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National & States Affairs

551. As per the data released by World Steel Association on April 22, India is the only country among top 10 steel producing nations of the world, which has registered growth in steel production in January to March 2022 period, as compared to corresponding period last year. India has produced 31.9 million tonnes of steel in the period with a growth of 5.9%. In March 2022, with a production of 10.9 million tonnes of steel in India, the growth rate is 4.4%. Brazil is the only other country among top 10 Nations which has registered growth in the month of March. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – the only country among top 10 steel producing nations to register growth in steel production from Jan to March
- India – produced 31.9 million tonnes of steel in Jan to March period (growth of 5.9%)
- Brazil – the only other country among top 10 Nations to register growth in March 2022
- [HQs of World Steel Association – Brussels, Belgium](#) | [Chairman – Sajjan Jindal](#)

552. On April 25, Ministry of External Affairs recently launched a platform called the “Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) Fund” that would involve private sectors with state support for big-ticket investments in the Indo-Pacific region as well as other geographies. India's Global Innovation Partnership (GIP) launched with the UK in April at the PM Narendra Modi-Boris Johnson summit will provide a template to use the TDC Fund for trilateral projects with other countries. India & the UK have agreed to co-finance £75 million over 14 years to implement various components of GIP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of External Affairs – launched a platform called “Trilateral Development Corporation (TDC) Fund”
- India + UK = agreed to co-finance £75 million over 14 years to implement various components of GIP
- [Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar](#) | [Constituency – Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakashi Lekhi](#)

553. On April 26, Agra has become the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers. These vacuums will be used in public places. The work of sewer connection is estimated at Rs 100 Cr. A vacuum sewer network of 240 houses has been built for Rs 5 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Agra (UP) – became the first city in India to have vacuum-based sewers
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

554. On April 27, as part of the celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur launched “Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya”, a short video series created in collaboration with OTT platform Netflix. Netflix will be producing 25 short films of 2 minutes each on themes including women empowerment, environment and sustainable development and other days of significance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anurag Singh Thakur – launched a short video series “Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya”
- The short video series is created by = Ministry of Information & Broadcasting + Netflix

555. A 37-year-old Constitution Bench judgment namely “Olga Tellis vs Bombay Municipal Corporation” of the Supreme Court which held that pavement dwellers are different from trespassers may become a game-changer in the Jahangirpuri case. The judgment, Olga Tellis vs Bombay Municipal Corporation, in 1985 by a five-judge Bench led by then Chief Justice of India Y. V. Chandrachud agrees that pavement dwellers do occupy public spaces unauthorised. However, the court maintained they should be given a chance to be heard and a reasonable opportunity to depart before force is used to expel them. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Olga Tellis vs Bombay Municipal Corporation” judgment was given in 1985 by a 5-judge Bench led by then CJI Y. V. Chandrachud

556. In April 2022, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in association with the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) organized Asia’s biggest international food and hospitality fair “AAHAR-2022” at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. More than 80 exporters from different segments of agricultural products which include geographical indication products, processed food, organic, and frozen food products participated in the fair. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + ITPO = organized Asia’s biggest international food and hospitality fair “AAHAR-2022” in New Delhi
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – M. Angamuthu | Established in – 1986 (functions under Ministry of C&I)
- HQs of ITPO – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – L. C. Goyal

557. Jamtara in Jharkhand has become the only district in India where all gram panchayats have community libraries. This district with a population of about 8 lakh has a total of 118 gram panchayats and each panchayat has a well-equipped library. Career counselling sessions and motivational classes are also held free of cost here. A Janta Darbar was initially organised by the district administration to know the problems of the villagers in Changidih Panchayat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jamtara (Jharkhand) – only district in India where all gram panchayats have community libraries
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

558. A recent study, organised by Ferns, a nature conservation society, in association with the Kerala Forest Department, revealed that the invasive plants, especially Senna spectabilis, has now spread through the forest areas of the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR), including the Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary and the other most iconic wildlife habitats of the Western Ghats. It is destroying habitats of elephants, deer, gaur and tigers by pushing out native flora. The carrying capacity of forests to feed wildlife is drastically declining under the invasion, which accelerates man-animal conflict further. The study found around 23% of the area of Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary is infested by Senna spectabilis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ferns + Kerala Forest Department = conducted a study about invasive plants, especially ‘Senna spectabilis’
- The study revealed that invasive plants has now spread through the most iconic wildlife habitats of the Western Ghats
- Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary – located in Kerala
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

