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TOP STORY

1. US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's Taiwan visit

- When **House Speaker Nancy Pelosi** flew into **Taiwan** on an Air Force passenger jet on **2nd August**, she became the **highest-ranking American official in 25 years to visit the self-ruled island**.
- **Soon after the visit, China announced military maneuvers in retaliation**, even as **Taiwanese officials welcomed her and she headed to her hotel**.
- The reason her visit ratcheted up tension between **China and the United States: China claims Taiwan as part of its territory**, and it views visits by foreign government officials as them recognising the **island's sovereignty**.
- **Nancy Patricia Pelosi** is an **American politician** serving as **speaker of the United States House of Representatives since 2019**, and previously from 2007 to 2011. She has served as a **U.S. representative from California since 1987**. A member of the **Democratic Party**, Pelosi is the **first woman to have served as speaker of the U.S. House**.



Imagecourtesy:News18

Why did Pelosi go to Taiwan?

POLITICS

Nancy Pelosi arrives in Taiwan

US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi has made a stop in Taiwan as part of her tour of Asia. China, which claims the self-governed island as its own territory, has warned the US against meddling in Beijing's affairs.



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- **Pelosi** has made a mission **over decades of showing support for embattled democracy movements**.
- Those include a trip in **1991 to Tiananmen Square**, where she and other lawmakers unrolled a small banner supporting democracy, as frowning Chinese security officers tried to shut them down.
- Chinese forces had **crushed a homegrown democracy movement** at the same spot two years earlier.
- She cited the commitment that the **US made to a democratic Taiwan** under a **1979 law**. It is essential that **America and our allies make clear that we never give in to autocrats**," she wrote.

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What is the US stand on Taiwan?

- The Biden administration, and Pelosi, said that **United States remains committed to its "one-China policy."**
- **Taiwan and mainland China split during a civil war in 1949.** But **China claims the island as its own territory** and has not ruled out using military force to take it.
- **China has been increasing both diplomatic and military pressure** in recent years.
- **It cut off all contact with Taiwan's government in 2016 after President Tsai Ing-wen refused to endorse its claim** that the island and mainland together make up a single Chinese nation, with Communist Beijing the sole legitimate government.
- Beijing sees official American contact with Taiwan as **encouragement to make the island's decades-old de facto independence permanent**, a step US leaders say they don't support.



Imagecourtesy:Reuters

Why are US-China Loggerheads over Taiwan?



Imagecourtesy:Financialtimes

- **Taiwan, officially the Republic of China**, is a country in **East Asia**, and is the largest land mass between **Japan and the Philippines** at the junction of the **East and South China Sea** in the north-western **Pacific Ocean**.
- Much of the **world's global supply chain of semiconductors** is reliant on **Taiwan**.
- Further, its contract manufacturers together accounted for **more than 60% of total global semiconductor revenue in 2021**.
- Currently, **only 13 countries** (also Vatican) recognise **Taiwan as a sovereign country**.

How Chinese military responded the tension-raising trip?

- Soon after Pelosi's arrival, China announced a series of military operations and drills, which followed its promises of "resolute and strong measures" if Pelosi went through with her visit.
- China's People's Liberation Army said the maneuvers would take place in the waters and skies near Taiwan and include the firing of long-range ammunition in the Taiwan Strait.
- China had sent 21 planes flying toward Taiwan, 18 of them fighter jets. The rest included an early warning plane and an electronic warfare plane.



Imagecourtesy:Newyorkpost

How has the United States responded?

- Ahead of Pelosi's visit, the **American military increased its movements** in the **Indo-Pacific region**.
- The aircraft carrier **USS Ronald Reagan** and its strike group were in the Philippine Sea.
- The **Reagan, the cruiser USS Antietam** and the destroyer **USS Higgins** left Singapore after a port visit and moved north toward their home port in **Japan**.

- The carrier was loaded with an array of aircraft, including **F/A-18 fighter jets and helicopters**, as well as sophisticated radar systems and other weapons.

What is India's stand on Taiwan?

- **Since 1949**, India has accepted the **One China policy** that accepts **Taiwan and Tibet as part of China**.
- However, **India uses the policy to make a diplomatic point**, i.e., *if India believes in*

“One China” policy, China should also believe in a “One India” policy.

- Even though India has **stopped mentioning its adherence to One China policy** in joint statements and official documents **since 2010**, its engagement with Taiwan is still restricted due to the framework of ties with China.
- **India and Taiwan do not have formal diplomatic relations but since 1995**, both sides have maintained **representative offices in each other’s capitals** that function as de facto embassies.

What is the One China Principle and One China Policy?

- It is important to distinguish between the **One China Principle and the One China Policy** to

understand the **cross-Taiwan Strait problems.**

- The **People's Republic of China follows the One China Principle**, a core belief that sees **Taiwan as an inalienable part of China, with its sole legitimate government in Beijing.**
- The US acknowledges this position but not necessarily its validity.
- The **US instead follows the One China Policy**, meaning that **The People's Republic of China was and is the only China, with no recognition for the Republic of China (ROC, Taiwan) as a separate sovereign entity.**
- At the same time, the **US refuses to give in to the PRC’s demands to recognise Chinese sovereignty over Taiwan.**

Source: HT, BusinessLine

2. Jagdeep Dhankhar: 14th Vice President of India



- **Former West Bengal governor Jagdeep Dhankhar** was on 11th August 2022 sworn in as the **14th Vice President of India.**
- **President Droupadi Murmu** administered the oath to Dhankhar in a brief ceremony at the **Rashtrapati Bhavan.**
- **Dhankhar, who was the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) nominee** for the vice-presidential post, **defeated opposition’s candidate Margaret Alva** by a margin of 346 votes. As per data provided by the Lok Sabha Secretariat, out of 780 votes, 725 were cast. Dhankhar polled 528 votes while Alva got 182. There were 50 absentees and 15 votes were found invalid.

About Jagdeep Dhankhar

- Born into a farmer’s family in **Rajasthan’s Jhunjhunu district in 1951**, Dhankhar studied at a local government school before going to **Sainik school in Chittorgarh.** He is married to Sudesh Dhankhar.
- **Dhankhar is an avid reader, a sports aficionado** — he has been **president of the Rajasthan Olympic Association and Rajasthan Tennis Association** — and loves travelling with his family.
- Since his appointment as **Bengal governor**, Dhankhar had been virtually a one-man opposition, having taken on the **TMC government** regularly over various issues. The acrimony between the **Governor and the state government was such that CM Banerjee had even blocked Dhankhar on social media.**



How the Vice President is elected in India?

- There is **no direct election** for the **Vice-President of India** however, he/she is indirectly elected by an **Electoral College.** The election process is quite similar to that of

the President of India but the electoral college that elects President is different from the electoral college responsible for the election of Vice-President of India.



- The difference between the electoral college that elects President and the one electing Vice-President of India is given below:
 - **In electoral college for Vice President, both elected and nominated members of both the Houses of Parliament take part. In presidential elections, nominated members are not a part of the electoral college.**
 - **For Vice President's elections, states have no role to play unlike in President's elections where state legislative assemblies' elected members are a part of the electoral college.**

Note: The principle of election used in Vice President's elections is '**Proportional Representation**' by means of a single transferable vote. (It is similar to that of President's.)

Who can be a Vice President of India?

- An **Indian citizen** can qualify for the post of **Vice President if he is 35 years old or more.** Another qualification for a candidate to run for vice-presidential elections is to be **qualified to be elected as Rajya Sabha member.**
- An **office of profit cannot be held by the Vice President of India.** The qualifications of this post are on the same lines of **Presidential qualifications.**

Who participates in Vice President election?

- An electoral college comprising below-given categories of people elect the Vice President. The mode of election hence is termed as '**indirect election**'. The principle of election used is **Proportional Representation by means of Single Transferrable Vote.**
 - **Elected members of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.**
 - **Nominated members of both Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.**

What is the term of office of Vice President?

- From the date, he enters his office, **Vice President holds the position for five years.**

However, he can resign before five years by handing over his resignation to the President. The other ways where a vacancy is created in the office of Vice President are given below:

- **When he completes his term of five years**
- **When he resigns**
- **When he is removed**
- **On his death**
- **When his election is declared void**

Is Vice President also impeached as President of India?

- No, unlike President of India who can be impeached formally; there is **no formal impeachment for Vice President.** Rajya Sabha simply can pass a **resolution with a majority and Lok Sabha** can pass it. Also, unlike President of India who can be impeached on the ground of '**Violation of Constitution,**' there is no ground mentioned in the constitution for the removal of **Vice President of India.**

Powers and Functions of Vice President

The functions of Vice-President are two-fold:

1. He acts as the **ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha.** In this capacity, his powers and functions are similar to those of the **Speaker of Lok Sabha.**
2. **He acts as President when a vacancy occurs in the office of the President due to his resignation, removal, death or otherwise.** He can act as President only for a **maximum period of six months**, within which a new President has to be elected.

The election of a person as Vice-President **cannot be challenged on the ground that the electoral college was incomplete.**

If the election of a person as Vice-President is declared void by the Supreme Court, acts done by him before the date of such declaration of the Supreme Court are not invalidated.



Vice Presidents [Article 63 – Article 71]

Vice Presidents of India [Article 63 to Article 71]	
Article 63	There shall be a Vice President of India
Article 64	The Vice-President shall be ex-officio Chairman of the Council of States and shall not hold any other office of profit
Article 65	The Vice-President to act as President or to discharge his functions during casual vacancies in the office, or during the absence, of President
Article 66	The Vice-President shall be elected by the members of an electoral college consisting of the members of both Houses of Parliament. The Vice-President shall not be a member of either House of Parliament or of a House of the Legislature of any State.
Article 67	The Vice-President shall hold office for a term of five years from the date of his appointment.
Article 68	An election to fill a vacancy created because of the completion of the term of office of Vice-President shall be completed before the expiry of the term. The election to fill a vacancy created because of the death, resignation or removal of Vice-President shall be held as soon as possible.
Article 69	Every Vice-President shall make an Oath or Affirmation on entering upon his office before the President, or some person appointed in that behalf by him
Article 70	Discharge of President's functions in other contingencies
Article 71	Matters relating to, or connected with, the election of a president or vice-president

3. 67th edition of the Filmfare Awards

The **67th edition of the Filmfare Awards** has been announced. The award function took place at **Jio World Centre, Mumbai**. The ceremony concluded with conferring Best Actor award to Ranveer Singh for '83' movie.

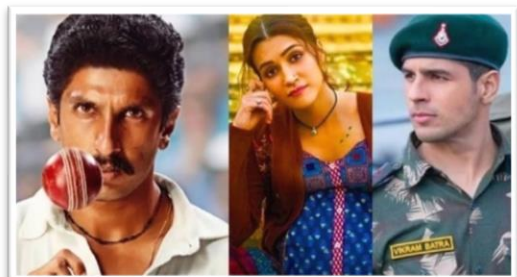
Shoojit Sircar's 'Sardar Udham' recorded the most wins with nine awards, followed by 'Shershaah', winning seven, emerging as big winners of Filmfare Awards 2022.

About Filmfare Awards

- **Filmfare Award ceremony** is one of the most prestigious film events in India.
- It was introduced in **1954** with '**Gregory Peck**' as the guest of Honour
- Its original name was '**The Clares**', named after *The Times of India* critic Clare Mendonca.
- First award function of Filmfare took place on 21 March in Metro Theatre, Mumbai with only 5 categories: **Best Film, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress and Best Music Director**.
- **Winners of the 1st Filmfare award (1954)**
 - **Best Film:** Do Bigha Zameen
 - **Best Director:** Bimal Roy for 'Do Bigha Zameen'
 - **Best Actor (Male):** Dilip Kumar for 'Daag'
 - **Best Actor (Female):** Meena Kumari for 'Bajju Bawra'
 - **Best Music Director:** Naushad Ali for Bajju Bawra

- The award was since then distributed every year. However, it was not awarded in 1986 and 1987 due to security reasons.
- Filmfare started honouring excellence in South industries after few years of its emergence.
- Currently, apart from the main ceremony, Filmfare is also honoured in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam industries and also in Bengali, Marathi and Punjabi film industries as well.

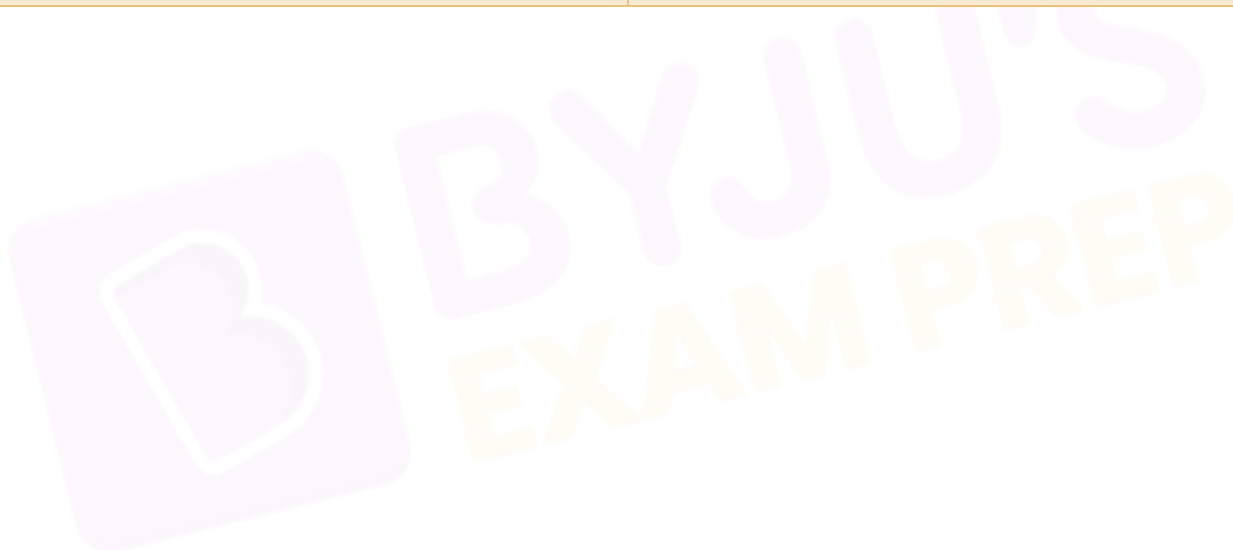
List of Filmfare Awards Winners 2022



Category	Winners
Best Film	Shershaah
Best Director	Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)
Best Film (Critics)	Sardar Udham (Shoojit Sircar)
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Ranveer Singh (83)
Critics Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
Critics Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Vidya Balan (Sherni)
Best Actor in a Supporting Role (Male)	Pankaj Tripathi (Mimi)
Best Actor in a Supporting Actor Role (Female)	Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)
Best Music Album	Tanishk Bagchi, B Praak, Jaani, Jasleen Royal, Javed-Mohsin, and Vikram Montrose (Shershaah)
Best Lyrics	Kausar Munir (Lehra Do, '83)
Best Story	Abhishek Kapoor, Supratik Sen, and Tushar Paranjape (Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui)
Best Screenplay	Shubendu Bhattacharya and Ritesh Shah (Sardar Udham)
Best Dialogue	Dibakar Banerjee and Varun Grover (Sandeep Aur Pinky Faraar)
Best Playback Singer (Male)	B Praak (Mann Bharryaa, Shershaah)
Best Playback Singer (Female)	Asees Kaur (Raataan Lambiyan, Shershaah)
Best Debut Director	Seema Pahwa (Ramprasad ki Tehrvi)
Best Debut Male	Ehan Bhat (99 Songs)
Best Debut Female	Sharvari Wagh (Bunty Aur Babli 2)
Special Awards	



Lifetime Achievement Award	Subhash Ghai
Technical Awards	
Best Action	Stefan Richter and Suniel Rodrigues (Shershaah)
Best Background Score	Shantanu Moitra (Sardar Udham)
Best Cinematography	Avik Mukhopadhyay (Sardar Udham)
Best Choreography	Vijay Ganguly (Chaka Chak, Atrangi Re)
Best Costume Design	Veera Kapur EE (Sardar Udham)
Best Editing	A Sreekar Prasad (Shershaah)
Best Production Design	Mansi Dhruv Mehta and Dmitrii Malich (Sardar Udham)
Best Sound Design	Dipankar Chaki and Nihar Ranjan Samal (Sardar Udham)
Best VFX	Superb/bojp Main Road Post Ny Vfxwaala Edit Fx Studios (Sardar Udham)



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NATIONAL NEWS

1. Nation celebrates 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022

- This year India is celebrating 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022 to mark the country's freedom from nearly two centuries of British colonial rule.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the celebrations from Red Fort in New Delhi and is addressing the nation from Red Fort in New Delhi.
- This is his ninth address as the prime minister. To celebrate the 75 years of Independence the Government of India has started an initiative called "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".



10 key highlights of PM Modi's Independence Day speech

1. Aspirational society

PM Modi noted that India is an aspirational society and that is its biggest asset. "Every citizen wants to change things but is not ready to wait. They want speed & progress," he said. Aspiration is a sign that there is an air of possibility in the country.

2. Focus on 'Panchpran'

PM Modi laid out five pledges that every citizen of the country – including its chief ministers and other officials must take to move ahead with bigger purpose. First, to aspire big and develop India. Second, erase all traces of servitude. Third, take pride in India's legacy. Fourth, forge unity because it is our strength. Fifth, fulfill one's duties, from the common man to those in positions of power.

