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Summits & Conferences

1. Jammu and Kashmir to host G-20 meetings in 2023

- **Jammu and Kashmir** has been selected to **host the G-20 meetings in 2023.**
- The UT government has also set up a five-member high-level committee for the coordination of G20 summit.
- **Piyush Goyal (**Commerce and Industry Minister) was appointed as **India's Sherpa for the G20** in September 2021.
- India will take the G-20 **presidency from December 1, 2022.**
- India has been represented by PM Modi since 2014 in G20 summit.
- **G20, 2024: Brazil**
- **G20, 2025: South Africa**

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Honours & Awards

2. Odisha, 'Mo Bus' service received the prestigious UN Public Service Aw

- **Mo Bus,** Odisha-based public transport service has been **honoured with a prestigious United Nations award.**
- **Reason:** Role and efforts in helping the world recover better from COVID-19.
- Initiatives from Brazil, Canada, India, Ireland, Panama, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, and Ukraine have also been recognised.
- Mo Bus service **launched**: November 6, 2018
- **Aim:** transformation of the urban public transport
- Bus fares: Rs 5 -70 (AC), Rs 5 -55 (Non AC)

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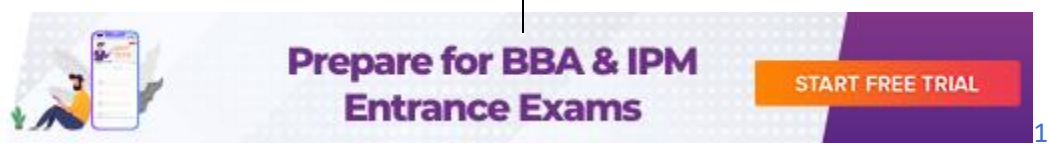
3. Gujarat CM launches 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'

- **Gujarat CM, Bhupendra Patel** has **launched the 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'.**
- **Aim:** To increases the enrollment of students in primary schools in the state.
- This is a three-day enrollment drive, **starts from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka (Banaskantha district).**
- This drive helps to **reduce the dropout rate** of students.
- The drop out rate has been reduced to 3.07% from 37.22 % in 2002.
- Gujarat Governor: Acharya Devvrat



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National Affairs

4. Gautam Adani pledges ₹60,000 crore for social causes

- Asia's richest person, **Gautam Adani and his family** have pledged to **donate ₹60,000 crore** to a range of social causes to celebrate **the 60th birthday of Gautam Adani on June 24.**
- This will be administered by the Adani Foundation, it is also to **mark the birth centenary year of his father Shantilal Adani.**
- As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the net worth of Adani is almost $92 billion.
- The Forbes real-time billionaires has placed him at 6th rank ($95 billion).

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5. Ranjit Bajaj appointed as Chairman of Advisory Panel Formed by CoA

- The former owner of I-League side Minerva Punjab FC, **Ranjit Bajaj,** has been **appointed as the chairperson of the 12-member committee formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA).**
- The CoA took charge of the AIFF, after the **Supreme Court removed the Praful Patel led office bearers for not holding elections on time.**
- **Aim:** To look the day-to-day matters of various departments of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

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Sports

6. Rumeli Dhar announces retirement from international cricket

- The India seam-bowling all rounder, **Rumeli Dhar** has announced her **retirement from international cricket at 38.**
- 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.**
- She has **scored 1328 runs and took 84 wickets** across formats.
- She was also the part of the 2005 World Cup final, South Africa, India lost to Australia by 98 runs.

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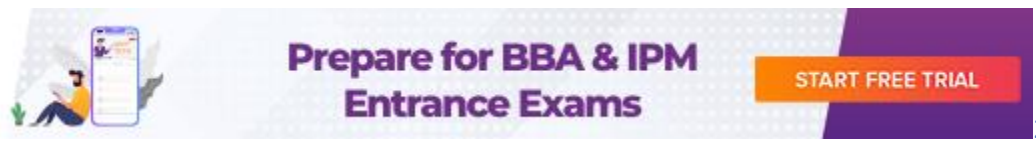
National & International Appointments

7. NDB appoints Dr D J Pandian as head of Indian Regional Office, Gift city

- **Former bureaucrat, Dr D J Pandian** has been appointed as the **Director-General of New Development Bank (NDB), India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).**



- In May 2022, the NDB had announced to set up IRO in the Gift city.
- The NDB has also **approved 20 projects in India worth of USD 7.2. billion.**
- The IRO will **support the effective and efficient implementation of these projects** and work closely with Project Implementation Agencies.