559. On April 17, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated a community radio station (CRS) named as 'Dudh Vani', dedicated to animal husbandry during his Gujarat tour. Set up by the Banaskantha District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union or Banas Dairy, the Banas Dairy Community Radio Station will connect over 5 lakh dairy farmers across 1,700 villages in the State. National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) in collaboration with All India Radio had launched a bi-weekly podcast series dedicated to dairy farmers. The dedicated radio station from Banas Dairy became the first such initiative for dairy farmers of the world's largest milk producing country. Moreover, Narendra Modi inaugurated a potato processing plant built at a cost of over ₹600 Cr at the newly-commissioned greenfield dairy complex at Diyodar. He also laid the foundation stone of the "WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine" in Jamnagar and inaugurated the Global AYUSH Investment & Innovation Summit at Gandhinagar during his visit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- During Gujarat's visit, Narendra Modi:
 - inaugurated a CRS named as 'Dudh Vani' as 1st such initiative for dairy farmers (set up by Banas Dairy)
 - inaugurated a 'Potato Processing Plant' at greenfield dairy complex at Diyodar
 - laid the foundation stone of the "WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine" in Jamnagar
 - inaugurated the "Global AYUSH Investment & Innovation Summit" at Gandhinagar
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

560. On April 25, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Minister of State for Civil Aviation Gen VK Singh (Rtd) inaugurated the mega 'Yog Prabha' event at Safdarjung Airport in New Delhi. At the initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the United Nations General Assembly took a historic decision in 2014 to declare June 21 as the International Day of Yoga (IDY). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya Scindia + Gen VK Singh = inaugurated the mega 'Yog Prabha' event at Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi
- [Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar](#)

561. The Union Cabinet approved a Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) project for upgrading 2G mobile services to 4G at security sites in LWE (Left Wing Extremism) areas at an estimated cost of about ₹2,426.39 Cr. The project envisaged upgrading 2,343 sites in Phase-I from 2G to 4G mobile services. However, BSNL will maintain the sites for another 5 years at its own cost. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved a Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) project for upgrading 2G mobile services to 4G at security sites in LWE areas at cost of ₹2,426.39 Cr
- BSNL will maintain the sites for another 5 years
- [HQs of BSNL – New Delhi | CMD – Pravin Kumar Purwar](#)

562. On April 27, to achieve commercial silicon and design wins for the next generation microprocessors by December 2023, Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar launched "Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V)" program. RISC-V is a free and open ISA enabling a new era of processor innovation through open standard collaboration. Professor V. Kamakoti, Director of IIT Madras will be the Chief Architect and S. Krishnakumar Rao will be the Program Manager of DIR-V Program. The minister also unveiled the Blueprint of the roadmap of design & implementation of the DIR-V Program with - 'SHAKTI' Processor by IIT Madras and 'VEGA' Processor by C-DAC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajeev Chandrasekhar – launched “Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V)” program
- Chief Architect of DIR-V program – V. Kamakoti (IIT Madras) | Program Manager – S. Krishnakumar Rao

563. In 2018, the UIDAI launched a new type of Aadhaar number, known as ‘Baal Aadhaar’ card. It is blue in colour, unlike the regular white Aadhaar card for adults. This Blue Aadhaar card contains a 12-digit unique identification number for a child below 5 years. Unlike adults, no biometrics will be captured for a child below 5 years. But the child needs to update his/her biometrics of ten fingers, iris and facial photographs, when he/she turns 5 and again at the age of 15 otherwise it becomes invalid after the child crosses 5 years of age. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UIDAI launched ‘Baal Aadhaar’ card or ‘Blue Aadhaar’ card in 2018
- Blue Aadhaar card contains a 12-digit unique identification number for a child below 5 years

