

Monthly GK Digest

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Dear readers,

This **Monthly GK Digest** is a **complete docket** of important news and events that occurred in the month of '**June-2022**'. This file is important for, **Bank, SSC, and Railway** exams.

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. According to the annual report data of the Reserve Bank of India, the current the size of the central bank's balance sheet during 2021-22 is **Rs 61,90,302.27 crore**.
Note: This shows activities carried out by it in pursuance of currency issue function as well as monetary policy and reserve management. Revenue has increased by 20.14% and expenditure rose by 280.13%.
2. **Rs 66,539 crore** is the net profit of Public sector banks (PSBs) during FY 2021-22.
Note: 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. SBI has the highest net profit at Rs 31,675 crore followed by Bank of Baroda (7,272 crores), and Canara Bank (Rs 5,678 crore).
3. The Fiscal deficit of India for 2021-22 is **6.71% of the GDP**.
Note: 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 percent of GDP in February 2022.
4. SEBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 1 crore on **India Infoline Ltd (IIFL)** for misusing client fund.
Note: The amount has to be paid by IIFL within 45 days. The penalty came after the SEBI's inspections of the books of account of IIFL for the period April 2011 to January 2017. It was found that IIFL had misused client funds in the range of Rs 0.59 crores to Rs 397.02 crores for settlement obligation of debit balance clients.
5. The amount of GST has been collected by the Govt in May 2022 is **Rs 1.41 lakh crore**.
Note: The government has collected Rs 1,40,885 lakh crore Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenue for the month of May 2022. The numbers have been surged 44% as against Rs 97,821 during the corresponding period of preceding fiscal year.
6. **7.5%** would be the FY23 economic growth forecast by the SBI.
Note: SBI Research has estimated the growth of the Indian economy at 7.5% in 2022-23, an upward revision of 20 basis points from its earlier estimate. According to the official data, the economy will grow by 8.7% in FY22, net adding ₹11.8 lakh crore in the year to ₹147 lakh crore.
7. **Rs 86,912 crore** has been released by the finance ministry to the states as part of the GST compensation dues.
Note: The Centre has released the entire amount of GST compensation to states which were due up to May 31, 2022. Maharashtra has received the highest amount of GST compensation dues at Rs 14,145 crore, followed by Tamil Nadu (Rs 9,602 crore) and Uttar Pradesh (Rs 8,874 crore).
8. **RBI** has launched the 2021-22 round of its annual survey on "Foreign Liabilities and Assets of Mutual Funds and Asset Management Companies".
Note: The survey collects information from mutual fund companies and asset management companies on their external financial liabilities and assets at the end of March of the latest financial year. The survey results are released in the public domain besides being used for the compilation of balance of payments statistics and other uses
9. **Tata Projects** has won the bid to build Jewar Airport.
Note: It outbid the Shapoorji Pallinji Group and Larsen & Toubro for the contract. The new airport is expected to be functional by 2024.
10. **NABARD** has launched My Pad My Right programme in Leh.
Note: This programme was launched by Nabard's NabFoundation with machinery and materials of a cost of Seven and half Lakh rupees. NABARD also sanction One lakh (addition) to upgrade the

machinery to make sanitary pads suitable to the demands of women of different age groups.

- 11. SBI General Insurance** has launched new health insurance vertical to focus on new innovative health products to boost customer experience.

Note: The company will manage in-house servicing of all health insurance claims to deliver a superior and hassle-free customer experience. The company has recorded a 50% growth in gross written premium in 2021-22.

- 12.** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the provisioning guidelines for outstanding loans extended by 'NBFC-Upper Layer', these guidelines shall be effective from **October 1, 2022**.

Note: Individual housing loans and loans to Small and Micro Enterprises (SMEs) : 0.25%. Housing loans extended at teaser rates: 2% (decrease to 0.4% after 1 year from the date on which the rates are raised.) Advances to Commercial Real Estate-Residential Housing (CRE - RH) Sector: 0.75%

- 13. Smarter Digital Payments** is the theme of The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) first global hackathon – “HARBINGER 2021 – Innovation for Transformation”.

Note: 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' and second is 'Context-based retail payments to remove the physical act of payment'.

- 14. Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans.

Note: There will be no-processing charge on the loan. Muthoot Finance will provide up to 75% of the pledged gold value as a loan. The loan facility will be available at the 5 lakh banking points for Airtel Payments Bank.

- 15.** Indian telecommunications company, **Jio** becomes the first to provide 4G voice and data services at Spangmik village near Pangong lake in the Ladakh region.

Note: 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.

- 16.** According to the recent projection of the World Bank, **7.5%** would be India's gross domestic product (GDP) forecast for the current fiscal year (2022-23).

Note: The World Bank has revised its GDP forecast for the second time. In April 2022, The World Bank

had reduced the forecast from 8.7% to 8%. In May 2022, Moody's Investors Service has cut the GDP projection to 8.8% for the calendar year 2022 from 9.1% earlier.

- 17.** After the revision of the repo rate by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on June 8, 2022, **4.90%** is the current repo rate.

Note: Earlier, the committee had raised rates by 40 basis points at an unscheduled meeting in May. RBI has also raised the inflation forecast to 6.7% for 2022-23 from an earlier estimate of 5.7%.

- 18. Mastercard** will power the "Apple Pay Later" service that would be launched by Apple, to offer the users to split the cost of a purchase.

Note: Apple Pay Later will offer the users to split the cost of a purchase made over Apple Pay into four equal payments over six weeks without any interest or late fees. This service will be available everywhere, Apple Pay can be accepted online or in-app by using the Mastercard network.

- 19.** Along with Indian Oil Corporation Limited and the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) **Axis Bank** has launched co-branded contactless credit card.

Note: The card offers: fuel surcharge waiver, cashback on fuel purchases, reward points, quick cinema ticket discounts etc.

- 20. NABARD** has launched the My Pad My Right programme in Leh.

Note: This programme was launched by Nabard's NabFoundation with machinery and materials of a cost of Seven and half Lakh rupees. NABARD also sanction One lakh (addition) to upgrade the machinery to make sanitary pads suitable to the demands of women of different age groups.

- 21. Tata Project** has won the bid to build the national capital region's new airport at Jewar.

Note: 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.

- 22.** According to the OECD, after the revision of the growth rates in June 2022, **6.9%** would be India's economic growth has been projected by the OECD for 2022-23.

Note: OECD has also projected the growth for India is 6.2% in 2023. The Reserve Bank of India has also estimated the growth of the nation 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.

- 23.** After raising the limit for individual housing loans for Cooperative Banks by the RBI, **Rs. 50 lakh** is the new limit for the Rural Cooperative Banks for

individual housing loans with an assessed net worth less than ₹100 crores.

Note: The limits for Tier I /Tier II UCBs have been revised from ₹30 lakh/ ₹70 lakh to ₹60 lakh/ ₹140 lakh, respectively. RCBs the limits have been increased:- From ₹20 lakh to ₹50 lakh for RCBs with an assessed net worth less than ₹100 crore; From ₹30 lakh to ₹75 lakh for other RCBs.

24. Nirmala Sitharaman has recently launched EASE 5.0 under EASENext program. EASE reforms are focused on **Public Sector Banks**.

Note: EASE Agenda was launched in January 2018 jointly by government and PSBs. It was commissioned through Indian Banks' Association and authored by Boston Consulting Group. EASE 1.0 report showed significant improvement in PSB performance in resolution of NPA transparently.

25. **ICICI Bank** has partnered with ZestMoney to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms.

Note: The partnership enhances the affordability of millions of customers of the bank who can use pre-approved cardless credit to instantly buy products/ services using ZestMoney and take care of the cost into EMIs. Customers can convert transactions up to Rs 10 lakh into EMIs by simply putting their registered mobile number, PAN and OTP.

26. Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy has partnered with **State Bank of India** for vehicle financing for its customers.

Note: The collaboration will enable Ather Energy's customers, having pre-approved loan offers from SBI, to avail instant loans at low interest rates starting from 9.55 per cent per annum, depending on customer credit profile. The vehicle loans can be availed through SBI's mobile app YONO as well as offline.

27. **Indian Bank** has launched its KCC Digital Renewal scheme, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes.

Note: The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project 'WAVE' - World of Advanced Virtual Experience. The account renewals can be done using Indian Bank's IndoASIS mobile app and internet banking.

28. META4 group is a company based in **UAE** 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.

Note: As per the MoU, the Telangana govt will provide 15 acres of subsidized land in the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone, Zaheerabad. META4 has made this investment through Voltly Energy, which provides advanced EV 2-wheeler manufacturing and delivers energy-efficient EV charging solutions.

29. Bharat FIH has received market regulator SEBI's approval for an Initial Public Offering (IPO) aggregating to **Rs. 5,000 crores**.

Note: Bharat FIH is a subsidiary of FIH Mobile a leading manufacturing services provider for the mobile handset industry, which is a part of Foxconn Technology Group. The company makes devices for Xiaomi and Nokia.

30. Fintech startup, **XPay.Life** has launched its UPI services targeted at rural India.

Note: aim: to make financial facilities accessible for people in rural areas. The launch of its UPI services is expected to benefit XPay.Life's 4 mn consumers across more than 15 states and 1 lakh villages. XPay.Life along with NABARD, NPCI and the state govt working towards strengthening DB and payments by enabling the last mile link.

31. **OmniCard** became 1st RBI licensed PPI to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country.

Note: The move came in after RBI permitted the non-bank licensed entities to enable cash withdrawals from the digital wallets. **OmniCard** users can withdraw cash from any ATM at their convenience with full security from frauds like card theft, card cloning, and PIN skimming. The company is working with **NPCI** to enable the facility.

32. According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), **More than 4.11 lakh** PoS, mobile PoS and other physical devices were deployed across the country under the Payments Infrastructure Development Fund (PIDF) scheme as on April 30, 2022.

Note: Besides, 1,14,05,116 digital devices, including inter-operable QR code-based payments such as UPI QR, Bharat QR, were deployed under the scheme. The PIDF scheme, operationalised by the Reserve Bank from January 2021, subsidises deployment of Points of Sale (PoS) infrastructure (physical and digital modes) in tier-3 to tier-6 centres and northeastern states of the country.