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National Affairs

8. Indian Oil reveals 'Surya Nutan', an indoor solar cooking stove

- **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** has unveiled a stationary, rechargeable **cooking stove named Surya Nutan.**
- It is a kitchen connected cooking stove that uses the sun's energy to cook food.
- This was **developed by IOC's research and development division at Faridabad.**
- It captures solar energy through a PV panel that placed outdoor or on the roof.
- The cost of **base model is ₹12,000, while the top model will cost ₹23,000.**

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9. AU Small Finance Bank launches customisable credit card

- **AU Small Finance Bank** has launched customised **Credit Card product named AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today).**
- This credit card offers a unique value proposition to cardholders.
- Cardholders can **choose the features and time period** according to their wish.
- Through **the AU0101 app**, cardholders can track their saving/earnings daily to maximize their benefits.
- Cardholders can get the best of both Cashbacks and Reward Points by using the features.

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10. Liberty General Insurance partners Peerless Financial Products Distribution

- **Liberty General Insurance** has signed an agreement with **Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL)** to enable the **distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products.**
- The product distribution across the country will be done through the 42 branches of Peerless.
- Liberty is working closely with PFPDL to provide training and operational expertise.
- **Liberty General Insurance HQ: Mumbai; CEO: Roopam Asthana**

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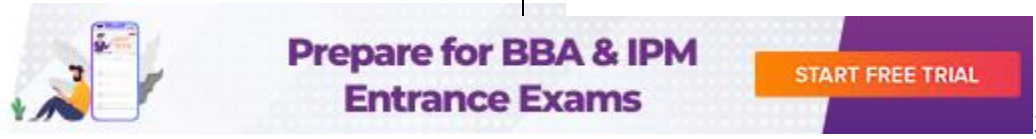

Banking & Finance

11. Karnataka Bank launches 'V-CIP' for account opening

- **Karnataka Bank** has launched **'Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)'.**
- It is an **online savings bank (SB) account opening facility.**
- This facility will enable in the corporate website of the bank, strengthen the prospective customers to **open an SB account through online process and complete KYC verification through a video call.**
- This is a end-to-end paperless digital process.
- It also reduces the turnaround time of account opening.

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12. World Banka approved Uttarakhand project to boost rain-fed agriculture

- **Rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas of Uttarakhand** has been approved by the **World Bank.**
- The project will **cost Rs. 1,000 crore.**
- The watershed department will carry out the Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project.
- **Aims:** Lower the greenhouse gas emissions.
- It will also encourage environment friendly agricultural practices.
- Uttarakhand Governor: Gurmit Singh; Chief minister: Pushkar Singh Dhami

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International Affairs

13. India recognized as 'country of the year' by Europe's Vivatech

- The **Europe's biggest start-up conference, Vivatech 2020** has **recognized India as the "country of the year."**
- The country has been recognised with this honour, due to the global contribution of Indian start-ups.
- The start-up ecosystem of India is growing rapidly and has over 100 unicorns.
- India has participated in Vivatech is to showcase Indian start-ups are solving global problems and innovating for the world.

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25th June 2022

State Affairs

1. IGI becomes first airport in India to run entirely on hydro & solar energy

- **Indira Gandhi International Airport** has become India's first airport to run **entirely on hydro and solar power since June 1.**

- Presently, the airport met its electricity requirement of **6% (approx) from onsite solar power plants and rest 94% by hydropower plants.**
- Delhi Airport has signed a **power purchase agreement with Himachal Pradesh** to supply hydroelectricity for the airport until 2036.
- The airport has also **targeted to become a Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030.**

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2. Parameswaran Iyer becomes new CEO of Niti Aayog

- Former Secretary of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, **Parameswaran Iyer** has been appointed as a **new CEO of Niti Aayog for two years.**
- He will **replace Amitabh Kant.**
- He is a 1981-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.
- In 2016, Iyer was **appointed to implement government's Swachh Bharat Mission.**
- He resigned as Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation at the Jal Shakti Ministry in 2021.