3. Appeal to Youth

The youth of today will be the decision makers of tomorrow. When India celebrates its glorious 100 years of independence, the path toward it will be built by young adults who are stepping into the threshold of their careers today. With this in mind, PM Modi appealed to the youth to give 25 years of their life to create a fully independent India by the year 2047.

4. Stress on 'Viksit Bharat'

"We must resolve to work towards a 'viksit bharat' (industrial India) and remove any vestiges of colonialism from any corner or in our hearts," PM Modi said from the ramparts of the Red Fort. He implored Indians to erase 'ghulami' (slavery) in all senses.

5. On Self-dependency

The thrust of PM Modi's speech was on self-dependency or 'aatmanirbharta'. "We must push ahead with aatmanirbhar Bharat which is a social agenda rather than just a scheme of the government," he said in his speech.

6. Digital India

The Prime Minister said that India is harnessing the power of digital and startups, lauding in particular the efforts made by tier 2 and 3 cities for becoming the tailwind in these developments.

7. COVID vaccination

PM Modi hailed India's "common consciousness" that brought them together especially at the time of the pandemic and helped immunize crores of citizens. "When there was confusion in the world on the efficacy of vaccines, my country's people stepped forward and we accomplished the feat of administering 200 crore vaccine doses."

8. Pledge to respect women

PM Modi often touches upon 'narishakti' or women empowerment in his speeches. This year he went further and implored Indians to stop using cuss words that denigrate women, a practice common across cultures and languages and a vestige of casual sexism.

9. Strength in diversity

PM Modi stated that India's strength is in its diversity. "India is the mother of democracy that can cause trouble for even the biggest of sultanates," he said.



10. End corruption and dynastic politics

PM Modi concluded his speech by reminding the people that corruption and dynasty politics are the two big hurdles in India's path toward progress. "Today the nation shows anger towards corruption,

but not the corrupt. Until and unless people adopt the approach to penalise the corrupt the nation cannot progress at an optimum pace," he said.

Source: Timesnownew

2. GoI released commemorative postage stamp to honour Tricolour designer P Venkayya



The **Government of India** released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the **146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya**, the designer of **India's national flag**.

The stamp was released by the **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** during an event "**Tiranga Utsav**" organized by the **Ministry of Culture at Indira Gandhi Stadium, in New Delhi**.

- **Pingali Venkayya** was born near **Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh)** where August 2, 1876. Pingali had designed many models of the national flag.
- In 1921, **Mahatma Gandhi** approved a design during the Indian National Congress meeting in Vijayawada. The national flag that we see today was based on his design.
- **Venkayya was a fervent freedom fighter** and the designer of the Indian national flag who went on to become synonymous with the spirit of free and independent India.
- He was a farmer, a geologist, a lecturer at the Andhra National College in Machilipatnam, and fluent in Japanese. He became instantly famous as "**Japan Venkayya**".
- In 1916, he published a booklet titled "**A National Flag for India**". It not only surveyed the flags of other nations but also offered **30-odd designs** of what could develop into the Indian flag.

3. Government Withdraws Data Protection Bill, 2021

- The **Government of India** has withdrawn the **Personal Data Protection Bill** from Parliament as it considers a "**comprehensive legal framework**" to regulate the online space to boost innovation in the country through a new bill.
- The **Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019** was introduced in Lok Sabha by the **Minister of Electronics and Information Technology**, on December 11, 2019.
- Commonly referred to as the "**Privacy Bill**", it intended to protect individual rights by regulating the collection, movement, and processing of data that is personal, or which can identify the individual.



Reason of withdrawal:

Too Many Amendments:

- The **Joint Committee of Parliament** analyzed the **Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019** in detail.
- **81 amendments** were proposed, and **12 recommendations** were made towards a comprehensive legal framework on the digital ecosystem.

- **Considering the report of the JCP, a comprehensive legal framework is being worked upon.**
- **Hence, it is proposed to withdraw.**

What Is Data Protection Bill?

- It set the rules for how personal data should be processed and stored, and lists people's rights with respect to their personal information. The **Bill** sought to establish a **Data Protection Authority** in the country for



the protection of digital privacy of individuals.

- The Bill was first drafted by an expert committee headed by Justice B.N. Srikrishna in 2018. The central government introduced a draft of the Bill in 2019 in the

Lok Sabha, which was referred to the Joint Parliamentary Committee in December 2021 and was later tabled in Parliament after six extensions.

Source: ET

4. Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021 approved by Lok Sabha



- Lok Sabha passed by voice vote the **Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill, 2021** that seeks to provide for implementation of the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**.
- It was introduced in **Lok Sabha by the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** on 17th December 2021.

- It seeks to amend the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
- The Bill seeks to **increase the species protected under the law and implement the CITES**.

Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill 2021

- The Bill provides for the central government to designate a:
- **Management Authority**, which grants export or import permits for trade of specimens.
- **Development** and the **environment** are accorded equal weight by the government. The number of protected areas in the nation has risen from **693 to 987** over the past eight years, including **52 tiger reserves**.

- The Bill **prohibits any person from modifying or removing the identification mark of the specimen**.
- It empowers the central government to **regulate or prohibit the import, trade, possession or proliferation of invasive alien species**.
- *Invasive alien species refers to plant or animal species which are not native to India.*

Source: HT

5. Supreme Court Remarks on Freebie Culture

- A **Supreme Court bench** headed by former **Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana** agreed to constitute a bench to take a relook at its **2013 judgment** which had held that the **promise of benefits made by political parties in election manifestos — or freebies — cannot be said to be a corrupt practice**.
- The bench referred the matter to a **three-judge bench headed by Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**.
- Terming the promise of freebies to be a **“serious” issue**, the apex court also questioned why the Centre couldn't call for an all-party meeting to debate the matter.
- The SC's comments came while examining a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay** earlier this year, raising questions on the constitutionality of **'freebies'** promised by political parties during election campaigns.
- The petition has emerged as a major point of controversy between political parties, with the Centre claiming that **schemes such as 'free electricity' affect the economy**.
- Distribution of freebies from the public fund influences voters, disturbs the level playing field, impacts **“free and fair elections”** and vitiates purity of the process



- He has further claimed that such promises violate various constitutional provisions, including **Article 14, 266 (3), and 282 of the Constitution**; and that these freebies are akin to bribery and undue influence, which is prohibited under the **Indian Penal Code (IPC)**.

What are Freebies?

- **Political parties** promise to offer **free electricity/water supply, monthly allowance to unemployed, daily wage workers, and women** as well as **gadgets like laptops, smartphones**, etc. in order to secure the vote of the people.

- The states have become habituated to giving freebies, be it in the form of **loan waivers or free electricity, cycles, laptops, TV sets, and so on**.

Source: IndianExpress

5. 3rd Anniversary of The Abrogation of Article 370



- **5th August 2022** was the third anniversary of **abrogation of Article 370**. It is on this day in **August 2019**, when provisions of **Article 370**, which gave **special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir**, was abrogated by the **Union Government**. The State was further divided into **two Union Territories - Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh**.

- Earlier, Jammu and Kashmir was the only state in the country with a **separate constitution** as per the provisions mentioned in **Article 370**, a 'temporary provision' that **grants special autonomous status to the State**.

- After the revocation of **Article 370**, all Central laws and various welfare schemes are applicable there and the decision has also paved the way for **attracting investment in the region which in turn has brought in development**.

Article 370 – Introduction

- The key feature of **Article 370** was that the **Central laws passed by the Parliament did not automatically apply to the erstwhile State of J&K**, and it was the right of the State Legislature to approve them by passing a parallel act.
- **Article 370** is a constitutional provision that gave **Jammu and Kashmir its special status**.
- The provision was incorporated in **Part XXI of the Constitution: Temporary, Transitional and Special Provisions**.
- As evident from the title of the Part, it was supposed to be a temporary provision and its applicability was projected to last till the formulation and adoption of the State's constitution.
- It restricted the **Parliament's legislative powers with respect to the state of J&K**.
- **Pandit Nehru**, on the floor of Lok Sabha on **27th November 1963**, said that **Article 370 has been eroded and the process of gradual**

erosion is going on. A year later, the then **Home Minister Gulzari Lal Nanda**, again on the floor of Lok Sabha on 4 December 1964, said, **Article 370 is a tunnel to take the Constitution of India to Jammu and Kashmir**. He further said that in the end, **only the shell will remain there, and it will be bereft of its contents, and it will hardly make any difference whether it is kept or not**.

Facts about Article 370

Article 370 – Temporary provisions with respect to the **State of Jammu and Kashmir**

(1) Notwithstanding anything in this Constitution,

- (a) The provisions of Article 238 shall not apply in relation to the State of Jammu and Kashmir.
- (b) The power of Parliament to make laws for the said State shall be limited to

Those matters in the Union List and the Concurrent List which, in consultation with the Government of the State, are declared by the President to correspond to matters specified in the Instrument of Accession governing the accession of the State to the Dominion



of India as the matters with respect to which the Dominion Legislature may make laws for that State; and

Such other matters in the said Lists as, with the concurrence of the Government of the State, the President may by order specify Explanation For the purposes of this article, the Government of the State means the person for the time being recognized by the President as the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir

acting on the advice of the Council of Ministers for the time being in office under the Maharajas Proclamation dated the fifth day of March 1948;

(c) The provisions of Article 1 and of this article shall apply in relation to that State;

(d) such of the other provisions of this Constitution shall apply in relation to that State subject to such exceptions and modifications as the President may by order specify

6. 80 Years of Quit India Movement:

- During **World War II**, on **August 8, 1942**, **Mahatma Gandhi** launched the **Quit India Movement (Bharat Chhodo Andolan)**, often referred to as the **August Movement (August Kranti)**, at the Bombay session of the **All India Congress Committee**
- In line with the **Congress ideology**, it was supposed to be a **peaceful non-violent movement** aimed at urging the **British to grant India independence**.
- **The resolution stated the provisions of the movement as:**
 - **An immediate end to British rule over India.**
 - **Declaration of the commitment of free India to defend itself against all kinds of imperialism and fascism.**
 - **Formation of a provisional government of India after British withdrawal.**
 - **Sanctioning a civil disobedience movement against British rule.**



Causes:

- **Failure of Cripps Mission:** The immediate cause for the movement was the **collapse of Cripps Mission**.
- **About:** **Under Stafford Cripps**, the mission was sent to **resolve the Indian question of a new constitution and self-government**.
- **Reasons Behind Cripps Mission:** **Japanese aggression in South-East Asia**, keenness of British Government to secure the full

participation of India in the war, mounting pressure from **China and the United States**, as well as from the **Labour Party in Britain**, led British Prime **Minister Winston Churchill to send the Cripps Mission to India in March 1942**.

- **Reasons for Collapse:** It failed because it offered **India not complete freedom but the Dominion Status to India, along with the partition**.

Source: PIB

7. World's Highest Chenab Railway Bridge Inaugurated

- **Coinciding with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**, the 'golden joint' connecting two ends of the overarch deck of the world's highest railway bridge over the Chenab river was inaugurated in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district.
- **Roughly, the 1.3-km bridge**, which is being constructed at a cost of **Rs 1,250 crore**, is **98 per cent complete** with the completion of the 'golden joint'
- The bridge is located **359 m above the Chenab riverbed** and is **30 m higher than the Eiffel Tower in Paris**





- The bridge forms a crucial link in the 111-km stretch from Katra to Banihal, which is part of the Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla section of the Kashmir Railway project.
- The bridge will be able to withstand winds with speeds up to 260 kmph and will have a lifespan of 120 years.
- Afcons is building 16 additional railway bridges for Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) in the dangerous terrain of Jammu and Kashmir in addition to the Chenab Bridge. All the bridges are part of the Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.

Source: HT

8. PM Modi announced 'Panch Pran' goal for the next 25 years

- Addressing the nation for the **9th time from the historic ramparts of Red Fort** on the occasion of **75th Independence Day**, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** called for moving India forward with five pledges to achieve the dreams by **2047**.
- According to the PM Modi, when the nation celebrates **100 years of independence in 2047**, these **five resolutions (Panch Pran)** will be important for a developed country.
- The prime minister's vision of **"Vishwaguru India"** is also one of these five resolutions (**Panch Pran**). On reaching 100 years of independence, PM Modi wants to transform India into the **"Vishwaguru."** The Panch Pran's are:
 - 1) To move forward with bigger resolutions and resolve of developed India;
 - 2) To erase all traces of servitude;
 - 3) Be proud of our legacy
 - 4) The strength of unity
 - 5) The duties of citizens that also includes the PM and CMs



9. India's First Portal on Arrested Narco Offenders 'NIDAAN'



- A first-of-its kind database of **arrested narcotics offenders** has been made operational for use by various **central and state prosecution agencies** tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country
- The portal--**NIDAAN** or the **National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders**--has been developed by the **Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**.
- The NIDAAN platform sources its data from **the ICJS (inter-operable criminal justice system)** and **the e-Prisons (a cloud-based application repository)** and it is planned to integrate it in the

future with the crime and criminal tracking network system or CCTNS.

- **NIDAAN** is a **one-stop solution for all narcotics offenders'** related data and will help investigative agencies as an effective tool to connect the dots while probing narcotics cases.



10. 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 to be held at Indore

- According to External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on the 9th of January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India.
- It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915.
- The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held during 21–23 January 2019 at Varanasi, India. The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth, was the guest of honour.



About Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas:

- The first time it was observed in 2003, however, and it was made a biennial event from 2015.
- It commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa. He returned on 9th January 1915 to India.
- The celebration starts on the 7th of January and goes till 9th January, sometimes on other dates too.
- To represent and concerning Indian diaspora, a forum is organised and at the same, Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards are also given.

11. 75 Ramsar Sites in 75th Year of Independence



- India adds 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites to make total 75 Ramsar sites covering an area of 13,26,677 ha in the country in the 75th year of Independence.
- The 11 new sites include: Four (4) sites in Tamil Nadu, Three (3) in Odisha, Two (2) in Jammu & Kashmir and One (1) each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Designation of these sites would help in conservation and management of wetlands and wise use of their resources.

- India is one of the Contracting Parties to Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. India signed it on 1st Feb 1982.
- Tamil Nadu has maximum no. of Ramsar sites (14 nos), followed by UP which has 10 nos. of Ramsar sites.
- The new Indian wetlands of international importance are Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary and Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu; Tampara Lake, Hirakud Reservoir and Ansupa Lake in Odisha; Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve and Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir; Thane Creek in Maharashtra and Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh.

12. Jitendra Singh unveiled first completely indigenously built hydrogen fuel cell bus

- Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched "India's first indigenously developed hydrogen fuel cell bus". The bus, developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and private firm KPIT Limited, was showcased in Pune.
- The Union Minister of State for Science and Technology later said Prime Minister Modi's Hydrogen Vision is important for India to ensure Atma Nirbhar means of affordable and accessible clean energy, meeting climate change goals, and creating new entrepreneurs and jobs.



About the National Hydrogen Energy Mission:

- Focus on generation of hydrogen from green power resources.
- To link India's growing renewable capacity with the hydrogen economy.
- India's ambitious goal of 175 GW by 2022 got an impetus in the 2021-22 budget which

allocated Rs. 1500 crore for renewable energy development and NHM.

- The usage of hydrogen will not only help India in achieving its emission goals under the Paris Agreement but will also reduce import dependency on fossil fuels.

13. Haridwar declared best aspirational district in India: NITI Aayog



The NITI Aayog has declared holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district on five parameters, thereby providing an additional allocation of three crore rupees.

The Haridwar district has been allocated to union commerce and industries minister Piyush Goyal who has been taking active interest in making it the No. 1 aspirational district in the country.

The Aspirational District Programme launched by NITI Aayog evaluates the performance of districts on the basis of five key parameters. These parameters measure the socio-economic development of the block.

1. Health & Nutrition (30%)
2. Education (30%)
3. Agriculture & Water Resources (20%)
4. Financial Inclusion & Skill Development (10%)
5. Infrastructure (10%)

Source: PIB



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. Japan, US, and South Korea participate in missile defence drill

- From **August 8-14, 2022**, the **United States Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, and Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy** participated in a **missile warning and ballistic missile search and tracking exercise** during the multinational **Pacific Dragon exercise** off the coast of the **Pacific Missile Range Facility (PMRF)** in **Hawaii**.
- The **U.S., Japanese, and ROK participants** shared tactical data link information in accordance with a trilateral information sharing agreement.
- Following the June 11 **U.S.-ROK-Japan Trilateral Ministerial Meeting in Singapore**, this missile warning and ballistic missile search and tracking exercise demonstrated the commitment of the U.S., ROK, and Japan to furthering trilateral cooperation to respond to **DPRK challenges, protecting shared security and prosperity, and bolstering the rules-based international order**.



