (STPL)** to finance the 2x660 MW coal based Buxar Thermal Power Plant (BTPP).
Note: The total estimated project cost is ₹12,172.74 crores, with debt requirement of ₹8520.92 crores. As per the agreement, the debt requirement will be financed by REC and Power Finance. It is a green field project designed on supercritical technology.
- 54. The first conference on Akash Tatva - Akash for Life,** will be held from 5th to 7th November, 2022 in **Dehradun**.
Note: This event will showcase the blend of traditional and modern knowledge through an extended integration of all schools of thought. Aim: To expose the youth of India to the wisdoms of ancient science along with modern scientific advancements. The campaign 'Sumangalam' is being organised across the country for finding the solutions to the environmental problems.
- 55. PM Modi** laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth more than Rs. 3400 crore for the state at a program organized in **Mana Village** of Uttarakhand.
Note: These projects include two road widening projects from Mana to Mana Pass (NH 07) and Joshi math to Malari (NH107B), including two new ropeway projects at Gaurikund-Kedarnath and Govindghat-Hemkund Sahib. The Kedarnath ropeway

- will be around 9.7 km long, connecting Gaurikund with Kedarnath
- 56. PM Modi has launched Mission LiFE in the presence of UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat. Lifestyle for Environment is full form of Mission Life.**
Note: Aim: To protect and preserve the environment. This global movement will showcase sustainable goals and climate actions taken by countries and individuals around the world. The UN Secretary-General and PM Modi have also launched booklet, logo, and tagline of Mission LiFE.
- 57. The first 'Migration Monitoring System' of India has been launched in Mumbai city with an aim to provide updated information on migrant pregnant women, lactating mothers and children instantly on a single system.**
Note: The system was launched by the Maharashtra Women and Child Development Minister, Mangalprabhat Lodha. The system was developed by the Department of WCD. It will track the movements of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries through unique identification numbers.
- 58. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed penalty of Rs. 936.44 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position with respect to its Play Store policies.**
Note: Google dominance in the markets for licensable OS for smart mobile devices & market for app stores for Android smart mobile OS, in India. Earlier, CCI had imposed a penalty of ₹1,337.76 crore on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets in the Android Mobile ecosystem.
- 59. Thundi and Kadmat** two beaches of Lakshadweep have received the Blue Flag certification and were added to the list of the cleanest beaches in the world.
Note: This has taken India's tally of 'Blue Beaches' to 12. Golden Beach of Puri is also Asia's first Blue Flag certified beach. Blue Flag Certification: It is awarded by a non-profit organisation known as Foundation for Environmental Education. It is an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world.
- 60. Grievance Appellate Committees will be set up within 3 months by the government for resolving social media users grievances.**
Note: For this, gazette notification was issued by Ministry Of Electronics And Information Technology recently to amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. Each Grievance Appellate Committee will consist of a chairperson and 2 whole time members appointed by the Central Government.
- 61. Jakson Group** company has signed a pact with the Rajasthan government to set up a green hydrogen and green ammonia project in the state at an investment of ₹ 22,400 crore.
Note: Jakson Green will set up a 3,65,000 tons per annum green hydrogen and green ammonia plant along with an integrated hybrid renewable power complex in phases. The project is expected to generate over 32,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- 62. Dutch arm of Tata Steel** has signed an MoU with the Ford in Europe to supply "green" steel after 2030.
Note: Tata has planned to produce green steel (steel made without using fossil fuels) in 2030 at its plant in Ijmuiden, Netherlands. Ford has also signed supply MOUs with Tata, ThyssenKrupp (Germany) and Salzgitter (Germany) to supply "low carbon" steel for use in manufacturing the new electric crossover model. It would help to meet a target of having zero emissions by 2035.
- 63. The Technology Development and Acceleration Cell of the Naval Innovation Indigenisation Organisation under the Indian Navy has signed an MoU with Drone Federation of India for promoting indigenous development, manufacturing and testing of a drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Navy.**
Note: This collaboration will increase the Navy-industry-academia synergy, and source technology development challenges towards component indigenisation.
- 64. State-run Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)** has signed MoU with Airport Authority of India (AAI), to facilitate commercial operations at Rourkela Airport under the RCS UDAN scheme.
Note: UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik): regional airport development and "Regional Connectivity Scheme" (RCS) of the Union Government. Implementing Ministry: Ministry of Civil Aviation
- 65. PM Narendra Modi** participated via video conference in **Griha Pravesh**, that was organised for more than 4.5 lakh PMAY-G beneficiaries.
Note: On the occasion of Dhanteras, he dedicated homes constructed under the PM Awas Yojana (Gramin) from Satna, MP. Under the PMAY-G, in the last 8 years, more than 3.5 crore poor families have got new houses. The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana is a ground-breaking social welfare programme that the Indian government introduced in 2015.
- 66. Delhi LG, Vinai Kumar Saxena** has announced a one-time property tax amnesty scheme named Strengthening & Augmentation of Municipal Revenue for Infrastructure Development in Delhi (SAMRIDDI) 2022-23 scheme.
Note: With this scheme, the NCR people will be able to pay only the principal amount of the current and pending tax of past five years for residential properties. The people can also get a waiver on all

- pending dues, including penalty and interest through this scheme.
67. The 91st General Assembly of INTERPOL will take place in **Vienna, Austria**.
Note: The 90th INTERPOL General Assembly was held in New Delhi from October 18-21, 2022. The General Assembly of INTERPOL is a supreme governing body and meets once a year to take key decisions related to its functioning. The Assembly meeting held in India after a gap of 25 years.
68. The United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Counter-Terrorism Committee has hosted in **Mumbai and Delhi** on 28th and 29th of October.
Note: 2022 Theme: Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes. The special meeting in India will also be attended by UK foreign secretary, James Cleverly. Focus of meet: Internet (including social media), new payment technologies and fundraising methods, and unmanned aerial systems (including drones)
69. Election Commission of India (ECI) has hosted a two-day international conference beginning 31st October in **New Delhi**.
Note: Theme: Role, Framework & Capacity of Election Management Bodies. It will be inaugurated by Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and concluding session will be chaired by Election Commissioner Anup Chandra Pandey. ECI leads the Cohort on Election Integrity, which was established as a follow on to the 'Summit for Democracy' held in December 2021.
70. Petroleum minister has attended the opening ceremony of the Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC-2022), held in UAE. **Hardeep Singh Puri** is the current petroleum minister.
Note: He was invited by Suhail Mohamed Faraj Al Mazrouei (Minister of Energy and Infrastructure) and Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber (Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology). He will also inaugurate the India Pavilion which is jointly set up by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry and CII.

Important News – India

1. The Central Railways has set up atmospheric water generators (AWG), Meghdoot in six railway stations in **Mumbai, Maharashtra**.
Note: With the help this, machine can directly harvest water from the air and the commuters can refill their bottles for Rs 12 per litre and Rs 8 for 500 ml. The Railways has already installed 17 kiosks across six major stations, including five each at CSMT and Dadar, four at Thane, and one each at Kurla, Ghatkopar and Vikhroli.
2. As per the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy data, the unemployment rate of India has surged to **8.3%** one-year high in August 2022.
Note: In August, the urban unemployment rate has been increased to 9.6% and rural unemployment rate also increased to 7.7%. In July 2022, the unemployment rate was at 6.8% and the employment was 397 million. In August, the unemployment was the highest in Haryana (37.3%).
3. As per the Boeing report, by **2040** the air traffic of India will grow by an average of 7% per year.
Note: While the air traffic of India will grow 6.9% till 2040, the south-east Asian market will grow at an average annual rate of 5.5%. The Chinese, African and the Latin American market will grow at an average annual rate of 5.4%, 5.4% and 4.8% respectively, till 2040.
4. Union Minister of Science and Technology Jitendra Singh has launched India's first indigenously developed quadrivalent Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine for the prevention of cervical cancer. The name of the vaccine is **CERVAVAC**.
Note: DCGI had granted market authorisation to Serum Institute of India to manufacture an indigenously-developed vaccine against cervical cancer. Cervical cancer in India ranks as the second most frequent cancer among women between 15 and 44 years of age.
5. Cabinet has approved anMoU with **Nepal** on biodiversity conservation to strengthen and enhance coordination and cooperation in the field of forests, biodiversity conservation, and climate change in September 2022.
Note: This MoU also aims the restoration of corridors and interlinking areas and sharing of knowledge and best practices, between the two countries.
6. The All-India Council for Technical Education has partnered with **Adobe** software organisation to accelerate digital creativity skills across the country.
Note: As per the agreement, Adobe will offer courses and expertise for upskilling educators, and integrate digital creativity into the curriculum, to prepare students with the essential creative and digital literacy skills. Aim: To empower educators across higher education institutions with essential digital creativity skills by 2024.
7. **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** has signed anMoU with Smiths Detection for offering advanced, high-energy scanning systems to the Indian market.

- Note:** The MoU will leverage the high-end, technological capabilities of both the firms to meet India's domestic security needs. The MoU was signed in line with the Indian Government's 'Make in India' initiative.
8. **Home Minister, Amit Shah** has inaugurated 6th All India Prison Duty Meet in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
Note: It is a biennial event, organised by the Bureau of Police Research and Development. The event was attended by Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel and Minister of State for Home, Harsh Sanghavi. AIPDM was last organised in Ahmedabad in 2007, It was the second ever meeting. He has also participated in the closing ceremony of 11th KhelMahakumbh at TransStadia, Kankaria
 9. The first edition of "World Health Summit for Pride of Homoeopathy" was held in **Dubai, UAE** with the theme "Diseases caused by climate change and global warming".
Note: Aim: To educate and promote a homoeopathic system of medicine, drugs, and practices. The summit was organised by Burnett Homoeopathy Pvt Ltd. Burnett Homoeopathy Pvt Limited deals with homoeopathic dilutions, mother tincture, lower trituration tablets and various other homoeopathic medicines.
 10. **Hardeep Singh Puri (Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister)** has attended the Gastech Milan-2022 that scheduled to be held in Milan, Italy.
Note: The Minister will chair the "India Spotlight: Powering India's energy industry - new avenues for a sustainable future" panel discussion. He will also participate in the select Ministerial Panel of the Opening Ceremony along with Egyptian Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources and State Secretary of Energy of Portugal.
 11. The Centre has decided to rename Rajpath and Centre Vista lawns stretching from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate as **Kartavya Path**.
Note: PM Modi, will inaugurate the entire stretch on September 8, 2022, that has been renovated under the government's ambitious Central Vista redevelopment project. The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has convened a special meeting on September 7 and the proposal will be placed before it. Rajpath was known as Kingsway during British Rule.
 12. State run organisation **Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)** has topped all Ministries/Departments for resolving Public Grievances in the ranking in August 2022.
Note: Report published by: Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances. UIDAI has been a top performer in resolution of cases received through Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System. Its robust grievance redressal mechanism is enable to resolve around 92% of CRM Grievances within 7 days.
 13. The external debt of India has increased by **8.2%** per cent from USD 573 billion (March 2021) to over USD 620 billion (March 2022).
Note: Report title: 28th edition, Status Report on India's External Debt 2021-22. Released by: Department of Economic Affairs. The External debt as a ratio to GDP fell marginally to 19.9% (2022) from 21.2% (2021). The Commercial borrowings, NRIs deposits, short-term trade credit and multilateral loans together accounted for 90% of the total external debt
 14. **14,500** schools across the country, will be developed and upgraded under the Pradhan Mantri Schools For Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana.
Note: These PM-SHRI schools will become model schools which will summarize the full spirit of National Education Policy (NEP). These schools will provide modern infrastructure including latest technology, smart classrooms, sports and more.
 15. **Bharat Biotech International Limited (BBIL)** organisation has received a formal approval from the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) for its intranasal COVID19 vaccine iNCOVACC (BBV154).
Note: This is the second Bharat Biotech coronavirus vaccine to get the nod after Covaxin. iNCOVACC is a recombinant replication deficient adenovirus vectored vaccine with a pre-fusion stabilized spike protein. This nasal vaccine iNCOVACC is stable at 2-8°C for easy storage and distribution.
 16. While addressing the 14th CII Global MedTech Summit, Science and Technology Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh has announced that Healthcare sector in India is expected grow to 50 billion dollar by **2025**.
Note: India aims to achieve 10 to 12% of the global market share of the medical devices sector. The Indian healthcare system has become more focused on innovation and technology. The govt also aiming to increase their investment in digital healthcare tools in coming five years.
 17. India aims to eliminate TB by the year **2025**.
Note: President, Droupadi Murmu has virtually launched two initiatives - Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan and Ni-kshay Mitra initiative. Pradhan Mantri TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan: This initiative was launched in the presence of Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya. Ni-kshay Mitra: A platform for donors to provide various forms of support to those undergoing TB treatment.
 18. **Agribazaar** agribusiness has introduced the 'Kisan Safalta Card to help farmers to meet their pre and post-harvest farm requirements and allied expenses.
Note: Farmers can use this card to obtain financing to purchase farm inputs. The card's limit, the financing scale, and maintenance costs are determined by the

crop yield of each farmer. The card amount is adjustable for marginal farmers from Rs 10,000 to Rs 50,000. Repayment period: 12-month

19. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)'s Startup Hub has collaborated with Meta to launch a programme to support and accelerate XR technology startups across India.

Note: The programme was launched by the Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Rajeev Chandrasekhar. The MeitY Startup Hub is a national platform that focuses on promoting technology innovation, start-ups, and the creation of intellectual properties.

20. Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways is building the National Maritime Heritage Complex at **Lothal in Gujarat**.

Note: Cost: 3500 crores rupees. The first-of-its-kind complex in India, this centre will showcase India's rich and diverse maritime heritage. The foundation stone for the NMHC project was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the consent for the master plan was given in March 2019.

21. NITI Aayog and World Resources Institute (WRI) have launched India's first National Electric Freight Platform- E-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport-India).

Note: The National Electric Freight Platform brings different stakeholders together with the support of the World Economic Forum, CALSTART, and RMI India. Aim: To raise awareness of freight electrification bolstered by an on-ground demonstration pilot and evidence-based research.

22. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) Centre for Citizen Services, was inaugurated by **Chief Justice of India Uday Umesh Lalit**.

Note: Place: Jaisalmer House. It was provided to NALSA would be utilised for the establishment of Legal Assistance Centre for Citizens, Legal Assistance Centre for NRIs, Training Centre, and Digital Command Centre for providing futuristic legal services across the country.

23. India's first Regional Rapid Transit System, would incorporate an automatic fare collection (AFC) system and tickets with QR codes for riders, is connect **Delhi-Meerut**.

Note: In order to purchase the AFC system, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) recently announced that it has requested bids in accordance with the Modi administration's "Make In India" standards.

24. Ministry of Education ministry has launched Shikshak Parv, that was launched by Union Ministers Annapurna Devi and Rajkumar Ranjan Singh to honour teachers and advance the new National Education Policy (NEP).

Note: An inaugural colloquium hosted by the Ministry of Education, CBSE, AICTE, and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship marked the beginning of Shikshak Parv.

25. Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya will launch a countrywide mega drive 'Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav' for voluntary blood donation from 17th September to 1st October 2022. 1st October observed as **National Voluntary Blood Donation Day**.

Note: The special drive is a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The registrations for the Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav have been started on the E-Raktkosh portal and Aarogya Setu app.

26. The Finance Ministry has set up a six-member, high-level panel to look into issues being faced by venture capital (VC) and private equity (PE) investors. The panel is headed by **Former SEBI chairman, M Damodaran**.

Note: The committee will suggest steps for scaling up investment by VC and PE funds. Members: G Mahalingam (former member Sebi); D P Nagendra Kumar (former member CBIC); Ashish Verma (former Principal Commissioner Income Tax) Poonam Gupta, and P R Acharya.

27. Telangana state legislative assembly has approved the University of Forestry (UOF) Act 2022.

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.

28. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has recently released the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE-ZOO) report 2022.

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

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

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.

30. Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran community of belongs to **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
31. **PM Narendra Modi** has launched National Logistics Policy at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
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.
32. PM Narendra Modi has released **eight** wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh, which has been brought from Namibi.
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.
33. **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** has organizing Hackathon 3.0 titled 'KRITAGYA' on promoting 'speed breeding for crop improvement'.
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.
34. **Union Science and Technology Minister, Jitendra Singh** has presented 'INSPIRE' awards to 60 Start-Ups and financial support to over 53,000 students.
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
35. As per the analysis firm Chainalysis, India has been ranked **Fourth** in the 2022 Global Crypto Adoption Index.
Note: 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.
36. **Saudi Arabia** has emerged as the second-biggest oil supplier to India after a three-month gap.
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.
37. **Uttar Pradesh** 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.
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.
38. Jal Shakti Minister, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has declared **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** as India's first Swachh Sujal Pradesh.
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.
39. Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Dharmendra Pradhan has launched Ramakrishna Mission's 'Awakening' Programme for students of 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.
40. **National Sports Development Fund (NSDF)** has signed an MoU with National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) and Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for the development of sports in India.
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).

41. 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 **G20** meeting during its Presidency.
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.
42. PM Narendra Modi was on two-day visit of **Samarkand in Uzbekistan** from September 15 to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Summit.
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
43. 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.
44. **Adani group** 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.
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.
45. PM Narendra Modi has received a copy of the Braille version of Dictionary Hemkosh from Jayanta Baruah in New Delhi, was originally written in **Assamese** language.
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,
46. The government has launched a joint convergence portal for different schemes run by Food Processing and **Agriculture** ministry.
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.
47. **VP, Jagdeep Dhankhar** has inaugurated 3rd edition of the Lok Manthan programme at Srimanta Sankardeva Kalakshetra in Guwahati.
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.
48. India will receive its first flex-fuel vehicle that run on ethanol blended petrol and battery in October 2022 from **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.
49. **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)** has launched the Swachh Toycathon as a part of the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav.
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.
50. President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated the Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in **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.
51. CEC of LAHDC, Feroz Ahmad Khan has inaugurated the first ever Mega Kissan Mela at Indoor Stadium of **Kargil** district of Ladakh.
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.
- 52. Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** has launched a Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of National Clean Air Programme.
- 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)
- 53. National Cadet Corps (NCC)** 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.
- 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.
- 54. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd** has signed an MoU with Petrobras to diversify its crude oil sourcing.
- 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.
- 55.** The Govt has launched a Scheme Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment for 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.
- 56. Sign Learn** is the name of an Indian Sign Language (ISL) dictionary mobile application that has been launched by the government of India.
- 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.
- 57. Health Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya** 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.
- 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.
- 58.** PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in **Gujarat** state through video conferencing on 23rd September.
- 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.
- 59. EAM, Dr. S Jaishankar** has hosted the G-4 meeting of Foreign Ministers during the 77th Session of UNGA.
- 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
- 60.** Ayush Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal has inaugurated the international conference on Consciousness at NIMHANS in **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.
- 61. Union Minister, G. Kishan Reddy** has launched Virtual Conference 'SymphoNE' to boost Tourism Sector in North East India.
- 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).
- 62. Indian Oil** has become the first oil marketing company (OMC) to produce and market, AVGAS 100 LL.
- 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.

63. New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai CSMT has been approved by the Union Cabinet for the re-development.

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.

64. Bhupender Yadav has released the report on 4th round of quarterly employment survey (January to March 2022).

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.

65. Hitachi Astemo firm has installed its India's first solar power plant at Jalgaon manufacturing plant in Maharashtra.

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.

66. Faggan Singh Kulaste has launched the JALDOOT App and e-brochure.

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.

67. The All India Football Federation has launched grassroots football development (GFD) scheme in **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

68. Education minister, Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the 13th FICCI Global Skills Summit 2022 in New Delhi.

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.

69. Government of Maldives has signed an MoU with **JMC Projects** for Maldives Hanimaadhoo International Airport Development Project.

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.

August 2022

1. Union Rail Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw has flagged off the Badi Sadri-Udaipur City train service in **Chittorgarh**.

Note: The minister has inaugurated the Badi Sadri-Mavli gauge converted rail section. While, the Rewa-Udaipur City Special and Siuri-Sealdah-Siuri train services in West Bengal virtually. The railway stations that are currently in the redevelopment phase are being built with a plan keeping in mind the next 50 years.

2. The government has constituted a task force on monkeypox to closely monitor the emerging situation in the country. **Dr V K Paul, NITI Aayog member (health)** is the head of this task force.

Note: The task force will provide guidance to the government on expansion of diagnostic facilities in the country and explore emerging trends related to vaccination for the disease. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has recently declared monkeypox a global public health emergency.

3. Steel Ministry has constituted an advisory committee for secondary steel under the chairmanship of **Jyotiraditya Scindia**.

Note: Aim: To identify and deliberate on the issues pertaining to the steel sector especially the secondary steel industry. Secondary steel share in steel output of nation has been falling sharply from a level of 55% (2015) to 40% (now). The secondary steel sector wants higher allocation of coal from Coal India.

4. Conglomerate company **Tata Group** will launch the 'First in India' seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains from September 2022.
Note: The firm is also planning to invest Rs 3,000 crore on R&D by FY26. The Composites division of Tata Steel has received, a Rs 145 crore, bulk order for seating systems of the Vande Bharat express. It includes the supply of complete seating systems for 22 train sets, 16 coaches in each train set. The specially designed seats can rotate 180 degrees.
5. To meet the workforce requirements, **Air India** has raised the retirement age of pilots to 65.
Note: Earlier, the age of retirement of AI pilots was 58, but now post-retirement age on a contractual basis for 5 years extendable to 65 years. DGCA has also allowed pilots to fly till the age of 65 years.
6. **\$31 Billion** amount of Trade deficit of India has been recorded in July 2022, with decline in exports and increase in imports.
Note: According to the data released by the commerce ministry, the merchandise exports have been declined to a five-month low at \$35.2 billion in July 2022 while imports eased sequentially to \$66 billion. It has almost tripled from USD 10.63 billion in the same month of the previous fiscal. Minister of Commerce and Industry: Piyush Goyal
7. According to the data published by the Indian consultancy Coalmint, **Russia** has become the third-largest coal supplier of India in July 2022.
Note: Russia has historically been the sixth-largest supplier of coal to India, after Indonesia, South Africa, Australia, and the United States, with Mozambique and Colombia alternately featuring in the top five. Imports of India from Russia have increased nearly five times to over \$15 billion ever since Russia-Ukraine war.
8. India has added 10 more sites to Ramsar list, Now the total number of Ramsar sites in the country – **64**.
Note: Ten new wetland sites are from TN, Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. TN: Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary, Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve; Vembannur Wetland Complex; Vellode Bird Sanctuary; Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary; Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary
 - Odisha: Satkosia Gorge
 - Goa: Nanda Lake
 - Karnataka: Ranganathituu BS
 - Madhya Pradesh: Sirpur wetland
9. **Ministry of Culture** has oorganized Amrit Mahotsav named 'Badhe Chalo', to create a youth centric activation.
Note: It is being held across 10 cities every day from 5th to 11th August 2022. Ten locations include: Lal Chowk, Ashtley Hall, Akashdeep Market, Central Mall, Telibandha Talab, CMR Mall, Gaurav Tower, Maharaja Sayajirao University, Alpha One Mall and Keshav Vatika. These events will be ended on the 12th August, at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.
10. **Indian Navy** has signed an MoU with the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Space Applications Centre (SAC) on data sharing and cooperation on satellite-based naval applications in oceanology and meteorology.
Note: This MoU is an extension of the MoU signed in 2017. Aim: Rapid development in the field of satellite data retrieval and applications.
11. As per the Ministry data **Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Karnataka** are the top states providing highest power subsidy bill, accounting for ₹48,248 crore (36.4%).
Note: Madhya Pradesh has spent ₹47,932 crore between 2018-19 and 2020-21 and Rajasthan spent ₹40,278 crore. About 1,70,000MW of electricity generation has been added since 2014.
12. **HM Amit Shah** has e-launched the onboarding of cooperatives on GeM portal, now all eligible cooperatives will be able to place orders on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal.
Note: Total 589 cooperatives have been shortlisted as eligible for onboarding. National Cooperative Union of India has prepared data of cooperatives with turnover and deposits of 100 crore rupees. GeM has been set up as the National procurement portal to provide an end-to-end online marketplace.
13. PM Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation the 2nd Generation (2G) Ethanol Plant in **Panipat, Haryana**.
Note: The 2G Ethanol Plant has been built by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited, at an estimated cost of over 900 crore rupees. The project will utilise about two lakh tonnes of rice straw (parali) annually to generate around three crore litres of Ethanol per annum. It will also contribute to a reduction of Greenhouse Gases.
14. **Google** has launched the 'India ki Udaan' project to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India.
Note: It was executed by Google Arts and Culture. It is based on the theme 'Unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years'. The project will use rich archives and feature artistic illustrations to tell the story of India.
15. The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an audio-visual (AV) co-production treaty between India and **Australia** country to promote co-production of films.
Note: Under this umbrella agreements, private, quasi-government or governmental agencies enter contracts to produce films together. So far, India has signed 15 audio visual co-production treaties with foreign countries. Australia has emerged as a preferred destination for shooting of Indian films.
16. India's first Saline Water Lantern was unveiled by Union Minister, Jitendra Singh -- **Roshni**.

- Note:** It uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps. It will bring Ease of Living to the fishing community living along the 7500 km long coastal line of India. Saline water-powered Roshini LED lamps will boost and supplement Prime Minister Narendra Modi's UJALA scheme. It has been developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai.
- 17. HM Amit Shah** has announced the roll-out of model by-laws to govern all Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) in the country during a national conference on rural cooperative banks.
Note: It was organized by Ministry of Cooperation and National Federation of State Cooperative Banks (NAFSCOB) at Vignan Bhavan, New Delhi. There are more than 95,000 PACS currently, of which only about 63,000 PACS are functional.
- 18.** Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar has launched the 'SMILE' initiative in New Delhi. What is the full form of SMILE (**Support for Marginalized Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise**).
Note: It aims to make cities, towns, and municipal areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging through the coordinated action of various stakeholders. Total budget for smile-75: Rs 100 crores till 2025-26.
- 19.** India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites. The total number of Ramsar sites in India (August 2022) -- **75 Ramsar sites**.
Note: These 11 new sites include, 4 in Tamil Nadu, 3 in Odisha, 2 in Jammu and Kashmir and 1 each in MP and Maharashtra. Total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites in 2022. Tamil Nadu (14) has maximum number of Ramsar sites, followed by UP (10).
- 20. Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)** has commenced Basmati crop survey to estimate acreage, assess crop health and expected yield of aromatic and long grain rice during 2022-2023 kharif crop season using climate-based yield modelling.
Note: It is being executed under Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF), APEDA. Final survey report will be finalized by Dec 2022. India has exported USD 12 billion Basmati in the last three years.
- 21.** The World's highest railway bridge's 'Golden Joint' has been inaugurated in **Reasi district** of Jammu & Kashmir.
Note: The joints of bridge is connecting two ends of the deck of the world's highest railway bridge. Chenab Bridge is located in Chenab river, will be 35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower (after completion of project). Aim: It will provide direct connectivity to the Kashmir valley.
- 22.** IT company **Microsoft** has become the first global Big Tech Company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
Note: ONDC is an Indian government initiative for developing a first-of-its-kind open network for digital commerce. Microsoft has intended to introduce social e-commerce via its app in the Indian market later this year. Initially, the network began its pilot in De-lhi, Bengaluru, Coimbatore, Bho-pal and Shillong.
- 23.** National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) has signed an MoU with **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)** to take up multiple initiatives contributing towards making India the Skill Capital.
Note: Signed by: MD of NHIDCL, Chanchal Kumar and COO & Officiating CEO of NSDC, Ved Mani Tiwari. NHIDCL is a fully owned company of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways. NSDC is PPP model under Ministry of Skill Development
- 24. Ministry of Ayush** has signed MoU with Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) for providing technical support to Ministry of Ayush for digitalization of Ayush Sector under Ayush Grid project for 3 years.
Note: Ayush Grid project was initiated in 2018 by the Ministry for creating a comprehensive IT backbone for the entire sector. Digitalization of the entire Ayush Sector will lead to its transformation in fields of health care delivery at all levels.
- 25.** Regional Standardization Forum of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) for Asia and Oceania region has been hosted by the **Ministry of Communications**.
Note: Theme of 'Regulatory and Policy aspects of Telecommunications'. MoS for Communications, Devusinh Chauhan has inaugurated the Regional Standardization Forum. More than 250 delegates from 20 countries has been participated in the Forum, to provide an insight from policy and regulatory perspective.
- 26. Election Commission of India (ECI), India** has hosted a virtual meet of the 'Asian Regional Forum' on August 11, 2022 on the theme of Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative.
Note: This Regional Forum meet was a precursor to the "Summit for Electoral Democracy" that to be hosted by the National Electoral Institute of Mexico in the coming month. Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar
- 27.** The government of India has made revised the rules of **Atal Pension Yojana (APY)**, will be effective **October 1, 2022**.
Note: No citizen who is or has been an income taxpayer will not be eligible to join the APY. If an income tax-payer joins the APY scheme on or after October 1, 2022, the APY account will be liable to be

closed. Currently, all citizens of India between the age group of 18-40 years are eligible to join the scheme, irrespective of their tax-paying status.

28. Space Kidz India has unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometres above the Earth on Independence Day.

Note: The flag was sent to an altitude of 1 lakh 6 thousand feet above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it. Space Kidz India is creating 'young scientists for the country. The organization has launched a satellite into Low Earth Orbit. AzadiSAT was developed by 750 girl students from across India to mark the 75 years of Independence.

29. 23rd edition of the India International Seafood Show (IISS) will be held in the Biswa Bangala Mela Prangan, Kolkata from February 15-17, 2023.

Note: The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has collaborated with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) to organise the event. This show will provide an ideal platform for interaction between Indian exporters and overseas importers of India's marine products.

30. According to a survey, conducted by Ipsos India, **Defence forces** is the most trusted institutions in the country.

Note: Followed by RBI, Prime Minister of India, Supreme Court of India. Followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation. Defence Forces with at least 2 in 3 (65% of respondents) reposing faith in them followed by RBI with 1 in 2 (50%). Prime Minister of India as an institution was at the third spot with 49% citizens having trust in it.

31. Delhi International Airport Limited has announced to launch with a beta version of DigiYatra app for Android platform.

Note: Aim: To provide contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports. The 'DigiYatra' is a Biometric Enabled Seamless Travel experience (BEST) based on Facial Recognition Technology. This unique initiative of government of India, is coordinated by the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

32. Ministry of Mines has announced to launch an individual portal of the ministry, under **Prime Minister Gati Shakti National Master Plan.**

Note: The portal is being created by the Indian Bureau of Mines. The portal will have two data layers, in which the first layer covers the spatial data of Mineral concessions and the second layer includes mineral auction blocks.

33. Border Roads Organisation will construct a pilot road using steel slag Arunachal Pradesh, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions.

Note: If this found successful, then this can become a big solution for building durable roads along the strategic areas. This project has been initiated after the success of using 100% steel slag on a port connectivity

road in Gujarat, which has longer life and built at low cost.

34. Railway Protection Force (RPF) has launched a pan-India operation known as Operation Yatri Suraksha to provide round-the-clock security to passenger's.

Note: It facilities surveillance through CCTV, checking on active criminals, presence of a person at different stations to reduce crime. The RPF has launched a month-long pan-India drive against criminals who loot passengers in July 2022. The RPF caught 365 suspects who were handed over to the concerned GRPs for legal action.

35. Cabinet has approved interest subvention of **1.5 percent** on short term agriculture loan upto 3 lakh rupees.

Note: This increase in Interest Subvention support requires additional budgetary provisions of 34,856 crore rupees for the period of 2022-23 to 2024-25 under the scheme. Aim: To ensure the sustainability of credit flow in the agriculture sector as well as ensure financial health.

36. PM Narendra Modi has virtually addressed the Har Ghar Jal Utsav, that was organized in **Goa** under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Note: The event will be attended by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Goa CM, Pramod Sawant. During the event, the QR code payment system for water bills was also launched. Goa is the first State, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu is the first UT in the country, to achieve 100% Har Ghar Jal certification.

37. The National Fisheries Development Board (NPFDB) has conducted the 9th governing body meeting in New Delhi, chaired by **Parshottam Rupala (Minister of Fisheries).**

Note: During the event, he has also launched an online marketplace feature - 'Aqua Bazar' app. The app will help the fish farmers and stakeholders to source the inputs such as fish seed, feed and medicines required for fish culture. He has released a book on Super Success Stories from Indian Fisheries.

38. Ministry of Civil Aviation's flagship program Regional Connectivity Scheme UDAN (UdeDeshkaAamNagrik) has completed **5 years** of success.

Note: Aim: An enhanced aviation infrastructure and air connectivity in tier II and tier III cities. In 2014, there were 74 operational airports, but after the launch of the UDAN scheme this number has been increased to 141 by now. Under the scheme, more than 1 crore passengers have been benefited till August 4, 2022.

39. Switch EiV 22 is India's first electric double-decker air-conditioned bus, that has been unveiled by Union minister for road transport and highways, Nitin Gadkari in Mumbai.

Note: The electric bus was designed, developed and manufactured in India by Switch Mobility, Ashok

Leyland's electric vehicle arm. The double decker has a lightweight aluminium body construction that provides higher passenger-to-weight ratio and a competitive cost per km, per passenger.

40. **Ratan Tata** has invested in Goodfellows, a senior companionship startup that provides companionship services to senior citizens.

Note: The startup is designed to pair senior citizens with young graduates to form meaningful friendships. The company offers a freemium subscription model in which the first month is free only to understand the concept without actually going through it. The second month onward, the user has to pay a small subscription fee.

41. The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in **Indore**.

Note: Secretary, Consular, Passport and Visa Division, Ausaf Sayeed and Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Iqbal Singh Bains signed an MoU for hosting the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas. PBD is celebrated every year on the 9th Jan to mark the contribution of the overseas Indians to the development of India.

42. India's first database, NIDAAN has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. The full form of NIDAAN is **National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders**.

Note: Developed by: Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). This platform will source its data from the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system) and e-Prisons (a cloud-based application) repository. This is a part of Narcotics Coordination Mechanism (NCORD)

43. **Vice Admiral, Biswajit Dasgupta** has inaugurated Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR), a first of its kind firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy, on the premises of INS Kalinga near Bheemili, Andhra Pradesh.

Note: The CISR is a self-contained, 25m, six lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy. The range has been set up to contemporary international standards by an Indian firm.

44. **Central Power Research Institute (CPRI)** has signed an MoU with the Chhattisgarh government for setting up a regional testing laboratory in Raipur district.

Note: The national-level testing unit will be established on an area of 10 acres in sector-30 of Nava Raipur Atar Nagar. Test facilities: Transformers, energy meters, transformer oil, switch fuse unit and other electricity-related equipment. Power companies will receive a rebate of 20% in the testing of equipment.

45. **Flipkart** e-commerce organisation has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR) to give Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) access to markets.

Note: As part of the partnership, Flipkart aims to empower local farming communities and SHGs by providing a pan-India market access to more than 400 million customers. ICAR-IIMR will extend support with infrastructure and necessary approvals to take the partnership forward.

46. **India Meteorological Department (IMD)** has partnered with Japan, and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on Climate Change.

Note: Aim: To hasten climate action across 10 states and Union Territories in India. 10 States: Bihar, Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh. UNDP India has received climate grant of \$5.16 million from Japan for the project of IMD-UNDP.

47. **Amit Shah (Home Minister)** has inaugurated a two-day National Security Strategies (NSS) Conference in New Delhi.

Note: Aim: To ensure a safe and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of national security mechanism. During the conference, he has also inaugurated the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) that was developed by NCRB. NAFIS will help in quick and easy disposal of cases with the help of centralized finger print database.

48. **Om Birla** will lead Indian Parliamentary delegation while attending the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference scheduled to be held in Halifax, Canada from August 20-26.

Note: The Conference will also be attended by 23 Presiding Officers and 16 Secretaries from State Legislatures in India who are also members of the CPA. Om Birla will participate as a panellist in Workshop 'C' titled "A People's Parliament: Accessibility through Innovation".

49. **Union Minister of State, Jitendra Singh** has unveiled country's first hydrogen fuel cell bus.

Note: The eco-friendly bus has been built by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and KPIT Limited. Hydrogen fuel cell: It works like conventional batteries of electric vehicles, but they don't need to be recharged with electricity. It provides a better alternative to completely eliminate the on-road emissions.

50. The Centre govt has amended **SC Judges (Salaries and Conditions of Service) Act, 1958** for providing additional post-retirement benefits to retired Chief Justices and SC judges.

Note: Those judges, who retire from SC will be entitled to a rent free Type-VII accommodation at Delhi (other than the designated official residence) for a period of 6 months from the date of retirement. The retired SC CJI and judges will get a chauffeur and secretarial assistant for 1 year.