33. According to the report "Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity" unveiled by PhonePe, India's digital payments market is expected to increase more than threefold from the current US\$3 trillion to US\$10 trillion by **2026**.

Note: India's leading digital payments company, PhonePe in collaboration with Boston Consulting Group (BCG), unveiled a report titled, "Digital payments in India: A \$10 trillion opportunity". This would translate to digital payments (non-cash) constituting 2 out of 3 payment transactions by 2026.

34. **Airtel Payments Bank** has partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans through the bank's app.

Note: With this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank customers can get hassle-free gold loans with Zero

processing fees from Muthoot Finance. There will be no-processing charge on the loan and Muthoot Finance will provide up to 75 percent of the pledged gold value as a loan. The partnership will give access to secured and affordable credit to customers looking for quick liquidity against their gold assets.

- 35. Adani Group** has agreed to invest \$50 billion over the next 10 years in India to produce green hydrogen with TotalEnergies SE.

Note: TotalEnergies will buy 25% in a new clean energy company, Adani New Industries Ltd, a unit of Adani Enterprises Ltd, to jointly build the world's biggest green hydrogen ecosystem. In the initial phase, Adani New Industries will develop a green hydrogen production capacity of 1 million tonnes per annum by 2030.

- 36. Financial wellness platform CASHe** has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on WhatsApp.

Note: Aim: to provide customers with a fast, seamless and convenient way to access instant credit line by merely typing their name. CASHe's WhatsApp chat service is built on the WhatsApp Business Platform.

- 37. 7.04%** is the retail inflation based on the Consumer Price Index in May 2022.

Note: As the Food and Beverages have a weightage of more than 54% in CPI, the dip in food prices contributed the most to the ease in inflation. Rural inflation lowered to 7.01% in May as compared to 8.38% in April.

- 38. HDFC Bank** has signed an MoU with 100X.VC to enhance its engagement with the start-up ecosystem in the country.

Note: The bank will also assess start-ups for investment and loan extension opportunities which are recommended by 100X.VC.

- 39. New Development Bank (NDB)** has signed BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries.

Note: The MoU was signed at a meeting held via video link in the port city of Xiamen, East China's Fujian Province. BRICS is the acronym for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

- 40. An exclusive savings account for kids ENJOI** was launched by the Equitas Small Finance Bank.

Note: The ENJOI allow kids of 0-18 years to open savings accounts under the supervision of their

parents. The bank offers 7% interest for savings balances between ₹5 lakh to ₹2 crore.

- 41. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** lifted the restrictions imposed on **Mastercard** on June 16 citing improvement compliance.

Note: The RBI had imposed restrictions on Mastercard Asia/Pacific Pte. 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.

- 42. Tamil Nadu** has replaced West Bengal to become the largest state in terms of the outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans.

Note: It was followed by Bihar (₹35,941 crores) and West Bengal (₹34,016 crores). 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.

- 43. Canara, HSBC, and Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance** have rebranded and renamed itself as Canara HSBC Life Insurance. The HQ of Canara Bank is located in **Bengaluru**.

Note: They launched its first brand campaign #PromisesKaPartner aligned to its new positioning - 'Powering India to re-imagine their dreams and aspirations.

- 44. By the year 2025, RBI** increase the number of digital payment transactions by more than 3X and to curb the volume of cheque-based payments to less than 0.25% of total retail payments.

Note: Core theme of vision documents: E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime (4Es). It covers 47 specific initiatives and 10 expected outcomes

- 45. After revising the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), and UPI for recurring transactions by RBI Rs 15,000 per transaction** is the new limit.

Note: An e-mandate means, that the cardholder gives a standing instruction to the merchant platform to deduct a certain amount of money for recurring transactions.

- 46. Fitch Ratings** has revised the rating outlook of nine Indian banks which include SBI, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank, from negative to stable.

Note: The other banks are: Bank of Baroda (BOB), Bank of Baroda (New Zealand) Ltd, Bank of India,

Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Union Bank of India.

47. Kotak Mahindra has partnered with PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe) to offer motor insurance on the PhonePe platform.

Note: With the help of this platform, Kotak General Insurance will provide quick and seamless car and two-wheeler insurance policies to its customers.

48. Along with ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank, **NPCI** has been identified as a 'critical information infrastructure' by the Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY).

Note: 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.

49. Open Network for Digital Commerce has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to activate e-commerce in the agriculture domain.

Note: ONDC and NABARD have come together to host the NABARD-ONDC Grand Challenge to establish market linkages for the enabled players with market-ready Farmers Producers Organisations. Aim: To promote the development of innovative solutions that are likely to aid the adoption of e-commerce in the agriculture domain.

50. The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched Dhan Sanchay, a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance plan.

Note: This plan offers financial assistance to the family in the event of the life assured's untimely death within the policy's term. It also offers a guaranteed income stream from the date of maturity until the end of the payout period.

51. PVR and INOX Leisure have received clearances for their merger from **NSE and BSE**.

Note: In March 2022, both multiplex operators announced the merger to create the largest multiplex chain in the country. The company received an observation letter with 'no adverse observations' from BSE Ltd on June 20, 2022, and an observation letter with 'no objection' from NSE on June 21, 2022.

52. SBI will collaborate with the Government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) to create an integrated pension portal.

Note: It helps to enhance the ease of living of pensioners. It was decided during the special session, that immediate effort are needed for the

creation of a pension portal by linking the existing portals of the DoPPW and the SBI.

53. Under the chairmanship of **KV Kamath**, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), has set up a 20-member advisory committee, which recommends a fillip to the growth of such instruments, including measures focusing on ease of issuance and attracting domestic and global capital.

Note: Sebi has reconstituted its research advisory committee of 16 members, chaired by V Ravi Anshuman.

54. October 1, 2022 is the new timeline recommended by the RBI for implementation of a few provisions under its master directions on credit card and debit card issuance.

Note: Provisions: Card issuers shall seek OTP-based consent from the cardholder for activating a credit card, If consent is not received then card issuers shall close the credit card account without any cost.

55. South Indian Bank has launched a new portal for its corporate EXIM customers named 'SIB TF Online'.

Note: This portal provides a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely. Through this portal, customers can initiate the payment request on SIB TF Online, after uploading the relevant documents for the transaction.

56. YES Bank has joined hands with CARD91 and RuPay, to create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments.

Note: This will enable CARD91 to expand its presence in the Indian payments market. CARD91 is a global payment infrastructure powering B2B payments. It was designed to help businesses launch co-branded cards and simplify payments.

57. Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has launched the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan' with **Policybazaar**.

Note: It is a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan. This plan helps customers to meet their short-term financial goals. The plan also offers guaranteed tax-free returns up to 6.14%. Monthly premiums: ₹3000; Minimum tenure: five years

58. In association with **Equitas Small Finance Bank**, Freo has launched a digital savings account offering 'Freo Save'.

Note: With this launch, Freo has become the first consumer neobank in the country to provide full-stack neo-banking products. It includes smart

savings account, credit and payments products, cards and wealth-growth products.

59. AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today) the customised Credit Card, launched by AU Small Finance Bank.

Note: This credit card offers a unique value proposition to cardholders. Cardholders can choose the features and time period according to their wish. Through the AU0101 app, cardholders can track their saving/earnings daily to maximize their benefits.

60. Liberty General Insurance has signed an agreement with **Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL)** distribution company to enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products.

Note: The product distribution across the country will be done through the 42 branches of Peerless. Liberty is working closely with PFPDL to provide training and operational expertise.

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

62. Uttarakhand's rain-fed agriculture in the steep areas project has been approved by the World Bank, cost Rs. 1,000 crore.
Note: The watershed department will carry out the Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project. Aims: Lower the greenhouse gas emissions. It will also encourage environment-friendly agricultural practices.

63. The World Bank has approved a loan of **\$ 245 Million** to the Indian Railways to reduce the India's high carbon emissions and low modal freight share in the railways.
Note: 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.

64. ICICI Bank has launched a digital platform called 'Campus Power'.
Note: Aim: To help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and outside the country. This platform will cater the varied needs of the

entire student ecosystem comprising students, parents, and institutes.

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

66. Mufin Finance has received in-principal RBI approval for issuance of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments.
Note: This PPI licence will allow digital banks, fintech firms and large consumer-facing applications to roll out features such as digital payment solutions for lending. It is the fourth NBFC to receive such a licence from the RBI Other three: **Bajaj Finserve, Manapurram and Paul Merchants.**

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

68. Kerala Financial Corporation has raised the upper loan limit of loans under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Development Programme (CMEDP) to ₹2 crore.
Note: Aim: More MSMEs can get funds at a concessional 5% interest rate. The Kerala government will provide a subsidy of 3% with the Corporation chipping in with 2% towards the effective interest rate. The age limit set by Govt for SC/ ST entrepreneurs, women entrepreneurs and non-resident Keralites is 55 years.

69. 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.**
Note: The levy of cess was about to end on June 30. The revenue from the GST compensation cess is used to pay for the borrowings and arrears of

compensation paid to states in the last two financial years.

70. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has launched 'Global Health Care', a comprehensive health insurance product.

Note: It covers planned as well as emergency treatment. It also provides health care Internationally (outside of India) and domestically (within India). Sum Insured: Rs 37,50,000 to Rs 3,75,00,000. The product is available in two plans, namely 'Imperial Plan' and 'Imperial Plus Plan'. For Overseas citizens of India, the minimum period to stay outside is 180 days.

71. Airtel Payment Bank has joined hands with Axis Bank to digitize the cash collection system.

Note: Region: India's tier III cities and semi-urban regions. Axis Bank to build operational efficiencies in the cash management process, speed up the payment cycle. It helps in releasing the bandwidth of field agents who operate across the country.

72. The Securities and Exchange Board of India has imposed a penalty of **7 crores** on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) in the dark fibre case.

Note: 5 crore on Chitra Ramkrishna (former CEO of the exchange). Anand Subramanian (former group operating officer) and Ravi Varanasi (current CBD officer), 5 crore each. Sampark Infotainment, Way2Wealth Brokers and GKN Securities have been fined 3 crore, 6 crore and 5 crore, respectively.