Source: defense.gov

2. Sweden and Finland approved to join NATO by US Senate



- The **US Senate** voted overwhelmingly to approve the **accession of Sweden and Finland to NATO**, with the resolution gaining the support of **95 senators**.
- **US President Joe Biden** has strongly backed the accession of **Finland and Sweden to NATO**.
- **Sweden and Finland** applied to join the **Western defence alliance** in the wake of the **Russian invasion of Ukraine**. Until now, the two countries have been close partners, but not members, of NATO.
- Before the accession protocols can enter into force, they must be ratified by all **30 NATO member states**, two-thirds of which have already given their approval for the new members.
- The US Senate voted overwhelmingly to approve the accession of **Sweden and Finland** to NATO, with the resolution gaining the support of 95 senators.
- The single dissenting vote came from **Republican Senator Josh Hawley of Missouri**, who argued that there should be less focus on **security in Europe and much more on the threat from China**
- **US President Joe Biden has strongly backed the accession of Finland and Sweden to NATO**, and referred the matter to the Senate for consideration in July.
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About NATO

- North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a military alliance established by the North Atlantic Treaty (also called the Washington Treaty) of April, 1949, by the United States, Canada, and several Western European nations to provide collective security against the Soviet Union.



- There are currently 30 member states.
- Its original members were Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- Joining the original signatories were Greece and Turkey (1952), West Germany (1955, from 1990 as Germany), Spain (1982), the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Poland (1999), Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia (2004), Albania and Croatia (2009), Montenegro (2017), and North Macedonia (2020).
- France withdrew from the integrated military command of NATO in 1966 but remained a member of the organization, it resumed its position in NATO's military command in 2009.

3. ASEAN Has Celebrated Its 55th Anniversary In 2022



- **ASEAN was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok by the five original member countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand.**
- **Brunei Darussalam joined on 8 January 1984, Vietnam on 28 July 1995, Laos and Myanmar on 23 July 1997, and Cambodia on 30 April 1999.**

About ASEAN:

- The **Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN**, was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the **ASEAN Declaration (Bangkok Declaration)**.
- The motto of ASEAN is **“One Vision, One Identity, One Community”**.
- Founding Members: **Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand. Brunei Darussalam (1984), Vietnam (1995), Lao PDR and Myanmar (1997), and Cambodia (1999)**, joined the ASEAN later.
- ASEAN Secretariat – **Indonesia, Jakarta.**
- Secretary-General: **Lim Jock Hoi**
- Chairmanship of ASEAN: **Cambodia**



4. Russia successfully launched Iran's satellite into orbit

- Russia launched an Iranian satellite into orbit on Tuesday from southern Kazakhstan, just three weeks after President Vladimir Putin and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei pledged to work together against the West.
- The remote Khayyam sensing satellite, named after the 11th Century Persian poet and philosopher Omar Khayyam, was launched by a Russian Soyuz rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan and entered orbit successfully
- U.S. officials are concerned by the fledgling space cooperation between Russia and Iran, fearing the satellite will not only help Russia in Ukraine but also provide Iran "unprecedented capabilities" to monitor potential military targets in Israel and the wider middle east.
- Iran says the satellite is designed for scientific research including radiation and environmental monitoring for agricultural purposes.



5. Mexican President proposes peace commission led by 3 leaders including PM Modi



- Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador is planning to submit a written proposal to the UN to create a commission, made up of three world leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to promote a world truce for a period of five years.
- The Mexican President proposed that the top commission should include Pope Francis, the UN Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, and Indian PM Narendra Modi.

- The aim of the commission would be to present a proposal to stop the wars around the world and reach an agreement to seek a truce for at least five years.

6. India refers to 'militarisation' of Taiwan Strait in spat with Chinese envoy

- In line with its post-Galwan Valley clash policy of calling a spade a spade in Sino-Indian affairs, India in its recent riposte to Chinese envoy from Sri Lanka has for the first time used the phrase "militarisation of the Taiwan Strait".
- India made the statement after a Chinese military research vessel docked at Sri Lanka's Hambantota port for a week.
- Recently, China completed its large-scale military drills around Taiwan in response to the visit of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan.
- India has followed a "One China policy" since 1949 and maintained trade and cultural relations with Taiwan. India stopped mentioning this policy in its official statements after 2008.



What is Taiwan Strait?



- The Taiwan Strait has an average width of 180km, while its narrowest part is 130km wide. It sits on Asia's continental shelf that runs along the entire stretch of the strait. However, the Taiwan Strait is relatively shallow. It has an average depth of about 490ft, and a minimum depth of 82ft. Several rivers including the Jiulong and Min rivers from China's Fujian Province drain into the Taiwan Strait.

India's Stand on the China-Taiwan Issue:

- Since 1949, India has accepted the “One China” policy that accepts Taiwan and Tibet as part of China.
- However, India uses the policy to make a diplomatic point, i.e., if India believes in “One China” policy, China should also believe in a “One India” policy.
- Even though India has stopped mentioning its adherence to One China policy in joint statements and official documents since 2010, its engagement with Taiwan is still restricted due to the framework of ties with China.
- India and Taiwan do not have formal diplomatic relations but since 1995, both sides have maintained representative offices in each other's capitals that function as de facto embassies.

7. Greece's left enhanced EU scrutiny after 12 years of pain



- Greece's exit from the European Union's so-called enhanced surveillance framework for its economy ends 12 years of pain and allows the country greater freedom in policy making
- Greece's economic performance and policies have been closely monitored under the framework since 2018 to ensure it implemented reforms promised under three international bailouts - totalling more than 260 billion euros (\$261 billion) - from the European Union and the IMF

between 2010 and 2015.

- **Greece Prime Minister:** Kyriakos Mitsotakis
- **Greece Capital:** Athens

8. South Korea and the United States Began their Largest Joint Military Drills

- South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training. This year, the annual summertime exercise has been renamed ‘Ulchi Freedom Shield’.
- These drills had been scaled back significantly because of the Covid-19 pandemic, and because South Korea's former President Moon Jae-in had attempted to restart diplomatic talks with Pyongyang to get it to denuclearise.
- North Korea has conducted an unprecedented number of weapons tests in 2022 and fired more than 30 ballistic missiles this year, marking the largest number of ballistic missiles launched in a single year. US and South Korean officials have claimed that Pyongyang is preparing to conduct its seventh nuclear test later this year.
- North Korea conducted its sixth nuclear test in September 2017.



9. For The First Time, India to Take Over the G20 Presidency By December 2022



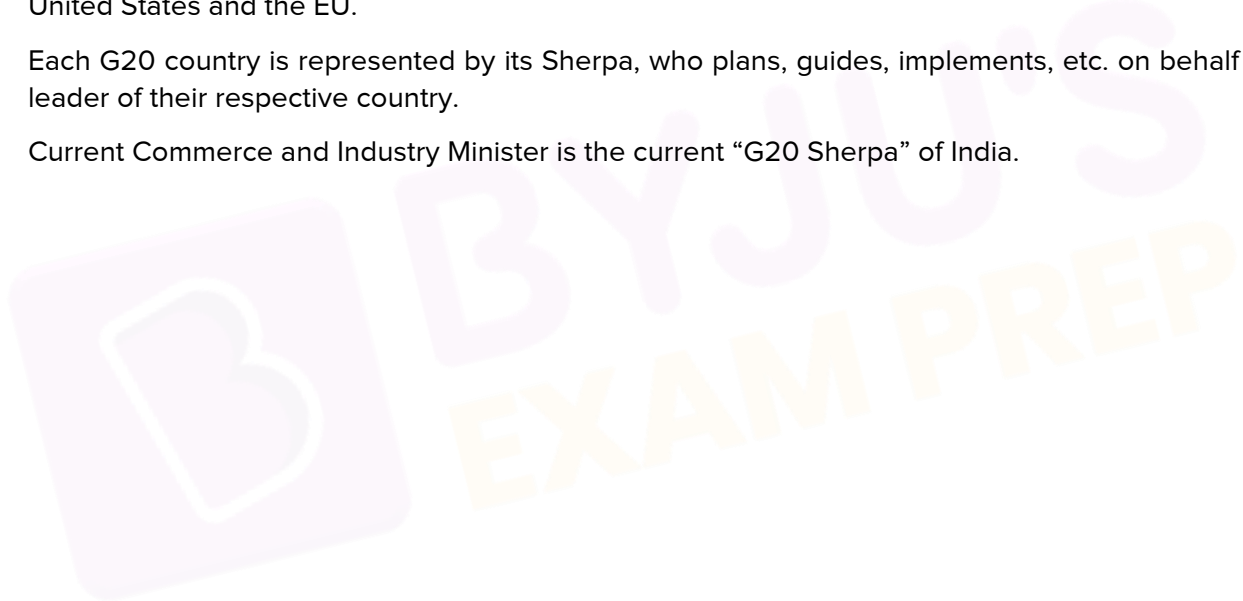
- The Union cabinet recently has approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and related structures that will implement policy decisions and be responsible for arrangements for India's forthcoming presidency of the group in 2023.
- India will hold the presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, culminating with the G20 Summit in India next year. Indonesia assumed the Presidency of G20 in December, 2021.



- The decision on setting up the secretariat and other structures was made at a cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- The G20 Secretariat will handle work related to knowledge, content, technical, media, security and logistical aspects of India's presidency of the inter-governmental forum comprising 19 countries and the European Union (EU).

What is G20?

- It is an informal group of 19 countries and the European Union (EU), with representatives of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.
- It does not have a permanent secretariat or Headquarters.
- The membership comprises a mix of the world's largest advanced and emerging economies, representing about two-thirds of the world's population, 80% of global Gross Domestic Product (GDP), 80% of global investment and over 75% of global trade.
- Its members are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United States and the EU.
- Each G20 country is represented by its Sherpa, who plans, guides, implements, etc. on behalf of the leader of their respective country.
- Current Commerce and Industry Minister is the current "G20 Sherpa" of India.



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RANKS, REPORT AND INDEXES

1. Haridwar declared best aspirational district in India: NITI Aayog

- The NITI Aayog has declared holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district.
- Haridwar has secured first position in Basic Infrastructure theme. Now an additional allocation of Rs 3 crore will be made to this city.

Aspirational District Programme

- The programme was launched in January 2018 aims to quickly and effectively transform some of most underdeveloped districts of the country.
- This scheme has been implemented along with the central and state schemes. In its successful implementation, there is important cooperation of the 'in-charge' officers of the central, state level and district collectors.
- The competition between these districts is maintained through equated monthly delta rankings, so that they are eager to make it a success.
- The ranking of aspirational districts combines innovative use of data with practical governance, placing the district at the center of inclusive growth.

- As per the norms for planning of aspirational districts, each district should prepare an action plan in consultation with the State and Central officers in charge, after which it should be sent to NITI Aayog for final approval of the Empowered Committee of Secretaries constituted for the programme.

Parameters for Best Aspirational District

It envisages rapid development of selected districts on basis of composite index based on five parameters

- health and nutrition,
- education,
- financial inclusion and skill development,
- agriculture and water resources
- basic infrastructure

Source: Hindustan Times

2. Bloomberg Billionaires Index: Gautam Adani becomes world third richest person

- India's Gautam Adani is now the third richest person in the world.
- The rankings by Bloomberg Billionaires Index come as business conglomerate Adani Group's chairman overtakes Louis Vuitton chairman Bernard Arnault.
- With a total net worth of USD 137.4 billion, 60-year-old Adani is now just behind business magnate Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos in the ranking.
- This is the first time an Asian person has broken into the top three of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Key points:

- In the latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Reliance chief Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 with a total of USD 91.9 billion worth.
- The index is a daily ranking of the world's richest people. Details about the calculations are provided in the net worth analysis on each billionaire's profile page. The figures are updated at the close of every trading day in New York.
- The net worth of Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos is currently at USD 251 billion and USD 153 billion, respectively.

Source: Indian Express



3. Nature Index 2022: University of Hyderabad has secured first position

- The University of Hyderabad (UoH) continues to be in the top position in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking.
- The UoH has been ranked first among Indian Universities and 16th among all institutions in the academic sector.
- The UoH received a count of 72 and a share of 19.46 under the academic sector, which includes subjects chemistry, life sciences, earth & environment sciences and physical sciences.
- The Nature Index is an indicator of high quality research in natural and physical sciences (includes chemistry, life sciences, earth & environmental sciences, and physical sciences).
- The rankings are based on the Nature Index data from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Ranking of other Indian universities can be summed up as;

- Rank 23rd– Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Hyderabad.
- Rank 26th– Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER), Tirupati.
- Rank 54th–Amity University.
- Rank 76th– National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (NIPER) Hyderabad.

- Rank 82nd– International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT), Hyderabad
- Rank 92nd– Andhra University
- Rank 108th– Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Kakinada
- Rank 122nd– Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati (IIT) Tirupati.

4. Beijing Tops, Bengaluru 2nd In Asia-Pacific In Tech Hubs

- Bengaluru ranks second in the Asia Pacific region in the top tech hubs list and is only behind China's Beijing, according to a report by Cushman and Wakefield.
- The report, called 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate', studied as many as 115 different 'tech cities' across the globe.
- After Beijing and Bengaluru, the list has three other Indian cities, Chennai, Delhi and Hyderabad. Mumbai and Pune also made it to the top-10 list with eighth and ninth position in a list of 14 cities from the APAC.

5. India overtakes China and UK to become world's 10th largest life insurer

- India has now overtaken China and UK to become the world's 10th largest life insurer.
- According to a survey by Brand Finance Insurance 100 2021, a London-based brand valuation consultancy organisation, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), a state-owned insurance behemoth and life insurer has emerged as the third strongest and tenth most valuable insurance brand globally.
- The report states that the combined value of the top 100 insurance brands in the globe decreased by 6% from \$462.4 billion in 2020 to \$433.0 billion in 2021.

India now 10th largest life insurer: Key Points

- LIC's brand value climbed to \$8.65 billion, up about 7%. India becomes 10th largest life insurer globally.
- The top 10 most valuable insurance brands worldwide include five Chinese insurance companies, with Ping An Insurance ranking as the most valuable brand despite seeing a 26% reduction in brand value.

- While France, Germany, and India each have one insurance company on the list, the United States has two in the top ten. India is now 10th largest life insurer in the world.
- Italy's Poste Italiane is the strongest insurance brand, followed by LIC of India, Mapfre of the US, and Poste Italiane of Italy.



6. Indian Companies in 2022 Fortune 500 list

- In the Fortune Global 500 list of year 2022, 9 Indian public and private companies have been added.
- Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India has been ranked at 98th position in the list, with revenue worth USD 97,266.7 million.
- LIC has been added to the list for the first time, after it was listed on Indian stock exchanges in May 2022.

Other countries in the 2022 Fortune 500 list include;

- Reliance Industries Ltd. has been placed at 104th position, with USD 93,982 million revenue in 2021-22. This year, rank of Reliance has jumped by 51 spots.
- US's Walmart Inc. claims the first position, for the ninth consecutive year. It has maintained the first position for 17th time, since 1995.
- Saudi Arabia's Saudi Aramco is at 6th It has again reclaimed its title most profitable company worldwide, with earning of USD 105 billion.

Top 10 companies in 2022 Fortune Global 500 list include;

1. Walmart, U.S
2. com, U.S
3. State Grid, China
4. China National Petroleum, China

5. Sinopec, China
6. Saudi Aramco, Saudi Arabia
7. Apple, U.S
8. Volkswagen, Germany
9. China State Construction Engineering, China
10. CVS Health, U.S.

Indian Companies in the list include;

- Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOCL) at 142nd
- Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) at 190th
- State Bank of India (SBI) at 236th
- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL) at 295th

Fortune 500 list provides ranking to companies across the world, based on total revenues for respective fiscal years that ends on or before March 31, 2022.

7. ILO 'Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022' Report

- According to "Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022" report, unemployment rate among youth aged 15-24 has reached to 15.6% across the world.
- It is three times of the unemployment rate among adult.
- This report has been released by International Labour Organisation (ILO), as a part of Global Call to Action for "human-centred recovery from Covid-19 pandemic".

Key highlights of the report include;

- As per report, number of unemployed young population has decreased from 75 million in 2021 to 73 million in 2022.
- However, this number is still 6 million more than the number before covid-19 pandemic.
- Unemployment rate in Africa is 12.7%, below the global average of 14.9%. This figure highlights that, young people have withdrawn from labour markets.

- In India, schools were closed for 18 months. Out of 240 million school-going children, just 8% in rural and 23% in urban areas had access to online education.
- As a result, 92% children have lost one foundational ability in language on an average. 82% children have lost at least one foundational ability in mathematics. This has increased the NEET rate globally.

Source: ILO

SPORTS NEWS

1. Commonwealth Games 2022: India finishes at 4th Place

India's Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign is its fifth-best in terms of the number of medals won. India has been ranked at 4th place, in terms of medals. Around 210 Indian athletes competed for medals in 16 different sports and bagged a total of 61 medals, comprising of 22 Gold, 16 Silver, and 23 Bronze. This was India's 4th best performance at the CWG with respect to winning gold medals.

India's best finish was at its home games in Delhi in 2010, where it won 101 medals.

Commonwealth Games 2022

- The Commonwealth Games 2022 were held in Birmingham, England from July 28 to August 8, 2022.
- Australia is the best country in this year's Games, winning 178 medals, including 67 gold.
- England came second with 176 medals, including 57 gold. Canada is third with a total of 92 medals, including 26 golds. New Zealand is fifth after India with 49 medals.
- England hosted this event for the third time after London 1934 and Manchester 2002.
- It was the first major international multi – sports event that was integrated, meaning para and non – para games were held at the same time.
- It was the first games to host more women's gold medals than men.

