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TOP STORY

1. Presidential Election 2022

Draupadi Murmu has been announced as the **BJP-led NDA's presidential candidate**. Earlier, she had been the **governor of Jharkhand and a minister in the Odisha cabinet under Naveen Patnaik**. If she wins, she would be the **first female tribal candidate and 15th president of the country**. While, **Former Minister of Finance and External Affairs Yashwant Sinha** has been pitted against Murmu as the joint candidate of the opposition parties.



Earlier, the Election Commission had announced the schedule for the election of the President on 9th June 2022. **President Ram Nath Kovind's** five-year term ends on the **25th of July**. The voting for the **Presidential poll is scheduled to be held on July 18 and counting to be held on July 21**. June 29 was the last date for filing the nomination.

Here is everything you need to know about the Presidential Candidates:

DRAUPADI MURMU:



- **Draupadi Murmu** was born on **20 June 1958** in **Baidaposi village of Mayurbhanj district in Odisha**. Her father's name is **Biranchi Narayan Tudu**. She belongs to **Santal family**, a tribal ethnic group.
- Murmu was married to **Shyam Charan Murmu**. The couple had **two sons and a daughter**. Draupadi Murmu's life has been marked by **personal tragedies and the loss of husband and two sons**.
- Murmu comes from a discreet tribal community of **Santhals**.
- Are there other Santhal politicians in India are:-

- **Hemant Soren- CM of Jharkhand**
- **GC Murmu- Comptroller and Auditor General of India (1st LG of UT of Jammu and Kashmir)**
- **Biseswar Tudu- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti**

Political career of Draupadi:

- During the **Bharatiya Janata Party** and **Biju Janata Dal** coalition government in Odisha, she was the **Minister of State with independent charge for Commerce and Transport** from March 6, 2000 to August 6, 2002 and **Fisheries and Animal Resources Development** from August 6, 2002 to May 16,

2004. She was former Odisha Minister and an **MLA from Rairangpur assembly constituency** in the years 2000 and 2004.

- She is the **first woman Governor of Jharkhand**. She is the **first woman and tribal leader from Odisha to be appointed a governor in an Indian state**.

YASHWANT SINHA:

- Born on **November 6, 1937**, Mr Sinha attended school and university in Patna. In 1958, he completed his **Masters in Political Science from Patna University** and taught **Political Science** at his alma-mater from 1958 to 1960.
- In 1960, he joined the **Indian Administrative Service (IAS)** and held several posts during his **24-year tenure**.
- Mr Sinha eventually **resigned from the IAS in 1984** and joined active politics as a member of the **Janata Party**. He was appointed its **All-India General Secretary** in 1986 and elected to the **Rajya Sabha in 1988**.



- When the Janata Dal was formed under the leadership of **VP Singh**, Mr Sinha was appointed its **General Secretary**. He worked as **Minister of Finance** for the first time from November 1990 to June 1991 in the cabinet of **Chandra Shekhar**, who split the **Janata Dal** and formed **Samajwadi Janata Party**.
- Mr Sinha became the **national spokesperson of the BJP** in June 1996 and was again made the **finance minister** in March 1998 by then **Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- He used to fight **Lok Sabha elections from Hazaribagh**, his parliamentary constituency in Jharkhand. However, in 2014, he was **denied a ticket from Hazaribagh by the BJP**, which fielded his **eldest son Jayant from there**.
- Mr Sinha announced his retirement from active politics at a function in Patna in 2018. But in 2021, just before the **West Bengal Assembly elections**, he joined **Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress** and became its **vice-president**.
- Mr Sinha is married to **Nilima** and has **two sons and a daughter**.

President of India

- (1) **Article 52** – There shall be a President of India
- (2) **Article 53** – the Executive power of the Union: The executive power shall be vested in the President and shall be exercised by him either directly or through officers' subordinate to him.
- (3) He is the supreme commander of the defence forces in India.
- (4) Though he's only the constitutional head, or titular head, *de jure head* or nominal executive or just a symbolic head.

Election of the President

1. The President shall be elected by the members of an **ELECTORAL COLLEGE** consisting of:
 - (a) **The Elected MPs**
 - (b) **The Elected MLAs of the states**
 - (c) **The Elected MLAs of National Capital Territory of Delhi** (added by 70th Amendment Act, 1992 and with effect from 1-06-1995) and **Union Territory of Puducherry**.
2. Thus, nominated members of parliament and legislative assemblies and members of legislative councils do not participate in the presidential election.
3. Article-55 provides for the manner of election and there should be uniformity and representation throughout the Nation as per the constitution. Hence, MPs and MLAs have been assigned votes as per their representation.
4. The election is held in accordance with the system of proportional representation by means of single transferable vote and voting is done by secret ballot.
5. All doubts and disputes arising out of the Presidential elections are decided into and enquired by the Supreme Court whose decision is final.
6. The elections are monitored and conducted by the Election Commission of India.
7. Apart from N Sanjiva Reddy, First President Dr. Rajendra Prasad was elected unopposed for the period 1950 to 1952; but he faced opposition in further elections.
8. Dr. Rajendra Prasad is the only President to have been elected twice.
9. Two Presidents – Dr. Zakir Hussain and Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed have died in the office.

Presidential Poll on July 18

The term of office of President of India Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24. The Election Commission of India announced the schedule for the 16th presidential election on Thursday.

HOW IS THE PRESIDENT ELECTED?
The President is elected by members of Parliament and members of legislative assemblies

- There are 776 MPs; the value of the vote of a member of Parliament has gone down to 700 from 708 due to the absence of a legislative assembly in Jammu and Kashmir
- Anyone desiring to contest would need 50 electors as proposers and 50 others as seconders. Besides, the candidate would need to deposit an amount of ₹15,000 as security
- Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar said: "The value of vote of each MP will be 700. It was 708 (earlier). It has been changing. It was 702 (at one time)"
- A candidate must be a citizen of India and should have completed the age of 35 years, besides being qualified for election as a member of the House of the People. The President has a term of five years
- There are 4,033 MLAs whose value of vote is 5,43,231
- The MPs and MLAs cast their votes in Parliament House and state legislative assemblies
- For marking the vote, the Commission will supply particular pens. The pen will be given to the electors in the polling station by the designated official when the ballot paper is handed over
- The Election Commission said in a statement

Politics Over Presidential Elections

- So far, only Rajendra Prasad has won a second term as the President of India
- Indira Gandhi had taken on the Syndicate in the 1969 presidential elections when she backed VV Giri against the Syndicate's N Sanjiva Reddy
- During Congress-led UPA regime, the election of Pratibha Patil in 2007, India's first woman President, had become a vicious battle with the opposition BJP digging out allegations against her family

Image Courtesy: economicstimes

Term of office (Article 56) and Re-election (Article 57)

1. **Term – 5 years.**
2. **Resignation is addressed to the Vice-President.**
3. **The President is eligible for re-election for any number of terms.**

Qualification (Article 58), Conditions (Article 59) & Oath (Article 60)

1. Eligibility -
2. (a) **Citizen of India**
3. (b) **35 years**
4. (c) **Is eligible for election as an MP of the House of the People.**
5. **Shouldn't hold any office of profit.**
6. The President shall not be a member of either **House of Parliament of any Legislature**. Even if such a member is elected, he is deemed to have vacated that seat.
7. The nomination of a candidate for election must be subscribed by **at least 50 electors as proposers and 50 electors as seconders.**
8. Oath administered by the **Chief Justice of India** or in his absence the **senior-most judge of the Supreme Court** available.
9. Emoluments, allowances and privileges etc. as may be determined by the parliament, and which can't be diminished during his term.
10. He is immune from any **criminal proceeding during his term**. He **can't be arrested or imprisoned**. However, after **two-month' notice civil proceedings can be initiated against him** during his term in respect of his personal acts.

Impeachment of the President (Article 61)

1. A formal removal of the **President from his post by constitutional means.**

Powers of the President

Executive Powers

1. All executive actions are taken in his name. He is the **formal, constitutional, titular head or de jure head of the Government.**
2. Appoints the **Prime Minister and other ministers on P.M's advice.**
3. Appoints the **Attorney General of India, CAG, Chief Election Commissioner and other Commissioners, the chairman and members**

2. He is impeached for the '**Violation of the Constitution**'. However, the term is **defined nowhere in the constitution.**
3. The charges can be preferred by **either house of the parliament**. However, a **14-days' notice** shall be served to the President before the acceptance of such a resolution.
4. Also, that notice must be signed by **at least one-fourth members** of the total members of that house which initiated the charges.
5. After the acceptance of that bill in that house, that impeachment bill must be passed by the **majority of 2/3rd of the total membership of that house.**
6. Then that bill goes in another house which **should investigate the charges** and the President shall have the right to appear and to be represented at such an investigation.
7. If another house sustains the charges and finds the **President of violation** and **passes that resolution by 2/3rd of the total membership of that house**, the President stands removed from the date the resolution is so passed.
8. Hence, **impeachment is a quasi-judicial process**. And though, the nominated members of Parliament do not participate in his election, they take part in the impeachment process. Also, **states' legislatures do not have a role in the impeachment process.**

of UPSC, Governors of states, Chairman, and members of Finance Commission etc.

4. He appoints **Inter-State Council**, and he is the one who can declare any area as scheduled area and decides on the matter of the declaration of any tribe as the scheduled tribe.

Legislative Powers

1. **Summons and Prorogues the Parliament and dissolves the Lok Sabha.**



2. Summons the joint sitting of the two houses of Parliament (which is presided over by the Speaker of Lok Sabha).
3. **Nominates 12 members to Rajya Sabha** from amongst people having achievements in art, literature, science, and social service and may nominate **2 members to Lok Sabha from the Anglo-Indian Community.**
4. His prior recommendation is required in case of presentation of certain types of bills such as money bills, bills seeking expenditure from the consolidated fund of India etc.
5. He can **withhold his assent to bills**, return the bills to the legislatures, **apply pocket veto to bills etc.**
6. He can **promulgate ordinances when the parliament is not in session.**
7. He presents the **reports of Finance Commission, CAG, and UPSC etc. before the Parliament.**
8. **No demand for the grant can be made except on his recommendation.** Also, he constitutes a Finance Commission every five years for distribution of revenues between **centre and states.**

Judicial Powers

1. **Appoints the Chief Justice and other judges of the Supreme Court and High courts.**
2. **Seeks advice from the Supreme Court on any question of law.**
3. **He can grant pardon etc.**

Ordinance Making Powers (Article 123)

1. An ordinance can be issued by the President only when both houses of Parliament are not in session or when only one house is in session.
2. The ordinance must be approved by the Parliament within six weeks of its reassembly.
3. Hence, the maximum life of an ordinance is – **six months + six weeks.**
4. He can issue an **ordinance only on the advice of the council of ministers** headed by the Prime Minister.

Pardoning power of the President (Article 72)

1. The President has the **power to grant pardon, reprieve, commutation, remission, respite** to any persons convicted in any Union Law, or by a court-martial or in cases of death penalty.

Emergency Powers

1. **National Emergency (Article 352)**
2. **President's Rule (Article 356)**
3. **Financial Emergency (Article 360)**

Veto Powers

The President of India has three types of Veto powers, namely

1. **Absolute Veto- Withholding the assent to the bill.** The bill then ends and does not become an Act. Example- in 1954, Dr. Rajendra Prasad withheld his assent to the PEPSU Appropriation Bill. Also, in 1991 R. Venkataram withheld his assent to the MPs Salaries, allowances bill.
2. **Suspensive Veto- Returning the bill for reconsideration.** In 2006, President APJ Abdul Kalam used the suspensive veto in the office of profit bill. However, the President can return the bill for reconsideration to the legislature only once, after which he must give his consent.
3. **Pocket Veto- Taking no action on the bill sent to the President.** There's no time limit provided in the constitution within which the President has to give his assent or sign the bill. Hence, he has a 'bigger pocket' than the American President. In 1986, President Zail Singh applied Pocket Veto to Indian Post Office Amendment bill.

NOTE: The President has no veto power in case of a constitutional amendment bill. He is bound to give his assent to such bills.

2. It is an executive power. **Governor also has those powers under Article 161**, however, the **Governor can't pardon a death sentence nor can he interfere in court-martial cases.**
3. The President exercises this power **on the advice of the Union Cabinet.**



Discretionary Powers of the President

1. Appointment of the **Prime Minister when no party has a clear majority in the Lok Sabha** or when the **Prime Minister in office dies suddenly** and there's no obvious successor.

2. **Dismissal of the council of ministers** when it can't prove the confidence of the Lok Sabha.
3. **Dissolution of the Lok Sabha** if the council of ministers has lost its majority.
4. **Use of Suspensive Veto in case of bills.**

List of the Presidents of India



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2. 48th G-7 Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in Munich on Sunday, 26th June to attend the **48th G7 summit in Germany.**



- The meeting was scheduled from **June 26-27** during which PM Modi has an interaction with the **Indian diaspora and hold a meeting with world leaders.**
- On the side-lines of the Summit, **PM Modi hold bilateral meetings with leaders of some of the participating countries.**
- He was welcomed by a **Bavarian band** on his arrival in Munich.
- **German Chancellor Olaf Scholz** has invited India, along with **Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal, and South Africa** to the 2022 Summit as partner countries. **Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy** has taken part virtually on June 27.
- Several international organisations, including the **United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the World Bank,** are also participated in the Summit.
- **PM Modi's last visit to Germany was on May 2, 2022,** for the sixth edition of the **India-Germany Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC).**

3. What is Group of Seven (G7)?



- It is an **intergovernmental organisation** that was formed in **1975**.
- The bloc meets annually to discuss issues of common interest like **global economic governance, international security, and energy policy**.
- The G7 countries are the **UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the US**.
- **All the G7 countries and India are a part of G20.**

- The G7 does not have a formal charter or a secretariat. The presidency, which rotates among member countries each year, oversees setting the agenda. **Sherpas, ministers, and envoys** hammer out policy initiatives before the summit.
- As of 2022, **G7 countries make up 10% of the world's population, 31% of global GDP, and 21% of global carbon dioxide emissions**, according to the Summit website. **China and India, the two most populous countries with among the largest GDP figures in the world, are not part of the grouping.**
- In all G7 countries, annual public sector expenditure exceeded revenue in 2021. Most G7 countries also had a high level of gross debt, especially **Japan (263% of GDP), Italy (151%) and the US (133%)**.
- The most recent and upcoming rotation of the G7 Presidency is as follows:
 - **USA in 2020**
 - **UK in 2021**
 - **Germany in 2022**
 - **Japan in 2023**
 - **Italy in 2024.**



Key Highlights of G7 Summit:

- G7 announced the **collective mobilization of 600 billion dollars by 2027** under **Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII)** to deliver “game-changing” and “transparent” infrastructure projects to developing and middle-income countries.
- It is largely seen as a counter to **China's Belt and Road Initiative**.
- **Indian Prime Minister** highlighted **Global Initiative for LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment)** campaign to encourage an eco-friendly lifestyle.
- Indian Prime Minister addressed the need for **equal energy distribution amongst the population of rich and poor nations**.

- On **Russia-Ukraine war**, Prime Minister Modi reiterated his stand that there must be an **immediate end to the hostilities** and a **resolution should be reached by choosing the path of dialogue and diplomacy**.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also pitched a lucrative offer for the G7 countries **to invest in India's emerging green and clean energy market**.
- **Prime Minister Modi was welcomed by a Bavarian band** upon his arrival in Munich. Such a grand gesture has **only been received by former U.S. President Barack Obama** when he visited **Germany in 2015**.
- The **Indian Prime Minister** was also treated as the **Guest of Honour** at a dinner party hosted by Bavaria for all the G7 leaders.
- PM highlighted that, in India, a huge market for **clean energy technologies is emerging**. Thus, G7 member countries **can invest in research, innovation, and manufacturing in the field**.

A Short History of G7:

- A short history of the grouping on the G7 Germany website says the first **“World Economic Summit”**, which later became the **G7**, was launched in **1975** by former **French President Valéry Giscard d’Estaing** and then **Federal Chancellor Helmut Schmidt**. The heads of state and government of **Germany, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the US** — a **Group of Six** — met for a fireside chat at Rambouillet Castle in France.
- In **1976**, **Canada was added** to the group, and the **first G7** met in Puerto Rico.

- The first talks between the then **European Community and the G7** took place in **London in 1977**.
- After the **1997** meeting, **Russia was formally invited to the next meeting and formally joined the group in 1998**, resulting in the **Group of Eight (G8)**.
- **Russia's membership was suspended in March 2014** in response to its **annexation of Crimea**.
- **Russia announced its permanent departure in 2017**.
- Now, the G7 countries are the **UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the US**.

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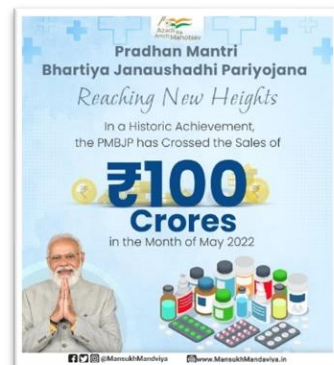
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NATIONAL NEWS

1. Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India crosses Rs 100 cr sales

- **Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) has crossed 100 crore rupees in sales in May 2022.**
- PMBI is the implementing agency of **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).**
- The central government has also set a target to **increase the number of Jan Aushadhi Kendras to 10,000 by March 2024** with a view to provide quality medicines at an affordable rate.
- **739 districts** of India have been covered under the **PMBJP.**



About Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP):

- **PMBJP** is a campaign launched by the **Department of Pharmaceuticals in 2008** under the name **Jan Aushadhi Campaign.**
- The campaign was revamped as **PMBJP in 2015-16.**
- The Government has set a target to increase the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to **10,500 by the end of March 2025.**

- As on **31st January, 2022,** the number of stores has increased to **8,675.**
- Product basket of PMBJP comprises **1451 drugs and 240 surgical instruments.**
- Its main objective is to make available **quality medicines, consumables and surgical items at affordable prices for all and reduce out of pocket expenditure of consumers/patients.**

What are Generic Medicines?

Generic medicines are **unbranded medicines** which are **equally safe** and having the **same efficacy** as that of **branded medicines** in terms of their **therapeutic value.**

Source: Newsonair

2. NTPC releases 'Biodiversity Policy 2022' for restoring ecosystem



- **NTPC Limited** has renewed the **Biodiversity Policy 2022** to set up a comprehensive vision and guiding principle for conservation, restoration, and enhancement of biodiversity.
- The objectives of **policy** are aligned with **environmental and sustainability policies.**
- NTPC was the **first PSU to issue Biodiversity Policy in 2018.**
- NTPC also became a **member of the India Business & Biodiversity Initiative (IBBI) in 2018.**
- In a major initiative undertaken by NTPC, it has signed a five-year agreement with **Andhra Pradesh Forest Department for conservation of Olive Ridley Turtles** in the coastline of **Andhra Pradesh.**
- With the **Financial Contribution of Rs 4.6 Crores** and increased participation of community, the no. of hatchlings released in sea water as increased about **2.25 times since intervention by NTPC.**

About National Thermal Power Corporation Limited

- Founded on **7 November 1975**
- Headquarter: **New Delhi**
- Chairman & MD: **Gurdeep Singh**

- NTPC currently operates **55 power stations** (24 Coal, 7 combined cycle gas/liquid fuel, 2 Hydro, 1 Wind, and 11 solar projects).
- In **May 2010,** **NTPC** was conferred **Maharatna status.**

3. National parks, sanctuaries must have ESZ of 1 km from boundary: Supreme Court

- The **Supreme Court of India** directed that **national parks and wildlife sanctuaries** must have an **Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ)** of **minimum one km** from the **demarcated boundary** of a **protected forest**.
- A bench of **Justices L Nageswara Rao, B R Gavai and A S Bopanna** said mining within the national parks and wildlife sanctuaries shall not be permitted.
- **No permanent structure will be allowed within the ESZ**, it added.
- The direction came on a pending PIL, titled as **T N Godavarman versus UOI**, about issues including forest preservation.
- It also directed the **Chief Conservator of Forests** of all states and UTs to prepare a list of existing structures within the ESZs.



What is Eco Sensitive Zones?

- The **National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016)** of the **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** stipulated that state governments should declare land falling within **10 km of the boundaries** of **national parks and wildlife sanctuaries** as

eco fragile zones or **Eco Sensitive Zones (ESZs)** under the **Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986**.

- These zones would act as a **transition zone** from **areas of high protection** to those involving **lesser protection**.

Source:BS

4. In a first, IIM-Ahmedabad brings out agriculture land price index



- In a first, **IIM-Ahmedabad (IIM-A)** has joined hands with an e-marketplace for agricultural land, **SFarms India**, to develop a **farmland price index** based on the sales and purchases done on the platform.
- The index has been designed to record and present the **“quality-controlled”** data on the prices of agricultural land in the country.
- The index will track the **price movements** in the marketplace and come up with a composite pricing mechanism on a **monthly basis**.

- The **Misra Centre for Financial Markets and Economy at IIM-A**, under which this index is being launched, will host this on its official website and it will be called **IIM-Ahmedabad SFarmsIndia Land Price Index (ISALPI)**.
- The index will **track the price movements in the marketplace (SfarmsIndia)** and come up with a composite pricing mechanism on a **monthly basis**, which will be **updated twice a year**
- **SFarms India** is an **agricultural-land discovery platform**, having more than 25,000 registered buyers and sellers. The platform has over 7,000 land listings, which are growing at around 15 per cent a month
- Given the **complexity of developing an index** for land parcels due to price differences, the index has been prepared to **address the disparities and ensure accuracy**. While ISALPI has started on a pilot basis in **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh**, more data from other states of India is awaited.

WHO STANDS WHERE						
Ranking of states in comparative farmland prices						
	Karnataka	Andhra Pradesh	Uttar Pradesh	Telangana	Maharashtra	Tamil Nadu
2019	1	2	3	4	5	6
2020	1	2	3	4	5	6
2021	1	2	3	4	5	6
2019-21	1	2	3	5	4	6

Source: ICAI DI

Source:BS



5. Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the "SHRESHTA"



- Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar** launched the Scheme "**SHRESHTA**".
- The Scheme is for **residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas**.
- The **Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA)** has been formulated with the objective to provide **quality education and opportunities** for even the poorest **Scheduled Caste students**.