Obituaries

1. Renowned **singer**, Krishnakumar Kunnath passed away recently.

Note: He is fondly known as KK, has passed away in Kolkata at the age of 53. His debut album 'Pal' was released in 1999. He has recorded songs in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali, among other languages.

2. Eminent **Politician** Bhim Singh passed away.

Note: Founder of Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party, senior leader, and lawyer Bhim Singh passed away in Jammu at 81. He founded the Panthers Party in 1982. The veteran leader was known as 'Sher-e-Jammu' for raising the voice of the people of Jammu before the Kashmir-centric governments.

3. **Freedom fighter**, Anjalai Ponnusamy passed away.

Note: Indian National Army (INA) veteran soldier from Malaysia. She was born in 1920 in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur. She belonged to the Jhansi Rani Division of the Indian National Army.

4. Renowned **Santoor player**, Bhajan Sopori passed away was a famous.

Note: He was popularly known as the 'saint of santoor' and 'king of strings' has passed away at 73 due to cancer. He has received Padma Shri in 2004, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1992 and the Jammu and Kashmir State Lifetime Achievement Award. He belonged to north Kashmir's Sopore district and came from the 'Sufiana Gharana'.

5. Two-time Olympian and a double Asian Games gold medallist, Hari Chand passed away recently, he was a veteran **Long distance runner**.

Note: Hari Chand won the 5000 and 10,000m gold at the 1978 Bangkok Asiad and also the 10,000m title at the 1975 Asian Championships in Seoul.

6. Veteran business personality Nobuyuki Idei passed away recently, he was former CEO of **Sony**.

Note: During his seven years as CEO from 1998, Mr Idei made an immense contribution to Sony's evolution as a global company. Tokyo-based Sony is among Japan's stellar brands, having brought the world the Walkman portable music player.

7. Professor Gopi Chand Narang, who passed away was an eminent critic, theorist, and linguist in the **Urdu** language.

Note: He has been honoured with the Padma Bhushan (2004) and Sahitya Akademi Awards (1995). He was a Professor Emeritus at the University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia.

8. R. Raveendran, has been passed away. He was a **Photojournalist**.

Note: He was known for his iconic photo of Rajiv Goswami setting himself on fire during the Mandal agitation in the Capital. He has been awarded various photography awards. He has worked in AFP and ANI.

9. Chowalloor Krishnankutty has passed away, was a **Lyricist, author and journalist**.

Note: Krishnankutty has penned over 3000 devotional songs and authored more than 200 books. He was retired from the Malayala Manorama daily as an Assistant Editor. Awards: Kerala Sahithya Academy Award for satire, Poonthanam Jnanapana, and Revathy Pattathanam Awards among others.

10. V Krishnamurthy, who passed away, was a former **Chairman of SAIL**.

Note: He worked as the chairman of SAIL from 1985 to 1990. He had also been the chairman of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), Maruti Udyog and GAIL. Awards: Padma Shri (1973), Padma Bhushan (1986), Padma Vibhushan (2007)

11. Pallonji Mistry, who passed away was a Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji group.

Note: 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).

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

12. Varinder Singh, who passed away was related to sports of Hockey.

Note: He was an integral part of the gold-medal-winning Indian team at the 1975 men's Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur. He was also a part of the bronze medal-winning team at the 1972 Munich Olympics and the silver medal at the 1973 World Cup in Amsterdam. He has been conferred with the prestigious Dhyana Chand Lifetime Achievement Award in 2007.

Important Days

1. World Bicycle Day is observed on **June 3** every year to spread awareness about the benefits of using a bicycle.
Note: The United Nations had passed a resolution in 7th 2nd Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly to celebrate World Bicycle Day on June 3.
2. World Environment Day is observed globally on **5th June**.
Note: 2022 marks the 50th World Environment Day and host by Sweden. Nodal agency: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). The theme of World Environment Day 2022 is 'Only One Earth'.
3. The World Food Safety Day is observed annually on **June 7** to raise awareness of the health hazards associated with unsafe food, and to highlight the significance of hygiene in daily life.
Note: Theme 2022: 'Safer food, better health'. This day was marked by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) on December 20, 2018.
4. World Brain Tumour Day is observed every year on **8th June**.
Note: It is a mass or growth of abnormal cells in your brain. There are two types of brain tumors, noncancerous (benign), and cancerous (malignant). The day also pays tribute to brain tumour patients, their families and healthcare professionals.
5. **Revitalization: collective action for the ocean** is the theme of World Oceans Day 2022 which is observed annually on June 8.
Note: World Oceans Day is observed on June 8 every year to raise the awareness among people of the importance of the oceans and the major role they play in everyday life. The World Oceans Day concept was first proposed by the UN in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
6. World Accreditation Day (WAD) is celebrated every year on **9th June**.
Note: It aims to meet objectives such as increasing trade and addressing environmental, health and safety concerns. It also improves the general overall quality of output in an economy. This year the theme for World Accreditation Day 2022 is "Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment."
7. **Together We Are Stronger** is the theme of World Brain Tumour Day 2022 which is observed every year on June 8.
Note: World Brain Tumor Day was first observed on June 8, 2000, by the German Brain Tumor Association (Deutsche Hirntumorhilfe e.V.), a non-profit organisation for serving and offering support to brain tumour patients. The theme for World Brain Tumor Day 2022 is "Together We Are Stronger."
8. **United in making our voice heard** is the theme of International Albinism Awareness Day 2022.
Note: International Albinism Awareness Day (IAAD) is annually observed on 13th June, representing the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism.
9. **Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour** is the theme of World Day Against Child Labour' 2022.
Note: The United Nations observes the 12th of June every year as the 'World Day Against Child Labour' to bring attention to the evil practices of child labour across the world. International Labour Organization (ILO) launched this day in 2002 to tackle this global issue against child labour.
10. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed by the United Nations every year on **13th June**.
Note: The day represents the importance and celebration of human rights of people with albinism. The United Nations Human Rights Council adopted this resolution and put its firm foot down for the prevention of attacks and discrimination against

people with albinism. This day is mandated to remind people of the perils of the past and the path to the future in the case of albinism and the people living with it.

- 11. Donating blood is an act of solidarity** is the theme of the World Blood Donor Day 2022.

Note: World Blood Donor Day is observed on 14 June every year to spread awareness regarding the need for “safe blood and blood products for transfusion”. The host nation for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is Mexico. The WHO initiated and declared June 14, the birth anniversary of Karl Landsteiner, as WBD in 2004.

- 12. World Wind Day, also known as Global Wind Day, is observed on 15th June.**

Note: Wind Europe (Brussels) initiated the Global Wind Day in 2007. Global Wind Day 2022 is based on the theme is celebrate to enjoy the benefits of Wind energy and providing education to individuals about the power and potential of wind energy to change the world.

- 13. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on June 15.**

Note: To raise awareness about abuse and neglect of older persons. This year’s theme of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day 2022 is “Combatting Elder Abuse”.

- 14. National Reading Day is observed annually on 19 June.**

Note: Observed in honour of P N Panicker who is considered as the Father of Kerala’s Library and Literacy Movement. This day was first celebrated on June 19, 1996, by the Government of Kerala in association with the P N Panicker Foundation, National Reading Day, became a mass movement to promote literacy and the culture of reading in the state.

- 15. World Refugee Day is observed annually on June 20** date to highlight the difficulties faced by refugees.

Note: 2022 theme: Whoever, Whatever, Whenever. Everyone has a right to seek safety.

- 16. The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict** is an international event conducted by the United Nations (UN) on **June 19**.

Note: The theme 2022: ‘Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural and operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.’

- 17. The world observes Sustainable Gastronomy Day is observed on 18 June.**

Note: The objective of this day is to recognize the practices associated with sustainable food consumption, especially with the art of collecting and preparing the food we eat.

- 18. International Day for Countering Hate Speech falls on June 18.**

Note: In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over “the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech” around the world and adopted a resolution on “promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech”.

- 19. The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on 17 June** each year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.

Note: The theme of 2022 Desertification and Drought Day “Rising up from drought together”.

- 20. The International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly and is observed on 16 June.**

Note: Theme 2022: recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion.

- 21. The 8th edition of International Day of Yoga is being observed on 21st June.**

Note: Aim: To raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga. 2022 theme: ‘Yoga for Humanity’. PM Modi will lead the mass Yoga demonstration at Mysuru in Karnataka.

- 22. International Olympic Day is observed annually on June 23** across the world to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games.

Note: The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded on 23 June 1894. The theme for the International Olympic Day 2022 is “Together For A Peaceful World”.

- 23. UN Public Service Day is observed on June 23** with the aim to appreciate the value of public institutions and public servants.

Note: The 2022 theme: “Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing innovative partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goals.”

- 24. The International Maritime Organization (IMO) is observed the International Day of Seafarer annually June 25** to pay respect to Seafarers and sailors who help the entire world function by conducting sea transport.

Note: This day was proposed by International Maritime Organization in 2010. This day recognizes the invaluable contribution of seafarers to the worldwide commerce and economic system. 2022 theme: Your voyage – then and now, share your adventure.

25. The International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is observed on **June 26**.

Note: Aim: To spread awareness about the physical and psychological impact of substance abuse, drug overdose deaths. The theme 2022: Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crisis. In 2022, the UNODC has started the campaign - “#CareInCrisis” - for World Drug Day.

26. The International Day in Support of Victims of Torture is observed annually on **June 26**.

Note: Aim: to promote the abolition of torture, support victims, and promote human rights. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on December 12, 1997. Presently, the Convention has been ratified by 162 countries.

27. The World Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Day is observed annually on **June 27** to recognize the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Note: Theme 2022: Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has marked the

first World MSME Day by 74th Plenary on April 6, 2017. MSME minister: Narayan Rane

28. Union Government has observed National Statistics Day on **29th June** every year to mark the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

Note: Since 2007, this day is observed in recognition of his valuable contribution in the field of Economic Planning and Statistics. Theme 2022: Data for Sustainable Development.

29. International Day of the Tropics is observed annually on **29 June**.

Note: This day highlights the challenges faced by the tropic’s nations. The tropics nations are those that lies between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer.

30. World Asteroid Day is observed annually on **June 30** to raise the awareness about the asteroid hazardous impact.

Note: In December 2016, UNGA has adopted resolution A/RES/71/90 to declare 30 June International Asteroid Day. This day marked the anniversary of the Tunguska impact over Siberia, Russian Federation, on 30 June 1908.