- 51. IIT Guwahati** institution has developed a new method, ultrasound-assisted fermentation, to produce a safe sugar substitute called 'Xylitol' from sugarcane waste.
Note: Xylitol is a sugar alcohol derived from natural products. It has potential antidiabetic and anti-obesogenic effects and is a mild prebiotic and protects teeth against caries. The research team was led by Professor VS Moholkar. Other team members: Dr. Belachew Zegale Tizazu and Dr. Kuldeep Roy.
- 52. Anurag Singh Thakur** has launched 'Azadi Quest, a series of online educational mobile games.
Note: This game has been developed by Zynga India in collaboration with the Publications Division and Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR). The Azadi Quest games are available for android and iOS devices in English and Hindi from September 2022. Zynga India was established in 2010 in Bengaluru.
- 53. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)** and NITI Aayog will establish more than **500** Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in Jammu and Kashmir to nurture an innovative mind-set among high school students.
Note: It will encourage young minds in the field, and challenge students to become producers of products themselves instead of consumer AIM was launched to create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country via school, university, research, MSME, etc.
- 54. AirAsia India** airlines has come into a partnership with CAE to integrate the CAE Rise™ Training System into the airline's simulator training program.
Note: With this partnership, AirAsia India becomes the first airline in India to adopt a data-driven training program using CAE Rise™. As long-time collaborators, both companies have worked together since 2014 on pilot training at CAE network training centers.
- 55. 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar'** union minister has participated in the 'Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar' campaign organised at Puducherry.
Note: Aim: To promote environmental sustainability. This campaign is a 75-day citizen-led initiative to improve the coastal and ocean health via community action. The campaign was spearheaded by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) in partnership with MoEFCC, NDMA, and other central organisations and social organisations.
- 56. The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** has observed its Silver Jubilee in New Delhi on **August 29**.
Note: On the occasion, Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya has also launched an Integrated Pharmaceutical Database Management System 2.0. It is an integrated responsive cloud-based application. It will provide a single window for submissions of various forms as mandated under Drug Price Control Order, 2013.
- 57. PM Modi** has inaugurated the Smriti Van memorial to celebrate the courage shown by people during the devastating 2001 earthquake in **Gujarat (Epicentre: Bhuj)**.
Note: The grand structure is spread over 470 acres on Bhujiyo Hill near Bhuj town. It celebrates the strength and resistance of people of Kutch. It also has a state-of-the-art Smriti Van Earthquake Museum. He also inaugurated the 300m long 'Atal Bridge' for pedestrians across the Sabarmati River.
- 58. Indian Oil Corp (IOC)** has planned to invest more than Rs 2 lakh crore (or \$25 billion) to achieve net-zero emissions from its operations by 2046.
Note: The target set is in line with India's aim to reach net-zero emissions by 2070. IOC oil refining and petrochemicals business has a total emission of 21.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂). IOC has already prepared a road map to achieve its net zero scope 1 and 2 emissions
- 59. Reliance Industries (RIL)** chairman, Mukesh Ambani has announced to invest a whopping **₹2 lakh crore** to build its Pan-India true 5G network.
Note: The Reliance Jio Infocomm has prepared an ambitious and fastest ever 5G rollout plan for the country. Jio plans to roll out Jio 5G by this Diwali 2022 in metropolises of Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Chennai. He also announced that Reliance will launch the Nita Mukesh Ambani Junior School.
- 60. The Home ministry** has released Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India (ADSI) and Crime in India (CII) reports for 2021, were published by **NCRB**.
Note: Deaths by suicide has increased in India by 7.2% from 2020. Report says every year more than 1,00,000 people die by suicide in the country. Majority of suicides: Maharashtra, TN, MP, WB and Karnataka. Delhi has reported the highest number of suicides among UTs. Highest rate of crime against women in 2021: Assam
- 61. The 10th National Conference of Women Police** has been started in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh, inaugurated by **Union Minister of State for Home affairs, Nityanand Rai**.
Note: The conference is being organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) in collaboration with Himachal Police. Objective: To enhance the leadership potential of women police officers and discuss their problems and challenges.
- 62. HM Amit Shah** has chaired the 23rd edition of Central Zonal Council meeting in Bhopal.
Note: Issues: connectivity, power, sharing of river water and other matters of common interests. The meeting was attended by CMs, ministers and senior officers of the member states. The Central Zonal Council comprises Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

- 63. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh** has attended the SCO Defence Ministers' meeting at Tashkent in Uzbekistan.
Note: He also hold the bilateral meetings with his counterparts Lieutenant General, Bakhodir Kurbanov (Uzbekistan); Colonel, General Zhaksylykov Ruslan Zhakslykov (Kazakhstan) and Lieutenant General, Viktor Khrenin (Belarus). Aim: The entire spectrum of defence cooperation with the three countries was reviewed to expand mutually beneficial collaboration.
- 64. 38th** edition of the meeting of Ministerial level Joint Rivers Commission (JRC) of India and Bangladesh was held in New Delhi.
Note: Aim: Finalized the text of MoU on 'Interim Water Sharing of Kushiya river'. Both sides have finalized the design and location of the water intake point on the Feni River to meet the drinking water needs of Sabroom town in Tripura, as per the October 2019 India-Bangladesh MoU on the subject. The JRC of India and Bangladesh was constituted in 1972.
- 65. LG, J&K, Manoj Sinha** has inaugurated the 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit at New Delhi.
Note: This Expo provides a platform to SMEs, startups, trade, industry, service providers to explore new opportunities for buyers and sellers, and exchange information about federal, state, and local programmes. J&K has one of the fastest growing horticulture markets in the country.
- 66. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)**, has signed an agreement with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Ltd (MAHAPREIT) to provide loans for green energy projects.
Note: IREDA will provide financial facilities and techno-financial consultancy to MAHAPREIT for renewable energy. MAHAPREIT is a wholly owned subsidiary of MPBCDC (49% of Govt. of India and 51% of Govt. of Maharashtra).
- 67. Royal Enfield and UNESCO** have been partnered to promote and safeguard the 'Intangible Cultural Heritage' of India.
Note: UNESCO has been running a movement to identify, document and preserve the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India. India is one of the 178 countries, who had adopted the 2003 UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, for decades.
- 68. Godrej Agrovet** has signed an MoU with Assam, Manipur and Tripura governments for the development and promotion of oil palm cultivation.
Note: Godrej Agrovet would be allotted land across the three states for the promotion and development of sustainable palm oil plantations in the region under the National Mission on Edible Oils-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) scheme. Godrej Agrovet is a diversified food and agri conglomerate.
- 69. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** has signed an MoU with National Health Authority for providing an Comprehensive Medical Package to Transgender Persons.
Note: Recently, the Ministry has launched SMILE (Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise) scheme which includes several comprehensive measures for Transgender Community. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is a nodal Ministry for matters related to Transgender Persons.
- 70. National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML)** has signed the tripartite agreement with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI), and Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL) for centralizing the freight consolidation and reduce logistics costs from 14 % to less than 10 % of GDP at par with International Standards.
Note: Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLP) will ensure that cargo is swapped or shifted from and to Waterways, Dedicated Freight Corridors, and Road Transport.
- 71. Airports Authority of India (AAI)** has signed MoU with LFV Air Navigation Services of Sweden at Headquarters of AAI in New Delhi.
Note: It will bring together two air navigation service providers, India and Sweden, with demonstrated capabilities in building and operationalizing the next generation of sustainable aviation technology, to explore smart aviation solutions. It will pave the way for bi-lateral exchange of aviation expertise and technology between the two countries.
- 72. The researchers of IIT Madras** have joined hands with Inspire Institute of Sports, Karnataka to develop an advanced boxing analytics platform named Smartboxer.
Note: Aim: To increase India's boxing medal tally at the 2024 Olympics. This multi version software is being developed by the Center of Excellence for Sports Science and Analytics at IIT Madras. Feature: Provide feedback and performance assessments using Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled wearable sensors and video cameras.
- 73. Indigo Airlines** has joined a sustainability initiative led by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
Note: The airline has become a signatory to "Clear Skies for Tomorrow" coalition campaign of India. Commitment of Indigo: To deploy sustainable programmes to achieve the significant scale of SAF (sustainable aviation fuel), and achieve critical mass and cost-effectiveness for widespread adoption in India. Clean Skies for Tomorrow was launched in January 2019.

74. Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy has signed an MoU with the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission for Inter-Ministerial cooperation for promotion and facilitation of One Herb, One Standard.

Note: The MoU will also help in promoting exchange of information in the area of standardization of Traditional medicine by sharing of scientific information and drug raw materials or extracts, seminars, workshops, training and brainstorming programs.

July 2022

1. The government of India has banned the single-use plastic from **July 1, 2022**.

Note: As per the notification on August 12, 2021, the government has prohibited the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of all identified single-use plastic items, which have low utility and high littering potential with effect from July 1, 2022.

2. **Andhra Pradesh** state has topped the 'Top Achievers' list as per the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)- 2020, was released by FM Nirmala Sitharaman.

Note: Top Achievers: Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. Achievers category: Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Aspirers category: Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Jharkhand, Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

3. PM Narendra Modi has participated in **Udyami Bharat** programme to launch various key initiatives to ramp up the MSME sector.

Note: Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance: Aims to scale up the implementation capacity and coverage of MSMEs. Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters: To encourage MSMEs to offer goods and services of international standards for the global market. Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme

4. **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** has planted 75 sapling under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to create Namami Gange Amrit Vatika at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on River Yamuna in New Delhi.

Note: This activity was carried out under the initiative Yamuna Ghat par Vriksharopan. NMCG has also conducted the Cleanliness drive on River Yamuna in Delhi is a regular activity organized on the 4th Saturday of every month.

5. PM Narendra Modi has virtually inaugurated Bosch India's first smart campus in **Bengaluru**, was built at a cost of Rs 800 crore.

Note: The 76-acre, Spark.NXT campus facilitates multiple smart solutions based on security,

sustainability, and user experience for associates, visitors, and facility management. At present, Bosch has 16 manufacturing sites and seven development and application centres in India.

6. The theme of Digital India Week 2022, that was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at Gandhinagar in Gujarat on July 4, 2022 -- **Catalyzing New India's Techade**.

Note: He will also launch 'Digital India GENESIS' - a National Deep-tech Startup Platform, to discover, support, grow and make successful startups in Tier-II and Tier-III cities of India.

7. **Vivek Express** train holds the title of the longest train route in the country (both in terms of distance and time), runs from Dibrugarh in Assam to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu.

Note: The train covers total of nine states: Assam, Nagaland, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu. The announcement of the Vivek Express was made in presentation of the railway budget for 2011-12 by Mamata Banerjee (then Railway Minister of India).

8. India's largest floating solar plant is now fully operational in **Ramagundam, Peddapalli district of Telangana**.

Note: Capacity : 100MW. This floating solar power photovoltaic project was commissioned by the NTPC As of July 1, the total commercial operation of floating solar capacity in the southern region has risen to 217 MW.

9. **National Health Authority (NHA)** has developed a National Health Claims Exchange as a digital platform to settle health claims in association with IRDAI.

Note: Debasish Panda (Chairman of IRDAI) has proposed for creation of a working group with representation from industry. This group will decide how to make the largest segment of general insurance in India attract more people to buy health insurance.

- 10. Gujarat** has been selected as the 'Best Performer State' for the third time in the States' Startup Ranking 2021.
Note: The ranking has categorized the states under two categories - category A and category B - based on their size. Top performers: A category: Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha, and Telangana. B category: J&K
Startup leaders:
- **Category A:** Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Assam
 - **Category B:** Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- 11. Odisha** state has come before Uttar Pradesh as the top state in the State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act (NFSA).
Note: The first edition of State Ranking Index for NFSA has been released by Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal. Special Category: Tripura, followed by Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim. Last: Ladakh (34), Meghalaya (33), Manipur(32)
- 12. Union Minister Jitendra Singh.** has launched the TiHAN, a Testbed for Autonomous Navigation for both ground and aerial vehicle testing at IIT Hyderabad.
Note: Aim: to promote collaborative research between academia, industry and R&D labs. TiHAN refers to Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation.
- 13.** The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved **Google International LLC.** to acquire minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28% of equity capital of Bharti Airtel Limited.
Note: Along with this investment agreement, both companies have also entered into certain commercial deals through their affiliates. Google International LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google LLC, latter is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc.
- 14.** Energy company **ReNew Power** has collaborated with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) to launch 'Project Surya'.
Note: Aim: To train low-income women salt pan workers to work as solar technicians. Women salt pan workers will be trained as solar panel and solar pump technicians at Dhokavada village in the Patan district of Gujarat.
- 15.** Greenko has signed MoU with **IIT Hyderabad** to launch nation's first dedicated school for sustainable science and technology.
Note: Aims: Fill the gap in research, education and skills in the sustainable development space. The school will also promote studies in climate change mitigation; artificial intelligence and space technology; energy transition and industrial transformation.
- 16.** India has signed MoU with **Armenia** country on High Impact Community Development Projects, with financial and technical assistance from India,
Note: The MoU was signed at the 8th India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technological, Cultural and Educational Cooperation (IGC) held in Yerevan. Later, Mahatma Gandhi Auditorium was inaugurated at the Yerevan State Medical University (YSMU).
- 17.** The centrally sponsored scheme, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises (PMFME) was launched in **29th June 2020.**
Note: By the Ministry of Food Processing Industries under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan. Aim: formalising the food processing sector and celebrating their tremendous support towards the economy.
- 18. Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,** organize "Hariyali Mahotsav" on 8th July, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.
Note: Aim: To create awareness about the importance of trees in the life. This is being organized by Ministry of Environment in association with the State Governments, Police Institutions and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives.
- 19. Google** has announced the launch of Startup School India (SSI) as part of its Startups initiative.
Note: Through this platform, the Google will bring together investors, successful entrepreneurs and programmers. Aim: To reach out to at least 10,000 startups with this programme. This is a nine-week program, which will be delivered virtually.
- 20.** First floating terminal of India for liquefied natural gas (LNG) is located at which place that is expected to be operational in the second half of 2022 **at Jaigarh in Maharashtra.**
Note: Floating storage and regasification units (FSRUs) of H-Energy Gateway at Jaigarh and the Swan Energy-led terminal at Jafrabad are cumulatively expected to add 11 million tonnes per

annum of regasification capacity. The sixth LNG import terminals was Mundra LNG in 2020.

21. CBSE Board has launched a portal named 'Pariksha Sangam'.

Note: To connect students, school regional offices and CBSE board headquarters to integrate examination-related processes. A single window is available for board examination results, sample papers, and other details. The pariksha sangam portal can be accessed at parikshasangam.cbse.gov.in. The portal is divided into three parts, namely- Schools (Ganga), Regional Offices (Yamuna) and Head Office (Saraswati).

22. PM Narendra Modi attended first 'Arun Jaitley Memorial Lecture' (AJML), held in **Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi**.

Note: First AJML keynote address was delivered by Mr. Tharman Shanmugaratnam (Senior Minister, Government of Singapore). Organized by: Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance in recognition of Shri Arun Jaitley's invaluable contribution to the nation.

23. **National Informatics Centre (NIC)** has developed web geo-portal for NCR, known as 'PARIMAN' for the purpose of effective utilization of Remote Sensing and GIS technology.

Note: It will be initially used by NCR Participating states and Office of National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB). It will help to improve decentralized planning and management in NCR region

24. **Maharashtra** state has the maximum number of government-recognized startups, followed by Karnataka and Delhi, as per Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) data.

Note: As many as 13,541 active DPIIT recognized startups were from Maharashtra, out of the total 73,205 govt-approved new age companies. Maharashtra has a share of 18% with respect to the total number of startups. Karnataka has 8,902 startups and Delhi is home to 8,670 enterprises as of 5th July

25. Union Minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** has launched 'SVANidhi' Mahotsav to celebrate the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme.

Note: This festival is organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs from 9th -31st of July 2022. PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendors AtmaNirbhar Nidhi) scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 to provide the working capital loans to street vendors.

26. **Panchayati Raj** ministry has signed an MoU with Union Health Ministry to eliminate TB in India by 2025.

Note: The MoU was signed by Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera, Economic Adviser on behalf of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and Dr. P Ashok Babu, Joint Secretary on behalf of the Ministry of Health. This MoU will shape the inter-Ministerial collaboration and strategic partnerships to achieve the Prime Minister's ambitious target of eliminating TB in India.

27. **PM Narendra Modi** has unveiled the 6.5 metre-tall National Emblem on top of the new Parliament building (under construction).

Note: The emblem made of bronze, weighs 9,500 kg. A supporting steel structure of 6,500 kg was made to support the emblem. The emblem was created by Sunil Deore (Aurangabad) and Laxman Vyas from (Jaipur). Bimal Patel of HCP Designs, Ahmedabad, is the architect in charge of the building (new Parliament). The building is being built by Tata Projects.

28. **Ola Electric** has unveiled India's first indigenously developed lithium ion cell _____

Note: The company will begin mass production of the cell (NMC 2170) from its Chennai-based Gigafactory by 2023. The company was recently allocated 20GWh capacity under the ACC PLI scheme by the govt for developing advanced cells in India. The Ola Electric had launched its first electric vehicle in August 2021 and has also set up the world's largest two-wheeler manufacturing facility in India.

29. As per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), retail inflation of India in June 2022 -- **7.01%**.

Note: The CPI inflation has breached the upper limit of RBI's tolerance band (2-6%) for the sixth consecutive month. The India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) has surged 19.6% in May, as against 7.1% rise in April 2022.

30. **Safran** Helicopter Engines has signed an agreement with Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) to create a new joint venture intended to develop helicopter engines.

Note: The MoU was signed by Mr. R. Madhavan (HAL CMD) and Franck Saudo (Safran CEO). Aim: To meet the requirements of HAL and India's Ministry of Defence (MoD) future helicopters, including the future 13-ton IMRH (Indian Multi Role Helicopter). Both companies have also partred for Shakti engine.

- 31. PM Modi participates in the first-ever I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA.) Leaders' Summit Virtually.**
Note: The summit will be attended by his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid; UAE President, Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, and the US President Joe Biden. The I2U2 Grouping was conceptualized during the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the four countries held in 2021.
- 32. As per Nomura, what would be the 2023 forecast for economic growth in India -- 4.7%.**
Note: Its earlier projection of 5.4% amid recession fears and rising interest rates. Reason: Higher inflation, monetary policy tightening, dormant private capex growth, the power crunch and the global growth slowdown. Retail inflation rate of India - the CPI has been recorded 7.01% as compare to 7.04% in May, the sixth consecutive month that the CPI inflation has remained above RBI set limit.
- 33. National Rail and Transportation Institute** in Gujarat have been upgraded to a central university and renamed as the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.
Note: The Union Cabinet gave its approval to introduce a Bill in Parliament, namely, the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009 for setting up of Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV). This is the second central university in the state following the Central University of Gujarat.
- 34. Department of Consumer Affairs** has set up a committee in developing a framework for the 'Right to Repair'.
Note: The committee will be chaired by Nidhi Khare (Additional Secretary of Department of Consumer Affairs). Aim: To empower consumers and product buyers in the local market, harmonize trade between the original equipment manufacturers and the third-party buyers and sellers. Countries like the U.S.A, U.K, and European Union have already recognized the Right to Repair
- 35. Paper Import Monitoring System** will come into effect from **1st October 2022**.
Note: An importer need to provide advance information online about the import of papers and obtain a registration number. It is applicable on import by a Domestic Territory Area unit on a wide range of paper products covering 201 tariff lines, such as newsprint, handmade paper, tissue paper, toilet paper and cartons.
- 36. AadhaarFaceRd** has been launched by UIDAI to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time.
Note: Through this verification, an Aadhaar holder's real identity is validated and recorded in the databases of UIDAI which was captured at the time of Aadhaar enrolment. Aadhaar Face Authentication technology has been developed inhouse by UIDAI.
- Benefits of Aadhaar FaceRD: Jeevan Pramaan, Ration Distribution (PDS)
- 37. Nasscom Foundation** has joined hands with Google and a not-for-profit body Indian Society of Agribusiness Professionals (ISAP), to set up a call centre named "DigiVaani Call Center".
Note: Aim: To help women farmers scale up their business. This pilot project is being conducted in six states — Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana and Rajasthan. Nasscom Chairperson: Krishnan Ramanujam
- 38. Total length (296KM)** of the Bundelkhand Expressway, inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at Kaitheri village in Orai tehsil of Jalaun district in UP.
Note: Bundelkhand Expressway will benefit the industrial growth of the region. Agriculture-based industries will flourish and it will help the defence corridor resulting the overall development of the region. Four-lane Bundelkhand Expressway passes through seven districts, Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya and Etawah.
- 39. According to the Ministry of Education's National Institutional Ranking Framework, IIT Madras** has bagged the top spot among educational institutions in the country for the 4th consecutive year.
Note: Indian Indian Institute of Science is the best university in India Rankings-2022. IIM, Ahmedabad is the best management institute in the country. AIIMS, New Delhi is the best medical college. Savitha Institute of Medical and Technical Sciences in Chennai is the best dental college
- 40. Varanasi** has been declared as the first Cultural and Tourism Capital of the SCO for 2022-23.
Note: It was announced by Secretary General of the bloc Zhang Ming. It is a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states. The holy city of Varanasi is showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages. Members: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.
- 41. According to the National Statistical Office, Jammu & Kashmir** has recorded the most number of unmarried youth was observed in 2019.
Note: J&K was followed by Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Punjab. In about 8 years from 2011-2019, the proportion of unmarried persons within the age bracket of 15-29 years has increased from 17.2% to 23%. In the National Youth Policy 2014, those aged 15 to 29 years are classified as youth.
- 42. The flagship scheme of Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** will be extended across the country, was launched in **2015**.
Note: BBBP is the Centre's flagship scheme for women's empowerment. It focuses on the education

of girls child and improving the sex ratio. To address sex-selective abortion. It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Ministry of Education

43. Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued detailed guidelines for 'Mission Shakti' scheme that came into effect from April 1st, 2022.

Note: Mission Shakti is an integrated women empowerment programme for the safety, security and empowerment of women for implementation during the 15th Finance Commission. 'Mission Shakti' has two sub-schemes: 'Sambal' and 'Samarthya'. Sambal: Safety and security of women. Samarthya: Empowerment of women.

44. Mascot (Jagriti) launched by the Department of Consumer Affairs for empowering consumers and generating awareness about their rights.

Note: Themes includes: Consumer Protection Act 2019, Hallmarking, National Consumer Helpline no. 1915, provisions of weights and measures Act, decisions of the Central Consumer Protection Authority and grievance redressal. Tagline "Jago Grahak Jago" in all its media campaigns.

45. Mobile Electric Charging platform has been launched along with 'Phy-gital' by Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane -- **Repos Pay**.

Note: Repos Pay: One can order a Mobile Electric Charging Vehicle on app and charge their vehicles. Phy-gital: It is a Fintech Platform that will bring credit to fuel consumers (Buy Now Pay Later) through Technology. Repos: Founded by Aditi Bhosale Walunj and Chetan Walunj in 2017.

46. NITI Aayog has launched the Mapping and Exchange of Good Practices initiative for mainstreaming millets in Asia and Africa in association with the World Food Programme.

Note: Both organisations will jointly prepare a compendium of good practices for scaling up the production and consumption of millets in India and abroad. The event will be inaugurated by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman, Suman Bery.

47. Hindalco Industries Ltd. has signed MoU with Israel based, Phinergy, and IOC Phinergy Pvt Ltd to develop Aluminium-air batteries for electric vehicles and energy storage.

Note: Hindalco, Phinergy and IOP partner on R&D and pilot production of aluminium plates for Aluminium-Air batteries, and recycling of aluminum after the usage in these batteries. Hindalco Industries is a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Group. IOC Phinergy, a JV between Phinergy and Indian Oil Corporation.

48. Jawaharlal Nehru Port has become first 100% Landlord Major Port of India, all berths is being operated on public-private partnership (PPP) model.

Note: Aim: Improve the utilization in crane and berth productivity of the terminal and reduce transit time, and logistics cost. With this the total handling of JNPT has increased to 1.8 million Twenty-foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) from the present capacity of 1.5 million TEUs. Minister of Ports and Shipping: Sarbananda Sonowal

49. The Centre has set up a Committee on Minimum Support Price under the chairmanship of **Sanjay Agrawal (Former Agriculture Secretary)**.

Note: Aim: The minimum support price (MSP) more effective and transparent. The committee will also suggest measures to promote zero-budget natural farming and crop diversification to fulfil the changing needs of the nation.

50. Karnataka state has been topped category of major states in Niti Aayog's third innovation index.

Note: Followed by Telangana and Haryana. This index examines the innovation capacities and ecosystems at the sub-national level. Karnataka topped the index for the third year in a row. States and UTs were divided into 17 Major States, 10 North-East and Hill States, and 9 Union Territories and City States, for effectively comparing their performance.

51. India has signed an MoU on wildlife conservation and sustainable biodiversity utilization for reintroducing the cheetah in India with **Namibia**.

Note: The MoU was signed between Bhupender Yadav (Union Environment Minister) and Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah (Namibia Deputy PM and Foreign Minister). Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh will receive the first tranche of eight cheetahs by August 15, 2022. The species of cheetahs in India was officially declared extinct in 1952.

52. Niti Aayog has released its report on digital banks, offering a template and roadmap for licencing and regulatory regimes.

Note: Report titled: A proposal for Digital Banks in India: Licensing and Regulatory Regime. Report recommendations: (1) Issuing a restricted digital bank licence. (2) Inclusion (of the licensee) in a regulatory sandbox framework enacted by RBI (3) Issuance of a "full-scale" digital bank licence

53. India's first passenger drone Varuna launched by PM Narendra Modi.

Note: This drone is capable of carrying one person, equipment, or supplies from one moving warship to another with the help of autonomous take-off and landing features. It can also be used for medical evacuation.

54. Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh has become the first certified Har Ghar Jal district in India, where all

people have access to safe drinking water through taps.

Note: At the time of the launch of Jal Jeevan Mission, the district had only 36.54% households can accessed the potable drinking water through tap connections. Jal Jeevan Mission was launched: 15th August 2019. Aim: Supply 55 liters of water per person per day to every rural household through Tap by 2024.

55. NITI Aayog has released India Innovation Index 2021, that stated the Gross expenditure on research and development (GERD) of India is one of the lowest in the world (just \$43 per capita or as a percentage of GDP of 0.70%).

Note: India needs to boost this expenditure and at least be on a par with countries like Russia (\$285), Brazil (\$173), and Malaysia (\$293). This is lower than Brazil (1.16%), South Africa (0.83%) and others. Only Mexico (0.31%) had a lower share of GERD.

56. Union Minister for Road Transport, Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the Savner-Dhapewada-Goundkhairi section of National Highway 547-E in **Nagpur**.

Note: The length of this section is 28.88 km. The four-laning of the Savner - Dhapewada - Goundkhairi section will provide better connectivity to the pilgrims like Ganesha Temple at Adasa and the Vitthal-Rukmini Temple at Dhapewada in the area. The bridge is over the Chandrabhaga river will relieve traffic jams in Dhapewada.

57. Parshottam Rupala has launched NDDB MRIDA Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary company of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

Note: Aim: To provide structured impetus to manure management efforts. NDDB has established NDDB MRIDA Limited (Unlisted Public Limited Company) under the Companies Act, 2013 on July 1, 2022. This will help in savings to the farmers by virtue of the replacement of cooking fuel with biogas.

58. With the addition of five new wetlands, then the total number of Ramsar sites in the India-- 54.

Note: Tamil Nadu: Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest & Pichavaram Mangrove. Mizoram: Pala wetland. Madhya Pradesh: Sakhya Sagar. The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (international treaty) aims at the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.

59. Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC) has launched a new scheme to provide enhanced export credit risk insurance cover to the extent of 90% to support small exporters.

Note: Under the Export Credit Insurance for Banks Whole Turnover Packaging Credit and Post

Shipment (ECIB- WTPC & PS). This scheme will benefit small-scale exporters availing of export credit with banks which hold the ECGC WT-ECIB covers.

60. India has signed an agreement with **United Kingdom** to provide student mobility and academic collaboration between higher education institutions (HEIs).

Note: Signed by: James Bowler, Permanent Secretary, Department of International Trade of United Kingdom (UK) and K Sanjay Murthy, Secretary (Higher Education), Ministry of Education, India. In May 2021, a comprehensive Roadmap to 2030 was adopted for an enhanced bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

61. Alok Sharma has launched two significant initiatives E-AMRIT and the Report on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Reuse and Recycling Market in India along with NITI Aayog.

Note: E-AMRIT refers to Accelerated e-Mobility Revolution for India's Transportation, is an mobile application, will raise the awareness on electric mobility. India is among 42 leaders to back and sign up to the UK's Glasgow Breakthroughs, which was launched at the COP26 climate summit.

62. Maldives has signed an MoU with India, for judicial cooperation to speed up the court digitization and boost prospects for IT companies & start-ups in both countries, that has been approved by Union Cabinet.

Note: This is the eighth MoU signed between India and other countries in the field of Judicial Cooperation. India was among the first to recognize the Maldives after its independence in 1965 and shares good diplomatic relations with the country.

63. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) has signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Management-Kozhikode (IIMK) to boost start-ups in the maritime sector.

Note: Aim: Create an ecosystem for supporting startups in the maritime sector from the technical, regulatory, financial, and marketing. The CSL and IIMK's business incubator Laboratory for Innovation Venturing and Entrepreneurship (LIVE) plans to bring the stakeholders together.

64. Hindalco Industries has signed a strategic pact with Aequs for long-term collaboration and joint business development in the commercial aerospace sector.

Note: Aequs has signed for supply of raw materials including, billets and extrusions by Hindalco Industries Ltd (Hindalco) through its manufacturing units and/or its subsidiary, Hindalco Almex Aerospace Ltd (HAAL). It will be ultimately consumed by commercial aerospace OEMs (original equipment manufacturers).

- 65. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** has signed a gas-selling agreement with GAIL India and Assam Gas Company Ltd (AGCL) at Khubal under Panisagar of North Tripura.
Note: The ONGC will supply 50,000 standard cubic metres (per day) of gas to GAIL and AGCL and a total 0.1 million standard cubic metres per day (MSCMD) gas will be supplied from ONGC's Khubal gas collecting station. Khubal station would have a capacity to process 0.44 MSCMD of gas.
- 66. BF Infrastructure** has partnered with Talgo with an aim to manufacture high speed trains in India.
Note: Talgo, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Patentes Talgo, it is Spain-based high speed passenger train manufacturer. Focus: To bring high-speed rail technology and solution to Indian Railways. Recently, the government has floated a tender for 100 Vande Bharat trains with maximum speed of 200kmph.
- 67. Tata Steel** has inked a pact with Aarav Unmanned Systems (AUS) for drone-based mining solutions for effective mine management.
Note: Primary goal: To jointly develop and offer sustainable and end-to-end integrated solutions that will focus on efficiency, safety, and productivity of open cast mining operations. These end-to-end mining solutions are economical, demand fewer on-foot exploration requirements, and improve production, efficiency, and site safety.
- 68. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)** has signed an MoU with renewable energy company Greenko ZeroC to make green hydrogen.
Note: Aim: To pursue opportunities in renewables, and other derivatives of green hydrogen. This MoU is in line with the National Hydrogen Mission of the government that aims to transform the country into a global green hydrogen hub. India is targeting to produce 5 million tonnes of green hydrogen per annum by 2030.
- 69. 13th edition of Agricultural Census (2021-22)** has been launched by Union Minister for Agriculture, Narendra Singh Tomar with an aim to provide information on a variety of agricultural parameters at a relatively minute level.
Note: Agriculture Census is conducted every 5 years, but it was delayed due to corona pandemic. He has released the Handbook on Operational Guidelines for Census for the use of States/UTs, and launched the Data Collection Portal/App.
- 70. ReNew Power** has signed an agreement with the Egyptian government to invest as much as \$8 billion to produce green hydrogen manufacturing facility at the Suez Canal Economic Zone in Egypt.
Note: ReNew will produce 220,000 tonnes of the clean fuel annually in Egypt in the coming years. ReNew is supported by investors including Goldman Sachs Group Inc and Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.
- 71. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** has signed a contract worth over \$100 million with Honeywell.
Note: Aim: For the supply and manufacture of 88 TPE331-12B engines/kits along with the maintenance and support services to power the Hindustan Trainer Aircraft (HTT-40). The TPE331-12B engine is a single shaft turboprop engine with integral inlet and gearbox, two stage centrifugal compressor, power turbine, gearbox, three stage axial turbine and turbine exhaust diffuser.
- 72. Narendra Modi** addressed the inaugural session of the first All India District Legal Services Authorities (DLSA) meeting conducted by National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
Note: Aim: Creation of an integrated procedure in order to bring homogeneity and synchronisation across DLSAs. There are a total of 676 DLSAs in the country and are headed by the District Judge, acts as Chairman of the authority.
- 73. PM Narendra Modi** has participated in the grand finale of **Ujjwal Bharat Ujjwal Bhavishya - Power @2047** via video conferencing to revamp the distribution sector scheme.
Note: During the event, he launched the revamped distribution sector scheme. He also laid the foundation stone of various green energy projects of the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited. The initiative proposes to provide financial support to discoms with an outlay of more than Rs 3 lakh crore for five-year period till FY 2025-26.
- 74. Along with Ola Electric and Rajesh Exports, Reliance New Energy** company has signed an agreement to build battery cells under the Indian government's Rs 18,000 crore incentive program.
Note: The government had selected these companies to build a total of 50 gigawatt hours of battery storage capacity. It is estimated that the PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) battery storage will result in direct investments of around Rs 45,000 crore in manufacturing projects.

Important News – State

1-15 November 2022

1. **CM, Yogi Adityanath (Uttar Pradesh)** has inaugurated North India's first hyper-scale data centre Yotta Yotta D1 in Greater Noida.
Note: It was built at the cost of Rs 5,000 crore and spread over an area of 3,00,000 square feet. Hiranandani Group firm Yotta Infrastructure has also signed MoU with Uttar Pradesh to invest Rs 39,000 crore in over the next 5-7 years.
2. Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRL) has partnered with **Namma Metro** to launch WhatsApp chatbot-based QR ticketing service.
Note: The chatbot is integrated with Unified Payments Interface (UPI) powered payments on WhatsApp. It will allow 'Namma Metro' commuters to purchase tickets and recharge their travel pass right within WhatsApp.
3. **Ranipur** tiger reserve of Uttar Pradesh has become the 53rd tiger reserve of India.
Note: The tiger reserve is spread across over 529.36 sq km, of which the core area is 230.32 sq km and buffer area is 299.05 sq km. It is also the fourth tiger reserve in UP. Other three tiger reserves of state: Dudhwa, Pilibhit and Amangarh. Amangarh is a buffer zone of the Jim Corbett National Park and is located in Uttar Pradesh's Bijnor.
4. **Arunachal Pradesh** would get a fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast.
Note: The museum would be a part of the Integrated Aqua Park (IAP), sanctioned by the Union Ministry of Fisheries. The existing Tarin Fish Farm, located at high-altitude Bulla village, would be upgraded as the IAP.
5. **Meghalaya** has launched the Citizen Engagement and Communication Programme to create awareness about the correct information of schemes to avail benefits to citizen.
Note: The govt has launched various welfare programmes and information should be spread for the larger benefit of the public.
6. The Greenfield airport at Hollongi, Itanagar has been renamed as **Donyi Polo Airport**.
Note: This reflect the people's reverence of the Sun (Donyi) and the Moon (Polo), that symbolize the traditions and rich cultural heritage of the state. It is the third airport of state after Pasighat and Tezu airports. The airport was developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) at a cost of ₹646 crore.
7. **Haryana** has launched the "CM dashboard" to access the real-time data of all departments and decisions taken on major schemes.
Note: It will provide live monitoring of every department at the block, district and panchayat levels. This will enable tracking of methodology and analysis of reports, and also help the govt in comparing the old data with new data.
8. The first edition of the Tokhü Emong Bird Count (TEBC) was organised by **Nagaland** from November 4 to 7, 2022.
Note: Aim: To spread awareness about Nagaland's bird diversity. This event was organised in collaboration with the Wokha Forest Division and the Divisional Management Unit, Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), Wokha, and Bird Count India. It was held during the Tokhü Emong post-harvest festival of the Lotha Nagas.
9. **Haryana** Forest Department has signed for TOFI program with US Agency for International Development (USAID).
Note: TOFI refers to Trees Outside Forests in India. Aim: To enhance carbon sequestration, support local communities, and strengthen the climate resilience of agriculture. This initiative also bring farmers, companies, and other private institutions together to rapidly expand tree coverage outside of traditional forests in the state.
10. **Kerala** state govt has launched Technology Transfer Scheme, to reimburse the expense incurred by the startup ventures to procure technology licenses from government research institutions.
Note: Under the project 'Technology Transfer Scheme', implemented through Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM), the government will reimburse upto ₹10 lakh to startups purchasing or sourcing technology. It has invited applications from eligible startups to avail the benefits offered by the scheme.
11. Name the wildlife sanctuary The sanctuary was notified under Section 26-A of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 has been declared as the 17th wildlife sanctuary of Tamil Nadu.
Note: It covers reserve forest areas in Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri districts, which is a home to 35 species of mammals, 238 species of birds and many more. This sanctuary will connect Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary (TN) with the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary (Karnataka).
12. **Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik** has announced to make its state slum-free by December, 2023.
Note: He has also declared Hinjilich (his constituency) and Digapahandi town in Ganjam district as 'slum free' and dedicated 707 'Biju Adarsh Colonies' in 33 urban areas of the state. He also declared that land rights will be given to 2.5 lakh families by next year. Slum dwellers are being given

land rights for their houses in 'Biju Adarsh Colonies', being built across the state.

- 13. Jharkhand** state Cabinet has approved Mukhya Mantri Shiksha Prothshahan Yojana (MMSPY) to promote education and skill development of students and youths.

Note: Other launched scheme: (1) Eklavya Prasikshan Yojana (EPY), (2) Guruji Student Credit Card Yojana (GSCCY) and (3) Labour department's Mukhya Mantri Sarathi Yojana (MMSY). MMSPY: Class 10 pass students will be provided free coaching at state-based institutions. EPY: Job-

oriented free coaching. MMSY: Part of State Skill Mission

- 14. 7th** edition of the Amur Falcon Festival has celebrated in Tamenglong district, Imphal, Manipur.

