

Daily Current Affairs 28th-29th-30th June 2022



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Sports

1. Deepak Punia wins bronze in U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022



- Tokyo Olympian, Deepak Punia has won a bronze medal in the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- 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.
- Presently, India won 25 medals (including 10 gold medals) in all in the U23 meet in the wrestling event.

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2. Mufin Finance received Prepaid Payment Instrument licence from RBI

- Mufin Finance (NBFC) has received in-principal RBI approval for issuance of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments.
- This PPI licence will allow digital banks, fintech firms and large consumer-facing applications to roll out features such as digital payment solutions for lending.
- It is the fourth NBFC to receive such a licence from the RBI

- Other three: Bajaj Finserve, Manapurram and Paul Merchants.
- Mufin Finance established in 2016.
- Co-founder : Rajat Goyal

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3. Acemoney launches wearable ATM cards and offline UPI



- Acemoney has launched UPI 123Pay payment and wearable ATM cards.
- UPI 123Pay: Allow people to carry out cashless transactions without smartphones or internet connections by using feature phones only.
- Wearable ATM cards: It is designed as key chains and rings that allows people to carry out cashless transactions without ATM cards and phones.
- Acemoney is India's first company to launch UPI 123Pay services in Malayalam and Tamil.
- RBI had launched UPI 123Pay in March 2022.

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4. Kerala Financial Corp raises the limit of flagship entrepreneurial loan

- Kerala Financial Corporation has raised the upper loan limit of loans under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship



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Development Programme (CMEDP) to ₹2 crore.

- **Aim:** More MSMEs can get funds at a concessional 5% interest rate.
- The Kerala government will provide a subsidy of 3% with the Corporation chipping in with 2% towards the effective interest rate.
- The **age limit** set by Govt for SC/ ST entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs and non-resident Keralites is **55 years**.

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National Affairs

5. 'One-Health' initiative launches in Bengaluru on June 28



- The **Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD)** has launched the **One Health pilot in Bengaluru, Karnataka**.
- **Aim:** To bring the stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges.
- DAHD has **collaborated with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** to implement the One-Health framework in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand.

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Books & Authors

6. A book titled, 'The Life and Times of George Fernandes' by Rahul Ramagundam



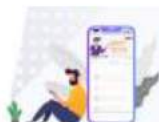
- The biography of India's former Union Defence Minister, late George Fernandes, 'The Life and Times of George Fernandes' will be released in **July 2022**.
- The book was **written by Rahul Ramagundam and published by Penguin Random House India**.
- He was **born on June 3, 1930 in Mangalore**.
- He emerged as a key figure in the fight to **restore democracy after the Emergency was imposed in 1975**.
- He became the **Railways minister in 1989 under V P Singh coalition government**.

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Obituaries

7. Chairman of SP Group, Pallonji Mistry dies at 93

- **Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji group, Pallonji Mistry** has passed away in **Mumbai at 93**.
- In 2022, Pallonji Mistry stands at rank 125 while he was the ninth richest Indian person as of 2021, as per the Forbes Billionaires List.
- He has been conferred with the **Padma Bhushan (2016)** for his contribution in



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business including Real Estate, Textiles, Power, Shipping, Publications and others.

- He was the **largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with a 18.4% holding.**

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Honours & Awards

8. Indian Startup IG Drones wins Global Airwards Best Drone Organisation Award

- Indian startup, **IG Drones** has been conferred with the **“Best Drone Organization Start-up Category”** by **Airwards** for its approach of helping local communities.
- Airwards, is the first panoptic global awards programme of its kind, which identify the positive drone use cases.
- IG Drones is developing disaster response technology and mitigate to increase the efficiency and efficacy of first responders' aid in emergency response.