CWG 2022	Events
Main venue	Alexander Stadium
Motto	Games for Everyone
Mascot	Perry
Events	20 sports and 280 Events

For the first time in CWG history, Women's Cricket (T20) was added as a sport. The inaugural edition was won by Australia (Gold) and team India won the Silver medal.

Final Medal Tally: Top Five and India

Ranking	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Australia	67	57	54	178
2	England	57	66	53	176
3	Canada	26	32	34	92
4	India	22	16	23	61
5	New Zealand	20	12	17	49

Commonwealth Games Host City List

Year	Edition	City	Silver
2026	XXIII	Victoria (Regions)	Australia
2022	XXII	Birmingham	England
2018	XXI	Gold Coast	Australia
2014	XX	Glasgow	Scotland
2010	XIX	Delhi	India

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India at CWG 2022

Key points:

- Mirabai Chanu was the first Indian to win gold at the CWG 2022, Jeremy Lalrinnunga was the first Indian athlete to achieve the top podium in Birmingham.
- Sudhir won the first gold medal for India in Para Sports at CWG 2022. He became the champion in the heavyweight category of para powerlifting men.
- Shooting competitions were dropped from the 2022 edition of the Commonwealth Games.
- Sanket Sargar created history at the Commonwealth Games 2022, by snatching India's first medal in the 55 men's weightlifting category.
- Indian squash star Saurav Ghosal scripted history after he clinched the elusive bronze medal in the men's singles at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. He defeated England's James Willstrop 3-0 (11-6, 11-1, 11-4) to become the first Indian athlete to earn an individual medal in the sport of squash.

India's flag bearer

- Opening ceremony - Men's hockey captain Manpreet Singh and ace shuttler PV Sindhu were Team India's flagbearers at the 2022 Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.
- Closing ceremony - Indian table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal and boxer Nikhat Zareen were Team India's flagbearers for the 2022 Commonwealth Games Closing Ceremony. (Nikhat Zareen wins the Gold medal at Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.)

India's best CWG campaigns:

Year	Venue	Total Medals
2010	New Delhi, India	101
2002	Manchester, England	69
2018	Gold Coast, Australia	66
2014	Glasgow, Scotland	64
2022	Birmingham, England	61

India's best gold medal haul in CWG history:

Year	Venue	Gold Medals
2010	New Delhi, India	38
2002	Manchester, England	30
2018	Gold Coast, Australia	26
2006	Melbourne, Australia	22
2022	Birmingham, England	22

The Golden Stars

Indian athletes won 22 gold medals at the multi-sport event. There were several individuals who were expected to come home with gold around their necks, while many were surprise winners. P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen were unstoppable on their way to gold in badminton singles. Mirabai Chanu was in a league of her own in weightlifting.



The Firsts

- The Indian women's lawn balls team won the gold medal in the lawn balls force event of the Commonwealth Games.
- Indian Women's Lawn Bowls team defeated South Africa 17-10 to win the gold medal.
- This is the first time that any Indian women's team has won a gold medal in lawn balls.

Indian Women Lawn Bowls Team Players:

Four players who made a historic performance in the Commonwealth Games, and who made India proud.

- Lovely Choubey (Lead),
- Pinky (second),
- Nayanmoni Sekia (Third)
- Roopa Rani Tirkey (Skip)



40-year-old Sharath Kamal Scripts Unique CWG 2022 Record



- Veteran TT player Sharath Kamal concluded his Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign on an all-time high, after several medal-winning performances for India.
- India's star Table Tennis player Achantha Sharath Kamal has scripted a unique record of winning more gold medals than 56 countries at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.

- Sharath Kamal won four medals in table tennis across multiple categories, proving to be the most successful individual for India. He won 4 medals (3 gold and 1 silver) during Commonwealth Games 2022.

PV Sindhu's Gold Medal: First CWG gold in women's singles

- PV Sindhu, beat 2014 CWG champion Michelle Li of Canada 21-15, 21-13 to win her first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in women's singles.
- PV Sindhu lost to Saina Nehwal in the final at Gold Coast in 2018 to settle for silver.
- At Glasgow in 2014, PV Sindhu went on to win the bronze medal after losing to Michelle Li 22-20, 22-20 in the semi-finals.



Lakshya In Elite List



- Lakshya Sen becomes the fourth Indian male shuttler to win a CWG singles gold medal winner.
- He joins Prakash Padukone (1978), Syed Modi (1982) and Parupalli Kashyap (2014).

First ever Indian Men's Doubles Badminton gold medal

- India's Satwik Sai Raj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty has won gold medal in the final match of men's double in Badminton.
- The duo went on to clinch a historic win defeating their English opponents -Ben Lane and Sean Mendy- with a score of 0-2.



Indian medal winners at Commonwealth Games 2022

No	Athlete/Team	Medal	Event	Sport
1	Sanket Sargar	Silver	Men's 55kg	Weightlifting
2	Gururaja Poojary	Bronze	Men's 61kg	Weightlifting
3	Mirabai Chanu	Gold	Women's 49kg	Weightlifting
4	Bindyarani Devi	Silver	Women's 55kg	Weightlifting
5	Jeremy Lalrinnunga	Gold	Men's 67kg	Weightlifting
6	Achinta Sheuli	Gold	Men's 73kg	Weightlifting
7	Sushila Devi Likmabam	Silver	Women's 48kg	Judo
8	Vijay Kumar Yadav	Bronze	Men's 60kg	Judo
9	Harjinder Kaur	Bronze	Women's 71kg	Weightlifting
10	Indian women's team	Gold	Women's fours	Lawn bowls
11	Vikas Thakur	Silver	Men's 96kg	Weightlifting
12	Indian men's team	Gold	Men's team	Table Tennis
13	Indian mixed team	Silver	Mixed team	Badminton
14	Lovepreet Singh	Bronze	Men's 109kg	Weightlifting
15	Saurav Ghosal	Bronze	Men's singles	Squash
16	Tulika Maan	Silver	Women's +78kg	Judo
17	Gurdeep Singh	Bronze	Men's +109kg	Weightlifting
18	Tejaswin Shankar	Bronze	Men's high jump	Athletics
19	Murali Sreeshankar	Silver	Men's long jump	Athletics
20	Sudhir	Gold	Men's heavyweight	Para Powerlifting
21	Anshu Malik	Silver	Women's 57kg freestyle	Wrestling
22	Bajrang Punia	Gold	Men's 65kg freestyle	Wrestling
23	Sakshi Malik	Gold	Women's 62kg freestyle	Wrestling
24	Deepak Punia	Gold	Men's 86kg freestyle	Wrestling
25	Divya Kakran	Bronze	Women's 68kg freestyle	Wrestling
26	Mohit Grewal	Bronze	Men's 125kg freestyle	Wrestling
27	Priyanka Goswami	Silver	Women's 10000m race walk	Athletics
28	Avinash Sable	Silver	Men's 3000m steeplechase	Athletics
29	Indian men's team	Silver	Men's fours	Lawn Bowls
30	Jaismine Lamboria	Bronze	Women's 60kg lightweight	Boxing
31	Pooja Gehlot	Bronze	Women's 50kg freestyle	Wrestling
32	Ravi Kumar Dahiya	Gold	Men's 57kg freestyle	Wrestling
33	Vinesh Phogat	Gold	Women's 53kg freestyle	Wrestling



34	Naveen	Gold	Men's 74kg freestyle	Wrestling
35	Pooja Sihag	Bronze	Women's 76kg freestyle	Wrestling
36	Mohammad Hussamuddin	Bronze	Men's 57kg featherweight	Boxing
37	Deepak Nehra	Bronze	Men's 97kg freestyle	Wrestling
38	Rohit Tokas	Bronze	Men's 67kg welterweight	Boxing
39	Sonalben Patel	Bronze	Women's singles Classes 3-5	Para Table Tennis
40	Bhavina Patel	Gold	Women's singles classes 3-5	Para Table Tennis
41	Women's hockey team	Bronze	Women's hockey	Hockey
42	Nitu Ghangas	Gold	Women's 48kg minimumweight	Boxing
43	Amit Panghal	Gold	Men's 51kg flyweight	Boxing
44	Eldhose Paul	Gold	Men's triple jump	Athletics
45	Abdulla Aboobacker	Silver	Men's triple jump	Athletics
46	Sandeep Kumar	Bronze	Men's 10000m race walk	Athletics
47	Annu Rani	Bronze	Women's javelin throw	Athletics
48	Nikhath Zareen	Gold	Women's 50kg light flyweight	Boxing
49	Sharath Kamal / G Sathiyam	Silver	Men's doubles	Table Tennis
50	Dipika Pallikal / Saurav Ghosal	Bronze	Mixed doubles	Squash
51	Kidambi Srikanth	Bronze	Men's singles	Badminton
52	Women's cricket team	Silver	Women's T20	Cricket
53	Sharath Kamal / Sreeja Akula	Gold	Mixed doubles	Table Tennis
54	Treesa Jolly / Gayatri Gopichand	Bronze	Women's doubles	Badminton
55	Sagar Ahlawat	Silver	Men's 92+kg super heavyweight	Boxing
56	PV Sindhu	Gold	Women's singles	Badminton
57	Lakshya Sen	Gold	Men's singles	Badminton
58	Sathiyam Gnanasekaran	Bronze	Men's singles	Table Tennis
59	Satwiksairaj Rankireddy / Chirag Shetty	Gold	Men's doubles	Badminton
60	Sharath Kamal	Gold	Men's singles	Table Tennis
61	Men's hockey team	Silver	Men's hockey	Hockey

Commonwealth Games 2022: Indian medal winners by sport

Sport	Gold medal	Silver medal	Bronze medal	Total
Weightlifting	3	3	4	10
Judo	0	2	1	3
Lawn bowls	1	1	0	2



Table Tennis	3	1	1	5
Badminton	3	1	2	6
Squash	0	0	2	2
Para Powerlifting	1	0	0	1
Athletics	1	4	3	8
Wrestling	6	1	5	12
Boxing	3	1	3	7
Para Table Tennis	1	0	1	2
Hockey	0	1	1	2
Cricket	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	22	16	23	61

What are Commonwealth Games?

- The Commonwealth Games is an international and multi-sport competition involving athletes from Commonwealth countries.
- The competition, held every four years, was first introduced in 1930.
- It was initially known as the British Empire Games.
- The competition was named the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1954.
- Again in 1970, the British Commonwealth Games was renamed, and finally, in 1978, the Commonwealth Games was held as its permanent name.

2. Hungarian Grand Prix 2022

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull – Netherlands) has won the Formula One (F1) 2022 Hungarian Grand Prix 2022.

3. Women's Euro 2022

- England defeat Germany 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship.
- At Wembley Stadium, the score was tied 1-1 after 90 minutes thanks to goals from Germany's Lina Magull and England's Ella Toone.

4. 2024 Summer Olympics

- The Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games will be the biggest event ever organised in France.
- The Olympic games will take place from 26 July to 11 August 2024.
- The organizers of the 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled "Games Wide Open" as their official slogan.

5. Chess Olympiad 2026 to be hosted by Uzbekistan

- According to the International Chess Federation (FIDE), Uzbekistan will host the 2026 Chess Olympiad.

6. Tennis legend Serena Williams Announces Her Retirement From Tennis

- Tennis legend from the United States, Serena Williams has announced her retirement.

The career of Serena Williams: Serena Williams, an unmatched legend

Best finish at each of the four Grand Slams: 23 Grand Slam titles she took home



- **Australian Open:** 7-time Champion (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2015, 2017)
- French Open: 3-time Champion (2002, 2013, 2015)
- Wimbledon: 7-time Champion (2002, 2003, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015, 2016)
- US Open: 6-time Champion (1999, 2002, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Significant Serena Williams records: Williams has a huge array of records to her name which push her claim for the GOAT title. Here are the most remarkable of those records:

- Most Grand Slams in the Open Era: 23
- Only player to have won 3 different Slams 6 times (7 AO, 7 Wimbledon, 6 USO)
- Only player to have won 3 Slams after saving match point (2003 AO, 2005 AO, 2009 Wimbledon)
- Most aces served in a single tournament: 102 (Wimbledon 2012)

- Most consecutive weeks ranked No. 1 (record shared with Steffi Graf): 186 weeks
- One of only 2 players (along with Steffi Graf) to hold all 4 Slams simultaneously on 2 separate occasions
- Oldest player to win a Slam (35 years, 4 months and 2 days when she won the 2017 AO)
- Oldest player to be ranked World No. 1 (35 years, 7 months and 5 days as on 1 May 2017)

7. ICC Player of the Month for July 2022

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced Sri Lankan spin sensation Prabath Jayasuriya and England batting all-rounder Emma Lamb as the winners of its Player of the Month awards for July 2022.

8. 2022 UEFA Super Cup

- Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt, 2-0 in the finals to win the 2022 UEFA Super Cup for a record-equalling fifth time, in Helsinki, Finland.
- EFA Super Cup is an annual football match organised by UEFA for the winners of the two main European club competitions, i.e. the UEFA Champions League and UEFA Europa League.

9. Men's and Women's Footballer of the Year

- Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan have been named the 2021-22 All India Football Federation (AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year and the 2021-22 Women's Footballer of the Year, respectively.

10. 1st edition of Women's IPL to be held in March 2023

- The 1st Edition of Women Indian Premier League will be starting from March 2023 to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams, a senior BCCI official confirmed.
- The BCCI bigwigs have discussed the issue and a March window has been found for the tournament after the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa.

11. 'Games Wide Open' unveiled as Paris Olympics 2024 official slogan

- **"Games Wide Open"**. This is the shared slogan for both the **Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, unveiled by Paris 2024** on the occasion of the **2 years to go anniversary**.
- The slogan was released alongside a video promising the Olympics and Paralympics would be **"faster", "higher" and "stronger"** — as well as **"more inclusive, more brotherly, more beautiful."**



- **Paris will host the Summer Olympics for the third time in 2024**, which also marks the centenary of the last **Paris Games in 1924**. The French capital was also the host city of the second edition of the **modern Olympic Games, in 1900**.
- The Games is scheduled to take place from July 26 to August 11 and athletes will compete in a total of **32 sports encompassing 329 events**, and among these sports, **'Breaking' will make its Olympic debut**.
- As **Paris 2024** aims to be the **most gender-balanced Olympic Games** in history, the organisers have placed the women's competitions in the spotlight.
- For example, for the first time since table tennis became an Olympic sport in Seoul 1988, a women's event (the women's team final) will bring the table tennis programme to a close in Paris on August 10.
- Over 13 million tickets will be sold for the **Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games**, with nearly half of the tickets reserved for the public will cost 50 euros or less.

Source: The Statesmen

12. Indian chess legend Anand becomes FIDE deputy president



- **Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand** has been elected **deputy president of International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE)**, the sport's world governing body, while incumbent president Arkady Dvorkovich was re-elected for a second term.
- **Five-time world champion Anand** was part of Dvorkovich's team.
- Dvorkovich received 157 votes as against 16 by his rival Andrii Baryshpolets while the number of invalid votes was 1 and abstentions stood at 5.
- The elections to the world chess body were held during the FIDE Congress which is being conducted here alongside the **44th Chess Olympiad**.
- After an illustrious career during which he won numerous titles and honours, the Chennai-based Anand has in recent times cut down on his tournament play and focussed on coaching.
- He shot to prominence as a teenager and became **India's first ever Grandmaster** after winning the world junior title and have since led the country at the global level in chess.
- He also won **five world titles with the last being the world rapid title in 2017**.
- He is not part of the playing team for the Olympiad but is mentoring the Indian squads.
- World Chess Federation Headquarters: **Lausanne, Switzerland**
- World Chess Federation Founded: **20 July 1924, Paris, France**.

About Viswanathan Anand

- **Indian chess grandmaster and a five-time world chess champion**.
- He became the **first grandmaster from India in 1988**.
- Known for his rapid playing speed as a child, Anand earned the sobriquet "**Lightning Kid**".
- Anand was the **first recipient of the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 1991–92**.
- In 2007, he was awarded **India's second-highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan**, making him the **first sportsperson to receive the award**.



13. Tennis legend Serena Williams Announces Her Retirement from Tennis



- American legend **Serena Williams**, winner of **23 Grand Slam titles**, announced her retirement from tennis, saying she is “**evolving away**” from the sport.
- The 40-year-old tennis star said that the best word to describe what she is up to is “**evolution**” and that she wants to grow her family.
- She has been ranked **singles world number one** by the **Women’s Tennis Association (WTA)** for 319 weeks, including a joint-record 186 consecutive weeks.
- She also finished as the year-end number one five times.
- **Serena** has won **23 Grand Slam singles titles**, the most by any player in the open era, and the **second-most of all time**, only behind **Margaret Court’s 24**.
- She has **73 career singles titles**, **23 career doubles titles** and over **\$94 million** in career winnings.
- Her first major singles title came at the **U.S. Open in 1999** at age **17**.
- She also won singles gold at the **2012 London Games**.
- Also, she was the favourite for companies including **Nike, Audemars Piguet, Away, Beats, Bumble, Gatorade, Gucci, Lincoln, Michelob, Nintendo, Wilson Sporting Goods, and Procter and Gamble**.