6. PM launches global initiative 'Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) Movement

- PM Narendra Modi has launched a **global initiative 'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement**, on the **occasion of World Environment Day**.
- Aim: **To initiate 'LiFE Global Call for Papers'** inviting ideas and suggestions from academics to influence and persuade individuals, communities and organisations to adopt an environment conscious lifestyle.
- The idea of LiFE was **introduced by the Prime Minister during the 26th UN COP-26 in Glasgow 2021**.
- The idea promotes an **environment conscious lifestyle** that focuses on **mindful and deliberate utilisation instead of mindless and destructive consumption**.
- **Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav, NITI Aayog CEO Amitabh Kant** were present on the occasion. The programme also witnessed participation of **Co-Chairman Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Bill Gates, Climate Economist Lord Nicholas Stern, Author of Nudge Theory Prof. Cass Sunstein, CEO and President World Resources Institute Aniruddha Dasgupta, UNEP Global Head Ms. Inger Andersen, UNDP Global Head Achim Steiner, World Bank President David Malpass** among others.



Source:Newsonair

7. Govt launches 'Clean and Green' campaign on World Environment Day



- The **Ministry of Housing** has launched a '**Clean and Green**' campaign on **Environment Day**.
- Urban Local Bodies across the nation will conduct an **awareness programme to free the country from single-use plastic** and contribute to improve the environment.
- The Ministry has instructed to **state and Union Territories to ban Single-Use Plastic by 30 June**.

- It was also directed to use plastic waste either as an alternative fuel in cement plants, or for road construction purposes.
- The advisory for enforcing the committed nationwide single-use plastic ban encompasses many initiatives. Under the **Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban 2.0**, every **Urban Local Body ULB** is required to adopt **100 percent source segregation of waste**, and have access to a **Material Recovery Facility** for sorting the **dry waste including plastic waste into further fractions for recycling and processing**.

About Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0

- **SBM-U 2.0** was announced in **Budget 2021-22**, as the continuation of SBM-U first phase.

- The government is trying to **tap safe containment, transportation, disposal of fecal sludge, and septage from toilets**.



- **SBM-U first phase** was launched on **2nd October 2014** aiming at making **urban India Open Defecation Free (ODF)** and **achieving 100% scientific management of municipal solid waste**. It lasted till **October 2019**.
- It will be implemented over five years from **2021 to 2026** with an outlay of **Rs.1.41 lakh crore**.
- The Mission is being implemented under the overarching principles of **“waste to wealth”, and “Circular Economy”**.

8. FM Nirmala Sitharaman launches single nodal agency dashboard

- Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the **Single Nodal Agency Dashboard** during the **Iconic Week Celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- The Iconic Week of the **Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Corporate Affairs** was launched by PM Modi.
- **Aim of this dashboard:** It also ensures about **Centrally Sponsored Schemes fund utilization, tracking of funds, pragmatic and just-in-time release of funds to the States**.



Source: Newsonair

9. Jio becomes first telecom to provide 4G mobile services in Ladakh's Pangong



- Reliance Jio has launched its **4G voice and data services** at **Spangmik village near Pangong lake in Ladakh** and becomes the **first telecom service provider** to give 4G services in Ladakh region.
- Lok Sabha member from Ladakh, **Jamyang Tsering Namgyal** has **inaugurated** the Jio mobile tower at Spangmik village.
- This launch will **help to boost the economy of the region** besides providing seamless connectivity to the tourists and the troops in the area.
- **Jio is known as Reliance Jio** because it is wholly owned subsidiary of / the **parent organisation of Jio is reliance industries limited**.
- **JIO** stand for **Joint Implementation Opportunities**.
- **Mr. Mukesh Ambani** is the founder of **Reliance jio** and **founded it in year 2007**.

10. PM Modi inaugurates Biotech Startup Expo - 2022 in New Delhi

- **PM Narendra Modi** has inaugurated the **Biotech Startup Expo - 2022** at **Pragati Maidan** in New Delhi.
- This 2022 Expo is organised to **mark completion of ten years of setting up of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC)**.
- The **theme of the 2022 Expo is 'Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat'**.
- This Expo will connect entrepreneurs, investors, industry leaders, scientists, researchers, bio-incubators, government officials, etc.



Source: Newsonair

11. PM Modi inaugurates development initiatives during Gujarat Gaurav abhiyan

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of **multiple development initiatives during 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan'** in Navsari:
 - **A M Naik Healthcare Complex and Nirali Multi Speciality Hospital** in Navsari





- Headquarters of **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE)** in Bopal, Ahmedabad. The establishment of IN-SPACE was announced in June 2020. It is an autonomous and single window nodal agency in the Department of Space for promotion, encouragement and regulation of space activities of both government and private entities.
- **Madhuban dam-based Astol regional water supply project**
- Development initiatives worth about **Rs 3,050 crore** at Khudvel
- **Virpur Vyara substation**, constructed at a cost of over Rs 5 crore, to provide electricity to residents of **Tapi district**.
- **A sewage treatment plant** with a capacity of 14 MLD, worth Rs 20 crore inaugurated for **Vapi city of Valsad district**.

12. India hosted special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' meet

- India hosted Special **ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting** on the **16th and 17th June** to mark the **30th anniversary of its relations with the 10-nation grouping**.
- It was the first meeting hosted by India in New Delhi and will be accompanied by **12th Edition of Delhi Dialogue**.
- It was attended by **External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and ASEAN's Ministers**.
- **Theme** of the Delhi Dialogue 2022: "**Building Bridges in the Indo-Pacific**"

About ASEAN:

- **Association of Southeast Asian Nations** is a regional organization which was established to promote **political and social stability** amid rising tensions among the **Asia-Pacific's post-colonial states**.
- **Chairmanship of ASEAN** rotates annually, based on the **alphabetical order of the English names of Member States**.

- The motto of ASEAN is "**One Vision, One Identity, One Community**".
- **8th August** is observed as **ASEAN Day**.
- ASEAN Secretariat – **Indonesia, Jakarta**.
- Secretary-General: **Lim Jock Hoi**

ASEAN Member Nations

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Brunei
- Vietnam
- Laos
- Myanmar
- Cambodia

13. PM Modi Launches IN-SPACE Headquarters In Ahmedabad

- PM **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the headquarters of the **Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACE)** at Bopal, Ahmedabad.
- The establishment of **IN-SPACE** was announced in **June 2020**.
- It is an autonomous and single window nodal agency in the **Department of Space** for the promotion, encouragement and regulation of **space activities** of both government and private entities.
- It also facilitates the usage of **ISRO** facilities by private entities.



- **ISRO is the 6th largest space agency in the world** and holds an exceptional success rate.
- **ISRO is centrally funded** and its annual budget is between **Rs 14-15,000 crore**, which is a drop in the ocean and most of this is used in building rockets and satellites.
- ISRO is planning to **share knowledge and technology**, such as manufacturing rockets and satellites, to all the private players.
- The **United States, Europe, Russia** — all have space industries with big players like **Boeing, SpaceX, Air Bus, Virgin Galactic, etc.**

IN-SPACE:

- **IN-SPACE** was launched to provide a **level playing field for private companies to use Indian space infrastructure.**
- It acts as a single-point interface between **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, and everyone who wants to **participate in space-related activities or use India's space resources.**

NewSpace India Limited (NSIL):

Source: News18

- **Announced in Budget 2019**, its aim is to use research and development carried out by ISRO over the years for **commercial purposes through Indian industry partners.**

Indian Space Association (ISpA):

- **ISpA aspires** to be the collective voice of the Indian Space industry.
- ISpA will be represented by **leading domestic and global corporations** that have advanced capabilities in space and satellite technologies.

14. Govt launches Agnipath military recruitment scheme



- The Indian govt has introduced the **Agnipath Military recruitment scheme**, a **4-year tenure scheme for the defense troops.**
 - The **scheme** will facilitate the induction of more troops for shorter-term tenures.
 - The scheme has been planned and is being implemented by the **Department of Military Affairs.**
 - Under the scheme, candidates will join the defense forces and continue for a **period of four years only.**
- The scheme also **aims to induct younger candidates.**
 - **To read more about AGNIPATH SCHEME, Click Here.**

15. India's first private train service under Bharat Gaurav Scheme flagged off

- The 1st train operated by a private operator between **Coimbatore and Shirdi** under the Indian Railways' **'Bharat Gaurav' scheme** was flagged off.
- **Indian Railways** had launched the operation of the theme-based **Bharat Gaurav** train in the month of November 2021.
- **Aim:** to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world.
- **South Star Rail** is the **registered service provider** that operates this **Bharat Gaurav** train.



Bharat Gaurav Trains

- **Indian Railways** had launched the operation of **theme-based Bharat Gaurav train** in the month of **November 2021**.
- The objective of this theme is to showcase **India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places** to the people

Source: Livemint

of India and the world, through **Bharat Gaurav Trains**.

- This scheme also aims to leverage the **core strengths of the professionals of the tourism sector** to run theme-based trains to tap the **vast tourist potential of India**.

16. Mumbai Airport launches first-of-its-kind VAWT & Solar PV System



• **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai** has become **India's 1st airport** to launch a one-of-its-kind **Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill)** to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport.

• **WindStream Energy Technologies India Pvt Ltd** has developed this technology.

- The energy generated through this technology can be customized on a need-specific basis.
- This sustainable initiative undertaken by **CSMIA** reduces **dependence on conventional electricity** which propels its journey towards **'Net Zero' emissions**.

Source: Deccan Herald

17. Cabinet approves Development of New Greenfield Airport Dholera, Ahmedabad

- The CCEA chaired by **PM Narendra Modi** has approved the proposal for the development of Phase I of **New Greenfield Airport at Dholera, Gujarat**.
- The estimated cost of the project is **Rs. 1305 crore** and to be completed within 48 months.
- The project is being implemented by **DIACL, a JVC of AAI, Govt of Gujarat and National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust**.
- **Dholera Greenfield Airport** is situated at an aerial distance of 80 Km from **Ahmedabad, Airport**. [Read Full News >>](#)



18. India's unemployment rate falls to 4.2% in 2020-21

Looking for work | The labour force participation rate (LFPR) has continued to improve further in 2020-21, according to the latest Periodic Labour Force Survey. The graph shows LFPR over years across genders



• As per the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2020-21 (July-June)**, the **unemployment rate of India** has declined to **4.2% in 2020-21 (July-June)**.

• The survey was **released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme**.

• The **labour force participation rate has been raised to 41.6%**.

• The **unemployment rate was 4.8%** and the labour force participation rate was **40.1% in 2019-20**.

- The PLFS provides quarterly updates for urban areas and an annual report for urban and rural areas.
- As per the annual report, even the **labour force participation rate (LFPR)** has gone up in the country year-on-year to 41.6% in 2020-21 compared to 40.1% in 2019-20, 37.5% in 2018-19 and 26.9% in 2017-18.
- **LFPR is defined as the percentage of persons in the labour force (i.e. working or seeking or available for work) in the population**. [Read Full News >>](#)

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19. Govt declares IT resources of ICICI, HDFC, NPCI as critical information

- IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI as 'critical information infrastructure', declared by the Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).
- The government has the power to **declare any data, database, IT network or communications infrastructure as CII to protect that digital asset as per the IT Act of 2000.**
- Any person who secures access to a protected system in violation of the law can be **punished with a jail term of up to 10 years.**



Source:ETBFSI.com

20. Droupadi Murmu may become India's first tribal and second woman president



- On Tuesday, 21st June, the **BJP-led NDA** named **Droupadi Murmu**, a tribal leader from **Odisha** and erstwhile governor of **Jharkhand**, as its **Presidential candidate** to replace outgoing **President Ram Nath Kovind**.
- **Sixty-four-year-old Droupadi** will be up against joint Opposition candidate **Yashwant Sinha, ex-IAS officer and former minister**. The poll is slated to be held on **July 18**.

- **Murmu's selection by BJP as the presidential candidate** is in line with **NDA's thought process** which picked **Ram Nath Kovind** as its **President face in 2017**.
- **President Kovind** hails from a small **Koli community of Uttar Pradesh** and became **India's second Dalit President**.

21. 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**
- The G20 countries include **Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United States and the United Kingdom**.

Source: Newsonair

22. 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)**.

23. 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**.
- In **2015**, the **Cochin International Airport in Kerala** became the **first airport in the world to run solely using solar energy**.



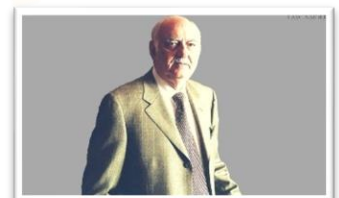
24. Tata Power Solar commissions India's largest floating solar power project



- **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**.

25. 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 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**.



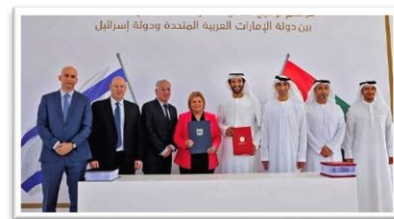
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Free trade deal signed between Israel and UAE

- Israel signed a free trade deal with the United Arab Emirates on May 31, it's first with an Arab country.
- The agreement helps to increase bilateral trade in goods and services, and increase Israeli exports to UAE.
- It also provides customs exemption immediately or gradually on 96% of trade between the countries.
- The UAE was the first Gulf country to normalise ties with Israel and only the third Arab nation to do so after Egypt and Jordan.
- In comparison to 2020, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics recorded more than a 30% increase in import and export of goods, excluding diamonds, to and from the United Arab Emirates.
- Two-way trade in 2021 totalled some USD 900 million.
- Non-oil trade surpassed reached USD 1.06 billion in the first three months of 2022 - a fivefold increase from the same period last year.



Significance of Deal:

- It is build on the US-brokered Normalisation of Relations.
- The deal shows the durability of a series of diplomatic deals in 2020 known as the Abraham Accords, which normalized relations between Israel and four Muslim countries—the U.A.E., Bahrain, Morocco and Sudan.
- Israel's relationship with the UAE has great economic potential.
- The UAE is the second largest economy in the Arab world (after Saudi Arabia)
- The deal abolishes customs duties on 96% of the products exchanged between the two sides.
- This deal will push the value of non-oil bilateral trade between Israel and the UAE beyond \$10 billion.
- UAE-Israel trade will exceed \$2 billion in 2022, rising to around \$5 billion in five years, bolstered by collaboration in renewables, consumer goods, tourism and the life sciences sectors.

What is for India in this deal?

- This agreement, jointly with the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) signed between India and the UAE, has the potential for extensive trilateral cooperation and business partnerships.
- It has also further created opportunities for collaborations in different fields with the US.
- These were made possible by the Abraham Accords, which have been a significant turning point in promoting peace and prosperity for all.
- Israel, India, the UAE, and the US are also part of a new grouping, West Asian Quad which was established as a forum for economic cooperation.
- They are pursuing a constructive agenda focused on the economy, especially infrastructure projects.

Source: TheHind

2. Bangladesh top recipient of Covid vaccines under UNICEF's COVAX

- Bangladesh becomes the top recipient of Covid-19 vaccine doses with the delivery over 190 million doses of vaccines under UNICEF's COVAX programme.
- COVAX is a global initiative which is led by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the World Health Organization with UNICEF.



- Under the COVAX programme, more than **62% of the doses** has been delivered to **Bangladesh**.



- **COVID-19 vaccinations** started in Bangladesh in **February 2021**.
- Bangladesh with **69 per cent fully vaccinated population** is close to achieve the global benchmark of **70 per cent fully vaccinated population by June 2022**.
- **Bangladesh President: Abdul Hamid.**
- **Prime minister: Sheikh Hasina**

3. India & Israel adopt 'vision statement' to boost defence cooperation

- To mark the **diplomatic ties of 30 years**, **India and Israel** has adopted a "**vision statement**" which will **strengthen the defence cooperation in future**.
- During the bilateral meeting between the **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** and his **Israeli counterpart Benny Gantz**, leaders discussed defence cooperation and the prevailing global and regional scenario.
- **Benny Gantz has been honoured with a Tri-Service Guard of Honour** in the presence of **Rajnath Singh**.
- It is his **first visit to India** with an **aim to strengthen the defence ties between the two countries**.
- Defence cooperation has been one of the significant pillars of the bilateral cooperation.
- This year marks the **30th Anniversary of the formation of the official diplomatic ties between India and Israel**.



India-Israel Relations So Far:

- **India** officially recognised **Israel in 1950**.
- Two countries established full diplomatic ties only on **29th January 1992**.
- **India was among 164 United Nations (UN) member states to have diplomatic ties with Israel**.
- From **USD 200 million in 1992**, bilateral merchandise trade stood at **USD 4.14 billion** (excluding defence) during the period **April 2020 – February 2021**.

- **Trade in diamonds** constitutes about **50% of bilateral trade**.
- **India is Israel's third-largest trade partner in Asia and seventh largest globally**.
- **India** is also in dialogue with **Israel** for concluding a **Free Trade Agreement (FTA)**.
- **India is the largest buyer of military equipment from Israel**, which, in turn, is the **second-largest defence supplier to India, after Russia**.

Note:

- **Capital: Jerusalem**
- **President: Isaac Herzog**
- **Prime minister: Naftali Bennett**
- **Currency: Israeli Shekel**

4. UN approved to change Turkey's official name to 'Türkiye'



- The **United Nations** has agreed to change the **Republic of Turkey's country name from "Turkey" to "Türkiye"** after a request from **Ankara** for the change.
- The country has begun the move to change its internationally recognised official name in English to **Türkiye** in **December**.
- The move comes after **Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan** has released a **memorandum** and asked the public to use **Türkiye** to describe the country in every language.



Why does Turkey want to be called Türkiye?

- It said ‘**Turkey**’ was adopted following the **country’s independence in 1923**.
- “Over the centuries, Europeans have referred to firstly the Ottoman state and then to **Türkiye** by many names. But the name that has stuck most is the Latin “**Turquia**” and the more ubiquitous “Turkey,” a report said.
- **Wild turkeys**, a bird that they mistakenly assumed was similar to the guinea fowl, which was native to eastern Africa and imported to Europe through the Ottoman Empire. Later, the bird soon found its way to the tables and meals of colonisers
- The government has also had objections to Cambridge Dictionary’s definition of the term

“turkey”; “something that fails badly” or “a stupid or silly person”.

Have other countries changed their names?

- Some examples include **The Netherlands**, which was changed from **Holland**;
- **Macedonia**, which changed its name to **North Macedonia** due to political disputes with **Greece**;
- **Iran**, which changed its name from **Persia in 1935**;
- **Siam**, which changed its name to **Thailand**;
- **Rhodesia**, which changed to **Zimbabwe** to drop its colonial legacy.

Source: *Indianexpress*

5. OECD projected the Global plastic waste to be tripled by 2060

- **According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) report, the global usage of plastic is set to increase by three times by the year 2060.**
- The world that is destroy by severe plastic pollution, has need to take up several measures to combat the use of plastic.
- Currently, nearly **100 million tonnes of plastic waste** is either ***mismanaged or allowed to leak into the environment.***
- **Annual production of fossil fuel-based plastics is set to top 1.2 billion tonnes by 2060** and waste to exceed **1 billion tonnes**.
- The largest increases are expected in **emerging economies in sub-Saharan Africa and Asia**.
- Even with aggressive action to cut demand and improve efficiencies, **plastic production would almost double in less than 40 years**.
- Since the 1950s, **roughly 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic** have been produced with more **than 60 percent of that tossed into landfills, burned or dumped directly into rivers and oceans**.
- Some **460 million tonnes of plastics** were used in **2019**, twice as much as 20 years earlier.
- The amount of plastic waste has also nearly doubled, **exceeding 350 million tonnes**, with less than **10 percent of it recycled**.



Source: *Aljazeera*

6. European Parliament votes to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035



- **European Parliament Members have voted to prohibit the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035.**
- **Aim:** To fight against climate change
- The EU assembly voted in Strasbourg, France to require automakers **to cut carbon-dioxide emissions by 100% by the middle of the next decade.**

- The mandate would amount to ban on the sale in the EU nations of new cars powered by gasoline.
- EU lawmakers also **endorsed a 55% reduction in CO2 from automobiles in 2030** compared with 2021.



- European Parliament Founded on **10 September 1952**
- European Parliament President: **Roberta Metsola**
- It is the **Second-largest democratic electorate** in the world (after the **Parliament of India**)

India Bans Single-Use Plastic Products from July 1

- A ban on single-use plastic products will be imposed from July 1. According to the **Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)**, **30 single-use plastic items** have been listed by the government body under the **Ministry of Environment**. The ban also extends to the sale, stocking, distribution and export of such plastic products.

Here are the items included in the banned list:

- **Plastic sticks: earbuds with plastic sticks, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, thermocol or polystyrene decoration, balloons with plastic sticks**
- **Cutlery items: cups, glasses, cups, forks, spoons, straws, trays and knives**
- **Wrapping/packing: sweet boxes, invitation cards and cigarette packets**
- **Plastic or PVC banners which are less than 100 microns, stirrers for tea or coffee**

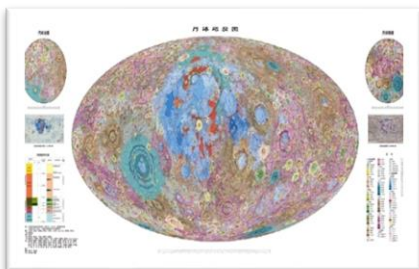
7. UN adopts resolution on multilingualism, mentioning Hindi for the First Time

- The **United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the **Hindi language** for the first time.
- The resolution passed yesterday urges the **United Nations** to continue spreading vital communications and messages in **both official and non-official languages, including Hindi**.
- The resolution also mentions **Bangla** and **Urdu** for the first time.
- India has been partnering with the **UN Department of Global Communications (DGC)** since **2018** by providing an **extra-budgetary contribution to mainstream and consolidate news and multimedia content in the Hindi language**
- **Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish** are the **six official languages of the United Nations**; **English and French** being the **working languages of the United Nations Secretariat**.
- **UN Headquarters: New York, United States**
- **Secretary general: António Guterres**
- **Founded on: 24 October 1945**



Source:PIB

8. China releases world's most detailed moon map



- **China** has released a **new geological map of the moon**, which it says is the **most detailed to date**.
- The new map, which has details of craters and structures not charted before, will assist in further research of the moon.
- That digital map showed the **moon's geology** in, what the Science Centre described as, incredible detail at a scale of **1:5000000**.
- **USGS Astrogeology Science Centre** had, for the first time, mapped and classified the entire lunar surface in collaboration with **NASA** and the **Lunar Planetary Institute** in 2020.
- The new map was 1st published in a Chinese science journal **Science Bulletin**.