Note: Aim: To spread awareness about the protection and conservation of the Amur Falcon. Amur Falcon (*Falco amurensis*) is the world's longest-flying migratory bird. It is generally celebrated in the first or second week of November to strengthen human-nature relationships. The first edition of the Amur Falcon Festival was celebrated in 2015

October 2022

- 1.** PM Modi has launched various projects worth more than 6,900 crore rupees including Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Rail line in **Ambaji, Gujarat**.

Note: Taranga Hill-Ambaji-Abu Rail line: It will boost tourism activities and benefit the marble industries of the region. The PM has also laid the foundation stone for more than 60 thousand houses under various housing scheme and new Ambaji Bypass Road. PM also launched the CM Gau Vansh Poshan Yojana and inaugurated the Mitha-Tharad-Deesa-Lakhni road.

- 2.** World's largest jungle safari park to be developed in **Gurugram, Haryana**.

Note: It is spread across an area of 10000 acres in the Aravalli Mountain Range of Gurugram and Nuh District. Aim: To boost tourism and provide employment opportunities to local residents. At present, Sharjah is home to the largest curated safari park outside Africa, was opened in February 2022. The Sharjah Safari covers an area of about 2,000 acres.

- 3. Himachal Pradesh** state government has launched the 'Satya Nishtha' app that will help state police to investigate and control criminal activities.

Note: The app will help police to prepare a database of criminals. It also study the various offences that take place under different police stations in the district. The app was designed under the guidance of Kangra Superintendent of Police Kushal Sharma. The data available in the app from be accessed from anywhere and at anytime

- 4. Chhattisgarh** state government has launched a 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Parks' (MGRIP) scheme.

Note: Under this scheme, 'gauthans' (cow shelters in villages) will be developed as 'rural industrial parks'. In the first phase of this scheme, 300 such facilities are being developed across the state. The state government has set up gauthans in over 8,000

villages under its flagship scheme Suraji Gaon Yojana (village good governance scheme).

- 5. Gujarat** state government has launched an incentive scheme for industries to attract Rs 12.5 lakh crore of investments to the state in the next 10 years.

Note: He has unveiled the "Aatmanirbhar Gujarat Schemes 2022 for assistance to Industries". This scheme will remain in force for MSMEs, Large and Mega industrial units. The incentive schemes also include EPF and SGST reimbursements. A similar incentive scheme was launched in 2016.

- 6.** Union Minister for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh has inaugurated Science Museum in **Chamba, Himachal Pradesh**.

Note: It is termed as 'DBT-NIPGR-Pandit Jaiwant Ram Upmanyu Science Museum'. This state-of-art institution will inspire young children to discover their potentials and use their innovative skills to find a source of livelihood in later life. It is set up by the National Institute of Plant Genome Research at Government Boys Senior Secondary School (GBSS)

- 7.** Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated a Water Sports Center in **Koldam Barmana, Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh**.

Note: This centre has been dedicated for training of athletes in water sports like Rowing, Canoeing and Kayaking. It is a joint initiated of the Sports Authority of India (SAI) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC). During the event, the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also exchanged between SAI and NTPC.

- 8.** Delhi Lieutenant Governor, VK Saxena has granted an approval to e-commerce website, **Amazon India** to operate 24/7 in New Delhi.

Note: The application was submitted by the company around three years back. Now Amazon's products can be delivered round-the-clock in New Delhi. Boost employment generation. promote a positive and a favourable business environment.

9. PM Narendra Modi has declared **Modhera** village in Gujarat as the country's first 24x7 solar-powered village.
Note: Modhera, is famous for Sun temple that was built during the Chalukya. The village has a ground-mounted solar power plant, and over 1,300 rooftop solar systems with 1kW capacity have been installed on houses to generate electricity. Both the central and state governments have invested over ₹80 crore in this project in two phases.
10. 'Football for All' an initiative, launched by **Odisha** state government in partnership with FIFA.
Note: Aim to promote football among school children. The programme has been initiated by FIFA in partnership with the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS). 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup host: Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha/ Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Margao, Goa/ DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
11. **TN govt** state will set up the first Indian sanctuary for Slender Loris, by merging the Karur and Dindigul districts.
Note: They will create the Kadavur Slender Loris Sanctuary. They will be protected under Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972. They are endangered species. Survival: Depends on its habitat improvement.
12. **Madhya Pradesh** state Wildlife Board has approved a 2,339 Sq km new tiger reserve, will be known as Durgavati Tiger Reserve.
Note: The new tiger reserve will be spread across Narisinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts of MP. The Board's meeting was chaired by Madhya Pradesh chief minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who has approved a proposal to notify 1,414 sq km area as core area and 925 sq km as a buffer in the new tiger reserve. The proposal will be sent to NTCA for final approval.
13. **Google** has signed an MoU with the Assam government to promote digital growth and development in the State.
Note: Under this new initiative, Google will collaborate with the Skill, Employment & Entrepreneurship Department (SEED) of Assam. Aim: To strengthen the school digitization efforts of state with digital learning tools and solution. Google will also provide scholarships for Google Career Certificates to youth in collaboration with Assam Skill Development Mission.
14. **Delhi government** has launched anti-firecracker campaign named 'Diya Jalao, Patake Nahi'.
Note: Aim: To promote a pollution-free festival of Diwali. As per the order, those who will be found indulging in storage, production and sale of crackers will have to pay a fine of 5000 rupees and imprisonment of three years as well. Those who will be found bursting of firecrackers, will be imposed a fine of 200 rupees and imprisonment for six months.
15. **Ladakh** MP, Jamyang Tsering Namgyal has launched "Main Bhi Subhash" campaign.
Note: This event was organised in collaboration with Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose-INA Trust and the Ministry of Culture on the occasion of Netaji's 125th Birth Anniversary on 23rd January, 2023. He has also inaugurated an exhibition on Netaji at Boys Higher Secondary School in Leh. Aim: To create awareness of Netaji's contribution in the freedom fight.
16. "Honesty shops" has been launched in **Ernakulam district** of Kerala for students up to Class 12.
Note: This initiative was launched by the Student police cadet. Aim: To cultivate valuable lessons on trust, truth and integrity for students. There will be no salesperson in these shops and neither will they have a shopkeeper present. Students can choose items they need and drop the money for each item inside the collection box kept on a table.
17. Kerala Chief Minister, Pinarayi Vijayan has launched **Kunjapp** mobile application to prevent cyber crimes against children in the state.
Note: He has also inaugurated the training for the newly appointed Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) members at Kovalam. The duty of the CWC and JJB members is to ensure the safety and security of the children.
18. Bestu Varas has been celebrated a day after Diwali on the Pratipada Tithi in the month of Kartik. **Gujarat** state observed this day as new year.
Note: The day is also called Varsha Pratipada or Padwa. In 2022, Gujaratis were celebrated their New Year on October 25. Significance: Gujarati businessmen and traders start new books of account and close the old ones.
19. Upper Bhadra lift irrigation scheme will be the first national project of **Karnataka**.
Note: It will revive the drought-prone districts of Chitradurga, Chikkamagaluru, Davanagere and Tumakuru, as it is expected to irrigate about 2.3 lakh hectares by drawing water from the Tunga and Bhadra rivers. He has also announced that the Tumakuru-Davanagere railway line has been reviewed.
20. **Assam** state government has launched the "trees outside forests in India (TOFI)" programme in collaboration with US Agency for International Development (USAID).
Note: Aim: To bring farmers, companies, and private institutions together to expand the tree coverage outside of traditional forests in the State. The new programme will enhance carbon sequestration,

support local communities, and strengthen the climate resilience of agriculture.

21. Kerala state govt has launched a 'women-friendly tourism' project named State Responsible Tourism Mission (RT Mission).

Note: Aim: To establish women-friendly tourism centres and empower women. The project will be implemented to ensure the participation of women from all sections of society. Under the project, it will create a network of women's units and tourism centres manned by women.

22. The Union ministry of forest, environment and climate change (MoFECC) has given its nod to establish the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) in **Uttar Pradesh**.

Note: The area of reserve will be spread in a 3,049 sq km area, which include Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR). It will be the second elephant reserve in UP and 33rd in India. Project Elephant: It is a centrally sponsored scheme and was launched in February 1992 for the protection of elephants.

September 2022

1. Delhi has launched the India's first Virtual School.

Note: The school will be for classes IX to XII and will be affiliated to the Delhi Board of School Education. The platform was created by two globally recognised organisations, Google and Schoolnet India. Virtual school teachers have received special training to conduct online classes.

2. Rajasthan has launched loan scheme 'MahilaNidhi' with an aim to ensure easy loans for women in business.

Note: The scheme also aims the social and economic development of women through credit. CM Ashok Gehlot has announced in the budget 2022-23 about the 'MahilaNidhi' scheme through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council. The scheme will disburse loans of up to Rs 40,000 within 48 hours, and above Rs 40,000 within 15 days.

3. Meghalaya has launched "Rural Backyard Piggery Scheme" with an aim to ensure that the farmers earn a sustainable livelihood through different livestock farming activities _____.

Note: Under the phase 1 of this Scheme, the govt has earmarked Rs 15.18 crore under which four high-yielding improved varieties will be distributed to 6000 families. The additional Rs 25 crore will be earmarked to roll out the second phase of the programme.

4. The Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has organized an in-store export promotion programme of Manipur's pineapples in **Dubai, UAE**.

Note: Aim: To promote locally produced agricultural products in the international markets. Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) has supported the sourcing of organic certified Kwe variety of pineapples. Top five importing countries of Indian pineapples: UAE, Nepal, Qatar, Maldives, USA

5. Karnataka government has launched a Global Startup Challenge named VentuRISE.

Note: Aim: To support growth stage startups in manufacturing and sustainability-related sectors.

VentuRISE, it will be a part of the Global Investors Meet - Invest Karnataka 2022 that will be held from 2 - 4 November in Bengaluru. Cash prize: \$ 100,000. The global challenge will help entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative products or solutions and connect with potential investors.

6. Kannada actor, Sudeep has been appointed as the brand ambassador for Karnataka govt scheme 'PunyakotiDattuYojana', a cattle adoption scheme.

Note: Aim of scheme: Encouraging adoption by the public for the purpose of rearing cattle in 'goshalas' (cow shelters). The actor has decided not to charge for being the ambassador of the scheme. The scheme was launched in July and any individual or an organization can adopt a cow by paying a total of Rs 11,000 for one year.

7. Chhattisgarh CM, BhupeshBaghel has inaugurated Mohla-Manpur-AmbagarhChowki as the **29th** district of the state.

Note: It has been carved out of Rajnandgaon district. Rajnandgaon district had a large area and people spend their entire day to reach the headquarters. This has been reduced to 70 kilometres with the inauguration of the new district. He is scheduled to inaugurate Sarangarh-Bilaigarh and Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai as the 30th and 31st districts of the state.

8. Bhartaulvillage village in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh has become the first village in the state to have RO water in every household.

Note: The achievement comes under the Adarsh Gram Panchayat initiative. Till now, four RO plants have been set up in the village with an aim to make clean drinking water available to all. It will save people from water-borne diseases. The village head PraveshKumari is in charge and has been taking care of the RO plants in the village.

9. Tamil Nadu state has launched the 'Pudhumai Penn' (modern woman) scheme for state's girl student.

Note: Under this scheme, all girl students, who studied from Classes 6 to 12 in government schools,

will get Rs 1,000 per month to pursue higher education. The money will be directly transferred to the bank accounts of students. Aim: Reduce child marriages and make women independent. The government has also launched 26 Schools of Excellence and 15 Model Schools.

- 10. Uttarakhand** education department has launched an e-governance portal named "Samarth" with an aim to provide all administrative and educational updates.

Note: It includes information about entrance exams, salary structures, appointments from five state universities and public schools. Aim: To make the education system more transparent in the state. Around 200 assistant professors of science subjects will be sent to IISc, Bengaluru for special training.

- 11. Uttar Pradesh** government will provide a unique farm ID that is similar to Aadhar number to the farmers.

Note: This unique ID will be linked with Aadhar to provide them benefits of all government schemes. With the help of this initiative, the government will bring those families into the ambit of this scheme who are not getting any kind of benefits till now. With the help of Aadhar, UP Government has given the benefit of the government schemes to maximum number of people.

- 12. Meghalaya** government launched the online portal of the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA). **Conrad K Sangm** is the chief minister of the state.

Note: It will be beneficial for monitoring and better implementation of other services and programmes of the government, especially in critical areas such as health care. The digitisation process will connect more than 6,000 villages in the state to the online system.

- 13. West Bengal** state govt in collaboration with UNICEF will form child-friendly sanghas', comprising members of SHGs, to curb child marriage and teenage pregnancy in the state.

Note: To stop these twin menaces, the state govt and UNICEF have planned, as a pilot project, to form 110 child-friendly sanghas' in the next six months in 87 blocks in all 23 districts of the state. WB is at the top in cases of child marriage and teenage pregnancy, according to a NFHS report.

- 14. Gujarat CM, Bhupendra Patel** has unveiled the state's first Cinematic Tourism Policy at an event in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Note: During the launch the govt has signed MoUs worth ₹1,020 crore with organisations and individuals with the department for the development of film infrastructure and film production. The policy offers various financial and non-financial incentives for film infrastructure development projects and for film-making projects.

- 15. Bihar** Chief Minister, Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's longest rubber dam 'Gayaji Dam' on the **Falgu River in Gaya**.

Note: The dam has been built at an estimated cost of Rs 324 crore. Experts from IIT (Roorkee) were involved with the project. There will be enough water in the dam round the year for the convenience of pilgrims. At least two feet of water will be available in the Falgu River near Vishnupad Ghat throughout the year for the devotees who come here to do Pind Daan.

- 16. Rajasthan** government launched an ambitious scheme to provide 100 days of employment to needy families in urban areas on the lines of the rural employment guarantee scheme MGNREGA.

Note: More than 2.25 lakh families have already registered for the Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme which was proposed by chief minister Ashok Gehlot in the state budget this year.

- 17. As of September 2022, 33** is the total number of districts in Chhattisgarh.

Note: Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the 32nd and 33rd districts of the State. Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur and Sakti were announced as the 32nd and 33rd districts of Chhattisgarh. Sakti is carved out from Janjgir-Champa, and Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur is carved out from the Koriya district.

- 18. Vedanta and Foxconn** have signed an MoU with the **Gujarat** state government to set up a semiconductor and display manufacturing unit in the state.

Note: Benefits: To create a huge ecosystem for ancillary industries and help our MSMEs. Total Investment: Rs 1.54 lakh crore. Display Fab Unit: This unit will set up with an investment of Rs 94,500 crore. The Integrated Semiconductor Fab Unit and OSAT (Outsourced semiconductor assembly and test) facility with an investment of Rs 60,000 crore.

- 19. Indore (MP)** has implemented a fully digital addressing system that makes Indore the first city in India to do so.

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.

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

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.

21. The Delhi and **Punjab** 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.

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.

22. **Manipur** state government has launched a web portal named 'CM Da Haisi' (Inform to CM).

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. 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.

23. **Bihar** 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.

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.

24. **Odisha state government** has approved Rs 261 crore for regeneration of coastal ecosystem and to enhance climate resilience among people living on the coast.

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.

25. **Assam** 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.

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.

26. **Nagaland** state government to launch its own health insurance scheme called the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) on 1st of October.

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.

27. **Chhattisgarh** state government will launch a special campaign called 'Hamar Beti – Hamar Maan' (our daughters, our honour).

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.

28. **Himachal Pradesh** 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.

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.

August 2022

1. **Karnataka** government has launched Vidyaniidhi Programme, under which, govt will provide scholarship from Rs 2,500 to Rs 11,000 to the children of farmers, weavers, taxi drivers and fishermen, who studying in 11th class.

Note: Swami Vivekananda Yuva Sangha: provide training to the youths to evolve into entrepreneurs. SC/ST families will be provided free power supply up to 75 units

2. After carving out new districts from the existing West Bengal districts, **30** will be the new number of districts in West Bengal.

Note: Earlier there were 23 districts in Bengal, after this, West Bengal will have 30 districts. Seven new districts: Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, and Behrampur. One more district will be named from the Basirhat region. Aim: Smaller units would make governance easier and benefit the people by bringing the administration closer to them.

3. **Assam** government has launched Mission Bhumiputra, a digital way to issue digitalised caste certificates to students.

- Note:** He has also inaugurated a Bhumi Putra Portal at a programme held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra. This initiative was implemented by the Departments of Tribal Affairs (Plain) and Social Justice Empowerment. The certificates issued will be available in the digi locker under the IT Act with digital signature of the respective DC.
4. **Haryana** state government has recently launched the "Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)" scheme for EWS students.

Note: Under the Cheerag scheme, government school students whose parents have an annual verified income of less than Rs 1.8 lakh can enroll in private schools from Class II to XII. The government will reimburse: Rs 700 per student from Classes II to V. Rs 900 per student from Classes VI to VIII. Rs 1,100 per student from Classes IX to XII
 5. **Uttar Pradesh** government has announced the 'Panchamrut Yojana' will help to double the farmers' income.

Note: This can be achieved by introducing cost-effective technical measures and promotion of co-cropping method. The UP Government has increased the sugarcane support price by Rs 350 in the last crushing season in advance, which included Rs 340 for normal and Rs 335 for species declared unsuitable.
 6. **Telangana** government has launched 'Nethanna Ku Bima' Scheme, an insurance scheme, which covers handloom and powerloom weavers in the State.

Note: This scheme was launched by Telangana Handlooms Minister, KT Rama Rao virtually on the occasion of National Handloom Day. The insurance coverage scheme will be implemented in association with LIC. In case of natural or accidental death of a weaver, Rs. 5 lakh would be deposited into the nominees' account within 10 days.
 7. **Jammu and Kashmir** UT has inaugurated "UMEED Market Place" under AVSAR Scheme of Airport Authority of India.

Note: A similar Marketplace was also opened at Jammu Airport and both the outlets will exhibit products of all 20 districts. Aim: To support local art and artisans of Self Help Groups of J&K Rural Livelihood Mission. The products of Self Help Groups will get exposed to the national market.
 8. Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve is fifth elephant reserve of **Tamil Nadu**.

Note: The Union Environment Ministry has approved the proposal to designate 1,197.48 sq.km in Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as the Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve. The forest department may be eligible for additional financing through the centrally sponsored Project Elephant after notifying the Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve.
 9. The Ministry of Home Affairs has sanctioned the approval for the creation of Village Defence Guard Scheme 2022 in **Jammu and Kashmir**.

Note: This scheme has come into effect from August 15, 2022. Earlier, this scheme was known as Village Defence Committee in which volunteers from villages were trained by Indian Army and Police. Under this scheme, rifles were provided to VDC's to protect their villages from terrorist attacks in mountainous areas of Jammu region.
 10. **Sikkim** has launched two welfare schemes for women - 'Aama Yojana' and 'Vatsalya Yojana'.

Note: Aama Yojana: All unemployed mothers in the state will receive Rs 20,000 annually. Amount will be deposited in their bank accounts. Vatsalya Yojana: An aid of Rs 3 lakh will be provided to childless women for in vitro fertilization treatment. The amount will be given in two phases (Rs 1 lakh in the first and Rs two lakh in the last phase).
 11. The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the proposal for India's first night safari in Kukrail forest area, is located **Lucknow**.

Note: It would be developed on the tunes of Singapore. As part of the project, the government will establish a zoological park on around 150 acres and night safari on 350 acres without disturbing the dense 2,027-hectare forest. The 75 acres of Kukrail would be dedicated for leopard and tiger each while 60 acres for wild bear.
 12. **Delhi CM, Arvind Kejriwal** has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world.

Note: Five-point vision of this initiative: Free education; Free treatment; Employment for youth; Equal rights, dignity and security for women; and Fair price to farmers for their produce. This mission was launched at the Talkatora Stadium of Delhi. During the launch, he urged every citizen to join this mission and make India No. 1 in the world.
 13. Kerala state government has launched an app named 'Lucky Bill App' to curb Goods and Service Tax (GST) evasion.

Note: The app was launched by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan. Aim: To encourage the citizen to ask for a bill every-time they make a purchase. The users need to upload original bills of their purchases to win prizes, including a cash prize of ₹25 lakh. The app will also offer rewards such as gift packs from Kudumbashree and Vanashree as well as KTDC tour packages.
 14. Union government has awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana, is associated with **Bihar**.

Note: It is a special variety of aquatic fox nut, that cultivated in Mithila region of Bihar and Nepal. Once

- a product gets this tag, any person or company cannot sell a similar item under that name.
15. The Central government has planned to collaborate with **Arunachal Pradesh** government to develop a “district good governance portal”.
Note: Aim: To monitor the performance of each district of the state on a monthly basis and help in benchmarking performance. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), under the Ministry of Personnel, in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh government will develop the portal.
 16. **Maharashtra** govt will take a loan of 4,000 crore rupees from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of the state.
Note: 12 districts: Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Usmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Bhandara and Ambernath. Asian Development Bank has agreed to provide 4,000 crore rupees for setting up medical colleges in these districts. The target is to complete all of these projects within the 2 years.
 17. Rajasthan's Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot has inaugurated R-CAT in Jaipur and three incubation centres in Kota, Bikaner and Churu that will promote the start-up culture in the state. The full form of R-CAT is **Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Advanced Technologies**.
Note: The inauguration ceremony of RCAT was held on DigiFest 2022 at Birla Auditorium. RCAT would provide an opportunity for the state's youth to learn advanced and emerging technologies in areas like Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing.
 18. **Punjab and Haryana** state governments have been agreed to rename Chandigarh's international airport after the freedom struggle icon Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
Note: The collective decision was taken by Punjab Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Deputy CM, Dushyant Chautala. The terminal building of airport falls in Punjab's Mohali town. This airport project is a joint venture of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the governments of Punjab and Haryana.
 19. **Uttar Pradesh** is planning to build an education township in the state, will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit' (come like a blank paper and carry multiple skills).
Note: Aim: To enhance quality education in the state. This will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. The similar education township concept has already exist in the city of Pittsburgh, USA.
 20. **Tamil Nadu** state government has launched its Footwear & Leather Products Policy 2022 with a vision to transform the State into a favoured destination for footwear and leather products manufacture in Asia.
Note: This policy will offer a special package for footwear and leather products (FLP) manufacture and incentives for FLP Design Studios. The State government has also signed MoUs with five companies - KICL SEMS; Wagon International; KICL; Walkaroo and KICL (footwear cluster)
 21. The first commercial space situational awareness observatory of India will be set up in the Garhwal region of **Uttarakhand** state by Digantara, a space sector start-up.
Note: Aim: To track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth. The space situational awareness (SSA) observatory will help in tracking any activity in space. This observatory will strengthen indigenous capabilities of India to monitor space activity over the subcontinent providing a strategic advantage.
 22. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has announced to establish and provide all possible support to the first 'Divyang Park' in **Nagpur** district of Maharashtra.
Note: It will have different kind of facilities for Divyangjans like sensory garden, textile Pathway touch, smell garden, skill training facility, rehabilitation facility, Sports-infotainment etc. During the occasion, 'Samajik Adhikarita Shivir' for distribution of aids and assistive devices to Senior citizens was also held.
 23. **Nagaland CM, Neiphiu Rio** has officially flagged off the first passenger train service name the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway station (Second station of state) in Choumukedima District.
Note: Dimapur was the first station, opened in 1903. Shokhuvi Railway station is part of the Dimapur-Zubza Railway project. This railway station is an alternative train route for Nagaland and Manipur passengers to Guwahati.
 24. The central government has given its nod to the **Uttar Pradesh** government Family ID plan named the Parivar Kalyan Card.
Note: Aim: To establish a comprehensive database of the family units for its various schemes. It will provide a unique 12-digit ID number for each family. The initial collection of data for families will be conducted through ration cards. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MEITY) has allowed the UP government to link Aadhaar data with the PKC.

1. **Himachal Pradesh** Chief Minister **Jai Ram Thakur** has launched the 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in state buses to women commuters within the state boundaries.
Note: He has also announced a reduction in the minimum bus fare from Rs 7 to Rs 5 to all passengers across the state.
2. NTPC signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **Rajasthan** government for the development of 10 GW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park.
Note: The MoU was signed in the presence of Rajasthan Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati. In addition to this, the NTPC REL is developing one UMREPP of 4.75 GW capacity in Rann of Kutch, Gujarat.
3. Tata Power has signed an MoU with **Tamil Nadu** government to invest Rs 3,000 crore for setting up a greenfield 4GW solar cell and 4 GW solar module manufacturing.
Note: The plant will be set up in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. Tata Power has also built a manufacturing unit in Bangalore, which has a production capacity of 635 megawatts of modules and 500 megawatts of cells.
4. Electricity company **BESCOM** has developed 'EV Mitra' mobile app with an aim to provide information about EV charging stations.
Note: Earlier, the BESCOM had introduced the EV Jagruthi Web portal, in a joint initiative of NITI Ayog and the United Kingdom. This web portal gives state specific information on the availability of electric vehicles, incentives, support mechanisms and initiatives of the state government regarding electric mobility.
5. **Rajasthan** state government is planning to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill, the first of its kind in India.
Note: To provide quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. Earlier, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the rights of patients, attendants and health care providers.
6. **Delhi government** has launched the 'Mission Kushal Karmi' programme.
Note: Aim: to offer a skill development training course to labourers, who are registered with the Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. The government will also compensate the loss of work by providing ₹4,200 to those workers who take the course (15-day programme). The programme conducted by the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University, Simplex, NAREDCO and India Vision Foundation.
7. **Rajeev Chandrasekhar** has inaugurated two new Internet Exchange Points (IXP) of NIXI at Durgapur and Vardhman to improve internet connectivity in West Bengal.
Note: It is under the 1000-day plan of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The first Internet Exchange at Kolkata is also run by NIXI. The internet service providers can connect at these points, and provide benefit to their end-users.
8. **Jharkhand** state has been ranked first in the Delta Ranking for the month of June under the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Rurban Mission.
Note: The report was released by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India. The State Government led by CM Hemant Soren is moving forward with the mantra of "Jeevika Bhi, Jeevan Bhi". Aim: To strengthen the rural economy and provide employment to the villagers. The state has earned 8th place in the country.
9. **Chhattisgarh** state government has received in-principle nod from the Centre for \$300 million school education project which is funded by the World Bank.
Note: Loan tenure: 5 years, the state government has to payback this amount over a period of 20 years. Aim: To boost the education system of Chhattisgarh. In-principle nod: The central government has no objection with the State borrowing money from international financial institutions like World Bank.
10. **Tripura** government has launched a new scheme named "Earn with Learn" to bring back those who had dropped out of schools following the outbreak of Covid-19.
Note: This scheme is a part of the Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan (Let's go to school). About 8,000 students between the age group of 6 to 14 had dropped out of school during the pandemic. The state government will pay Rs 500 per admission to each college student as reward for bringing back such dropouts to school again.
11. **Delhi** government joined hands with UNICEF to create employment opportunities for students.
Note: Skill Varsity of Delhi partnered with YuWaah (Generation Unlimited India) at UNICEF to enable access to employment opportunities. Another pillar, the 'YuWaah Step Up - Bano job ready', it is a six-month pilot being conducted by Flywheel Digital Solutions Pvt with DSEU students.
12. **Meghalaya** state government is ready to invest Rs. 300 crores from the externally aided projects to make investment in early childhood education programmes.

- Note:** Chief Minister of Meghalaya, Conrad K Sangma has inaugurated the new building of the Directorate of Education Research and Training (DERT), Shillong. The state govt has also prepared a road map to invest in early childhood education programmes.
13. **Delhi** government has launched a SAH-BHAGITA scheme to increase the involvement of the Residential Welfare Association (RWAs) in optimal tax collection and waste management systems.
Note: RWAs will get 15% of the total collection of property tax for development works in their areas. On achieving 90% tax collection from their societies, the RWA can recommend development work to the tune of 10% of the tax collection subject to a ceiling of Rs 1 lakh in their areas.
14. **Uttarakhand** government has become the first state in the nation to initiate the process of implementing the Centre's New Education Policy 2020 with the launch of 'Bal Vatikas' at anganwadi kendras.
Note: Chief Minister, Pushkar Singh Dhama has inaugurated Bal Vatikas across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system. This will function at 4,457 anganwadi kendras in the state and will be equivalent to the nursery classes at a private school.
15. Pushkar Singh Dhama has launched an e-FIR service and the state police app.
Note: All five online services of the Uttarakhand police, are integrated into the police app to provide better services to the public. Five online services: Lakshya Nasha Mukta Uttarakhand, Meri Yatra, Gaura Shakti, traffic eye, and public eye. Additionally, the app also linked to the cyber hotline number 1930 and the emergency number 112.
16. Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), Uday Umesh Lalit has launched the country's first AI-powered digital Lok Adalat during the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet held in **Jaipur, Rajasthan**.
Note: The digital Lok Adalat by Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) was designed and developed by Jupitice Justice Technologies (technology partner).
17. **Kerala** state's Fibre Optic Network has received the Internet Service Provider (ISP) license from the Department of Telecommunications.
Note: With this, Kerala has become the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service. The KFON is envisaged to provide free internet to BPL families and 30,000 government offices. The previous Left government had declared internet connection as a basic right and launched the Rs 1,548-crore KFON project in 2019.
18. Bonalu is a popular hindu festival celebrated in **Telangana (Hyderabad and Secunderabad)**.
Note: This festival is dedicated to Goddess Mahakali. During this festival, the different forms of Mahakali are worshipped, including Mysamma, Dokkamma, Pedamma, Pochamma, Yellamma, Poleramma and Ankamma. Bonalu is celebrated in the month of Ashada (July-August).
19. **Himanta Biswa Sarma (CM of Assam)** has launched a scheme named 'Swanirbhar Naari', to empower indigenous weavers.
Note: Under the scheme, the state government will procure handloom items directly from the indigenous weavers via a web portal. Government has also urged the Handloom & Textiles department to promote Assamese gamosa (traditional scarf or towel), which is a unique handloom product, across the country.
20. **Himachal Pradesh** has become the first state in India to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLT) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS).
Note: Vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLT. It will be monitored by both the police and the transport department. CM also introduced the facility of panic button for the safety of women and children in public vehicles.
21. **Uttar Pradesh** has launched a scheme Deen Dayal Upadhyaya State Employees Cashless Medical Scheme.
Note: Aim: To provide cashless medical facility to state government employees, pensioners and their dependents. The eligible people will receive cashless medical facilities at government-run institutions, medical colleges and hospitals without any financial limit.
22. **Hemant Soren** has launched Jharkhand Tourism Policy 2022, to prepare a roadmap for tourism to thrive in the state.
Note: The state new tourism policy focuses on eco-tourism and incentives to bring in investors into the state. The policy also focusing to civic amenities and adopting ways of beautification for sites like Deoghar, Parasnath, Madhuban and Itkhori.
23. **Assam** has approved the proposal for the creation of Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary (second wildlife sanctuary) in Barak Valley.
Note: The Barak Bhuban Wildlife Sanctuary will be spread over an area of 320 sq Km between the Barak river and Sonai river. Eight recorded species: Slow loris, Rhesus macaque, Pig-tailed macaque, Stump-tailed macaque, Assamese macaque, capped langur, phayre's leaf monkey and hoolock gibbon. It is also an important habitat for king cobra.
24. Health Minister of Karnataka **Dr K Sudhakar** has inaugurated India's first brain health clinic under the Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-BHI) at Jayanagar General Hospital.

- Note:** The inauguration ceremony was held on World Brain Day (22nd July). Two more such centres will come up in Chikkaballapura and Kolar districts in association with Nimhans. Karnataka Brain Health Initiative (Ka-Bhi) ambassador, Robin Uthappa, had also participated in the event.
25. **Karnataka** state cabinet has given their approval to the state Employment Policy 2022-25' for increasing job opportunities in the state.
Note: If an industry is planning to increase the working capital by ₹50 crore, it has to create a minimum of 30-50 jobs. For increasing investment up to ₹100 crore, the minimum 35 jobs should be created for locals. For ultra mega units, which were earlier required to create a minimum of 400 jobs, will now have to generate 510.
26. Union home minister, Amit Shah has launched an e-FIR filing system in **Gandhinagar** to enable citizens to file FIRs online, without visiting a police station.
Note: With the help of this system, citizens will not need to go to the police station to register a complaint for a vehicle theft or mobile phone theft. The e-FIR service has been linked with the Gujarat state police CCTV command and control centre.
27. The Asian Development Bank has approved \$96.3 million loan for safe drinking water and sanitation project to **Himachal Pradesh**.
Note: The loan has been provided under the Himachal Pradesh Rural Drinking Water Improvement and Livelihood Project. Aim: To provide piped water to all rural households by 2024. This also upgrade water supply infrastructure and strengthen institutional capacity to ensure safe, sustainable, and inclusive rural water supply and sanitation services.
28. '**Smart E-Beat**' has been launched by Haryana CM for police attendance and real-time monitoring of patrolling by personnel in Gurugram.
Note: This system has been introduced in Gurugram under the 'Smart Policing Initiative' (SPI). Before this, the policemen deployed at the beat, used to mark their attendance manually. But, this GIS-based system will enable more effective monitoring.
29. **Gujarat** has become the first state to launch a Semiconductor Policy 2022-27, with an aim to boost manufacturing of semiconductors in the state.
Note: The policy also offers incentives and subsidies to manufacture semiconductors. The state government has also set up Gujarat State Electronics Mission, as the nodal agency for the policy implementation. The eligible projects will be given 75% subsidy on purchase of the first 200 acre land for setting up manufacturing units.
30. **Kerala** government is set to launch its own e-taxi service named 'Savari' from August.
Note: This online taxi hiring service is being rolled out by the state Labour Department which is linking the existing auto-taxi networks in the state. Aim: To ensure safe and dispute-free travel for the public at affordable rates prevailing in the state. The new service would be launched in a function to be held at Kanakakkunnu Palace.
31. **M K Stalin** has announced to roll out a breakfast scheme for state-run school children of Classes 1 to 5.
Note: The project incurs the cost of Rs 33.56 crores. The breakfast meal included sambar and vegetables, will be provided to children in all working schools. Every student is to be provided a 150-500 gram breakfast with sambar with vegetables.
32. **Chhattisgarh** state Women Commission has organised 'Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra' to make the women of the state aware of their constitutional rights and laws.
Note: CM Bhupesh Baghel has flag off the 'Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath' (chariots) on the occasion of Hareli Tihaar festival. The Information regarding women's rights and concerning laws spread through short films, messages and brochures.

