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16th July 2022

National Affairs

1. PM Modi inaugurates Bundelkhand Expressway



- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Bundelkhand Expressway** at Kaitheri village in **Orai** tehsil of **Jalaun** district in UP.
- 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.
- The **296-kilometre** long, four-lane Bundelkhand Expressway passes through seven districts, **Chitrakoot, Banda, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Jalaun, Auraiya** and **Etawah**.

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2. IIT Madras Tops in National Institutional Ranking Framework

- According to the Ministry of Education's **National Institutional Ranking Framework**, **IIT Madras** bagged the top spot among educational institutions in the country for the 4th consecutive year.
- **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

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Schemes

3. Beti Bachao Beti Padhao programme to be extended to all district

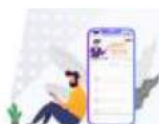
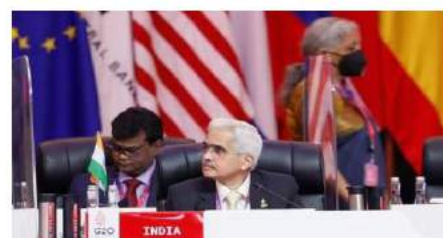


- **Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry** issued a guideline according to which **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao** will now be extended across the country.
- BBBP is the Centre's flagship scheme for **women's empowerment**
- It focuses on the **education of girls child** and **improving the sex ratio**.
- It was launched in January 2015 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**

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4. RBI and Bank Indonesia sign MoU to improve mutual cooperation



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- The **RBI** and the **Bank Indonesia** signed an MoU in **Bali, Indonesia**, to improve mutual cooperation between them.
- 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.

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Sports

5. IOA announces 322-strong Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games



- The **Indian Olympic Association** announced a 322-strong contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff for the upcoming **Birmingham Commonwealth Games**.
- The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8.
- **Rajesh Bhandari**, vice president of **Boxing Federation of India (BFI)**, is the **Chef de Mission** of the squad.
- Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para sports category.

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6. Kotak Mahindra Bank becomes first to integrate with new Income Tax portal



- **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.
- 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.
- Last October, **KMB** became the 1st scheduled private sector bank to receive approval as a collections partner for taxes

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7. IMAI to shut down Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council over regulatory con



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- The **Internet and Mobile Association of India** has decided to shut down the **Blockchain and Crypto Assets Council**.
- With this, IAMAI will cease to represent crypto-exchanges operating in India.
- IAMAI had created and nurtured BACC for four years.
- **BACC** is an industry association, which was under the aegis of the **IAMAI**.
- It represents the interests of the crypto ecosystem in India.
- It serves as an umbrella organisation for various blockchain firms to engage with the govt.

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8. Varanasi to be 1st cultural and tourism capital of SCO

- **Varanasi** will be declared the first **Cultural and Tourism Capital of the SCO for 2022-23**.
- 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**.

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9. NSO Survey on proportion of unmarried persons

- According to the **National Statistical Office**, more Indians prefer to stay unmarried.
- 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%**.

- The report said that the most number of unmarried youth was observed in 2019 in **Jammu & Kashmir**.
- J&K was followed by Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Punjab.
- In the National Youth Policy 2014, those aged 15 to 29 years are classified as youth.

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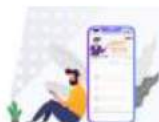
Science & Technology

10. Syngenta India launches Biodiversity Sensor Project with IIT Ropar



- **Syngenta India** announced a launch of **Biodiversity Sensor Project**, a biodiversity monitoring technology in association with **IIT Ropar**.
- 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**.

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Sports

1. Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa wins 2022 Paracin Open Chess title in Serbia



- Young Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa (16) has won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 in Serbia.
- 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.
- **Serbia Capital:** Belgrade; **Currency:** dinar
- **International Chess Day:** 20 July

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State Affairs

2. Uttarakhand government introduced e-FIR service and police app



- **CM of Uttarakhand, Pushkar Singh Dhama** has launched an e-FIR service and the Uttarakhand police app.
- 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.

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3. Trade deficit increases to record \$26.1 billion in June

- India's commodities trade deficit has been raised to a record \$26.1 billion in June 2022 (172% higher than June 2021), higher than the government's initial estimates of \$25.6 billion.
- **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.
- **Trade deficit:** difference between total exports and imports

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Honours & Awards

4. Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah conferred with Mother Teresa Memorial Award

- Governor of Maharashtra, Bhagat Singh Koshiyari has presented the Mother Teresa Memorial Award for 2021 to Dia Mirza and Afroz Shah 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.