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3. International Day of Seafarers: 25th June

- The **International Maritime Organization (IMO) is observed International Day of Seafarer on annually June 25** to pay respect to Seafarers and sailors who help the entire world function by conducting sea transport.
- This day was proposed by International Maritime Organization in 2010.
- This day recognizes the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the worldwide commerce and economic system.
- **2022 theme: Seafarers: at the core of shipping's future.**
- IMO HQ: London, UK

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Defense

4. Bharat Electronics signs MoU with Belarus firm for Airborne Defense Suite

- **Bharat Electronics Limited** has signed an MoU **with Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus).**
- **Reason:** To supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF).
- It would be supported by DI with transfer of technology (manufacturing and maintenance) for supply of advanced electronic warfare suite for helicopters under 'Make in India' category.

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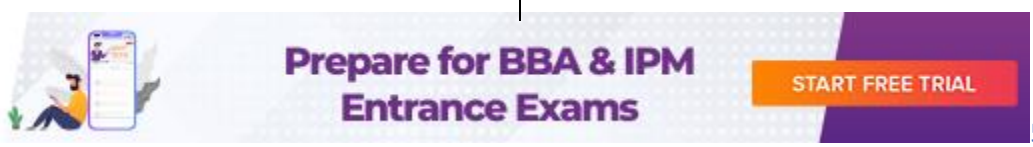
5. Disbursement of Loan to MSME sector grew by 182% after pandemic period

- According to the s**tudy conducted by credit bureau CRIF High Mark,** the **loan disbursed to MSME sector grew by a massive 182% in FY22 to Rs 37 trillion.**



- In terms of value, the loan disbursal of private banks increased from 33.6% in FY20 to 69.8% in FY22.
- Share of private banks increased from 26.9% in FY20 to 33.5% in FY22 in volume terms.
- **Top 3 states (value):** Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Delhi
- **Top 3 states (volume):** Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Uttar Pradesh

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International Affairs

6. US president, Joe Biden signs landmark gun safety bill

- The **US President, Joe Biden** has signed the **gun violence bill,** and **toughen background checks for the youngest (21 years) gun buyers.**
- Other reforms: $ 13 billion in federal **funding for mental health programs and school security upgrades**
- The funding will encourage the states to **implement "red flag" laws** to remove firearms from people considered a threat.
- **Blocking sales of gun** to those convicted of abusing unmarried intimate partners.

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7. ICICI Bank launches 'Campus Power' platform for student ecosystem

- **ICICI Bank** has launched a digital platform **called 'Campus Power.'**
- **Aim:** To help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and outside the country.
- This platform will cater the **varied needs of the entire student ecosystem** comprising students, parents, and institutes.
- This will assist users to **explore financial products according to their needs** ranging from bank accounts including overseas accounts, education loans and its tax benefit etc.

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Defense

8. India successfully test-fired VL-SRSAM missile system

- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** has developed shipborne weapon system, **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM),** was successfully test fired **from Chandipur in Odisha.**
- This missile system has been **designed to strike at the high-speed airborne targets.**
- **Range:** 40km to 50km
- This missile's design is **based on Astra missile.**
- **Two key features:** cruciform wings and thrust vectoring

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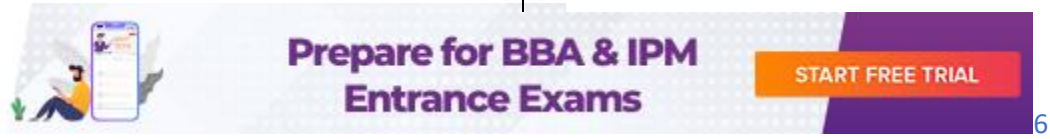

National & International Appointments

9. Government appoints Tapan Kumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau

- The Central government has appointed senior IPS officer, **Tapan Kumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau** for a tenure of **two years from the date of assumption of the charge.**
- He is a 1988 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IPS officer.
- He will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director, Arvind Kumar.
- He has handled crucial cases such as terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir, especially targeted killings in the Valley.