Source: The Print

14. Prabath Jayasuriya and Emma Lamb bags ICC Player of the Month for July 2022

- The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced **Sri Lankan spin sensation Prabath Jayasuriya** and **England batting all-rounder Emma Lamb** as the winners of its **Player of the Month** awards for **July 2022**.
- It was announced on 8th August 2022 that **Jayasuriya claims the ICC Men’s Player of the Month award** on the back of an **outstanding series of displays with the ball**, where his remarkable haul of wickets sees him crowned ahead of rival contenders **England’s Jonny Bairstow – who won the Men’s award back in June – and French youngster Gustav McKeon**.
- **Lamb secures the ICC Women’s Player of the Month award** at the **first time of asking**, overcoming fellow nominees; **England’s Nat Sciver** and **India’s Renuka Singh**.



Source: The Print

15. Sunil Chhetri, Manisha Kalyan named men’s and women’s Footballer of the Year

- **Indian football team talisman Sunil Chhetri** was named the **AIFF Men’s Footballer of the Year for 2021-22** while **Manisha Kalyan** won the **Women’s Footballer of the Year** award.
- This was **Sunil Chhetri’s record seventh AIFF Men’s Footballer of the Year award**, having won it previously in **2007, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018–19**. No other player has won it more times than Sunil Chhetri.
- **Sunil Chhetri is currently third after Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi** in the list of **highest goal scorers in international football** among active players and sixth on the all-time leaderboard.
- **Chhetri has been the centrepiece of the Indian football team** for years now and recently helped India qualify for the **AFC Asian Cup 2023**.



- **Manisha Kalyan**, who won the **2021-22 AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year**, was the recipient of the **Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year** from last season.
- Manisha recently signed for **Cypriot club Apollon Ladies**, who won the 2020-21 Cypriot top division and will play in the qualifying rounds of the **2022-23 UEFA Women's Champions League**.
- Meanwhile, **Vikram Pratap Singh** and **Martina Thokchom** were named the **2021-22 Men's and Women's Emerging Footballer of the Year**, respectively.

Source: The Print

16. Women's IPL first season set for March 2023



- The inaugural season of the **Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL)** is set to get underway from **March 2023** and feature **five teams over a one-month window**.
- It means the **Board of Control for Cricket in India's (BCCI) Twenty20 franchise tournament** will commence after the **2023 International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa** wraps up on **26th February**.
- **BCCI secretary Jay Shah** had said multiple IPL teams had expressed "serious interest in owning WIPL franchises". The likes of the **Mumbai Indians, Rajasthan Royals, Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders** have all been linked with deals. Entrepreneur and UTV Group founder **Ronnie Screwvala** has also expressed an interest.
- The BCCI has been running the three-team **Women's T20 Challenge** since **2018**, but there have been calls for the organisation to bring in a bigger competition akin to the IPL.

Source: The Print

17. FIFA Council remove ban on Indian football

- **World football governing body FIFA** lifted the ban imposed on the AIFF after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators (CoA), clearing the decks for India to host the **Women's U-17 World Cup** in October.



India's suspension

- The suspension, the **first time in AIFF's 85-year history**, lasted just **11 days** after the **Supreme Court dissolved the three-member CoA**, constituted by it in May, while modifying its earlier orders to ensure that India hosts the **FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup from October 11-30**.
- "The Bureau of the FIFA Council has decided to lift the suspension that was imposed on the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** due to **undue third-party influence**," the FIFA said in a statement.
- "The decision was taken after FIFA received confirmation that the mandate of the committee of administrators that was set up to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee had been terminated and that the AIFF administration had regained full control of the AIFF's daily affairs.
- "As a consequence, the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 scheduled to take place on 11-30 October 2022 will be held in India as planned."

Committee of Administrators (CoA)

- The CoA, headed by **former Supreme Court judge A R Dave**, had been overseeing the affairs of the **AIFF** since the May 18 order of the top court, which ousted **Praful Patel as the president of the federation**. The other two members of the CoA are **former chief election commissioner S Y Quraishi** and **ex-Indian football team captain Bhaskar Ganguly**.



- Meanwhile, **Mr. Kalyan Chaubey** has been elected the **new President of the All India Football Federation**, which conducted its General Elections as per the order of the Honourable Supreme Court of India on Friday, September 2, 2022.
- **Mr. Chaubey** polled **33 votes**, his only rival in the fray, **Mr. Bhaichung Bhutia** received one vote.

18. Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format



- **Batting maestro Virat Kohli** has added another milestone to his name when he was named in India's playing XI for the highly anticipated **Asia Cup 2022 match with Pakistan**.
 - **Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.**
- **Kohli has now 10 T20Is to his name in addition to 102 Tests and 262 ODIs since making his international debut in August 2008.**
 - The first man to do so was **New Zealand batter Ross Taylor** who retired from international cricket in April this year. The 38-year-old represented his country in **112 Tests, 236 ODIs and 102 T20Is between 2006 and 2022.**
 - **Rohit Sharma and Shoaib Malik** have completed more than **100 T20I and ODI games**, respectively, they have not yet reached the milestone of 100 test matches. In actuality, Malik has already made his test cricket retirement announcement.

Source: ndtvsports

Sport One liners:

1. England beats Germany in Women's Euro 2022
2. The organizers of the 2024 Paris Olympics unveiled "Games Wide Open" as their official slogan.
3. Commonwealth Games 2022: Weightlifter Harjinder Kaur claimed the bronze medal
4. Commonwealth Games 2022: In Judo, Vijay Kumar bagged the bronze medal
5. Commonwealth Games 2022: Indian Team bags gold in Lawn Bowl
6. Harmeet Desai and G Sathiyam: Commonwealth Games 2022: India's paddlers wins gold in Table Tennis
7. Commonwealth Games 2022: Murali Sreeshankar wins silver in long jump
8. Commonwealth Games 2022: Sudhir won the gold medal in men's heavyweight para powerlifting
9. Commonwealth Games 2022: Bajrang Punia Wins Gold in Men's 65kg Category
10. Sakshi Malik has won the gold medal in the Women's Wrestling Freestyle 62Kg at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games.
11. Commonwealth Games 2022: India's Deepak Punia won a gold medal in Wrestling (86KG Category)
12. Commonwealth Games 2022: Priyanka Goswami wins India's 1st Silver medal in race walk.
13. Commonwealth Games 2022: Vinesh Phogat bags gold medal in women's wrestling 53kg
14. Commonwealth Games 2022: Table Tennis player Bhavina Patel won a gold medal in the women's singles
15. Commonwealth Games 2022: Eldhose Paul becomes the first Indian to win gold in the triple jump
16. Chess prodigy V Pranav becomes India's 75th Grandmaster
17. Indian chess legend Viswanathan Anand becomes International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE) deputy president. (President: Arkady Dvorkovich)



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27. Max Verstappen won Belgian F1 Grand Prix 2022
28. England's James Anderson becomes most successful pacer in international cricket (950 wickets)



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HONORS & AWARDS

1. Fahmida Azim wins Pulitzer Prize 2022

- Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer prize.
- Currently, she is working for the Insider online magazine of United States.
- She is an illustrator and storyteller. Her work centers on themes of identity, culture, and autonomy.
- She is honored for an illustrated report entitled “How I Escaped a Chinese Internment Camp”.

About Pulitzer Prize

- Pulitzer Prize is an award that is given for achievements in newspapers, magazines, musical composition, online journalism, and literature.
- Columbia University administers this prize and was established in the year 1917 by the

provisions that were written in the will of Joseph Pulitzer.

- These prizes are being given annually in 21 categories. In 20 categories, the winners each receive USD 15,000 and a certificate.
- The winner in the prize’s Public Service Category receives a gold medal.

2. Prof Ramadhar Singh becomes 1st Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame

- Ahmedabad University Professor, Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States.
- He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University.

3. Angela Merkel awarded UNESCO Peace Prize

- Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize for her efforts to welcome refugees”.
- All the members of the jury were touched by her courageous decision in 2015 to welcome more than 1.2 million refugees, notably from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and Eritrea.

Note:

- Angela Merkel became Germany’s first female chancellor in 2005.

About UNESCO Peace Prize

- The honour, which is officially called Félix Houphouët-Boigny UNESCO Peace Prize, is named after the first president of Ivory Coast.
- It has been awarded each year since 1989 to individuals, organisations or institutions that have made a special effort to promote, research or secure peace.

Source: manormayearbook

4. Marina Tabassum, first South Asian to get Lisbon Triennale Lifetime Achievement Award

- Renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher, and educator Marina Tabassum received the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award.
- The Lisbon Architecture Triennale panel commended Marina Tabassum for providing an inspiring example of work with local communities that may have a beneficial impact all over the world even in the most challenging circumstances when announcing the award.



5. Liberty Medal 2022 to be awarded to Ukrainian President Zelenskyy

- The Liberty Medal 2022 will be awarded this fall to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.
- The National Constitution Center has announced that Zelenskyy will be honoured in a ceremony in October for what it called “his heroic defence of liberty in the face of Russian tyranny.”
- President Zelenskyy has bravely led the Ukrainian people in their defence of freedom against Russian tyranny, and his courage has inspired people around the world to defend liberal democracy and the rule of law.

About the Liberty Medal:

- The Liberty Medal, established in 1988 to mark the U.S. Constitution’s bicentennial, is presented to individuals who strive to secure the blessings of liberty for people around the globe.
- Recent recipients have included Supreme Court justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Anthony Kennedy, Sen. John McCain, Rep. John Lewis and Malala Yousafzai.

Source: Livemint

6. Dadabhai Naoroji’s London home gets Blue Plaque honour

- London home of Dadabhai Naoroji will get a ‘Blue Plaque’, an honour that is reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London.
- He was the first Asian who was elected as a Member of Parliament in Britain.
- The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity, honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London.
- Naoroji’s plaque was unveiled to coincide with the 75th-anniversary celebrations of Indian Independence.
- That red-brick home now has a plaque which reads: “Dadabhai Naoroji 1825-1917 Indian Nationalist and MP lived here”.

About Dadabhai Naoroji

- Naoroji was born in Khadak, Mumbai, in 1825 and educated at Elphinstone College.
- In 1855 he travelled to England for the first time to set up a branch of the mercantile house of Cama and Company.
- He then spent most of his life travelling between England and India and was an influential and political force in both countries.
- In 1892 he won the seat of Finsbury Central on a Liberal ticket and became the UK’s first British Indian MP.

Other Indians who received the Blue Plaque:

- The Blue Plaque was erected at the homes of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Mahatma Gandhi, Sri Aurobindo, Jawaharlal Nehru, and BR Ambedkar among others. Gandhi’s house was commemorated with the Blue Plaque in 1986.
- India’s first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru’s home at 60 Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill received the Blue Plaque in 1989.

Source: TOI

7. UEFA Awards: Karim Benzema, Alexia Putellas win UEFA best player awards

- Karim Benzema and Alexia Putellas were rewarded for outstanding seasons by winning the UEFA men’s and women’s player of the year prizes at a ceremony in Istanbul, Turkey.
- France striker Benzema captained Real Madrid to victory over Liverpool in the Champions League final and scored 15 goals in the competition, while Putellas was the top scorer in the Women’s Champions League, helping Barcelona reach the final which they lost to Lyon.



- The coaching awards went to the winners of the two biggest events last season: Carlo Ancelotti of Madrid and Sarina Wiegman, who led England to the Euro 2022 title.

Source: Livemint

8. Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022

- Indian American teenager Aarya Walvekar from Virginia has been crowned Miss India USA 2022 at the annual pageant held in New Jersey.
- Saumya Sharma, a second-year premedical student at the University of Virginia, was declared first runner up and Sanjana Chekuri of New Jersey was the second runner up.
- This year marks the 40th anniversary of the pageant which is the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India.

Source: Livemint

9. Bihar's Langat Singh College astronomy lab included in the Unesco heritage list

- The astronomical observatory at the Langat Singh College, commonly known as L. S. College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar is now included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage observatories of the world.
- The college authorities have requested the state government to conserve the old Astro lab as a specimen of the glorious past of the state and also to preserve and promote it as a heritage structure.
- The UNESCO team member informed him that the astronomical observatory at Muzaffarpur is now on the UNESCO list and it has been uploaded on the UNESCO site.

About UNESCO

- UNESCO Founded: 16 November 1945
- UNESCO Headquarters: Paris, France
- UNESCO Members: 193 countries
- UNESCO Head: Audrey Azoulay

10. Canadian Jeffrey Armstrong received 'Distinguished Indologist for 2021' award

- A Canadian scholar Jeffrey Armstrong has been awarded the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Distinguished Indologist for 2021.
- The award was presented by Manish, India's consul-general in Vancouver.
- The citation for the award states that it has been conferred upon Armstrong "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the study/teaching/research in India's philosophy, thought, history, art, culture, Indian languages, literature, civilisation, society, etc".
- He becomes the seventh recipient of this award and joins the earlier recipients from Germany, China, Japan, the UK, South Korea and the USA.

Source: Hindustan Times

About the ICCR Distinguished Indologist for 2021:

- The annual award was instituted in 2015 during the First World Indology Conference hosted by the then President of India bringing prominent Indologists from the world over to a single platform with Indian scholars to

deliberate upon the scope of promoting Indian studies abroad.

- The award is conferred upon a foreign scholar for "their outstanding contribution in the study, teaching and research in any of the fields of Indian Studies".



- The first recipient of the award in 2015 was Professor Heinrich Freiherr Von Stietencron from Germany.
- The award comprises a citation, a gold-plated medallion, and US\$ 20,000 (approximately ₹1.6 million).

11. Shashi Tharoor- Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur

- French Government's highest civilian award "Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur" was presented to Congress leader Shashi Tharoor.
- This honour is being conferred to him, because he delivered speech in French in 2021.
- His speech left the officials of the embassy, consulates, military attaches and Alliance Francaise surprised.
- Shashi Tharoor had also received a similar honour "the 'Encomienda de la Real Order Espanola de Carlos III", by Spanish Government in 2010.

Note: Indians who received the honour:

- Maharaja Pratap Singh of Udar was the first Indian to receive this honour in 1918. Since then, over 40 Indians have been awarded the honour. Other awardees include;
- JRD Tata in 1983
- Satyajit Ray in 1987
- E Sreedharan in 2005
- Amitabh Bachchan in 2007
- Lata Mangeshkar in 2007
- Shah Rukh Khan in 2014
- Kamal Haasan in 2016
- Ratan Tata in 2016 and
- Azim Premji in 2018.

12. Dalai Lama honoured with Ladakh's highest civilian award dPal rNgam Duston

- Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama was honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award -- the highest civilian honour of Ladakh.
- He was honoured for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the union territory.

About dPal rNgam Duston Award

- Award was conferred to Dalai Lama by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh.
- dPal rNgam Duston was celebrated to mark the foundation day of LAHDC at Sindhu Ghat.

About 14th Dalai Lama:

- Tenzin Gyatso is the current and 14th Dalai Lama, who is also known as Gyalwa Rinpoche to the Tibetan people.
- He is the highest spiritual leader and former head of Tibet. He is considered as a living Bodhisattva.

- He was also conferred upon with the 'chief Patron of the Maha Bodhi Society of India' in 2008.
- In 1989, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was named as one of the "Children of Mahatma Gandhi", in Time Magazine.

Note:

- "Ladakh and Tibet are connected by the mighty Indus River along with religious and cultural similarities.

Source: Business Standard

13. Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu presents President's Colours to Tamil Nadu police

- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu M. K. Stalin received the "President's colour to Tamil Nadu Police". The award was given by Vice-President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu.
- The award ceremony was held at the Rajarathinam Stadium at Egmore.



Highlights:

- Tamil Nadu Police has become one among few law enforcement agencies in India to receive the “President’s colour”.
- To commemorate the achievement, each police officer in the service would be given a medal.
- Tamil Nadu Police is among the best force in India. It is renowned for giving exemplary service.
- Tamil Nadu is also the home to India’s first women’s commando unit.

About the President’s Colour Award

- The President's Colours is one of the greatest honours, bestowed in recognition of exceptional service to the nation.
- It is also known as "Nishaan" which is an emblem that is worn by all unit officers on the left-hand sleeve of their uniform.
- The replica of the special flag would be worn as insignia on the uniform, which is likely to be distributed in a few days' time to police personnel across the state.

Source: Times of India



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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NEWS

1. ICAR develops vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle

- In a major breakthrough, two institutes of agri research body ICAR have developed an indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle which has spread across many states in the last few months.
- The Centre plans to commercialise this vaccine, developed by the two institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), at the earliest in order to control the Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), which has led to the death of cattle in six states.
- As of August 8, Rajasthan has reported 2,111 deaths of cattle, followed by Gujarat at 1,679, Punjab at 672, Himachal Pradesh at 38, Andaman & Nicobar at 29 and Uttarakhand at 26.
- ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (ICAR-NRCE), Hisar (Haryana), in collaboration with ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Izatnagar, Uttar Pradesh has developed a homologous live-attenuated LSD vaccine "Lumpi-ProVacInd".
- The new technology was released by Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Parshottam Rupala at an event held in the national capital.

Lumpi-ProVac for Lumpy skin disease: Key Points:

- In a significant development, two ICAR institutes have created the Lumpi-ProVac vaccine, which the national government now intends to commercialise as soon as possible in order to contain the outbreak of Lumpy skin disease that has killed thousands of cattle across multiple Indian states over the past several weeks.
- The Lumpi-ProVac vaccine's development during the previous three years was described by Dr. Naveen Kumar, a researcher at the ICAR National Research Centre for Equines in Haryana who oversaw the vaccine trials.