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Sports

9. Navjeet Dhillon wins gold medal at 2022 Qosanov Memorial

- Indian women's **discus thrower, Navjeet Dhillon** has won the **gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
- 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.
- In the men's 400m race, **Muhammed Anas Yahiya** followed **Mixail Litvin of Kazakhstan (46.04s)** to come second in **46.27s.**

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Obituaries

10. Former SAIL Chairman, V Krishnamurthy passes away at 97

- **V Krishnamurthy**, a former chairman of steel PSU **SAIL** has passed away at the age of 97 in Chennai.
- He worked as the **chairman of SAIL from 1985 to 1990.**
- He had also been the **chairman of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), Maruti Udyog and GAIL.**
- **Awards:** Padma Shri (1973), Padma Bhushan (1986), Padma Vibhushan (2007)
- He also been conferred with the **Lifetime Achievement Award in Management** given by **AIMA** for the **Year 2005.**

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Honours & Awards

11. Kempegowda International Award to S M Krishna, Narayana Murthy & Prakash



- **S M Krishna (Former Karnataka CM), N R Narayana Murthy (Infosys founder) and Prakash Padukone (former badminton player)** have been selected for the **‘Kempegowda International Award’.**
- The award presented on the **513th birth anniversary of Kempegowda**, the



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architect of Bengaluru city, on June 27 at Vidhana Soudha.

- **Award:** Cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a plaque.
- Kempegowda Award is a civilian award which is given by **Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP)** annually.

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12. AI adoption will add \$500 billion to India's GDP by 2025: Nasscom report



- As per the new report of Nasscom, the **adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and data utilisation strategy** can add \$500 billion to India's GDP by 2025.
- **Four key sectors of AI adoption** -- BFSI, consumer packaged goods (CPG) and retail, healthcare, and industrials/automotive.
- These four sectors can **contribute 60% of the total \$ 500 billion opportunity.**
- The current rate of AI investments in India is growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 30.8%.

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13. Government extends levy of GST compensation cess till March 2026

- As per the Goods and Services Tax (Period of Levy and Collection of Cess) Rules, 2022, has been notified by the finance ministry that the government has **extended the time for levy of GST compensation cess by nearly 4 years till March 31, 2026.**
- The levy of cess was about to end on June 30.
- The revenue from the GST compensation cess is **used to pay for the borrowings and arrears of compensation paid to states** in the last two financial years.

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National & International Appointments

1. Justice Satish Chandra Sharma takes oath as Delhi High Court Chief Justice

- **Justice Satish Chandra Sharma** has sworn-in as the new **Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court** by lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.
- He **succeeded Justice DN Patel**, who retired on March 13.
- Earlier, he served as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.
- He has also served as an acting chief justice of Karnataka high court.
- In Madhya Pradesh HC, he was appointed as an additional judge in January 2008.
- **Justice Ujjal Bhuyan** takes oath as **Chief Justice of Telangana.**

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2. Akash Ambani named as chairman of Reliance Jio

- The board of **Reliance Jio Infocomm** has approved the appointment of **Akash Ambani** (non-executive director of the company) as its **chairman**.
- He has joined the Reliance Jio in 2014.
- The board has also approved the appointment of Raminder Singh Gujral and KV Chowdary, as additional directors of the company.
- The appointment of **Pankaj Mohan Pawar as MD of Jio** has also been approved.
- The board has also **accepted the resignation of Mukesh Ambani as Reliance Jio director**.

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Defense

3. India successfully tests indigenously developed Anti-Tank Guided Missile



- Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully **test-fired indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Tank in Maharashtra's Ahmednagar
- The ATGM has been **developed with multi-platform launch capability**.
- It is currently undergoing technical evaluation trials from 120 mm rifled gun of MBT Arjun.

- The successful development of the laser guided ATGM will **enhance the fire power of the MBT Arjun**.

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Obituaries

4. Olympic medallist and Hockey World Cup winner Varinder Singh passes away

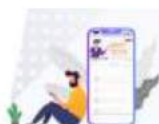
- **Hockey player, Varinder Singh** has passed away **at the age of 75**.
- He was an integral part of the **gold-medal** winning Indian team at the **1975 men's Hockey World Cup** in Kuala Lumpur.
- He was also a part of the **bronze medal-winning team** at the **1972 Munich Olympics** and **silver medal** at **1973 World Cup** in Amsterdam.
- He has been conferred with the prestigious **Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award** in **2007**.
- He used to play for the Railways.