International Affairs

564. In April 2022, Microsoft Corp disrupted hacking attempts by Russian military spies aimed at breaking into Ukrainian, European Union, and American targets. A group nicknamed “Strontium” was using seven internet domains as part of an effort to spy on government bodies and think tanks in the EU and the United States, as well as Ukrainian institutions such as media organizations. Strontium is Microsoft’s moniker for a group others often call Fancy Bear or APT28 - a hacking squad linked to Russia’s military intelligence agency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russian military hackers group “Strontium” – tried breaking into Ukrainian, EU & American targets
- Microsoft – disrupted hacking attempts by “Strontium”
- HQs of Microsoft – Washington, US | Chairman & CEO – Satya Nadella | Founded in – 1975
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

565. On April 25, a US Congress-constituted quasi-judicial body recommended to the Biden Administration to designate India, China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and 11 other nations as “Country of Particular Concern” in the context of status of religious freedom. India has in the past said that the American body on international religious freedom has chosen to be guided only by its biases on a matter on which it has no locus standi. The recommendations of the US Commission for International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) are not binding on the US Government. Traditionally, India does not recognise the view of USCIRF. For more than a decade, it has denied visas to members of the USCIRF. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- USCIRF – recommended to the Biden Administration to designate India & 14 other nations as “Country of Particular Concern” in the context of status of religious freedom
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

566. On April 27, Union Cabinet accorded approval to the opening of a new Indian Mission in Lithuania in 2022. It will help expand India’s diplomatic footprint, deepen political relations and strategic cooperation. It will also enable growth of bilateral trade, investment and economic engagements, facilitate stronger people-to-people contacts. The decision to open a new Indian Mission in Lithuania is a forward-looking step in pursuit of our national priority of growth and development or ‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet accorded approval to the opening of a new Indian Mission in Lithuania in 2022
- Lithuania – Vilnius – Euro | President – Gitanas Nauseda



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

567. On April 26, FinMapp collaborated with Bajaj Finance to launch a fixed deposit feature on its application by adding a new icon for an improved customer experience. The fintech firm is offering an interest rate of 7.35% on the fixed deposit of app users. FinMapp had also acquired a registration certificate, recognizing it as a corporate agent from the IRDAI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FinMapp + Bajaj Finance = collaboration to launch a fixed deposit feature
- HQs of FinMapp – Gurgaon, Haryana | Founder & CEO – Kumar Binit
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Bajaj

568. On April 27, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) became the first Indian company to hit the Rs 19 lakh Cr market valuation mark following a rally in its share price. The market heavyweight stock jumped 1.85% to its record high of Rs 2,827.10 and company's market valuation jumped to Rs 19,12,814 Cr in morning trade on the BSE. Meanwhile, Reliance Industries Ltd signed a formal shareholder agreement for the \$2 billion TA'ZIZ chemical joint venture in the UAE and inked a pact to collaborate with ADNOC in finding and producing conventional and unconventional resources. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RIL – first Indian company to hit the Rs 19 lakh Cr market valuation mark
- RIL – signed a formal shareholder agreement for the \$2 billion TA'ZIZ chemical joint venture in the UAE
- RIL – inked a pact to collaborate with ADNOC in finding and producing conventional and unconventional resources
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973

569. On April 28, Pencilton, has launched PencilKey, the NCMC-complaint RuPay on-the-go contactless keychains for teens, in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and Transcorp. Pencilton has taken a step in encouraging financial literacy in youngsters by providing them with financial tools and technology. PencilKey is linked to the PencilCard which is an all-in-one Prepaid card, metro card, and bus card. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pencilton + NPCI + Transcorp = launched "PencilKey" - a contactless keychain for teens
- HQs of Pencilton – Hyderabad, Telangana | Co-founder and CEO – Vishwajit Pureti

570. The Union Cabinet approved the revision of project outlay for setting up of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB). The equity infusion is set up from Rs 1435 Cr to Rs 2255 Cr to meet regulatory requirement. The Cabinet also granted in principle approval for future fund infusion to the tune of Rs 500 Cr for meeting regulatory requirements and technological upgradation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved revised project outlay of Rs 2255 Cr for setting up of IPPB (from Rs 1435 Cr earlier)
- HQs of IPPB – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Venkatram Jayanthi | Established on – 1st Sep, 2018