Lumpi-ProVac for Lumpy skin disease: Lumpy Skin Disease:

- Lumpy skin disease, which affects both cows and buffaloes and is brought on by the capripox virus, derives its name from the massive, firm nodules that appear on the skin of cattle who have the condition.
- Other signs of the Lumpy skin disease in these animals include depression, conjunctivitis, and excessive salivation.
- The nodules eventually rupture, resulting in the animals bleeding. The Lumpy skin disease viral illness currently has no known treatment; instead, clinical symptoms are primarily managed.
- The goatpox vaccine, which also offers some protection against Lumpy skin disease, is currently being utilised to prevent the disease.

2. ISRO received a Crew Module Fairing from HAL for Gaganyaan mission

- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) handed two pieces of space equipment to the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for use in the Gaganyaan mission.
- This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that India's top space agency has purchased from HAL for the mission.
- Even though both of these CMFs will be used in some capacity, the first experiment will use the CMF that ISRO obtained from HAL.



HAL and ISRO: Highlights

- According to sources, ISRO received the CMF structure, which included the thrust-transfer structure for the high-altitude escape motor (HTS).
- It should be emphasised that the HTS will be crucial in triggering an escape motor. Throughout the mission, this technology will keep the astronauts secure. In the event that a mission fails, the motor will aid in transferring engine power to the crew escape module.
- A CMF structure from Bengaluru-based Alpha Design Technology Limited was delivered to ISRO in June.
- The CMF that ISRO received from HAL will be used during the first experiment, even though both of these CMFs will be employed in some capacity.

About Gaganyaan Mission

- Gaganyaan mission, which translates to “Sky Craft” in Sanskrit, is an Indian crewed orbital spacecraft that is meant to serve as the foundational spacecraft for the Indian Human Spaceflight Program.
- Gaganyaan mission, India’s long-delayed first human spaceflight project, will lift off in 2023.
- The Gaganyaan mission will send humans to space.

- The Gaganyaan mission would undergo a variety of testing and development flights, according to ISRO chairman S Somanath, who spoke recently following the launch of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-53) ’s mission.

Gaganyaan Mission: Major Obstacles

- ISRO chairman S Somanath mentioned that the mission might not be launched until 2024. Somnath acknowledged the mission’s inherent risk and said that the agency will approach it with extreme caution.
- ISRO tested the crew escape system’s Low Altitude Escape Motor (LEM) earlier this month.
- The mission encounters a problem and the astronauts need to be rescued, the mechanism removes the crew module.
- The crew escape system requires a lot of push in order to move the crew module away from the launch vehicle, and the LEM assists by giving it.
- The major goals of static tests are to validate the performance of motor subsystems, check motor ballistic parameters, and assess design margins. Additionally, it aids in examining the consistency of interfaces.

3. India’s First Observatory To Monitor Space Activity To Come Up In Uttarakhand

- India’s first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up.
- The space situational awareness (SSA) observatory will help India track any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering over the region.
- Currently, the United States is a dominant player in monitoring space debris with observatories in multiple locations and commercial companies providing additional inputs from across the world.
- The observatory in Uttarakhand will fill the crucial gap in SSA observations in the region as there is a lack of such facilities between Australia and southern Africa.
- The high-quality observations, along with those of its partner ground-based sensor network, would help improve its ability to monitor events occurring in deep space, especially in the geostationary, medium-Earth, and high-Earth orbits.



4. Country first indigenous monkeypox test kit launched

- India has developed the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease.
- The kit is developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals, the kit was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Centre Ajay Kumar Sood.
- The kit would help in early detection and better management of the infection which the WHO declared a public health emergency of international concern.

According to WHO:

- Monkeypox is a viral zoonosis — a virus transmitted to humans from animals — with symptoms similar to smallpox although clinically less severe.
- Monkeypox typically manifests itself with fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes and may lead to a range of medical complications.

It is usually a self-limited disease with symptoms lasting for two to four weeks.

- The 'Guidelines on Management of Monkeypox Disease' issued by the Centre stated that human-to-human transmission occurs primarily through large respiratory droplets generally requiring prolonged close contact.

5. SPARK: New Virtual Space Museum Launched By ISRO

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched a digital platform called the 'SPARK' space museum for showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface.
- The digital platform known as the 'SPARK' space museum was launched by the Chairman of ISRO, S Somnath.
- This idea by ISRO is a new initiative while celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav marking 75 years of Independence.

About ISRO

- The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is the pioneer space exploration agency of the Government of India, headquartered at Bengaluru.

- ISRO was formed in 1969 with a vision to develop and harness space technology in national development, while pursuing planetary exploration and space science research.

6. Microsoft, Govt intend to train computer skills to civil servants

- Microsoft and the Indian government will work together on a programme to teach its digital toolkit to almost 2.5 million civil servants.
- The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and the tech giant are working together to support civil servants in their efforts to assist the less fortunate with the help of Microsoft.

Microsoft, Government programme Highlights:

- Microsoft will assist civil servants in providing last-mile social welfare services.
- For the ministries of Defense, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Expenditure, Finance, Social Justice, Civil Aviation, Ports and Shipping, and Labour, the CBC performs capacity building with Microsoft.

- The absence of digital productivity application abilities required while dealing with Microsoft Office programmes like Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft PowerPoint presentations represented a significant competency gap among civil servants.
- The company will provide an online learning course on Microsoft Office 365's digital productivity suite options for MSDE as part of the collaboration.



- With the help of this programme, the aim is to strengthen the concept of Digital India and equip central government employees with essential digital skills.

Source: HT

7. Google launches 'India Ki Udaan' to mark 75 years of independence

- As part of the countrywide celebrations to commemorate 75 years of independence, Google also announced this initiative in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture.
- The project - "India ki Udaan" - executed by Google Arts and Culture celebrates the achievements of the country and is "themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years".
- It was officially launched at a glittering event held at the Sunder Nursery in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the culture ministry and Google.

Source: HT

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Source: HT

9. NASA made the first multispectral maps of Mars available

- The researchers from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) made the first multispectral maps of Mars' surface public.
- The 5.6 GB, multicoloured map covers 86% of the area of the Red Planet.
- The American space agency will gradually distribute the whole map over the next six months.

Key Points:

- NASA's Planetary Data System, an open repository of all digital data that the organisation has gathered from planetary flights and other missions, has made the initial parts of its collection available.

- Each of the 51,000 photos on the initial batch of the map represents a section of land that is 540 km long and 10 km broad.
- The maps' data was collected by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO), which has the longest orbit of any satellite in the solar system.



10. ISRO's launched tiniest rocket to display the Tricolor in Space

- A tiny satellite launch vehicle launched from Sriharikota by the Indian Space Research Organization on 7th August 2022. It is a three-stage vehicle, and each step of propulsion uses solid fuel.
- The goal of the project is to place an Earth observation satellite called EOS-02 into low earth orbit along with a satellite called "Azaadi SAT."

Key Points:

- 750 female students from government schools in remote areas from Kashmir to Kanyakumari created the "Azaadi Satellite."
- Srimathy Kesan, the founder of Space Kidz India, said that the opportunity for the girls to participate in the programme was fantastic.
- This is the first of its kind space mission with an all-women concept to promote women in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) as this year's UN theme is 'Women in Space'

11. Nilekani Center established by IIT-M to promote Indian language technology

- The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras today launched the 'Nilekani Centre at AI4Bharat' to promote the state of Indian language technology with the intention to create a societal impact.
- This Centre, inaugurated by Nandan Nilekani, is being supported by Rohini and Nandan Nilekani with a grant of Rs 36 crore through Nilekani Philanthropies.
- The AI4Bharat was set-up as an initiative of IIT Madras to build open-source language AI for Indian languages.
- At the centre, the focus will be to conduct foundational work which can benefit society at large.
- Since, the idea is to energise the ecosystem to do more for Indian languages, all the researched data will be available for start-ups and other industries working on Indian language technology.

Source: Indian Express

12. Aurangabad: First smart city in India to receive data from Google's EIE

- The Aurangabad Smart City Development Corporation Limited (ASCDCL) said that Aurangabad has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google.
- This makes Aurangabad the first city in the nation to experience this.
- The data would aid research groups in formulating sustainable solutions for the city, according to ASCDCL authorities, who noted that the EIE dashboard for Aurangabad was introduced by Google during an event in New Delhi.
- "Google has a feature called EIE, which helps cities measure the carbon emission sources, conduct analysis and identify strategies to reduce emissions that help counter air pollution.
- While the EIE data is available for many cities and has been used by Aurangabad, Bangalore, Chennai and Pune for Climate Action Plans, Aurangabad city has been chosen as the first city in the country to make the transportation emissions data public.
- Stating that EIE will help build a sustainable environment for future generations, ASCDCL authorities said the latest development is in line with the city's commitment to United Nation's 'race to zero' and 'race to resilience' campaigns.

Source: TOI



DEFENCE NEWS

1. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveils statue of Marwari warrior Veer Durgadas Rathore

- Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh handed over to the Indian Army the much-awaited Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS) at the unveiling ceremony of various defence and strategic systems held in Delhi.
- The full gear of the F-INSAS includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle.

About the (F-INSAS) System:

- The units of the rifle, which has a range of 300 metres, will be manufactured by an India-Russia joint venture.
- A rifle-mounted holographic sight with a range of 200 meters has been provided for target acquisition.
- A helmet-mounted night vision facility has been provided for infantry. The helmet and vest can protect from 9 mm ammunition and AK-47 assault rifles.
- A hands-free headset has been provided for communication with command posts and other elements on the battlefield.
- **The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conceptualised the F-INSAS project in the early 2000s in line with the targets of the Army's Infantry Soldier Modernisation Programme to optimise the soldier's performance across the full spectrum and duration of a military operation.**

2. INS Satpura to 75 Lap "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Run" at San Diego

- Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura reached the San Diego Harbour North American Continent on 13th August to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India.
- The INS Satpura conducted a 75 Lap Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Run at the San Diego US Navy Base on the Independence Day of India. The ship hoisted the Indian Tricolour flag in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries in the North American Continent on the historic occasion of 75 years of Independence of India.
- The arrival of INS Satpura to the San Diego US Navy Base is a historic event as it is the first time an Indian Naval Warship has reached the western coast of North America.
- This event demonstrates the capability and advancement of the Indian Navy after 75 years of Independence.

3. DRDO Successfully Tests Pinaka Extended Range Rocket in Pokhran

- The Pinaka extended range rocket trials developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) were carried out in firing ranges of Pokhran, Rajasthan.
- Multiple successful Pinaka extended range rocket trials firings were conducted in Pokhran.
- The Pinaka extended range is developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization, DRDO, and is produced by a private sector firm.
- The 15 feet long missile of Advance Navigation and Control System destroyed the target as per the standard.

4. Indian Navy's AK-630 gun gets first made in India ammunition

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Make in India in the defence sector received a major boost as the Indian Navy received the first-ever completely made-in-India 30mm ammunition.
- The ammunition will be used in AK-630 guns, which is fitted on warships.
- This is a major achievement for the country that private industry has developed fully indigenous ammunition. It has been done in 12 months, and all components are indigenous.

Key points:

- The Indian Navy, in its pursuit of Atmanirbharta by fostering the industry, provided technical support in terms of finalisation of drawings, design specifications, inspection tools, and proof and testing of ammunition.



- A chemical manufacturing company by the name of Economic Explosives Ltd. from Nagpur supplied the 100 per cent indigenous 30mm gun ammunition to the Indian Navy, which was received by the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, Vice Admiral SN Ghormade.

5. Indian Army & DFI launched 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme

- The Indian Army in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India has launched the 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme on 08 August 22.
- This initiative in line with Atmanirbharta in defence manufacturing is aimed to catalyse and provide focused opportunities to the Indian drone ecosystem to develop path-breaking drone capabilities for meeting requirements of frontline troops.
- The Indian Army's support to the indigenous drone ecosystem is based on the principle that 'good available indigenously' is better than the 'best available globally'.

About Him Drone-a-thon' programme

- The 'Him Drone-a-thon' programme is pan India sustained connect between all stake holders including industry, academia, software developers and drone product manufacturers.
- It will be conducted in stages with quantifiable parameters (like altitude, weight, range, endurance etc) being progressively enhanced based on demonstrated capabilities.

Source: PIB

6. 12th edition of Defence Expo to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

- The Ministry of Defence announced that the 12th edition of the Defence Expo, India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems, will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022.
- The theme for this edition is '**Path to Pride**' invoking nationalistic pride and encouraging citizens to partake in nation-building through establishing a capable indigenous Defence industry.
- The five-day event will witness three business days followed by two public days. Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry will be held on all five days at Sabarmati River Front through active participation and synchronized efforts at all levels, informed the officials.

Source: Business Standard

7. Indian Navy's all-female crew completes first solo maritime mission

- Five women officers of the Indian Naval Air Squadron 314 (INAS 314) based at Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar in Gujarat created history by completing the first all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission over the north Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft.
- The aircraft was captained by Mission Commander Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma, who had pilots — Lt Shivangi and Lt Apurva Gite — and tactical and sensor officers Lt Pooja Panda and Sub Lt Pooja Shekhawat in her team.
- INAS 314 is a frontline naval air squadron that operates the state-of-the-art Dornier 228 maritime reconnaissance aircraft. The squadron is commanded by Commander SK Goyal, a qualified navigation instructor.



Source: Indian Express

8. Indian Air Force will retire all squadrons of MiG-21 by 2025

- Amid recent crashes involving its vintage Russian combat aircraft fleet, the Indian Air Force is now going to retire one more squadron of the MiG-21 Bison aircraft by September 30.
- In July 2022, a MiG-21 Type 69 Trainer aircraft crashed in Barmer, Rajasthan killing both the pilots.

- "The 51 Squadron based out of Srinagar air base is being number plated on September 30.
- After this, only three squadrons of the planes would be left in service and would be phased out by the year 2025."
- Now every year, one squadron each of these planes would be number plated, they said.



Note:

- The 51 squadron is famous for thwarting Pakistan's aerial attack on India on February 27, 2019, and taking out an F-16 in an aircraft flown by Wing Commander (now Group Captain) Abhinandan Varthaman.
- This is the only instance when a MiG-21 aircraft brought down an F-16 in air-to-air combat, the sources said.
- The IAF has been replacing the MiG-21 fighter jets with more capable aircraft like the Su-30 and the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).
- In the last 20 months, 6 MiG-21s have been lost in crashes in which five pilots have lost their lives.
- The MiG-21s were supposed to be retired a long time ago but delays in induction of the LCA Tejas aircraft have forced the IAF to continue flying these planes.

Source: Business Standard

9. Kargil War: Point 5140 at Dras in Kargil sector named as Gun Hill

- Indian Armed Forces pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in "Operation Vijay", Point 5140 at Dras in the Kargil sector has been christened as Gun Hill.
- Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences including Point 5140, which was the key factor in the early completion of operations.
- The ceremony was conducted in the presence of Veterans from all Artillery Regiments, which got the honour title "KARGIL" in Operation Vijay.

Note:

- On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army announced the successful culmination of 'Operation Vijay', declaring victory after a nearly three-month-long battle with Pakistani troops on the icy heights of Kargil in Ladakh.

Military Exercises

10. SAREX-2022: 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise-22

- The 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 was carried out by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Chennai.
- Along with other organisations and foreign participants, the chief of the Indian Coast Guard, VS Pathania, assessed the exercise "SAREX-2022." In an emergency, ICG Dornier aircraft demonstrated to viewers how to rescue passengers from ships and aeroplanes.
- The subject of the biennial exercise this year is "Capacity Building Towards Marine Passenger Safety."

11. Udarashakti – India – Malaysia bilateral exercise

- Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent left for Malaysia to participate in a four-day bilateral exercise 'Udarashakti' with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).
- The exercise will give an opportunity to the IAF contingent members to share and learn best practices with some of the best professionals from the RMAF, while also discussing mutual combat capabilities.
- From the Indian Air Force Su-30, MKI and C-17 aircraft will be participating while the RMAF will be flying Su-30 MKM aircraft.

12. 'Vajra Prahar' - Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise

- The India-US Joint Special Forces exercise "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022", held on August 08, 2022, at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.
- Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is the 13th edition of the annual exercise.
- The main objective of this joint exercise is to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.
- 'Vajra Prahar' is an Indo-US Special Forces joint training exercise that began alternately in 2010 in India and the US.
- The aim of the exercise is to boost military ties between the two countries by enhancing reciprocity and mutual exchange of strategies between the Special Forces.

13. "Yudh Abhyas" - India-US mega military exercise

- The Indian Army and the US Army will conduct the 18th edition of the fortnight-long mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" from October 14 to 31, 2022, at Auli in Uttarakhand.
- The exercise is aimed at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies.
- The previous edition of the exercise took place in Alaska, the US, in October 2021.

14. Ex VINBAX 2022 - India-Vietnam Bilateral Army Exercise

- The 3rd edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" is conducted at Chandimandir, Haryana from August 1 to 20, 2022.
- The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is the "Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations".

15. 'AL NAJAH-IV' - India-Oman Joint Military Exercise

- The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' begins in Rajasthan at the Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges.
- The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from August 01 to 13, 2022.