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5. Bajaj Allianz launches Global Health Care plan

- **Bajaj Allianz General Insurance** has launched '**Global Health Care**', a comprehensive health insurance product.
- It covers **planned as well as emergency treatment**.
- It also provides health care **Internationally (outside of India) and domestically (within India)**.
- **Sum Insured: Rs 37,50,000 to Rs 3,75,00,000**
- The product is available in **two plans, namely 'Imperial Plan' and 'Imperial Plus Plan'**.



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- For Overseas Citizen of India, the minimum period to stay outside is 180 days.

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6. Maharashtra govt signs MoU with Adani Energy for 11000 MW power generation

- The Energy department of Maharashtra government has signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL) to generate green power.
- It would require an investment of Rs 60,000 crore and generate employment.
- AGEL will set up Pumped Storage Projects (PSP) in the next five years, and will produce 11,000 MW power.
- The MoU was signed by Narayan Karad, Deputy Secretary, Department of Energy, Maharashtra and Ajit Barodia, Senior Vice President, Adani Industries Group.

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7. Govt launches e-learning portal 'Dak Karmayogi' for Dak Sevaks employees



- Communications Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav and MoS Communications

Devusinh Chauhan have launched 'Dak Karmayogi', an e-learning portal.

- This portal is developed under the vision of 'Mission Karmayogi'.
- This portal will develop the competencies of about four lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks and departmental employees.
- After the completion of the final assessment, a system-generated certificate will generate, and sent to the trainee's registered email ID automatically.

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8. Iran applies to join BRICS group of emerging countries



- Iran has applied to become a member of the BRICS.
- BRICS is a group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- Iran is the world's second-largest gas reserves and membership in the BRICS group would added values for both sides.
- President of Argentina, Alberto Fernandez has also reiterated his desire for Argentina to join BRICS.
- The term BRIC was coined by Goldman Sachs economist Jim O'Neill in 2001.
- Iran Capital: Tehran; Currency: Rial

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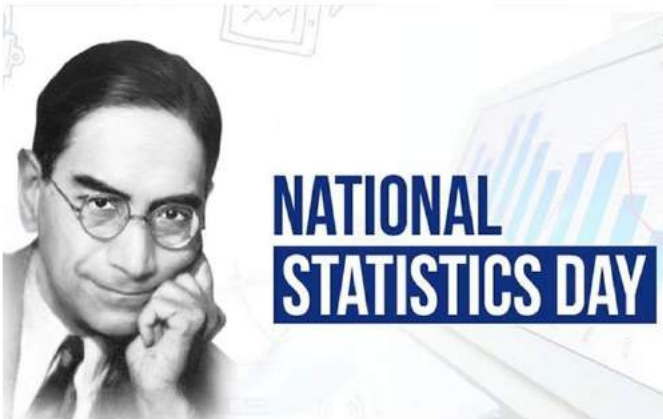


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Important Dates

9. National Statistics Day: 29th June



- Union Government has observed **National Statistics Day** on **29th June** every year to mark the **birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis**.
- Since 2007, this day is observed in recognition of his valuable contribution in the field of Economic Planning and Statistics.
- **Theme 2022: Data for Sustainable Development.**
- Aim: Create awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation for development of the country.

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National & International Appointments

10. IWF appoints Mohammed Jalood as President 2022

- **Mohammed Jalood** has been appointed as **president of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** at an event held in Tirana, Albania.
- Jalood is the **first permanent president since Tamás Aján** has stepped down in **2020** after controlling the IWF for 44 years.

- Earlier, he has worked as a IWF General Secretary.
- He has worked as spending the last five as IWF General Secretary.
- IWF Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland; Founded: 1905

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11. Karnataka government launches 'Kashi Yatra' scheme



- The **Karnataka government** has launched the '**Kashi Yatra**' project.
- It offers cash assistance of ₹5,000 to each pilgrims, take up a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- The government will be using funds of up to ₹7 crores from the accounts head of 'Assistance to Manasa Sarovara Pilgrims'.
- Karnataka governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot; CM Basavaraj Bommai; Capital: Bengaluru

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Important Dates

12. International Day of the Tropics: 29 June

- **International Day of the Tropics** is observed annually on **29 June**.
- This day highlights the challenges faced by the tropics nations.