New Appointments

1. **Natarajan Sundar** has been appointed as a managing director and CEO of National Assets Reconstruction Company Ltd (NARCL).

Note: He has served SBI for over 37 years and retired as Deputy MD and Chief Credit Officer of the bank on April 2022.

2. **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.

Note: Earlier, he was on deputation in the Ministry of Defence as CEO, DPIT and joined back NIC as Deputy Director General.

3. **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.

Note: 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.

4. **Zulfiquar Hasan** has been appointed as new directors general of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

Note: S L Thaosen as the directors general of 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).

5. **Sachin Tendulkar** remains as the Goodwill Ambassador UNICEF, working for the welfare of underprivileged children.

Note: 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.

6. **A Manimekhalai** has been appointed as a MD of Union Bank of India for the period of three years with effect from the date of assumption of office.

Note: She has replaced Rajkiran Rai G, who retired on May 31 after a five-year stint. She also becomes the first woman managing director of Union Bank of

India. Government has also appointed Swarup Kumar Saha as head of Punjab & Sind Bank. He replaced S Krishnan, who also superannuated on May 31.

7. **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** has been appointed as a brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace company.

Note: 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.

8. **Alok Kumar Choudhary** has been appointed as Managing Director of State Bank of India after replacing Ashwani Bhatia.

Note: He has replaced Ashwani Bhatia, who was appointed as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He is responsible for the Retail Business & Operations of the lender.

9. **Bajram Begaj** has been elected as the new president of Albania.

Note: 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.

10. **Satish Pai** has been appointed as the new chairperson of the International Aluminium Institute.

Note: He succeeded Ben Kahrs, who is a chief innovation officer of Alcoa Corporation. He earlier worked with Schlumberger, where he was responsible for Schlumberger's operations globally.

11. **Krishna Srinivasan** has been appointed as a Director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD), International Monetary Fund.

Note: 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.

12. **Mayank Kumar Agrawal** has been given additional charge as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati.

Note: He succeeded Shashi Shekhar Vempati, who was serving at this position since 2017.

13. **N J Ojha** has been appointed as the ombudsman under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGA).

Note: An ombudsman has the power to receive complaints from MGNREGA workers, consider such complaints, pass awards within 30 days from the date of receipt of the complaint, and issue directions for conducting a spot investigation.

14. **Amandeep Singh Gill** has been appointed as United Nations Secretary-General's envoy on technology.

Note: 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.

15. **R Subramaniakumar** has been appointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of RBL Bank.

Note: Subramaniakumar is a former managing director and chief executive director of state-run Indian Overseas Bank. He was appointed the administrator of Dewan Housing Finance Co Ltd after the mortgage financier's board was superseded.

16. **Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil** was sworn in as the Lokayukta of Karnataka.

Note: 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, who served in the post for five years.

17. **Four** persons have been appointed as part-time non-official Directors on the Central Board of RBI.

Note: The Central Government has nominated Anand Gopal Mahindra (Chairman of Mahindra group), Venu Srinivasan (TVS Motor's Chairman), Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel (Zyudus Lifescience's Chairman) and Ravindra Dholakia (IIM Ahmedabad's ex-faculty) as part-time non-official Directors on the Central Board of RBI.

18. **Arati Prabhakar** has been appointed as the head of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy by US president, Joe Biden.

Note: 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.

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

Note: 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).

20. **Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai** has been appointed as the Chairperson of Press Council of India.

Note: 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

- 21. P.N. Vasudevan** has been reappointed as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Equitas Small Finance Bank (SFB).
Note: He founded Equitas in 2007 as a microfinance institution (MFI) and was later converted into bank in 2016. Earlier, the bank had received SEBI approval for the amalgamation of Equitas Holdings with the bank.
- 22. Justice Vipin Sanghi** will be appointed as the Chief Justice of **Uttarakhand HC**.
Note: 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.
- 23. Gustavo Petro** has won presidential election of Colombia and becomes the first ever leftist president in the history of country.
Note: 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.
- 24. Ruchira Kamboj** has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India to UN.
Note: 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.
- 25. Minerva Punjab FC, Ranjit Bajaj** has been appointed as the chairperson of the 12-member committee formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA).
Note: The CoA took charge of the AIFF, after the Supreme Court removed the Praful Patel led office bearers for not holding elections on time. Aim: To look the day-to-day matters of various departments of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- 26. 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).
Note: 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.
- 27. Tapan Kumar Deka** has been appointed as Director of Intelligence Bureau for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge.
Note: He is a 1988 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IPS officer. He will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director, Arvind Kumar.
- 28. Parameswaran Iyer** has been appointed as the new CEO of Niti Aayog for two years.
Note: 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.
- 29. Dinkar Gupta** has been appointed as the Director-General of National Investigation Agency (NIA).
Note: 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.
- 30. Nitin Gupta** has been appointed as the new chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).
Note: He 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.
- 31. Anil Khanna** has been appointed as the acting President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).
Note: 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.
- 32. Justice Satish Chandra Sharma** has sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court by lieutenant governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.
Note: He succeeded Justice DN Patel, who retired on March 13. Earlier, he served as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court. He has also served as an acting chief justice of Karnataka high court.
- 33. Mohammed Jalood** has been appointed as president of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) at an event held in Tirana, Albania.
Note: Jalood is the first permanent president since Tamás Aján has stepped down in 2020 after controlling the IWF for 44 years. Earlier, he has worked as a IWF General Secretary. He has worked as spending the last five as IWF General Secretary.

34. The board of Reliance Jio Infocomm has approved the appointment of **Akash Ambani** as its chairman.
Note: He has joined the Reliance Jio in 2014. The board has also approved the appointment of Raminder Singh Gujral and KV Chowdary, as additional directors of the company. The appointment of Pankaj Mohan Pawar as MD of Jio has also been approved.

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

Important News – India

1. PMBI has crossed 100 crore rupees sales May 2022. The full form of PMBI is **Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)**.

Note: 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.

2. **NTPC Limited** has renewed the Biodiversity Policy 2022 to set up a comprehensive vision and guiding principle for conservation, restoration, and enhancement of biodiversity.

Note: The objectives of policy are aligned with environmental and sustainability policies. NTPC was the first PSU to issue Biodiversity Policy in 2018.

3. **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.

Note: The index has been designed to record and present the “quality-controlled” data on the prices of agricultural land in the country.

4. **one km** is the minimum distance has been prescribed by the Supreme Court of India for an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ).

Note: The SC said that mining within the national parks and wildlife sanctuaries shall not be permitted and no permanent structure will be allowed within the ESZ

5. **'Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement** has been launched by PM Narendra Modi on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Note: 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.

6. **The Ministry of Housing** has launched a 'Clean and Green' campaign on Environment Day.

Note: Urban Local Bodies across the nation will conduct an awareness programmes 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.

7. India has signed MoUs with **Senegal's** renewal of Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) for the period 2022-26.

Note: Second MoU is related to visa-free regime Official which will strengthen the cooperation between the two countries. Third MoU, seeks to enhance bilateral cooperation in youth matters. Senegal Capital: Dakar; Currency: West African CFA franc

8. **Blue Dart** delivery company has signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Note: The Climate Neutral Now is an Initiative to encourage and support the interested stakeholders to act now in order to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050. Blue Dart, is a part of the Deutsche Post DHL (DPDHL) Group. The Group has adopted a package of measures worth up to 7-billion Euros to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

9. **₹436** is the revised premium rate for PMJJBY.

Note: Earlier it was ₹330 and PMSBY hiked from ₹12 to ₹20. Government set a target to increase the coverage to 15 crore under PMJJBY and to 37 crore under PMSBY in the next five years .

10. **eSanjeevani** telemedicine service has been integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

Note: This will now enable users of eSanjeevani to create their 14-digit unique Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) and use it to link their existing health records. eSanjeevani is a telemedicine service of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

11. Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar has launched SHRESHTA Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas.

Note: 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.

12. Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman has launched the Single Nodal Agency Dashboard during the Iconic Week Celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Note: 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.

13. Home Minister, Amit Shah 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.

Note: NTRI will be a leading national institute for tribal concerns, issues and executive and legislative fields. It will also monitor projects of Tribal Research Institutes and set up norms for improvement in the quality of research and training.

14. Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat is the theme of Biotech Startup Expo - 2022, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

Note: 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'.

15. Usha Throat has been chaired the 25-members advisory committee on mutual funds, which was

restructured by the market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India.

Note: Earlier, the committee had 24 members Aim: Advice SEBI on problems relating to MF regulation and development, and on disclosure requirements and takes necessary for a change in the legal framework.

16. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has been ranked 155th in the QS World University Ranking 2023.

Note: Indian Institute of Science (IISc) ranked 155th as the top research university in the world with a perfect score of 100 in the citation per faculty parameter. IIT Bombay placed at the 172nd rank and IIT Delhi has been ranked 174.

17. India ranked 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI), as per UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022.

Note: FDI inflow into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year.

18. Rs 50 crores is the enhanced limit of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme.

Note: It is executed by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and supports indigenous development of components, products, systems, and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups.

19. NHAI enters Guinness World Record for laying 75 km highway in 105 hours and 33 minutes between Amravati and Akola districts. It is a part of which of NH 53.

Note: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has created a 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.

20. National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has launched 'CiSS application' under Baal Swaraj portal.

Note: It has been launched for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring mechanism of children in need of care and protection.

21. Second edition of National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021) covers services across 7 sectors.

Note: Union Minister Jitendra Singh has released 2nd edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment 2021 (NeSDA 2021). It covers services across 7 sectors: Finance, Labour and Employment, Education, Local Governance and Utility Services, Social Welfare, Environment and Tourism sectors.

22. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) at Ahmedabad.

Note: 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.

23. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be organising the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela in 200+ locations in India. **Dharmendra Pradhan** is present Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Minister of India.

Note: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship will be organising the Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela every month now on. Aim: to connect the youth with more opportunities for on-ground training within corporates and further a chance to get employment.

24. The central govt has decided to distribute fortified rice in **291** aspirational and high-burden districts across the country through Public Distribution System in 2022-23.