Important News – World

1-15 November 2022

- Switzerland** country has the world's longest passenger train.
Note: The train has 100 coaches, measures 1910 metres and consists of 4,550 seats. The train was seen passing through the mountainous landscape in the Swiss Alps.
- The 41st edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF), that organised from November 2 to 13 at the Expo Centre Sharjah, was inaugurated by **Dr Sultan bin Mohammed Al Qasimi (Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah)**.
Note: Sheikh Sultan bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al Qasimi, Deputy Ruler of Sharjah, was also present at the inauguration of the event, which is organized by the Sharjah Book Authority, under the theme 'Spread the Word.'
- African country **Ghana** has assumed the rotating monthly Presidency of the United Nations Security Council _____

- Note:** During the month of November 2022, Ghana shall preside over the meetings of the Council (adoptions, debates and consultations) and, under its authority, shall represent the Security Council in its capacity as an organ of the United Nations.
- According to **2022 Global Gender Wealth Equity** report, published by WTW, on average women are expected to reach retirement with just 74% of the wealth that are accumulated by men.
Note: Asia Pacific has one of the lower global wealth gaps on average for gender wealth equity. The gender wealth gap is the largest in India at 64%. Only 3% of women in the workforce occupying senior positions.
 - Ministry of Tourism has participated in World Travel Market (WTM) 2022 that is being organised in **London, UK** from 7-9 November 2022.
Note: Theme 2022: The Future of Travel Starts Now. With this participation, India can showcase the diverse tourism products and services including Medical Value travel, luxury trains and the gamut of tourism products to the international business community. The Indian delegation is being led by Arvind Singh (secretary, tourism ministry).
 - According to recent data (2022), published by US News and World Report, India has bagged **31st** position in the overall Best Countries ranking.
Note: In the overall Best Countries ranking, Switzerland has topped the chart, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden. India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam.
- India is also featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category.
- Tech giant has launched a platform named 'FloodHub' to provide information about flood.
Note: It will provide information area and time where floods could occur, so that , authorities can assist people with effectively. Google has also expanded its AI flood forecasting services to 18 counties - Latin America, Africa and SE Asia. These flood forecasting services supported by AI were first introduced in India back in 2018.
 - IIT-Bombay** has ranked 40th in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2023.
Note: It is followed by IIT Delhi (46). Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore is placed at the 52nd spot followed by IIT Madras (53), IIT Kharagpur (61), IIT Kanpur (66), and University of Delhi (85). Top 4: China's Peking University; National University of Singapore, Tsinghua University, Beijing, and The University of Hong Kong
 - Three Indian women entrepreneurs, who have been featured in the Forbes' Asia's Power Businesswomen 2022 list -- **Soma Mondal, Ghazal Alagh, Namita Thapar**.
Note: Steel Authority of India chairperson, Soma Mondal; Mamaearth's co-founder, Ghazal Alagh; and Emcure Pharma executive director, Namita Thapar are the top Indian business leaders in the Asia's power list. Other women: Choi Soo-yeon (CEO of Naver); Anna Nakajima and Mizuki Nakajima (co-founders of Coly)

August 2022

- A majestic new Hindu Temple has been inaugurated in Jebel Ali Village, that is located in **Dubai**.
Note: Design: Indian and Arabic architectural designs. The temple is located in a neighborhood that is generally known as the 'Worship Village' of UAE. The temple was inaugurated by the Minister of Tolerance and Coexistence Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan and Ambassador Sunjay Sudhir.
- In year **2029** Saudi Arabia will host the Asian Winter Games at a planned Mountain Resort in the Gulf Arab State.
Note: The Asian Games will be held at a \$500 billion futuristic megacity in the desert that will feature a year-round winter sports complex. The deserts and mountains of Saudi Arabia will be turned into a playground for winter sports.
- At the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) general session in Vienna, **China** has withdrawn a draught resolution criticising the AUKUS alliance.
Note: In order to prevent the draught resolution that claimed the AUKUS proposal breached Australia's, the UK's, and the US' obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). India has also collaborated closely with numerous IAEA member nations.
- Kazakhstan's president has restored the former name of the country's capital, Astana. **Kassym-Jomart Tokayev** is the president of Kazakhstan.
Note: Kazakhstan's president has signed a law limiting presidential terms and reverting to the old name of the Central Asian country's capital. The bill also reinstated the capital's name to Astana.
- The UN's International Civil Aviation Organization has adopted an aspirational goal of making carbon emissions from air travel net zero by the year **2050**.
Note: Reason: To reduce the pollution caused by airlines. This move could encourage the production of more sustainable aviation fuel. Presently, Aviation is a relatively small contributor to climate-changing emissions, but its share is expected to grow

6. **European** parliament has passed the new rule to introduce single charging port for electronic gadgets by 2024.
Note: As per the law, it mandates that every manufacturing companies of smartphone, laptop and camera, have to adopt a standard charger rule in Europe. As per the new rules, consumers do not need to buy a different charger every time, when they purchase a new device. Reason: To minimise e-waste and empower customers to make more sustainable choices.
7. **123rd** is the rank of India in the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index 2022.
Note: Findings: India has reduced inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending. Top three: Norway, Germany and Australia. Prepared by: Oxfam International and Development Finance International (DFI).
8. **JSW Steel** Indian steel industry has joined as the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) network, world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative.
Note: JSW Steel is the fifth Indian company in the "Industrial Mining and Manufacturing" category. Aim: To conduct business responsibly by aligning their operations and strategies with the UN's Ten Principles.
9. As per the WWF's Living Planet Report 2022, the Wildlife populations have been declined by **69%** between 1970 and 2018.
Note: Latin America and Caribbean regions have seen the largest decline (94%) of monitored wildlife populations globally. Wildlife populations have dipped by 66% in Africa and 5% in Asia Pacific. While, Freshwater populations have declined by 83% on average as compared to other species groups.
10. **Indian institute of Science (IISc)** has topped the 2023 Times Higher Education (THE) rankings among 75 Indian institutes.
Note: IISc Bengaluru is the only Indian university in the top 300 list. India has become the 6th most represented country in the list, with featuring 75 institutes in THE's 2023 ranking. Other Indian Institute: IIT Ropar (501-600), IIT Indore (601-800), IIT Gandhinagar ((801-1000).
11. As per the 2022 Global Hunger Index (GHI), **107th** is the rank of India.
Note: The report was published by the Concern Worldwide (Ireland) and Welt Hunger Hilfe (Germany). Four indicators of GHI: Undernourishment, Child stunting, Child wasting, and Child mortality. Top 5: Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Chile, China and Croatia. Bottom 5: Chad, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Central African Republic and Yemen
12. According to a new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), the number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 and **2019-21**.
Note: The index was released jointly by UNDP and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI). As per the index, India still has the world's highest number of poor at 228.9 million, followed by Nigeria. 90% of India's poor people live in rural areas and 10% in urban areas.
13. As per the Mercer CFS Global Pension Index 2022, **41** is the rank of India.
Note: Findings: India needs to strengthen its regulatory framework and boost the coverage under private pension arrangements. The MCGPI is a comprehensive study of 44 global pension systems, which accounts 65% of the world's population. The survey was topped by Iceland, followed by the Netherlands and Denmark.
14. As per the report, international investment migration advisory firm Henley & Partners, **Third** is the rank of India in the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires with assets of more than Rs 830 cr (\$100 million).
Note: The list is topped by USA, followed by China. India will overtake China as the fastest growing market for centi-millionaires by 2032. Top Cities for Centi-Millionaires: New York, followed by San Francisco Bay Area, London, and Mumbai (15).
15. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has excluded **Pakistan** from the grey list of the global watchdog on terror financing and money laundering after four years.
Note: Pakistan was put in 2018 for its failure to check the risk of money laundering. Inclusion to the grey list leads to the inability of Islamabad to get financial aid from IMF, World Bank, ADB & the EU.
16. Name the Chinese-American movie star in Hollywood, **Anna May Wong** will be the first Asian-American to feature in US currency.
Note: This will be the fifth coin in the American Women Quarters (AWQ) Program and its circulation would start on October 24, 2022. AWQ program: It is four-year program that honors the achievements of women in the United States from 2022 to 2025.
17. Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has added **Myanmar** to the list of high-risk countries, which is known as 'Black List'.
Note: Reason: Strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing. Myanmar is the third country to be added in this list along with North Korea and Iran, which have been on the high-risk list since 2020.
18. One Health Joint Plan of Action was launched by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations

Environment Programme (UNEP), World Health Organization (WHO), and **World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)**.

Note: Aim: To create a framework to integrate systems and capacity to collectively better prevent, and respond to health threats. This plan will be applicable from 2022 to 2026 to reduce the health issues at the international, regional, and national levels

19. Pakistan and China have decided to launch **3** new corridors besides the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

Note: China-Pakistan Green Corridor (CPGC): It will focus on agricultural environment, food security and green development. China-Pakistan Health Corridor (CPHC): It will help get efficiency in the medical field. China-Pakistan Digital Corridor (CPDC): It will boost Pakistan's IT industry.

20. **Microsoft** tech giant has launched the Windows Dev Kit 2023, a new personal computer designed for developers using the ARM chip design.

Note: It is available in eight countries; Australia, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, U.K., and U.S. It is a part of 'Project Volterra', that was started in May 2022. With the help of this new device, developers can build, run, and test Windows apps for Arm on a single compact device.

21. Competition authority of **Turkey** has imposed monetary penalty of 346.72 million lira (\$18.63 million) on Meta Platforms (Facebook).

Note: Reason: For violating competition law. The firm has obstructed its competitors operating in social network services and online advertising markets as it merged data collected through Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.

22. **Poland** has selected US firm, Westinghouse to build its first nuclear power plant.

Note: Reason: Poland's efforts to burn less coal and gain greater energy independence. Poland would use the technology of the Westinghouse Electric Company for the plant in Pomerania province near the Baltic Sea coast. The country has also planned to spend 40 billion dollars for the building of two nuclear power plants with three reactors each.

23. External Affairs Minister, S Jaishankar has announced that India will contribute **USD 500,000** to the United Nations Trust Fund for Counter Terrorism this year.

Note: Reason: To aid capacity-building support to member states in combating terrorism. India has hosted the two-day anti-terrorism meeting of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The meeting in Delhi was held under India's chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC).

24. As per the report of aviation analytics firm OAG, **Indira Gandhi International airport (Delhi)** has emerged as world's 10th busiest airport in October 2022.

Note: Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (Georgia) was the busiest in the world. Dubai and Tokyo Haneda airports are at the 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively. The rankings by OAG are based on scheduled airline capacity in the current month and compared to the equivalent month in 2019, pre-pandemic.

25. **WHO** has released the Global TB Report 2022 that notes the impact of the COVID-19 on the diagnosis, treatment, and burden of disease for TB all over the world.

Note: As per the report, India's TB incidence for 2021 is 210 per 100,000 population, compared to the baseline year of 2015 (incidence was 256 per lakh of population in India); there has been an 18% decline which is 7% points better than global average of 11%. India is placed at 36th position in terms of incidence rates.

September 2022

1. India has surpassed **UK** to become the world's 5th biggest economy.

Note: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has forecasted that India is overtaking the UK in terms on an annual basis this year. Top four: The US, China, Japan and Germany. The calculation is based in US dollars and India has extended its lead in the first quarter. By contrast, the Indian economy is forecast to grow more than 7% in 2022-23.

2. Data Protection Commission (DPC) of **Ireland** has imposed fined on Instagram of USD 402 million (405 million euro) for breaching regulations on the handling of children's data.

Note: The DPC has launched an investigation in late 2020. Reason: How the Instagram platform handles

children's personal data. Findings: The platform had operated a user registration system whereby the accounts of 13-17-year-old users were set to "public" by default.

3. **Australian** parliament has passed government legislation to reduce carbon emissions by 43% by 2030 and further bring it to zero by 2050.

Note: The legislation needs royal assent before it officially becomes law. To achieve this target, the government bodies such as clean energy and infrastructure financing agencies, requires to take emissions targets into account in their decisions. Minister for Climate Change and Energy of Australia: Chris Bowen

4. As per the United Nations Development Program report, India has ranked **132nd** among 191 countries and territories on the 2021 Human Development Index.
Note: India had ranked 131st among 189 countries in 2020 report. Findings: The data show that the performance of the country has declined due to fall in life expectancy. Top five: Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, Hong Kong, Australia Last four: Central African Republic (188), Niger (189), Chad (190), South Sudan (191)
5. As per the US Embassy, the United States has issued a record of 82,000 student visas to **India** in 2022 that is highest than any country.
Note: This is also the highest number of visas given to Indian students ever by the US Mission in India. The Open Doors report in 2021 stated that there were 167,582 students from India in the 2020-2021 academic year. Indian students comprise nearly 20% of all international students studying in the United States.
6. The first Indian Defence Minister to visit Mongolia, Rajnath Singh was gifted a majestic horse **Tejas** by President Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh.
Note: Seven years after Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a similar gift from the leadership of this country. In 2015, Prime Minister Modi received a special gift a brown racehorse from his then Mongolian counterpart Chimed Saikhanbileg during his historic visit to this country. The horse was named Kanthaka’.
7. **Suella Braverman** is UK’s new Home Secretary.
Note: Priti Patel, who is of Indian descent, will be replaced in the position by Suella Braverman. Suella Braverman, Conservative Party member from Fareham in southeast England, previously worked for the Boris Johnson administration as the attorney general.
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is all set to travel to **Samarkand in Uzbekistan** for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit, to be conducted on September 15 and 16.
Note: This will be the first in-person summit after June 2019 when the SCO summit was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
9. Mastercard Lighthouse MASSIV has partnered with **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** to amplifying the private sector’s role in creating a significant positive impact on people.
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.
10. India has launched a joint whitepaper on ‘Urban Wastewater Scenario in India’ with **Denmark** at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022.
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.
11. In the declaration, the rotational presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) has been handed over to India at Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
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.
12. India has overtaken **China** to emerge as the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka.
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.
13. According to **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**, **Gautam Adani** has become the second richest person in the world, after surpassing Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.
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.
14. **India** has the current presidency of Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD).
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.
15. SBI Foundation has partnered with **WWF India** 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.

- 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.
16. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has announced to provide financial assistance of **USD 1.27 billion** to address poverty and social inequalities.
- 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)
17. **QUAD 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.
- 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.
18. As per the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022, **Gautam Adani** has topped the list with an estimated wealth of Rs. 10,94,400 crore.
- 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.
19. **Vitamin Angels India** has partnered with the UNICEF India for Poshan Maah 2022.
- 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.
20. As per the 2022 Global Innovation Index of World Intellectual Property Organization, the rank of India is **40th**.
- 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)
21. **Zerodha's founder, Nikhil Kamath** 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.
- 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.

August 2022

1. Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who has arrived in India on a four-day visit to India, is a president of **Maldives**.
- Note:** He will hold talk with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several agreements are expected to be signed after the talks. He also scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Both countries share common perspectives on maritime security issues in the Indian Ocean.
2. **India** will host the special meeting of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on counter-terrorism on October 29, 2022.
- Note:** The tenure of India as a non-permanent member at the UN Security Council will be ended on December 2022. Theme: Mindful of the increasing threat posed by the misuse of new and emerging technologies. Non- permanent members: Albania, Brazil, Gabon, Ghana, India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico, Norway and the UAE
3. According to the latest Fortune Global 500 list, **LIC** has entered into Fortune Global 500 list, and ranked 98th with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million.
- Note:** While Reliance Industries has jumped 51 places to 104 on the 2022 list. The list has been topped by US retailer, Walmart. Indian companies: IOC (142nd); ONGC (190th); Tata Motors (370th); Tata Steel (435th); Rajesh Exports (437th); SBI (236th) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation (295th).
4. **Bangladesh** has signed an agreement with the World Bank for USD 300 million financing.
- Note:** Aim: To strengthen its local urban institutions to respond and recover from the Covid 19 pandemic and improve preparedness for future shock. It will also help cities and towns of Bangladesh to build back better as they recover from the pandemic and prepare for future shocks. The project will carry out

- labour-intensive public works to ensure water supply.
5. **Singapore** country has declared its 200-year-old iconic green open space Padang as its 75th national monument as the country celebrates its 57th National Day (9th August).
Note: From this site, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had given his 'Delhi Chalo' slogan in 1943. From now, the Padang has been preserved and accorded the highest level of protection in Singapore under the Preservation of Monuments Act.
 6. According to the UN, **India's** population has owned 7.3% digital currency and ranked seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population.
Note: Ukraine topped the list with 12.7%, followed by Russia (11.9%), Venezuela (10.3%), Singapore (9.4%), Kenya (8.5%) and the US (8.3%). It also been observed that the global use of cryptocurrencies has increased exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic (including developing countries).
 7. Two countries **Latvia and Estonia** have withdrawn from a cooperation group amid the Western criticism of China over escalating military pressure on Taiwan.
Note: Reason: Both countries will continue to work towards constructive and pragmatic relations with China. Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia are among countries that remain in the cooperation format.
 8. British govt has officially declared certain parts of southern, central, and eastern of **England** as drought areas after a prolonged period of hot and dry weather.
Note: England suffered its driest July in 2022 since 1935, with only 35% of the average rainfall for the month, and parts of England and Wales are now in the middle of a 4-day extreme heat alert. All water companies have reassured essential supplies and are prepared than ever before for periods of dry weather.
 9. Clade IIb, is in news, is a variant of **Monkeypox**.
Note: The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced new names for variants of the monkeypox virus that are currently in circulation. The former Congo Basin clade (group of variants) in Central Africa as Clade I. The former West African clade as Clade II. The latter consists of two sub-clades, Clade IIa and Clade IIb, of which Clade IIb was the main group of variants circulating during the 2022 outbreak. The monkeypox virus was first discovered in 1958.
 10. **International Labour Organisation** has released the Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report, which states that the unemployment rate for 15 - 24-year-olds stands at 15.6%.
Note: The report is a part of Global Call to Action for a "human-centred recovery from the Covid-19 crisis", which was adopted by the ILO in June 2021. In 2022, 27.4% of young women globally are employed as compared to 40.3% of young men.
 11. **Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority** has authorized a Covid-19 vaccine tailored to the Omicron variant, setting the stage for an autumn booster campaign using Moderna's two-strain shot.
Note: It has granted conditional authorization to the vaccine, which targets both the original strain of the virus and Omicron BA.1. This makes the UK, the first country in the world to approve an original Covid-19 jab.
 12. **4th** is the rank of India in the report titled "Best Under A Billion" published by the Forbes Asia of the best 200 mid-sized companies in the Asia-Pacific region.
Note: Taiwan has the greatest number of companies listed at 30, followed by Japan with 29 and South Korea has 27. China placed 5th in the list with 22 firms.
 13. **Seven** artifacts, including a stone door jamb stolen from a Hindu temple in Uttar Pradesh, have been transferred back to India by Glasgow's museums.
Note: This is the part of Scotland's "largest-ever" repatriation of objects from a single collection. Glasgow Life, a charitable organization that runs the city's museums, had confirmed the handover earlier this year and the arrangement was formalized. The 7 antiquities include a ceremonial Indo-Persian talwar or sword.
 14. Kyriakos Mitsotakis has announced that it has exited the enhanced surveillance framework of European Union after 12 years, he is a prime minister of **Greece**.
Note: Economic performance and policies of Greece have been monitored under the framework since 2018 to ensure it implemented reforms promised under three international bailouts. Greece was badly hit with the pension cuts, spending constraint, tax increases and bank controls after it was forced to seek its first bailout in 2010.
 15. **Mack Rutherford** has become the youngest person to fly solo around the world in a small aircraft.
Note: He landed on an airstrip of Sofia (Capital of Bulgaria) to complete his task and claimed two Guinness World Records. Rutherford is also the youngest person to circumnavigate the globe in a microlight plane. His solo trip flying around the world was sponsored by the web hosting company ICDSOFT, is headquartered in Sofia.
 16. **Germany** has launched the world's first fleet of 14 hydrogen-powered passenger trains, replacing 15

diesel trains that previously operated on non-electrified tracks in the state of Lower Saxony.

Note: These 14 trains use hydrogen fuel cells to generate electricity that powers the engines. They have a range of up to 1,000 km (621 miles) and a maximum speed of 140 kmph (87 mph). It is manufactured by French company Alstom and are operated by regional rail company LNVG.

17. President of India, Droupadi Murmu has met with the Queen Máxima of **Netherlands** at Rashtrapati Bhavan to discuss the various aspects to strengthen the bilateral relation.

Note: Queen Máxima of Netherland is on a three day visit to India (29-31 August 2022). During their discussion, both leaders discussed the universal financial inclusion initiatives.

July 2022

1. **Burman family** has now become an official promoter of Eveready Industries.

Note: The investment firms of the Burman family entities had acquired a 14.55% share of Eveready Industries from the open market and now collectively own a majority stake. Prior to this, the family had acquired a 23.83% stake in Eveready Industries. Besides Dabur, the Burman family owns other businesses which include Aviva Life Insurance Co, Lite Bite Foods, HealthCare atHOME (HCAH).

2. African country **Uganda** has recently announced the discovery of a deposit of 31 million tonnes of gold ore, with extractable pure gold estimated to gross 320,000 tonnes.

Note: It will attract big investors to develop the Sector hitherto dominated by small wildcat miners. To boost the country's economy, the Ugandan Government has licensed Wagagai Gold Mining Company, a Chinese firm to start producing gold products in the Busia district.

3. Jayshree V Ullal has been named on the eighth edition of Forbes' list of America's richest self-made women among Indians. She is the president of **Arista Networks**.

Note: Other Indian American: Neerja Sethi, Neha Narkhede, Indra Nooyi, Reshma Shetty Diane Hendricks, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply has topped the list.

4. **London** city has emerged as the best city for students, according to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023.

Note: Focus area of study: Affordable, student facilities, and university standard among other factors. Top four (2nd to 5th): Seoul, Munich, Zurich and Melbourne. India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103 spot, followed by Bengaluru at 114 ranks. Chennai and Delhi have made their

entries to the list this year at 125 and 129, respectively.

5. As per the 27th edition of the UN World Population Prospects 2022, India is projected to surpass **China** country as the world's most populous country in 2023.

Note: With the 1,426 million population, China remains the most populous country in the world in 2022. India has been recorded 1,412 million population. The global population will reach 8 billion on November, 2022 that is three times of the population of 2.5 billion in 1950. By 2050, India's population will reach 1,668 million.

6. **Deutsche Bahn (DB)** is ready to become the world's first Intermodal Partner of Star Alliance.

Note: Under the new partnership, the DB customers and passengers of Star Alliance member airlines will be able to start or end their journey comfortably on the climate-friendly train. Germany is the first market and DB is the world's first partner in the new Star Alliance initiative. This partnership between DB and Star Alliance builds on the Lufthansa Express Rail programme.

7. India has been elected as a member of the Intergovernmental Committee of UNESCO's 2003 Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) for **2022-2026** cycle.

Note: The elections for the Intergovernmental Committee was held during the two-day General Assembly of the 2003 Convention at UNESCO headquarters in Paris. India has already served as a member of the ICH Committee, from 2006 to 2010 and from 2014 to 2018.

8. **India** has become the 68th country to join the Interpol's international child sexual exploitation (ICSE) database. **Note:** This allow to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using

- audio-visual data. The CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) is the India's nodal agency for Interpol matters. As per the NCRB data (2021), Uttar Pradesh has topped the list of sexual offences against children followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu.
9. As per the World Economic Forum has released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022, India's rank is **135** out of 146 -countries.
Note: India was ranked 140 out of 156 countries in 2021. Top 10: Iceland, Finland, Norway, New Zealand, Sweden, Rwanda, Nicaragua, Namibia, Ireland, Germany. Worst performing: Afghanistan (146), Pakistan (145), Congo (144), Iran (143). India's neighbouring countries: Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126).
 10. **British government** has launched an "Aviation Passenger Charter" with an aim to help passengers know their rights.
Note: The new charter will help passengers know what to do if they are confronted by cancellations, delays or missing baggage. The passengers will be properly compensated if things don't go to plan, and the chaotic scenes at airports are unacceptable. In June 2022, the UK government has published a 22-point support plan to avoid further disruption.
 11. **Kerala and Ahmedabad** have been listed among the TIME magazine 50 extraordinary destinations to explore the World's Greatest Places of 2022.
Note: Kerala: It is one of India's most beautiful states. With spectacular beaches and lush backwaters, it's known as "God's own country" for good reason. Ahmedabad: India's first UNESCO World Heritage City, Ahmedabad, boasts both ancient landmarks and contemporary innovations.
 12. **Infosys** has signed an agreement to acquire life sciences consulting and tech firm BASE life science for up to \$€ 110\$ million in an all cash deal.
Note: The BASE life science brings Infosys domain experts commercial, medical, digital marketing, and clinical. It will also help to deepen the life sciences domain capabilities and strengthen its footprint across Europe. The BASE collaborates with software technology providers such as Veeva, IQVIA, and Salesforce.
 13. **Mexico** has topped the Expat Insider Rankings for 2022 published by the InterNations.
Note: Followed by Indonesia, Taiwan, Portugal, Spain, UAE, Vietnam, Thailand. India has ranked 36 out of the 52 countries, between Egypt (35th) and the UK (37th), China was placed in 33rd position. Bottom 10: Kuwait (52), New Zealand (51), Hong Kong(50), Cyprus (49), Luxembourg(48), Japan (47), South Africa (46th), Turkey (45th), Italy (44th), Malta (43rd)
 14. According to the Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List, **Gautam Adani (Chief of Adani Group)** has become the world's 4th richest person with the net worth of \$115.5 billion.
Note: Adani's wealth has been surged by \$2.9 billion due to sharp run-up in Adani Group stocks. He has surpassed Microsoft cofounder, Bill Gates, who has announced to donate \$20 billion of his wealth to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Mukesh Ambani was placed at 10th on the Forbes list (net worth: \$87.7 billion).
 15. According to the 2022 Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners (an immigration consultancy), India's rank in the list of world's most powerful passports -- **87th**.
Note: Top 10: Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Germany, Spain, Finland, Italy, Luxemburg, Austria, Denmark. India neighbouring countries: Bhutan (93rd), Myanmar (99th), Sri Lanka (103rd), Bangladesh (104th) and Pakistan (109th), China (69th).Worst passport in the world: Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria
 16. **Microsoft** has announced that it will introduce a new app named, 'Viva Engage' in Teams with an aim to build community and connection, along with providing tools for personal expression.
Note: This platform is designed to give employees across multiple roles and functions, what they need to feel connected. This social app builds on the existing capabilities of the Communities app for Teams and Microsoft 365.
 17. According to a World Health Organisation report, **\$87 billion** amount has been received by India as remittances in 2021 and becomes the top remittance recipient.
Note: The United States was the largest source country for remittances in 2020, followed by the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland. In 2021, the top five remittance recipients in current US dollars were India, China, Mexico, the Philippines (36 billion dollars) and Egypt (33 billion dollars).
 18. **Bavarian Nordic (BAVA.CO)** has received the European Commission's approval for its Imvanex vaccine, to protect against monkeypox.
Note: Imvanex has been approved in the EU since 2013 for the prevention of smallpox.This is considered a potential vaccine for monkeypox because of the similarity between monkeypox and smallpox. Recently, the WHO has declared monkeypox a public health emergency of international concern.

19. India has contributed **USD 2.5 million** amount to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).
Note: India is a dedicated donor to UNRWA and donated USD 20 million in support of core UNRWA services to Palestine refugees across the Middle East since 2018. The UNRWA was established as a humanitarian agency in 1949. This agency is fully funded through voluntary contributions and grants from donor countries.
20. Mountaineer **Wasifa Nazreen** has become the first Bangladeshi to scale the second highest mountain peak K2, that is administered by Pakistan).
Note: She has climbed the 8611 metres high K2 mountain peak. Wasifa Nazreen has also climbed Mount Everest in 2012 and became the second woman from Bangladesh to do so. The team consisted of 21 mountaineers, including some of the most renowned climbers in the world like Mingma Tenzi Sherpa, Mingma David Sherpa, and Nirmal Purja.
21. According to the Airports Council International, published World Airport Traffic Dataset, Delhi Airport on the list of the world's busiest airports for 2021 -- **13th**.
Note: IGIA has witnessed 3.7 crore passenger footfall in 2021. The Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 ranking with 7.6 crore footfall of passengers. Airports Council International HQ: Montreal, Canada. International Civil Aviation Day: 7 December
22. As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun list, Roshni Nadar Malhotra has been crowned as the wealthiest woman in India with a fortune of Rs 84,330 cr in 2021, she is a chairperson of **HCL Technologies**.
Note: Falguni Nayar (founder and CEO of Nykaa) has ranked second richest women in India with a net worth of ₹57,520 cr. Falguni Nayar has also emerged as the richest self-made woman. Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (founder and CEO of Biocon) placed on third with the net worth of ₹29,030 cr.
23. **Zimbabwe** has launched gold coins named 'Mosi-oa-Tunya' to control an inflation spike that has eroded the country's unstable currency.
Note: The move was announced by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (central bank), which has disbursed 2,000 coins to commercial banks. Coins have been given the status of liquid asset, which can be easily converted into cash. Coins can be used by Individuals or companies. They can purchase coins from banks and other authorised outlets.
24. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who has become the richest women in Asia with \$11.3 billion fortune -- **Savitri Jindal (72, Indian)**.
Note: She replaced China's Yang Huiya, with the net worth of \$11.0bn. Huiyan, who controls largest real estate developer Country Garden Holdings of China has lost half of his wealth drop from nearly \$24 billion last year to \$11 billion. Savitri Jindal became the chairperson of the Jindal Group, after the death of her husband OP Jindal.

Government Schemes

1. **Rajeev Chandrasekhar launches Digital India RISC-V Microprocessor (DIR-V) Program**
 - **Aim:** to enable the creation of Microprocessors for the future in India, for the world and achieve industry-grade silicon and Design by December 2023.
 - It will see partnerships between Startups, Academia and Multinationals, to make India not only a RISC-V Talent Hub for the World but also supplier of RISC-V System on Chips for Servers, Mobile devices, Automotive and Microcontrollers across the globe.
 2. **Pilot project for Skilling tribal youth launched from Bhopal, MP**
 - Inaugurated by: Minister of State of MeitY, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has launched Pilot Project for Skilling Tribal Youth - Rural Tribal Technical Training at the Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance CRISP, Bhopal.
 - Pilot project envisages training for 250 beneficiaries of 17 clusters of 17 districts of 6 states.
 - Name of the Rural Tribal Technical Training Program: Grameen Udhayami Project.
 - It envisages training for about 250 beneficiaries of 17 clusters of 17 districts selected from 6 states: Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Odisha
 3. **Madhya Pradesh govt launches 2nd phase of Ladli Laxmi scheme to make girls self-reliant**
- About the scheme**

- It is an innovative initiative to encourage daughters to pursue higher education and make them self-dependent.
- In Madhya Pradesh, more than 42 lakh girls have been registered till April this year under Ladli Laxmi Yojana.
- So far, more than 9 lakh girl students have been paid a scholarship amount of Rs 231 crore.
- Birth rate of girl child in the state has also increased from 927 to 956 per thousand.

4. PMJJBY, PMSBY And Atal Pension Yojana (APY) Complete 7 Years of Providing Social Security Net

- These three social security schemes are dedicated to welfare of the citizens, recognizing the need for securing human life from unforeseen risks/losses and financial uncertainties.
- Aim: to ensure that the people from the unorganized section of the country are financially secure, the Government launched two insurance schemes: Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY);

25. 6 months extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)

- Centre has extended PM-GKAY from April to September 2022.
- In 6th phase, each beneficiary will get an additional five kilos of free ration per person every month to the normal quota of food grain.
- PM-GKAY was implemented first on 26th March 2020.
- The program comes under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

26. Karnataka government launched Vinaya Samarasya scheme on April 14.

- Aim: To eradicate untouchability in Gram Panchayats across the state.
- This scheme was also added in the recently announced Karnataka Budget for 2022-23.
- April 14 celebrates the birth anniversary of father of Indian Constitution, B R Ambedkar.

27. MGNREGA wages revised for 2022-23

- 21 out of 34 states and Union Territories got less than a 5% hike, and 10 states got more than a 5 per cent hike.
- States with no change in rates: Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura.

and introduced Atal Pension Yojana (APY) to cover exigencies in the old age.

5. Haryana Govt Launches 'e-Adhigam' Scheme

- Under this scheme, 3 lakh tablets were distributed to government school students of Classes 10 and 12.
- These devices come with pre-loaded content along with personalised and adaptive learning software, and 2GB free data.

7. Chhattisgarh becomes first state to restore old pension scheme

- Chhattisgarh has sent a proposal to Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) for the withdrawal of Rs 17,000 crore accrued under National Pension Scheme since November 2004.
- Old pension scheme will be effective from April 1, 2022.
- 10% deduction for monthly contribution from the salary of government employees as a contribution to new pension scheme will be abolished from April 1, 2022.
- Minimum of 12% of basic salary will be deducted as per the General Provident Fund rule.

- The change will come into effect from 1st April 2022.
- Maximum increase: Goa (Rs 315 per day)
- Lowest increase: Meghalaya (Rs 226 per day)
- MGNREGA: Indian labour law and social security measure that aims to guarantee 'right to work'.

28. Centre extends existing foreign trade policy (FTP) by six months until September 2022

- Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has announced an extension in the existing Foreign Trade Policy (FTP) 2015-20 by another six months till September 30, 2022, to ensure policy continuity in external trade.
- This is the fourth extension to the existing FTP policy.

29. Cabinet approves extension of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) till March 2023

- Total budget expenditure of more than Rs 2000 crore has been allocated for 2022-23.
- Objective: To create and promote an ecosystem of innovation and entrepreneurship across the country through interventions at school, university, research institutions, MSME and industry levels.
- AIM was set up under the NITI Aayog, in accordance with Finance Minister's declaration in the 2015 Budget Speech.

30. AAI launches 'AVSAR' Scheme

- Airport Authority of India (AAI) has launched 'AVSAR' initiative to encourage talent of women, artisans and craftsmen and provide them with the right opportunities.
- AVSAR: 'Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of The Region'.
- Under AVSAR, AAI will allocate space to Self Help Groups (SHGs) at its airports for selling/showcasing the self-made products of their region.
- An area of 100-200 square feet has been earmarked at each AAI operated airport for this.

31. Phase II of 'SVANidhi se Samridhhi' launched to cover 28 lakh street vendors

- It is an additional program of PMSVANidhi, launched by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- It maps the socio-economic profile of PM SVANidhi beneficiaries and their families and assess potential eligibility of the beneficiaries for various Central welfare schemes and facilitate the linkages to these schemes.
- Phase I: Launched in 2020-21 in 125 cities to cover approximately 35 lakh street vendors and their families.
- Phase II: launched in 126 cities to cover 28 lakh street vendors and their families.
- A total target of 20 lakh scheme sanctions has been set under Phase II for FY 2022-23.

32. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package: Insurance Scheme for Health Workers fighting COVID-19 extended for 180 days

- This will be effective from April 19, 2022.
- The extension has been given to provide the safety net to the dependents of health workers who are deputed to take care of COVID-19 patients.
- PMGKP was launched in 2020 to provide comprehensive personal accident cover of Rs. 50 Lakh to 22.12 lakh healthcare providers, including community health workers and private health workers dealing with COVID-19 patients.

33. Atal Pension Yojana (APY) total enrolments crossed 4 crores

- This milestone is achieved by the active participation of all Banks.

38. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) extended up to 2022

- CGSSD was launched on 24th June 2020 under Distressed Assets Fund - Subordinate Debt for

- Around 71% of the enrolments are done by PSBs, 19% by RRBs, 6% by Private Sector Banks, and 3% by Payment and Small Finance Banks.
- Banks like SBI, Indian Bank, Bank of India, BoB, and Central Bank of India have achieved their annual targets in the Public-sector Bank category.

34. Haryana Cabinet gave nod to horticulture crop insurance scheme

- Haryana Cabinet has approved the implementation of Mukhyamantri Bagwani Bima Yojana (MBBY)
- MBBY: It is an assurance-based scheme to compensate crop losses due to adverse weather & natural calamities for farmers growing horticulture crops.

35. Stand-Up India Scheme completes 6 years

- The scheme re-imbursed loans of over '30,160 Cr sanctioned to over 1,33,995 accounts
- It was launched in 2016 to encourage entrepreneurship at the grassroots level especially for promoting economic empowerment and employment generation among SC, ST and women entrepreneurs.

36. Govt approves continuation of revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan till March 2026

- It will be extended to all States and Union Territories of the country.
- It will develop governance capabilities of Panchayats Cabinet approved Rs 5,911 crores for Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
- The scheme is a centrally sponsored scheme and aims to develop governance capabilities of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs).

37. Samba becomes first district in India to cover 100% households under ABPMJAY-SEHAT scheme

- In Jammu and Kashmir, Samba district of Jammu division has become the first district in India to cover 100% households under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY)- SEHAT scheme.
- It was achieved after the conclusion of special registration drive organized by State Health Agency (SHA).
- SEHAT: Social, Endeavour for Health and Telemedicine.

Stressed MSMEs component of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package

- Aim: Provide credit facility through lending institutions to promoters of stressed MSMEs like SMA-2 and NPA accounts who are eligible for

restructuring as per RBI guidelines on the books of the Lending institutions

39. Mission Indradhanush: Odisha tops list of full immunization with 90.5% cover

- Odisha becomes the only state in the country to achieve 90.5% of immunization apart from the successful vaccination against Covid-19 infection under Mission Indradhanush 4.0
- 20 districts of Odisha were found above 90% in full immunization and the remaining 10 districts were less than 90%
- **Mission Indradhanush** : Health mission launched in 2014 to drive towards 90% full immunization coverage of India.

40. Haryana CM ML Khattar announces Haryana Matrushakti Udaymita Scheme

- Aim: to provide financial support to women entrepreneurs.
- Under this, those women who wish to become entrepreneurs will be provided access to soft loans
- Eligibility: Women whose families annual income is less than Rs 5 lakh based on Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) verified data
- Maximum Loan amount: Rs 3 lakh
- Interest subvention of 7% will be provided

41. Narayan Rane launches MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design and IPR)

About the scheme

- **Incubation:** promote and support untapped creativity with assistance of up to Rs. 15 lakh per idea

45. Govt approves continuation of BIM for 5 years

- BIM: Border Infrastructure and Management
- It is a Central Sector Umbrella Scheme
- It is effective from 2021-22 to 2025-26
- Total cost: Rs 13,020 crore.
- It will strengthen the border infrastructure for improving border management, policing, and guarding the borders.

46. Centre approves continuation of National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)

- It has been approved for a period of five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26.
- Financial outlay for the scheme: Rs 1,827 crores.
- Income ceiling has been increased from Rs 1.5 lakh per annum to Rs 3.5 lakh per annum
- Objective: to award scholarships to meritorious students of economically weaker sections.

- **Design:** Bring Indian manufacturing sector and Design experts on a common platform with assistance up to Rs. 40 lakh for design project
- **IPR (Intellectual Property Rights):** improve IP culture in India

42. Govt approved Modernization Plan-IV for Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs)

- It will be in effect from 1st Feb 2022 to 31st March 2026
- Total financial outlay: Rs.1,523 crore
- It is to be implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs
- It will equip CAPFs with modern state-of-the-art weapons and equipment as per their operational requirement, keeping in view their deployment pattern in different theatres.

43. 'Stree Manoraksha Project'

- Launched by: Women and Child Development Ministry and NIMHANS Bengaluru
- Aim: to improve mental health of women
- The project would focus on building on capacity building of One-Stop Center functionaries on the tools and techniques as to how to handle the cases of women approaching these Centres.

44. Govt launches Donate-a-Pension programme

About the programme:

- It is an initiative under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) where citizens can donate the premium contribution of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers etc.
- It was launched in 2008-09.

47. Govt approves continuation of Capacity Development Scheme till 31st March 2026

- Outlay: Rs 3,179 crores.
- CD Scheme: Ongoing Central Sector Scheme of MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation)
- Aim: to augment infrastructural, technical as well as manpower resources for enabling the availability of credible and timely official statistics.

48. Govt approves implementation of Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS)

- It will be effective from 2022-23 to 2025-26.
- ICJS: national platform for enabling integration of main IT system used for the delivery of Criminal Justice in India
- It will be implemented as Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of Rs 3,375 crores.