Source: HT



9. Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland elected to UNSC

- **Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland** were elected to the **UNSC** as non-permanent members for the **2023-2024 term**.
- They will replace **India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway**.
- The **193-member UN General Assembly** held elections on to elect the five non-permanent members for the two-year term 2023-24.
- Each year, the **General Assembly elects five non-permanent members** (out of ten in total) for a **two-year term**. The ten non-permanent seats are distributed on a regional basis.
- The council's presidency is a capacity that **rotates every month among its 15 members**.
- **Each member of the Security Council has one vote**. Decisions of the Security Council on matters are made by an affirmative vote of nine members including the concurring votes of the permanent members. A "No" vote from one of the five permanent members blocks the passage of the resolution.
- **India's two-year term** at the **UNSC** as **non-permanent member** will end in **December 2022**, when it was also holding the Presidency of the powerful UN organ.
- **India, for the eighth time**, has entered the **UNSC** as a **non-permanent member last year (2021)**.
- The **United Nation Security Council (UNSC) HQ: New York**
- **Current President: Albania**



Source: Moneycontrol

10. India extends Sri Lanka \$55 mn credit line for fertiliser imports



- The **Indian government** has decided to extend a **Line of Credit (LOC) of USD 55 million to Sri Lanka** for the **procurement of Urea Fertiliser**.
- This credit line was extended in response to an **urgent request from the Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL)**, amid the ongoing economic crisis.
- This credit line will help Sri Lankan government **secure urea fertilizer for the ongoing paddy sowing 'Yala' season**.
- During the signing ceremony, **Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe** expressed **his gratitude to the Indian government for the timely assistance**.
- It may be recalled that in line with its **'Neighbourhood First' policy** as India has extended multi-pronged assistance to the people of Sri Lanka in the last few months.
- The support from India ranges from economic assistance of close to **USD 3.5 billion** to helping secure **Sri Lanka's food, health, and energy security by supplying essential items like food, medicines, fuel, kerosene etc.**
- **Recently, Australia** has also announced to provide **50 million US dollars support to Sri Lanka** for meet urgent food and health care needs.

Source: BS

11. WTO Ministerial conference 2022 is being held at Geneva

- The **twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference** was held from **12th June 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland** after a gap of almost **5 years**.
- Indian delegation will be led by **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal**



- **Key areas:** WTO's response to the pandemic, Fisheries subsidies negotiations and Agriculture issues including Public Stockholding for Food security.
- India is a founding member of the WTO since 1 January 1995 and a member of GATT since 8 July 1948.
- The Conference was co-hosted by Kazakhstan and chaired by Mr Timur Suleimenov, Deputy Chief of Staff of Kazakhstan's President.
- The conference concluded successfully on 17 June, with agreement on a package of key trade initiatives.

World Trade Organization

- It came into being in 1995. The WTO is the successor to the **General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)** established in the wake of the **Second World War**.
- Its objective is to help trade **flow smoothly, freely and predictably**.
- It has **164 members**, accounting for **98% of world trade**.
- The WTO's rules – the agreements – are the result of negotiations between the members.

- The current set is largely the outcome of the **1986- 94 Uruguay Round negotiations**, which included a major revision of the original GATT.
- The **WTO Secretariat** is based in **Geneva (Switzerland)**.
- Director-General: **Nguzi Okonjo-Iweala**
- Founded: **1 January 1995**

Source:WTO.org

12. Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Egypt



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- The **Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians** has been started in **Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt** to address climate change.
- The two-day conference is being **jointly organized by the House of Representatives and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)**.
- Nagaland's first woman elected as **Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha, S. Phangon Konyak is representing India** at the Conference.

- This year in Egypt, around **200 young MPs, from 60 countries** are participating to discuss strategies to **mitigate the impact of climate change** and ensure that **global warming does not exceed 1.5 degrees Celsius** in line with the **Paris Agreement**.
- **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) HQ: Geneva, Switzerland**
- President: **Duarte Pacheco**
- Secretary General: **Martin Chungong**

13. Japan to attend NATO summit for first time in Madrid, Spain

- **Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida will attend North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit**, which will be held in **Madrid** and becomes the **Japan's first leader to join NATO summit**.
- **Sweden and Finland** will also send delegations to the summit and **South Korea's new President Yoon Suk-yeol** will also become the **first leader from his country to join the meeting**.
- Kishida said that **Russia's harming world peace should not be forgiven, and that breaking international law comes "at a high price."**
- He said that **Japan had changed its stance towards Russia over its invasion**, implementing sanctions and working with the **G7**, and that Japan has made **"every effort to support Ukraine and other countries."**



- **Russia's invasion of Ukraine** appears to have **strengthened NATO**. It prompted **Finland and Sweden** to break with decades of neutrality and apply to join NATO.

About North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)



- It is a **military alliance** established by the **North Atlantic Treaty** of **April, 1949**, by the **United States, Canada, and several Western European nations** to provide **collective security against the Soviet Union**.

- There are currently **30 member states**.

- Its original members were **Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the**

United States.

- Joining the original signatories were **Greece and Turkey (1952), West Germany (1955, from 1990 as Germany), Spain (1982), the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland (1999), Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (2004), Albania and Croatia (2009), Montenegro (2017), and North Macedonia (2020, latest).**
- Headquarters: **Brussels, Belgium.**
- Headquarters of Allied Command Operations: **Mons, Belgium.**
- NATO Secretary General: **Jens Stoltenberg**

Source: Business Insider

14. Khuvsgul lake of Mongolia added to UNESCO Biosphere Reserves

- **Khuvsgul Lake National Park of Mongolia** has been added to the **World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO**.
- This decision was made during the **34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme** taking place in **Paris, France**.
- **Location of Khuvsgul Lake: Northern Mongolian province of Khuvsgul near the Russian border.**
- The lake is 1,645 meters above sea level, 136 km long and 262m deep.
- **Biosphere reserves** are sites established by countries and recognized under **UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme to promote sustainable development based on local community efforts and sound science**. The programme of **Biosphere Reserve** was initiated by **UNESCO in 1971**.
- **Presently, there are 18 notified biosphere reserves in India.**
- **Now, Mongolia has 9 Biosphere Reserves:**
 1. **Great Gobi**
 2. **Boghd Khan Uul**
 3. **Uvs Nuur Basin**
 4. **Hustai Nuruu**
 5. **Dornod Mongol**
 6. **Mongol Daguur**
 7. **Toson-Khulstai**
 8. **Uvs Lake Depression Transboundary Biosphere Reserve**
 9. **Khuvsgul Lake**



Source: Unesco.org



15. Gustavo Petro elected as the first-leftist President of Colombia



- Leftist party, **Gustavo Petro** has won presidential election of Colombia and becomes the first ever leftist president in the history of country.
- He **defeated construction magnate, Rodolfo Hernandez** with a margin of more than 700,000 votes.
- Petro is a former mayor of **capital Bogota** and current senator.
- He was also a **former member of the M-19 guerrilla movement**.
- **Francia Marquez** has become the **first Black woman Vice President of Colombia**.
- **Currency: Colombian peso**

Source:TOI

16. Sri Lanka revises Minimum Age for Migrant Domestic Workers

- **Sri Lanka** has decided to revise the **Minimum Age for Migrant Domestic Workers to 21 years**.
- The Cabinet of Ministers has also granted permission to revise the age limit, after considering the recommendations of the Cabinet-appointed Sub-Committee.
- For **Saudi Arabia** the minimum age is **25 years**, and for other **Middle Eastern Countries** is **23 years**, and for all other countries is **21 years**.
- **Sri Lanka PM: Ranil Wickremesinghe**
- **President: Gotabaya Rajapaksa**



17. 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.**

Source:BS

18. 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**.

19. 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**.
- The ban will come into force shortly and apply to **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**.

20. G7 leaders pledge 600 billion for developing countries

- During the **Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Germany's Bavarian Alps**, 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.**



21. Pakistan & Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

- **Pakistan** on Friday, June 17, **got a reprieve from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)** as the international watchdog announced that the country could be **removed from the “grey list”** after a visit by a fact-finding team to verify the **measures it has taken to deal with terror financing**. FATF noted Pakistan’s claims of actions to curb terror funding.
- Pakistan would formally be taken off the **“grey list” in October**. They said the process really kicked off after the meeting between **U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Pakistan Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto** at the UN in May.
- **Pakistan has been on the FATF grey list continuously since June 2018.**

About Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

- The **FATF is an inter-governmental body** that sets international standards seeking to **prevent international financial crimes that aid terrorism**.
- The **FATF was established in July 1989** by a **G-7 Summit in Paris**, initially to examine and develop measures to combat money laundering.
- The **FATF currently comprises 37 member jurisdictions** and two regional organizations (**European Commission and Gulf**

Cooperation Council), representing most major financial centers in all parts of the globe.

- **India** has been a member of the **FATF since 2010**.
- India is also a member of its regional partners, the **Asia Pacific Group (APG)** and the **Eurasian Group (EAG)**.
- Its Secretariat is located at the **Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** headquarters in Paris.

Lists under FATF:

Grey List:

- Countries that are considered **safe haven for supporting terror funding and money laundering are put in the FATF grey list**.
- This inclusion serves as a **warning to the country** that it may enter the blacklist.

Black List:

- Countries known as **Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs)** are put in the blacklist. These **countries support terror funding and money laundering activities**.
- The FATF revises the blacklist regularly, adding or deleting entries.



- Currently, **Iran and Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)** are under High-risk Jurisdiction or black list.

Countries in Grey List:

As of March 2022, there are **23 countries on the FATF's increased monitoring list** — officially referred to as “jurisdictions with strategic deficiencies” — that include **Pakistan, Syria, Turkey, Myanmar, Philippines, South Sudan, Uganda, and Yemen.**

22. 14th BRICS Summit



The **14th BRICS Summit, which concluded on June 24**, revealed much about the grouping of five emerging nations. That this bloc of five disparate countries has not only made it to its 14th summit, but has been able to demonstrate some concrete, albeit modest, outcomes of cooperation, such as the emergence of the **New Development Bank (NDB).**

Indeed, ever since the **first summit in Yekaterinburg in 2009**, BRICS has had more than its fair share of naysayers, particularly in the West, and has been derided as a talk shop. In his address to the summit on June 23, which was **hosted by China this year** and held virtually, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** described the binding glue as “a similar approach to global governance”. That approach, according to the lengthy joint Beijing Declaration that followed, was premised on “making instruments of global governance more inclusive, representative and participatory”.

Theme of the 14th BRICS Summit: Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development.

BRICS Plus virtual conference was also held as part of the main meeting with ministers from countries, including the **UAE, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Indonesia, Argentina, Nigeria, Senegal, and Thailand.**

Key Highlights of the Summit

- Adopting the **Beijing Declaration**: It states that **BRICS supports talks between Russia and Ukraine.**
- **Humanitarian Situation in Ukraine**: Support to efforts of the **UN Secretary-General, UN Agencies and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)** to provide humanitarian assistance
- **Terrorism**: BRICS countries said that only the **UN Security Council** has the authority for imposing sanctions.
- **Initiative on Denial of Safe Haven to Corruption**: The BRICS Initiative on **Denial of Safe Haven to Corruption** aims to further **strengthen anti-corruption capacity** building through education and training programs and **enhance anti-corruption exchanges and cooperation within multilateral frameworks.**

- **Framework for Consumer Protection in E-commerce & More Focus on Combating Transnational Drug Trafficking.**

About BRICS

- **BRICS** is an acronym for the grouping of the world's leading emerging economies, namely **Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.**
- In **2001**, the **British Economist Jim O'Neill** coined the term **BRIC** to describe the four emerging economies of **Brazil, Russia, India, and China.**
- The grouping was formalised during the first meeting of **BRIC Foreign Ministers' in 2006.**
- **South Africa** was invited to join **BRIC** in **December 2010**, after which the group adopted the acronym **BRICS.**



Share of BRICS:

The BRICS brings together **five of the largest developing countries** of the world, representing **41% of the global population, 24% of the global GDP and 16% of the global trade.**

Initiatives of the BRICS:

New Development Bank:

- During the Sixth BRICS Summit in Fortaleza (Brazil) in 2014, the leaders signed the Agreement establishing the New Development Bank (NDB Hq - Shanghai, China).
- It has so far approved 70 infrastructure and sustainable development projects worth.

Contingent Reserve Arrangement:

- In 2014, the BRICS governments had signed a treaty on the setting up of the contingent reserve arrangement

Launched of Remote Sensing Satellite:

A Remote Sensing constellation of satellites has been launched – with **6 satellites including 2 from India, 2 from China, 1 from Russia, and 1 Brazil-China collaboration.**

Source: The Hindu

Chairmanship:

The chairmanship of the forum is rotated annually among the members, in accordance with the acronym B-R-I-C-S. **India is the chair for 2021.**

- The arrangement is aimed at forestalling short-term balance of payments pressures, provide mutual support and strengthen financial stability of the BRICS nations.

BRICS Payment System:

- BRICS countries are trying to create a payment system as an **alternative to the SWIFT payment system.**
- This has taken on a new urgency as post **Ukraine war, Russia has been frozen out of SWIFT.**



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STATE NEWS

1. Gujarat government signed MoU with Isha Outreach to conserve soil

- **Climate Change Department** of Gujarat has signed an MoU with Isha Outreach to join the worldwide 'Save Soil' initiative.
- The MoU was signed between the **Founder and Spiritual Leader of Isha Outreach, Sadhguru** and **Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel** in Ahmedabad.
- With this, **Gujarat becomes the first state to align itself with this global movement for soil conservation.**
- 'Save Soil' campaign has been launched by **Isha Foundation** to raise awareness against the worldwide degradation of soil fertility.
- Some reports claim that **24% of the world's fertile soil has been lost to desertification.** The UN has also warned that **if the practice continues through 2050, around 90% of the earth's surface will be degraded.**
- **Preventing desertification, controlling salinity intake of soil and increasing green cover are the objectives of the MoU.**
- Sadguru has set out on a **100-day motorcycle tour (30,000 Km)** to raise awareness about the soil regeneration campaign throughout the world.
- **World Soil Day: 5 December**



Source: ahmedabadmirror

2. Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal' launched in Rajasthan for pregnant women



- **Rajasthan government** has launched a **Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal'** in the Karauli district for pregnant women.
- This unique campaign was started on the **initiative of District Collector Ankit Kumar Singh.**
- **Aim:** To ensure all **necessary medical aid to pregnant women** at the **pre and post-natal stage.**
- It is also ensured that the **Auxiliary Nurse Midwife and ASHA workers will keep in constant contact** with the **pregnant women.**
- During the campaign, **13,144 pregnant women** were tested for their **hemoglobin levels**, out of which **11,202 were found to be anemic.** These women were advised to take the right medicine and necessary nutritious diet. They were also advised to keep themselves stress-free.

Source: Newsonair

3. Tamil Nadu CM flags off luxury cruise "Empress"

- Tamil Nadu CM, MK Stalin has flagged off the **luxury cruise liner "Empress"** from Chennai port.
- This is the **eleven-storey tourist vessel** which can accommodate up to two thousand passengers and about 800 crew members.
- The vessel has a swimming pool, children's play area, gym, theatre and a multi-cuisine restaurant.
- This is considered the **first luxury cruise liner to be operated from the state.**



- Tamil Nadu Capital: **Chennai**
- Tamil Nadu Governor: **N. Ravi**

Source: *Newsair*

4. Sikkim declares Blue Duke as state butterfly



- **Chief Minister of Sikkim**, Prem Singh Tamang has declared the **Blue Duke the state butterfly** on the occasion of World Environment Day.
- **Blue Duke** was selected as the state butterfly after securing 57% votes in an online poll conducted by the Forest Department.
- The **scientific name of Blue Duke is *Bassarona durga***.
- It was **discovered in the state in 1858**.
- **Blue Duke listed in Schedule 2 of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972** and is a **protected species in the Himalayas**.
- **Krishna Peacock (Papilio Krishna)** secured **43 per cent of votes in the online polls to secure the second position**.

Source: *ThePrint*

5. Andhra Pradesh launches '14400 app' to report corrupt officials

- To **reduce the corruption at government offices** in the State, **Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched an app - **ACB 14400**.
- This app is **developed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB)**.
- With the help of this app, **people can lodge corruption-related complaints against officials in the State**.
- Earlier, people file a complaint via the toll-free number (14400), but ACB cannot get the enough evidence regarding the complaint.

Source: *NewIndianExpress*



6. Goa CM launches mobile app 'Beach Vigil App'



- **Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant** has launched "**Beach Vigil App**".
- **Aim:** To ensure the **holistic management of beaches**.
- This app shall benefit the institutions working in beach tourism sector and tourists.
- With the help of this app, the Drishti workers, police and other stakeholders can **raise issues for safeguarding tourists' interests**.
- The state government also planning to make the coastal state among the **top 25 destinations for startups in Asia by 2025**.

Source: *ThePrint*

7. Kerala tops in National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021

- Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** released the **NeSDA 2021 Report** which provides suggestions for governments to further enhance their e-Governance service delivery systems.
- **Kerala** had the highest overall compliance score amongst all the States and UTs.
- **Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and Rajasthan** are the leading states with compliance of more than **75 percent** across all parameters for their Services Portals.



- **Jammu and Kashmir** scored the highest amongst all UTs for six sectors

About National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment

Organisation: Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) had constituted the National eGovernance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) in 2019.

- **It is part of its mandate to boost the e-government endeavours** and drive digital government excellence.

Coverage: The NeSDA 2021 report has been prepared covering the assessment of States, UTs, and focus Central Ministries on their effectiveness in delivering online services to citizens.

Rank	North-East and Hill States	Remaining States – Group A	Remaining States – Group B	Union Territories
1	Meghalaya	Punjab	Rajasthan	Jammu & Kashmir
2	Tripura	Tamil Nadu	Uttar Pradesh	Andaman & Nicobar Islands
3	Assam	Haryana	Madhya Pradesh	Delhi
4	Uttarakhand	Telangana	Odisha	Chandigarh
5	Himachal Pradesh	Gujarat	West Bengal	Puducherry
6	Nagaland	Kerala	Jharkhand	Ladakh
7	Arunachal Pradesh	Karnataka	Bihar	Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
8	Mizoram	Goa	Chhattisgarh	
9	Manipur	Andhra Pradesh		
10	Sikkim	Maharashtra		

Aim: The biennial study assesses States, Union Territories (UTs), and focuses on Central Ministries on the effectiveness of e-Governance service delivery.

- **NeSDA helps the respective governments** improve their delivery of citizen centric services and shares best practices across the country for all States, UTs and Central Ministries to emulate.

NeSDA 2021 covers services across seven sectors:

- Finance
- Labour & Employment
- Education
- Local Governance & Utility Services
- Social Welfare
- Environment

Portal is assessed on four parameters:

- Tourism sectors
- Accessibility
- Content Availability
- Ease of Use
- Information Security & Privacy.

8. Gujarat becomes first State in India to start 'Balika Panchayat'



- **Gujarat** becomes the **first state** in the nation to launch '**Balika Panchayat**' with an aim to **strengthened girl power in the state**.
- This unique initiative was started in **several villages of Gujarat's Kutch district**.
- This initiative was **started by the Women and Child Development Welfare department of the Gujarat Government** under the '**Beti Bachao Beti Padhao**' campaign.
- This panchayat will be **managed by people in the 11-21 age group**.

9. Andhra Pradesh signs MoU with BYJU's for government school kids

- The **Andhra Pradesh government** has signed an **MoU with BYJU's** to provide **quality education to government school students**.
- The government will provide **tablets to 4.7 lakh (approximately) students of class VIII at an estimated cost of Rs 500 crore**.
- **Aim:** More efficient, quality-oriented and presentable
- **BYJU's** content would be **incorporated in bilingual text books** for students of **classes IV to X from 2023 as the text books for 2022 have already been printed**.



10. Assam becomes the 36th State/UT to implement One Nation One Ration Card



- Assam has operationalised the Centre's 'One Nation, One Ration Card' programme, with this, it is implemented across the country.
- Beneficiaries can get their quota of subsidised foodgrains from any electronic point of sale device (ePoS)-enabled fair price shops.
- Beneficiaries can use their existing ration cards with biometric authentication.

- The implementation of **ONORC** was initiated in August 2019.
- The government has also rolled out the 'MERA RATION' mobile app.

What is ONORC?

- The **ONORC** scheme is being implemented under **National Food Security Act (NFSA)**.
- This system allows all **NFSA beneficiaries, particularly migrant beneficiaries**, to claim either **full or part foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS)** in the country through existing **ration card with biometric/Aadhaar authentication in a seamless manner**.
- The system also allows their family members back home, if any, to claim the balance foodgrains on same the ration card.
- The implementation of **ONORC** was initiated in August 2019.





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RANKS, REPORT AND INDEXES

1. Times Higher Education released the 2022 edition of the Asia University

- The Times Higher Education (THE) has released the 2022 edition of the Asia University Rankings which comprises 616 universities from 31 countries.
- China's Tsinghua and Peking universities placed first and second place respectively.
- India being the third most-represented country with 71 universities making it to the list, behind China (97) and Japan (118).
- The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, (42nd) is the only institute to place in the top-50 list.
- The Mysore-based JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research is ranked 65th, followed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar at 68 and IIT Indore at 87.
- All Indian institutes in the top-100 have slipped down in comparison to last year's rankings.

THE ASIA UNIVERSITY RANKINGS			
TOP 5 UNIVERSITIES IN INDIA			
IISc	42	37	
JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research	65	Not Ranked	
IIT Ropar	68	55	
IIT Indore	87	78	
IIT Gandhinagar	120	137	
TOP 5 UNIVERSITIES IN ASIA			
	2022	2021	
Tsinghua University (China)	1	1	
Peking University (China)	2	2	
National University of Singapore	3	3	
University of Hong Kong	4	4	
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	5	5	

2. QS World University Rankings 2023

The Top 20 Unis in the World	World Ranking
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)	1
University of Cambridge	2
Stanford University	3
University of Oxford	4
Harvard University	5
California Institute of Technology	6
Imperial College London	7
UCL	8
ETH Zurich	9
University of Chicago	10

INDIA'S BEST		
Top Indian institutes in QS World University Rankings 2023		
2023	Institute	2022
155	IISc Bangalore	186
172	IIT Bombay	177
174	IIT Delhi	185
250	IIT Madras	255
264	IIT Kanpur	277
270	IIT Kharagpur	280
369	IIT Roorkee	400
384	IIT Guwahati	395

Source: QS (<https://www.TopUniversities.com/>)

- This edition is the largest QS World University Rankings to date, with over 1,400 institutions from across the world, representing a 9% increase on the number of institutions included last year.
- For the eleventh subsequent year, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) remains the world's number one university.