571. On April 28, Bank of Baroda announced the launch of “BoB World Gold” which is a new feature on its BoB World mobile banking platform designed especially for Seniors and the Elderly. While BoB World offers over 250 services, BoB World Gold brings the essential, frequently used services and favorite transactions of senior citizens upfront such that they are conveniently available and easily accessible on the home screen. BoB World Gold is customized specifically for senior citizens (60 years and above) and provides a new revamped dashboard with easy navigation, large fonts, sufficient spacing, and clear menus with added features like a ready-to-assist voice based search service. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bank of Baroda – launched “BoB World Gold” new feature on its BoB World mobile app for Senior Citizens
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India’s International Bank”

Defence Affairs

572. On April 26, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed a contract for co-development and co-production of long range dual band Infra-Red Search & Track (IRST) system for “Su-30 MKI” under the MAKE-II procedure of Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, as part of the ‘Make in India’ initiative. The proposed IRST system will be a high end strategic technology product in the field of defence avionics. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL + BEL = a contract for co-development & co-production of long range dual band IRST system for “Su-30 MKI”
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan
- HQs of BEL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD – Anandi Ramalingam (addi. charge)

573. On April 26, the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) commenced the Main Airframe Fatigue Test (MAFT) of the Light Combat Aircraft-Mk1 (LCA Mk1) airframe at the Ground Test Centre of the Aircraft Research and Design Centre (ARDC), Bengaluru. These tests will be carried out over a period of 8 to 9 years. The successful completion of the MAFT will qualify the LCA [Air Force] Mk1 airframe for its full service life. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL commenced the Main Airframe Fatigue Test of the “LCA-Mk1” airframe at Bengaluru, Karnataka
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

Sports & Games

574. On April 24, World champion Max Verstappen rekindled his title defence with an accomplished victory for Red Bull at the Emilia Romagna Grand Prix (Italy). It was his second win this season after Saudi Arabia and the 22nd of his career. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen (Red Bull - Netherlands) – won the “Emilia Romagna Grand Prix”
- Italy – Rome – Euro | President – Sergio Mattarella | PM – Mario Draghi





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Science & Technology

575. On April 2, NASA's Perseverance Mars Rover captured a solar eclipse from the surface of Mars. The martian solar eclipse took place after Mars's one of the moons, Phobos, came in between the Sun and the planet. Phobos is 157 times smaller than Earth's moon. The footage was captured by NASA's Perseverance Mars rover using its Mastcam-Z camera. It will help scientists in better understanding of the Martian moon's orbit and how its gravity affects the interior of Mars, including its crust and mantle. The eclipse lasted for about 40 seconds. The Perseverance Rover landed on Mars in February 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Perseverance Rover (NASA) – captured a solar eclipse from the surface of Mars using its Mastcam-Z camera
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded on – July 29, 1958](#)

Appointments & Resignations

576. On April 27, IT industry body Nasscom (National Association of Software and Services Companies) appointed Krishnan Ramanujam, a senior executive at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), as its Chairperson for 2022-23. Krishnan was the Vice Chairperson of the body. He succeeded Rekha M Menon. Moreover, Nasscom appointed Anant Maheshwari, President of Microsoft India, as the Vice Chairperson for 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Krishnan Ramanujam – appointed as the Chairman of the NASSCOM
- Anant Maheshwari – appointed as the Vice Chairman of the NASSCOM
- [HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi](#) | [President – Debjani Ghosh](#)
- [Chairman – Krishnan Ramanujam](#) | [Vice-Chairman – Anant Maheshwari](#)

577. On April 27, BJP leader and former Union minister Vijay Sampla was appointed as the chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) for a second time. Mr. Sampla had resigned as the NCSC chairman ahead of the Punjab elections and had contested the polls. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vijay Sampla – appointed as the Chairperson of the NCSC for a second time
- [HQs of NCSC – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Vijay Sampla](#)

578. On April 27, Generali Asia appointed Bruce de Broize as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Future Generali India Life Insurance (FGILI). He took over from Miranjit Mukherjee who was serving as interim CEO since September 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bruce de Broize – appointed as MD & CEO of Future Generali India Life Insurance (succeeding - Miranjit Mukherjee)
- [HQs of FGILI – Mumbai, MH](#) | [MD & CEO – Bruce de Broize](#)