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Defense

10. Garuda Aerospace to set up drone factory in Malaysia

- The **Garuda Aerospace company** has entered into a **partnership with HiiLSE Global SdnBhd (HiiLSE Drones), a Malaysian company**, to **set up the largest plant in the South Asia region.**
- The HiiLSE Garuda Aerospace Plant will be made across 2.42 hectares of land, with an investment of ₹115 crores.
- Aim: To provide **state-of-the-art technology to public and private sectors alike in the whole region.**
- **Founder-CEO of Garuda Aerospace:** Agnishwar Jayaprakash

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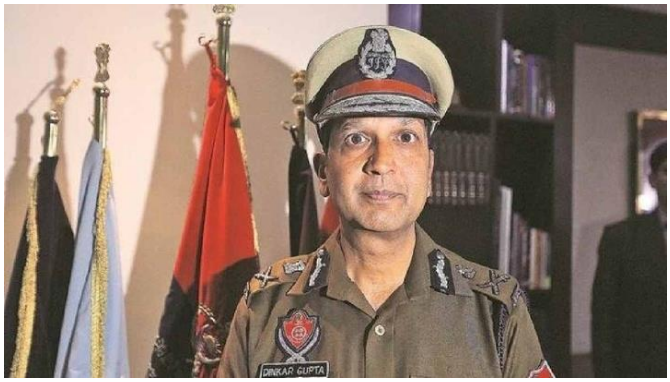
National & International Appointments

1. Former Punjab DGP, Dinkar Gupta appointed as new Director General of NIA



- The Centre has **appointed former Punjab DGP, Dinkar Gupta as the Director General of National Investigation Agency (NIA).**
- He will **replace Director General of CRPF, Kuldeep Singh,** who was given an additional charge of the NIA after the retirement of Y C Modi.
- He will hold this post **till March 31, 2024.**
- NIA is a counter-terrorist task force of India.
- It is formed under the National Investigation Agency Act 2008 by the Parliament of India on Dec 31, 2008.

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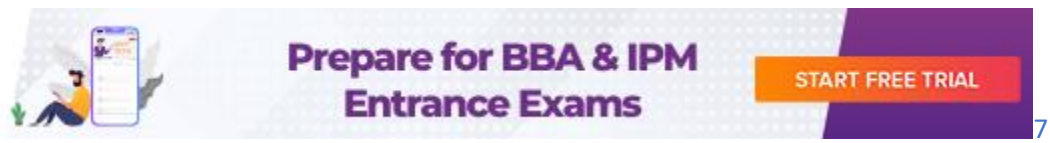
2. Dr Jitendra Singh attends "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon



- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, **Dr Jitendra Singh will take part in the "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon, which starts from June 27.**
- The conference is **co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal.**
- He will deliver the Keynote address at the Conference on the theme 'Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stock taking, Partnerships and Solutions'.

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Banking & Finance

3. World Bank finance Indian Railways to reduce carbon emissions

- The **World Bank has approved a $245-million loan for the Indian Railways** to **reduce the India's high carbon emissions and low modal freight share in the railways.**
- The Indian Railway project will help India to shift more traffic from road to rail.
- This will make transport more efficient and reduce tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions each year.
- This loan is financed **through the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development with a maturity of 22 years.**

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4. Zomato to acquire Blinkit for ₹4,447 crore in all-stock deal

- **Zomato (Online food delivery platform)** has announced to **acquire Blinkit, which was earlier known as Grofers, in an all-stock deal of Rs 4,447 crore.**
- Zomato would acquire up to 33,018 equity shares of Blink Commerce Pvt Ltd.
- The total purchase consideration of Rs 4,447.48 crore at a price of Rs 13.45 lakh per equity share.
- Last year, Zomato had bought a 10% stake in Blinkit for about $100 million.
- **Founder & CEO Zomato:** Deepinder Goyal

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Important Dates

5. International Day against Drug Abuse: 26 June

- The **International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking** is observed on **June 26.**
- **Aim:** To spread awareness about the physical and psychological impact of substance abuse, drug overdose deaths.
- **The theme 2022:** Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crisis
- The UNGA has decided to observe this day on December 7, 1987.
- **In 2022, the UNODC has started the campaign - "#CareInCrises" - for World Drug Day.**

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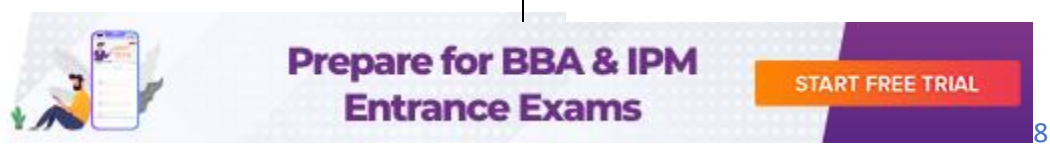

National Affairs

6. NHA to host Hackathon Series under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

- The **National Health Authority (NHA) will organise its first ever open-to-all hackathon series in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem.**
- **Aim:** To drive ideation and innovations.
- The series of hackathon **will begin on July 14, 2022.**
- This also **focus on the Unified Health Interface (UHI)** and to mobilise the health start-up ecosystem in India.
- UHI is designed as an open network to enable the interoperable transaction of digital health services.