- The University of Cambridge achieves second place, with Stanford University and Harvard University steady at last year's 3rd and 5th places respectively, while Oxford University is in 4th place, down from 2nd last year.
- Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Karnataka, ranked 155 gaining 31 places since 2022 ranking and emerged as the fastest rising South Asian university among the top 200 universities.
- 41 Indian varsities have been found place in the rankings. Among QS World University Rankings top 200 varsities, The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru (155th) topped among Indian universities, followed by IIT Bombay (172nd) and IIT Delhi (174th).

Source: QS.com

3. Mukesh Ambani surpasses Gautam Adani to become the Asia's Richest Man

- Reliance Industries Limited Chairman and MD, Mukesh Ambani has regained the position of India as well as Asia's richest man after replacing Adani Group Chairman, Gautam Adani.
- The net worth of Mukesh Ambani has risen to \$99.7 billion, while Gautam Adani's net worth stood at \$98.7 billion, according to Bloomberg Billionaire Index.
- Mukesh Ambani is ranked the eighth richest person in the world as per the Bloomberg Billionaire index.



Bloomberg Billionaires Index: Globally

- **Tesla CEO Elon Musk** remains the **world's richest person** with a net fortune of **\$227 billion**.
- **Amazon's Jeff Bezos** is the **second richest man** with a **\$149 billion** net worth, as per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- **LVMH's Bernard Arnault** with **\$138 billion** net worth is the **third richest person** in the world followed by **Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates** with **\$124 billion** net fortune in the **fourth position** and legendary investor **Warren Buffett** in the **fifth position** with a net worth of **\$114 billion**.

Source: NDTV

4. Union Health Minister releases FSSAI's 4th State Food Safety Index



TOP & BOTTOM IN EACH GROUP		
RANK	STATE/UT	SCORE
LARGE STATES		
1	Tamil Nadu	82
2	Gujarat	77.5
3	Maharashtra	70
15	Telangana	34.5
16	Bihar	30
17	Andhra	26
SMALL STATES		
1	Goa	56
2	Manipur	44
7	Mizoram	22.5
8	Andhra	21
UNION TERRITORIES		
1	J&K	68.5
2	Delhi	66
7	Dadra & NH&D	27.5
8	Lakshadweep	16

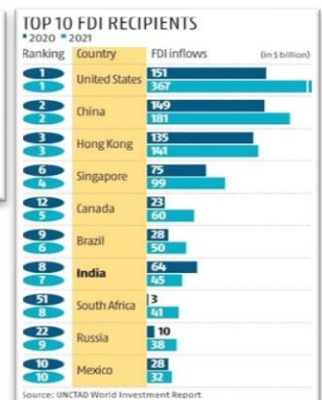
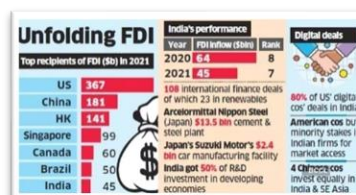
- **World Food Safety Day** is observed on **June 7** every year.
- On World Food Safety Day, Union Health Minister, **Mansukh Mandaviya** has released the **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI), 4th State Food Safety Index**.
- The theme for **World Food Safety Day 2022**, observed on June 7 every year, is **"Safer Food, Better Health"**.

- Aim: To measure the performance of states across five parameters.
- **Tamil Nadu** topped the list among large states followed by **Gujarat** and **Maharashtra**.
- **Smaller states: Goa (1st)** followed by **Manipur** and **Sikkim**.
- **UTs: Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi** and **Chandigarh**
- **SFSI** was started from **2018-19** with the aim of creating a competitive and positive change in the food safety ecosystem in the country.
- The index will help in providing safe and nutritious food to our citizens.

Source:Hindubusinessline

5. India's FDI rank rises to 7th position despite falling inflows

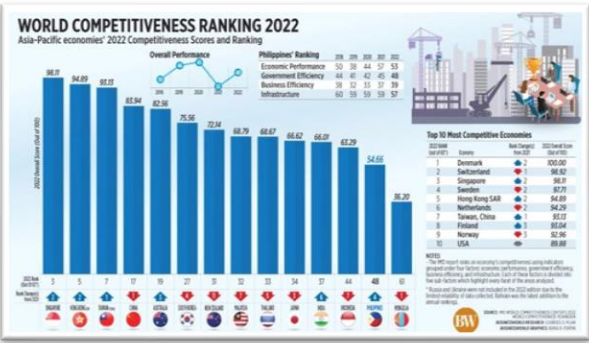
- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)** in its latest World Investment Report projected **India's rank to be 7th** among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) despite FDI inflows into the country declining
- FDI inflow into India declined to **\$45 billion** in **2021** from **\$64 billion** in the preceding year.
- **US (\$367 billion)** remained the top recipient of FDI.
- Followed by **China (\$181 billion)** and **Hong Kong (\$141 billion)**.



About UNCTAD:

- **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**
- **Established in 1964** as an intergovernmental organization intended to **promote the interests of developing states in world trade**.
- Headquarter: **Geneva, Switzerland**
- Secretary-General: **Rebeca Grynspan**

6. India Moves Up 6 Places To 37th In World Competitive Index



• India has witnessed the sharpest rise among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from 43rd to **37th rank** on the annual **World Competitiveness Index 2022**.

• The Index has been compiled by the **Institute for Management Development**.

• **Denmark** has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while **Switzerland** slipped from the top ranking to the **second position** and **Singapore** regained the **third spot from the fifth**.

• Others in the top 10 include **Sweden at the fourth position, followed by Hong Kong SAR (5th), the Netherlands (6th), Taiwan (7th), Finland (8th), Norway (9th) and the USA (10th)**.

• India is also a driving force in the global movement to fight climate change and Mr. Modi's pledge of **net-zero by 2070 at the COP26 summit in November 2021**, sits in harmony with its strength in environment-related technologies in the ranking.

• **IMD business school in Switzerland and Singapore released the 2022 World Competitiveness Ranking**. Its think-tank, **IMD World Competitiveness Center**, ranks 63 economies and assesses the extent to which a country **promotes the prosperity of its people by measuring economic well-being via hard data and survey responses from executives**.

2022	Country	2021
1	Denmark	3
2	Switzerland	1
3	Singapore	5
4	Sweden	2
5	Hong Kong	7
6	Netherlands	4
7	Taiwan, China	8
8	Finland	11
9	Norway	6
10	US	10
37	India	43

Source: IMD's World Competitiveness Index

Source: The Hindu

7. The 4th Global Startup Ecosystem Report released



• As per the **Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)**, the **startup ecosystem in Kerala** has been ranked as the **best in Asia and fourth in terms of Affordable Talent**.

• **Bengaluru city, has been moved up to number 22** in the ranking.

• The report also showed that the **Bengaluru's tech ecosystem value is at \$105 billion** which is higher than that of Singapore at \$89 billion and Tokyo at \$62 billion.

• **Top five: Silicon Valley, followed by New York City, London, Boston, and Beijing.**

• In the **first GSER published in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia and 20th in the world.**

• Kerala is highlighted in the report on **enriching start-up and economic growth**. The ranking measures the **ability to hire and retain tech talent**. It cited the **government support and tech talent** as reasons for start-ups to move to Kerala and flourish.

• **Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan**

• **Capital: Thiruvananthapuram**

• **Chief minister: Pinarayi Vijayan**

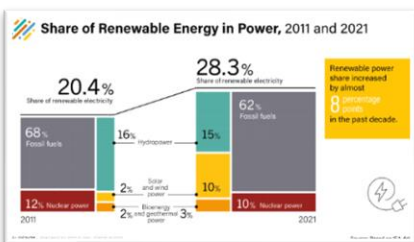
Source: TheHindu

8. Coursera Global Skills Report 2022 released: Switzerland tops

- Coursera has released the latest Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022, which revealed, India’s overall skills proficiency has dipped four places to be ranked at the 68th position globally.
- In Asian countries, India stands at the 19th position.
- West Bengal leads the Indian states in terms of skills proficiency.
- For the second consecutive year, Switzerland had the highest-skilled learners followed by Denmark, Indonesia, and Belgium.
- The Global Skills Report draws data from 100 million learners in more than 100 countries who have used Coursera to develop a new skill during the past year. The report benchmarks three of the most in-demand skill areas driving employment in the digital economy – business, technology, and data science.
- Coursera Inc. is a U.S.-based massive open online course provider.
- Founded in 2012
- By Stanford University computer science professors Andrew Ng and Daphne Koller.
- CEO: Jeff Maggioncalda
- Headquarter: Mountain View, California, U.S.



9. India ranked 3rd in REN21’s renewables 2022 global status report



- India ranked third in the REN21 Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022) globally
- India’s total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 was 15.4 GW
- Top performer of the report: China (136 GW) and US (43 GW)
- India installed 843 MW of hydropower capacity in 2021, brings the overall capacity to 45.3 GW,
- India was the 2nd-largest market for new solar PV capacity in Asia and for the first time, it surpassed Germany (59.2 GW) in total installations (60.4 GW).

Source: IBEF

10. TCS, HDFC, Infy and LIC placed in Kantar’s global 100 most valuable firms

- TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys and LIC have been featured in the top 100 global biggest brands, along with companies like Apple, Google, Amazon and Microsoft.
- TCS has been placed on the 46th spot of the list with an estimated of \$50 billion by Kantar Brands 2022.
- HDFC Bank placed on 61st with \$35 billion brand value.
- Infosys was ranked at 64th position and LIC placed on 92nd.
- Top 10: Apple, Google, Amazon, Microsoft, Tencent, McDonalds, Visa, Facebook, Alibaba, Louis Vuitton
- Today, India ranks number two on funded unicorns and number one in soon-to-be unicorns
- Also, according to the latest “ICUBE” report from The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) and Kantar, the number of mobile internet users in India will rise to 900 million by 2025, up from 622 million in 2020.

GOING PLACES				
Name	Rank	Brand Value \$mn	% change	Position change
TCS	46	50,349	61	12 (up) ▲
HDFC Bank	61	35,603	35	5 (up) ▲
Infosys	64	33,551	33	New entry
LIC	92	23,265	-4	19 (down) ▼

Source: Kantar Brandz, 2022 Most Valuable global brands report

11. India ranks 4th in global gold recycling in 2021, World Gold Council Report



- According to a World Gold Council (WGC) report, **India has emerged as the fourth largest recycler in the world and the country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021.**
- WGC report titled: **Gold refining and recycling.**
- **Top three: China (recycled 168 tonnes), followed by Italy (80 tonnes) and the US (78 tonnes in 2021).**

- The gold refining capacity of India has been increased by 1,500 tonnes (500%) in 2021.
- **World Gold Council Headquarters: London, UK**
- **Founded: 1987**
- **CEO: David Tait**

Management of Gold Reserves in India:

- As at end-March 2022, the Reserve Bank held **760.42 metric tonnes of gold** (including gold deposits of 11.08 metric tonnes). While **453.52 metric tonnes of gold is held overseas in safe custody with the Bank of England and the Bank of International Settlements (BIS), 295.82 metric tonnes of gold is held domestically.** In value terms (USD), the share of gold in the total foreign exchange reserves increased from about 5.88 per cent as at end-September 2021 to about 7.01 per cent as at end-March 2022.

How much Gold can one keep at home in India?

CBDT had clarified that jewellery and ornaments to the extent of 500 grams for married lady, 250 gms for unmarried lady and 100 gram for male will not be seized, even if prima facie it does not seem to be matching with the disclosed income records of that individual.

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SPORTS NEWS

1. Indian women's team wins gold in 10m air rifle at ISSF World Cup 2022

- Indian women's shooting team has claimed the **gold medal** for India in the **10m air rifle women's team** event at the **ISSF World Cup 2022** in **Baku, Azerbaijan**.
- Indian women's team includes: **Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita**
- The Indian trio team defeated **Denmark** by 17-5 in finals.
- The men's 10m air rifle team of **Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Paarth Makhija and Deaflympics champion Dhanush Srikanth** lost to **Croatia** in the bronze medal match.
- India have fielded a 12-member rifle-only squad in this World Cup.



Source: thebridge.in

2. Indian men's hockey team win bronze at Hockey Asia Cup 2022



- The **Indian men's hockey team** defeat **Japan** by 1-0 to clinch the **bronze medal** at **Asia Cup men's hockey 2022** at **Jakarta, Indonesia**.
- Indian hockey team captain, **Birendra Lakra** wins the **player of the match** award for his sturdy defensive work.
- This was **India's 10th medal** from the 11 editions of the continental meet held so far. India, champions in **2003, 2007 and 2017**, have finished runners-up on five occasions and have won the **bronze medal twice**.
- **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**)

Source: IndianExpress

3. Para - Canoeist Prachi Yadav wins bronze at 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Cup

- **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**.
- **Susan Seipel (Australia)** and **Brianna Hennessy (Canada)** have bagged **Gold** and **silver** respectively.
- **Manish Kaurav (KL3 Men 200m)** and **Manjeet Singh (VL2 Men 200m)** have also reached the **finals** for the **first time ever** in the **history** of the tournament in their respective categories.



Source: TOI

4. Argentina beat Italy to win 2022 Finalissima Championship



- **Lionel Messi** stars as **Argentina** has claimed their win against **European champions Italy** in the **2022 Finalissima Championship** at **Wembley** by **3-0**.
- **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.
- **FIFA World Cup 2022: Qatar**
- **2022 UEFA Champions League winner: Real Madrid**

Source: *BusinessStandard*

5. Para-athlete Vinod Kumar banned for intentional misrepresentation at Tokyo

- **Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC)** has **banned Para-athlete, Discus throw player, Vinod Kumar** for **two years (Until 2023)** for 'intentional misrepresentation'.
- He won the bronze medal in the **discus throw event (F52 category)** at the **2020 Tokyo Paralympics**.
- At the Tokyo games, he gave a best throw of 19.91m to finish third behind **Piotr Kosewicz (20.02m)** of Poland and **Velimir Sandor (19.98m)** of Croatia.
- Accusing the Indian of cheating, **World Para Athletics**, in a statement on its website, said the **Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC)** imposed the **two-year sanction** that will make Kumar ineligible to compete in para-athletics competitions until **August 2023**.
- Under the **World Para Athletics Classification Rules and Regulations**, it is a disciplinary offence for an athlete to **intentionally misrepresent their skills or abilities and/or the degree or nature of their impairment**. It is also a disciplinary offence for any athlete support person to assist, conceal or be complicit in any Intentional Misrepresentation by an athlete.



Source: *IndianExpress*

6. Khelo India Youth Games 2021



- Hosts **Haryana won the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021** title with **52 gold medals** on the final day. Haryana also won **39 silver and 46 bronze medals**, taking their overall medal tally to **137 medals** – the highest cumulative haul by any state. The late surge helped Haryana leapfrog the **2020 champions Maharashtra** on the KIYG medals table.
- **Maharashtra**, managed **45 gold, 40 silver and 40 bronze medals** to come second with **125 medals**.
- **Karnataka**, with **22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze**, finished third with **67 medals**.
- The **Khelo India Youth Games 2021 started on June 4** across multiple venues with **Haryana's Panchkula** hosting the bulk of the events. The Games, which are a part of the Indian government's Khelo India initiative, **concluded on June 13**.
- This was **Haryana's second KIYG title**. Haryana won the inaugural title in 2018 but finished second to Maharashtra in the next two seasons.
- This was the fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games. Some **4,700 athletes, including 2,262 women**, from all of **India's 36 states and Union Territories** participated at **KIYG 2021**.
- Hosts **Haryana fielded the biggest contingent with 398 athletes**, followed by **Maharashtra with 357**. A total of 33 states won at least one medal at KIYG 2021 while 28 won at least one gold.

Source: <https://olympics.com/>

7. Sakshi, Divya, and Mansi win gold medals at 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup

- India's **Sakshi Malik (62kg)** along with **Divya Kakran (68Kg)** and **Mansi Ahlawat (57kg)** have won gold medal at the **2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup** wrestling tournament in Kazakhstan.
- 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.
- India now have won four medals with Greco Roman wrestler Neeraj winning a bronze in 63kg category



Source: Newsonair

8. Rafael Nadal beats Casper Ruud to win his 14th French Open 2022



- **Rafael Nadal (Spain)** wins his **14th** title of the **Men's French Open** championship at Roland Garros and **22nd Grand Slam** title overall.
- 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 Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (France)*
- **Mixed Doubles:** *Ena Shibahara (Japan); Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands)*

Source: IndianExpress

9. Indian shooter Avani Lekhara wins gold at 2022 Para Shooting World Cup

- Tokyo Paralympics champion, **Avani Lekhara** has clinched the **gold medal** at the **2022 Para Shooting World Cup** in France.
- She also created a **world record score of 250.6** in women's **10m air rifle standing SH1**.
- With this **Avani Lekhara** secured a spot at the **2024 Paris Paralympics**.
- **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**.
- **SH1 category:** Athletes with lower limb impairment for competition in rifle events.



10. Mithali Raj announces her retirement from international cricket



- Indian Women's cricket legend, **Mithali Raj** has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket at the age of **39** years.
- 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.

Source: Newsonair



11. India beat Poland to win the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s title

- India beat Poland by **6-4** to win the final of the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.
- India had topped the five-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route final, ended 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.
- Hockey 5s was first played in the preparation for the **2014 Youth Olympic Games**.



Source: ThePrint

12. Tamil Nadu CM launches logo and mascot of 44th Chess Olympiad



- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **MK Stalin** has launched the **official logo and mascot** of the **44th Chess Olympiad**.
- The mascot is named as '**Thambi**' and 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'.
- **Chess Believe** is written on its shirt.

- It is the **2nd major international chess** event to be hosted by Chennai, after **World Championship match in 2013**.

Source: Newsonair

13. Shot putter Manpreet Kaur breaks National record

- Shot put athlete **Manpreet Kaur** broke the 18m barrier on her fourth attempt, setting a **new National Record of 18.06m** in the **Inter-State Athletics Meet in Chennai**.
- She held the previous record of **17.96m**.
- Manpreet has previously thrown the iron ball **18.86m at the Asian GP in 2017**.
- **Manpreet Kaur**, who has recently returned after a **4-year doping ban**.



14. India created history by qualifying for FIFAe Nations Cup 2022



- India created history by securing a spot at the highly coveted **FIFAe Nations Cup (FeNC) 2022** in football.
- Representatives from the country will join other sports athletes from 23 other nations to compete at the highest level of **FIFA 22 Esports** from **26th to 30th July in Copenhagen, Denmark**.
- It is organized and conducted by **EA Sports**.

- **FeNC is one of three major esports events** that are held on a worldwide scale to crown the global champions of the game.

Source: TOI



15. Los Angeles, Toronto, Mexico City named FIFA World Cup 2026 host cities

- **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**.
- This is the first time when the tournament will be shared by **three different countries**.
- **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
- **FIFA President: Gianni Infantino**
- **Founded: 21 May 1904**
- **Headquarter: Zürich, Switzerland**



16. Neeraj Chopra wins gold at 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland



- Javelin thrower, **Neeraj Chopra** has clinched **gold** in the **2022 Kuortane Games in Finland**. 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**.
- **Earlier, He broke his national record and settled for silver medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland.**

Source:Newsonair

17. PM Modi flags off torch relay for 44th edition of Chess Olympiad

- 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**.
- 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**.
- The torch will be taken to **75 cities** over a span of **40 days** before reaching in **Mahabalipuram**.
- **Headquarters:** Lausanne, Switzerland
- **President:** Arkady Dvorkovich
- **Founded:** 20 July 1924



18. Neeraj Chopra will lead 37-member athletics team in Birmingham CWG 2022



- **Neeraj Chopra** will lead the **37-member Indian athletics contingent** in **Birmingham, 2022 Commonwealth Games** in **July-August**.
- The **Athletics Federation of India (AFI)** has named a **37-member contingent** for the **2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham**.



- The contingent includes **Avinash Sable (3000m Steeplechase); Nitender Rawat (Marathon); M Sreeshankar and Muhammed Anees Yahiya (Long Jump); Abdulla Aboobacker, Praveen Chithravel and Eldhose Paul (Triple Jump)** and many more.

Source: Sportstar

19. Indian women's Wrestling team wins U-17 Asian Championship, Kyrgyzstan

- **Indian women's Wrestling team** has clinched five medals to claim the **Under-17 Asian Championship, held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.**
- **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.**
- **Indian women including: Ritika (Gold in 43 kg), Ahilaya Shinde (Gold in 49 kg), Siksha (Gold in 57 kg), Priya (Gold in 73 kg), Pulkit (Silver medal in 65 kg).**



Source: Newsonair

20. Indian footballer, Sunil Chhetri becomes joint 5th highest goal scorer



- **Indian men's football team captain, Sunil Chhetri** has become the **joint fifth highest goal scorer** in the history of international football.
- 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.**
- He has also surpassed legendary football player **Pele's record of 77 goals.**
- He is now **third on the list of active international goal scorers, just behind Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo and Argentina's Lionel Messi.**
- Currently, **Ronaldo is the highest goal scorer in international football with 117 goals, while Messi is in the fourth spot with a total of 86 goals.**

Source: ET

21. 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.**



22. 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.