Note: Govt has planned to provide 175 lakh MT of fortified rice during this phase. The focus will be on to cover all Integrated Child Development Services Centre, PM - Poshan and Mid-Day Meal schools. During 2021-22, around 17 lakh MT of fortified rice have been distributed under ICDS and PM- Poshan.

25. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has released the NeSDA 2021 Report **Kerala** provides suggestions for governments to further enhance their e-Governance service delivery systems, which state had the highest overall compliance score amongst all the States and UTs.

Note: 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

26. **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai** 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.

Note: WindStream Energy Technologies India Pvt Ltd has developed this technology. The energy generated through this technology can be customized on a need-specific basis.

27. India's rank in the Asian economies as per the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022 is **37th**.

Note: 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.

28. The CCEA chaired by PM Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for the development of Phase I of New Greenfield Airport at **Dholera, Gujarat**.

Note: 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.

29. The Indian Railways' 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme was flagged off between which two stations **Coimbatore and Shirdi**.

Note: 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.

30. What is, As per the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for 2020-21 (July-June) the unemployment rate of India is **4.2%**.

Note: 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.

31. **Adani Transmission Limited (ATL)** has been tagged as 'green loan' by Sustainalytics for its USD 700 million revolving loan facility.

Note: ATL has also signed an energy compact goals as part of COP26 and the energy compact with the UN in November, 2021. This revolving facility project is being implemented in Gujarat and Maharashtra.

32. **Nitin Gadkari** has inaugurated Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 in New Delhi.

Note: Aim: Carbon Neutrality by 2070. He emphasized on maintaining balance between ecology, environment and development.

33. 10% 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.

Note: Ministry has also decided to give 3 years age relaxation beyond the prescribed upper age limit to Agniveers. Age relaxation will be for 5 years beyond for the first batch of agniveer. The scheme will not only empower, discipline & skill youth with military ethos in civil society

34. **Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan** has inaugurated National Yoga Olympiad 2022 and quiz competition in New Delhi.

- Note:** It is being organized jointly by Ministry of Education and National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The Olympiad will be participated by about 600 students from 26 states and UTs and Demonstration Multipurpose Schools of Regional Institutions of Education
- 35. PM Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Brain Cell Research Centre in Bengaluru.**
Note: It cost 450 crore rupees, which was donated by Kris Gopalakrishnan (co-founder of Infosys). PM will also lay foundation stone for an 850 bed Bagchi-Parthasarathy Research hospital at IISc being funded by MindTree IT company.
- 36. LinkedIn** company has invested \$5,00,000 (₹3.88 crore) in association with UN Women to create employment opportunities for women.
Note: The pilot project will launch in Maharashtra to cultivate the digital, soft and employability skills of 2,000 women. After the completion of 15-month of the pilot project, the UN Women and LinkedIn will incorporate lessons learned and evaluative feedback.
- 37. Israel government** has signed a joint declaration with Haryana in integrated water resources management and capacity building.
Note: The joint declaration was signed by ambassador Eynat Shlein, Head of MASHAV-Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel and the Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Government of Haryana, India.
- 38. Zomato** food delivery app has collaborated with the Jio-bp to support its commitment towards "The Climate Group's EV100 initiative of 100% EV fleet by 2030".
Note: This partnership will accelerate EV adoption in the rapidly growing Indian delivery and transportation segment. Zomato will get the EV mobility services from Jio-bp and access to 'Jio-bp pulse' battery swapping stations for last-mile delivery.
- 39. India holds first physical Joint Consultative Commission Meeting in New Delhi with which Bangladesh.**
Note: JCC meet will be co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Bangladesh counterpart A. K. Abdul Momen. It will review the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including cooperation in the wake of COVID-19, border management and security, trade and investment, connectivity, energy, water resources, development partnership and regional-multilateral issues.
- 40. India and European will be re-launching negotiations for India-EU Free Trade Agreement, after a gap of nine years.**
Note: Negotiations for an Investment Protection Agreement and GI Agreement has also been launched at a joint event at the EU headquarters in Brussels. Among the most significant FTAs for India as the EU is its 2nd largest trading partner,
- 41. A 3-day National Conference of Chief Secretaries is being organized in Dharamsala, HP.**
Note: It will deliberate to further strengthen the partnership between the Central and State Governments. PM Narendra Modi will chair over 1st National Conference.
- 42. In a major boost to the export of mangoes, APEDA launched an eight-day-long Mango Festival in Bahrain.**
Note: At the show, 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, are being displayed at eight different locations of Bahrain's Al Jazira group supermarket.
- 43. The Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians has been started in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt to address climate change.**
Note: 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.
- 44. 'NIPUN' initiative was started by Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Hardeep Singh Puri for skill training of construction workers.**
Note: NIPUN refers National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers. MoHUA has launched this initiative under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).
- 45. Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti, Bishweswar Tudu has inaugurated the 20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) and 13th Krishi Fair 2022 at Saradhabali in Puri, Odisha.**
Note: Aim: At preserving tribal culture and promoting innovation in agriculture respectively
- 46. Union Health & Family Welfare Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has virtually addressed the inaugural session at the G20 Health Ministers meeting at Yogyakarta, Indonesia.**

- Note:** Indonesia has hosted two Health Working Group Meetings in Yogyakarta and Lombok. Priority issues: Harmonizing Global Health Protocol Standards and Building Global Health System Resilience.
- 47. Apollo Hospitals** has signed an agreement with Imperial Hospital Ltd to operate and manage the latter's 375 bedded multi-specialty tertiary care hospital in Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- Note:** The state-of-the-art facility in Chittagong was built with the support of World Bank and will be rebranded as Apollo Imperial Hospital.
- 48. Vanijya Bhawan** is the name of new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, launched by PM Modi in New Delhi.
- Note:** He has also launched a new portal named NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade). The portal was developed as a one stop platform to get all the required information related to India's foreign trade.
- 49. Business tycoon Gautam Adani** has pledged to donate ₹60,000 crore to a range of social causes to celebrate the 60th birthday on June 24.
- Note:** 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.
- 50. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)** state-owned company has unveiled a stationary, rechargeable cooking stove named Surya Nutan.
- Note:** It is a kitchen connected cooking stove that uses the sun's energy to cook food. This was developed by IOC's research and development division at Faridabad. It captures solar energy through a PV panel that placed outdoor or on the roof.
- 51. National Health Authority (NHA)** organisation has organised its first ever open-to-all hackathon series in the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission ecosystem.
- Note:** Aim: To drive ideation and innovations. The series of hackathon will begin on July 14, 2022. This also focus on the Unified Health Interface (UHI) and to mobilise the health start-up ecosystem in India.
- 52. Tata Power** solar system company has commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 Megawatt Peak (MWp) in Kerala backwaters.
- Note:** 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.
- 53. In Bengaluru, Karnataka,** the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) has launched the One Health pilot.
- Note:** Aim: To bring the stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges. DAHD has collaborated with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to implement the One-Health framework in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand.
- 54. 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.
- Note:** Four key sectors of AI adoption -- BFSI, consumer packaged goods (CPG) and retail, healthcare, and industrials/automotive. These four sectors can contribute 60% of the total \$ 500 billion opportunity. The current rate of AI investments in India is growing at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 30.8%.
- 55. Communications Minister, Ashwini Vaishnav** and MoS Communications Devusinh Chauhan have launched 'Dak Karmayogi'. It is an **e-learning portal**.
- Note:** This portal is developed under the vision of 'Mission Karmayogi'. This portal will develop the competencies of about four lakh Gramin Dak Sevaks and departmental employees.
- 56. Jammu and Kashmir** has been selected to host the G-20 meetings in 2023.
- Note:** 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.
- 57. Dr Jitendra Singh** has been participated in the "2022 UN Ocean Conference" at Lisbon, which started from June 27.
- Note:** The conference is co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal. He will deliver the Keynote address at the Conference on the theme 'Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stock taking, Partnerships and Solutions'.

58. Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India is the name of the report which has been released by the NITI Aayog and TIFAC, stated that there will be 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by FY 2026–27.

Note: TIFAC, is an autonomous organization set up in 1988 under the Department of Science & Technology.

59. Renesas Electronics Corp Japanese chipmaker has joined hands with Tata Motors, formed a strategic partnership to design, develop and manufacture semiconductor solutions for domestic and global markets.

Note: Renesas will also work with Tejas Networks (subsidiary of Tata Group company) on wireless network solutions including 5G. In March 2022, the next-generation EV Innovation Center (NEVIC) was jointly set up by the Renesas and Tata Elxsi (Tata Group).

60. Union Minister of Tribal Affairs, Arjun Munda has launched the second phase of the Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) Programme in New Delhi.

Note: The GOAL 1.0 has changed the lives of tribal youth through the digital mentorship programme.

This programme will also create a platform for Self-Help Groups and ten lakh families associated with TRIFED to take their products global. Aim: To digitally upskill the youth from tribal communities of the country.

61. Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence has launched the Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA) for **Indian Coast Guard**.

Note: PADMA is an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard. It is developed under the aegis of Defense Accounts Department. It will be operated by Pay Accounts Office Coast Guard, Noida.

62. Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad has joined hands with an e-marketplace for agricultural land, SFarms India, to develop a farmland price index.

Note: 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.

Important News – State

1. Tamil Nadu 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.

Note: As per the MoU, the IPPB would render the doorstep services at a cost of ₹70 only per digital life certificate.

2. Gujarat state Climate Change Department has signed an MoU with Isha Outreach to join the worldwide ‘Save Soil’ initiative.

Note: The MoU was signed between the Founder and Spiritual Leader of Isha Outreach, Sadhguru and Gujarat Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel in Ahmedabad.

3. Rajasthan state government has launched a Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal' in the Karauli district for pregnant women.

Note: 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.

4. The luxury cruise liner Empress has been flagged off by the Tamil Nadu CM, MK Stalin from Chennai port.

Note: This is the eleven-storey tourist vessel which can accommodate up to two thousand passengers and about 800 crew members.

5. Manipur Handloom & Handicrafts Development Corporation (MHDC) has signed a pact with **Amazon** to provide an e-market platform for traditional handloom and handicraft items.