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Sports

7. Indian women's recurve team bag silver medal in World Cup Stage 3 in Paris

- The **Indian women's recurve team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur has clinched for a silver medal at the World Cup Stage 3 in Paris.**
- 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.
- The **duo of Abhishek Verma-Jyothi Surekha Vennam win gold in compound mixed team event.**
- **In Individual event, Jyothi Surekha Vennam has clinched silver.**

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National Affairs

8. Tata Power Solar commissions India's largest floating solar power project

- **Tata Power Solar Systems** has **commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) in Kerala backwaters.**
- The project has been **installed on a 350-acre water body in Kayamkulam, Kerala.**
- The installation was completed within the stipulated period, despite the various challenges of variable like water depths, high sea tides, and severe water salinity concern.
- Tata Power Solar is a **wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power.**

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Important Dates

9. United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture: 26 June

- The **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed annually on June 26.**
- Aim: to **promote the abolition of torture, support victims, and promote human rights.**
- The United Nations General Assembly has passed a resolution on December 12, 1997. Presently, the Convention has been ratified by 162 countries.
- This day **was first observed on June 26, 1998.**
- This day is **administered by the UN Human Rights Office in Geneva.**

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International Affairs

10. UK, US, Japan and Canada to ban Russia gold imports amid Ukraine war

- Th **UK, the United States, Japan and Canada** will soon **ban the new imports of gold from Russian,** to **tighten the sanctions squeeze on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.**
- Countries will apply for newly mined or refined gold.
- This move will not affect previously exported Russian gold.
- Last year, the exports of Russian gold were worth 12.6 billion pounds.
- Recently, the London Bullion Market Association has suspended accreditation for 6 Russian precious metals refiners.

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27th June 2022

Sports

1. Madhya Pradesh clinches first ever Ranji Trophy title against Mumbai

- **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.
- 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.

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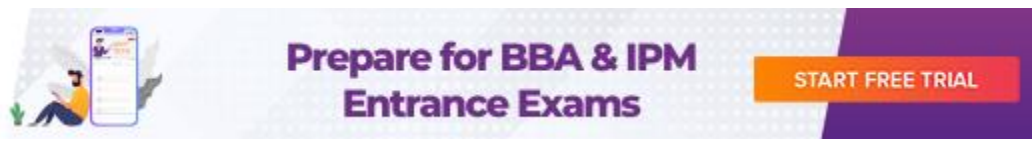
2. G7 leaders pledge 600 billion for developing countries



- During the **Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Germany's Bavarian Alp**s, G7 leader has made an announcement to help developing countries tackle climate change and **pledge to raise 600 billion dollar.**
- This will boost help to give a **boost to the economies of countries.**
- G7 is offering sustainable, quality infrastructure and will be listening closely to the recipient countries.
- **G7 members:** Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK, the USA and the EU.

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Honours & Awards

3. Vijay Amritraj honoured with 2021 Golden Achievement Award

- **India's Vijay Amritraj** has been **awarded the 2021 Golden Achievement Award** by **the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation.**
- This award is conferred to a person who has made important contributions internationally to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion, or education and has devoted long and outstanding service to the sport.
- The award was presented at a **special celebration hosted in London.**

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Science & Technology

4. Iran launches a solid-fueled rocket, Zuljanah into space

- Iran has launched a **solid-fueled rocket, a 25.5 meter-long rocket into space.**
- **Rocket name: Zuljanah**
- This rocket is capable of **carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms.**
- It will gather data in **low-earth orbit and promote Iran's space industry.**
- This launch just comes after the European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, traveled to Tehran in a push to resuscitate negotiations over Iran's nuclear program that have stalemated for months.