23. 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**.
- Current champion: **Madhya Pradesh (1st title)**
- Most successful: **Mumbai (41 titles)**
- Most runs: **Wasim Jaffer (12,038)**
- Most wickets: **Rajinder Goel (640)**
- Number of teams: **38 teams**



24. 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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HONORS & AWARDS

1. Former West Indies skipper, Darren Sammy received Sitara-e-Pakistan award

- Former skipper of West Indies, Darren Sammy has conferred with the civil honour of Sitara-e-Pakistan award.
- It is considered as the third-highest civil award conferred by Pakistan.
- Sammy has represented West Indies in Tests (38), ODIs (126), and T20Is (68).
- Last year, he received the highest civilian medal of Pakistan (Nishan-e-Pakistan) for his part in helping bring international cricket back to Pakistan.
- Sammy was handed the honor in Saint Lucia.
- Pakistan President: Arif Alvi
- Prime minister: Shehbaz Sharif



Source: FirstPost

2. Young women entrepreneur, Rashmi Sahoo wins Times Business Award 2022



- Director of Ruchi Foodline, Rashmi Sahoo has been awarded the Third Times Business Award 2022 in the category of Eastern India's Leading READY -TO-EAT brand.
- She was given the award by renowned Bollywood actor and social activist Sonu Sood.
- She has established Frozit, which is Odisha's first frozen food company.
- Sahoo and Frozit have won various recognition across the world for their innovative food product line, quality and hygiene standards.

Source: prameyanews

3. Jennifer Lopez received lifetime achievement award at MTV Movie & TV Award

- MTV announced that Jennifer Lopez would be awarded the Generation Award at their forthcoming MTV Movie & TV Awards.
- MTV Movie & TV Awards recognized actors who have diversely contributed to both film and TV industry and are known in every household.
- Jennifer is all set to release her latest Netflix documentary named "Halftime".
- Jennifer Lopez delivered a standout dramatic performance while picking up a lifetime achievement award at MTV Movie & TV Awards in Los Angeles.
- Other winners of prestigious golden popcorn trophies included Tom Holland (Best Performance in a Movie) and Zendaya (Best Performance in a Show). Their respective projects, Spider-Man: No Way Home and Euphoria, also won (for Best Movie and Best Show).



Source: MTV.com

4. Vicky Kaushal won best actor award at IIFA 2022

- Vicky Kaushal has won the best actor award for his movie Sardar Udham at the 22nd International Indian Film Academy Awards in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.



Other awards:

- **Best Actor (Female):** Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
- **Best Director:** Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)
- **Best Film:** Shershaah
- **Best Supporting Actor Female:** Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
- **Best Supporting Actor Male:** Pankaj Tripathi (Ludo)

- **Best Playback Singer**

Female: Asees Kaur (Raataan Lambiyan, Shershaah)



- **Best Original Story** – Ludo by Anurag Basu

5. Dutch film 'Turn Your Body to the Sun' bags Golden Conch award at MIFF 2022



- Dutch movie, "Turn Your Body to the Sun" has bagged the **Golden Conch award at the 17th edition of the 2022 Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF)** for documentary, short fiction and animation films.
- The award carries a golden conch, a certificate and cash prize of Rs 10 lakh.
- This documentary was **directed by Aliona Van der Horst.**
- **Best Short-fiction :** 'Saakshatkaaram' (Malayalam) & 'Brother Troll'
- **Best Animation Film:** 'Prince in a Pastry Shop' (Poland)

- 'Closed to the Light' directed and produced by Italian film maker **Nicola Piovesan** won the 'Pramod Pati - Most Innovative / Experimental Film'
- 'Ghar Ka Pata' by Madhulika Jalali and the Films Division production 'Who Says The Lepchas Are Vanishing?' by Abhuydaya Khaitan got the **special mention by International Jury.**
- **Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director at MIFF 2022** has been awarded to **Bimal Poddar** for his film 'Radha'.
- **IDPA Award for Best Student Film at MIFF2022** has been awarded to 'Megha'.

6. Indian American Harini Logan wins 2022 Spelling Bee champion

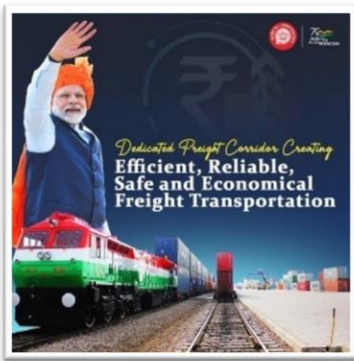
- Indian American girl, **Harini Logan** from Texas has won the **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee.**
- She has spelled **21 words correctly to win** the prestigious **2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee** and defeated **Vikram Raju** in a marathon.
- Prize money: **USD 50,000 cash prize** and Scripps Cup trophy on top of awards from **Merriam-Webster and Encyclopedia Britannica.**
- She is the **fifth Scripps champion** to be coached by **Grace Walters.**
- **Indian Americans** have always **dominated the competition**, however, last year the streak was broken after **14-year-old Zaila Avantgarde** became the **first-ever African-American** contestant to win the **Scripps National Spelling Bee.**



7. Indian Railways awarded by the UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards

- **Indian Railways** have been conferred with the **UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA)** in the category of "**Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology**" for **feeding Solar Energy directly to 25 KV AC Traction System.**
- Railways have been continuously taking major initiatives that have positive impact on the environment by way of reducing pollution/GHG emissions, promoting resources and energy efficiency and contributing to sustainability. Some of these initiatives are briefly reproduced below:-





- *Increasing modal share of Railways in the overall land based freight transport through network augmentation and setting up of Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs)*
- *Improving energy efficiency through energy efficient technologies and energy efficient measures like use of LEDs*
- *Increasing the share of renewable energy in energy mix.*
- *Use of alternate fuels like CNG.*
- *Improving water use efficiency through measures like water recycling and rain water harvesting.*

- *Afforestation at railway land to increase carbon sink.*
- *Installation of Bio Toilets on entire fleet of BG coaches.*
- *Green Certifications of industrial units, railway stations and other railway establishments.*
- *Environment Management System (EMS): ISO 14001 certification of railway stations.*
- *Consent to Operate (CTO)/Consent to Establish (CTE) for railway stations from CPCB.*
- *Solid Waste Management.*

Source:PIB

8. PGI's Resource Centre for Tobacco Control, Chandigarh awarded by WHO

- WHO has awarded **Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC)** of the Department of Community Medicine and School of **Public Health at Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER)** in **Chandigarh** with **Regional Director Special Recognition Award**.
- The centre provides information related to **tobacco control in India, including circulars, orders, policies and legislations.**
- **RCTC** is a joint initiative of **PGIMER** and **UNION-SEA** and was set up in **2018**.



About WHO: World Health Organization

- A specialized agency of the **United Nations**
- Responsible for **international public health**
- Established on **7 April 1948**.
- Headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland**
- **Tedros Adhanom** is the present **Director-General**
- As of January 2021, the WHO has **194 member states**

9. Ratan Tata conferred honorary D.Litt by HSNC University



- Governor **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** presented the Honorary Doctor of Literature on industrialist and philanthropist **Ratan Tata** at Raj Bhavan Mumbai.
- **Ratan Tata** has been conferred **honorary D.Litt. by Maharashtra's second state cluster university, HSNC University**, as a mark of appreciation toward his unparalleled contribution for society.
- Mr. Ratan Tata was the chairman of **Tata Group**, from 1990 to 2012 (interim chairman Oct 2016 -Feb 2017) and continues to head its charitable trusts.

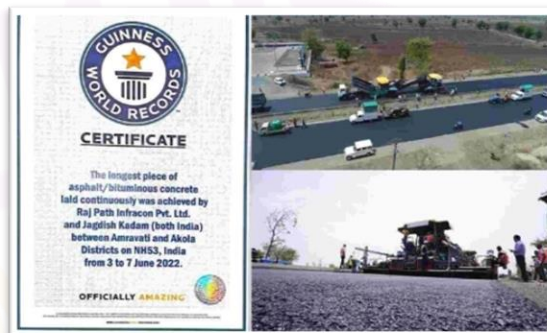


About Ratan N Tata, Chairman Emeritus

- **Mr. Tata was the Chairman** of the major **Tata companies**, including **Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Power, Tata Global Beverages, Tata Chemicals, Indian Hotels and Tata Teleservices.**
- Mr. Tata joined the **Tata group in 1962.**
- **In 1981**, he was named **Chairman of Tata Industries.**
- Mr. Tata received a **B.Arch. degree from Cornell in 1962.** He worked briefly with Jones and Emmons in Los Angeles before returning to India in late 1962. He completed the **Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School in 1975.**
- The Government of India honored **Mr. Tata** with its **second-highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2008.** He has been appointed **Knight Grand Cross of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire** and **Rockefeller Foundation** has conferred him with the **Lifetime Achievement Award.**
- **Ratan N. Tata was the Chairman of Tata Sons**, the holding company of the Tata Group, from 1991 till his retirement on **December 28, 2012.** Effective December 29, 2012, **Mr. Tata** has been conferred the honorary title of **Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons, Tata Industries, Tata Motors, Tata Steel and Tata Chemicals.**

10. NHA enters Guinness World Record for laying 75 km highway in 105 hours

- **National Highways Authority of India (NHA)** has created **Guinness World Record** for the longest continuously laid bituminous lane of **75 kilometres in 105 hours and 33 minutes** between **Amravati and Akola districts in Maharashtra.**
- **Amravati-Akola section is part of NH 53**, which connects cities like **Kolkata, Raipur, Nagpur and Surat.**
- It is equivalent to **37.5 kms** of two-lane paved shoulder road
- The construction work started on **June 3 at 7:27 am** and completed at **June 7 at 5 pm.**
- **Union Minister Nitin Gadkari** said, before this, the **Guinness World Record** for the longest continuously laid bituminous road was for building **25.275 km** that was achieved in **Doha, Qatar** in **Feb 2019.** The task took **10 days** to complete.



Source: News18

11. Bengaluru Airport recognized as the 'Best Regional Airport in India & South



- The **Kempegowda International Airport** in **Bengaluru** has been awarded the '**best regional airport in India and South Asia**' title in the **2022 skytrax World Airport awards.**
- The award is based on the **customer experience from check-in to arrivals, transfers, shopping, security, immigration and arrangements in the departure's gates.**
- **Skytrax**, is a **UK-based, global consultancy** firm that runs an airline and airport review and ranking site.
- **BLR Airport** had won the '**Best Airport and Aviation Innovation Award**' at **Wings India Awards 2022**, the '**Best Airport Staff in India and Central Asia**' at the **Skytrax World Airport Awards 2021**, and **ACI's 'Voice of the Customer'**, demonstrating its relentless efforts in delivering superior customer service.



Note: Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar, is named the World's Best Airport 2022, with Tokyo Haneda Airport in 2nd place and Changi Airport Singapore ranked 3rd. The World Airport Awards began in 1999, when Skytrax launched its first global, Airport customer satisfaction survey.

Best Airports in India / South Asia 2022

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Delhi | 6. Chennai |
| 2. Bangalore | 7. Kolkata |
| 3. Hyderabad | 8. Ahmedabad |
| 4. Mumbai | 9. Cochin |
| 5. Colombo | 10. Paro |

12. PM's award for contribution for promotion of Yoga announced for 2021

- The PM's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga for the year 2021 has been announced.
- The award has been conferred to **Bhikkhu Sanghasena (Ladakh); Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues (Brazil); The Divine Life Society from Uttarakhand; and British Wheel of Yoga from United Kingdom.**
- The winners will be felicitated with a trophy, certificate and cash award of 25 lakh rupees.
- The award was announced by PM on the occasion of the 2nd IDY at Chandigarh in 2016.



International Yoga Day:

- On **September 27, 2014**, during his speech at the **UN General Assembly**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** put forth his suggestion for the occasion of a 'Yoga Day'.
- The draft resolution proposed by India was then endorsed by a **record 177 member states.**
- The **first International Day of Yoga** was observed around the world on **June 21, 2015.**
- The theme for International Yoga Day 2020 is "**Yoga for Humanity**"
- **June 21**, also called **summer solstice**, is the **longest day of the year.**

Source: Newsonair

13. American-Canadian writer Ruth Ozeki wins 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction



- **American-Canadian writer, Ruth Ozeki** has won the **2022 Women's Prize for Fiction** for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness'.
- This is **her fourth novel**, which depicts the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, starts to hear the voices of objects to talk to his father, after the tragic death of his father.
- She was **received £30,000 prize** at a ceremony in London.
- **Other books:** *A Tale for the Time Being*, plus the novels *My Year of Meats* and *All Over Creation*.

14. Odisha, 'Mo Bus' service received the prestigious UN Public Service Award

- **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



15. 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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APPOINTMENTS

1. Former SBI executive Natarajan Sundar appointed as CEO of NARCL

- Former SBI executive, **Natarajan Sundar** has been appointed as a **managing director and CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL)**.
- He has served SBI for over 37 years and retired as Deputy MD and Chief Credit Officer of the bank on April 2022.
- Few days before, **Malvika Sinha**, who retired as executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), also joined the **NARCL board as an independent director**.



NARCL:

- Incorporated under the **Companies Act**.
- Applied to **RBI** for a license as an **Asset Reconstruction Company (ARC)**.
- **Public Sector Banks** will maintain **51% ownership in NARCL**.
- **Fifteen Indian banks** hold stakes in NARCL, with **Canara Bank** being the sponsor bank. Together with **India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL)**, NARCL is presently engaged in completing the financial and legal due diligence of the identified stressed accounts for acquisition.

Source: FinancialExpress

2. Rajesh Gera appointed as Director General of National Informatics Centre



- **Rajesh Gera** has been appointed as the **Director General of National Informatics Centre (NIC)** under the **Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY)** with effect from 31st May 2022.
- Earlier, he was on deputation in the **Ministry of Defence** as **CEO, DPIT** and joined back **NIC** as **Deputy Director General**.
- He has completed his **B.Tech (Electrical Engineering) with Honors** from **IIT Varanasi, Banaras Hindu University**.

About National Informatics Centre:

- Its main objective is to provides **network backbone and e-Governance support to the Central Government, State Governments and UT Administrations**.
- It works in different aspects of **Governance** besides establishing a **Nationwide State-of-the-Art information and communication technology (ICT) Infrastructure**.
- Provides **digital solutions to support the government** at various levels, making the **last-mile delivery of government services to the citizens a reality**.
- It works under the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology**.
- It was established in **1976** and is located in **New Delhi**.

Source: PIB

3. Dr Swati Dhingra appointed to the Monetary Panel of Bank of England

- UK-based academic, **Dr. Swati Dhingra** has been appointed as the **first Indian-origin woman as an external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee**.
- She is an Associate Professor of Economics at the **London School of Economics (LSE)** and having a specialisation in international economics and applied microeconomics.



- She will **join the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on August 9, 2022 for a three-year term.**
- Bank of England Headquarter: **London, England, United Kingdom**
- Established on **27 July 1694**
- Governor: **Andrew Bailey**

4. Centre appointed SL Thaosen as SSB chief



- The central government has appointed Senior IPS officers **Zulfiqar Hasan and S L Thaosen** as the **new directors general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) respectively.**
- **Hasan is a West Bengal-cadre IPS officer** and now serving as the special director general of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in Delhi.
- **Thaosen is a Madhya Pradesh-cadre IPS officer** and working in the same capacity in the **Border Security Force (BSF).**

About Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS):

- It is the regulatory authority for civil aviation security in India.
- It is an attached office of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- Initially set up as a Cell in the Directorate General of Civil Aviation(DGCA) in January 1978
- On the recommendation of the Pande Committee



About Sashastra Seema Bal

- A **border guarding force of India** deployed along its border with **Nepal and Bhutan.**
- One of the five **Central Armed Police Forces** under the administrative control of the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).**
- Originally set up under the name **Special Service Bureau in 1963.**
- Motto: **“Service, Security and Brotherhood”**
- Headquarter: **New Delhi**



Source: ThePrint

5. Sachin Tendulkar to continue as UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for 20th year

- **Sachin Tendulkar** remains as the **Goodwill Ambassador UNICEF**, working for the welfare of **underprivileged children.**
- He has been associated with **UNICEF for long for various causes.**
- He was chosen to take lead in the initiative to **create awareness and promote polio prevention in India in 2003.**
- He was roped in to **create and promote hygiene and sanitation in 2008.**
- In **2013**, he was appointed **UNICEF Ambassador for South Asia** to advocate **good hygiene and sanitation across the region.**
- In **2019**, he went on a **three-day trip to Nepal** to raise awareness for **UNICEF Nepal's 'Bat for Brain Development' campaign.**
- UNICEF Headquarters: **New York, United States**
- Founded: **11 December 1946**
- Head: **Catherine M. Russell**



6. MS Dhoni becomes brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace



- **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** has **invested** an undisclosed amount in **Garuda Aerospace**, which is an Indian drone startup.
- He has also appointed as a **brand ambassador of this company**.
- **Garuda Aerospace** is among the four drone startups that had been **selected by Swiggy for a pilot project** which involve carrying out supply runs **for its grocery service Instamart**.
- **Garuda Aerospace** was **started in 2015**.

- **Founder & CEO: Agnishwar Jayaprakash**
- **Garuda Aerospace HQ: Chennai**

7. SBI appoints Alok Kumar Choudhary as Managing Director

- **State Bank of India (SBI)** has appointed **Alok Kumar Choudhary** as its **new Managing Director (MD)** with effect from June 7, 2022, up to the date of his superannuation (i.e., 30. 06.2024).
- He has **replaced Ashwani Bhatia**, who appointed as the whole-time member of the **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**.
- He is responsible for the **Retail Business & Operations** of the lender.
- He has started his career with **SBI in 1987** as a **Probationary Officer**.
- SBI Chairperson: **Dinesh Kumar Khara**
- SBI Headquarters: **Mumbai**
- SBI Founded on: **1 July 1955**



Source:BS

8. Bajram Begaj elected as the new president of Albania



- **Bajram Begaj** has been elected as the **new president of Albania**, with 78 votes in favor, four against and one abstained at a parliament session.
- Prior to this, he holds the position of **Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces (AAF)**.
- He is the **8th president of Albania** and the **3rd from the military ranks**.
- He will **take oath as the new president on 25th July 2022** to replace the current president, **Illir Meta**.

- **Albania Capital: Tirana**
- **Currency: Albanian lek**

Source: ThePrint

9. Krishna Srinivasan appoints as the director of IMF's Asia-Pacific

- International Monetary Fund (IMF) has appointed **Krishna Srinivasan** as **Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD)** with effect from **June 22**.
- He will **succeed Changyong Rhee** whose retirement from the IMF was **announced on March 23**.
- He has joined **IMF in 1994** in the **Economist Program**.



- He is currently working as a **Deputy Director in APD** where he is responsible for the department's surveillance work on large and systemically important countries such as **China and Korea**.

About International Monetary Fund (IMF)

- The **formation of the IMF** was initiated in **1944 at the Bretton Woods Conference**.
- IMF came into operation on **27th December 1945**
- Today an international organization that consists of **190 countries (189 UN countries and Kosovo)**.
- Headquartered in **Washington, D.C.,**
- IMF focuses on **fostering global monetary cooperation, securing financial stability, facilitating and promoting international trade, employment, and economic growth around the world.**
- The IMF is a **specialized agency** of the **United Nations**.
- **India is a founder member of the IMF.** India's Union Finance Minister is the Ex Officio Governor on the IMF's Board of Governors.
- **India the eight largest quota holding country at the organization.**
- In 2000, India completed the repayment of all the loans it had taken from the IMF.
- Now, **India is a contributor to the IMF.**
- Managing Director: **Kristalina Georgieva**
- First Deputy Managing Director: **Gita Gopinath**
- Chief Economist: **Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas**

10. Mayank Kumar Agrawal given additional charge of Prasar Bharati CEO

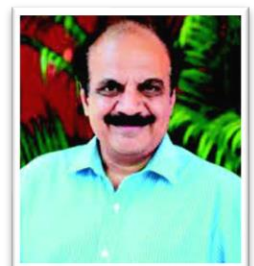


- **Doordarshan News Director-General Mayank Kumar Agrawal** (1989-batch IIS officer) has been given **additional charge as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati**
- He succeeded **Shashi Shekhar Vempati**, who stepped down as CEO following a five-year tenure.

- **Prasar Bharati: India's public broadcaster, headquartered in New Delhi.**
- It is a **statutory autonomous body** comprises of **Doordarshan Television Network and All India Radio.**
- The Parliament of India passed the **Prasar Bharati Act** to grant this autonomy in **1990**, but it was not enacted until **15 September 1997.**
- **Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2021** revealed that **DD News and All India Radio** are the **most trusted News brands in India.**

11. Ex-registrar of MSU, N J Ojha appointed as MGNREGA ombudsman

- Ex-registrar of **Maharaja Sayajirao University (MSU), N J Ojha** has been appointed as **ombudsman** under **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA)** for 2-year term.
- He will now have the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, award awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint
- **MGNREGA:** It was launched in **2005** to augment **employment generation and social security in India.**
- It is a demand-driven wage employment scheme under **Ministry of Rural Development.**



Source: TOI

12. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli recognized as Global SDG pioneer by UNGC



• Founder and MD of Maithri Aquatech, **Ramkrishna Mukkavilli** becomes the first Indian to be recognized by **United Nations Global Compact (UNGC)** as a **Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship**

• He was previously selected as **India's SDG Pioneer by UN Global Compact Network India (GCNI)** for his work in **building water security with nature-based water solutions across India and 27 countries spanning South East Asia, the Middle East, and Africa.**

- **Maithri Aquatech is a Make-In-India company** founded with the vision to **build water from the air as a new scalable and sustainable category of water** while preserving crucial ground and surface water resources.
- In this endeavor, the company has developed a nature-based sustainable water solution called **MEGHDOOT** that can mitigate global water scarcity by generating water at scale and that too while being very affordable.
- **MEGHDOOT is an Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG)** that harvests moisture from AIR – a vast and renewable water source, to generate fresh water whenever and wherever it is needed.

Source: Business Today

13. Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill appointed as UN Chief's envoy on tech

- UN Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** has appointed senior Indian diplomat **Amandeep Singh Gill** as his envoy on technology.
- **Amandeep Singh Gill** has been India's permanent representative to the **Conference on Disarmament in Geneva** from **2016 to 2018**.
- He is now the chief executive officer of the **International Digital Health and Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR)** project at the **Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva**.
- **Gill joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1992.**



Source: PIB

14. B S Patil sworn in as Karnataka Lokayukta



- Former **Karnataka High Court judge Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil** was sworn in as the **Lokayukta of Karnataka**.
- **Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot** administered the oath of office to Justice Patil.
- The post of the head of the **anti-corruption ombudsman in Karnataka** was vacant after the end of the tenure of **Justice P. Vishwanath Shetty** in January 2022, served in the post for five years.
- He, was elevated to the post of **Lokayukta** on June 14.

What are Lokpal and Lokayukta?