16. Exercise Pitch Black 2022: Multinational Exercise

- The Indian Air Force (IAF) took part in multiple missions with the participating Air Forces in the first phase of Exercise Pitch Black 2022 in Australia.
- More than 2,500 personnel and 100 aircraft from 16 countries have commenced the multinational biennial exercise Pitch Black 2022.
- The exercise aims to strengthen relationships and interoperability between the military forces.
- This year's participants include Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.



17. India Navy and France Navy conducted exercise in the Atlantic Ocean

- The Indian Navy guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash, while on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French naval ships in the North Atlantic Ocean on July 29 and 30.
- INS Tarkash and French Fleet Tanker FNS Somme carried out a replenishment at sea, followed by cooperative air operations with the maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50, taking part in several mock missile engagements and air defence drills.

Source: PIB

18. Indian Army conducts pan-India drill 'Skylight' to test operational readiness

- The Indian Army has conducted a pan-India satellite communication exercise named 'Skylight', in the last week of July.
- The main objective of this exercise was to test the operational readiness and robustness of its hi-tech satellite communication systems, in the event of an attack by an adversary.

Key points:

- The Indian Army is preparing to have its own multi-band dedicated satellite, with added security features by 2025.
- The dedicated GSAT-7B satellite of the Army is a first-of-its-kind indigenous multi-band satellite, designed with advanced security features. It will support tactical communication requirements for troops deployed on the ground, remotely piloted aircraft, air defence weapons and other mission-critical and fire support platforms.
- ISRO and various agencies responsible for space and ground segments also participated in the exercise.
- The IAF and Navy already have their own GSAT-7 series satellites.

Source: India Today



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IMPORTANT ONE LINERS QUESTIONS (AUGUST 2022)

Banking & Financial Awareness

1. How much amount of gross GST has been collected the government for July 2022 _____ **₹1,48,995 crore.**

Note:

- The second highest collection ever since the introduction of the Goods and Services Tax.
- The July 2022 revenue is 28% higher than the revenues in the July 2021 of ₹1,16,393 crore.
- CGST is ₹25,751 crore, SGST is ₹32,807 crore, IGST is ₹79,518 crore (including ₹41,420 crore collected on import of goods) and cess is ₹10,920 crore (including ₹995 crore collected on import of goods).

2. Which bank has entered into a strategic partnership with Rupy for offering 100% paperless loan processing _____ **IndusInd Bank.**

Note:

- Rupy, digital lending platform, is a fintech arm of the Jaipur based, Girnarsoft Pvt Ltd (which houses brands like CarDekho, BikeDekho, Zigwheels, etc).
- This partnership will simplified documentation and instant processing of vehicle loans from IndusInd Bank.
- IndusInd Bank customers can now opt for flexible repayment options while transacting on 'Rupy'.

3. How much transactions of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has been recorded by the NPCI in July 2022 _____ **6 billion.**

Note:

- It is the highest ever since its inception in 2016.
- According to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the UPI has reported 6.28 billion transactions amounting to Rs 10.62 trillion.
- Month-on-month, the volume of transactions was up 7.16% and value increased 4.76%.

4. Which organisation has revised the guidelines on the anti-money laundering rules and counter financing of terrorism programme for insurance companies _____ **IRDAI.**

Note:

- The rules issued to consolidate and update guidelines replace the assorted norms issued since 2013.
- No life, general, or health insurer can claim any relaxations to comply with the money-laundering rules, with effect from Nov 1, 2022.

5. Which co-operative Bank Ltd has entered into a partnership with Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI) for empowering MSMEs _____ **SVC Co-operative Bank Ltd.**

Note:

- According to the agreement, SIDBI will extend refinance facility to SVC Bank to facilitate an improved flow of credit to MSMEs.
- The agreement was signed by Ashish Singhal (MD, SVC Bank) and Sanjeev Gupta (GM, SIDBI) in Mumbai.
- SIDBI is the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the MSME sector.

6. Which bank has launched first ever, men-focused Committee 'EmpowerHim' as part of its flagship HR initiative 'Prerna' _____ **Union Bank of India.**

Note:

- **Aim:** To promote the employees' career trajectory and improve diversity in the Bank by picking out and resolving individual as well as common existing challenges.
- This Committee will complement the women focused; EmpowerHer Committee launched by the bank earlier in July 2022.

7. How much amount of loans have been written off by the bank in the last five financial years i.e. 2017-18 to 2021-22 _____ **Rs 10 lakh crores.**



Note:

- The write-off amount has come down to Rs 1,57,096 crore (2021-22) as compared to Rs 2,02,781 crore (2020-21).
- In 2019-20, the write-off has also come down from Rs 2,36,265 crore to Rs 2,34,170 crore.
- The commercial banks and financial institutions have reported credit information of all borrowers having aggregate credit exposure of Rs 5 crore and above to RBI.

8. The financial inclusion (FI) index has been increased to 56.4 in March 2022 from 53.9 in March 2021, is constructed by which organisation _____ **Reserve Bank of India.**

Note:

- It shows growth in across all sectors across the country.
- Financial inclusion index was constructed to capture the extent of financial inclusion across the country.
- Sectors: Banking, investments, insurance, postal, pension sector
- This index has been created without any base year, and published in July every year.

9. The government has lowered the mandatory turnover threshold from Rs 20 crore to _____ under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime from October 1, 2022 _____ **Rs 10 crore.**

Note:

- **Aim:** Digitising a higher volume of transactions, transparency in sales reporting, reducing errors and mismatches, automating data entry work, and improving compliance.
- E-invoicing (electronic billing) has been started in October 2020.

10. Which organisation has restructured advisory committee on market data, that recommends policy measures pertaining to securities market data access and privacy _____ **SEBI.**

Note:

- The market data advisory committee will now have 20 members (earlier 21 members).

- Sebi has replaced former MD and CEO of NSE, Vikram Limaye by NSE current chief, Ashishkumar Chauhan.
- The committee is chaired by S Sahoo Professor at National Law University.

11. What is the current Repo Rate, that has been increased by the 50 basis points by the RBI _____ **5.40%.**

Note:

- Standing Deposit Facility Rate to 5.15%, MSF and Bank Rate revised to 5.65% in the latest bi-monthly monetary policy.
- Reason: to control the inflationary pressure
- As per the RBI, real GDP growth for the first quarter of the ensuing fiscal year is projected at 6.7%.
- GDP growth projection for 2022-23 retained at 7.2%.
- India's reserves remain the fourth largest globally.

12. Which Health Insurance Company Ltd has launched Smart Health+ Disease Management Rider, for its ReAssure customers _____ **Niva Bupa.**

Note:

- **Coverage:** It provide coverage for diabetes, hypertension and related complications from Day 1.
- It offers quarterly health check-ups.
- It also offers discount of up to 20% on health insurance renewal premium on managing a healthy lifestyle.

13. Which bank has become the first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the Income Tax Department's TIN 2.0 platform _____ **Federal Bank.**

Note:

- TIN 2.0 platform was launched on July 1, 2022.
- This "Payment Gateway" has been enabled by providing one more payment option to taxpayers.



- With this taxpayers can now make their payments with by using Credit/Debit Card, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and Internet Banking.

14. Which bank has collaborated with M2P Fintech to launch customer value propositions across payments and lending solutions _____
IndusInd Bank.

Note:

- The Bank will leverage M2P's cutting-edge technology backed by analytics.
- Aim: To deliver hyper personalised offering across payments and lending.
- M2P is fully equipped API infrastructure.
- It enables the bank to develop innovative products/experiences on top of Bank's core banking system (CBS).

15. Which insurance company has partnered with Future Generali India Insurance Company to offer a unique dog health cover _____
InsuranceDekho.

Note:

- This dog health insurance plans offers comprehensive coverage for over 25 breeds of dogs.
- Age of dog: Six months to 10 years.
- Premium: Rs 324 annually
- This insurance provide financial assistance for expenses incurred by pet parents towards hospitalisation, treatment of terminal illness, and surgery, subject to certain terms and conditions.

16. Bandhan Bank has opened its first currency chest in which state _____
Deedargunj, Patna.

Note:

- This is the first ever currency chest of bank.
- It will help in cash management for the branches and ATMs in the city.
- This currency chest will help people, MSMEs and small traders with supply of currency notes to the bank branches and the ATMs as and when required.
- The currency chest will also benefit the bank branches with storage.

17. RBI and Life Insurance Companies (LIC) have accepted the center's request to permit non-financial institutions and unregulated entities to own more than _____ stake in IDBI Bank _____
40 %.

Note:

- Also, allowed to sell between 51 and 74% of the lender through a strategic divestment process.
- Through a tactical divestiture, the government and LIC intend to sell 51-74% of the lender.

18. Which grameen bank has signed an agreement with Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to facilitate an improved flow of credit flow to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the state _____
Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank (APGB).

Note:

- APGB has started banking operations in 2006.
- This bank provide loan to agriculture and self-help groups in rural areas.
- SIDBI is playing a prominent role as an enabler in empowering the MSME ecosystem in the country.

19. According to a report, the Indian Food Processing industry could potentially grow at a CAGR of which percent, to reach \$500-530 bn by FY27 _____
10-11%.

Note:

- This is due to its strong agricultural background and several favourable trends supporting its progress.
- According to the report, India has emerged as a global agricultural powerhouse.
- Now it is the world's 2nd-largest agricultural producer, leading in the production of cereals, pulses, fruits and vegetables, sugar, and milk.

20. Which organisation will soon issue draft guidelines on outsourcing of financial services by financial institutions _____
Reserve Bank of India.



Note:

- The draft norms, deemed to be titled 'RBI (Managing Risks and Code of Conduct in Outsourcing of Financial Services) Directions, 2022', will be issued for public comments and feedback shortly.
- The revised norms will expand the scope of the directions to include regional rural banks, local area banks, AIFI, CIC and non-scheduled payments banks.

21. Which Eye Hospitals has strengthened its presence in Maharashtra by acquiring five eye hospitals in Pune _____ **Dr Agarwals Eye Hospitals.**

Note:

- The leading eye care chain announced it has acquired Prabhudesai Eye Clinic (Kothrud); Global Eye Care Clinic (Pimpri Chinchwad and Sangvi); Om Eye Care (Viman Nagar and Vishrantwadi), all of which have been eyecare centres of repute in Pune for many years.
- The eye care chain now runs 118 eye hospitals across the country and abroad.

22. The board of which Infrastructure Company has authorised the issuance of up to \$400 million, 5 per cent unsecured Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) on a private placement basis _____ **Reliance Infrastructure.**

Note:

- The FCCBs shall be convertible into equity shares of ₹10 each of the company as per the FCCBs term, at ₹123 (including a premium of ₹113) per equity share.
- The tenure of the bonds will be ten years.
- Each FCCB of \$1,000,000 is equivalent to ₹7.94 crore.

23. The RBI has imposed a penalty of what amount on Bengaluru-based Jupiter Capital Private Ltd, for breach of norms on submission of credit information _____ **₹82 lakh.**

Note:

- RBI also imposed a fine of ₹32 lakh on Indian Bank for breach of directions on classification and reporting of frauds.
- The examination of the Risk Assessment Report, Inspection Report and all related correspondence revealed that Indian Bank was in violation of certain provisions of RBI Directions, 2016.

24. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) Advisory Committee under the chairmanship of _____ **former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian.**

Note:

- **Aim:** To increase the overseas flows into the country.
- Other members: Representing foreign banks, stock exchanges depositories and RBI.
- The committee will review investment avenues available for FPIs and to advise on the feasibility of new investment avenues.

25. Which regulatory body has issued the regulatory framework to make digital lending safe for customers _____ **RBI.**

26. Name the co-operative Bank, which licence has been cancelled by the Reserve Bank of India _____ **Rupee Co-operative Bank.**

27. Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved the merger proposal of which bank with HDFC Ltd _____ **HDFC Bank.**

28. Which payment solution provider has become the first Indian company to be named in the 2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List in the definitive ranking of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world _____ **Razorpay.**

29. Paytm has partnered with which device stores across India to provide smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through deployment of point of sale devices _____ **Samsung.**

30. What is the name of first hackathon organised by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India _____ **Bima Manthan 2022.**



31. Which organisation has commissioned a new green hydrogen plant at Hazira in Gujarat _____ Larson & Toubro.
32. Which bank has opened its first all-women branch in Cherootty Road, north Kerala region in Kozhikode _____ **HDFC.**

New Appointments

- Who has taken charge as police commissioner of Delhi _____ **Sanjay Arora.**
- Who has been appointed as the country director for India by World Bank _____ Auguste Tano Kouamé.
- Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador Noise for its upcoming smartwatch, X-Fit 2 series _____ Vaani Kapoor.
- Who has assumed as the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police in New Delhi _____ Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen.
- Who has been appointed as the principal director general of Press Information Bureau (PIB) _____ Satyendra Prakash.
- Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-run Oil India Ltd (OIL) _____ Ranjit Rath.
- Who has been appointed as the president of Catamaran, an investment firm _____ Deepak Padaki.
- Who has been appointed as the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) for two years _____ Dr N. Kalaiselvi.
- Who has been elected as the deputy president of FIDE _____ Viswanathan Anand.
- Who has been elected as the 14th Vice President of India after defeating joint Opposition candidate Margaret Alva _____ Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- The Appointment Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a one-year extension of which Union cabinet secretary _____ Rajiv Gauba.
- Who has sworn in as the first leftist President of Colombia _____ Gustavo Petro.
- Who has been re-elected as PM of Papua New Guinea for second term _____ James Marape.
- Who has been appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India for three months _____ Justice Uday Umesh Lalit.
- Kuwait has appointed whom as an ambassador to Iran since 2016 _____ Bader Abdullah Al-Munaikh.
- Who has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) _____ Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios.
- The Central government has appointed IAS, Shah Faesal as Deputy Secretary in which ministry _____ Tourism Ministry.
- Who has been elected as the President of Kenya _____ William Ruto.
- Who has been recommended by the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) for the post of NABARD Chairman _____ Mohammad Mustafa.
- Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been signed as the brand ambassadors of which financial services company to promote digital payment in India _____ mastercard.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Alkesh Kumar Sharma to a panel of 10 eminent experts on internet governance. He is the Secretary of India in which ministry _____ Electronics and Information Technology.
- The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has appointed Indian philanthropist, Ashish Dhawan, to its board of trustees, is a founder and CEO of which company _____ Convergence Foundation.

Important News – India

- Union Rail Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw has flagged off the Badi Sadri-Udaipur City train service in which city _____ **Chittorgarh.**
- India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites. What is the total number of Ramsar sites in India (August 2022) _____ **75 Ramsar sites.**



Note:

- These 11 new sites include, 4 in Tamil Nadu, 3 in Odisha, 2 in Jammu and Kashmir and 1 each in MP and Maharashtra.
 - Total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites in 2022
 - Tamil Nadu (14) has maximum number of Ramsar sites, followed by UP (10).
3. 2. The government has constituted a task force on monkeypox to closely monitor the emerging situation in the country. Who is the head of this task force _____ **Dr V K Paul, NITI Aayog member (health).**
4. 3. Steel Ministry has constituted an advisory committee for secondary steel under the chairmanship _____ of _____ **Jyotiraditya Scindia.**
5. 4. Which conglomerate company will launch the 'First in India' seating system for Vande Bharat Express trains from September 2022 _____ **Tata Group.**
6. 5. To meet the workforce requirements, which airlines has raised the retirement age of pilots to 65 _____ **Air India.**
7. 7. According to the data published by the Indian consultancy Coalmint, which country has become the third-largest coal supplier of India in July 2022 _____ **Russia.**
8. 9. Which has organised Amrit Mahotsav named 'Badhe Chalo', to create a youth centric activation _____ **Ministry of Culture.**
9. 3. PM Narendra Modi has dedicated to the nation the 2nd Generation (2G) Ethanol Plant in which state _____ **Panipat, Haryana.**
10. 4. Which company has launched the 'India ki Udaan' project to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India _____ **Google.**
11. 11. The World's highest railway bridge's 'Golden Joint' has been inaugurated which district of Jammu & Kashmir _____ **Reasi district.**
12. 12. Which IT company has become the first global Big Tech Company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) _____ **Microsoft.**

13. 16. Which country has hosted a virtual meet of the 'Asian Regional Forum' on August 11, 2022 on the theme of Making our Elections Inclusive, Accessible and Participative _____ **Election Commission of India (ECI), India.**
14. 1. Which compnay has unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometres above the Earth on Independence Day _____ **Space Kidz India.**
15. 4. Which international airport has announced to launch with a beta version of DigiYatra app for Android platform _____ **Delhi International Airport Limited.**
16. 5. Ministry of Mines has announced to launch an individual portal of the ministry, under which master plan _____ **Prime Minister Gati Shakti National Master Plan.**
17. 6. Which organisation will construct a pilot road using steel slag Arunachal Pradesh, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions _____ **Border Roads Organisation.**
18. 7. Which force has launched a pan-India operation known as Operation Yatri Suraksha to provide round-the-clock security to passenger's _____ **Railway Protection Force (RPF).**
19. 13. Who has invested in Goodfellows, a senior companionship startup that provides companionship services to senior citizens _____ **Ratan Tata.**
20. 15. India's first database, NIDAAN has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. What is the full form of NIDAAN _____ **National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders.**

Important News – State

1. Which state government has launched Vidyanidhi Programme, under which, govt will provide scholarship from Rs 2,500 to Rs 11,000 to the children of farmers, weavers, taxi drivers and fishermen, who studying in 11th class _____ **Karnataka.**
2. After carving out new districts from the existing West Bengal districts, what will be the new number of districts in West Bengal _____ **30.**



- Which state government has launched Mission Bhumiputra, a digital way to issue digitalised caste certificates to students _____ **Assam**.
- Which state government has recently launched the "Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)" scheme for EWS students _____ **Haryana**.
- Which state government has announced the 'Panchamrut Yojana' will help to double the farmers' income _____ **Uttar Pradesh**.
- Which state government has launched 'Nethanna Ku Bima' Scheme, an insurance scheme, which covers handloom and powerloom weavers in the State _____ **Telangana**.
- Agasthiyarmalai Elephant Reserve is fifth elephant reserve of which state _____ **Tamil Nadu**.
- The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet has approved the proposal for India's first night safari in Kukrail forest area, is located in which city of UP _____ **Lucknow**.
- Who has launched the 'Make India No. 1' mission to make India the number one country in the world _____ **Delhi CM, Arvind Kejriwal**.
- Which two countries have withdrawn from a cooperation group amid the Western criticism of China over escalating military pressure on Taiwan _____ **Latvia and Estonia**.
- British govt has officially declared certain parts of southern, central, and eastern of which country as drought areas after a prolonged period of hot and dry weather _____ **England**.
- What is the rank of India in the report titled "Best Under A Billion" published by the Forbes Asia of the best 200 mid-sized companies in the Asia Pacific region _____ **4th**.
- How many artefacts, including a stone door jamb stolen from a Hindu temple in Uttar Pradesh, have been transferred back to India by Glasgow's museums _____ **Seven**.