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- The tropics nations are those that lies between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer.
- 12 leading tropical research institutions collaborated to come up with a State of the Tropics Report on 29th June, 2014.
- To mark the anniversary of the report's launch the UNGA has adopted resolution A/RES/70/267 in 2016.

13. Kerala Govt will launch MEDISEP scheme for State Government employees

- Kerala government will launch the **MEDISEP** scheme - **Medical insurance scheme for State Government employees, pensioners and their eligible family members from 1st July, 2022.**
- It will provide cashless medical assistance with a **comprehensive coverage up to 3 lakhs per year.**
- The annual **premium would be Rs 4,800 plus 18% GST for the policy period of 2022-24.**
- **Monthly premium: Rs.500**
- It is being implemented through the public sector insurer, Oriental Insurance Company.

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1. India successfully tests high-speed expendable aerial target Abhyas



- India has successfully tested the indigenously developed, **high-speed**

expendable aerial target (HEAT), 'ABHYAS' from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha.

- It can be used as an aerial target for **evaluating various missile systems.**
- It is **developed and designed by Aeronautical Development Establishment**, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).
- ABHYAS has been **programmed for fully autonomous flight.**
- DRDO chairman: G. Satheesh Reddy; HQ: New Delhi

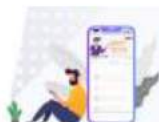
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2. PESB selected Sandeep Kumar Gupta as a next chairman of GAIL



- The **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** has selected **Sandeep Kumar Gupta** as the **head of India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd.**
- He will **replace Manoj Jain**, who will be retired on August 31, 2022.
- He has more than 31 years of working experience at Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).
- He is working as a Director (Finance) of IOC since August 3, 2019.



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- If his appointment approved by ACC, then he will hold the office till February 2026.
- **GAIL HQ: New Delhi**

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Science & Technology

3. ISRO to launch rocket PSLV-C53, carrying three Singapore satellites



- Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is ready to **launch the rocket PSLV-C53 with three Singapore satellites** on 30th June, from the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota**.
- PSLV-C53, is the **second dedicated commercial mission** of the NewSpace India Limited, Department of Space.
- **Primary payloads:** 365 kg earth observation satellite called DS-EO, a 155 kg NeuSAR satellite and the 2.8 kg Scoob-1 nano-satellite of the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

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4. NITI Aayog launches report on Future Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers

- **NITI Aayog and TIFAC** have launched a report titled **'Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India'**.

- **Total eight scenarios** have been for analyzing the future penetration of electric two-wheelers in the country.
- **Optimistic scenario Forecasts:** 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by FY 2026–27.
- **TIFAC**, is an autonomous organization set up in 1988 under the **Department of Science & Technology**.

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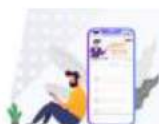
Banking & Finance

5. Airtel Payments Bank partners Axis Bank to digitise the cash collection

- **Airtel Payments Bank** has joined hands with **Axis Bank** to digitize the **cash collection system**.
- **Region:** India's tier III cities and semi-urban regions.
- **Benefits:**
- Axis Bank to build operational efficiencies in the cash management process, speed up the payment cycle
- It helps in releasing the bandwidth of field agents who operate across the country.
- Agents can deposit the amount at any Airtel Payments Bank outlet, amount will be transferred to the Axis Bank accounts.

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6. NASA launches CAPSTONE to evaluate new orbit for Artemis Moon Missions



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- The first step of **NASA's CubeSat mission to the Moon** has been **successfully completed in space**.
- It was **built to test a novel lunar orbit**.
- **The Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment (CAPSTONE)** mission has been launched on Rocket Lab's Electron rocket from the Rocket Lab Launch Complex, **New Zealand**.
- CAPSTONE is currently in low orbit of Earth and will take four months to reach its targeted lunar orbit.