Note: Both representatives, signed the MoU at the opening function of Manipur Heritage Expo, 2022. As per the National Handloom Census Report, 2019, Manipur is a home of around 2.12 lakh handloom weavers, around 2.11 lakh looms and around two lakh handicraft artisans.

6. Sikkim state govt has declared Blue Duke (Bassarona durga) as the state butterfly.

Note: Blue Duke was selected as the state butterfly after securing 57% votes in an online poll conducted by the Forest Department. It was discovered in the state in 1858.

7. **Tamil Nadu** state govt has launched the Nalaya Thiran programme to skill the college student with the knowledge of technology.
Note: Under this programme, government will train nearly 50,000 college students with knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem-solving using technologies.
8. **Andhra Pradesh** state's Anti-Corruption Bureau has launched the '14400 app' to report corrupt government officials in the state.
Note: 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.
9. Indian coastal state **Goa** has launched a 'Beach Vigil App' to ensure the management of beaches and the security of tourists.
Note: This app shall benefit the institutions working in the 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 plans to make the coastal state among the top 25 destinations for start-ups in Asia by 2025.
10. **Tamil Nadu** state ranked first in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India's (FSSAI), 4th State Food Safety Index in the large state category.
Note: 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
11. In **Goa**, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurates "Dharohar - the National Museum of Customs and GST".
Note: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated "Dharohar - the National Museum of Customs and GST" in Panaji Goa. It is a two-storey 'Blue building', which was earlier known as Alfandega, during Portuguese rule in Goa and has been standing on the banks of Mandovi River in Panaji for more than 400 years.
12. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Jagatguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir in **Maharashtra**.
Note: He will inaugurate Jagatguru Sreesanth Tukaram Maharaj Shila Mandir at Dehu near Pune. The city of Dehu is sanctified by the Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj, a renowned poet and worshipper of Lord Vithala, from 17th century.
13. **Himachal Pradesh** becomes the first Indian state to approve a policy for drones.
Note: The 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' was approved by the chief minister Jai Ram Thakur.

The policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD). With this new drone policy, Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to formally acknowledge the public use of drones.
14. **Tamil Nadu** 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.
Note: Aim: To ensure foundational literacy and numeracy by 2025. Under this programme, the education department of state will provide workbooks to students from Classes 1 to 3.
15. **Gujarat** state has become the first state in the nation to launch 'Balika Panchayat' with an aim to strengthened girl power in the state.
Note: 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.
16. The three days international literary festival "Unmesh" was held in **Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**.
Note: This festival was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi in association with the state Department of Art and Culture. The festival was inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghawal.
17. PM Narendra Modi has launched Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana in **Gujarat government** under its Integrated Child Development Services, Poshan Abhiyan.
Note: The scheme will cover 7 lakh women to deal with the dietary deficiency within the first 1,000 days of the conception of a child. The scheme will also distribute 2 kg chickpeas, 1 kg toor daal and 1 litre fortified ground nut oil.
18. **Andhra Pradesh** state government has signed an MoU with BYJU's to provide quality education to government school students.
Note: 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
19. **Assam** state government has operationalised the Centre's 'One Nation, One Ration Card' programme, with this, it is implemented across the country.
Note: 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.

- 20. Gujarat** state government has launched the 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'.

Note: To increase the enrollment of students in primary schools in the state. This is a three-day enrollment drive, starts from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka (Banaskantha district).

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

Note: 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.

- 22. Maharashtra** state energy department has signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL) to generate green power.

Note: It would require an investment of Rs 60,000 crore and generate employment. AGEL will set up Pumped Storage Projects (PSP) in the next five years and will produce 11,000 MW power.

- 23. Karnataka** state government has launched the 'Kashi Yatra' project.

Note: It offers cash assistance of ₹5,000 to each pilgrims, take up a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The government will be using funds of up to ₹7 crores from the accounts head of 'Assistance to Manasa Sarovara Pilgrims'.

- 24. Kerala** state government will launch the MEDISEP scheme - Medical insurance scheme for State Government employees, pensioners and their eligible family members from 1st July, 2022.

Note: It will provide cashless medical assistance with a comprehensive coverage up to 3 lakhs per year. The annual premium would be Rs 4,800 plus 18% GST for the policy period of 2022-24. Monthly premium: Rs.500

- 25. Telangana CM, K Chandrashekhara Rao** has inaugurated the T-Hub 2.0, nation's leading innovation and startup catalyst.

Note: This facility will support over 2000 startups under one roof, with a total built-up area of 5,82,689 sq. ft, making it the world's largest innovation campus. With the help of this hub, young Indians launch their startups with a collaborative innovation ecosystem.

Important News – World

- 1. Israel** has signed a free trade deal with the United Arab Emirates on May 31, its first with an Arab country.

Note: The agreement helps to increase bilateral trade in goods and services, increase Israeli exports to UAE. 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.

- 2. Bangladesh** has become the top recipient of Covid-19 vaccine doses with the delivery over 190 million doses of vaccines under UNICEF's COVAX programme.

Note: 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.

- 3.** To mark the diplomatic ties of 30 years, **Israel** has adopted a "vision statement" with India to strengthen the defence cooperation in future.

Note: 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.

- 4.** After the United Nations has approval **Türkiye** is the new name of Turkey.

Note: 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.

- 5. 42nd** is the rank of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore in The Times Higher Education (THE) 2022 edition of the Asia University Rankings.

Note: 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).

6. Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has released a report which states that the global usage of plastic is set to increase by three times by the year 2060.

Note: The world that is destroy by severe plastic pollution, has need to take up several measures to combat the the use of plastic. Currently, nearly 100 million tonnes of plastic waste is either mismanaged or allowed to leak into the environment.

7. RIL 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, according to Bloomberg Billionaire Index.

Note: The net worth of Mukesh Ambani has risen to \$99.7 billion, while Gautam Adani's net worth stood at \$98.7 billion. Mukesh Ambani is ranked the eighth richest person in the world as per the Bloomberg Billionaire index.

8. AMBER alerts feature will be launched by Instagram in 25 countries to help in finding the missing child.

Note: With the help of this alerts, users will get notifications of missing children in the area. This feature was already available on Facebook and helped to find hundreds of children since it was introduced in 2015. This was developed in partnership with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children in US and International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children.

9. By the year **2035**, European Parliament Members have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars.

Note: 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.

10. Sri Lanka will receive the humanitarian assistance of \$48 million from the United Nations in June 2022.

Note: India has already provided financial assistance worth over \$3 billion since January to provide essential items, including food, fuel, cooking gas, and medicines. Sri Lanka needs \$6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months, adding that \$5 billion is required to ensure day-to-

day living and another \$1 billion to strengthen the Sri Lankan rupee.

11. India will host special ASEAN Foreign Ministers' meet 2022.

Note: It will be the first meeting hosted by India in New Delhi. ASEAN members: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

12. USA is the top recipient of FDI as per the UNCTAD's World Investment Report 2022.

Note: In its latest World Investment Report released on Thursday, UNCTAD said FDI inflows into India declined to \$45 billion in 2021 from \$64 billion in the preceding year. While the USA (\$367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI, China (\$181 billion) and Hong Kong (\$141 billion) also retained second and third position respectively.

13. UNGA has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time.

Note: The resolution urges United Nations to continue spreading vital communications and messages in both official and non-official languages, including Hindi.

14. The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference is being held in **Geneva, Switzerland.**

Note: The twelfth WTO Ministerial Conference is being held in Geneva, Switzerland from 12th to 15th June 2022. Key areas: WTO's response to the pandemic, Fisheries subsidies negotiations and Agriculture issues including Public Stockholding for Food security.

15. China has released a new geological map of the moon, which it says is the most detailed to date.

Note: The new map, which has details of craters and structures not charted before, will assist in further research of the moon. 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.

16. Central African Republic has become the 2nd country in the world to adopt bitcoin as its official currency, after El Salvador.

Note: The CAR is the first country in Africa to adopt Bitcoin as legal tender. This move places the Central African Republic on the map of the world's boldest and most visionary countries. Currently, The country uses the French-backed CFA franc as its currency, along with most other former French colonies in Africa.

17. Google company has announced a program for women founders, 'startup accelerator program', which will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring.

- Note:** The first batch of the Google for Startups Accelerator India – Women Founders will enroll up to 20 women-founded co-founded startups in the country, and support them through a three-month program. The selected Startups will receive support and mentorship around AI/ML, Android, Web, Product Strategy and Growth.
- 18. 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.
Note: 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.
- 19. Kerala** 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).
Note: 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.
- 20. Globally India's** ranked **68th** in the Coursera latest Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022.
Note: 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.
- 21. India's** rank in the REN21 Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022) is **third**.
Note: 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.
- 22. Khuvsgul Lake National Park of Mongolia** has been added to the World Network of Biosphere Reserves of UNESCO.
Note: 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.
- 23. The 12th Ministerial Conference (MC12) of the World Trade Organisation** concluded on 16th June 2022 in **WTO headquarters in Geneva**.
- Note:** The Conference was co-hosted by Kazakhstan and chaired by Mr Timur Suleimenov (Deputy Chief of Staff of Kazakhstan's President).
- 24. Australia** has announced to provide 50 million US dollars support to Sri Lanka for meet urgent food and health care needs.
Note: Presently, Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis in 70 years, which leads to food shortage, medicine and fuel. Australia will provide 22 million dollars to the World Food Programme (WFP) for emergency food assistance to meet their daily nutritional needs and 23 million dollars in development assistance to Sri Lanka in 2022-23.
- 25. TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys and LIC** four Indian companies have been featured in the top 100 global biggest brands, along with companies like Apple, Google, Amazon and Microsoft.
Note: 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.
- 26. Sri Lanka** has raised the Minimum Age for women Migrant Domestic Workers to 21 years.
Note: 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.
- 27. Europe's** biggest start-up conference, **Vivatech 2020** has recognized India as the "country of the year".
Note: The country has been recognised with this honour, due to the global contribution of Indian start-ups. The start-up ecosystem of India is growing rapidly and has over 100 unicorns.
- 28. The US** has signed the gun violence bill and toughen background checks for the youngest (21 years) gun buyers.
Note: 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.
- 29. The 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.

Note: Countries will apply for newly mined or refined gold. This move will not affect previously exported Russian gold. Last year, the exports of Russian gold were worth 12.6 billion pounds.