- The **Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013** provided for the establishment of **Lokpal for the Union and Lokayukta for States**.
- These institutions are **statutory bodies without any constitutional status**.
- They perform the function of an **"ombudsman"** and inquire into **allegations of corruption against certain public functionaries and for related matters**.

Source: Livemint



15. RBI appointed Anand Mahindra and Venu Srinivasan to RBI Board

- The Central Government has nominated **Anand Gopal Mahindra (Chairman of Mahindra group)**, **Venu Srinivasan (TVS Motor's Chairman)**, **Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel (Zydus Lifescience's Chairman)** and **Ravindra Dholakia (IIM Ahmedabad's ex-faculty)** as **part-time non-official Directors on the Central Board of RBI**.
- The appointment will be for a **period of four years and effective from June 14**.
- RBI Governor: **Shaktikanta Das**
- The **Reserve Bank's affairs are governed by a central board of directors**. The board is appointed by the **Government of India** in keeping with the **Reserve Bank of India Act**.



Source:BusinessStandard

16. Arati Prabhakar appointed as the Science Advisor to US President, Joe Biden



- US president, Joe Biden has appointed **Arati Prabhakar as the head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy**.
- She **succeeded Eric Lander**.
- She would be the **first woman and the first person of color** to serve as science adviser to the **President of the United States**.
- She also served in top roles during the presidential tenures of **Bill Clinton and Barack Obama**.
- During the Clinton administration, she led the **National Institute of Standards and Technology**.

Source:IndiaToday

17. Jio's president, Pramod Mittal appointed as Chairperson for 2022-23 of COAI

Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) has appointed **Pramod K Mittal (President of Jio Infocomm)**, as the new Chairperson of the association **for 2022-23**.

- He will **replace Ajai Puri** as the COAI Chairperson, who held the position for the two consecutive terms.
- COAI members include **Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea (VIL)**.
- Chief Regulatory and Corporate Affairs Officer of Vodafone Idea (VIL), **P Balaji** named as the **Vice Chairperson of the association**.



18. Govt clears the appointment of new Chief Justices in 6 High Courts

Sl. No.	Name (S/Shri Justices)	High Court where appointed as Chief Justice
1.	VipinSanghi, Judge, Delhi High Court	Uttarakhand
2.	UjjalBhuyan, Judge, Telangana High Court	Telangana
3.	AmjadAhteshamSayeed, Judge of the Bombay High Court	Himachal Pradesh
4.	ShindeSambhajiShiwaji, Judge, Bombay High Court	Rajasthan
5.	RashminManharbhaiChhaya, Judge, Gujarat High Court	Gauhati
	Name	High Court where transferred
6.	Shri Justice Satish Chandra Sharma, Chief Justice, Telangana High Court	As Chief Justice, Delhi High Court

- Justice Vipin Sanghi will be appointed as the **Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand HC** while Justice Rashmin M Chhaya of the as the **Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court**.
- **Telangana Chief Justice, Satish Chandra Sharma** will be appointed to the **Delhi HC**.
- Justice Amjad A Sayed and Justice SS Shinde will be elevated as the **Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh HC and Rajasthan HC respectively**.
- Justice Ujjal Bhuyan will take over as the **Chief Justice of the Telangana HC**.

19. Justice RP Desai appointed as the Chairperson of Press Council of India



- Former Supreme Court judge Justice **Ranjana Prakash Desai (72-years)** has been appointed as the **Chairperson of Press Council of India**.
- She succeeded **former Supreme Court judge Justice CK Prasad**, who held the office from 2014 to 2022.
- She became the **first women chairperson of Press Council of India**

- She was a **judge of the Supreme Court from 2011 to 2014**
- She also headed the **Delimitation Commission on J&K**
- **PCI**: Statutory regulatory watchdog of the press, founded in 1966.

Source: Newindianexpress

20. Ruchira Kamboj appointed as next Permanent Representative to UN

- Current Indian ambassador to Bhutan, **Ruchira Kamboj** has been appointed as the **Permanent Representative of India to UN**.
- She will **replace T S Tirumurti**.
- She has joined the **Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1987**, was the **All India women's topper** of the **1987 Civil Services** batch and the **topper of the 1987 Foreign Service** batch.
- She worked in **Paris (France)** as the **third Secretary in the Indian Embassy to France from 1989-91**.
- She was also posted as **ambassador to UNESCO Paris in 2014**.
- From **2011-2014**, she was **India's Chief of Protocol**, the **first and only woman diplomat** so far in the **Indian government to have held this position**.
- While she was posted as **India's Ambassador to UNESCO Paris in April 2014**, she, however, was called by the **Ministry of External Affairs on special assignment** to direct the **swearing in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in May 2014**, which was marked by the presence of **Heads of State and Government from the SAARC countries and Mauritius**.



Source: IndianExpress

21. 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.



New Development Bank:

- It is a **multilateral development bank** jointly founded by the **BRICS countries at the 6th BRICS Summit in Fortaleza, Brazil in 2014.**
- It was formed to **support infrastructure and sustainable development** efforts in BRICS and **other underserved, emerging economies for faster development through innovation and cutting-edge technology.**
- It is headquartered at **Shanghai, China.**
- In **2018**, the **NDB received observer status** in the **United Nations General Assembly.**
- **Current President: Marcos Prado Troyjo**

22. 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.**



About NITI AAYOG:

- The **NITI Aayog** was formed on **January 1, 2015** by replacing **Planning Commission.**
- NITI stands for **“National Institution for Transforming India”.**
- It is the country's **premier policy-making institution** that is expected to **bolster the economic growth of the country.**
- **Prime Minister of India is the Chairperson of NITI AAYog.**

23. 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.**

About Intelligence Bureau:

- The **Intelligence Bureau** is India's domestic internal security and counter-intelligence agency under **Ministry of Home Affairs.** It was founded in **1887 as Central Special Branch.**
- Headquarter: **New Delhi, Delhi, India**



24. 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.



25. 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.

26. 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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SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY & DEFENSE NEWS

1. Frontier becomes the world's fastest supercomputer

- **US built supercomputer; Frontier** dethrones the **Japan's Fugaku** to become the **world's fastest supercomputer**.
- **Fugaku**, was jointly developed by **RIKEN** and **Fujitsu Ltd.** in 2020, which topped the supercomputer benchmarking index.
- **Frontier** was built by using **Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE)** architecture and equipped with **Advanced Micro Devices (AMD)** processors.
- **Fugaku** was built for the **U.S. Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)**.



PARAM Shakti:



- **PARAM Shakti**, a **Petascale Supercomputer** "at **IIT Kharagpur**, has been dedicated to the nation under **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)** - a joint initiative of **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and **Department of Science and Technology (DST)**. The supercomputer was inaugurated on **March 27, 2022**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **IIT Kharagpur** and **Centre for Development in Advanced Computing (CDAC)** in March 2019 to establish this state-of-the-art **Supercomputing Facility with 17680 CPU cores along with 44 GPUs**.

Supercomputer PARAM Ganga

- The **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)** has deployed **PARAM Ganga**-a **High-Performance Computational (HPC)** facility at **IIT Roorkee**, with a supercomputing capacity of **1.66 Petaflops**.
- Earlier, the **Indian Institute of Science (IISc)** Bengaluru installed the supercomputer '**Param Pravega**'.

More about Supercomputers:

- Globally, **China** has the **maximum number of supercomputers** and maintains the top position in the world.
- Followed by the **US, Japan, France, Germany, Netherlands, Ireland and the United Kingdom**.
- **India's first supercomputer was PARAM 8000**.
- **PARAM Shivay**, the first supercomputer assembled indigenously, was installed in **IIT (BHU)**, followed by **PARAM Shakti, PARAM Brahma, PARAM Yukti, PARAM Sanganak** at **IIT-Kharagpur, IISER, Pune, JNCASR, Bengaluru and IIT Kanpur** respectively.
- In 2020, **PARAM Siddhi**, the **High-Performance Computing-Artificial Intelligence (HPC-AI)** supercomputer, achieved **global ranking of 62nd** in **Top 500** most powerful supercomputer systems in the world.
- Under **National Supercomputing Mission**, an indigenously developed server platform called '**Rudra**' is being tried out in a pilot system, with an interconnect for inter node communication called **Trinetra** also having been developed.

Source: TheHindu



2. Bharat Dynamics signs deal with Defence Ministry for ASTRA MK-1 BVR

- The **Defence Ministry** has signed a **contract of 2,971 crore** with **Bharat Dynamics Ltd** under the 'buy Indian' category.
- The contract was signed for supply of the indigenously **developed Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range air to air missiles** and associated equipment for the **Navy and the Indian Air Force**.
- It is fully integrated into the **Su 30 MK-I fighter aircraft**. Other fighter jets too will have the matching integration in a phased manner. The **Indian Navy will induct the missile on the MiG 29K fighter jet**.
- The **Defence Acquisition Council** headed by **Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh** had **approved the purchase of 248 Astra-MK1 missile (200 for the IAF and 48 for the Navy)** in **July 2020**.



About Defense Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

- **DRDO** stands for **Defence Research and Development Organisation**.
- It was established in **1958** by the **Government of India**, under the **Ministry of Defence**.
- With a project in **1960** on **Surface-to-Air Missiles (SAM)**, the **Project Indigo** was the **DRDO's first major defence project**.
- **DRDO started with just 10 different laboratories in the country and now has more than 50 labs across the nation** researching in different sectors of technology and defence.
- **Headquarter: DRDO Bhavan, New Delhi**
- **Motto: "Strength's Origin is in Science"**
- **Chairmen: Dr G. Satheesh Reddy**
- **It was instituted by combining three major defence organisations namely:**
 - **Defence Science Organisation (DSO)**
 - **Defence Technical Development Establishment (DTDE)**
 - **Directorate of Technical Development and Production (DTDP)**

Source: Newindianexpress

3. INS Nishank, INS Akshay decommissioned after 32 years in service



- The Indian Navy has decommissioned its two ships, **INS Akshay** and **INS Nishank**, after 32 years of service.
- These two ships also participated in **Operation Talwar** and **Operation Parakram**.
- While **INS Nishank**, a high-speed missile craft, was commissioned on **September 12, 1989**, **INS Akshay** was commissioned a year later on **December 10, 1990 at Poti, Georgia**.
- Both were part of the **22 Missile Vessel Squadron** and **23 Patrol Vessel Squadron**, respectively.

4. India-Bangladesh joint military exercise 'Sampriti-X'

- A joint military training exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X between India and Bangladesh is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 5th to 16th June 2022.
- Aim: At **strengthening the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between both armies**.
- **Indian contingent represented: Dogra regiment**.



- The armies of both nations will share expertise in **counter-terrorism, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.**
- **Bilateral exercise** – These exercises are conducted between two countries. The following table provides you with a list of important Indian bilateral army exercises.

Exercise Name	Participant Nations
Sampri	India & Bangladesh
Mitra Shakti	India & Sri Lanka
Maitree Exercise	India & Thailand
Vajra Prahar	India & US
Yudh Abhyas	India & US
Nomadic Elephant	India & Mongolia
Garuda Shakti	India & Indonesia
Shakti Exercise	India & France
Dharma Guardian	India & Japan
Surya Kiran	India & Nepal
Hand in Hand Exercise	India & China
SIMBEX	India & Singapore
Shakti Exercise	India & France
CORPAT	India & Thailand

Source: IndiaToday

5. ISRO chairman inaugurates spacecraft manufacturing facility in Karnataka



- The chairman of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**, **Dr S Somanath** has inaugurated **ANANTH Technologies'** spacecraft manufacturing unit at **Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park.**
- It can conduct assembly integration and testing of **four large spacecraft simultaneously.**

- **Ananth** has contributed to the manufacturing of **89 satellites** and **69 launch vehicles** built/launched by **ISRO.**
- **Chairman and MD of ANANTH: Dr Subba Rao Pavuluri.**

About ISRO:

- It is the **pioneer space exploration agency of India**, headquartered at **Bengaluru.**
- **ISRO was formed in 1969** by replacing its predecessor, **INCOSPAR (Indian National Committee for Space Research)**, established in **1962** by India's first **Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru** and scientist **Vikram Sarabhai**, considered amongst the **founding fathers of the Indian space program.**
- **First Indian satellite, Aryabhata** with the help of the **Soviet Union on 19th April 1975.**
- **Rohini in 1980**
- Indigenous satellite navigation systems like **IRNSS** and **GAGAN. GAGAN** is



India's first satellite-based global positioning system.

- Remarkable space probes of ISRO include **Chandrayaan-1 lunar orbiter**, **Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan-1)** and **ASTROSAT** space observatory.

- **Mars Orbiter Mission** made India only the **fourth country in the world** to reach Martian orbit.
- India launched **Chandrayaan-2 on 22nd July 2019**.

Major ISRO achievements of 2021 & 2022:

- **Amazonia-1**, the optical earth observation satellite.
- **UNITYsat**
- **Satish Dhawan Satellite (SDSAT)**
- **Earth Observation Satellites (EOS)**
- **Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)**

Upcoming Missions of ISRO:

Mission name	Expected launch	Spacecraft
Aditya-L1	Mid 2022	Solar observation
X-ray Polarimeter Satellite	September 2022	Space observatory
Chandrayaan-3	August 2022	Lunar lander, rover
Gaganyaan 1	2022	Uncrewed spacecraft flight test
Gaganyaan 2	2022–2023	Uncrewed spacecraft flight test
NISAR	January 2023	SAR satellite
Gaganyaan 3	2023	Crewed spacecraft
Shukrayaan-1	December 2024	Venus’s orbiter
Lunar Polar Exploration Mission	2024	Lunar lander, rover
Mangalyaan 2	2024	Mars orbiter
AstroSat-2	TBD	Space telescope

Source: IndianExpress

6. India successfully test-fired Nuclear-capable Agni-4 Ballistic Missile

- India has successfully test-fired a **nuclear-capable Agni-IV ballistic missile** from **APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha**.
- Agni-IV can strike **targets 4,000 km** away.
- This missile is the **fourth in the Agni series of missiles** which is earlier known as Agni II prime.
- This missile was **designed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** and **manufactured by the Bharat Dynamics Limited**.
- Length of Agni
- IV: 20 metres



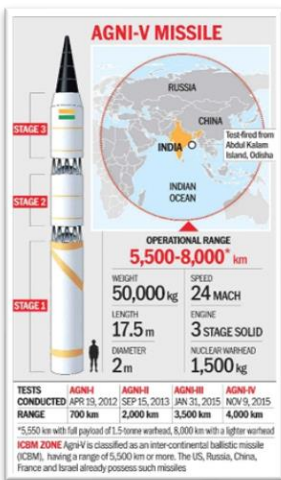
IGMDP (Integrated Guided Missile Development Program)

- It was conceived by **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam** to enable India attain self-sufficiency in field of missile technology. It was approved by Government of India in **1983** and completed in **March 2012**.

The **5 missiles (P-A-T-N-A)** developed under this program are:

- **Prithvi**: Short range surface to surface ballistic missile.
- **Agni**: Ballistic missiles with different ranges, i.e. Agni (1,2,3,4,5)
- **Trishul**: Short range low level surface to air missile.
- **Nag**: 3rd generation anti-tank missile.
- **Akash**: Medium range surface to air missile.

About AGNI V Missile:



- India successfully tested its **nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), Agni V** which has a strike range of **5,000 km**, from **Dr. Abdul Kalam Island (formerly the Wheeler Island) in Odisha**.
- **Agni-V** is the **most advanced surface-to-surface indigenously built ballistic missile**.
- It is a **three-stage, solid fuel 17-metre tall**, and is capable of carrying a **nuclear warhead of about 1.5 tonnes**.
- **Agni-V is a fire and forget missile**, which once fired cannot be stopped, except by an interceptor missile.
- It has been developed under the **Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP)**.

7. Multinational Peacekeeping 'Ex Khaan Quest 2022' begins in Mongolia

- A multinational peacekeeping exercise, **'Ex Khaan Quest' 2022** has started in Mongolia.
- **16 countries** are taking part in this exercise including India.
- This exercise has been inaugurated by the **President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh**.
- **Indian Army** is represented by a contingent from the **Ladakh Scouts**.
- **Aim: Enhance interoperability, building military to military relationships, developing peace support operations and military readiness among participating nations.**
- **Nomadic Elephant** is also a joint *military exercise* between **India** and **Mongolia**.



Source: PIB

8. DAC clears proposals worth Rs 76,390 crore to boost 'Aatmanirbhar Bharat'

- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** has accorded the **Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)** for **Capital Acquisition Proposals of the Armed Forces** amounting to **Rs 76,390 crore**.
- This will give boost to the Indian Defence Industry and **reduce foreign spending significantly**.
- The DAC meeting was **headed by Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh**.



For Indian Army:

- Procurement of **Rough Terrain Fork Lift Trucks (RTFLT)s**,
- **Bridge Laying Tanks (BLTs)**,
- **Wheeled Armoured Fighting Vehicles (Wh AFVs)** with **Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGMs)**
- **Weapon Locating Radars (WLRs)**

For Indian Navy:

- Procurement of **Next Generation Corvettes (NGC)** at an estimated cost of approx. **Rs 36,000 crore**.

Source: PIB

9. Defence Minister enhanced funding limit of TDF Scheme to Rs 50 crore



- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has approved enhancement of funding under **Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme** to Rs 50 crores per project from Rs 10 crores
- TDF scheme is executed by **Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO)** and supports indigenous development of components, products, systems and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups
- The enhanced funding is in line with the budget announcement and it will give further boost the vision of '**Aatmanirbharta in defence**'.

Technology Development Fund scheme

- The **TDF Scheme** aims to provide a **major fillip to the defence manufacturing sector** by encouraging the **industry to innovate and develop defence technologies** in order to place India on the **self-reliance trajectory**.
- The scheme facilitates **up to 90 per cent of the total project cost** and allows industry to work in consortium with another industry/academia.
- With the enhanced funding, the industry and startups will be able to develop more **complex technologies for existing and future weapon systems and platforms**.
- Till date, **56 projects** have been **sanctioned under TDF scheme**.

10. India successfully tests Short-Range Ballistic Missile Prithvi-II

- India has tested **Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II** from an integrated test range in **Chandipur, Odisha**.
- This missile system is capable of striking targets with a very **high degree of precision**.
- It is an indigenously developed, **surface-to-surface missile**.
- **Range: 250 km** and can carry **one-ton payload**.
- It is powered by **liquid propulsion twin engines**.
- Recently, India has also tested the nuclear-capable **Agni-4 ballistic missile in Odisha**.



Source: Newsonair

11. China launches third most advanced domestically built aircraft carrier 'Fujian'



- **China** has launched its third aircraft carrier named 'Fujian', which is the most advanced as well as the **first fully domestically built naval vessel of China**.
- Its launching ceremony was held at the **Shanghai's Jiangnan Shipyard**.
- Fujian is the name of eastern coastal province of **Fujian, China**
- **China's first aircraft carrier, the 'Liaoning'**, was a refit of the Soviet-era ship commissioned in 2012 followed by the indigenously built 2nd aircraft carrier '**Shandong**' in 2019.
- **Liaoning and Shandong are names of two provinces of China.**
- The next aircraft carrier China plans to build is expected to be nuclear-powered. The **Type 003** warship with a **hull number of 18**, is the **first carrier in China's fleet to use an electromagnetic catapult to launch planes from the deck, which is faster than the older steam catapult system.**
- **China's naval build-up comes amid growing geopolitical tensions with the US**, which under **President Joe Biden** is seeking to strengthen ties with allies and partners in the **Asia-Pacific region to counter Beijing's growing economic influence and military might.**
- **Fujian, in the southeast, is the closest province to Taiwan**, a self-ruling province that China says must be reunified with the mainland, even by force.

Source:Newsonair

12. Indian Coast Guard inducts new Advanced Light Helicopter Squadron 840 CG

- The **Eastern Region of Indian Coast Guard** has inducted the indigenously designed and developed **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark III, the first aircraft of the newly created "840 Squadron"**.
- The new squadron will be **stationed at the headquarters of the Eastern Region of the Coast Guard, Chennai.**
- ICG will add **three more ALHs to the inventory of '840 Squadron' soon.**
- The aircraft are having **Beyond the Visual Range detection**, using modern radars. It is equipped f
- or target neutralisation operations, using its mounted **Heavy Machine Gun.**
- The squadron's operations area will encompass the **entire Eastern Region** due to its **strategic importance and geographical location.**



About Indian Coast Guard:



- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** is a **maritime law enforcement and search and rescue agency of India** with jurisdiction over its territorial waters including its **contiguous zone and exclusive economic zone**. The Indian Coast Guard was formally established on **1 February 1977** by the **Coast Guard Act, 1978 of the Parliament of India.**



- It operates under the **Ministry of Defence**.
- The Coast Guard works in close cooperation with the **Indian Navy, the Department of Fisheries, the Department of Revenue (Customs) and the Central and State police forces**.
- Motto: **वयम् रक्षामः**, **Vayam Rakṣāmah**, 'We protect'
- Coast Guard Day: **1 February**
- Director General: **Virender Singh Pathania**

Source:TOI

13. ISRO launches India's Communication satellite 'GSAT-24' from French Guiana

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched India's communication satellite, 'GSAT-24' from Kourou in French Guiana.



- It is **built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)**.
- It was **launched by French company Arianespace**.
- It is a **24-Ku band communication satellite**, weight 4180 kg, pan-India coverage for **meeting DTH application needs**.
- This is the **first demand driven communication satellite mission undertaken by NSIL** after space sector reforms.

NewSpace India Limited

- **NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)** is a **Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)** of Government of India and commercial arm of **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.
- It was established on **6 March 2019** under the administrative control of **Department**

of Space (DoS) and the Company Act 2013.