- ICJS system would be made available through dedicated and secure cloud-based infrastructure with high-speed connectivity.
- 49. Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North-East, PM-DevINE scheme**
- It was announced in Budget 2022-23
 - It will be implemented through the North-Eastern Council.
 - An initial allocation of Rs. 1,500 crores will be made.
 - It will fund infrastructure, in the spirit of PM GatiShakti, and social development projects.
- 50. Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship 2022**
- Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of under its '**Waste to Wealth' Mission** has announced **Swachhta Saarthi Fellowship 2022**.
 - **Aim:** to empower young innovators who are engaged in community work of waste management as Swachhta Saarthis and implement actions to reduce waste for a greener planet.
 - It is one of the nine national missions of the Prime Minister's PMSTIAC scheme
- 51. Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram**
- Central Government has decided to continue 'Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram' (RYSK) for another five years from 2021 -22 to 2025-26
 - Total outlay: around Rs 2,710 crore.
 - Aim: to achieve the objectives of developing the personality and leadership qualities of the youth and to engage them in nation-building activities.
- 52. 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana' (PMKSY)**
- Food processing ministry has extended its flagship scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY)' till March 2026
 - Total allocation: Rs 4,600 crore.
 - It is a comprehensive package that will lead to the creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet.
- 53. Social Justice & Empowerment Department launches 'SMILE'**
- It is an umbrella scheme
- 54. Social Justice and Empowerment Ministry launched Scheme for Economic Empowerment of DNTs (SEED)**
- It has been launched for the welfare of De-notified, Nomadic & Semi Nomadic Communities, who are the most neglected, marginalized, economically & socially deprived community.
- 55. Jal Jeevan Mission achieves 9 crore rural tap connections in 2.5 years**
- Govt has claimed to have provided tap water supply to more than 5.77 crore rural households, taking total number to 9 crores since it's launch in August 2019 under Jal Jeevan Mission of the Jal Shakti Ministry
 - 'Har Ghar Jal' is a term used for saturation coverage of tap water in a given rural habitation.
- 56. Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) Scheme**
- Govt has approved Rashtriya Uchcharat Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) scheme till 31st March 2026 or till further review, whichever is earlier.
 - Proposal entails an expenditure of Rs. 12929.16 crore out of which Central Share is Rs. 8120.97 crores and the State Share is of Rs. 4808.19 crores.
- 57. Govt approves ' New India Literacy Programme for FYs 2022-27**
- Govt has approved new scheme 'New India Literacy Programme for the period FYs 2022-2027
 - It will cover all the aspects of Adult Education to align with National Education Policy 2020
 - National Education Policy 2020 has recommendations for Adult Education and Lifelong Learning.
- 58. PM releases 10th installment of financial benefit under PM-KISAN Scheme**
- Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Scheme is a centrally sector scheme, which was launched in 2019.
 - More than Rs 20 thousand crore have been transferred to over than ten crore farmer families.
 - Under PM-KISAN scheme, financial benefit of six thousand rupees per year is provided to the eligible family of farmers.
 - The fund is transferred directly to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries.
- 59. IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched semiconductor mission**
- India Semiconductor Mission (ISM): specialized and independent business division within Digital India Corporation.
 - It has been set up with the aim to build a vibrant semiconductor and display ecosystem to enable India's emergence as a global hub for electronics manufacturing and design.
 - It is notified by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

60. Intra-State Transmission System of Green Energy Corridor Phase-II

- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the scheme on Green Energy Corridor (GEC) Phase-II for Intra-State Transmission System (InSTS)
- It will add 10,750 circuit kilometres of transmission lines and 27,500 MVA transformation capacity of substations
- It will facilitate grid integration and power evacuation of 20 GW of Renewable Energy power projects in Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, TN, UP
- Total estimated cost: Rs. 12,031.33 crores

61. Smart cities and Academia Towards Action & Research (SAAR) program

- Smart Cities Mission has launched SAAR program.
- It is a joint initiative of Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, National Institute of Urban Affairs and leading Indian academic institutions of the country.
- Under the program, 15 premier architecture & planning institutes of the country will be working with Smart Cities to document landmark projects undertaken by Smart Cities Mission.

62. Govt launches 6 brands developed as part of 'One District-One Product'

- Union Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras has launched six brands developed as part of 'One District-One Product' approach under **Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro food processing Enterprises Scheme (PM-FMFPEs)** in New Delhi
- **Six products:** Amrit Phal, Cori Gold, Kashmiri Mantra, Madhu Mantra, Somdana, and Whole Wheat Cookies of Dilli Bakes.
- **PM-FMFPEs:** centrally sponsored scheme to enhance the competitiveness of existing individual micro-enterprises in unorganized segment

63. Union Education Minister launches NEAT 3.0 ed-tech solutions

- It will help more than 12 lakhs socially and economically disadvantaged students have received free ed-tech course coupons worth over ₹253 crore
- National Educational Alliance for Technology (NEAT) is an initiative to provide the use of best-developed technological solutions in the education sector to enhance the employability of the youth on a single platform for learners' convenience.

64. UJALA scheme completes 7 years

- Power Ministry has successfully completed seven years of distributing and selling LED lights under its flagship UJALA programme.
- It evolved into the world's largest zero-subsidy domestic lighting programme with more than 36.78 crore LEDs distributed across the country.

65. Apple, Samsung to make smartphones worth Rs 37,000 crore under PLI scheme

- Apple and Samsung are set to manufacture smartphones worth Rs 37,000 crore (\$5 billion) in 2022 under government's Production Linked Incentive scheme.
- It will exceed the target set by the government by over 50%.
- PLI give companies incentives on incremental sales from products manufactured in domestic units.

66. Govt notifies Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems

- Govt of India has notified 'Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)' to ensure minimum safety and quality requirements of drones.
- UAS commonly known as Drones.
- It will boost indigenous manufacturing of Drones and has been notified under Rule 7 of liberalized Drone Rules, 2021, which replaced Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) 2021.
- Ministry of Civil Aviation had approved PLI scheme for drones and drone components with an allocation of Rs 120 crore.

Important Committee

1-15 November 2022

1. Education ministry sets up panel to strengthen assessment of institutions

- **Head of the committee:** Dr. K. Radhakrishnan (Chairperson of Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur, and Chairperson of Standing Committee of IIT Council)

- The committee will strengthen the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions.
- It will prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy, 2020.

2. Gujarat Government Set Up Committee to Implement Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- It will be headed by a retired High Court judge and will have three or four members.
- Gujarat is the second BJP-led state after Uttarakhand to constitute a committee of experts on the UCC.
- Currently, Goa is the only state in India that has uniform civil code regardless of religion, gender and cast.

October 2022

1. Three-member panel to study on SC status for Dalit converts

- **Head of the committee:** K G Balakrishnan (former Chief Justice of India)
- Centre has appointed three-member commission to consider the possibility of granting SC status to new persons who have historically belonged to the Scheduled Castes but have converted to religions other than Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism.
- According to 2011 Census, SC account for 16.6% of the total population.

2. Panel on sustainable finance submits suggestions to IFSCA

- **Head of the committee:** CK Mishra
- The committee is based on sustainable finance, constituted by the International Financial Services Centres Authority at the GIFT City
- **Recommendation:** To develop a voluntary carbon market, framework for transition bonds, enabling de-risking mechanisms, promoting regulatory sandbox for green fintech & facilitating the creation of a global climate alliance.

3. Govt forms expert committee to probe WHO report on deaths of children in Gambia

- **Head of the committee:** Dr. YK Gupta (Vice Chairperson of Standing National Committee on Medicines)
- Centre has formed 4-member expert committee to investigate the report sent by WHO on the deaths of 66 children in Gambia by consumption of cough syrups from Sonipatbased company Maiden Pharmaceuticals Limited.

4. NAREDCO sets up finance committee to help builders procure funds from banks and NBFCs

- NAREDCO Finance Committee will enable member developers to easily access funds from banks and financial institutions based on merit and viability of the projects.
- National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) is an apex body formed under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- It will also support large-scale projects to access funds via financial institutions and educate members about the ways to enhance their credit ratings

5. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) sets up health insurance consultative committee

- **Head of the committee:** Rakesh Joshi
- It is a 15-member Health Insurance Consultative Committee with an aim to achieve the goal of universalization of health insurance in the country.
- It will identify the challenges in carrying out the health insurance business smoothly & make recommendations to facilitate ease of doing business.

6. IRDAI panel to develop insurance cover for rural population

- **Head of the committee:** Thomas M Devasia
- It is a 24-member committee to develop and suggest an affordable and comprehensive cover for the rural population.

It will explore and recommend on how to bring about synergies in the working and operations of 'Bima Vahak', 'Bima Vistaar' and the digital platform ' Bima Sugam.

September 2022

1. SEBI restructured panel on cyber security

- **Head of the committee:** Kumar Singh (DG at National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC))

- SEBI has restructured its high-level panel on cyber security that suggests measures to safeguard the capital markets from such attacks
- The panel earlier had 4 members but now has 6 members.
- Other members: Sanjay Bahl, H Krishnamurthy, Sandeep Shukla, Debdeep Mukhopadhyay and Sugata Gangopadhyay.

2. Government sets up Kirit Parikh committee to moderate gas prices

- **Head of the committee:** Kirit S Parikh (Former planning commission member)
- **Aim:** The panel will review the formula that dictates the pricing of gas produced by companies like ONGC

and Reliance as it looks to moderate the steep increase that producers would have otherwise got. It will suggest fair price to the end consumer.

3. Govt constitutes expert committee to address regulatory and other issues

- **Head of the committee:** M Damodaran (former SEBI chairman)
- The committee will examine & suggest measures to address regulatory and other issues to enable scaling up investments by venture capital and private equity investment.
- It will suggest measures to further accelerates investment into start-ups & sunrise sector

August 2022

1. Steel ministry sets up advisory committee for secondary steel sector

- Steel Ministry has constituted an advisory committee for secondary steel under the chairmanship of minister of civil aviation and steel Jyotiraditya Scindia.
- **Aim:** To identify and deliberate on the issues pertaining to the steel sector especially the secondary steel industry.
- Secondary steel share in steel output of nation has been falling sharply from a level of 55% (2015) to 40% (now).
- The secondary steel sector wants higher allocation of coal from Coal India.

2. Sebi restructures advisory committee on market data

- Sebi has restructured advisory committee on market data that recommends policy measures pertaining to securities market data access and privacy.
- The market data advisory committee will now have 20 members (earlier 21 members).
- Sebi has replaced former MD and CEO of NSE, Vikram Limaye by NSE current chief, Ashishkumar Chauhan.
- The committee is chaired by S Sahoo Professor at National Law University.

3. SEBI constitutes committee to attract foreign investment

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) Advisory Committee.
- **Aim:** To increase the overseas flows into the country.
- The 15 members committee will be chaired by former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian.
- Other members: Representing foreign banks, stock exchanges depositories and RBI.
- The committee will review investment avenues available for FPIs and to advise on the feasibility of new investment avenues.

4. Delhi High Court appoints 3-member committee to manage IOA affairs

- The Delhi High Court has passed an order to constitute a 3-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run daily affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
- **Agenda:** To prepare the new constitution of IOA as per the Sports Code and the court rulings, and prepare the electoral roll in order to hold fresh elections.
- The CoA will be assisted by three sportspersons — Abhinav Bindra (Shooter), Anju Bobby George (former long jumper) and L Bombayla Devi (archer).

July 2022

1. Government sets up committee to develop framework on right to repair

- The Department of Consumer Affairs has set up a committee in developing a framework for the 'Right to Repair'.
- The committee will be chaired by Nidhi Khare (Additional Secretary of Department of Consumer Affairs).
- Aim: To empower consumers and product buyers in the local market, harmonize trade between the original equipment manufacturers and the third-party buyers and sellers.
- Countries like the U.S.A, U.K, and European Union have already recognized the Right to Repair

2. Defence ministry sets up committee to conduct performance, efficiency audit

- The defence ministry has set up an apex committee to conduct "performance and efficiency" audit of capital procurements, logistics, inventory and maintenance of assets of the armed forces.

- The committee is headed by the defence secretary.
- Committee will advise Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh on measures for overall improvement in strengthening of internal oversight and risk management framework in various aspects of functioning of the ministry.

3. Government forms Committee on MSP of agri produce

- The Centre has set up a Committee on Minimum Support Price under the chairmanship of Former Agriculture Secretary, Sanjay Agrawal.
- Aim: The minimum support price (MSP) more effective and transparent.
- The committee will also suggest measures to promote zero-budget natural farming and crop diversification to fulfil the changing needs of the nation.
- Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar

Science and Defence1-15th November 2022

- China** has successfully launched a second lab module, Mengtian, by using a Long March-5B Y4 rocket.
Note: It was launched from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on the coast of the southern island province of Hainan. Scientific equipment will be used for studying microgravity and carrying out experiments in fluid physics, materials science, combustion science, and fundamental physics
- Royal Australian Navy has sent ships HMAS Adelaide and Anzac for Exercise 'Indo-Pacific Endeavour', that was conducted by Indian Navy at **Visakhapatnam**.
Note: Meanwhile, the Indian Navy hold the Commanders Conference in New Delhi which was addressed by Rajnath Singh. IPE 2022 will see engagements with the Maldives, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, the Philippines, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Laos, Cambodia, India, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia
- DRDO** has conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence interceptor AD-1 missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.
Note: This flight-test was carried out with the participation of all BMD weapon system elements. AD-1

is a long-range interceptor missile. It is designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

- The process for registration of Indian army improved new design and camouflage pattern uniform was completed by **Kolkata's** Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark.
Note: The Ministry of Defence has announced that the Indian Army has registered 'Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)' of the new design and camouflage pattern uniform. With the IPR, the rights of design and camouflage pattern rests solely with the Indian Army. Unauthorized manufacturer will be liable to face legal repercussions.
- Indian Army** has approved project sanction orders of five Make II projects to provide an impetus to India's vision for self-reliance.
Note: Projects: High-Frequency Man Packed Software Designed Radio, Drone Kill System, Infantry Training Weapon Simulator, 155mm Terminally Guided Munitions and Medium Range Precision Kill System. These are industry-funded projects, that involves design,

- development and innovative solutions by Indian vendors for development of prototypes.
6. **11th** edition of the annual Joint Military Training (JMT) between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Republic of Singapore Air Force (RSAF) will be held at Air Force Station, Kalaikunda, West Bengal.
Note: The six weeks long military training will be conducted from 09 to 18 November 2022. The RSAF will participate the JMT-2022 with F-16 aircraft. While, the Indian Air Force would showcase Su-30 MKI, Jaguar, MiG-29 and LCA Tejas aircraft.
 7. India's first private rocket, **Vikram-S** is ready to launch between November 12 and 16, from ISRO's launchpad at Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
Note: It is a single-stage sub-orbital launch vehicle, which would carry three customer payloads, and validate the majority of the technologies in the Vikram series of space launch vehicles. The rocket was developed by the Skyroot Aerospace (Hyderabad). This rocket will launch under their maiden mission named 'Prarambh' (the beginning)
 8. ISRO has successfully tested the hot test on **Cryogenic engine** at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu.
Note: This engine will power the heaviest rocket of ISRO, the LVM-3 (Previously called as GSLV-Mk3). LVM-III went through the hot test at an uprated thrust level of 21.8 tonnes for the first time. Aim: To test that the engine can support a payload capability of up to 450 kg with additional propellant loading.
 9. India has participated in **26th** edition of International Malabar Naval Exercise, organised in Yokosuka of Japan in November 2022.
Note: The naval exercise also joined by Australia, Japan and the USA. The exercise will continue till the 18th of next month. From India, Indian Naval Ships Shivalik and Kamorta have been demonstrated at the event. The MALABAR exercise was initiated in 1992 between the navies of India and the United States. Later, it was joined by Japan in 2015, Australia in 2020.
 10. **Indian Army** has launched a single window facility named Veerangana Sewa Kendra (VSK) for welfare and grievances redressal of Veer Naris.
Note: The Indian Army has launched this facility with a motto of "Taking Care of Our Own, No Matter What". The project was inaugurated by President Army Wives Welfare Association at the Directorate of Indian Army Veterans premises located at Delhi Cantt. The VSK will be available on www.indianarmyveterans.gov.in.
 11. The 7th edition of the bilateral air exercise between IAF and the French Air and Space Force (FAF), 'Garuda-VII', was concluded at Air Force Station **Jodhpur**.
Note: Exercise Garuda-VII provided the two Air Forces with the opportunity for professional interaction and sharing of operational knowledge and experience. The exercise also provided a platform for cultural exchange between the Air Force personnel of both the countries.

October 2022

1. The Indian Mars Orbiter Craft, Mangalyaan has runs out of fuel and battery after completing **8 years**.
Note: ISRO has launched the Mars Orbiter Mission (MoM) on November 3, 2013. The spacecraft entered the Martian orbit on September 24, 2014. It helped to study the Martian landscape including surface geology, morphology, atmospheric processes, surface temperature, and atmospheric escape process. India is the first nation in the world to reach Mars on a Maiden attempt.
2. Indian Air Force has decommissioned 51 Squadron, which is also known as **Swordarms**.
Note: It was raised at Chandigarh on February 1, 1985 under the command of Wg Cdr VK Chawla. The Squadron moved to its present location at Srinagar on May 1, 1986. The Squadron operation has been stopped from 30 June 2022. Now, IAF has three only MiG squadrons remaining now. This aircraft was flown by Wing Commander, Abhinandan Varthaman had shot down a Pakistan Air Force's F-16.
3. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has formally inducted the indigenously-developed LCH **Prachanda** in the Indian Air Force at Air Force Station, Jodhpur in Rajasthan.
Note: It would be inducted into the 143 Helicopter Unit. It was developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL). This helicopter is powered by two Shakti engines and equipped with stealth features, all-weather combat capability, and armour protection.
4. Indian Navy has signed an agreement with **Royal New Zealand Navy** country on White Shipping Information Exchange.
Note: Aim: To promote greater transparency in the Maritime Domain. The agreement was signed between Navy chief Admiral, R Hari Kumar and Rear Admiral, David Proctor, Chief of Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN). The white shipping information refers to the exchange of prior information on the movement and identity of commercial non-military merchant vessels.
5. SpaceX has launched group of four astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS) as part of **Crew-5 mission** from Launch Complex 39A, Kennedy Space Center, Florida.
Note: This is the first time that the SpaceX has launched a Russian cosmonaut on its vehicle, which comes as part of an exchange deal between Nasa and Roscosmos. The Crew-5 flight carried Nasa astronauts Nicole Mann and Josh Cassada, Koichi Wakata (JAXA), and Anna Kikina (Roscosmos cosmonaut).
6. According to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the X-ray spectrometer 'CLASS' on the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter has mapped an abundance of

- Sodium** chemical compound on the moon for the first time.
- Note:** Chandrayaan-1's X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (C1XS) has detected sodium from its characteristic line in X-rays. CLASS was built at the U R Rao Satellite Centre of ISRO in Bengaluru. It provides clean signatures of the sodium line due to its high sensitivity and performance.
7. **Asteria Aerospace Limited** has received India's first micro category drone type certification for its indigenously designed A200 drone from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
Note: The A200 drone was found to be fully compliant with the Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. Asteria's A200 drone has been developed for surveying and mapping applications in GIS, agriculture, construction, mining and other industries.
 8. **Russia** has launched a GLONASS-K navigation system from northern cosmodrome.
Note: This system was carried by Soyuz-2.1b medium-class launch vehicle. GLONASS-K is a navigation satellite intended as a part of the Russian GLONASS radio-based satellite navigation system. Russia has spent billions of dollars in the past two decades on developing the GLONASS system.
 9. **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** has launched a 'made-in-India camera drone named 'Droni' with advanced features.
Note: This drone was manufactured by Garuda Aerospace. The new drone is useful for surveillance and will be available for purchase towards the end of 2022. During the event, it was also announced the launch of Kisan Drone, a battery-powered device, aimed at farmers who want to spray pesticides.
 10. As per the report, 'Developing the Space Ecosystem in India: Focusing on Inclusive Growth', India's space economy is expected to touch \$12.8 billion by the year **2025**.
Note: The report was released by the Indian Space Association (ISpA) and Ernst and Young. Reason: Increasing private participation, increased demand for small satellites. It was also noted that, India has of over 100 space tech start-ups with investments in the segment touching \$68 million in 2021.
 11. **National Security Guard (NSG)** has organised the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE), "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022" at Manesar Garrison.
Note: The exercises was conducted under the framework of SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS). It is the second stage of the exercise, as the Stage-1 was conducted from July 27 to August 1 by the National Counter Terrorist Forces of SCO Member Countries in their respective territories.
 12. NASA has announced that DART spacecraft has successfully managed to change the motion of the asteroid 'Dimorphos'. **Double Asteroid Redirection Test** is the full form of DART.
Note: This is the first demonstration of the "kinetic impactor" method of asteroid mitigation. It was launched in November 2021 and crashed into the space rock on September 26, 2022. Prior, it took Dimorphos 11 hours and 55 minutes to orbit its asteroid Didymos, now it changed the moonlet asteroid's orbit by 32 minutes
 13. **Convergence Energy Services Ltd (CESL)** has set up a solar-powered charging station for electric vehicles in Ladakh region.
Note: The integrated carport was inaugurated by LG of Ladakh, R K Mathur in Leh. He also handed over customised electric cars that was manufactured by Hyundai Motor Company. The EV carport constitutes 100 kW solar PV panels with a 860 kW/hour lithium-ion battery storage system.
 14. The President of India, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility at **IIT Guwahati**.
Note: This facility will be provided to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields such as weather and climate, bioinformatics, computational, AI, etc. This is a state-of-the-art supercomputer, set up under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM).
 15. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) in association with **Power-CSIRTs** have conducted Cyber Security Exercise named "PowerEX" for 193 power sector utilities.
Note: Aim: To recognize, analyze & respond to Cyber Incident in IT & OT Systems. 2022 Theme: Defending Cyber induced disruption in IT & OT infrastructure
 16. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has launched **Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot** website on October 14, 2022 to enable citizens to contribute for the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund (AFBCWF).
Note: It is a Tri service fund that will be utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance of ex-gratia, to the Next of Kin and dependents of Battle Casualties. The government appoints veteran actor, Amitabh Bachchan as the Goodwill Ambassador.
 17. **Eastern Naval Command** has conducted an offshore security exercise, 'Prasthan' in the Krishna Godavari Basin Offshore Development Area (ODA) on October 11 and 12.
Note: The exercise is conducted every six months. It aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defence. The exercise resulted in refining the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and response actions to several contingencies in the Offshore Defence Area, off Kakinada.
 18. **INS Arihant**, the nuclear-powered submarine of India has carried out a successful launch of a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) in the Bay of Bengal.
Note: Reason: To validate the operational and technological parameters of the weapon system. INS Arihant: It is a 6,000-tonne submarine. It is a lead ship of India's Arihant class of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines. It is India's first indigenous nuclear submarine that has been inducted in the Indian Navy.

19. 7th edition of IBSAMAR, a joint multinational maritime exercise was organised Port Elizabeth, South Africa from 10 - 12 Oct 22.
Note: In the exercise, Indian Navy has represented the Teg class guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, Chetak helicopter and personnel from the Marine Commando Force. The harbour phase of 7th edition includes professional exchanges such as damage control and fire-fighting drills, VBSS/cross boarding lectures and interaction among Special Forces.
20. The 12th edition of biennial DefExpo is being organised in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar, Gujarat from 18th - 22nd, Oct, 2022. '**Path to Pride**' is the theme of 12th DefExpo.
Note: Agenda: Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry. This also provide an opportunity to showcase their equipment and platforms and to explore the capabilities of the expanse of Indian Defence industry for forging business partnerships.
21. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch its third mission to the moon, Chandrayaan-3 in **June 2023**.
Note: The launch of Chandrayaan-3 (C-3) will be onboard from the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM3). It will be launched with more robust lunar rover onboard which is crucial for future inter-planetary explorations. Chandrayaan-3 is the successor to the Chandrayaan-2 mission. ISRO also plans to fly Indian astronauts into orbit by the end of 2024.
22. **Ola** organisation has officially launched 'S1 Air', its most affordable electric scooter in the country.
Note: The price of the new electric scooter is set at ₹85,000. The new Ola electric scooter will compete against Honda Activa, TVS Jupiter, Suzuki Access and Yamaha Fascino. The electric scooter comes equipped with the company's latest MoveOS 3 and is said to have a range of 76km. The all-new Ola S1 Air packs 2.5KWh lithium-ion battery and takes about 4.5 hours to charge fully.
23. **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras** and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory researchers have studied the interactions between microbes in the International Space Station (ISS).
Note: Finding: A microbe that resides on the ISS, was found to be beneficial to various other microorganisms but hampered the growth of a fungus. This study would help devise strategies for the disinfection of space stations to minimise any potential impact of microbes on the health of astronauts.
24. The ISRO is set to launch **36** broadband communication satellites on board its biggest rocket, the LVM3-M2 at Sriharikota spaceport in AP.
Note: The LVM3-M2 mission was created specifically for a foreign client, OneWeb, by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL). It is the first multi-satellite mission, carrying 36 OneWeb satellites to LEO as the largest payload ever for LVM3 (5,796 kg). The LVM3-M2 mission represents NewSpace India Ltd's 1st dedicated commercial mission.
25. ISRO has renamed the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mark -III as **Launch Vehicle Mark-III**.
Note: Reason: To identify its task of placing satellites into a variety of orbits. The rocket is no longer to the geosynchronous orbit. This rocket can go anywhere - GEO (Geosynchronous Earth Orbit), MEO (Medium Earth Orbit), LEO (Low Earth Orbit). It will be used for India's maiden human space flight, Gaganyaan, which is tentatively scheduled for late 2024.
26. The Indian and **US military** force have conducted a three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise, "Tiger Triumph" exercise at Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam.
Note: Aim: To build strategic cooperation between the two countries. Focus: Staff planning, with an emphasis on processes for streamlining diplomatic, operational, and logistical coordination. This exercise is the second collaboration between the Indian and US militaries to coordinate disaster relief in the region
27. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone of the facility for the aircraft manufacturing unit in **Vadodara** on 30th October 2022.
Note: The new plant will manufacture C-295 transport aircraft that are on order by IAF under a ₹21,935 crore deal inked in 2021. Airbus (European aviation major) and India's TATA group will jointly manufacture at least 40 C-295 transport aircraft in India.
28. Indian Navy is hosting **29th** edition of Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) from 26th to 30th October 2022 at Visakhapatnam.
Note: It is being conducted in two phases: Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam from 26 to 27 October 2022 followed by Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal from 28 to 30 October 2022. SIMBEX exercise began in 1994 and were initially known as Exercise Lion King. RSS Stalwart and RSS Vigilance (Victory Class Corvette) from Singapore will join the exercise
29. Indian Air Force (IAF) and **French Air and Space Force (FAF)** have jointly conducting a bilateral exercise named 'Garuda VII' at Air Force Station Jodhpur from 26 October to 12 November 2022.
Note: In the exercise, FAF has participated in with Rafale fighter aircrafts, A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport aircraft and a contingent of 220 personnel. While the IAF has participated with Su-30 MKI, Rafale, LCA Tejas and Jaguar fighter aircraft, as well as LCH and Mi-17 helicopters.
30. **India** has participated in the first edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT) commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27 October.
Note: Indian Navy has represented the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak helicopter and MARCOS (Special Forces). Objectives: (1) Capability development to address common threats through

training and sharing of best practices, (2) Enhancing interoperability, and strengthening maritime cooperation

31. India successfully test-fired 'Agni Prime', a new generation of ballistic missiles from **Odisha**.
Note: The 'Agni Prime', or 'Agni-P', is a nuclear-capable new-gen advanced variant of the Agni class of missiles.

It is a two-stage canisterised missile with a maximum range of 2,000 km. It weighs 50% less than the Agni 3 missile and has new guidance and propulsion systems. In addition, since it is canisterised, it can be launched from rail or road.

September 2022

1. Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) has collaborated with the Cyber Security Agency of **Singapore** to design and conduct the Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries.
Note: It was a part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group. The Group is being led by India under the leadership of National Security Council Secretariat. Theme: "Building Network Resiliency to counter Ransomware Attacks".
2. **HM, Amit Shah** has launched the Central Armed Police Forces' eAwas web-portal to operationalise the revised policy of allotment and bring transparency to the allotment process.
Note: The web-portal will enable online registration and allotment of residential quarters to eligible personnel of CAPFs and Assam Rifles. CAPF has been classified into three major categories: Border Guarding Forces; Forces for Internal Security; and Special Task Force
3. The Cabinet Committee on Security has approved the project **Tejas Mark-2** and sanctioned 6,500 crore rupees for designing and developing fighter jet with prototypes, flight testing, and certification.
Note: The allocation comes in addition to the existing 2500 crore rupees sanctioned to HAL. Tejas 2.0 will be equipped with more powerful GE- F414 engines in the 98 Kilonewton thrust class and carry additional payload and weapons as compared to the existing version.
4. **Australia** has signed six space industry MoU with India's based organisation at the Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX) 2022.
Note: HEX20 - Skyroot Aerospace: For launch services, spacecraft avionics and components for Australian space initiatives. QL Space - Skyroot Aerospace: To develop launch facilities in Australia and support joint mineral exploration missions in space. QL Space - GalaxEye: To develop a hybrid optic and radar payload. QL Space - SatSure: To build satellite and AI-based solutions
5. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully demonstrated a new technology with Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD), was designed and developed by **Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC)**.
Note: IAD is a game-changer with multiple applications for future missions including to Mars and Venus. The IAD was successfully test flown in a 'Rohini' sounding rocket from Thumba Equatorial Rocket Launching Station.
6. National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) of India and the UK Government in collaboration with **BAE Systems** to conduct the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries.
Note: Aim: To simulate a large, wide-spread cyber security incident affecting organisations within a country. It is a part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative- Resilience Working Group. This initiative is being led by India under the leadership of NCSC.
7. The MOXIE has been successfully producing oxygen from Mars carbon dioxide-rich atmosphere since February 2021. **Mars oxygen in-situ resource utilisation experiment** is the full form of MOXIE.
Note: MOXIE, is a lunchbox-sized gadget that generated breathable oxygen on Mars which is equivalent to the effort of a tiny tree. MOXIE was landed on the Mars surface as part of Nasa's Perseverance rover mission. The MOXIE has met its objective of producing 6g of oxygen per hour in each run.
8. NASA has selected **Axiom Space** to develop a moonwalking system for the Artemis III.
Note: Artemis will put humans back on the surface of the Moon for the first time in 50 years. The contract, with a base value of \$228.5 million is a task order to develop the next-generation Artemis spacesuit. The space agency used its 50 years of spacesuit experience to define the technical and safety requirements for the next generation of spacesuits.
9. IIT-Madras and **University of Sydney** have entered into a research partnership to help address the energy challenges facing nations across the world.
Note: The partnership will see each of the institutions investing AU\$50,000 a year in joint funding for up to four research projects. The partnership will see experts from the two institutions working together to develop research and advanced technology in fields related to energy.
10. DRDO and which armed force have successfully conducted six flight-tests of Quick Reaction Surface

to Air Missile (QRSAM) system from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the Odisha coast _____.

Note: Aim: To check the pin-point accuracy of the weapon system with state-of-the-art guidance and control algorithms

11. Army's Kharga Corps and **Indian Air Force** conducted a joint exercise to showcase the might and prowess of the armed forces.
Note: Termed "Gagan Strike", the exercise was conducted over a period of four days in several areas of Punjab, bordering Ambala in Haryana. The force multiplier effect of combining these machines with ground operations has enhanced the combat superiority of our forces.
12. **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL)** shipbuilder has launched the third Stealth Frigate of Project 17A 'Taragiri'.
Note: The vessel has an approximate launch weight of 3510 Tons. Designed by: Bureau of Naval Design, in-house design of Indian Navy. The ship is 149.02 M long & 17.8 M wide, is propelled by a CODOG combination of two Gas Turbines and 02 Main Diesel Engines. The keel of Taragiri was laid on the 10th of September 2020 and the ship is expected to be delivered by August 2025.
13. Indian Army has been collaborated with **HPCL** to provide a learning platform to less-privileged girl students of Kargil Region in UT Ladakh.
Note: The platform named 'Kargil Ignited Minds', which provide coaching and mentoring to the aspiring girl students. Aim: To prepare 50 girl students for various National-level Engineering & Medical entrance examinations. Focus: To empower the underprivileged girls with limited resources, residing in extreme weather conditions.
14. The navies of India and Japan are carrying out the sixth edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise (JIMEX 22) hosted by the Indian Navy at **Bay of Bengal**.
Note: Aim: To enhance operational understanding. The Japan Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) has deployed Izumo (helicopter carrier) and Takanami (guided missile destroyer) for this exercise. The Indian Navy has represented by multi-purpose stealth frigate Sahyadri and anti-submarine warfare corvettes Kadmat.
15. **China's 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.
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).

16. The first female camel riding squad of BSF is ready to be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and **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.
17. Indian Navy has decommissioned **INS Ajay** after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
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
18. ENC Yachting Championship was conducted by INWTC, INS Circas under the aegis of HQENC at **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 Dinghly, 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.
19. **Israel'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.
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.
20. **36** 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.
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).
21. The researchers of **China** have discovered a rare lunar crystal and nuclear power source on near side of the moon.
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.

22. **ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre** 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).
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.
23. The Defence Ministry has signed an MoU with Bank of Baroda and **HDFC Bank** under the SPARSH (System for Pension Administration).
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
24. An Indo-US coast guard joint exercise called Abhyas-01/22 held was conducted in **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.

25. **Israeli Navy** has completed a complex test of the Gabriel V anti-ship missile system from the new Sa'ar 6 corvette.
Note: The missile was manufactured by Israel Aerospace Industries, IAI. Range: over 200 km
26. 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 **₹1700 Crore (approx)** under "Buy-Indian" Category.
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.
27. **DRDO** has conducted successful test flights of Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missiles at the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha.
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

August 2022

1. Third edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" has conducted at Chandimandir in Haryana till 20th August.
Note: Aim: To strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam. Theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022: Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations.
2. The joint military Exercise "AL NAJAH -IV" between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman has conducted in **Bikaner, Rajasthan**.
Note: The contingent of Royal Army of Oman comprising 60 personnel from the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment and the Indian Army is represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion.
3. Along with 13 countries, India will take part in **Pitch Black** exercise that has been organised by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Australia.
Note: This mega air exercise is scheduled to be held from August 19 to September 6. Participants (17 countries): Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.
4. To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed forces during the Kargil War, **Point 5140** at Drass in Kargil Sector was renamed as 'Gun Hill'.
Note: The Regiment of Artillery, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences. On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the success of 'Operation Vijay'.

5. **18th** edition of India and US mega military exercise “Yudh Abhyas” will be held in Auli, Uttarakhand from October 14 to 31, 2022.
Note: Aim: To build the understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies. The 17th edition of the exercise was held in Alaska in US.
6. Along with Indian army, **DRDO** organisation has successfully test-fired indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun.
Note: The missiles have hit the target successfully with the precision at two different ranges. Laser Guided ATGM employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank (HEAT) warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour protected armoured vehicles. This is currently under technical evaluation trials from MBT Arjun's 120 mm rifled gun
7. Five women officers of **INAS 314** have created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission over the north Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft.
Note: The INAS 314 is a frontline Naval Air Squadron based at Porbandar, Gujarat. Five women: Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma (Mission Commander); Lt Shivangi; Lt Apurva Gite; Lt Pooja Panda; Sub Lt Pooja Shekhawat
8. **South Korea** has successfully launched its first lunar mission, Danuri, from Cape Canaveral in Florida.
Note: It is also known as Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter. This mission is jointly developed by Nasa and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute.
 - South Korea has also planned to land its own spacecraft on the moon by 2030.
9. Which rocket launched by United Launch Alliance (ULA) from Space Launch Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station for carrying the Space Based Infrared System Geosynchronous Earth Orbit-6 (SBIRS GEO 6) mission for the U.S. Space Force's Space Systems Command _____ **Atlas V rocket**.
Note: SBIRS is an early missile warning system that will replace the Defense Support Program (launched in the 1950). The ULA is a joint venture between Lockheed Martin and Boeing.
10. Co-passenger satellite **Azaadi SAT** has been launched by the Indian Space Research Organization along with Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-02, but failed due to a technical anomaly in the cryogenic stage.
Note: It is a three-stage vehicle with all solid propulsion stages. The 'Azaadi Satellite' is designed by 750 girl students of government schools in rural areas from Kashmir to Kanyakumari.
11. **China** successfully launched a pilot reusable spacecraft with its Long March-2F carrier rocket.
Note: The unidentified spacecraft, which was launched from China's Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center, will return to a planned landing site after operating in the orbit for some time to provide technical validations for reuses. A similar mission was launched by China in 2020. Spacecraft will operate in orbit for some time and then return to the intended landing site in China.
12. **Indian Army** has conducted a pan-India exercise called ‘Skylight’, to test and validate its entire satellite-based communication network.
Note: Reason: To ensure operational readiness in case of a conflict in the future. The exercise involved all kinds of satellite communication from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Ladakh, where India and China have engaged in a military stand-off for the past two years.
13. **Russian Rocket** has successfully launched an Iranian satellite named Khayyam, into orbit by the Soyuz rocket.
Note: It was launched from the Russia-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan. The name of satellite was named after Omar Khayyam, a Persian scientist who lived in the 11th and 12th centuries. The satellite fitted with high-resolution camera will be used for environmental monitoring and will remain fully under its control.
14. Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully completed the test-firing of the LEM of Crew Escape System from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. What is the full form of LEM (**Low Altitude Escape Motor**).
Note: Objective: Evaluation of motor ballistic parameters; Validation of motor subsystem performance. LEM is a distinctive special purpose solid rocket motor. It has four reverse flow nozzles. It generates a maximum sea level thrust of 842 kN (nominal) with a burn time of 5.98 seconds (nominal).
15. India's first virtual space museum **SPARK** was launched by ISRO Chairman, S Somanath.
Note: To showcase the digital content related to different ISRO missions in an interactive manner. SPARK can be accessed through the official website of ISRO or at: <https://spacepark.isro.gov.in>. Presently, the space organisation has also launched an application, the beta version of SPARK on their website.
16. India has officially began working with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) of **Bahrain**.
Note: Aim: To strengthen collaboration in regional security in the Western Indian Ocean. At the India-US 2+2 in April 2022, India had announced that it would join the CMF as an Associate Partner. CMF is a multi-national naval partnership (34 nation grouping) to promote security, stability and prosperity across the 3.2 million square miles of international waters.