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7. **Telangana government inaugurates T-Hub 2.0, innovation centre in Hyderabad**

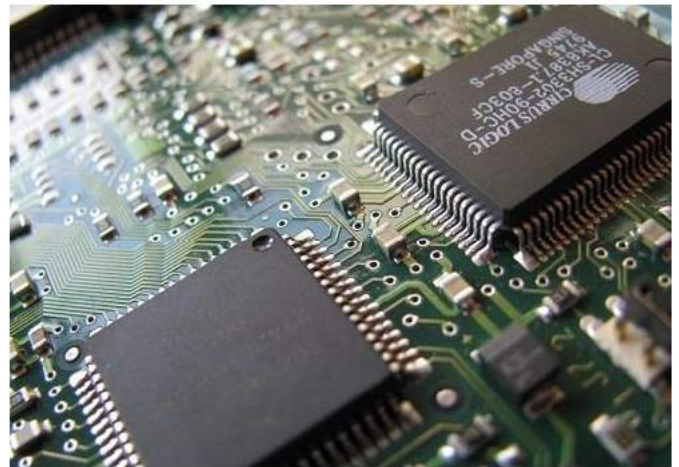


- **Telangana CM, K Chandrashekar Rao** has inaugurated the **T-Hub 2.0**, nation's leading innovation and startup catalyst.
- This facility will **support over 2000 startups under one roof**, with a total built-up area of 5,82,689 sq. ft, making it the world's largest innovation campus.
- With the help of this hub, **young Indians launch their startups with a collaborative innovation ecosystem**.
- Recently, Telangana has been placed **among top-10 global ecosystems for 'affordable talent'**.

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Agreement

8. **Japan's Renesas partners with Tata Motors to develop chip solutions**



- Japanese chipmaker, **Renesas Electronics Corp** has joined hands with **Tata Motors**, formed a **strategic partnership to design, develop and manufacture semiconductor solutions for domestic and global markets**.
- Renesas will also **work with Tejas Networks (subsidiary of Tata Group company)** on wireless network solutions including 5G.
- In March 2022, the **next-generation EV Innovation Center (NEVIC)** was jointly set up by the Renesas and Tata Elxsi (Tata Group).

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9. **Union Minister Arjun Munda launches GOAL 2.0 programme in New Delhi**



- Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda has launched the second phase of the **Going Online As Leaders (GOAL)** Programme in New Delhi.
- The GOAL 1.0 has changed the lives of tribal youth through the digital mentorship programme.
- This programme will also create a platform for **Self-Help Groups** and ten lakh families associated with TRIFED to take their products global.
- Aim: To digitally upskill the youth from tribal communities of the country.

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Honours & Awards

10. Odisha govt wins first prize in 2022 National MSME Award



- Odisha's MSME Department has been awarded **first prize** in the category "**National MSME Award 2022**" to States/UTs for their **outstanding contribution** in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector.
- Bihar and Haryana have been placed second and third respectively.
- Kalahandi, Odisha won **third prize** in the category of **Aspirational districts** for outstanding contribution in the promotion and development of MSME Sector.

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Banking & Finance

11. SEBI imposes monetary penalty of ₹7 cr on NSE



- The Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a penalty of **7 crore** on the **National Stock Exchange (NSE)** and 5 crore on **Chitra Ramkrishna** (former CEO of the exchange) in the dark fibre case.
- The market regulator has also **penalized Anand Subramanian** (former group operating officer) and **Ravi Varanasi** (current CBD officer), 5 crore each.
- **Sampark Infotainment, Way2Wealth Brokers** and **GKN Securities** have been **fined 3 crore, 6 crore and 5 crore, respectively.**

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12. The Centralized Pay System, PADMA for Indian Coast Guard launched



- **Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of**



Defence has launched the **Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)**.

- PADMA is an **automated Pay & Allowances module** for the Indian Coast Guard.
- It is developed under the aegis of Defense Accounts Department.
- It will be **operated by Pay Accounts Office Coast Guard, Noida**.
- ICG Director General: Virender Singh Pathania
- Founded: 1 February 1977

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Important Dates

13. **International Asteroid Day: 30th June**

- **World Asteroid Day** is observed annually on **June 30** to raise the awareness about the asteroid hazardous impact.
- In December 2016, UNGA has adopted resolution A/RES/71/90 to declare 30 June International Asteroid Day.
- This day marked the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on 30 June 1908.
- The General Assembly's decision was made based on a proposal by the Association of Space Explorers.

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