- The main objective of NSIL is to **scale up industry participation in Indian space programmes**.
- Headquarter: **Bengaluru, Karnataka, India**
- CMD: **Radhakrishnan Durairaj**

Difference Between PSLV and GSLV

PSLV	POLAR SATELLITE LAUNCH VEHICLE	GEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITE LAUNCH VEHICLE	GSLV
	Height: 44 m Diameter: 2.8 m Number of stages: 4 Lift Off Mass: 320 tonnes (XL) First Flight: September 20, 1993	Height: 49.13 m Diameter: 2.8 m Number of stages: 3 Lift Off Mass: 414.75 tonnes First Flight: April 18, 2001	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PSLV delivers 'earth-observation' or 'remote-sensing' satellites of up to 1,750 kg of payload to Sun-Synchronous Polar Orbits of 600-900 km altitude• The remote sensing satellites orbit the earth from pole-to-pole• PSLV is a 4-staged launch vehicle with 1st & 3rd stage using solid rocket motors and 2nd & 4th stages using liquid rocket engines		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GSLV delivers the communication satellites to the highly elliptical (typically 250 x 36000 Km) Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO)• The satellites in these orbits appear to remain permanently fixed in same position in the sky• GSLV is a 3-staged vehicle with 1st stage using solid rocket motor, 2nd stage using Liquid fuel and the 3rd stage using cryogenic engine



14. Indian Navy conducts 38th coordinated patrol with Indonesian Navy

- **India** has conducted **38th edition of the Coordinated Patrol with Indonesian Navy (IND-INDO CORPAT) from 13-24 Jun 22.**
- **INS Karmuk** (indigenously built missile corvette) is based at the **Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.**
- While the **Indonesian Navy is being represented by KRI Cut Nyak Dien, a Kapitan Pattimura (PARCHIM I) class corvette.**
- The closing ceremony is scheduled at **Sabang, Indonesia on 23 June 22.**



15. South Korea launches homegrown Nuri rocket into orbit



- **South Korea** has successfully **launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket.**
- This is a crucial step for the country's space program expansion after a failed attempt last year.
- With this launch, **South Korea becomes the 10th country to place a satellite with its own technology.**
- **Nuri is a three-stage rocket, more than 47 meters (154 feet) long and weighing 200 tons.**
- It was launched from the **Naro Space Center.**
- Development cost: **2 trillion won (\$1.5bn)**
- Only **Russia, the United States, the European Union, China, Japan and India** had developed a **space launch vehicle capable of carrying a satellite weighing more than 1 ton**
- **President Moon Jae-in** said South Korea planned **to launch the rocket five more times by 2027.**
- The country has other space projects in the works: its **first lunar orbiter**, developed in partnership with **NASA**, is expected to launch in August next year. It will orbit the moon for about a year, marking the **first South Korean mission to travel beyond Earth's orbit.**
- **Korea Aerospace Research Institute**, established in **1989**, is the **aeronautics and space agency of South Korea.** Its main laboratories are located in **Daejeon, in the Daedeok Science Town.**
- Administrator: **Lee Sang-Ryool**

16. 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

Source:IndianExpress

17. Garuda Aerospace to set up drone factory in Malaysia



Garuda Aerospace (P) Ltd

- 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**
- In February this year, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** had launched '**Kisan Drone Yatra**', a project by **Garuda Aerospace** that sent **100 drones to various locations in the country to apply pesticides on farms.** "Once 5G is integrated, our Kisan drones will essentially become supercomputers in villages and rural India will finally have equal opportunities with respect to connectivity.

Source:IndianExpress

18. 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.

19. Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise 2022

- **RIMPAC 2022**, which started on 29 June, is being carried out in and around the **Hawaiian Islands and Southern California** region. It will conclude on **4 August.**
- A total of **26 countries** have commenced the **28th edition of biennial multinational maritime exercise Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2022.**
- The **US-led month-long exercise** involves around **38 surface ships, over 30 uncrewed systems, nine national land forces, four submarines and around 170 aircraft.**
- The **theme** of the latest iteration of the exercise is **'Capable, Adaptive, Partners.'**
- This will also be the **first time the Royal Australian Navy (RAN)** has deployed its newly commissioned **Supply-class auxiliary oiler replenishment (AOR) ship HMAS Supply** for an international exercise.



India's Participation:

- **India first participated in RIMPAC in 2014** when the indigenously built Shivalik class stealth frigate **INS Sahyadri** took part in the exercise.



- **INS Sahyadri** again represented the country in the **2018 edition of the event.**
- In between, in **2016, INS Satpura** joined the maritime exercise. Before 2014, the Indian Navy's presence in the wargames was only as an **observer for the 2006, 2010 and 2012 editions.**

- In the current edition, **Indian Navy's INS Satpura** and **one P8I maritime patrol aircraft** are participating in the exercise.

20. ABHYAS: High-speed Expendable Aerial Target

- **Abhyas, a high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT),** developed by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation** as a **target for the testing of missile systems** was successfully flight tested from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), off the coast of Odisha.**
- **Abhyas** has been developed by the **Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a Bengaluru-based facility of the DRDO.** Abhyas has been tested multiple times by the DRDO in the recent past in different configurations.
- Abhyas system is equipped with **radar cross-section (RCS) and infrared signatures** which can be used to simulate a variety of aircraft for the practice of anti-aircraft warfare and also for the testing designed to target aerial targets.
- It is **powered by a gas turbine engine** to sustain a long endurance flight at subsonic speed.
- It is equipped with a **MEMS (Micro-Electro-Mechanical Systems)-based Inertial Navigation System (INS) for navigation along with the Flight Control Computer (FCC) for guidance and control.**
- The vehicle is programmed for fully autonomous flight and their check-out is done using a laptop-based **Ground Control Station (GCS).**



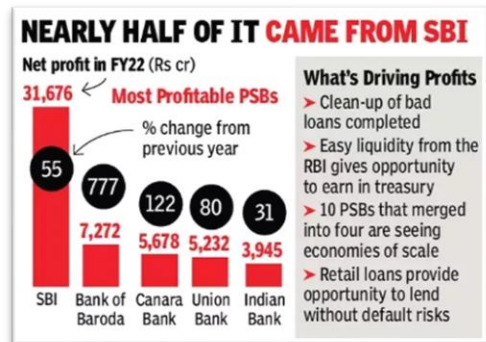
Recent Developments of DRDO:

- In **September 2021,** the DRDO tested a new version of the **Akash Missile – 'Akash Prime'** – from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha.**
- In **July 2021,** DRDO launched the **Akash-NG (New Generation) and the Man Portable Anti Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM).**
- In **June 2021** a new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile **Agni-P (Prime)** was successfully test-fired by the DRDO.
- In **February 2021** India also successfully test-fired indigenously-developed **anti-tank guided missile systems 'Helina' and 'Dhruvastra'.**
- In **October 2020,** the DRDO conducted a successful flight test of the **Supersonic Missile Assisted Release of Torpedo (SMART)** from **Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.**

ECONOMIC & FINANCIAL NEWS

1. Net profit of Public Sector Banks double to over Rs 66,500 crore in FY22

- Public sector banks (PSBs) have doubled their net profit during FY 2021-22.
- The collective profit of banks during 2021-22 is **Rs 66,539 crore with an increase of 110%** over Rs 31,816 crore in FY21.
- Profitability of banks has been improved after completion of **clean-up of bad loans and economies of scale after merger of 10 state-owned banks.**
- SBI has a highest net profit at Rs 31,675 crore** followed by **Bank of Baroda (7,272 crore), Canara Bank (Rs 5,678 crore).**
- All 12 state-owned banks reported a net profit for the first time** in several years. It was also a sharp turnaround from **FY18**, when **only two out of 21 PSBs reported a profit.**
- In FY21, only two PSBs reported losses - **Central Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank.**
- Highest revenue growth** was reported by **Bank of Baroda.**
- Bank of Maharashtra** has shown the **highest improvement in deposits and advances** and is the **only PSB** to have a **net non-performing asset (NPA) of less than 1 per cent.**



Private banks registered net profit of over Rs 91,000 crore

- Private banks registered a net profit of over **Rs 91,000 crore**, up **29 per cent** from **Rs 70,435 crore** in the previous year.
- Private banks were led by **HDFC Bank (Rs 36,961 crore), ICICI Bank (Rs 23,339 crore), Axis Bank (Rs 13,025 crore), Kotak Mahindra Bank (Rs 8,572 crore), IndusInd Bank (Rs 4,611 crore) and Federal Bank. 1889 crores).**

Source: Newsonair

2. Fiscal deficit of India improves to 6.7% in FY22



- Fiscal deficit of India for 2021-22 has improved to 6.71%** of the GDP over the **revised budget estimate of 6.9%** mainly on account of higher tax realisation.
- The fiscal deficit in the **absolute terms was Rs 15,86,537 crore (provisional).**
- The finance ministry had **estimated the deficit at Rs 15,91,089 crore** or 6.9 per cent of GDP in February 2022.
- The **tax receipts were at Rs 18.2 trillion** and the **total expenditure too was higher at Rs 37.94 trillion.**

What is a Fiscal Deficit?

- The fiscal deficit is the difference between the **government's total expenditure** and its **total receipts (excluding borrowing).**
- A fiscal deficit occurs when this **expenditure exceeds the revenue generated.**
- Fiscal deficit is when a government's total expenditures exceed the revenue that it generates (excluding money from borrowings).
- The **deficit does not mean debt**, which is an addition of **annual deficits.**
- Fiscal deficit serves as an indicator of how well the government is managing its finances.**

What is the Formula of Fiscal Deficit?

Fiscal Deficit = Total Expenditure (Revenue Expenditure + Capital Expenditure) – (Revenue Receipts + Recoveries of Loans + Other Capital Receipts (all Revenue and Capital Receipts except loans taken))

Is Fiscal Deficit good for economy?

- Usually, any sort of deficit is a challenge to overcome but a Fiscal Deficit can be good for the economy of the country if the money is being utilised for productive assets (construction) which stimulate growth and employment.

How is Fiscal Deficit financed in India?

- Earlier referred to as **deficit financing**, the Government can finance the **Fiscal Deficit by borrowing from the Reserve Bank of India** in lieu of **government securities**. This increases the **money supply and can lead to inflation**.
- Another method is to **borrow from the market (internal and external)** but it raises the **burden on future generations** who have to pay it back.

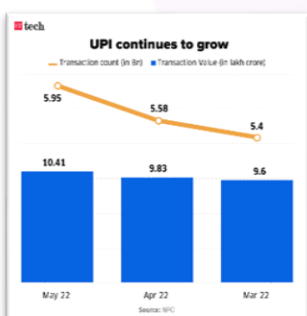
Source: BusinessStandard

3. Tata Projects wins bid to build Jewar Airport

- **Tata projects** will build the national capital region’s new airport at **Jewar**.
- It outbid the **Shapoorji Pallinji Group** and **Larsen & Toubro** for the contract.
- **Tata Projects**, the infrastructure and construction arm of the Tata group, will construct the terminal, runway, airside infrastructure, roads, utilities, landside facilities and other ancillary buildings at the Noida International Airport.
- The **new airport** is expected to be functional by **2024**.



4. India's digital payments market will be tripled to \$10 trillion by 2026



• According to the latest study which was conducted by digital payments firm **PhonePe** and **Boston Consulting Group (BCG)** states that **India's digital payment market** is expected to more than **triple to \$10 trillion by 2026**.

• Presently, **40% of all transactions in India are digital**, and payments worth **\$3 trillion** were processed by digital instruments in 2021.

- India's UPI continues to grow, clocking **\$5.95 billion** transactions worth **Rs \$10.41 lakh crore** in **May 2022**.
- **Major contribution for the digital payments' growth** would be from merchant payments, that are expected to significantly digitise in the next five years, **increasing from 20% digital penetration** by value today to about **65% by 2026**, a seven-fold growth from **\$0.3-0.4 trillion digital merchant payments today to \$2.5- 2.7 trillion by 2026**.

Source: ET

5. RBI declares results of its First Global Hackathon - HARBINGER 2021

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had launched its **first global hackathon – “HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation”**.
- **Theme of HARBINGER 2021: Smarter Digital Payments.**
- **Tone Tag (brand of Naffa Innovations) has been declared the winner in two categories, first is 'Innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital payment solutions'.**
- Second is **'Context-based retail payments to remove the physical act of payment'**.



HARBINGER 2021 invited innovative ideas for the following *problem statements* in the payment and settlement systems landscape:

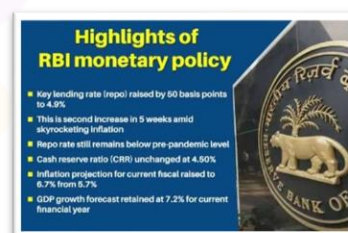


1. Innovative, easy-to-use, non-mobile digital payment solutions for converting small-ticket cash transactions to digital mode.
2. Context-based retail payments to remove the physical act of payment.
3. Alternate authentication mechanism for digital payments.
4. Social Media Analysis Monitoring tool for detection of digital payment fraud and disruption.

Source: Rbi.org

6. RBI hikes Repo Rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%

- Monetary Policy Committee of Reserve Bank India has hiked the benchmark **repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%**, as it attempts to curb the high inflation in the economy.
- Earlier, the committee had raised rates by 40 basis points at an unscheduled meeting in May.
- RBI has also raised **inflation forecast to 6.7% for 2022-23** from an earlier estimate of 5.7%.
- **GDP forecast remained at 7.2%** for the current fiscal (2022-23).
- **Standing Deposit Facility has been adjusted to 4.65%.**



CURRENT RATES

Policy Repo Rate	4.90%
Standing Deposit Facility Rate	4.65%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	5.15%
Bank Rate	5.15%
Fixed Reverse Repo Rate	3.35%
CRR	4.50%
SLR	18.00%

Source: IndiaTVNews



7. OECD cuts India Growth forecast to 6.9% in FY23



- The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has reduced the economic growth for India to **6.9% growth in FY23 from 8.1% estimated earlier.**
- OECD has also projected the growth for India is **6.2% in 2023.**
- The Reserve Bank of India has also estimated the nations growth to **7.2%.**
- The RBI has also raised the **repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to 4.9%** in a bid to curb the soaring inflation in the country.

About Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

- The **OECD** is an **intergovernmental economic organisation**, founded to **stimulate economic progress and world trade.**
- Most OECD members are **high-income economies** with a **very high Human Development Index (HDI)** and are regarded as developed countries.
- **Founded: 1961.**
- **Headquarters: Paris, France.**
- **Total Members: 36.**
- **India is not a member, but a key economic partner.**

Reports and Indices by OECD

- **Government at a Glance 2017 report.**
- **International Migration Outlook.**
- **OECD Better Life Index.**

8. SEBI restructured Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds

- **Securities and Exchange Board of India** has **restructured its advisory 25 member committee on mutual funds.**
- The advisory committee will be **chaired by former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank India, Usha Thorat.**
- Earlier, the committee had 24 members
- **Aim: Advise SEBI on problems relating to MF regulation and development,** and on disclosure requirements and takes necessary for a change in the legal framework.
- The regulator has inducted **Chairman of NJ India Invest Neeraj Choksi** in the advisory committee. Other members include Independent Trustee at **SBI Mutual Fund Sunil Gulati,** and **Independent Trustee at DSP Mutual Fund Dharmishta Narendraprasad Raval.**
- **SEBI Chairperson: Madhabi Puri Buch**



Source: Economic Times

9. Tencent bought stake in Flipkart worth ₹2,060 crore



- Chinese tech giant **Tencent** had bought a stake worth **\$264 million (about Rs 2,060 crore)** in **Walmart-owned e-commerce firm Flipkart** from its co-founder, **Binny Bansal,** through its European subsidiary.
- **Binny Bansal now holds about 1.84 per cent in Flipkart** after selling part of his stake to **Tencent Cloud Europe BV.**



- After this transaction, the **Tencent arm holds 0.72 per stake in Flipkart**, valued at around **\$264 million**.

Top investments of Tencent in Indian companies	
Company	Line of business
Byju's	Edtech
Dream Sports	Gaming
Flipkart	E-commerce
Ola	Mobility
Swiggy	Food
*Ibibo Group	Travel
KhataBook	Fintech
MyGate	Home security
Practo	Digital healthcare
ShareChat	Social media

- Walmart's acquisition of Flipkart for \$16 billion in 2018** not only provided blockbuster exits to its investors but also turned the founders — **Sachin and Binny Bansal** — into billionaires.
- Tencent has invested over \$2 billion in Indian startups since 2016**. Last year it also invested over \$200 million in the Indian social media platform ShareChat.
- This fundraise is giving enough firepower to Flipkart to counter competition from **Amazon, Reliance JioMart, and Tata Digital**.

Source: BS

10. RBI lifts business restrictions imposed on Mastercard

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has **lifted the restrictions imposed on Mastercard on June 16** citing improvement compliance.
- The RBI had imposed restrictions on **Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pvt. Ltd.** from on-boarding new domestic customers (debit, credit or prepaid) onto its card network from July 22, 2021.
- Reason of restriction:** For non-compliance with the RBI circular dated April 6, 2018 on Storage of Payment System Data.

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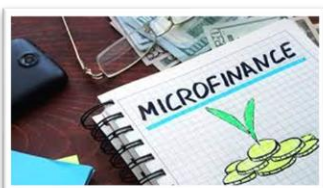
Mastercard's network had to shift to other networks after the embargo

- Restrictions on Diners Club were lifted last year, but curbs on American Express still continue
- Other two large card networks are Visa and RuPay
- YES Bank, RBL Bank were among the banks that were most impacted

RBI has lifted the embargo after almost a year

Card issuers who were issuing cards on

11. Tamil Nadu becomes the largest State in outstanding microfinance loan



- Tamil Nadu, replaced West Bengal** to become the **largest state in terms of outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans**.
- It was **followed by Bihar** (₹35,941 crore) and West Bengal (₹34,016 crore).
- The gross loan portfolio of **Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022 stood at ₹36,806 crore**, as per the **MFIN Micrometer Q4 FY21-22**, a quarterly report published by **Microfinance Institutions Network**.

- The overall microfinance industry has a **total GLP of ₹2,85,441 cr as of March 31, 2022**

12. Merger of PVR-INOX gets clearance from BSE and NSE

- PVR and INOX Leisure have received clearances for their merger from bourses NSE and BSE.
- In March 2022, both multiplex operators have announced the merger to create the largest multiplex chain in the country.
- The company has received observation letter with 'no adverse observations' from BSE Ltd on June 20, 2022 and observation letter with 'no objection' from NSE on June 21, 2022 .
- Swap ratio: 3:10 i.e., 3 shares of PVR for 10 shares of Innox.



13. BLACK SWAN EVENT:



What is a black swan event?

A study by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has spoken about the possibility of capital outflows to the tune of \$100 billion (around Rs 7,80,000 crore) from India in case of a major global risk scenario or a “black swan” event.

What is a ‘black swan’ event?

A black swan is a rare, unpredictable event that comes as a surprise and has a significant impact on society or the world. These events are said to have three distinguishing characteristics – *they are extremely rare and outside the realm of regular expectations; they have a severe impact after they hit; and they seem probable in hindsight when plausible explanations appear.*

When did the term originate?

The black swan theory was put forward by author and investor Nassim Nicholas Taleb in 2001, and later

Source:IndianExpress

popularised in his 2007 book – **The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable**. The Sunday Times described his work as one of the 12 most influential books since World War II.

When have such events occurred in the past?

Interestingly, Taleb’s book predated the 2008 global financial crisis – a black swan event triggered by a sudden crash in the booming housing market in the US. The fall of the Soviet Union, the terrorist attack in the US on September 11, 2001, also fall in the same category.

14. India's emerging twin deficit problem

- In its latest ‘Monthly Economic Review’, the Ministry of Finance has painted an overall optimistic picture of the state of the domestic economy. *“The World is looking at a distinct possibility of widespread stagflation. India, however, is at low risk of stagflation, owing to its prudent stabilization policies,”* it states.
- The economic growth outlook is likely to be affected by several factors owing to the trade disruptions, export bans and the resulting surge in global commodity prices —all of which will continue to stoke inflation — as long as the Russia-Ukraine conflict persists and global supply chains remain unrepaired.
- However, the momentum of economic activities sustained in the first two months of the current financial year augurs well for India continuing to be the quickest growing economy among major countries in 2022-23, as per the Finance Ministry report.
- The report states that *“as government revenues take a hit following cuts in excise duties on diesel and petrol, an upside risk to the budgeted level of gross fiscal deficit has emerged”*.



What are the Major Highlights of the Report?

- The World is looking at a **distinct possibility of widespread stagflation**.
- India, however, is at **low risk of stagflation**, owing to its prudent stabilization policies.
- Meanwhile, **Indian financial markets** have witnessed hefty foreign investment outflows the past eight months. A **weak GDP growth** outlook has exacerbated the situation.
- In a black swan event comprising a combination of shocks, there is a **5% chance of outflows** under portfolio investments of **7.7 %of GDP** and short-term trade credit retrenchment of **3.9 %of Gross Domestic Product (GDP)**.

Current account deficit

The current account essentially refers to two specific sub-parts:

- *Import and Export of goods – this is the “trade account”.*
- *Import and export of services – this is called the “invisibles account”.*

If a **country imports more goods** (everything from cars to phones to machinery to food grains etc) **than it exports**, it is said to have a **trade account deficit**. A deficit implies that **more money is going out of the country than coming** in via the **trade of physical goods**.

If, however, the net effect of a trade account and the invisibles account is a deficit, then it is called a **current account deficit or CAD**. A widening CAD tends to **weaken the domestic currency** because a CAD implies more dollars (or foreign currencies) are being **demanded than rupees**.