17. **13th** edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022” has started at Bakloh of Himachal Pradesh.
Note: Aim: To share best practices and experiences and also improve inter-operability. The 12th edition was held at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (USA) in October 2021. During the exercise, both armies would jointly train, plan and execute a series of Special Operations, Counter Terrorist Operations, and Air Borne operations.
18. The 12th edition of the Defence Expo, India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems will be organised in **Gandhinagar, Gujarat**.
Note: The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022. Theme: Path to Pride. Focus: Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry. The exhibition is in line with the vision of PM Modi to achieve self-reliance in defence and achieve export of \$5 billion by 2025.
19. A contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has participated in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti' with **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF)**.
Note: Indian Air Force is participating in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft while the RMAF will be flying Su 30 MKM aircraft. The four days of exercise will witness the conduct of various aerial combat drills between the two Air Forces.
20. The Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has handed over new weapons systems - F-INSAS, Nipun mines, LCA to the Indian army. The full form of F-INSAS is **Future Infantry Soldier As A System**.
Note: F-INSAS is designed to transform the infantry soldier into a self-contained fighting machine. Nipun mines: It will act as the first line of defence against enemy infantry or tanks or infiltration attempts by terrorists. Landing Craft Assault (LCA): It helps the Army more efficiently mobilise its forces.
21. Indian army and Chinese Army will attend the Vostok 2022 military exercises that will be held in **Russia**.
Note: Other participants: Belarus, Mongolia and Tajikstan. The strategic command and staff exercise will be held under the chief of Russia's General Staff, Valery Gerasimov, at 13 training grounds of the Eastern Military District. In 2021, India had attended ZAPAD 2021 drills in Russia in which 17 countries including China and Pakistan.
22. **3rd** edition of Ex VINBAX 2022 Bilateral Army Exercise between India and Vietnam has been concluded at Chandimandir, Haryana.
Note: Theme of Ex VINBAX – 2022: Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team under United Nations Contingent for Peacekeeping Operations. Focus: Strengthening mutual confidence and interoperability. The next edition of VINBAX will be hosted in Vietnam in 2023.
23. The Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and **Australia** have been concluded.
Note: INS Sumedha participated with HMAS Anzac in the exercise reaffirming the strong navy-to-navy links and interoperability between Indian Navy and Royal Australian Navy. The MPX included cross deck landing of helicopters, tactical manoeuvres and a farewell steam past. Indian Navy's INS Sumedha was docked at Perth in Australia to celebrate India's 76th Independence Day.
24. South Korea and the **United States** have started began their largest joint military drills, 'Ulchi Freedom Shield', and scheduled to end on 1st of September.
Note: South Korea has also launched the four-day Ulchi civil defence drills separately, that is designed to boost government readiness. Aim: To normalise the combined exercises and boost deterrence against North Korea. The exercise also aimed at improving the country's preparedness to match the changing patterns of war.
25. As per the official sources, PM Modi will commission the India's first indigenously-built aircraft carrier (IAC) Vikrant on **September 2, 2022**.
Note: The four trial phases of IAC Vikrant was completed on 10th July 2022. The IAC Vikrant was designed by Indian Navy's in-house Directorate of Naval Design (DND) and built by the Cochin Shipyard Limited. The IAC is 262 metres long, 62 metres wide and has a height of 59 metres. The construction of IAC Vikrant was began in 2009.
26. India has successfully test-fired VL-SRSAM from the Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the Odisha coast. The full form of VLSRSAM **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile**.
Note: The missile was tested by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy. This missile is equipped with indigenous radio frequency (RF) seeker, intercepted the target with high accuracy. The missile system has been indigenously designed and developed by DRDO
27. **Indian Navy** has received the first made in India produced 30mm ammunition for AK-630 guns fitted on warships.
Note: Satyanarayan Nuwal (CMD of Economic Explosives Limited) has handed over the first consignment of the ammunition to Navy Vice Chief Vice Admiral SN Ghormade. It achievement has been done in 12 months and all components are indigenous. It is the first time that the services have placed an order on the Indian private industry for the delivery of gun ammunition

28. India and Tanzania has decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation.

Note: This decision was taken during wide-ranging talks between Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh and his visiting Tanzanian counterpart, Stergomena Lawrence Tax. Aim: To boost the bilateral defence ties as well as military-to-military cooperation. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has also invited Tax to the India-Africa Defence Dialogue and the DefExpo.

29. Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has concluded the 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX -22 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Note: Theme of 10th edition of the biennial exercise is "Capacity Building towards Marine Passenger Safety". This exercise was reviewed by Indian Coast Guard chief VS Pathania along with other agencies and foreign participants. The two-day exercise was conducted under the aegis of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB)

July 2022

1. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has inaugurated a new manufacturing facilities at the Bhanur Unit of Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) in **Telangana**.

Note: Includes: Warhead facility at the Bhanur Unit; a Radio Frequency (RF) Seeker facility at Kanchanbagh Unit. The RF Seeker Facility is an integrated Centre for the production and testing of RF seekers.

2. **DRDO** has conducted successfully the maiden flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from the Aeronautical Test Range, Karnataka.

Note: It is powered by a small turbofan engine. The unmanned aerial vehicle is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment. The aircraft system such as airframe, undercarriage and entire flight control and avionics systems had been developed indigenously.

3. Indian Navy has commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron **324** in the presence of Vice Admiral, Biswajit Dasgupta at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam.

Note: This is the first Naval Squadron on the Eastern Seaboard operating indigenously designed and built Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR) helicopters. This has been named as 'Kestrels', after a bird species, that has good sensory capabilities, symbolising the role envisaged of the aircraft and the air squadron.

4. The defence ministry has allowed three private sector banks **HDFC Bank Ltd, ICICI Bank, and Axis Bank** to provide financial services to it for overseas procurement of military hardware.

Note: Earlier, only authorised public sector banks were allow to provide services such as issuance of letters of credit and DBT to the ministry. For one year on concurrent basis, the selected banks may be allocated with LC business of Rs 2,000 crore, each on the capital and revenue side.

5. Indigenous Aircraft Carrier **Vikrant** has successfully completed its fourth phase of Sea Trials.

Note: Vikrant has an indigenous content of 76%. The construction of the aircraft carrier began in 2009. The indigenous design and construction of Aircraft Carrier by Indian Navy and Cochin Shipyard Limited.

6. China has begun four-day naval exercises 'Sea Guardians-2' from the coast of Shanghai with **Pakistan**.

Note: This drill exercise involves Pakistan's most advanced China-built frigate. Taimur is the second of four powerful Type 054A/P frigates built by China, was delivered to the Pakistan Navy. Theme: jointly dealing with maritime security threats.

7. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh has launched **75** defence products powered by artificial intelligence at the first-ever 'AI in Defence' symposium and exhibition.

Note: This exhibition was organised by the Ministry of Defence in New Delhi. Products include: AI Platform Automation; Autonomous/Unmanned/Robotics systems; Block Chain-based Automation; Command, Control, Computer & Intelligence and many more. These products will open up new business avenues for the Defence PSUs.

8. Space-tech start-up company **Agnikul Cosmos** has opened its Rocket Factory-1, India's first-ever rocket facility dedicated to 3D printed rocket engines at scale.

Note: The facility at IIT Madras Research Park was unveiled by N Chandrasekaran, Chairman, TATA Sons with ISRO Chairman S Somanath being the Guest of Honour. The IIT Madras incubated start-up became the first Indian company to sign an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation in December 2020.

9. **Syngenta India** has launched a Biodiversity Sensor Project, a biodiversity monitoring technology in association with IIT Ropar.

- Note:** Syngenta also flagged off India's first Drone Yatra, that will travel 10,000 kms to create awareness on drone spraying among 10,000 farmers. The Yatra will travel to 13 states to demonstrate and educate farmers on use of drones. For the Biodiversity Sensor Project, Syngenta India is working with IIT Ropar & Fraunhofer Institute.
- 10. SpaceX Cargo Dragon spacecraft CRS-25** has launched from "launch complex 39A" of the Kennedy Space Centre.
Note: The spacecraft was lifted off on Falcon 9. CRS-25 was initially scheduled to launch in June 2022, but it was delayed due to a hydrazine leak on the spacecraft. Hydrazine: Used by Dragon's Draco thrusters and is highly corrosive to components not designed to interact with the fuel. SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk.
- 11. Dunagiri Project 17A** has been launched into the Hooghly river at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited, Kolkata.
Note: The ceremony was attended by Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as the chief guest. It is christened after a 'Dunagiri', mountain range in the state of Uttarakhand. It is the fourth ship of P17A Frigates (Shivalik Class) with improved stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems.
- 12. INS Sindhudhvaj**, kilo-class submarine which has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy.
Note: It has been acquired from Russia in 1987. India had acquired 8 of the submarines, designated 877 EKM, between 1986 and 1991 and two more were acquired between 1998 and 2000. India has four Type 209 submarines of German origin and four of the indigenously manufactured Scorpene class of French origin. Two more Scorpene submarines will be delivered to the Indian Navy by 2023 end.
- 13.** The defence ministry has set up an apex committee to conduct "performance and efficiency" audit of capital procurements, logistics, inventory and maintenance of assets of the armed forces.
Note: Committee will advise Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh on measures for overall improvement in strengthening of internal oversight and risk management framework in various aspects of functioning of the ministry.
- 14. 'SPRINT challenges'** launched by PM Modi with an aim to boost the usage of indigenous technology in the Indian Navy.
Note: This was unveiled at a naval seminar, which is organised by the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Organisation (NIIO) and Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers. SPRINT: Supporting Pole-Vaulting in R&D through iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence), NIIO and TDAC (Technology Development Acceleration Cell).
- 15. China** has successfully launched the Wentian laboratory module (23-tonne), second space module to its permanent space station.
Note: This has been launched on the Long March 5B from the Wenchang Space Launch Center on the southern island of Hainan. This module will help astronauts to carry out their scientific experiments, along with the other lab module. First space module was Tianhe, was launched in April 2021 and the third module, Mengtian, will be launched soon.
- 16. Russia** will withdraw from the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024.
Note: Russia and the United States have worked side by side on the space station which has been in orbit since 1998. ISS is the largest modular space station currently in low Earth orbit. Five participating space agencies: NASA (US), Roscosmos (Russia), JAXA (Japan), ESA (Europe), and CSA (Canada).
- 17.** A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) has been conducted between Indian Navy and Maritime Self Defense Force of **Japan**.
Note: INS Sukanya (offshore patrol vessel) and JS Samidare (Murasame class destroyer) undertook various exercises, which include seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction. Aim: Enhancing interoperability and streamlining seamanship and communication procedures.
- 18.** Fighter jets **MiG-21** will be retired by the Indian Air Force by 2022 September.
Note: Other three scheduled to be phased out by 2025. The old MiG-21s will be replaced with newer fighter jets. The air force received its first single-engine MiG-21 in 1963. The fighter jet has been participated in many operations like Safed Sagar (Kargil, 1999), operation of India in Pakistan in February 2019.

Honor & Awards

1-15 November 2022

1. Name the Malayalam literary, who has been selected for the Kerala government for its first 'Kerala Jyothi' award _____.
Note: It was instituted by the Kerala govt on the lines of the Padma awards. Aim: To honour individuals who have made priceless contributions to the society.
Kerala Prabha: Omcheri N N Pillai and T Madhava Menn
Kerala Sree: Sathyabhama Das Biju, Gopinath Muthukad, Kanayi Kunhiraman, Kochouseph Chittilappilly, M P Parameswaran and Vijayalakshmi.
2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has conferred the 'Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal 2022' to officers for four special operations --**63**
Note: The special operations was conducted by the security and police forces. 63 officers from Punjab (16), Telangana Police (13), Delhi (19), Jammu and Kashmir (4) and Maharashtra (11) have been named for this award.
3. **A Sethumadhavan** has been selected for 2022 Ezhuthachan Puraskaram.
Note: Reason: For his valuable contribution to Malayalam language and literature. He has also served as the chairman of South Indian Bank, director of State Bank of Travancore and chairman of National Book Trust. Ezhuthachan Puraskaram is the highest literary award of Kerala government.
4. **Tata Steel** has received India's first ResponsibleSteel certification for three facilities in its Jamshedpur steel plant.
Note: Three production facilities: Steel Works, Tubes Division and Cold Rolling Mill (Bara). ResponsibleSteel is the first global multi-stakeholder standard and certification initiative of steel industry. Aim: To address challenges including climate change, diversity, human rights and more.
5. Indian cricketer **Virat Kohli** has been named Men's Player of the Month for October 2022 by the International Cricket Council (ICC).
Note: He was recognized for his outstanding performances in the shortest format of the game. While, Pakistani cricketer, Nida Dar was named the ICC Women's Player of the Month. She has been honour for her sensational form in their Women's Asia Cup campaign.
6. **National Security Advisor** Ajit Doval is among five distinguished people, who was honoured with the 2022 Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman.
Note: Othe awardees: Late CDS General Bipin Rawat, Prasoon Joshi (Chairperson of CBFC), late Girish Chandra Tiwari 'Girda' (lyricist) and late Viren Dangwal (poet).
7. **Dr. Subhash Babu** has received the prestigious 2022 Bailey K. Ashford Medal.
Note: He was also honoured with the 2022 Fellow of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (FASTMH) award. He is also the first Indian to receive such prestigious award. Reason: For his outstanding research and contributions to tropical medicine.
8. Along with Shivnarine Chanderpaul, Charlotte Edwards, **Abdul Qadir** has been inducted into ICC's Hall of Fame in November 2022.
Note: Shivnarine was inducted in 107th ICC's hall of Fame and finished with 20,988 international runs, 41 centuries and 125 half-centuries across formats. Charlotte was inducted in 108th ICC's Hall of Fame, her 5992 runs in women's ODIs are the second most in the game's history. Qadir was the 109th inductee on the list.
9. **National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB)** was awarded India Agribusiness Awards 2022 at the 'AgroWorld 2022' in 'Best Agribusiness Award under Fisheries Sector' category.
Note: NFDB comes under the Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, GoI. While, Haryana has received the 'India Agribusiness Awards 2022' in the best state category for their contribution in the areas of agriculture.
10. Journalist, Arfa Khanum Sherwani, who has been selected for the the prestigious Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman for 2022, is a **The Wire's senior editor**.
Note: The Gandhi Peace Foundation has announced the name of Ajit Anjum (independent journalist and YouTuber). The announcement was made at a press conference held at New Delhi's Press Club of India by the well-known academic and author, Ashis Nandy. Ravish Kumar was the first person who was honoured with this award in 2017, followed by Marathi journalist Nikhil Wagle.
11. **Madhu Kankariya (31st) and Dr Madhav Hada (32nd)** have been awarded the 31st and 32nd Bihari Puraskar, respectively.
Note: It is one of the three literary awards instituted by KK Birla Foundation in 1991. Named after the poet Bihari, the award for Rajasthani authors carries a cash prize of ₹2.5 lakh, a plaque and a citation. Kankariya was awarded the Puraskar for her 2018 novel 'Hum Yahan The' while Hada was awarded for his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri'
12. **Venki Ramakrishnan** has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III in recognition of his distinguished service to science.
Note: The 70-year-old UK-based molecular biologist is among six appointments made to the historic order by

the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death in and the first to be appointed by Charles. The Order of Merit is

an exclusive mark of honour conferred by the British sovereign.

October 2022

- Indore** city has been adjudged as India's cleanest city, followed by Surat and Navi Mumbai.
Note: The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022. Madhya Pradesh has secured the first position, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in the category of best performing states in 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022'. Tripura topped among the states having fewer than 100 urban local bodies. Maharashtra's Deolali was adjudged cleanest Cantonment Board.
- Swedish geneticist, Svante Paabo (67) has won the 2022 Nobel Prize in Medicine for the discovery of **Human evolution**.
Note: This discovery provides understanding of how modern day humans evolved from extinct ancestors. He performed his prize-winning studies in Germany at the University of Munich and at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig. Paabo is the son of Sune Bergstrom, who won the Nobel Prize in medicine in 1982.
- Yunqing Tang** has been awarded the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022.
Note: She was born in China and completed her B.Sc in Peking University in 2011. She completed her Ph.D in 2016 at Harvard under the supervision of Mark Kisin. The award was instituted by the Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) in 2005. This award is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below.
- Dr. Vivek Lall** has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award by US President, Joe Biden with citation of 'With Grateful Recognition'.
Note: He is an industry leader and CEO of General Atomics. The company is a global leader in the specialised fields of nuclear technology and has developed state-of-the-art Unmanned Aerial Vehicles like the Predator, Reaper, and Guardian drones. The citation was given to Dr. Lall by the AmeriCorps, which is a part of the US Government
- The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physics to Alain Aspect (France), John F. Clauser (USA) and Anton Zeilinger (Austria) for the discovery of **Entangled quantum states**.
Note: Reason: For experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science. While John Clauser developed John Bell's ideas, Alain Aspect has developed the setup, and Anton Zeilinger, using refined tools and a long series of experiments.
- KK Birla Foundation has confirmed that the 32nd Bihari Puraskar will be awarded to writer **Dr Madhav Hada**.
Note: Reason: For his 2015 literary criticism book 'Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri'. He has written extensively on literature, media, culture and history. He has also been a member of the general council of the Sahitya Akademi and the Hindi Advisory Board. He was also a recipient of the Bhartendu Harishchandra Award and the Devraj Upadhyay Award.
- Angela Merkel** has won the 2022 United Nations refugee agency's prestigious Nansen Refugee Award.
Note: Reason: For her determination to protect asylum seekers while in office. In 2015 and 2016, Germany had welcomed the more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers of migrant crisis. Nansen Award was established: 1954. This award was created to honour of the first UNHCR, Norwegian Arctic explorer and humanitarian Fridtjof Nansen.
- The 2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to Carolyn Bertozzi (American), Morton Meldal (Danish) and Barry Sharpless (American) for the discovery of **Click chemistry**.
Note: Reason: For their work on snipping molecules together which is known as click chemistry. Click chemistry: It is about linking together molecules like those in living cells. Use: To explore cells and track biological processes; can be applied in cancer treatment drugs. Before this, Barry Sharples has won Nobel in 2001 for chemistry.
- Annie Ernaux (French writer)** has been awarded the 2022 Nobel Prize in literature.
Note: Reason: For the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory. She is known for works that blur the line between memoir and fiction. She becomes the 17th female writer to have won the prize. Her notable books: Cleaned Out; The Years; and Simple Passion.
- Memorial and Centre for Civil Liberties** has been awarded the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.
Note: Belarusian human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski, Russian human rights organization 'Memorial', and Ukrainian human rights organization 'Centre for Civil Liberties' have been jointly awarded 2022 Nobel Peace Prize. This award was announced by the Norwegian Nobel Committee for promoting the right to criticize power and protecting the fundamental rights of citizens.

- 11. Harmanpreet Singh** has been voted the 2021/22 FIH Player of the Year for the second year running.
Note: He becomes the fourth player to win the Player of the Year award in men's category in consecutive years. He joined an elite list, that includes Teun De Nooijer (Netherlands), Jamie Dwyer (Australia) and Arthur van Doren (Belgium). Felice Albers of Netherlands has been named 2021/22 FIH Player of the Year in women's category.
- 12. Harmanpreet Kaur** has won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022 in women's category.
Note: She beat her deputy, Smriti Mandhana and Bangladesh counterpart, Nigar Sultana. This was India's first series win in England since 1999. While in men's category, Pakistan wicketkeeper batter, Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September 2022.
- 13.** The 2022 Nobel Prize for Economics has been awarded to Ben S. Bernanke (USA), Douglas W. Diamond (USA) and Philip H. Dybvig (USA) for **Research on banks and financial crises.**
Note: Their research has significantly improved the understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises. Diamond has demonstrated that how banks perform another societally important function. While, Ben Bernanke has analysed the Great Depression of the 1930s.
- 14. Hyderabad city of Telangana** has been awarded 'World Green City Award 2022' at the AIPH World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea.
Note: Hyderabad was awarded in the category of "Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth" for Green Garland to the State of Telangana. Mexico City's Environmental and Climate Change Program of Mexico City was also awarded in Living Green for Climate Change. Living Green for Social Cohesion: OASIS Schoolyard Project, Paris
- 15.** Sri Lankan author, Shehan Karunatilaka has won the prestigious Booker Prize for fiction, for his book **The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida.**
Note: The book is about a war photographer murdered in the country's civil war. He received a trophy from Queen Consort Camilla at a ceremony on in London. He is the second Sri Lankan to win the award, after Michael Ondaatje's victory in 1992 for The English Patient. He has also received a 50,000 pound (\$56,700) prize.
- 16. Prof. Barbara Metcalf** has been awarded the Sir Syed Excellence Award 2022 by the Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).
Note: The award ceremony was held on the 205th birth anniversary of the founder of AMU, Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. She has written extensively on the history of the Muslim population of India and Pakistan. Sir Syed Ahmad Khan established the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College in 1875, later known as Aligarh Muslim University (AMU).
- 17. Real Madrid's Karim Benzema** has won the 2022 Ballon d'Or trophy at the 66th Ballon d'Or ceremony, held at Theatre du Chatelet Paris, France.
Note: While, Barcelona's Alexia Putellas won the women's Ballon d'Or. Kopa Award: Barcelona's Gavi (best-performing player under the age of 21). Gerd Muller: FC Barcelona's Robert Lewandowski. Socrates Award: Bayern Munich's Sadio Mane. Club of the Year Award: Manchester City. Yachine Award: Thibaut Courtois (Real Madrid)
- 18. European Parliament** has awarded the people of Ukraine its annual Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought to honour their fight against Russia's invasion.
Note: The prize money of 50,000 euros (\$49,100), will be distributed to representatives of Ukrainian civil society. The prize was named after the late Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. This awarded annually since 1988 to individuals and organizations defending human rights and freedoms.
- 19.** The masterpiece of Satyajit Ray, **Pather Panchali** has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the Indian chapter of the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI).
Note: Pather Panchali, an adaptation of Bibhutibhushan Bandyopadhyay's Bengali novel of the same name, is widely regarded as one of the greatest films ever made. This film is the first film in Ray's Apu trilogy, which is followed by Aparajito and Apur Sansar.
- 20. Hyderabad Haleem of Telangana** has won the 'Most Popular GI' award after defeating other food items including Rasgulla, Bikaneri Bhujia, and Ratlami Sev.
Note: GI tag: It is given to products to ensure that authorised users can only use the popular product name. Hyderabad Haleem has received the GI status in 2010. It was expired in December 2019. However, later, the registrar of Geographical Indicator renewed the tag for the dish for 10 years.
- 21.** The first prize of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban Awards 2021 has been awarded to **Uttar Pradesh.**
Note: Followed by Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu. Gujarat has been honoured with 5 'Special Category' awards for performance related to Affordable Rental Housing Complexes and 'Convergence with other Missions'. J&K and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu have been adjudged 'Best performing UT'.
- 22. RRR** movie has won the Best International Film award at the 2022 Saturn Awards.

Note: The movie has been directed by SS Rajamouli. Prior to this, SS Rajamouli had received Saturn Awards for Baahubali: The Conclusion.

23. **IIT-Madras** has been awarded the national intellectual property award for 2021 and 2022. **Note:** This award was instituted by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The criteria for evaluation was patent applications, grants and commercialisation. The award was presented by

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal

24. **West Bengal** state was awarded the prestigious SKOCH award for its 'Lakshmir Bhandar' scheme under the women and child development category. **Note:** Lakshmir Bhandar: This scheme was launched the scheme in August 2021. Aim: To provide financial support to a woman head of a family. Age group: 25-60 years. Rs 500 per month is being given to general category and around Rs 1,000 per month to SC and ST categories.

September 2022

1. **SothearaChhim, Bernadette Madrid, Tadashi Hattori, GaryBencheghib** have been conferred with the 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awards by the Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation. **Note:** SothearaChhim (Cambodia): For mental Health; **Bernadette Madrid** (Philippines): For effort in child protection; **Tadashi Hattori** (Japan): For training local doctors who have treated Vietnamese; **Gary Bencheghib** (Indonesia): For fight against marine plastic pollution; Ramon Magsaysay Award was established in April 1957
2. For the documentary **Our Great National Parks** of Netflix, the former President of the US, Barack Obama has won Emmy Award for his narration. **Note:** The documentary has been released in five-parts, and produced by Barack and Michelle Obama's production company "Higher Ground". He has already won two Grammys and is now halfway to an EGOT- the achievement i.e. an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar, and a Tony. Barack Obama is 2nd US President to win Emmy, after Dwight D Eisenhower.
3. **Warangal (Telangana), Thrissur (Kerala) and Nilambur (Kerala),** the three cities have joined the Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) of UNESCO. **Note:** Reason: For their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level. These three cities are among the 77 cities from 44 countries which have joined this network of the world body. The 77 new members bring the total number of cities to 294 in 76 countries.
4. President of Singapore, Halimah Yacob has conferred the prestigious military award of Singapore, the Pingat Jasa Gemilang (Tentera) or Meritorious Service Medal (Military) to **Sunil Lanba** former India Chief of Naval Staff. **Note:** Reason: For enhancing the strong and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the Indian Navy and Singapore Navy. The award has been presented by Defence minister of Singapore, Ng Eng Hen.
5. **Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS)** has been conferred with the highest global recognition on Literacy- UNESCO International Literacy Prize 2022. **Note:** This award has been given at a global award ceremony organised by UNESCO in Côte d'Ivoire on 8 September 2022. KISS is the fifth recipient from India and the first and only institute from Odisha to receive this International honour. It was founded by Dr Samanta, a well-known Educationist and Social Activist.
6. **Lee Jung-jae, Actor of Squid Game (Netflix)** has won the 74th Emmy Award for Male lead actor, at the Microsoft Theater, LA, California. **Note:** Zendaya has won the 74th Emmy Award for best lead actress in a drama Series for her best performance in Euphoria (HBO)
 - Best Drama Series: Succession (HBO)
 - Best Comedy Series: Ted Lasso (Apple TV)
 - Best Limited or Anthology Series: The White Lotus (HBO)
 - Best Writing for a Drama Series: Succession - All The Bells Say (HBO)
7. **Pushpa: The Rise** has won the Tenth SIIMA Awards in the category of best movie in Telugu Cinema. **Note:** While the Allu Arjun won the SIIMA Award in the category of best male lead role for his performance in 'Pushpa: The Rise' (Telugu Cinema)
 - Best Actor: Late Puneeth Rajkumar for Yuvarathnaa (Kannada)
 - Best Director: Sukumar for 'Pushpa: The Rise'
 - Best Actor (Critics Choice): Naveen Polishetty for Jathi Ratnalu
 - Best Actress: Pooja Hegde for 'Most Eligible Bachelor'
8. **CEO of Haqdarshak, Aniket Doegar** has been honoured with the 13th Social Entrepreneur of the Year (SEOY) Award-India. **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.
9. 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 **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.
 10. **TRaiCEInc** startup has won the NASSCOM-NIPP GCC Fintech Challenge in the 'Predictive Analytics for Customer Retention' category.
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.
 11. **Dr Swati Piramal** 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).
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.
 12. **Chhello Show (Last Film Show)** Gujarati Film has been selected as the India's submission to the Best International Feature Film category at the 95th Academy Awards.
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.
 13. **India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI)** 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.
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.
 14. **Daniel A. Spielman** has been honoured with the 2023 Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics.
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
 15. **Meena Kandasamy** has been named as the recipient of the Hermann Kesten Prize by the PEN Centre in Germany's Darmstadt.
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).
 16. **Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL)** has received the Airport Service Quality award-2022 for its meticulous implementation of a programme 'Mission Safeguarding' in 2021-22.
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).
 17. **Suella Braverman (UK Home Secretary)** has been honoured with the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award in 20th Asian Achievers Awards, held at London.
Note: 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)
 18. **Kumar Sanu** has been honoured with the National Lata Mangeshkar Award for 2021.
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.
 19. **Asha Parekh** has been awarded the highest recognition in the field of Indian cinema, Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2020.
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.

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

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

21. Indian women's rights activist, **Srishti Bakshi** was honoured with the 'Changemaker' award at UN SDG Action Awards.

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

August 2022

1. **SBI, PNB and Bank of India** has been awarded Agri Infra Fund awards in the category of Best Performing Banks.

Note: Narendra Singh Tomar (Minister for Agriculture) has presented Agri Infra Fund awards under various categories to honour Banks and State Governments. Banks valuable contribution category: Bank of Baroda, Central Bank of India, Canara Bank and Kotak Mahindra Best performing State: Madhya Pradesh

- **PACS application:**
- Best performer in sanction : Andhra Pradesh
- Best performer in faster disposal: Karnataka

2. Indian American teenager **Aarya Walvekar (Virginia)** has been crowned with the title of Miss India USA 2022 in New Jersey.

Note: She is an advocate for Mental Health and Body Positivity Health at Every Size Movement and created various awareness campaigns. She is also the founder of Euphoria Dance Studio that provides affordable dance lessons to local children. Akshi Jain of Washington was crowned Mrs. India USA. Tanvi Grover of New York was crowned as Miss Teen India USA.

3. Indian professor **Ramadhar Singh** has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States.

Note: Currently, he is a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad. The Ohio State University, Columbus had nominated Ramadhar Singh for the induction to the 'Heritage Wall of Fame'. SPSP was established in 1974, is the world's largest organisation of personality and social psychologist.

4. 14th Dalai Lama (Tibetan spiritual leader) has been honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, is the highest civilian honour of **Ladakh**.

Note: Reason: For his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory. The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh. The 'dPal rNgam

Duston' is the celebration of the remarkable contribution and achievement of the heroes of Ladakh.

5. Architect, Marina Tabassum, who became the first person from the global south and first south Asian to win the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award, is belong to **Bangladesh** country.

Note: She will receive an original artwork by the Portuguese artist and sculptor Carlos Nogueira as award during the Lisbon Triennale. Marina Tabassum is known for her architectural designs that break away from commercialism and deeply embed environmental concerns.

6. Senior Congress leader **Shashi Tharoor** will be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur for his writings and speeches.

Note: In 2010, he had received a similar honour from the Spanish government, when the King of Spain had bestowed upon him the Encomienda de la Real Order Espanola de Carlos III. He is a two-term Lok Sabha MP (Thiruvananthapuram constituency).

7. The south London home of **Dadabhai Naoroji** has been honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque.

Note: The red-brick home now has a plaque which mentions: "Dadabhai Naoroji 1825-1917 Indian Nationalist and MP lived here". He was born in Mumbai, who known as the "grand old man of India". The Blue Plaque scheme is run by the English Heritage charity and honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London.

8. **Ranveer Singh** has won the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022 best actor award for his movie 83.

Note: Shefali Shah (Jalsa) has been awarded the best actress award. Best Film: 83; Best Director: Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist); Best Series: Mumbai Diaries 26/11; Best Actor in a Series: Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11); Best

- Actress in a Series: Sakshi Tanwar (Mai); Lifetime Achievement Award: Kapil Dev
9. **1082** police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2022.
Note: 347 personnel were awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry, 87 with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service. 648 personnel were awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service. 109 CRPF personnel and 108 J&K Police personnel have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry. 38 personnel received the Correctional Service Medal for Meritorious Service.
 10. **Dr N V Sundara Chary** the Indian neurologist, who has been elected as a Fellow of American Academy of Neurology (FAAN).
Note: It is regarded as one of the world's most prestigious honour in the field of neurology and medicine. This honour has been awarded by American Academy of Neurologists (AAN) to very few neurologists across the world for making valuable contributions in the field of neurology. He is a professor and HOD of neurology in Siddhartha Medical College, Vijayawada.
 11. Fahmida Azim, **Bangladesh** has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary is belong to which country.
Note: Presently, she is working for the Insider online magazine of US. She is among the four journalists including Anthony Del Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey of Insider, selected for their work on the Chinese oppression of the Uyghurs. Fahmida Azim is an illustrator and story teller. Her work centers on themes of identity, culture and autonomy
 12. Volodymyr Zelenskyy will be conferred with the 2022 Liberty Medal, is a president of **Ukraine**.
Note: The National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy will be honored in a ceremony in October 2022 for his heroic defense of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny. The Liberty Medal was established in 1988 to mark the U.S. Constitution's bicentennial. It is presented to individuals who strive to secure the blessings of liberty for people around the globe.
 13. **Former German chancellor, Angela Merkel** has been awarded the 2022 Unesco Peace Prize for her efforts to welcome refugees.
Note: In 2015, Merkel has opened German borders for refugees (Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea) who were streaming into Europe. This honour is officially known as Felix Houphouet-Boigny- Unesco
 14. The NITI Aayog has declared **Haridwar** in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district on five parameters and has become entitled to receive additional allocation of ₹3 crore.
Note: The Haridwar district has been allocated to union commerce and industries minister Piyush Goyal. The allocated money will be used to improve the health sector including the hospitals in Roorkee and district hospital Haridwar. NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson: Suman Bery; CEO: Parameswaran Iyer
 15. **Divita Rai** has won the prestigious title of Miss Diva Universe 2022.
Note: Pragnya Ayyagari from Telangana has been crowned LIVA Miss Diva Supranational 2022. Ojasvi Sharma was adjudged the LIVA Miss Popular Choice 2022. Sandhu was also awarded the Pride of India trophy by the Times of India Group ownership for her remarkable achievement of making India proud globally.
 16. **Shershaah** has been awarded the 67th Filmfare award 2022 for best movie.
Note: This movie was directed by Vishnuvardhan, who has won the best director award for Shershaah.
 - Best Actor: Ranveer Singh (83) as Kapil Dev
 - Best Actress: Kriti Sanon, Mimi as Mimi Rathore
 - Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
 - Best Supporting Actress: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
 - Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: Subhash Ghai

July 2022

1. **Ashok Soota** has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021 for his contribution to building the competitiveness of the Indian industry through quality Initiatives.
Note: He is founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies. The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award was constituted in the year 2019 for outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India.
2. **Tanuja Nesari (Director of AIIA)** was awarded the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament.
Note: She received the award for her contribution to furthering the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences was formed to promote the knowledge of Ayurveda, Yoga, Jyotish, Vastu, Unani and Sangeetam in the United Kingdom and abroad.
3. **Sini Shetty (Karnataka)** has been crowned as the Femina Miss India World 2022 title at the grand finale of VLCC Femina Miss India.
Note: Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan has emerged as Femina Miss India 2022 first runner-up and Shinata Chauhan from Uttar Pradesh was named Femina Miss India 2022 second runner-up. She will

- represent India at the prestigious 71st Miss World pageant.
4. **HCL Tech** has been honoured with the Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner).
Note: These awards have recognized the Microsoft partners that have developed and delivered outstanding Microsoft-based applications, services, and devices during the past year.
 5. **NTPC** has been recognized as the "Most Preferred Workplaces of 2022" in the premier edition of "Most Preferred Workplaces 2022".
Note: It was organized by the Team Marksmen in association with India Today. It highlights that how the organizations manage the wellbeing of employee, engagement and productivity alongside organizational performance.
 6. **Maryna Viazovska (Ukrainian mathematician)** becomes the second woman to win the Fields Medal for Mathematics after Maryam Mirzakhani (Iranian), who received the prize in 2014.
Note: Other winners: Frenchman Hugo Duminil-Copin, Korean-American June Huh, Britisher James Maynard. The Fields Medal is awarded by the International Mathematical Union (IMU).
 7. **Michelle Poonawalla** has received the prestigious Shiromani Award from G. P. Hinduja, co-chairman of Hinduja Group at NRI World Summit 2022, United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of Art.
Note: She was a speaker at the House of Lords, UK. Other winners: Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, Rita Hinduja Chhabria, Dr. Kamel Hothi OBE and Falguni Shane Peacock.
 8. Dr. Jitendra Singh, has announced to set up Memorial Award in public administration in the field of academic excellence in the memory of former President of India **Dr. Rajendra Prasad**.
Note: Dr. Rajendra Prasad has laid the foundation stone of the IIPA building complex in New Delhi. The 320th meeting of Executive Council of Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) was chaired by Dr. Jitendra Singh.
 9. **Gita Gopinath** has become the first woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
Note: Gopinath was served as IMF Chief Economist for three years, since October 2018. Raghuram Rajan, was the first Indian who was featured on the IMF's wall of former chief economists. He served as IMF's Chief Economist and Director of Research between 2003 and 2006.
 10. The government of Japan has conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award to Narayanan Kumar, who is a Vice Chairman of **Sanmar Group**.
Note: He received this honour for his contribution towards strengthening economic relations between Japan and India. He was honoured by Taga Masayuki (Consul General of Japan) in Chennai. He also heads Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry and served as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
 11. **Pallavi Singh** has bagged the Mrs Universe Divine Title 2022 at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea.
Note: She hails from Kanpur, and was the only contestant from Asia in the Mrs Universe contest. Pallavi Singh has won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020 and Mrs Indo-Asia Universe in the Asia-level competition.
 12. **Japan** has decided to award former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the highest order of nation, the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum posthumously.
Note: Shinzo Abe was the longest-serving PM of Japan and he will be the fourth former prime minister to receive the decoration under the postwar Constitution. He was conferred with the Padma Vibhushan (2021) for "exceptional and distinguished service" in the field of public affairs.
 13. **Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah** has been conferred with the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for 2021.
Note: For their outstanding work for the protection of the environment. Dia Mirza is a UN Goodwill Ambassador for Environment and Afroz Shah has been awarded 'UN Champion of the Earth' in 2016. The awards was instituted by the Harmony Foundation. Founder of Harmony Foundation: Abraham Mathai and Susan Abraham.
 14. **The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management** has bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance.
Note: Ch Srinivasa Rao (Director of NAARM) has received the award from the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.
 15. **Kaushik Rajashekara** has won the prestigious Global Energy Prize for outstanding contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions.
Note: He is an Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston. Only three people in the world were selected for the honor this year out of a record 119 nominations from 43 countries.
 16. **Suriya (for Soorarai Pottru)** has won the 68th National Film Awards 2022 for the best actor along with Ajay Devgn.