30. During the Group of Seven (G7) Summit in Germany's Bavarian Alps, **600 billion dollar** will be raised by the G7 leader to help developing countries tackle climate change.

Note: 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.

31. **Iran** has applied to become a member of the BRICS.

Note: BRICS is a group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Iran is the world's second-largest gas reserves and membership in the BRICS group would added values for both sides.

32. According to a World Gold Council (WGC) report, India's rank as the recycler in the world is **4th**.

Note: 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).

Honor & Awards

1. **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.

Note: 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.

2. **Darren Sammy** the Former skipper of West Indies, who has been conferred with the civil honour of Sitara-e-Pakistan award.

Note: 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).

3. **Jennifer Lopez** would be awarded the Generation Award at their forthcoming MTV Movie & TV Awards.

Note: MTV Movie & TV Awards recognizes actors who have diversely contributed to both film and TV industry and are known in every household. Jennifer Lopez will receive the lifetime achievement award.

4. **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.

Note: Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi); Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (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)

5. **Turn Your Body to the Sun (Dutch 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.

Note: 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)

6. Indian American girl, **Harini Logan** has won the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Note: 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.

7. In **Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology** category, Indian Railways have been conferred with the UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA) for feeding Solar Energy directly to 25 KV AC Traction System.

Note: Use of alternate fuels like CNG. Improving water use efficiency through measures like water recycling and rain water harvesting.

8. **Jennifer Lopez** among the following would receive the lifetime achievement award at MTV Movie & TV Award.

Note: MTV Movie & TV Awards recognizes actors who have diversely contributed to both film and TV industry and are known in every household. Vanessa Hudgens will host the Generation Awards. Jennifer Lopez will receive the lifetime achievement award.

9. **Ramkrishna Mukavilli** has been named a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for

Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

Note: The United Nations Global Compact has named ten new SDG Pioneers, who are corporate leaders who are excelling in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by implementing the UN Global Compact Ten Principles on human rights, environment, labour, and anti-corruption.

10. Resource Centre for Tobacco Control, PGIMER institution has been awarded with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award by WHO.

Note: 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.

11. Ratan Tata has been conferred with honorary degree D.Litt at the first special convocation of the HSNC University.

Note: HSNC University was established as a joint venture between Ministry of HRD, Govt of Maharashtra, and the HSNC Board. It is the second cluster university in the city of Mumbai.

12. 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.

Note: 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.

13. Use the ICT in education Initiative of Ministry of Education under a PM eVIDYA during the COVID-19 has received the UNESCO's recognition.

Note: The PM eVIDYA was started as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan by the Ministry of Education in 2020 with an aim to use technology to minimise learning losses. National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been awarded with the UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education for the year 2021.

14. Bhikkhu Sanghasena (Ladakh) from Ladakh who has been awarded the PM's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga for the year 2021.

Note: Other winners: 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.

15. Ruth Ozeki the writer has won the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel "The Book of Form and Emptiness".

Note: 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.

16. Public transport service Mo Bus, Odisha has been honoured with a prestigious United Nations award.

Note: 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.

17. Vijay Amritraj has been awarded the 2021 Golden Achievement Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation.

Note: 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.

18. IG Drones drone start-up has been conferred with the "Best Drone Organization Start-up Category" by Airwards for its approach of helping local communities.

Note: Airwards, is the first panoptic global awards programme of its kind, which identify the positive drone use cases. IG Drones is developing disaster response technology and mitigate to increase the efficiency and efficacy of first responders' aid in emergency response.

19. S M Krishna the Former Karnataka CM who has been awarded the 'Kempegowda International Award'.

Note: Other winners: N R Narayana Murthy (Infosys founder) and Prakash Padukone (former badminton player). The award presented on the 513th birth anniversary of Kempegowda, the architect of Bengaluru city, on June 27 at Vidhana Soudha. Award: Cash prize of Rs 5 lakh along with a plaque.

20. Odisha state 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.

Note: 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.

Sports News

- In **10m air rifle** category, Indian women's shooting team has claimed the gold medal for India at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku, Azerbaijan.
Note: Indian women's team includes: Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita. The Indian trio team defeated Denmark by 17-5 in finals.
- Para -Canoeist, Prachi Yadav** wins a bronze medal with a timing of 1:04.71 seconds at the 2022 ICF Paracanoe World Cup held in Poznan, Poland and become the first Indian to win a World Cup medal.
Note: Susan Seipel (Australia) and Brianna Hennessy (Canada) have bagged Gold and silver respectively.
- After defeating Japan, the Indian men's hockey team clinch the bronze medal at Asia Cup men's hockey 2022 at Jakarta, Indonesia.
Note: Indian hockey team captain, Birendra Lakra wins the player of the match award for his sturdy defensive work. South Korea wins Asia Cup men's hockey 2022 for the 5th time (1994, 1999, 2009, 2013 2022) and Malaysia placed at second. Top scorer of the tournament: Razie Rahim of Malaysia (scored 13 goals)
- Argentina** team has claimed their win against European champions Italy in the 2022 Finalissima Championship at Wembley.
Note: Lionel Messi has received the Man of the Match trophy for the second time in his career, he won his first trophy in Barcelona (2011). Messi has made 46 goal contributions in the 45 finals that he has played in his career.
- Para-athlete, Vinod Kumar** the Discus throw player, has been banned by the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC) for two years (Until 2023) for 'intentional misrepresentation'.
Note: He won the bronze medal in the discus throw event (F52 category) at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics.
- 4th** edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 begins in Panchkula, Haryana.
Note: The event was inaugurated by the union home minister Amit Shah. KIYG is the flagship event of the Indian government's Khelo India initiative. As many as 25 sports events will be organized at five venues namely Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi.
- In **62kg** category of wrestling, India's Sakshi Malik has won gold medal at the 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament in Kazakhstan.
Note: Divya Kakran (68Kg) and Mansi Ahlawat (57kg) have won gold medal. Last time, Sakshi Malik won a gold was at the 2017 Commonwealth Championship. While, Pooja Sihag and Neeraj have settled for bronze in the 76kg and 63 Kg category respectively.
- Rafael Nadal (Spain)** wins his 14th title of the Men's 2022 French Open championship at Roland Garros and 22nd Grand Slam title overall.
Note: He defeated Casper Ruud by 6-3, 6-3, 6-0. Iga Swiatek (Poland) has defeated Coco Gauff to win the Women's French Open 2022. Men's Doubles: Marcelo Arévalo (El Salvador) & Jean-Julien Rojer (Netherlands). Women's Doubles: Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic (France). Mixed Doubles: Ena Shibahara (Japan); Wesley Koolhof (Netherlands).
- In the **10m air rifle standing SH1** category, Indian shooter, Avani Lekhara has won the gold medal at the 2022 Para Shooting World Cup in France.
Note: She also created a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1. Emilia Babska from Poland has bagged the silver medal with a total of 247.6, while Anna Normann of Sweden has settled for bronze medal.
- The 4th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games 2021 is being organized at **five** locations.
Note: The event was inaugurated by the union home minister Amit Shah. KIYG is the flagship event of the Indian government's Khelo India initiative. KIYG 2021 will see participation from 37 States and Union Territories of India. As many as 25 sports events will be organized at five venues namely Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi.
- After defeating **Poland**, India has won the final of the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.
Note: India had topped the five-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route final, ending their campaign with an unbeaten record. Earlier, India has outplayed Malaysia by 7-3 before beating Poland 6-2 in the second match of the day.

- 12. Indian Women's cricketer Mithali Raj** has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket on Jun 8, 2022.
Note: She has represented India in matches (232) and scored 7,805 runs at an average of 50.68. She made her international debut in an ODI against Ireland, in June 1999. She became the first and is the only woman cricketer to have aggregated more than 10,000 international runs in over 350 matches across all three formats.
- 13. Thambi** is the name of the official mascot of the 44th Chess Olympiad, launched by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin.
Note: It is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'.
- 14. Saanapathi Gurunaidu** has clinched gold medal in men's 55-kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships 2022.
Note: Indian weightlifter Saanapathi Gurunaidu has clinched gold medal in men's 55-kilogram event at IWF Youth World Championships in Mexico with total lift of 230 kilogram.
- 15. Avani Lekhara** won the gold medal at the Chateauroux 2022 World Cup.
Note: The Tokyo Paralympian has won in the R8 event- women's 50m rifle 3 positions SH1 with a score of 458.3. She beat Veronika Vadovicova of Slovakia to win this title and gold for India.
- 16. R Praggnanandhaa** the Indian Grandmaster won the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament.
Note: The 16-year old GM, the top-seed, was in fine form and remained unbeaten through the nine rounds. He finished the tournament with a win over fellow Indian V Praneeth, an International Master.
- 17. Manpreet Kaur** is associated with **Shot Put** and sets a new National Record in the Inter-State Athletics Meet in Chennai.
Note: She held the previous record of 17.96m. Manpreet has previously threw the iron ball 18.86m at the Asian GP in 2017. Manpreet Kaur, who has recently returned after a 4-year doping ban.
- 18. Haryana** state emerged as the champion at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021.
Note: Haryana tops the medal tally with 52 gold, 39 silver, and 46 bronze medals. While Maharashtra finished 2nd with 45 gold, 40 silver, and 40 bronze. Karnataka finished 3rd with 22 gold, 17 silver and 28 bronze.
- 19. Swimmer Aneesh Gowda** won the highest number (six gold medals) of medals in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021.
Note: Maharashtra swimmer Apeksha Fernandes and gymnast Sanyukta Kale won five gold medals each in the games. Host state Haryana becomes the champion at the 4th Khelo India Youth Games 2021.
- 20. Max Verstappen** won the Azerbaijan Formula One Grand Prix 2022.
Note: He became the most successful driver in the Red Bull of all time. Red Bull's Sergio Perez came second and Mercedes' George Russell came at the third spot.
- 21. Star badminton player Viktor Axelsen** belongs to **Denmark** has won men's single title at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022.
Note: Axelsen (Denmark) defeated Taiwan's Chou Tien-chen in straight sets. While Chen Yufei (China) beats Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon. For Chen, triumph in Jakarta marks a first individual tournament victory since she won gold at the Tokyo 2020 Games.
- 22. Two Indian para-powerlifters (Men and Women individual) Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar** have won bronze medals in World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea.
Note: Manpreet Kaur (women's category) won bronze medal in the 41 kg category and had the best lift of 88 kg and the total lift of 173 kg. Parmjeet Kumar (men's category) also won the bronze medal in 49 kg category and lifted 160 and 163 kilograms in two rounds which were his lifetime best lifts.
- 23. PM Narendra Modi** has flagged off the first ever-torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad, which will be held in Mahabalipuram between 28 July and 10 August.
Note: The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has instituted the torch relay for the very first time. President of FIDE, Arkady Dvorkovich handed over the torch to PM Modi, who gave it to Viswanathan Anand.
- 24. Javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra** has clinched gold in javelin throw in the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland.
Note: He threw 86.69 metres. Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad has settled for silver with a throw of 86.64 metres. Anderson Peters has won the bronze with a throw of 84.75 metres. Sandeep Chaudhury from India got eighth position in the standings with a throw of 60.35 metres.
- 25. Mixed team of Manu Bhaker and Shiva Narwal** has won the 10m air pistol mixed team title at the

20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting competition.