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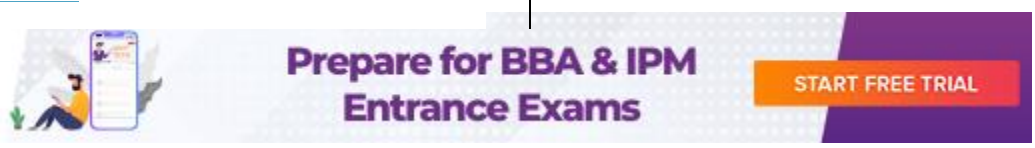
Important Dates

5. World MSME Day 2022: 27 June



- The **World Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) day is observed annually on June 27** to recognise the contribution of these industries in the **implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**
- **Theme 2022: Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development.**
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has marked first World MSME Day by 74th Plenary on April 6, 2017.
- **MSME minister: Narayan Rane**

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Obituaries

6. A noted lyricist, Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away

- A noted lyricist, author and journalist, **Chowalloor Krishnankutty has passed away at the age of 86.**
- Krishnankutty has penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books.
- He was **retired from the Malayala Manorama daily as an Assistant Editor.**
- **Awards:** Kerala Sahithya Academy Award for satire, Poonthanam Jnanapana and Revathy Pattathanam Awards among others.
- He was also worked as the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Kalamandalam.

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National & International Appointments

7. IRS officer, Nitin Gupta appointed as new chairman of CBDT

- **Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer, Nitin Gupta** has been appointed as the **new chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).**
- Gupta, will **replace Sangeeta Singh** who had been given an addition charge after the **retirement of JB Mohapatra on April 30.**
- The CBDT is headed by a Chairman and may consist of six members in the rank of Special Secretary.
- It is the **administrative body for the Income Tax Department.**

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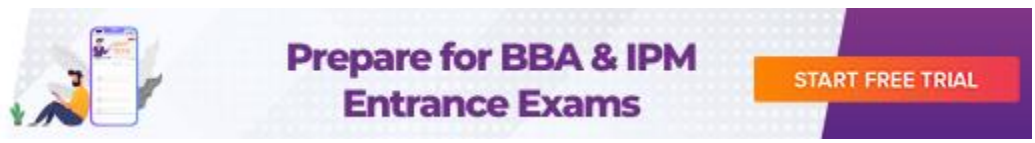
National & International Appointments

8. Anil Khanna appointed as the acting President of IOA

- The Delhi High Court has passed an order, that **Narinder Dhruv Batra cannot continue as the President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) in a contempt proceeding.**
- While hearing a contempt proceeding filed on behalf of former Olympian Aslam Sher Khan against Batra, IOA secretary



general Rajeev Mehta and Sports Secretary.

- The court has also **appointed Anil Khanna as acting president.**
- **Batra was become an IOC member in 2019.**

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Defense

9. IAF participates in Tactical Leadership Program of Egyptian Air Force

- **Indian Air Force** has participated in **Tactical Leadership Programme at Egyptian Air Force Weapon School in Cairo west Airbase.**
- **Indian Air Force:** Three Su-30MKI aircraft, two C-17 aircraft and 57 IAF personnel including C-17 contingent.
- A month long event, is a unique exercise with Air assets in a Large Force Engagement environment, simulating various conflict scenarios.
- **Aim**: Enhancing defence cooperation between the two countries and exchange of best practices.

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Sports

10. Cyclist, Ronaldo becomes first Indian to win silver at Asian Championship

- **India's Ronaldo Singh** has scripted **history by winning Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022.**
- 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.
- He had created a national record in the quarter-final with a 9.946s sprint (first Indian to breach 10 sec mark).

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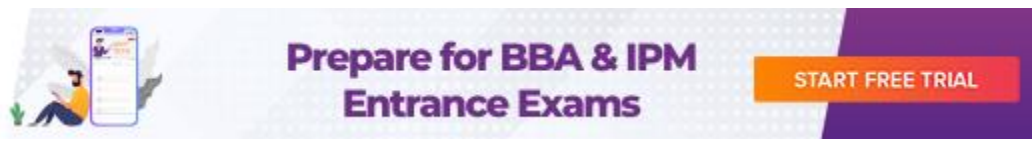

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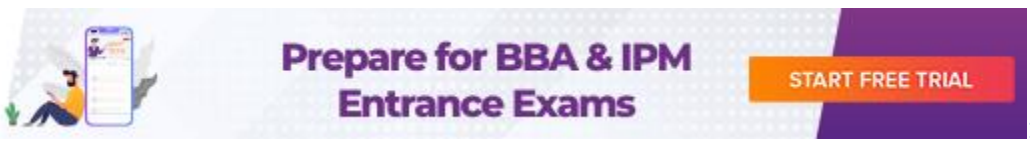

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