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IMPORTANT ONE LINERS QUESTIONS (June 2022)

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. According to the annual report data of the Reserve Bank of India, what is current the size of the central bank's balance sheet during 2021-22 _____ **Rs 61,90,302.27 crore.**
2. What is the Fiscal deficit of India for 2021-22 _____ **6.71% of the GDP.**
3. What would be the FY23 economic growth forecast by the SBI _____ **7.5%**
4. Which organisation has launched My Pad My Right programme in Leh _____ **NABARD.**
5. What is the theme of The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) first global hackathon – “HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation” _____ **Smarter Digital Payments.**
6. Which organization has agreed to invest \$50 billion over the next 10 years in India to produce green hydrogen with TotalEnergies SE _____ **Adani Group.**
7. Which bank has signed BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries _____ **New Development Bank (NDB).**
8. Which Indian telecommunications company becomes the first to provide 4G voice and data services at Spangmik village near Pangong lake in the Ladakh region _____ **Jio.**
9. META4 group is a company based in which country that signed an MoU with the Telangana govt to set up an Electric Vehicle manufacturing plant with an investment of ₹250 crores in Zaheerabad, Telangana _____ **UAE.**
10. Which state's rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas project has been approved by the World Bank, cost Rs. 1,000 crore _____ **Uttarakhand.**
11. The World Bank has approved a loan of what amount to the Indian Railways to reduce the India's high carbon emissions and low modal freight share in the railways _____ **\$ 245 Million.**
12. 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.**

New Appointments

1. Who has been appointed as a managing director and CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL) _____ **Natarajan Sundar.**
2. Who has been appointed as the first Indian-origin woman as an external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee _____ **Dr Swati Dhingra.**
3. Who has been appointed as new directors general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) _____ **Zulfiquar Hasan**
4. Who was sworn in as the Lokayukta of Karnataka _____ **Bhimanagouda Sangaganagouda Patil.**
5. Who has been appointed as the head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy by US president, Joe Biden _____ **Arati Prabhakar.**
6. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of Press Council of India _____ **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai.**
7. Who has won presidential election of Colombia and becomes the first ever leftist president in the history of country _____ **Gustavo Petro.**
8. Who has been appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India after replacing Ashwani Bhatia _____ **Alok Kumar Choudhary.**
9. Who has been elected as the new president of Albania _____ **Bajram Begaj.**
10. Who among the following has been appointed as a Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD), International Monetary Fund _____ **Krishna Srinivasan.**
11. Who has been appointed as the ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA) _____ **N J Ojha.**



12. Who has been appointed as United Nations Secretary-General's envoy on technology _____ **Amandeep Singh Gill.**
13. Who has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India to UN _____ **Ruchira Kamboj.**
14. Who has been appointed as the Director-General of New Development Bank (NDB), India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) _____ **Dr D J Pandian.**
15. Who has been appointed as Director of Intelligence Bureau for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge _____ **Tapan Kumar Deka.**
16. Who has been appointed as a new CEO of Niti Aayog for two years _____ **Parameswaran Iyer.**
17. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) _____ **Nitin Gupta.**
18. Who has been appointed as the acting President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) _____ **Anil Khanna.**
19. Who has sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court by lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena _____ **Justice Satish Chandra Sharma.**
20. The board of Reliance Jio Infocomm has approved the appointment of its chairman _____ **Akash Ambani.**
21. Who has been selected as the head of India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd by the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) _____ **Sandeep Kumar Gupta.**

Important News – India

1. PMBI has crossed 100 crore rupees sales May 2022. What is the full form of PMBI _____ **Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI).**
2. What is the minimum distance has been prescribed by the Supreme Court of India for an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) _____ **One km.**
3. Which movement has been launched by PM Narendra Modi on the occasion of World Environment Day _____ **'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement.**
4. Which ministry has launched a 'Clean and Green' campaign on Environment Day _____ **The Ministry of Housing.**
5. Which telemedicine service has been integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) _____ **eSanjeevani.**
6. Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar has launched which Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas _____ **SHRESHTA.**
7. Who has inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi as a part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs _____ **Home Minister, Amit Shah.**
8. Which airport has become India's first airport to launch a one-of-its-kind Vertical Axis Wind Turbine & Solar PV hybrid (Solar Mill) to explore the possibility of utilization of wind energy at the airport _____ **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai.**
9. What is the ranking of India in the Asian economies as per the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 _____ **37th.**
10. The CCEA chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for the development of Phase I of New Greenfield Airport at _____ **Dholera, Gujarat.**
11. The Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme was flagged off between which two stations _____ **Coimbatore and Shirdi.**
12. Who has inaugurated Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 in New Delhi _____ **Nitin Gadkari.**
13. What percentage of vacancies has been reserved by the Ministry of Home Affairs for recruitment in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles for Agniveers under Agnipath scheme _____ **10%.**



14. Who has inaugurated National Yoga Olympiad 2022 and quiz competition in New Delhi _____ **Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.**
15. Which company has invested \$5,00,000 (₹3.88 crore) in association with UN Women to create employment opportunities for women _____ **LinkedIn.**
16. Which country has signed a joint declaration with Haryana in integrated water resources management and capacity building _____ **Israel government.**
17. India holds first physical Joint Consultative Commission Meeting in New Delhi with which country _____ **Bangladesh.**
18. **NIPUN** refers **National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers.**
19. Who among the following has been chaired the 25-members advisory committee on mutual funds, which was restructured by the market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India _____ **Usha Throat.**
20. Which of the following Indian institutes have been ranked 155th in the QS World University Ranking 2023 _____ **Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore.**
21. What is India's rank among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI), as per UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022 _____ **7th.**
22. What is the enhanced limit of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme _____ **Rs 50 crores.**
23. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at _____ **Ahmedabad.**
24. Name the business tycoon, who has pledged to donate ₹60,000 crore to a range of social causes to celebrate the 60th birthday on June 24 _____ **Gautam Adani.**
25. Which state-owned company has unveiled a stationary, rechargeable cooking stove named Surya Nutan _____ **Indian Oil Corporation (IOC).**
26. Which organisation has organised its first ever open-to-all hackathon series in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem _____ **National Health Authority (NHA).**
27. In which state, the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) has launched the One Health pilot _____ **Bengaluru, Karnataka.**
28. As per the new report of Nasscom, the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and data utilisation strategy can add how much amount to India's GDP by 2025 _____ **\$500 billion.**
29. Which state of India has been selected to host the G-20 meetings in 2023 _____ **Jammu and Kashmir.**
30. Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence has launched the Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA) for which defence force _____ **Indian Coast Guard.**

Important News – State

1. Which state government has signed an MoU with the India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) for obtaining life certificate from pensioners through doorstep services of the Postal Department _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
2. Which state Climate Change Department has signed an MoU with Isha Outreach to join the worldwide 'Save Soil' initiative _____ **Gujarat.**
3. Which state has launched the Ennum Ezhuthum scheme to bridge the learning gap that was created due to the COVID-19 pandemic among students aged below eight _____ **Tamil Nadu.**
4. Which state has become the first state in the nation to launch 'Balika Panchayat' with an aim to strengthened girl power in the state _____ **Gujarat.**
5. PM Narendra Modi has launched Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana in which state under its Integrated Child Development Services, Poshan Abhiyan _____ **Gujarat government.**



6. Which state govt has declared Blue Duke (Bassarona durga) as the state butterfly _____ **Sikkim**.
 7. Which state's Anti-Corruption Bureau has launched the '14400 app' to report corrupt government officials in the state _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.
 8. Which coastal state of India has launched a 'Beach Vigil App' to ensure the management of beaches and the security of tourists _____ **Goa**.
 9. Which state ranked first in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI), 4th State Food Safety Index in the large state category _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
 10. Which becomes the first Indian state to approve a policy for drones _____ **Himachal Pradesh**.
 11. Which state government has signed an MoU with BYJU's to provide quality education to government school students _____ **Andhra Pradesh**.
 12. Which state government has operationalised the Centre's 'One Nation, One Ration Card' programme, with this, it is implemented across the country _____ **Assam**.
 13. Which international airport has become India's first airport to run entirely on hydro and solar power since June 1 _____ **Indira Gandhi International Airport**.
 14. Which state energy department has signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL) to generate green power _____ **Maharashtra**.
 15. Who has inaugurated the T-Hub 2.0, nation's leading innovation and startup catalyst _____ **Telangana CM, K Chandrashekhara Rao**.
- Important News – World**
1. Which country has signed a free trade deal with the United Arab Emirates on May 31, its first with an Arab country _____ **Israel**.
 2. Which country has become the top recipient of Covid-19 vaccine doses with the delivery over 190 million doses of vaccines under UNICEF's COVAX programme _____ **Bangladesh**.
 3. After the United Nations has approval which nation, what is the new name of Turkey _____ **"Türkiye"**.
 4. What is the rank of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore in The Times Higher Education (THE) 2022 edition of the Asia University Rankings _____ **42nd**.
 5. Which organisation has released a report which states that the global usage of plastic is set to increase by three times by the year 2060 _____ **Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**.
 6. Who has regained the position of India as well as Asia's richest man after replacing Adani Group Chairman, Gautam Adani, according to Bloomberg Billionaire Index _____ **RIL Chairman and MD, Mukesh Ambani**.
 7. Which feature will be launched by Instagram in 25 countries to help in finding the missing child _____ **AMBER alerts**.
 8. Name the Japanese Prime Minister who will attend North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) summit, which will be held in Madrid and becomes the Japan's first leader to join NATO summit _____ **Fumio Kishida**.
 9. Which state of India has been ranked as the best in Asia and fourth in terms of Affordable Talent, as per the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) _____ **Kerala**.
 10. What is the rank of India in the Coursera latest Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 _____ **68th position globally**.
 11. What is the rank of India in the REN21 Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022) globally _____ **third**.
 12. Khuvsgul Lake National Park of which country has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO _____ **Mongolia**.
 13. The 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) of World Trade Organisation concluded on 16th June 2022 in which place _____ **WTO headquarters in Geneva**.



14. Which country has announced to provide 50 million US dollars support to Sri Lanka for meet urgent food and health care needs _____ **Australia.**
15. Which four Indian companies have been featured in the top 100 global biggest brands, along with companies like Apple, Google, Amazon and Microsoft _____ **TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys and LIC.**
16. By which year, European Parliament Members have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars _____ **2035.**
17. Which of the country will receive the humanitarian assistance of \$48 million from United Nations in June 2022 _____ **Sri Lanka.**
18. Which following country will host special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meet 2022 _____ **India.**
19. Which country is the top recipients of FDI as per the UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022 _____ **USA.**
20. The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference is being held in _____ Geneva, **Switzerland.**
21. Which country has released a new geological map of the moon, which it says is the most detailed to date _____ **China.**
22. Which has become the 2nd country in the world to adopt bitcoin as its official currency, after El Salvador _____ **Central African Republic.**
23. Which country has raised the Minimum Age for women Migrant Domestic Workers to 21 years _____ **Sri Lanka.**
24. Name the Europe's biggest start-up conference, which has recognized India as the "country of the year" _____ **Vivatech 2020.**
25. Which country has signed the gun violence bill and toughen background checks for the youngest (21 years) gun buyers _____ **The US.**
26. Name the countries that will soon ban the new imports of gold from Russian, to tighten the sanctions squeeze on Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine _____ **The UK, the United States, Japan and Canada.**
27. During the Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Germany's Bavarian Alps, how much amount will be raised by the G7 leader to help developing countries tackle climate change _____ **600 billion dollar.**
28. Which countries has applied to become a member of the BRICS _____ **Iran.**
29. According to a World Gold Council (WGC) report, what is the rank of India as the recycler in the world _____ **4th. (Top three: China (recycled 168 tonnes), followed by Italy (80 tonnes) and the US (78 tonnes in 2021))**

Honor & Awards

- Who has been awarded the Third Times Business Award 2022 in the category of Eastern India's Leading READY -TO-EAT brand _____ **Director of Ruchi Foodline, Rashmi Sahoo.**
- Name the Former skipper of West Indies, who has been conferred with the civil honour of Sitara-e-Pakistan award _____ **Darren Sammy.**
- Who would be awarded the Generation Award at their forthcoming MTV Movie & TV Awards _____ **Jennifer Lopez.**
- Who has won the best actor award for his movie Sardar Udham at the 22nd International Indian Film Academy Awards in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates _____ **Vicky Kaushal.**
- Which movie has bagged the Golden Conch award at the 17th edition of the 2022 Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) for documentary, short fiction and animation films _____ **Turn Your Body to the Sun (Dutch movie).**
- Which Indian American girl has won the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee _____ **Harini Logan.**
- Which airport has been awarded the 'best regional airport in India and South Asia' title in the 2022 skytrax World Airport awards _____ **The Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru.**
- Name the person from Ladakh who has been awarded the PM's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga for the year 2021 _____ **Bhikkhu Sanghasena (Ladakh).**



9. Who has been conferred with honorary degree D.Litt at the first special convocation of the HSNL University _____ **Ratan Tata**.
 10. Who has been named a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) _____ **Ramkrishna Mukavilli**.
 11. Name the writer who has won the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness' _____ **Ruth Ozeki**.
 12. Which public transport service has been honoured with a prestigious United Nations award _____ **Mo Bus, Odisha**.
 13. Who has been awarded the 2021 Golden Achievement Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation _____ **Vijay Amritraj**.
 14. Name the Former Karnataka CM who has been awarded the 'Kemp Gowda International Award' _____ **S M Krishna**.
- Sports News**
1. In which category, Indian women's shooting team has claimed the gold medal for India at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan _____ **10m air rifle**.
 2. After defeating which team, the Indian men's hockey team clinch the bronze medal at Asia Cup men's hockey 2022 at Jakarta, Indonesia _____ **Japan**.
 3. Which team has claimed their win against European champions Italy in the 2022 Finalissima Championship at Wembley _____ **Argentina**.
 4. Who wins his 14th title of the Men's 2022 French Open championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall _____ **Rafael Nadal (Spain)**.
 5. Which three cities have been named among the host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico _____ **Los Angeles, Toronto and Mexico City**.
 6. Who 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 _____ **PM Narendra Modi**.
 7. Who has clinched gold in javelin throw in the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland _____ **Javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra**.
 8. Which mixed team has won the 10m air pistol mixed team title at the 20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting competition _____ **Manu Bhaker and Shiva Narwal**.
 9. Who will lead the 37-member Indian athletics contingent in Birmingham, 2022 Commonwealth Games in July-August _____ **Neeraj Chopra**.
 10. After defeating which country, India has won the final of the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland _____ **Poland**.
 11. Who among the following Indian Women's cricketers has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket on Jun 8, 2022 _____ **Mithali Raj**.
 12. What is the name of the official mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad, launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin _____ **Thambi**.
 13. Name the Indian Grandmaster who won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament _____ **R Praggnanandhaa**.
 14. Who won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022 _____ **Max Verstappen**.
 15. Star badminton player Viktor Axelsen belongs to which country who has won men's single title at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022 _____ **Denmark**.
 16. Who has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in the history of international football _____ **Sunil Chhetri**.
 17. Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement. She is related to which sports _____ **Cricket**.
 18. Which state 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**.



19. Name the Indian cyclist, who has scripted history by winning Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022 _____ **Ronaldo Singh.**
20. Who has won a bronze medal in the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan _____ **Deepak Punia.**
21. Name the Indian women's discus thrower, who has won the gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan _____ **Navjeet Dhillon.**

Science-Technology & Defense News

1. Which two ships have been decommissioned by the Indian Navy after 32 years of service _____ **INS Akshay and INS Nishank.**
2. Which state/UT has signed an MoU with the Indian Air Force to set up a heritage center to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars and its overall functioning _____ **Chandigarh.**
3. Which edition of Ex SAMPRITI has been begun on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh _____ **10th.**
4. India has successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable Agni-IV ballistic missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha, what is the strike targets of Agni-IV _____ **4,000 km.**
5. Name a multinational peacekeeping exercise which has started in Mongolia _____ **Ex Khaan Quest 2022.**
6. Which country has launched its third aircraft carrier named 'Fujian' _____ **China.**
7. Which Indian Short-Range Ballistic Missile has been test fired successfully from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha _____ **Prithvi-II.**
8. In which year INS Nishank was commissioned, and which has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy on June 4, 2022 _____ **1989.**
9. By which year NASA set to launch "DAVINCI Mission" to explore the harsh atmosphere of Venus _____ **2029.**
10. India will launch first manned Human Ocean Mission in which year _____ **2023.**
11. Which communication satellite has been successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from Kourou in French Guiana _____ **GSAT-24.**
12. Which country has successfully launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket _____ **South Korea.**
13. Which country has launched a solid-fueled rocket, a 25.5 meter-long rocket into space _____ **Iran.**
14. Which edition of the Coordinated Patrol with Indonesian Navy (IND-INDO CORPAT) has been conducted by India _____ **38th.**
15. Name the shipborne weapon system, that is developed by the DRDO, was successfully test fired from Chandipur in Odisha _____ **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM).**
16. Indian Air Force has participated in Tactical Leadership Programme with which air force in Cairo west Airbase _____ **Egyptian Air Force.**
17. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) from which battle tank _____ **Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Tank.**
18. Name the indigenously developed, high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT) which has been tested successfully from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha _____ **ABHYAS.**
19. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched which rocket with three Singapore satellites on 30th June, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota _____ **PSLV-C53.**

Others:

1. **Indian women's discus thrower, Navjeet Dhillon** has won the **gold medal** at the **Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics** meet in **Almaty, Kazakhstan.**
2. **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**'.



3. 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**.
4. 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**.
5. **Maharashtra** govt signs MoU with **Adani Energy** for **11000 MW** power generation
6. **Mohammed Jalood** has been appointed as president of the **International Weightlifting Federation (IWF)** at an event held in **Tirana, Albania**.
7. **Kerala government** will launch the **MEDISEP scheme - Medical insurance scheme for State Government employees**, pensioners and their eligible family members from 1st July, 2022.
8. The **Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB)** has selected **Sandeep Kumar Gupta** as the **head of India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd**.
9. **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**.
10. 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.
11. **Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda** has launched the second phase of the **Going Online As Leaders (GOAL)** Programme in New Delhi. **Aim: To digitally upskill the youth from tribal communities of the country**. The GOAL 1.0 has changed the lives of tribal youth through the digital mentorship programme.
12. **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.

PASSAGE BASED PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Passage-01

Direction (1-5): Read the given passage carefully, and answer the questions given below:

Shri Rajiv Kumar has assumed charge as the new Chief Election Commissioner of India at Election Commission of India, Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi in pursuance of the Ministry of Law & Justice, Government of India's Gazette Notification dated May 12, 2022

Shri Rajiv Kumar has been serving in ECI as Election Commissioner since September 1, 2020. During his tenure as Election Commissioner, elections have been held for state assemblies of Bihar in 2020, Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal amidst Covid concerns in March-April 2021 and also Goa, Manipur, Punjab, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh recently in early 2022. After assuming charge as CEC, Shri Rajiv Kumar said that he is honoured to have been given the responsibility to lead one of the finest institutions gifted by the Indian Constitution, the institution that reinforces our democracy. He added that a lot has been done during the last seventy years by ECI to give our citizens free and fair elections, to ensure purity of the electoral rolls, prevent malpractices, and enhance the quality of our elections. "The Commission will follow the time-tested and democratic methods of consultations and consensus building in bringing about any major reforms for dynamically evolving to changing contexts. And in matters for which it is responsible under the Constitution, ECI will not shy away from tough decisions", he added.

1. Shri Rajiv Kumar assumed charge as the _____ CEC of India.

- A. 20th
- B. 21st
- C. 24th
- D. 25th

2. Which of the following statement/s is/are incorrect about the Election Commission of India?

I. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is a judicial authority responsible for administering Union and State election processes in India.

II. ECI administers elections to the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and State Legislative Assemblies, offices of the President, and Vice President.

III. It is also concerned with the elections to panchayats and municipalities in the states.

IV. Presently, it consists of the CEC and two Election Commissioners.

Options:

- A. Only I and II
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only III and IV
- D. Only I and IV

3. Which of the following parts of the Constitution deals with election and establishment of the Election Commission for this purpose?

- A. Part XV
- B. Part IV
- C. Part VI
- D. Part XI

4. Who was the first Chief Election Commissioner of India?

- A. Nagendra Singh
- B. Sukumar Sen
- C. T. N. Seshan
- D. V. S. Sampath

5. In relation with electronic voting machines used for polling in elections, what is the full form of VVPATS?

- A. Verified Voter Permission Audit Trail System
- B. Voter Verifiable Paper Assessment Trail System
- C. Voter Verifiable Paper Addition Trail System
- D. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail System



Passage-02

Direction (6-10): Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Some 40 million more people globally experienced acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels in 2021 than 2020, according to a new report released on May 4, 2022

Of these, over half a million people (570,000) in Ethiopia, southern Madagascar, South Sudan and Yemen were classified in the _____ of acute food insecurity. Urgent action is required to avert widespread collapse of livelihoods, starvation, and death for this half a million.

The document showed that around 193 million people in 53 countries or territories experienced acute food insecurity at crisis or worse levels in 2021

There were three main drivers for food insecurity according to the report. The first was conflict. The report was written prior to the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022. But it found that the conflict forced many people in 24 countries/territories into acute food insecurity. This is an increase from 99 million in 23 countries/territories in 2020

6. Which of the following agencies has launched the Global Report on Food Crises 2022?

- A. FAO
- B. WFP
- C. GNAFC
- D. SOFI

- B. 140 million
- C. 150 million
- D. 160 million

7. In which of the following phases of acute food insecurity were Ethiopia, southern Madagascar, South Sudan, and Yemen classified?

- A. Moderate phase
- B. Sensitive phase
- C. Most severe phase
- D. Crisis phase

9. Which of the following is not the key drivers causing a rise in acute food insecurity in 2021?

- A. Conflict
- B. Weather extremes
- C. Economic shocks
- D. Racial discrimination

8. As per the report, conflict forced how many million people in 24 countries/territories into acute food insecurity?

- A. 139 million

10. According to the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World (SOFI) report, 2021, which of the following countries has the largest stock of grain in the world, about 120 million tonnes?

- A. China
- B. Brazil
- C. USA
- D. India

###ANSWERS###

1. D	2. B	3. A	4. B	5. D	6. C	7. C	8. A	9. D	10. D
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DAYS TO REMEMBER JUNE 2022

DATE	IMPORTANCE	THEMES
1st June	World Milk Day	Highlight the work already being done to accelerate climate action and help reduce the dairy sector's impact on the planet
2 nd June	Telangana Formation Day	Governor: Tamilisai Soundararajan Chief minister: K. Chandrashekar Rao
3rd June	World Bicycle Day	Uniqueness, versatility, the longevity of the bicycle and simple, sustainable, affordable, reliable, means of transportation
5th June	World Environment Day	Only One Earth
7th June	World Food Safety Day	“Safer food, better health”
8th June	World Oceans Day	Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean.
12th June	World Day Against Child Labour	Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour.
14th June	World Blood Donor Day	“Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives”
17th June	World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought	Rising from drought together
18th June	Autistic Pride Day	Inclusion in the Workplace: Challenges and Opportunities in a Post-Pandemic World
20th June	World Refugee Day	'Together we heal, learn and shine'
21st June	World Hydrography Day	Awareness is spread to protect marine life and safe navigation
	International Yoga Day	Yoga for Humanity
23rd June	International Olympic Day	Stay healthy, stay strong, and stay active with the Olympic Day workout on June 23
26th June	International Day against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking	Share Facts On Drugs, Save Lives
30th June	World Asteroid Day	–



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