Note: They beat the duo of Amanpreet Singh and Shweta Singh of ONGC by 16-8 to clinch the gold medal. Esha Singh (Telangana) had teamed up with Kaushik Gopu to win bronze in both the senior and junior mixed team competitions.

26. Neeraj Chopra will lead the 37-member Indian athletics contingent in Birmingham, 2022 Commonwealth Games in July-August.

Note: The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) has named a 37-member contingent for the 2022 Commonwealth Games, Birmingham.

27. Indian team of women's Wrestling has clinched five medals to claim the Under-17 Asian Championship, held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Note: India has lifted the title with a total of 235 points (eight golds, one silver and one bronze). With 143 points, Japan finished at second and Mongolia at third with 138 points.

28. Sunil Chhetri has become the joint fifth highest goalscorer in the history of international football.

Note: He has achieved this feat during their AFC Asian Cup Qualifier clash against Hong Kong, where he scored his 84th goal. Presently, he is equal to the legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player, Ferenc Puskas goals.

29. Red Bull's driver, Max Verstappen has clinched the 2022 Canadian Grand Prix title.

Note: Ferrari driver, Carlos Sainz and Seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) have finished at second and third respectively.

30. Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement. She is related to **cricket**.

Note: She has played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England at Brabourne (2018). She has been featured in four Tests, 78 ODIs, and 18 T20Is.

31. The Indian women team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur has clinched for a silver medal at the World Cup Stage 3 in Paris, related to **Archery**.

Note: India has lost to Chinese Taipei by 1-5 in the women's recurve team final. India has concluded their campaign with one gold and two silver medals.

32. Madhya Pradesh has created history after defeating the 41-time champions, Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Note: Madhya Pradesh has chased down 108 in the fourth innings for the fall of four wickets. Madhya Pradesh has now become the fourth first-time winner of the Ranji Trophy in the last five seasons - joining Gujarat, Vidarbha (two-time winners now) and Saurashtra.

33. Indian cyclist, Ronaldo Singh has scripted history by winning Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022.

Note: He also became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver medal (including the Elite category) at the Asian Track Championship. Ronaldo Singh Laitonjam hails from Manipur and started cycling at the age of 14.

34. Deepak Punia has won a bronze medal in the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Note: He defeated Maksat Satybaldy in the 86kg freestyle weight category. He has lost to eventual gold medallist, Azizbek Fayzullaev of Uzbekistan and Nurtilek Karypbaev of Kyrgyzstan.

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

Note: She won the women's discus throw with a 56.24m effort. Karina Vasilyeva (Kazakhstan) placed second with 44.61m and Uzbekistan's Yulianna Shchukina at third with 40.48m on the podium.

36. Los Angeles, Toronto and Mexico City have been named among the host cities for the 2026 FIFA World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

Note: USA: Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Dallas, Atlanta, Houston, Boston, Philadelphia, Miami and New York/New Jersey. Canada: Vancouver and Toronto. Mexico: Gadalajara, Mexico City and Monterrey

Books and Authors

1. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has released two E-Books on 8 Years of Administrative and Pension reforms of DoPPW & DARPG.

Note: Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (MoS), Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions released two e-books titled "E-book on 8

Years Achievements of DoPPW 2014-2022" and "E-Book on 8 Years Achievements of Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances(DARPG)".

2. **International Institute of Sports Management** has launched the book 'Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success'.

Note: It is authored by Vinit Karnik and has been published under the banner of Popular Prakashan.

3. **Ram Bahadur Rai** is the writer of the book titled, 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'.

Note: This book of Shri Rai will be in the tradition of New India's effort to remember the forgotten thoughts to ensure that in the India of the future, consciousness of the past remains strong. The book with the history of independence and the untold chapters of our constitution will give a new thinking to the youth of the country.

4. **RN Bhaskar** is the writer of the biography of Adani Group chairman and founder, Gautam Adani, "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India".

Note: The book will be published by the Penguin Random House (PRHI). The book has claimed to bring to light the unknown aspects of one of the richest men in the world.

5. **Rahul Ramagundam** is the writer of the biography of India's former Union Defence Minister, late George Fernandes, 'The Life and Times of George Fernandes'.

Note: It will be published by Penguin Random House India. He was born on June 3, 1930 in Mangalore. He emerged as a key figure in the fight to restore democracy after the Emergency was imposed in 1975.

6. Who has released a book titled Ashtang Yoga authored by Dr Sonu Phogat on 8th International Yoga Day ____ **Haryana CM, Manohar Lal.**

Note: During the launch he announced that various programmes are being organised in Haryana on IYD. CM also appreciated the efforts of writer Dr Sonu Phogat, as it is a matter of pride that the book on Yoga was released on International Yoga Day.

Science and Defence

1. The Defence Ministry has signed a contract of **2,971 crores** with Bharat Dynamics Ltd under the 'buy Indian' category.

Note: The contract was signed for the 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. The Defence Acquisition Council headed by Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh had approved the purchase of 248 Astra-MK1 missiles (200 for the IAF and 48 for the Navy) in July 2020.

2. **INS Akshay and INS Nishank** two ships have been decommissioned by the Indian Navy after 32 years of service.

Note: 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.

3. **Chandigarh** 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.

Note: The 'IAF Heritage Centre' will be set up jointly by the force and the Chandigarh administration. An MoU between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the IAF for setting up of the center was signed.

4. **10th** edition of Ex SAMPRITI has been begun on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh.

Note: A joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh. Aim: At strengthening the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between both armies. Indian contingent represented: Dogra regiment.

5. India has successfully test-fired a nuclear-capable Agni-IV ballistic missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha, **4,000 km** is the strike target of Agni-IV.

Note: 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.

6. **Ex Khaan Quest 2022** a multinational peacekeeping exercise has started in Mongolia.

Note: 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.

- 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**.

Note: This will give boost to the Indian Defence Industry and reduce foreign spending significantly. The DAC meeting was headed by Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh.

- In the year **1989** INS Nishank was commissioned, and which has been decommissioned by the Indian Navy on June 4, 2022.

Note: 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.

- By the year **2029**, NASA set to launch “DAVINCI Mission” to explore the harsh atmosphere of Venus.

Note: The mission will fly by Venus and explore its harsh atmosphere in 2029. It will be the first mission to study Venus by means of both flybys and descent. Spacecraft is likely to explore layered Venusian atmosphere. It will reach Venusian surface by June 2031. The mission would capture data about Venus, that scientists are trying to measure since early 1980s.

- India will launch first manned Human Ocean Mission in **2023**.

Note: Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology; Minister of State (Independent Charge) Earth Sciences India Jitendra Singh said that India will achieve the unique distinction of simultaneously launching the first Human Space Mission “Gaganyaan” as well as the first manned Human Ocean Mission in 2023.

- China** has launched its third aircraft carrier named 'Fujian'.

Note: It is the most advanced as well as the first fully domestically-built naval vessel in China. Its launching ceremony was held at Shanghai's Jiangnan Shipyard.

- Indian Short-Range Ballistic Missile **Prithvi-II** has been test fired successfully from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha.

Note: 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.

- 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”.

Note: 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.

- Communication satellite **GSAT-24** has been successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) from Kourou in French Guiana.

Note: 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.

- South Korea** country has successfully launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket.

Note: 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,.

- Iran** country has launched a solid-fueled rocket, a 25.5 meter-long rocket into space.

Note: 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.

- 38th** edition of the Coordinated Patrol with Indonesian Navy (IND-INDO CORPAT) has been conducted by India.

Note: 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.

- Bharat Electronics Limited** aerospace company has signed an MoU with Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India (a subsidiary of DI Belarus).

Note: To supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF). It would be supported by DI with transfer of technology (manufacturing and maintenance) for supply of advanced electronic warfare suite for helicopters under 'Make in India' category.

19. Shipborne weapon system, **Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM)** is developed by the DRDO, was successfully test fired from Chandipur in Odisha.

Note: 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.

20. Indian Air Force has participated in Tactical Leadership Programme with **Egyptian Air Force** air force in Cairo west Airbase.

Note: Indian Air Force: Three Su-30MKI aircraft, two C-17 aircraft and 57 IAF personnel including C-17 contingent. Aim: Enhancing defence cooperation between the two countries and exchange of best practices.

21. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test-fired indigenously-developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) from **Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun Tank**.

Note: The ATGM has been developed with multi-platform launch capability. It is currently

undergoing technical evaluation trials from 120 mm rifled gun of MBT Arjun. The successful development of the laser guided ATGM will enhance the fire power of the MBT Arjun.

22. The indigenously developed, high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT) **ABHYAS** has been tested successfully from the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha.

Note: It can be used as an aerial target for evaluating various missile systems. It is developed and designed by Aeronautical Development Establishment, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

23. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched **PSLV-C53** with three Singapore satellites on 30th June, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota.

Note: PSLV-C53, is the second dedicated commercial mission of the NewSpace India Limited, Department of Space. Primary payloads: 365 kg earth observation satellite called DS-EO, a 155 kg NeuSAR satellite and the 2.8 kg Scoob-1 nano-satellite of the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

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