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- Founder of Harmony Foundation: Abraham Mathai and Susan Abraham.

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Science & Technology

5. SpaceX launches 25th International Space Station resupply mission

- **CRS-25 SpaceX Cargo Dragon spacecraft** has launched from “launch complex 39A” of the Kennedy Space Centre.
- 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.**

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6. WCD issues Guidelines for Mission Shakti Scheme

- Ministry of Women and Child Development has issued detailed **guidelines for 'Mission Shakti' scheme**, will be applicable with **effect from April 1st, 2022**.
- 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.

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Important Dates

7. World Day for International Justice: 17th July

- **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.
- **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

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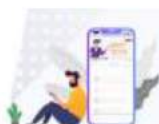
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8. Govt launches “Jagriti” mascot for creating awareness for consumer rights



- The **Department of Consumer Affairs has launched “Jagriti” (mascot)** for empowering consumers and generating awareness about their rights.
- **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.

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International Affairs

9. British govt launches "Aviation Passenger Charter" for passengers rights

- The **British government** has launched an **"Aviation Passenger Charter"** with an aim to help passengers know their rights.
- 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.

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Sports

10. Tokyo to host 2025 World Athletics Championships



- 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 Council has also selected **Tokyo (Japan)** to host the **2025 World Athletics Championships**.
- 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).

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National & International Appointments

1. SEBI approves appointment of BSE's Ashish Kumar Chauhan as new head of NSE

- SEBI has given its clearance for the appointment of **Ashish Kumar Chauhan** as the new managing director and CEO of the **National Stock Exchange** for five years.
- 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.

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Sports

2. PV Sindhu wins maiden 2022 Singapore Open Title

- **PV 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.
- 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.

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Sports

3. Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce wins 5th World 100m Title in Eugene, Oregon

- **Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce (Jamaica)** has clinched her **record fifth world 100m title in Eugene, Oregon.**
- 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.**

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Defense

4. INS Sindhudhvaj decommissioned after 35 years of service

- **Indian Navy has decommissioned INS Sindhudhvaj**, a Kilo-class submarine, 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.**

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Obituaries

5. Renowned artist Achuthan Kudallur passes away



- Well-known artist, **Achuthan Kudallur**, known for **his abstract art**, has passed away at the age of 77.
- 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.

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Important Dates

6. Nelson Mandela International Day 2022: 18 July



- The world marks **Nelson Mandela International Day** annually on **July 18** in the



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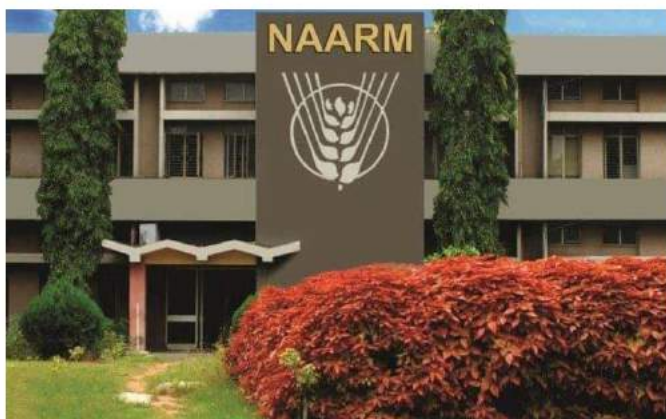
memory of the first democratically elected President of South Africa.

- 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.

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7. NAARM received Sardar Patel Award of ICAR



- The **National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)** has bagged the **Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021** (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance.
- **Ch Srinivasa Rao (Director of NAARM)** has received the award from the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar.
- **NAARM:**
 - Set up: 1976
 - HQ: Hyderabad
 - NAARM was established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

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Defense

8. 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.

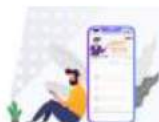
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9. DBS named 'World's Best SME Bank' by Euromoney for second time



- **DBS** has been honoured with the **2022 global best SME bank** by the leading UK-based financial publication Euromoney, for the **second time since 2018**.
- 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



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10. MSME Minister Narayan Rane launches 'Mobile Electric Charging' app



- **Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Narayan Rane** has launched '**Repos Pay**', a Mobile Electric Charging platform and '**Phy-gital**', a Fintech Platform at 'Fuelling India 2022'.
- **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.**

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