- Note:** Aparna Balamurali has been named as the best actor in the female category for her film 'Soorarai Pottru.' Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru. Best Director: Sachidanandan KR, Ayyappanum Koshiyum. Best Feature Film in Hindi: Toolsidas Junior. Most Film-Friendly State: Madhya Pradesh .Best Audiography: Dollu (Kannada)
17. **Kamal Haasan** has received the prestigious Golden Visa from the UAE government for 10 years.
Note: Prior to Kamal Hasan, several actors including Nasser, Mammooty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul and Shah Rukh Khan have received this honour. The UAE Golden Visa is a long-term residence visa system, extending from five to 10 years. It is granted to achievers from various fields, professionals, investors and those with promising abilities.
18. **Volodymyr Zelenskyy(Ukrainian President)** has been awarded the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award by United Kingdom PM, Boris Johnson has presented for his efforts at the time of war.
- Note:** He accepted the award by video link during a ceremony held at London office of Johnson. Churchill leadership award was first presented in 2006.
19. **Dinesh Shahra Foundation (DSF)** has instituted a first-of-its-kind 'Dinesh Shahra Lifetime Award' for Excellence in **Music**.
Note: The initiative is supported by the Indian Arts & Cultural Society. The Announcement of was made by Dinesh Shahra, Trustee of DSF, during a cultural event titled "Mausiqui" in Mumbai recently. The recognition will include trophy and also a significant cash component.
20. **Jeffrey Armstrong** has been awarded with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) 2021 Distinguished Indologist for his outstanding contribution in study, teaching and research in any of the fields of Indian Studies.
Note: He is the founder of the Vedic Academy of Science & Arts and author of The Bhagavad Gita comes Alive. The ICCR Distinguished Indologist award was instituted in 2015 during the First World Indology Conference.

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- Bangladesh** has conferred the prestigious 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on former US Senator Edward M Kennedy posthumously.
Note: Reason: For his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh. The honour was handed over to his son Edward M Ted Kennedy Junior.
- Indian batter **Suryakumar Yadav** has become the world's number one batter in T20 Internationals and also become the second Indian player to hold the top T20I batter ranking.
Note: He has overtaken Pakistan opener, Mohammad Rizwan. In T20I, he has scored one century and 11 fifties from 37 appearances for India. Devon Conway (NZ) has ranked third with 792 points.
- Carnatic vocalist **Aruna Sairam** was honoured with the French government's highest honour- Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award.
Note: She was selected for her singing prowess and her contribution towards development of the Indo-France relationship. She has started her classical training under her mother, Rajalakshmi Sethuraman. She is a disciple of legendary vocalist, Sangita Kalanidhi T. Brinda
- Kerala** state road transport corporation was won the national 'Commentation Award in Urban Transport' in the category of 'City with the best Public Transport System'.
Note: The 'Grama Vandii' was launched by the KSRTC in association with local self-government institutions, has also won Award of Excellence in Urban Transport.
- Suryakumar Yadav** becomes the first Indian and second player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year.
Note: He has accomplished this feat in final Super 12 stage match against Zimbabwe at Melbourne. Mohammad Rizwan, who scored the 1326 runs in 2021, was the first player to achieve the feat.
- Indonesian badminton player **Anthony Sinisuka Ginting** has won the Men's Single title of the badminton's HYLO Open 2022, after defeating Chou Tien-chen.
Note: While, Han Yue (Chinese) has defeated Zhang Yi Man (Chinese) to win the women's single title at HYLO Open 2022. Men's doubles: Lu Ching-yao and Yang Po-han (Chinese Taipei). Women's doubles: Benyapa Aimsaard and Nuntakarn Aimsaard (Thailand). Mixed doubles: Rehan Naufal Kusharjanto and Lisa Ayu Kusumawati (Indonesia)
- Denmark's** Holger Rune, who has defeated the six-time champion, Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Men's single, 2022 Masters title in Paris.

Note: He has become the youngest winner of the Paris tournament since Boris Becker in 1986. He is the fifth first-time Masters winner this season and will be the first Danish man to break into the top 10. While the Men's double was won by Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands) and Neal Skupski (United Kingdom)

8. The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has confirmed that **2023** of IBA Women's World Boxing Championships will be hosted by India, in New Delhi.

Note: This will be the third time, when the prestigious women's competition will be held in India. Earlier, the event was organised in 2006 and 2018 in New Delhi. The tournament is likely to be held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The 2023 men's world championship will be held in Tashkent in May.

9. **Third** edition of Khelo India National University Games (2023-24) will be held in four cities of Uttar Pradesh.

Note: These cities are Lucknow (main host city), Gorakhpur, Varanasi and Noida. Navneet Sehgal (UP's Additional Chief Secretary) announced that around 4,500 athletes will represent 150 universities across the country. The inaugural edition of the Khelo India National University Games was held in Odisha (2020) while Karnataka was the host for the second edition

10. Indian batsman **Virat Kohli** has scripted history as he became the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals.

Note: He reached the landmark in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 against England in Adelaide, Australia. Earlier, he became the all-time leading run-scorer in the men's T20 World Cups against Bangladesh in Adelaide.

11. In cricket, **England** team has won their second T-20 world cup, after defeating Pakistan by five wickets at the Melbourne Cricket ground, Australia on November 13, 2022.

Note: They are now the only side who are the defending ODI and T20 World Cup champions. Sam Curran was named Player of the Match as well as Player of the series. Most runs: Indian batsman Virat Kohli (296). Most wickets: Sri Lanka's Wanindu Hasaranga (15)

12. **2024** edition of Under 19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka.

Note:

- Under-19 Men's: The 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- The 2025 Under 19 women's T20 World Cup will be held in Malaysia and Thailand.
- The 2027 Under 19 women's event will be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal.

13. Indian boxer **Shiva Thapa** defeated by Uzbekistan's Ruslan Abdullayev in the men's 63-kg finals, but secured a silver medal at the 2022 Asian Elite Boxing Championships held in Amman, Jordan.

Note: India finished the Championships with 12 medals, which included four gold, two silver and six bronze. All the gold medals came through women's boxers, Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, Parveen and Alfiya Pathan.

14. The World Kabaddi Federation (WKF) has announced that **West Midlands** country will host the 2025 Kabaddi World Cup.

Note: The tournament will take place across the West Midlands during the first quarter of 2025. The UK region will become the first destination outside of Asia to host this prestigious global tournament. The 2025 Kabaddi World Cup will be organized by England Kabaddi, Scottish Kabaddi, and the British Kabaddi League. President of World Kabaddi Federation: Ashok Das

October 2022

1. **Antim Panghal** has secured her gold medal in women's 53kg wrestling at the National Games 2022.

Note: She has defeated Priyanshi Prajapati of Madhya Pradesh to clinch the title. She hails from Haryana. While, Hina Khalifa (Gujarat) and Swati Sanjay (Maharashtra) won the bronze medals in the women's 53kg. Olympian gymnast, Pranati Nayak has won two gold medals at the Sama Indoor Sports Complex in Vadodara.

2. The government has launched Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 has launched at **Major Dhyanchand National**

Stadium in New Delhi on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

Note: The third edition was jointly launched with a Fit India Plog Run by Kiren Rijju (Law and Justice Minister) and Anurag Singh Thakur (Youth Affairs and Sports Minister). This event will go on till 31st of October, 2022. PM, Narendra Modi had launched the Fit India movement in 2019.

3. Who have clinched the 2022 ATP 250 Tel Aviv Watergen Open men's doubles title _____.

Note:

- They defeated the third seeded Mexican-Argentine pair of Santiago Gonzalez and Andres Molteni by 6-2, 6-4.
 - It was Bopanna's third ATP title of the season and 22nd overall.
 - Meanwhile, Novak Djokovic has lifted the Tel Aviv Watergen Open men's singles title after beating Marin Cilic.
 - It was his third title of the season and 89th overall.
4. **Sergio Perez (Red Bull driver)** has secured the 2022 Singapore F1 Grand Prix, held at Marina Bay Street Circuit, Singapore.
Note: Ferrari drivers, Charles Leclerc and Carlos Sainz Jr. have secured second and third place, respectively, in the race. While, Max Verstappen has finished seventh in the race and Hamilton secured ninth.
Other F1 GP: Belgian 2022; Dutch Grand Prix 2022; Italian Grand Prix 2022; Hungarian Grand Prix 2022 – Max Verstappen (Netherlands)
 5. **PR Sreejesh** has been voted the 2022 FIH goalkeeper of the year title in the men's categories.
Note: He is the third player to win this title in a row. Earlier, David Harte (Ireland) won the prize twice in 2015 and 2016, while Vincent Vanasch (Belgium) won it three times in a row from 2017 to 2019. While, Savita Punia (captain) was voted the FIH Women's Goalkeeper of the Year. She is the third athlete to win this title in Women category for three years in a row.
 6. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) has suspended **Shivpal Singh (Uttar Pradesh)** from competing till October 2025.
Note: Reason: Due to a doping violation. The ban comes into effect from October 21, 2021. He has been subsequently tested positive for the banned substance methandienone that is a performance-enhancing steroid.
 7. **Pankaj Advani** has secured his 25th gold medal after winning the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Note: He has defeated Sourav Kothari by 4-0 to defend the title for the fifth time in a row. He had won his last world title in Qatar 6Reds World Cup 2021, where he won the IBSF 6-Red Snooker World Cup. Pankaj Advani has been awarded Arjuna Award (2004), Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna (2006), Padma Shri (2009) and Padma Bhushan (2018).
 8. **Red Bull, Max Verstappen** has declared Formula One world champion after winning a 2022 Japanese Grand Prix.
Note: Sergio Pérez (Red Bulls) finished second in the list, while, the second-place finisher, Charles Leclerc was given a five-second penalty, dropping him to third. Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) placed fifth.
 9. **Novak Djokovic** has clinched his 90th ATP title after defeating Greek, Stefanos Tsitsipas by 6-3, 6-4 in the final of Astana Open in Kazakhstan.
Note: He joined Rafael Nadal and Roger Federer in the list of players in Open Era with 90 or more ATP titles. In men's doubles, Nikola Mektic and Mate Pavic have captured their fifth tour-level title of the season and beat Adrian Mannarino and Fabrice Martin by 6-4, 6-2.
 10. The Indian Olympic Association has announced that the 37th edition of the National Games will be hosted by **Goa** in October 2023.
Note: The date of the 37th National Games will be decided while keeping in view of the dates of 19th Asian Games that will be held from 23rd September to 8th October, 2022 in Hangzhou, China. Goa had received the rights to host the National Games in 2008, failed to host them, due to different reasons.
 11. The medal tally of 36th National Games has been topped by **Servives** team with a total of 128 medals (61 Gold, 35 silver, and 32 bronze).
Note: Followed by Maharashtra and Haryana. Best female player: Harshika Ramchandran (Karnataka); Best Male player: Sajan Prakash (Kerala)
 12. The 6th Senior Asian Pencak Silat Championship that is being held in **Srinagar**.
Note: J&K LG, Manoj Sinha has inaugurated 6th Senior Asian Pencak Silat Championship that is being held in Srinagar. Pencak Silat is relatively new to India and was introduced in 2014. The event brings together over 150 athletes from different countries. Pencak silat: It is an umbrella term for a class of related Indonesian martial arts.
 13. **India**'s women team has clinched the Women's Asia Cup 2022 title, after defeating Sri Lanka by eight wickets in the final, held at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh.
Note: India has defeated Sri Lanka for the fifth time in an Asia Cup final. This is India's record seventh Women's Asia Cup title. Deepti Sharma has been adjudged Player of the Tournament. While, Renuka Singh adjudged Player of the Match.
 14. **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil** the India shooter who won the gold medal in men's 10m air rifle event at ISSF World Championship held in Cairo, Egypt.
Note: He defeated Danilo Dennis Sollazzo from Italy by 17-15. This win helped him to secure 2024 Paris Olympics quota for the country. He is only the second

Indian to achieve this feat, after Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra, who had won the gold in 2006 in Zagreb, Croatia.

15. **Jyothi Yarraji** has created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles.

Note: She has smashed her own record at the 61st National Open Athletics Championships at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru. Her record of 12.82s made her amongst the top 10 fastest in Asian athletics history. She had won the same event in the National Games in Gandhinagar in a time of 12.79 seconds.

16. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Executive Committee has confirmed the Qatar Football Association (QFA) as the host association for **2023 AFC Asian Cup**.

Note: The AFC Executive Committee has also shortlisted the All India Football Federation (AIFF) and the Saudi Arabian Football Federation (SAFF) as the final two bidders for the AFC Asian Cup 2027. Australia withdrew from the AFC Asian Cup 2023™ bidding process on September 1, 2022.

17. **India's** junior women's 10m air pistol team has won Gold medal at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022 in Cairo, Egypt. **Note:** The team comprising Esha Singh, Shikha Narwal and Varsha Singh. The Indian women team beat China's Zhao Nan, Wang Siyu and Shen Yiyao by a 16-6. This was sixth gold medal of India at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022. Presently, China top the list with 32 medals, which include 17 golds, while, India placed second with 15 medals.

18. Indian javelin thrower, **DP Manu** has won Gold medal in the men's javelin with the throw of 81.23m at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru. **Note:** No other athlete could cross the 80 m mark in the final. Former national champion, Rohit Yadav has clinched Silver medal with throw of 79.80 metre, and Kishore Kumar Jena has settled for bronze. Manu, who represents Services, had won gold at the National Games 2022 with throw of 80.32m.

19. India shooter, **Ramita Jindal** has won gold in the 10-meter Air Rifle Women Junior event at ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt.

Note: She defeated Ying Shen from China by 16-12. In the 50-meter Pistol Women Junior event, India's Divanshi has won gold, Varsha Singh settled for silver and Tiayana won bronze. Rhythm Sangwan won a silver in the 25m Standard Pistol Women. India's

Abhinav Choudhary has secured silver in the 50-meter Pistol Men Junior event.

20. **Penguin Tazuni** is the official mascot of 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup.

Note: The event will be held in Australia and New Zealand. The design is based on the Eudyptula minor species that found in both host countries. "Tazuni" is the combination of Tasman Sea and the word unity. The 9th edition of FIFA Women's World Cup is due to be held from July 20 to August 20, 2023. FIFA President: Gianni Infantino. Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland

21. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur has announced that the 5th Khelo India Youth Games 2022 will be organised in **Madhya Pradesh** from 31st Jan to 11th Feb, 2023.

Note: The Khelo India Youth Games will be held at eight locations. The sports event would be participated by more than 8,500 athletes and sportspersons. This event was started in 2016, to provide a platform to the youth of the country to showcase their performance and talents in sports.

22. Indian shooter, **Swapnil Kusale** has secured the third Paris 2024 Olympics quota for India at the ongoing ISSF World Championship in Cairo, Egypt.

Note: He finished at the fourth position in the men's 50 meter rifle 3 positions event. Other two Paris 2024 quota: Rudrankksh Patil (men's 10 meter air rifle), Bhowneesh Mendiratta.

23. **Western Air Command of IAF** has won the Air Force Lawn Tennis Championship 2022-23, held at Head Quarter MC, Vayusena Nagar, Nagpur.

Note: The team has defeated Training Command in the finals. While, the final of the open singles was played between Corporal Pradeep (Training Command) and Sergeant Manolin (Western Air Command), where, Corporal Pradeep emerged as the winner.

24. **Max Verstappen** won the 2022 United States F1 Grand Prix title, held at the Circuit of the Americas, Texas, USA.

Note: Hamilton (Mercedes driver) has finished second and Charles Leclerc (Ferrari driver) came third in the 2022 United States F1 Grand Prix.

25. **Shi Yuqi (China)** has secured the men's singles title in 2022 Denmark Open after defeating Indonesia's Lee Zii Jia by 21-18, 16-21, 21-12.

Note: Chinese, He Bingjiao has clinched the women's singles title after defeating Chen Yufei by 22-20, 12-21, 21-10. Men's doubles: Fajar Alfian (Indonesia), Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia). Women's doubles: Chen Qingchen(China), Jia Yifan(China). Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei (China), Huang Yaqiong (China)

26. Indian wrestler, **Aman Sehrawat** has become the first Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.
Note: He has defeated Ahmet Duman of Turkey by 12-4 in the finals. India has finished with six medals - one gold, one silver, and four bronze at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships 2022.
27. BCCI has announced the implementation of a pay equity policy for contracted Indian women cricketers, which means the the match fee for both, Men and Women Cricketers will be the same. **₹15 lakh** is the fee of test cricket match.
Note: One Day International (ODI) match: ₹6 lakh T20 match: ₹3 lakh, Aim: To promote gender equality in sports; Recently, the Indian women's cricket team won the Asia Cup in Bangladesh, beating the Sri Lankan.
28. **Doda district** administration has started Chenab White Water Rafting Festival under 'Back to Village Phase-4' to promote adventure tourism round the year.
Note: It was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Doda Vishesh Paul Mahajan and SSP Doda Abdul Qayoom at Shibnote area of Prem Nagar, 35 km from Doda town. The first day of the festival witnessed more than 1,000 people's participation especially the youth and about 200 participated in the Rafting trip and ATB Ride.
29. **Spain** has clinched the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 after defeating Colombia by 1-0 victory in the finals, held at the D Y Patil Sports Stadium, Mumbai, Maharashtra.
Note: Vicky Lopez from Spain was adjudged as the player of the tournament. While, Spain goalkeeper, Sofia Fuente has won the award for best goalkeeping. Earlier, Nigeria beat Germany by 3-2 in a shootout and remained at third placed in the match.
30. An MOU was signed between FIFA, AIFF and **Ministry For Education** for Football For Schools program in Navi Mumbai in Maharashtra.
Note: This program will be run by FIFA and UNESCO, with an aim to contribute to the development, education and empowerment of children worldwide. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan and FIFA president Gianni Infantino signed the agreement. Under the program, 700 Navodaya Vidyalayas will be the nodal agency for football in India.
31. In Badminton, **Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** have won the men's doubles final of the French Open 2022 in Paris.
Note: The Indian duo has defeated Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in finals.
 - Men's singles: Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
 - Women's singles: He Bingjiao (China)
 - Women's doubles: Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan (Malaysia)
 - Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong (China)
32. **India** 's Under 21 men's hockey team has won the 10th edition of Sultan of Johor Cup title, after defeating Australia in 2022 final, held in Johor Bahru, Malaysia from 22 to 29 October 2022.
Note: Earlier, India has won two titles in 2013 and 2014. The top-scorer of tournament was Sharda Nand Tiwari from India, with seven goals to his name. The Player of the Match: Sudeep Chirmako

September 2022

1. Colin de Grandhomme, who has announced his retirement from international cricket, was a player of **New Zealand**.
Note: He has played 29 Test matches scoring 1432 runs at 38.70, including centuries against the West Indies and South Africa. His best score was 120 not out. He has also registered 49 wickets in the format at an average of 32.95, including six for 41 on debut against Pakistan.
2. **Apeksha Fernandes** becomes the first Indian woman to reach the final of the World Junior Swimming Championships.
Note: She has finished eighth in the 200m women's butterfly summit clash in Lima, Peru. She clocked 2:19.14 to finish last in the eight-swimmer final. Her previous best was 2:18.39 set in June which is awaiting ratification by the Swimming Federation of India.
3. **Pallathuruthy boat club** team has won the 68th edition of Nehru Trophy for a boat race, was organised on Punnamadalake, Alappuzha district of Kerala.
Note: 'MahadevikkaduKattilThekkethil' by Pallathuruthy boat club won the trophy. While NCDC Boat club's 'Nadubhagam' of Kumarakam has secured the second place in the race. The boat of Pallathuruthy boat club has won the title by clearing the distance of 1.15 km in 4.30.77 minutes.

4. **Red Bull driver, Max Verstappen** has lifted the 2022 Formula One Dutch Grand Prix auto race, at the Zandvoort racetrack, in Zandvoort, Netherlands.
Note: Mercedes driver, George Russell of Britain has secured second place while the Ferrari driver, Charles Leclerc of Monaco has secured third place in the race. Mercedes's driver, Lewis Hamilton has placed fourth.
5. **AnishkaBiyani** has won the gold medal in the Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship at Kuala Lumpur.
Note: She is a first-grade student of DhirubhaiAmbaniSchool and achieved the feat in the Under-6 Open category. She has also qualified as one of the best under-7 players in the All India FIDE rating chess tournament held in Yousufguda, Hyderabad.
6. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has launched the mascot and the anthem for **36th** edition of the National Games at Trans Stadia in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
Note: Mascot: Savaj (means cub in Gujarati); Anthem is based on the theme of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. The National Games will be organised in six cities of the state namely Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar. He has also launched the official website - www.nationalgamesgujarat.in and the mobile App NGGujarat.
7. Mushfiqur Rahim, who has recently announced his retirement from Twenty20 international cricket, is associated **Bangladesh**.
Note: He would continue to take part in the Bangladesh Premier League, other two formats of the game (Test and ODI) and other Twenty20 franchise tournaments. His decision came after Bangladesh lost their Group B matches in the Asia Cup against Afghanistan and Sri Lanka in UAE. He has played in 102 T20 matches for Bangladesh and scored 1,500 runs at 19.48.
8. Indian Cricketer who is fondly known as Mr. IPL, has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket, is **Suresh Raina**.
Note: Suresh Raina has represented India in 18 tests, 226 ODIs and 78 T20s in his 13 years of international cricket career. He has 5615 runs from 226 ODIs and 1605 from 78 T20s for India. He was part of the Indian cricket team that has won the 2011 World Cup and 2013 Champions Trophy under Dhoni's leadership.
9. **Mastercard** has become the title sponsor for all international matches (both women and men) held on home ground, domestic cricket matches held in India for the 2022-23 season.
Note: Aim: At enhancing Mastercard's connection with cricket lovers across the country. Mastercard CEO: Michael Miebach; HQs: New York, United States.
10. Gold medallist javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra has become the first Indian to win the prestigious Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland with best throw of **88.44m**.
Note: While, Olympic silver medallist, Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic has finished second with a best throw of 86.94m. Julian Weber of Germany was third with a best of 83.73metre. He was also awarded a USD 30,000 prize money and a wild card for the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Hungary.
11. In the 15th edition of the Asia Cup, **Sri Lanka** has lifted 6th Asia Cup title after defeating Pakistan by 23 runs at the Dubai International Stadium, UAE.
Note: Sri Lanka all-rounder, Wanindu Hasaranga has been selected as the Player of the Series. While Bhanuka Rajapaksa (Sri Lankan) has been named the Player of the Match for his batting performance in the final. International Cricket Council (ICC) HQ: Dubai, UAE; Chairman: Greg Barclay
12. Aaron Finch has announced his retirement from one-day international cricket following the final game of a three-match series against New Zealand, was former captain of **Australia captain**.
Note: He had an impressive record that includes over 5400 runs with 17 centuries under his name. He has made his debut against Sri Lanka at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) in 2013 and smashed his maiden hundred against Scotland, scoring 148 runs.
13. Spanish, Carlos Alcaraz has defeated **Casper Ruud** to secure his maiden Men's Singles title at the 2022 US Open tennis.
Note: He is the youngest men's Grand Slam champion since Rafael Nadal won the French Open in 2005. Women's singles: Iga Świątek (Poland). Men's doubles: Rajeev Ram (US) / Joe Salisbury (UK); Women's doubles: Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic) / Kateřina Siniaková (Czech Republic); Mixed doubles: Storm Sanders / John Peers (Australia)
14. Sikkim will host Ranji trophy matches for the first time in December 2022 at **Mining Cricket Ground near Rangpo**.
Note: The state will welcome three northeast teams i.e. Mizoram, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. The decision was taken by BCCI that will act as a game-changer in cricket's promotion in Sikkim. Along with Ranji Trophy matches, Sikkim will also play two Cooch Behar Trophy matches, and three Col CK Nayudu Trophy matches at Mining Cricket Ground.

- 15. Max Verstappen** has secured title of Formula One Italian Grand Prix 2022.
Note: Ferrari Driver, Charles Leclerc has secured second spot in the Grand Prix, while George Russell (Mercedes) placed third in the event. Lewis Hamilton (Seven times world champion) has also raced and finished in the fifth position, while Nyck de Vries finished ninth in his F1 debut.
- 16. India** 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.
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
- 17.** Indian woman wrestler **Vinesh Phogat** has clinched a bronze in 53-kilogram category at the World Championships, in Belgrade, Serbia.
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.
- 18.** Roger Federer has announced his retirement, is associated with **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.
- 19.** Rachael Haynes, who has announced her retirement from international cricket at the age of 35, is belong to **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.
- 20. Pranav Anand** has become the 76th Grandmaster of India in the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania.
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.
- 21. Linda Fruhvirtova (Czech)** 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.
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.
- 22.** In men's wrestling, **Bajrang Punia** has secured bronze medal in the men's 65 kg category at World Wrestling Championships.
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.
- 23. Bengaluru FC** 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.
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.
- 24. Bangladesh** country has secured the maiden SAFF Women's Championship title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.
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.
- 25.** Veteran Assamese swimmer, **Elvis Ali Hazarika** has become the first from the North East to cross the North Channel.
Note: 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.
- 26. India** will host its maiden MotoGP World Championships race in 2023.
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.

27. **Eliud Kipchoge (Kenya)** has shattered his own world record by lowering the mark to 2:01:09 (new record) to win at the Berlin Marathon.

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.

August 2022

1. Olympic medallist, Mairaj Ahmad Khan has claimed gold medals in men's category of **Skeet** sports in the inaugural Digvijay Singh Memorial Shooting Championship.

Note: Raiza Dhillon has claimed gold medals in women's skeet events. Arjun Thakur of Madhya Pradesh has silver position and Gurjoat Singh from Punjab has settled for bronze in Men's category. Dhillon has bagged double gold after winning the Junior Women's Skeet competition over Parinaaz Dhaliwal from Punjab.

2. Indian weightlifter, Achinta Sheuli has bagged gold medal in **73 Kg** men's category.

Note: Erry Hidayat Mohammad (Malaysia) has clinched Silver medal with a total of 303 kg, while Darsigny (Canada) won Bronze with a total of 298 kg. Earlier, Mirabai Chanu and Jeremy Lalrinunnga have claimed gold medal while Bindyarani Devi and Sanketh Sargar bagged silver and Gururaja Poojary has settled for bronze.

3. **England** team has defeated Germany by 2-1 in the final of the European Championship to win its first major women's soccer title at Wembley Stadium.

Note: Chloe Kelly (England) gave 2-1 win over Germany in the Women's European Championship final to claim their first-ever major title in front of a record crowd on home soil. England coach, Sarina Wiegman made history by becoming the first manager to win the Euros with two separate teams (England and Netherlands)

4. **Shushila Devi** has clinched silver in the women's judo **48kg category** at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games.

Note: This is her second silver medal in CWG, she bagged her first silver in Commonwealth Games 2014. While, Vijay Kumar Yadav has also bagged bronze medal in the judo men's- 60kg category in CWG 2022. In Weightlifting, Harjinder Kaur won the bronze medal in the women's 71kg category (logged 212kg (snatch - 93kg; clean and jerk - 119kg).

5. India's women team has clinched first ever gold medal in the lawn bowls after defeating **South Africa** country.

Note: Women team Lawn bowl include: Nayanmoni Saikia, Pinki, Lovely Choubey and Rupa Rani Tirkey. The Men's Table Tennis team clinched gold medal after defeating Singapore. Weightlifter, Vikas Thakur won the silver medal in men's 96-kilogram category. India's mixed badminton team settled for a silver medal.

6. **Tulika Maan** has claimed Silver medal in Judo women's 78 kg category at Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.

Note: This is India's third medal in Judo this Commonwealth Games. Indian weightlifter, Gurdeep Singh won bronze medal in the men's 109-plus kg final. Indian Saurav Ghosal won bronze medal in squash men's singles. India's Tejaswin Shankar won bronze, India's first medal in athletics at CWG 2022 in the men's high jump.

7. Para-powerlifter **Sudhir** clinched the gold medal in the Men's Heavyweight, after defeating Ikechukwu Obichukwu (Nigeria), in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, with the lift of 212kg

Note: He won India's first gold in Para-Powerlifting at Commonwealth Games. India's M. Sreeshankar has clinched silver in Men's long jump. India's Saurav Ghosal has bagged the bronze medal in squash men's singles.

8. Sakshi Malik and Deepak Poonia presented a double gold delight at Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham, are associated with **Wrestling**.

Note: Sakshi Malik stood atop the podium in the women's freestyle 62 kg category, while Deepak Poonia secured the gold medal in the men's freestyle 86 kg category. Sakshi was up against the Pan American champion - Ana Paula Godinez Gonzalez from Canada in the gold medal match.

9. Indian para table tennis player **Bhavina Patel** has clinched gold medal in the para table tennis women's singles at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Note: She defeated Ifechukwude Christiana Ikpeoyi of Nigeria Classes 3-5. **Other winners:** Indian para

- TT player, Sonalben Manubhai Patel won bronze medal in the women's singles Classes 3-5. Saurav Ghosal and Dipika Pallikal won Bronze in Squash Mixed Doubles. Vinesh Phogat won gold in the Women's Freestyle 53 kg Nordic category.
- 10. V Pranav** has become the 75th Grandmaster of India by winning the Limpede Open in Baia Mare, Romania
Note: He had won his maiden GM norm at the Serbia Open in 2021 and the second in the Vezerkepzo GM round-robin tourney in Budapest, Hungary in June 2022. He is the 27th Grandmaster from Tamil Nadu (list include Viswanathan Anand, D.Gukesh and R.Praggnanandhaa among others).
- 11. India** has clinched the 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 football championship title by defeating Bangladesh by 5-2 goals in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
Note: India won this championship for the second consecutive time (first crown in 2019). Top scorer: Indian Gurkirat Singh(8 goals), he has scored four goals in final. Best player: Indian Gurkirat Singh
- 12. A. Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula** won gold in the mixed doubles table tennis after defeating Javen Choong and Karen Lyne (Malaysian) at Commonwealth Games 2022.
Note: India's Eldhose Paul wins first-ever gold medal in Men's Triple Jump. Boxer, Nitu Ghangas wins gold in women's 48 kg category. Boxer, Amit Panghal won the gold in the 48-51kg weight category. Avinash Sable becomes the first Indian Man claim a medal (silver) in men's 3000m steeplechase.
- 13. Indian** women's cricket team has settled for the silver medal in Birmingham after losing to five-time T20 champions Australia (won gold) by 9 runs in the Commonwealth Games 2022 final.
Note: Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand won the Bronze Medal in Badminton Doubles. Annu Rani won Bronze medal in Women's Javelin Throw. India's Eldhose Paul and Abdulla Aboobacker won the gold and silver, respectively, in the men's triple jump final
- 14. Badminton player PV Sindhu** has defeated Michelle Li of Canada by 21-15, 21-13 to win her first gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in women's singles.
Note: She won silver at Gold Coast in 2018 and bronze medal at Glasgow in 2014. Badminton player, Lakshya Sen has also clinched gold after defeating Ng Tze Yong of Malaysia in the men's singles. Indian Men's Hockey Team won silver (Australia: gold). Sharath Kamal won gold in Men's Singles Table Tennis
- 15. Uzbekistan** men's team has won the 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad that has been concluded in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
Note: India 'B' team (Men's) comprising D Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Raunak Sadhwani and Adhiban won the bronze medal after defeating Germany. India 'A' team (Women's) comprising Vaishali and Koneru Humphy, Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkari won the bronze medal. Armenia clinched the silver medal in men's section
- 16. Serena Williams** has announced her retirement from professional tennis, is associated with **America**.
Note: The US Open 2022 would be her farewell tournament. She has been ranked singles world No.1 by the Women's Tennis Association for 319 weeks. She has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the second most of all time by any player in the open history after an Australian player, Margaret Court (24). She won her first Grand Slam, the U.S. Open in 1999.
- 17. Sunil Chhetri** has been named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for the seventh time, for the 2021-22 season.
Note: While Manisha Kalyan named the AIFF women's footballer for the 2021-22 season. Chhetri and Kalyan were nominated as the winners by their respective national team coaches Igor Stimac and Thomas Dennerby. He is the third highest goal scorer among active international players.
- 18. Indian fencer, Bhavani Devi** has secured gold medal in the women's senior individual sabre category at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022 in London.
Note: She defeated Veronika (Australia), who has settled for silver in the event. Bhavani Devi hails from Tamil Nadu and was the first Indian fencer to qualify for the Olympics (Tokyo 2020). Fencing was recognised by the Commonwealth Games Federation as a sport.
- 19. Shakib Al Hasan** has been named as the captain of the Bangladesh Cricket team for the Asia Cup, Tri-nation T-20 series with Pakistan.
Note: Host team of New Zealand starting in October as well as the World Cup 2022 in Australia. This decision was followed by the bad performance of the Bangladesh team in T-20 matches. BCB also announced a 17-member team for the Asia Cup.
- 20. The first ever Women's IPL will be held in March 2023.**

Note: This will be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams. The BCCI officials have also discussed that the March window has been found for the tournament after the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

- 21. Shillong, Meghalaya** state is set to host the upcoming second edition of the North East Olympics from 30th October to 6th November.

Note: The first edition of Games was held in Manipur in 2018 with 12 disciplines. This edition of the Games will be special as Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th year of its Statehood. In this edition, about 4,000 participants from eight North Eastern States will be competing in 18 disciplines at 13 venues spread across Shillong.

- 22.** The global football governing body FIFA has suspended India's football federation due to influence from third parties. Impact: The FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022, scheduled to held in India, cannot currently be held in India as planned. The suspension will be lifted once an order to set up a committee of administrators to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee has been repealed.

- 23.** The Delhi High Court has passed an order to constitute a 3-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run daily affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The committee will be assisted by **Abhinav Bindra (Shooter), Anju Bobby George (former long jumper) and L Bombayla Devi (archer).**

Note: Agenda: To prepare the new constitution of IOA as per the Sports Code and the court rulings, and prepare the electoral roll in order to hold fresh elections.

- 24. Bengaluru** will host FIBA U-18 women Asian Basketball championship from September 5th to 11th.

Note: The international event will be organised in the Sree Kanteerava Indoor stadium and Koramangala Indoor stadiums. Division A team will compete with Division B team in the championship to qualify for the FIBA World Championship to be held in July 2023 in Spain.

- 25. Manisha Kalyan** has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League.

Note: She made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus. She replaced Cyprus' Marilena Georgiou in the 60th minute at the Makareio Stadium. She was recently awarded the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year for

the 2021-22 season. Kalyan is the 2nd player from Gokulam Kerala to sign for an overseas club.

- 26. Wrestler Antim Panghal** has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold medal at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Note: She has defeated Atlyn Shagayeva of Kazakhstan in 53kg category. She belongs to Bhagana village in the Hisar district, Haryana. Two-time U17 world champion, Sonam Malik had to settle for silver after losing to Nonoka Ozaki in the final of the 62kg category. In the 65kg category, Priyanka had settled for silver.

- 27.** Paralympic medalists, Sumit Antil has set a new record of 68.62m in **Javelin throw** at the 4th Indian Open National Para Athletics Championships 2022 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru.

Note: Discus thrower, Yogesh Kathuniya has also established new world records. Yogesh Kathuniya has set a record of 48.34m in Discus throw. Sumit Antil had won gold in the men's javelin F64/44 final at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games.

- 28.** Indian men's volleyball team won bronze medal after defeating **South Korea** by 3-2 in the 14th Asian U-18 Championship in Tehran.

Note: In the preliminary league round, India defeated Korea but lost to Iran in the semifinal. The Indian U-18 team has been qualified along with Japan, Iran, and South Korea for the FIVB World U-19 Men's Volleyball Championship. Japan has secured the gold after beating Iran (Silver) in the final match.

- 29. Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi** has defeated Spain's David Anton Guijarro in the ninth and final round with 7.5 points and a performance rating of 2893 to win the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters chess tournament.