Honor & Awards

Important News – World

- Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, who has arrived in India on a four-day visit to India, is a president of which country _____ **Maldives**.
- Which country will host the special meeting of United Nations Security Council (UNSC) on counter-terrorism on October 29, 2022 _____ **India**.
- According to the latest Fortune Global 500 list, which company has entered into Fortune Global 500 list, and ranked 98th with revenue of USD 97.26 billion and a profit of USD 553.8 million _____ **LIC**.
- Which country has signed an agreement with the World Bank for USD 300 million financing _____ **Bangladesh**.
- According to the UN, which country's population has owned 7.3% digital currency and ranked seventh in the list of top 20 global economies for digital currency ownership as share of population _____ **India**.
- Which of the following bank has been awarded Agri Infra Fund awards in the category of Best Performing Banks _____ **SBI, PNB and Bank of India**.
- Who has won the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022 best actor award for his movie 83 _____ **Ranveer Singh**.

Note:

- Shefali Shah (Jalsa) has been awarded the best actress award.
- Best Film: 83
- Best Director: Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)
- Best Series: Mumbai Diaries 26/11
- Best Actor in a Series: Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11)
- Best Actress in a Series: Sakshi Tanwar (Mai)
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Kapil Dev

- Name the Indian American teenager, who has been crowned with the title of Miss India USA 2022 in New Jersey _____ **Aarya Walvekar (Virginia)**.
- Name the Indian professor, who has been marked on the 'Heritage Wall of Fame' of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in the United States _____ **Ramadhar Singh**.



5. Name the Senior Congress leader, who will be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur for his writings and speeches _____ **Shashi Tharoor**.
6. The south London home of whom has been honoured with a commemorative Blue Plaque _____ **Dadabhai Naoroji**.

Sports News

1. Olympic medallist, Mairaj Ahmad Khan has claimed gold medals in men's category of which sports in the inaugural Digvijay Singh Memorial Shooting Championship _____ **Skeet**.
2. Indian weightlifter, Achinta Sheuli has bagged gold medal in which men's category _____ **73 Kg**.
3. Who has clinched silver in women's judo 48kg category at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games _____ **Shushila Devi**.
4. India's women team has clinched first ever gold medal in the lawn bowls after defeating which country _____ **South Africa**.
5. Who has claimed Silver medal in Judo women's 78 kg category at Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham _____ **Tulika Maan**
6. Name the para-powerlifter who has clinched the gold medal in the Men's Heavyweight, after defeating Ikechukwu Obichukwu (Nigeria), in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, with the lift of 212kg _____ **Sudhir**.
7. Sakshi Malik and Deepak Poonia presented a double gold delight at Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham, are associated with which sports _____ **Wrestling**.
8. Name the Indian para table tennis player who has clinched gold medal in the para table tennis women's singles at the Commonwealth Games 2022 _____ **Bhavina Patel**.
9. Who has become the 75th Grandmaster of India by winning the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania _____ **V Pranav**.
10. Which country has clinched the 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 football championship title by defeating Bangladesh by 5-2 goals in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha _____ **India**.

11. Who won gold in the mixed doubles table tennis after defeating Javen Choong and Karen Lyne (Malaysian) at Commonwealth Games 2022 _____ **A. Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula**.
12. Which country's women's cricket team has settled for the silver medal in Birmingham after losing to five-time T20 champions Australia (won gold) by 9 runs in the Commonwealth Games 2022 final _____ **India**.
13. Name the Badminton player, who has defeated Michelle Li of Canada by 21-15, 21-13 to win her first gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in women's singles _____ **PV Sindhu**.
14. Which men's team has won the 44th edition of the Chess Olympiad that has been concluded in Chennai, Tamil Nadu _____ **Uzbekistan**.
15. Serena Williams has announced her retirement from professional tennis, is associated with which country _____ **America**.
16. Who has been named the AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year for the seventh time, for the 2021-22 season _____ **Sunil Chhetri**.
17. Name the fencer has secured gold medal in the women's senior individual sabre category at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2022 in London _____ **Indian fencer, Bhavani Devi**.
18. Name the person, who has been named as the captain of the Bangladesh Cricket team for the Asia Cup, Tri-nation T-20 series with Pakistan _____ **Shakib Al Hasan**.
19. The first ever Women's IPL will be held in which year _____ **March 2023**.
20. Which state is set to host the upcoming second edition of the North East Olympics from 30th October to 6th November _____ **Shillong, Meghalaya**.
21. The Delhi High Court has passed an order to constitute a 3-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to run daily affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). The committee will be assisted by _____ **Abhinav Bindra (Shooter), Anju Bobby George (former long jumper) and L Bombayla Devi (archer)**.
22. Which city will host FIBA U-18 women Asian Basketball championship from September 5th to 11th _____ **Bengaluru**.



23. Who has become the first Indian footballer to play at the UEFA Women's Champions League _____ **Manisha Kalyan.**
24. Name the Indian woman wrestler, who has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win Gold medal at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship in Sofia, Bulgaria _____ **Wrestler Antim Panghal.**
25. Paralympic medalists, Sumit Antil has set a new record of 68.62m in which sports at the 4th Indian Open National Para Athletics Championships 2022 at Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru. _____ **Javelin throw.**

Science and Defence

1. Which edition of Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" has conducted at Chandimandir in Haryana till 20th August _____ **Third.**
2. The joint military Exercise "AL NAJAH -IV" between contingents of Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman has conducted in which state of India _____ **Bikaner, Rajasthan.**
3. Along with 13 countries, India will take part in which exercise that has been organised by Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF), Australia _____ **Pitch Black.**
4. To commemorate the victory of the Indian Armed forces during the Kargil War, which point at Drass in Kargil Sector was renamed as 'Gun Hill' _____ **Point 5140.**
5. Which edition of India and US mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" will be held in Auli, Uttarakhand from October 14 to 31, 2022 _____ **18th.**
6. Along with Indian army, which organisation has successfully test-fired indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) from Main Battle Tank (MBT) Arjun _____ **DRDO.**
7. Which country has successfully launched its first lunar mission, Danuri, from Cape Canaveral in Florida _____ **South Korea.**
8. Which rocket launched by United Launch Alliance (ULA) from Space Launch Complex-41 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station for carrying

the Space Based Infrared System Geosynchronous Earth Orbit-6 (SBIRS GEO 6) mission for the U.S. Space Force's Space Systems Command _____ **Atlas V rocket.**

9. Name the co-passenger satellite, that has been launched by the Indian Space Research Organization along with Earth Observation Satellite, EOS-02, but failed due to a technical anomaly in the cryogenic stage _____ **Azaadi SAT.**
10. Which country successfully launched a pilot reusable spacecraft with its Long March-2F carrier rocket _____ **China.**
11. Which armed force has conducted a pan-India exercise called 'Skylight', to test and validate its entire satellite-based communication network _____ **Indian Army.**
12. Rocket of which country has successfully launched an Iranian satellite named Khayyam, into orbit by the Soyuz rocket _____ **Russia.**
13. Name the India's first virtual space museum that was launched by ISRO Chairman, S Somanath _____ **SPARK.**
14. India has officially began working with the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) of which country _____ **Bahrain.**
15. Which edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise, "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022" has started at Bakloh of Himachal Pradesh _____ **13th.**
16. A contingent of the Indian Air Force (IAF) has participated in a bilateral exercise named 'Udarashakti' with which country's air force _____ **Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).**
17. Indian army and Chinese Army will attend the Vostok 2022 military exercises that will held in which country _____ **Russia.**
18. Which edition of Ex VINBAX 2022 Bilateral Army Exercise between India and Vietnam has been concluded at Chandimandir, Haryana _____ **3rd.**
19. The Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and which country have been concluded _____ **Australia.**



PASSAGE BASED PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Passage-01

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

Divisions among the countries were visible as the U.S. and Russia blamed each other for the crisis.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met with the US Secretary of State and Russian Foreign Minister on the side-lines of the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting. The meetings indicated the emerging differences within the G20 grouping as Russia accused the United States of forcing Europe and the rest of the world to abandon cheap energy sources while the US blamed Moscow for “global food insecurity”.

“Continued the conversation with the US Secretary on global and regional issues, this time in the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting. Our relationship today allows us to approach a range of challenges with greater understanding and openness,” said Mr. Jaishankar after the meeting. The interaction was held in the backdrop of increasing supply of Russian crude oil to India disregarding American pressure to reduce India’s dependence on Russian petroleum supply. In the June 26-27-G7 summit in Munich, where both India and Indonesia were special guests, the leaders of the G7 countries floated the idea of capping Russian petroleum prices that India has not supported so far. The Indian minister’s interactions are indicative of the dynamics within the G20.

Source: The Hindu

1. Who were the US Secretary of State and Russian Foreign Minister, respectively, in the recently held G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting?

- A. Antony Blinken and Minister Sergei Lavrov
- B. Mike Pompeo and Igor Ivanov
- C. Daniel Bennett Smith and Yevgeny Primakov
- D. John J. Sullivan and Andrey Kozyrev

2. What was the theme for The G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting?

- A. Building a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous world together
- B. People, Planet, Prosperity
- C. Realizing Opportunities of the 21st Century for All
- D. Equality for All, Opportunity for All

3. In which of the following places was the G20 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (FMM) scheduled on 7–8, July 2022 held?

- A. Jakarta
- B. Male
- C. Maldives
- D. Bali

4. Choose the correct statements about the G20 Group.

- I. It is an informal group of 19 countries and the European Union (EU) founded in 1999
- II. The International Monetary Fund and the World Bank has the veto power for fund disbursement to G20 countries.
- III. Nigeria was meant to be the 20th member and was dropped at the last minute due to political troubles at the time.
- IV. The G20 has no fixed headquarters, and the secretariat moves by rotation between the countries hosting or assuming presidency of the grouping each year.
- V. The members are divided into five groups. India is in Group 2, along with Russia, South Africa, and Turkey.

- A. Only I, II, III, and IV
- B. Only I, III, IV, and V
- C. Only III, IV, and V
- D. All of the above

5. Which of the following places will host the 2023 meetings of the G20, an influential group of the world's major economies?

- A. Washington DC
- B. Dhaka
- C. Jammu & Kashmir
- D. Beijing



Passage-02

Direction (6-9): Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

The United Nations estimated that the world’s population will reach 8 billion on November 15. In a report released on World Population Day, the U.N. also said global population growth fell below 1% in 2020 for the first time since 1950. According to the latest U.N. projections, the world’s population could grow to around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and a peak of around 10.4 billion during the 2080s. It is forecast to remain at that level until 2100.

The report says more than half the projected increase in population up to 2050 will be concentrated in just eight countries, namely Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, and Tanzania.

Source: Indian Express

6. In which year is India projected to surpass China as the world’s most populous country, according to the 2022 edition of the United Nations’ World Population Prospects (WPP)?

- A. 2022
- B. 2023
- C. 2024
- D. 2025

7. Which of the following statements is incorrect in relation with the findings of the World Population Prospects?

- A. Population is growing, but the pace is declining.
- B. Population growth rates are the same across countries and regions.
- C. The population of the elderly is increasing.
- D. The sustained drop in fertility has led to an increased concentration of the population of working ages.

8. According to the recently published World Population Prospects, India’s growth rate has dropped down to less than how much percent now?

- A. 2 %
- B. 3 %
- C. 5 %
- D. 1 %

9. To bring sustainable development in the mainstream, the United Nations (UN) launched the Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDGs which consists of how many goals and specific targets to be achieved by 2030?

- A. 27 goals and 169 specific targets
- B. 7 goals and 189 specific targets
- C. 17 goals and 159 specific targets
- D. 17 goals and 169 specific targets

###ANSWERS###

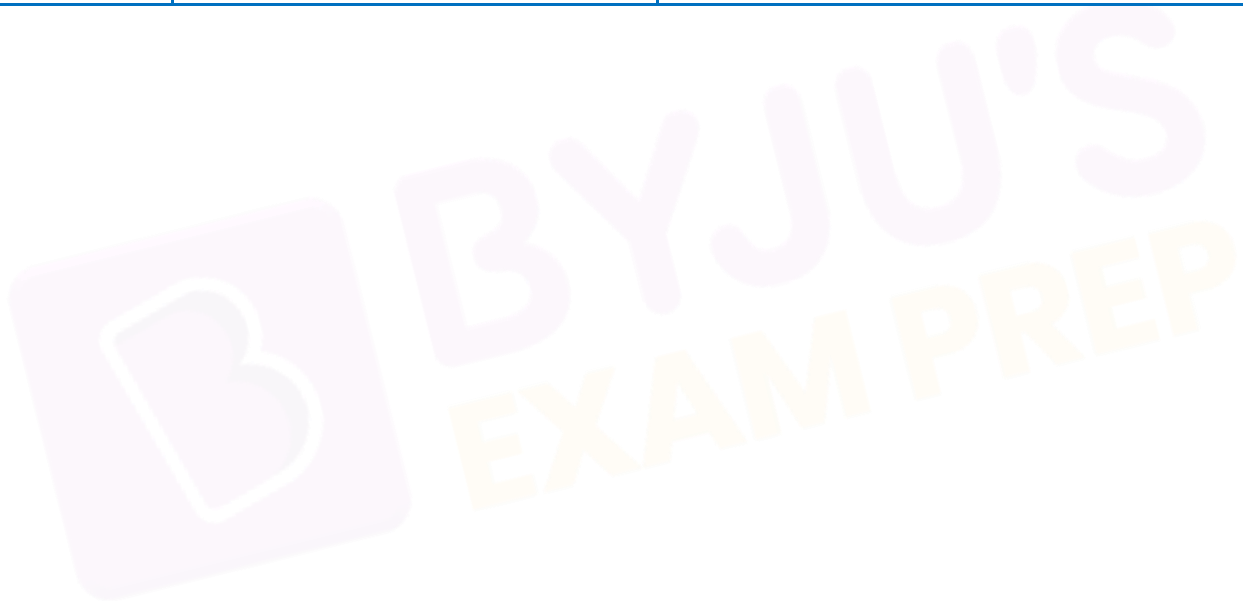
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DAYS TO REMEMBER AUGUST 2022

DATE	IMPORTANCE	THEMES
1 st August	World Wide Web Day	—
6 th August	Hiroshima Day	Survival, both of individuals and of communities
7 th August	National Handloom Day	Handloom, an Indian legacy
8 th August	Quit India Movement Anniversary or August Kranti Din	The demand was to end the British rule in India with immediate effect to get the cooperation of Indians in World War-II against fascism
9 th August	Nagasaki Day	—
9 th August	International Day of World's Indigenous People	Leaving no one behind: Indigenous peoples and the call for a new social contract
11 th August	Raksha Bandhan	The purity and sanctity of the bond that exists between siblings
12 th August	International Youth Day	Intergenerational Solidarity: Creating a World for All Ages.
12 th August	World Elephant Day	Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance, and environmental importance
14 th August	Independence Day of Pakistan (Youm-e-Azadi)	—
15 th August	Independence day in India	Nation First, Always First
19 th August	World Photography Day	Pandemic lockdown through the lens
20 th August	World Mosquito Day	Harness innovation to reduce the malaria disease burden and save lives
20 th August	Sadbhavana Diwas	Promote National Integration and Communal Harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions
23 rd August	International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Abolition	Stories of Courage: Resistance to Slavery and Unity against Racism



26th August	Women's Equality Day	Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow
26th August	International Dog Day	–
29th August	National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas	Securing a Sustainable and Peaceful Future for All: The Contribution of Sport
29th August	Telugu Language Day	–
30th August	Small Industry Day	–
30th August	Janmashtami	–
31st August	Malaysia National Day (Hari Merdeka)	Malaysia Prihatin



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