Note: He has gained 35 Elo rating points after the recently concluded Chess Olympiad in India. The second spot in the Abu Dhabi Masters was claimed by Uzbekistan's Javokhir Sindarov after defeating Iran's M Amin Tabatabaei.

- 30.** Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra has won the Javelin Throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League with a best throw of **89.08 metre.**

Note: He became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title. He has thus qualified for the Diamond League Finals, which will take place in Zurich, Switzerland on 7th and 8th September. He is also now qualified for the 2023 World Championships, which is to be held in in Budapest, Hungary.

31. Linthoi Chanambam has secured the India's first-ever gold medal in Judo World Championships at the World Judo Cadet (U18) Championships.

Note: She has defeated Bianca Reis of Brazil in the Women's 57kg category. She became the first Indian judoka to win a medal at any age-group of the World Championships. She has also won gold medal at the Sub-Junior National Judo Championships in 2017, since then she has been training at JSW's Inspire Institute of Sports judo programme.

32. Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.

Note: Kohli has now 100 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since his international debut in August 2008. New Zealand batter, Ross Taylor is the first player, who played 112 Tests, 236 ODIs and 102 T20Is between 2006 and 2022. Rohit has already played 132 matches in the shorter format.

33. Viktor Axelsen has clinched his second BWF World Championships men's singles title after beating Kunlavut Vitidsarn from Thailand in Tokyo.

Note: The women's singles title has been retained by Akane Yamaguchi from Japan. She has defeated China's Olympic champion, Chen Yufei in the final. Men's Double: Malaysia Aaron Chia; Malaysia Soh Wooi Yik. Women's Double: China Chen Qingchen; China Jia Yifan. Mixed Double: China Zheng Siwei; China Huang Yaqiong

34. FIFA organisation has lifted the ban imposed on the All India Football Federation (AIFF) after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA).

Note: FIFA has also cleared the decks for India to host the Women's U-17 World Cup in October 2022. Background: FIFA had suspended AIFF on August 15 for "undue influence from third parties" and the revocation came 11 days after that.

35. Max Verstappen has clinched the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2022.

Note: Sergio Perez (Red Bull's driver) and Carlos Sainz (Ferrari's driver) have finished at second and third positions respectively. Max Verstappen has won 9 races out of 14 races of this season. George Russell (Mercedes driver) has finished at fourth in the F1 Belgian Grand Prix 2022.

July 2022

1. Indian Javelin thrower **Neeraj Chopra** has clinched silver medal with a massive throw of 89.94 meter, at the prestigious Diamond League meet in Stockholm.

Note: He broke his own national record (89.30m) for the second time in a month. Anderson Peters (Grenadian athlete) won gold medal with a best throw of 90.31 meter. Earlier, he clinched silver at Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku (Finland).

2. Sports brand **Adani Sportsline** has become the principal sponsor with the Indian Olympics Association (IOA) for the upcoming games, Birmingham Commonwealth 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic 2024.

Note: This is the second time that the Adani Group has collaborated with IOA after the Tokyo Olympics.

3. Cricketer Eoin Morgan has announced his retirement from international cricket.

Note: Under his captaincy, England Men has clinched their first-ever ICC Men's Cricket World Cup trophy at Lord's in 2019. He has also competed for England in the 2010 ICC Men's T20 Cricket World Cup, which was held in the Caribbean.

4. **Carlos Sainz (Ferrari driver)** has won his maiden Formula One British Grand Prix 2022 at Silverstone.

Note: He beat Red Bull's Sergio Perez and Lewis Hamilton for Mercedes. World champion, Max Verstappen has finished at the seventh spot for Red Bull. Charles Leclerc has finished at fourth ahead of Fernando Alonso of Alpine and Lando Norris of McLaren.

5. **Jasprit Bumrah (India captain)** has defeated Stuart Broad for 29 runs to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket.

Note: He also breaks the legendary Brian Lara's feat by one run. The world record stayed with Lara for 18 years, he had hit South African left-arm spinner, Robin Peterson for 28 runs in a Test match in 2003-04.

6. **Viktor Axelsen (Danish)** has clinched 2022 Malaysia Open title after defeating Japan's Kento Momota.

Note: Women's singles: Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand). Men's doubles: Takuro Hoki (Japan), Yugo Kobayashi (Japan). Women's doubles: Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia); Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti

(Indonesia). Mixed doubles: Zheng Siwei (China), Huang Yaqiong (China)

7. Two Indian female boxers, Alfiya Pathan (81 kg) and Gitika have won gold medals at the Elorda Cup held in **Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**.

Note: Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro have signed off with silver medals. Alfiya has defeated 2016 world champion, Lazzat Kungeibayeva by a 5-0 margin. While Gitika has beat Kalaivani in all-Indian women's 48 kg final.

8. **New Zealand** has signed a five-year deal to pay women's players at both international and domestic level receive the same match fees as men across all formats and competitions.

Note: The deal will come into effect from August 1. As per the deal, professional women's players will receive equity in matters such as travel, accommodation, and the wider playing and training environment.

9. **Novak Djokovic** has clinched the Wimbledon 2022 title after beating Australian Nick Kyrgios in London.

Note: He became the fourth player in the open era after Roger Federer, Pete Sampras, and Bjorn Borg won four titles in a row. It is the 21st Grand Slam title of Djokovic. Kazakhstan tennis player, Elena Rybakina has clinched the Women's Singles title.

10. Team archery duo (**Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam**) has won a bronze medal at the 11th edition of the World Games held at Birmingham, Alabama, USA.

Note: In the bronze medal round, the team defeated Canada's Andrea Becerra & Miguel Becerra. Abhishek Verma is the only Indian archer to win medals at all stages of compound archery (World Games, World Championship, World Cup Final, World Cup, Asian Games, Asian Championship).

11. The 36th National Games will be held in **Gujarat** state between September 27 and October 10.

Note The prestigious event is being held after a gap of seven years, the last was being held in 2015 in Kerala. PM Narendra Modi had launched the 'Khel Mahakhumbh' initiative in Gujarat in 2010 when he was the chief minister of the state. The National Games will have 34 sporting events including athletics, hockey, among others.

12. Indian Shooter **Arjun Babuta** has won his first gold medal in 10 m Air Rifle at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage at Changwon in South Korea.

Note: He defeated Lucas Kozeniesky (USA), who has won silver medal in Tokyo 2020. Sergey Richter from

Israel has settled for bronze with a score of 259.9 and Paarth Makhija from India finished at fourth position. This was India's first medal under new national foreign rifle coach Thomas Farnik.

13. **D. Gukesh** has won the Gijon Chess Masters 2022.

Note: GM Alexandr Fier of Brazil has finished second with 6.5 points while International Master, Pedro Antonio Gines of Spain has finished third scoring six points. Gukesh took his FIDE rating to 2693. If he crosses the Elo rating of 2700, Gukesh could well become the sixth Indian to do so after Viswanathan Anand, Krishnan Sasikiran, P. Harikrishna, Vidit Gujarati and B. Adhiban.

14. **Ferrari's Charles Leclerc** has clinched the title of FI Austrian Grand Prix 2022.

Note: Max Verstappen (Red Bull) and seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) settled for second and third place respectively. The 2022 Austrian Grand Prix was a F1 motor race held on 10 July 2022 at the Red Bull Ring in Spielberg, Austria.

15. **Bhagwani Devi Dagar** has won gold in the 100m sprint at the 2022 World Masters Athletics Championships in Tampere, Finland.

Note: She has clocked 24.74 seconds in the 100m sprint and also clinched the bronze medal in the shot put. She hails from Khidka village in Haryana. The World Masters Athletics Championships is an event for athletics (track and field) for athletes aged 35 years and over.

16. **Jonny Bairstow (England)** has been named as the International Cricket Council (ICC) has named the Player of the June 2022 in Men's category.

Note: Women's Player: Batter, Marizanne Kapp (South Africa). Jonny Bairstow has received this title after his remarkable performances against New Zealand in May 2022.

17. **Mehuli Ghosh and Shahu Tushar Mane(India)** has bagged second gold medal for India in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup stage in South Korea.

Note: Indian team defeated Eszter Meszaros and Istvan Pen from the Hungary by 17-13. Another Indian duo of Palak and Shiva Narwal bagged bronze in the 10m Air Pistol mixed event after defeating Kazakhstan's Irina Loktionova and Valeriy Rakhimzhan.

18. The Indian Olympic Association announced a 322-strong contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games.

Note: The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8. Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para sports category.

19. Tokyo will host the World Athletics Championships in 2025.

Note: At the World Athletics Council Meeting held in Oregon, USA, the Council has also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia. The 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Tallahassee, Florida. The 19th edition of the World Athletics Championships will be held in Budapest in Hungary(2023).

20. R Praggnanandhaa has won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia.

Note: Alexandr Predke (Russian player) grabbed the second spot with 7.5 points ahead of Alisher Suleymenov (Kazakhstan player), who took third place. Young Indian International Master, V Pranav has ended in fifth place with 6.5 points and GM Arjun Kalyan from India settled for seventh place.

21. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce has clinched her record fifth world 100m title in Eugene, Oregon, belongs to **Jamaica**.

Note: She has previously won the blue riband event in 2009, 2013, 2015 and 2019, won in a championship record of 10.67 seconds. Shericka Jackson (Jamaica) won silver in a personal best of 10.73sec and four-time Olympic sprint champion, Elaine Thompson-Herah (Jamaica) has claimed bronze (10.81). Fred Kerley from US won gold in the men's world 100m title.

22. P V Sindhu. has lifted first Super 500 title of her career after defeating reigning Asian champion, Wang Zhi Yi of China by 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 in the final of the Singapore Open.

Note: This is her first 500 or better since the world championship win in 2019. This is her first 500 or better final in 2022. Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia) won the men's singles title at badminton's Singapore Open 2022 after defeating Japanese player Naraoka Kodai.

23. Mairaj Ahmad Khan has created history by becoming the first Indian shooter to win the gold medal in the men's skeet event at 2022 ISSF World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.

Note: He has recorded 37 hits out of a possible 40 in the final to win gold. Minsu Kim from South Korea has bagged silver medal, while Ben Llewellyn of Great Britain won bronze. Women's 50m rifle 3 positions

team: Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra and Ashi Chouksey won the bronze medal

24. Aravindh Chithambaram has won the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open title, after defeating Robert Hovhannisyan (Armenia) and Raunak Sadhwani on the basis of tie-break score.

Note: Chithambaram, Hovhannisyan and Sadhwani finished on eight points from 10 rounds along with seven others. Raunak Sadhwani has finished in third place behind the Armenian. Chithambaram is also a former national champion.

25. Harshada Garud has clinched the gold with an aggregate of 157kg (69kg+88kg), in the women's 45kg gold at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Note: Soumya Dalvi has bagged the bronze in the 45kg category of the youth event. In the men's 49 kg youth event, L Dhanush has won the bronze with an 85 kg effort.

26. Ben Stokes, who has announced his retirement from ODI cricket belongs to **England** cricket team.

Note: His last ODI against South Africa in Durham. His ODI debut was against Ireland in 2011, he has scored 2919 runs, including three centuries, and taken 74 wickets in this format. He won ICC's Player of the Year in 2019, Wisden's leading Cricketer in the World in 2020.

27. Lleyton Hewitt was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, as part of the 2021 class, belongs to **Australia** country.

Note: He is the 34th player from Australia to be inducted. He has won the 2001 US Open and 2002 Wimbledon titles among 30 career ATP triumphs and was a part of two Davis Cup championship teams in 1999 and 2003. Hewitt won his last ATP title at Newport in 2014. He remained the No 1 player in the world and spent 80 weeks top-ranked.

28. The Indian men's team of Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Sameer clinched the silver medal in **25m rapid fire pistol** category, at ISSF World Cup Changwon 2022 in South Korea.

Note: With this medal, India retained the top spot on the medals table with five gold, six silver and four bronze. South Korea has finished with four golds, five silver and three bronze medals. This is the second time, when Indian shooters had topped the ISSF World Cup medals tally.

29. Neeraj Chopra has clinched the silver medal with best throw of 88.13m, in the javelin throw final at 2022 World Championships, Eugene, Oregon.

Note: He also becomes only the second Indian and first male track and field athlete to win a medal. Anderson Peters (Grenada) has bagged gold with a best throw of 90.54m while Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic) took the bronze with 88.09m. Legendary long jumper, Anju Bobby George was the first Indian to win bronze in the 2003 at Paris.

30. Jonas Vingegaard (Denmark) has defeated two-time defending champion, Tadej Pogacar of Slovenia by three minutes and 34 seconds to win his first Tour de France title.

Note: Last year, Vingegaard has finished second after Pogacar. The Tour de France is a prestigious multistage bike race, held annually in France. The race, also known as Le Tour or La Grande Boucle, includes 21 stages and covers 3,328 kilometers in 2022.

31. Women cricketer Karuna has announced her retirement from all forms of Cricket.

Note: She has played five Test matches out of which she made 195 runs with 40 as her highest score since making her debut against England at Delhi in November 2005. In August 2014, she has played her last Test for India against England at Wormsley. She has also played 44 ODIs and scored 987 runs with a solitary hundred and nine fifties and 103 as her highest score.

32. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) has won the 2022 French Grand Prix.

Note: While, the seven-time champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) finished second in his 300th Grand Prix. George Russell (Mercedes) has finished third in the 2022 French GP. Red Bulls's Sergio Pérez and Ferrari's Carlos Sainz Jr., finished at fourth and fifth respectively.

33. India will host 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup.

Note: The 2024 Women's T20 World Cup event will be host by Bangladesh, while the 2026 edition will be held in England. Sri Lanka has secured hosting rights for the 2027 Women's T20 Champions Trophy.

34. Mastercard would replace Paytm as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches, organised by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Note: The board has accepted the plea of Paytm for the reassignment of its title rights. Since 2015, Paytm has been the title sponsor of BCCI and renewed the contract in August 2019. The current agreement between Paytm and the BCCI runs from September 2019 to March 31, 2023.

35. India's flag bearer for the opening ceremony of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games -- **PV Sindhu (badminton player) and Manpreet Singh (Indian men's hockey team captain).**

Note: The Indian men's hockey team has bagged bronze medal under the leadership of Manpreet Singh at the Tokyo Olympics (2021). The Sports Authority of India has also launched a new campaign "Create for India" to cheer for Team India.

36. Cambodia and Uzbekistan (Asia), and Cote D'Ivoire (Africa) have received the membership status of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Note: With this addition, the total number of ICC members take to 108 countries which includes 96 Associates. The total count of Asian countries reached to 25 while Cote D'Ivoire is the 21st country from Africa.

37. 44th edition of FIDE Chess Olympiad held in Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Note: The ceremony was attended by Tamil Nadu CM, MK Stalin, five-times chess champion Viswanathan Anand and several others. The competition is being hosted in India for the first time and in Asia after 30 years. A total of 343 teams from 187 countries are participating in the event. Chess Olympiad mascot: 'Thambi' (Chess Knight). Anthem: Vanakkam Chennai

38. Sanket Mahadev Sargar bagged silver in men's 55kg weightlifting, the India's first medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

Note: He has lifted a total weight of 248kg (113+135). Bin Kasdan Mohamad Aniq from Malaysia has claimed gold medal with a total lift of 249kg (107+142). Dilanka Isuru Kumara Yodage of Sri Lanka has bagged bronze with a total lift of 225kg (105+120).

39. Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has come into partnership with Indian Olympic Association (IOA), which would involve the setting up of first-ever India House at Paris Olympics 2024.

Note: Aim: To elevate the performances of Indian athletes, support the national sports federations and build the credentials of India. This partnership will support Indian athletes in major events including the CWG, Asian Games, and the Olympics Games.

40. Indian women weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu has claimed first gold medal for India in the Women's 49Kg event at Birmingham 2022 CWG.

Note: She lifted total weight of 201Kg in snatch and clean and jerk category. Bindyarani Devi Sorokhaibam (Weightlifter) has bagged second Silver medal for India in Women's 55 Kg category.

41. Max Verstappen (Red Bull) has clinched the title of the 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix.

Note: Followed by Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) and George Russell (Mercedes). With this title, he sealed

his eighth victory of the 2022 Formula One season and the 28th of his career.

42. Gustav McKeon has become the youngest male player to score consecutive international hundreds in the T20 World Cup 2024.

Note: Europe Qualifier Group B match (second international match for the youngster). He made his record against Norway at the Kerava National Cricket Ground in Finland. He smashed five fours and eight sixes in his 53-ball 101 against Norway. Earlier, he smashed 61-ball 109 against Switzerland in Vantaa.

June 2022

1. In **10m air rifle** category, Indian women's shooting team has claimed the gold medal for India at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Note: Indian women's team includes: Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita. The Indian trio team defeated Denmark by 17-5 in finals.

2. **Para -Canoeist, Prachi Yadav** wins a bronze medal with a timing of 1:04.71 seconds at the 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Cup held in Poznan, Poland and become the first Indian to win a World Cup medal.

Note: Susan Seipel (Australia) and Brianna Hennessy (Canada) have bagged Gold and silver respectively.

3. After defeating Japan, the Indian men's hockey team clinch the bronze medal at Asia Cup men's hockey 2022 at Jakarta, Indonesia.

Note: Indian hockey team captain, Birendra Lakra wins the player of the match award for his sturdy defensive work. South Korea wins Asia Cup men's hockey 2022 for the 5th time (1994, 1999, 2009, 2013 2022) and Malaysia placed at second. Top scorer of the tournament: Razie Rahim of Malaysia (scored 13 goals)

4. **Argentina** team has claimed their win against European champions Italy in the 2022 Finalissima Championship at Wembley.

Note: Lionel Messi has received the Man of the Match trophy for the second time in his career, he won his first trophy in Barcelona (2011). Messi has made 46 goal contributions in the 45 finals that he has played in his career.

5. **Para-athlete, Vinod Kumar** the Discus throw player, has been banned by the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) for two years (Until 2023) for 'intentional misrepresentation'.

Note: He won the bronze medal in the discus throw event (F52 category) at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.

6. 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 begins in Panchkula, Haryana.

Note: The event was inaugurated by the union home minister Amit Shah. KIYG is the flagship event of the Indian government's Khelo India initiative. As many as 25 sports events will be organized at five venues namely Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi.

7. In **62kg** category of wrestling, India's Sakshi Malik has won gola medal at the 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament in Kazakhstan.

Note: Divya Kakran (68Kg) and Mansi Ahlawat (57kg) have won gold medal. Last time, Sakshi Malik won a gold was at the 2017 Commonwealth Championship. While, Pooja Sihag and Neeraj have settled for bronze in the 76kg and 63 Kg category respectively.

8. **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** wins his 14th title of the Men's 2022 French Open championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall.

Note: He defeated Casper Ruud by 6-3, 6-3, 6-0. Iga Swiatek (Poland) has defeated Coco Gauff to win the Women's French Open 2022. Men's Doubles: Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) & Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands). Women's Doubles: Caroline Garcı and Kristina Mladenovic (France). Mixed Doubles: Ena Shibahara(Japan); Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands).

9. In the **10m air rifle standing SH1** category, Indian shooter, Avani Lekhara has won the gold medal at the 2022 Para Shooting World Cup in France.

Note: She also created a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1. Emilia Babska from Poland has bagged the silver medal with a total of 247.6, while Anna Normann of Sweden has settled for bronze medal.

10. The 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 is being organized at **five** locations.

Note: The event was inaugurated by the union home minister Amit Shah. KIYG is the flagship event of the Indian government's Khelo India initiative. KIYG 2021 will see participation from 37 States and Union Territories of India. As many as 25

sports events will be organized at five venues namely Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi.

11. After defeating **Poland**, India has won the final of the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.
Note: India had topped the five-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route final, ending their campaign with an unbeaten record. Earlier, India has outplayed Malaysia by 7-3 before beating Poland 6-2 in the second match of the day.
12. Indian Women's cricketer **Mithali Raj** has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket on Jun 8, 2022.
Note: She has represented India in matches (232) and scored 7,805 runs at an average of 50.68. She made her international debut in an ODI against Ireland, in June 1999. She became the first and is the only woman cricketer to have aggregated more than 10,000 international runs in over 350 matches across all three formats.
13. **Thambi** is the name of the official mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad, launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.
Note: It is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'.
14. **Saanapathi Gurunaidu** has clinched gold medal in men's 55-kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships 2022.
Note: Indian weightlifter Saanapathi Gurunaidu has clinched gold medal in men's 55-kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships in Mexico with total lift of 230 kilogram.
15. **Avani Lekhara** won the gold medal at the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup.
Note: The Tokyo Paralympian has won in the R8 event- women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 with a score of 458.3. She beat Veronika Vadovicova of Slovakia to win this title and gold for India.
16. **R Praggnanandhaa** the Indian Grandmaster won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
Note: The 16-year old GM, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth, an International Master.
17. Manpreet Kaur is associated with **Shot Put** and sets a new National Record in the Inter-State Athletics Meet in Chennai.
Note: She held the previous record of 17.96m. Manpreet has previously threw the iron ball 18.86m at the Asian GP in 2017. Manpreet Kaur, who has recently returned after a 4-year doping ban.
18. **Haryana** state emerged as the champion at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021.
Note: Haryana tops the medal tally with 52 gold, 39 silver, and 46 bronze medals. While Maharashtra finished 2nd with 45 gold, 40 silver, and 40 bronze. Karnataka finished 3rd with 22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze.
19. **Swimmer** Aneesh Gowda won the highest number (six gold medals) of medals in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021.
Note: Maharashtra swimmer Apeksha Fernandes and gymnast Sanyukta Kale won five gold medals each in the games. Host state Haryana becomes the champion at the 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021.
20. **Max Verstappen** won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022.
Note: He became the most successful driver in the Red Bull of all time. Red Bull's Sergio Perez came second and Mercedes' George Russell came at the third spot.
21. Star badminton player Viktor Axelsen belongs to **Denmark** has won men's single title at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022.
Note: Axelsen (Denmark) defeated Taiwan's Chou Tien-chen in straight sets. While Chen Yufei (China) beats Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon. For Chen, triumph in Jakarta marks a first individual tournament victory since she won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Games.
22. Two Indian para-powerlifters (Men and Women individual) **Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar** have won bronze medals in World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea.
Note: Manpreet Kaur (women's category) won bronze medal in the 41 kg category and had the best lift of 88 kg and the total lift of 173 kg. Parmjeet Kumar (men's category) also won the bronze medal in 49 kg category and lifted 160 and 163 kilograms in two rounds which were his lifetime best lifts.
23. **PM Narendra Modi** has flagged off the first ever-torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad, which will be held in Mahabalipuram between 28 July and 10 August.

- Note:** The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has instituted the torch relay for the very first time. President of FIDE, Arkady Dvorkovich handed over the torch to PM Modi, who gave it to Viswanathan Anand.
- 24. Javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra** has clinched gold in javelin throw in the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland.
Note: He threw 86.69 metres. Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad has settled for silver with a throw of 86.64 metres. Anderson Peters has won the bronze with a throw of 84.75 metres. Sandeep Chaudhury from India got eighth position in the standings with a throw of 60.35 metres.
- 25. Mixed team of Manu Bhaker and Shiva Narwal** has won the 10m air pistol mixed team title at the 20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting competition.
Note: They beat the duo of Amanpreet Singh and Shweta Singh of ONGC by 16-8 to clinch the gold medal. Esha Singh (Telangana) had teamed up with Kaushik Gopu to win bronze in both the senior and junior mixed team competitions.
- 26. Neeraj Chopra** will lead the 37-member Indian athletics contingent in Birmingham, 2022 Commonwealth Games in July-August.
Note: The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has named a 37-member contingent for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham.
- 27. Indian** team of women's Wrestling has clinched five medals to claim the Under-17 Asian Championship, held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
Note: India has lifted the title with a total of 235 points (eight golds, one silver and one bronze). With 143 points, Japan finished at second and Mongolia at third with 138 points.
- 28. Sunil Chhetri** has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in the history of international football.
Note: He has achieved this feat during their AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong, where he scored his 84th goal. Presently, he is equal to the legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player, Ferenc Puskas goals.
- 29. Red Bull's driver, Max Verstappen** has clinched the 2022 Canadian Grand Prix title.
Note: Ferrari driver, Carlos Sainz and Seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) have finished at second and third respectively.
- 30. Rumeli Dhar** has announced her retirement. She is related to **cricket**.
- Note:** She has played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England at Brabourne (2018). She has been featured in four Tests, 78 ODIs, and 18 T20Is.
- 31. The Indian women team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur** has clinched for a silver medal at the World Cup Stage 3 in Paris, related to **Archery**.
Note: India has lost to Chinese Taipei by 1-5 in the women's recurve team final. India has concluded their campaign with one gold and two silver medals.
- 32. Madhya Pradesh** has created history after defeating the 41-time champions, Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
Note: Madhya Pradesh has chased down 108 in the fourth innings for the fall of four wickets. Madhya Pradesh has now become the fourth first-time winner of the Ranji Trophy in the last five seasons - joining Gujarat, Vidarbha (two-time winners now) and Saurashtra.
- 33. Indian cyclist, Ronaldo Singh** has scripted history by winning Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022.
Note: He also became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver medal (including the Elite category) at the Asian Track Championship. Ronaldo Singh Laitonjam hails from Manipur and started cycling at the age of 14.
- 34. Deepak Punia** has won a bronze medal in the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
Note: He defeated Maksat Satybaldy in the 86kg freestyle weight category. He has lost to eventual gold medallist, Azizbek Fayzullaev of Uzbekistan and Nurtilek Karypbaev of Kyrgyzstan.
- 35. Navjeet Dhillon** the Indian women's discus thrower, who has won the gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
Note: She won the women's discus throw with a 56.24m effort. Karina Vasilyeva (Kazakhstan) placed second with 44.61m and Uzbekistan's Yulianna Shchukina at third with 40.48m on the podium.
- 36. Los Angeles, Toronto and Mexico City** have been named among the host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Note: USA: Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Dallas, Atlanta, Houston, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami and New York/New Jersey.

Canada: Vancouver and Toronto. Mexico: Gadalajara, Mexico City and Monterrey.

May 2022

1. India has won a silver medal at the second Asian Girls Youth Beach Handball Championship which was held in **Bangkok, Thailand.**

Note: The team of Indian girls has defeated Hong Kong. India was represented by Anushka Chauhan, Jassi, Sanjana Kumari, Chetna Devi, Vanshika Mehta, and Isha Majumdar. With this medal, the team also earned a spot in the World Youth Beach Handball Championship. The senior women's team has finished with a bronze.

2. **Harshada Sharad Garud** has become the first Indian to win a gold medal at IWF Junior World Championships 2022 in Heraklion, Greece.

Note: She lifted 153-kilogram in the 45-kg weight category, that included 70 kg in Snatch and 83 kg in Clean and Jerk to finish on top of the podium. Turkey's Bektas Cansu bagged silver medal and Moldova's Teodora-Luminita Hincu won the bronze medal.

3. **Kerala** team has defeated the 32-time champion West Bengal in a penalty shootout to win its 75th Santhosh Trophy National Tournament for the seventh time at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala.

Note: This is the first time that Kerala has won on home soil since 1993. Player of the Tournament: Jijo Joseph (Midfielder, Kerala). Top goalscorer: Jesin Tk. Thonikkara (Forward, Kerala), 9 goals; Best goalkeeper: Priyant Singh (West Bengal)

4. **JAIN University(Deemed-to-be University)** has won the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games 2021 with 20 gold, 7 silver and 5 bronze medals.

Note: Lovely Professional University (LPU) with 17 golds has placed second and Punjab University placed third with 15 gold medals. Siva Sridhar has emerged as the star swimmer by winning 11 gold. The closing ceremony of KIUG was held at Sri Kanteerava Outdoor Stadium, Bengaluru.

5. **Ronnie O'Sullivan (English snooker player)** has won his seventh World Snooker Championship crown after beating Judd Trump (English snooker player) by 18-13.

Note: With this win, he has been equalled Stephen Hendry's modern-day record of seven world titles. O'Sullivan has won his first world title in 2001. He has also claimed snooker's biggest prize in 2004, 2008, 2012, 2013 and 2020 before his triumph over the Bristolian.

6. Olympian discus thrower **Kamalpreet Kaur** has been suspended by Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for testing positive for a banned substance.

Note: The AIU has found the presence/use of the prohibited substance anabolic steroid called stanozolol in her sample. Kaur had finished sixth with a throw of 63.7m in the Tokyo Olympics final. Stanozolol was used by sprinter Ben Johnson during the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

7. **Shooter Dhanush Srikanth** has won gold in the men's 10m air rifle competition in the 24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul, Brazil.

Note: Shourya Saini has also won the bronze in the same event. Later, the Indian badminton team also won gold after beating Japan by 3-1 in the final to make it a double celebration for the country. Vedika Sharma won the bronze medal in the 10 m air pistol at the ongoing Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sol, Brazil.

8. **India cricket team** has been ranked as the world's number one in ICC T20 team ranking.

Note: New Zealand has bagged the top spot in the ODI rankings, followed by England, Australia, and India. Men's Test Team Rankings: Australia, India, and New Zealand. International Cricket Council Chairman: Greg Barclay; CEO: Geoff Allardice; Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

9. Khelo India Youth Games 2021 will be held in **Haryana.**

Note: Mascot, Logo and Jersey and theme song of Khelo India Youth Games were launched in a special ceremony held at Indra Dhanush Stadium in Panchkula, Haryana. The Mascot and theme was launched by Haryana's Chief Minister Manohar Lal along with Union Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Anurag Thakur.

10. Abhinav Deshwal has won the second gold medal for India in **Shooting** at the ongoing 24th Deaflympics in Caxias do Sul, Brazil.

Note: He was tied with silver winning Ukrainian Oleksii Lazebnyk before winning gold in a shoot-off. India has four medals in the shooting competition at the 24th Deaflympics. Men's 10m air rifle: Dhanush Srikanth (Gold); Shourya Saini (Bronze). Women's 10m air pistol: Vedika Sharma(Bronze).

11. **Max Verstappen** has won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix for Red Bull after defeating the Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc.

Note: Leclerc (Ferrari) finished second and Spanish teammate Carlos Sainz (Ferrari) placed third in the Miami Grand Prix 2022.

12. **Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)** has clinched the men's singles Madrid Open title 2022 after beating the defending champion Alexander Zverev (Germany).

- Note:** Alcaraz has also defeated Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic (world No.1) to reach the final. It is his second Masters 1000 crown after Miami 2022 and his fourth title of the year. Ons Jabeur (Tunisia) has clinched women's singles title to become the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event.
- 13. Indian Grandmaster **Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh**** has won the first Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament in Punta Prima.
Note: GM Gukesh has defeated GM Haik M Martirosyan (Armenian) in the final round. This is his third title after he had previously won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open. He had defeated K Sasikiran (Indian) in the ninth and penultimate round.
- 14. Athlete **Jyothi Yarraji (from Andhra Pradesh)**** has smashed the national record to clinch a gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles at Limassol in Cyprus International Athletics Meeting 2022 with a timing of 13.23 seconds.
Note: She break the 20-year-old national record (13.38 seconds) in the name of Anuradha Biswal in 2002. Another Indian athlete Lili Das has also won gold in the women's 1500 meter race and Amlan Borgohain won the bronze medal in the men's 200m.
- 15. Indian pistol pairs **Esha Singh and Saurabh Chaudhary**** clinched the mixed team pistol gold at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.
Note: The team of Palak and Sarabjot Singh has settled for the silver medal in the same event. Ramita and Paarth Makhija also won silver in the 10m air rifle mixed team competition. In all, India has so far won 10 medals, including four gold.
- 16. The Indian team of women archers Parneet Kaur, Aditi Swami, and Sakshi Chaudhary** has won India's first gold medal of the continental meet after defeating Kazakhstan which is being held in **Iraq**.
Note: The men's team of Prathamesh Fuge, Rishabh Yadav, and Jawkar Samadhan has won the second gold for India. The compound mixed duo of Prathmesh Fuge & Parneet Kaur won the third Gold Medal at Asia Archery Cup. Prathamesh Samadhan Jawkar has won the bronze medal in Asia Cup.
- 17. India's Men's Badminton team** has scripted the history by winning the first-ever Thomas Cup after defeating 14-time Champions Indonesia in Bangkok.
Note: India has defeated Indonesia by 3-0 in the finals of the prestigious team championship. World Championships medallist Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth and world number 8 doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy had given their memorable performances.
- 18. Novak Djokovic (Serbian)** has defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas to capture the 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown (Italian Open).
Note: Novak Djokovic became the fifth man in the Open Era to earn 1,000 match wins after defeating Casper Ruud in the semi-finals. In Woman Single, Iga Swiatek has won the Italian Open title after defeating Ons Jabeur. Men's doubles: Nikola Mektić and Mate Pavić (Croatia). Women's doubles: Veronika Kudermetova and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova
- 19. Sift Kaur Samra** has won the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) like Prone, the Standing and the Kneeling positions, event to take India's gold medal tally to 10 at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany.
Note: She beat Julie Johannessen (Norway) by 17-9 in the final. India's Ashi Chouksey has also won bronze in the same event. Presently, India leads the tally with 25 medals which include 10 gold, 12 silver and three bronze.
- 20. South Korea** has defeated China by 3-2 in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) 29th edition of the Uber Cup Final at Impact Arena in Bangkok.
Note: This is the second Uber Cup title for South Korea after their first victory in 2010 in Kuala Lumpur. Thomas and Uber Cup is the biennial international badminton championship contested by the men's and women's national teams of the member associations of Badminton World Federation (BWF).
- 21. A total 16 medals (including eight golds, one silver, and seven bronze)** India has won at the Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sul, Brazil
Note: India has finished in the ninth position in the medal tally. India won three gold in shooting, three in Badminton, and each in Golf and Tennis.
❖ **Shooting:** Dhanush Srikanth, Abhinav Deshwal, Dhanush Srikanth/Priyasha Deshmukh, Shourya Saini, Vedika Sharma
❖ **Badminton:** Jerlin Jayaratchagan, Abhinav Sharma
❖ **Tennis:** Prithvi Sekhar/Dhananjay Dubey
- 22. Eintracht Frankfurt (German club)** has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain.
Note: Goalkeeper, Kevin Trapp has saved at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help give Frankfurt the 5-4 win on penalties. Rangers (Scottish club) was also trying to win its first European title since the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972. Man of the Match: Kevin Trapp (Eintracht Frankfurt)
- 23. Nikhat Zareen** India boxer has won the gold medal in 52kg (Category) after defeating Thailand's Jitpong

Jutamas at the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, Istanbul.

Note: Nikhat became the fifth Indian woman to secure a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships after Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, and Lekha KC. It was also India's first gold medal since boxing great Mary Kom won it in 2018. Bronze winners: Manisha Moun (57 kg), Parveen Hooda (63 kg).

24. The Indian men's compound archery team (Abhishek Verma, Aman Saini, and Rajat Chauhan) has defeated **France** in the final to win a gold medal at the Archery World Cup stages in Gwangju, South Korea.

Note: It was their second successive World Cup gold medal as the team had finished on the top step of the podium in Antalya, Turkey (April 2022). Archer Mohan Bhardwaj has also won a silver medal in the World Cup. The Compound Mixed duo of Abhishek & Avneet Kaur win bronze.

25. Manchester City (Football) has been crowned 2021/22 Premier League champions their fourth title success in the last five seasons.

Note: Manchester City won over Aston Villa in the final game of the season. In Manchester City's 38 league matches this season, they have won 29, drawn six, and lost three, scoring 99 goals in the process. City has now won four Premier League titles and eight major trophies under Pep Guardiola since his arrival in the summer of 2016.

26. Haryana Hockey team has emerged as the winners of the Hockey India sub-junior women's national championship 2022 after defeating Hockey Jharkhand by 2-0 in the final in Imphal.

Note: Uttar Pradesh Hockey has defeated Madhya Pradesh Hockey by 3-0 to secure third place in the tournament. Pushpanjali Sonkar, Manisha Patel, and Purnima Yadav scored a goal each to help Uttar Pradesh

Hockey seal third place in the competition for the second consecutive time.

27. Odisha team win Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2022 title.

Note: Hockey Association of Odisha became the champion of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship 2022 after a victory over Hockey Karnataka in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Earlier, Jharkhand Hockey team has defeated Hockey Haryana by 3-2 in the third-fourth place match. Punam Barla (34') has opened the scoring in the match in the third quarter as Odisha picked up the lead.

28. Punjab Kings batsman, Shikhar Dhawan has become the first player to hit 700 fours in the history of the IPL.

Note: The batter has now a total of 701 IPL fours to his name, followed by David Warner (577) and Virat Kohli (576). He achieved this milestone during the match between PBKS and Sunrisers Hyderabad at the Wankhede. Dhawan also becomes the second player to score 6000 runs in IPL history after Virat Kohli.

29. Gujarat Titans has won the Indian Premier League (IPL) champions 2022 after defeating Rajasthan Royals by 7 wickets in the final at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.

Note: Aramco Purple Cap: Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets) Aramco Orange Cap: Jos Buttler (863 Runs)

30. Real Madrid has become the European champion for a record-extending 14th time after defeating Liverpool by 1-0 in a Champions League final.

Note: The Real Madrid has claimed their fifth Champions League trophy in nine seasons.

31. Sergio Perez (Red Bull) has won Formula One Monaco Grand Prix after defeating Carlos Sainz Jr. (Ferrari).

Note: It was Perez's first win of the season. Mexican's Max Verstappen (Red Bull) has finished third, Leclerc at fourth.

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