579. On April 23, UNICEF's YuWaah, the Indian chapter of Generation Unlimited, announced Ashwin Yardi, to be its Co-chair. Yardi will be a co-chair along with Yasumasa Kimura, the UNICEF Representative. The YuWaah board would now function as a decision-making body and support the YuWaah Secretariat for funding and functional expertise. Generation Unlimited or YuWaah, supported by UNICEF, is a platform to bring young people together with the private sector, governments, and international and local organisations to turn them into active and engaged citizens. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwin Yardi (CEO of Capgemini in India) – appointed as Co-Chair of UNICEF's YuWaah (Generation Unlimited)
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, US | Executive Director – Catherine Russell | Established in – 1946

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

580. April 21, the former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai, Mr. Ardeshir B. K. Dubash, received the 'Order of Merit' in the Diplomatic Service of Peru, "Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan", the highest distinction conferred by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru. The award was conferred by the Ambassador of Peru in India, H.E. Carlos R. Polo. Mr. Dubash was designated as Honorary Consul of Peru on August 13th, 1973. The Order of Merit, which was instituted in 2004, takes its name from Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan, a distinguished Peruvian official who established the Peruvian diplomatic service and who held the office of Minister of Foreign Affairs on three different occasions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ardeshir B.K. Dubash (former Honorary Consul of Peru in Mumbai) – received the Order of Merit, "Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan" for his Diplomatic Service of Peru
- The Order of Merit – named after Jose Gregorio Paz Soldan (former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru)
- Peru – Lima – Sol | President – Pedro Castillo | PM – Anibal Torres

Schemes & Initiatives

581. Government's social security scheme Atal Pension Yojana (APY) has crossed total enrollments of 4.01 Cr as on March 2022 out of which more than 99 lakh APY accounts were opened during the last financial year itself. According to the latest APY data, around 71% of the enrolments into the scheme has been done by Public-sector banks, 19% by Regional Rural Banks, 6% by Private Sector Banks, 3% by Payment and Small Finance Banks. Out of the total APY subscribers 44% are female subscribers while 56% are male subscribers. Atal Pension Yojana is a guaranteed pension scheme of Government of India administered by PFRDA. The scheme allows any Citizen of India between the age group of 18-40 years to join through the bank or post office branches where one has the savings bank account. Under the scheme, a subscriber would receive a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1000 to Rs 5000 per month from the age of 60 years, depending upon his contribution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APY – crossed total enrollments of 4.01 Cr as on March 2022 (female – 44%)
- Enrolments: Public-sector banks 71%, RRBs 19%, Private Sector Banks 6%, Payment & SFB 3%

582. In April 2022, the Samba district of Jammu division became the first district in India to cover 100% households under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) SEHAT scheme. ABPMJAY SEHAT scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme fully financed by Government and the people with Ayushman Bharat Golden Card get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh in all government and empanelled private hospitals across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Samba (J & K) – first district in India to cover 100% households under Ayushman Bharat PMJAY SEHAT scheme
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

583. On April 27, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved extension of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) beyond March 2022 till December 2024. This has been done keeping in mind the impact of the pandemic-related PM SVANidhi stress on small businesses. Through the Scheme, affordable collateral-free loans are being facilitated to the Street Vendors. As on April 25, 2022, 31.9 lakh loans have been sanctioned and 29.6 lakh loans amounting to ₹2,931 Cr have been disbursed. The budget for promoting digital payments, including cashback to the vendors, has also been enhanced. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCEA – approved extension of 'PM SVANidhi' scheme beyond March 2022 till December 2024

Important Days & Dates

584. On April 13, Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev is observed as International Turban Day or Sikh Dastar Diwas. In 2022, it was the 553rd Birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev. Dastar or turban is an article of faith and a symbol of pride and identity for Sikhs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 13 – International Turban Day or Sikh Dastar Diwas (553rd Birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev)

585. In 2022, International Girls in ICT Day is celebrated on 4th Thursday of April. In 2022, it was celebrated on 28 April. It is celebrated on 4th Thursday of April. In 2022, the theme is "Access and Safety" identified by the ITU. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 28 (4th Thursday of April) – International Girls in ICT Day
- 2022's Theme – "Access and Safety"

586. Every year, "World Day for Safety and Health at Work" is observed on April 28. The day is dedicated to creating awareness and preventing occupational disease in addition to accidents across the world. The International Labour Organisation (ILO) first began to observe World Day in the year 2003. The day also coincides with the 'International Commemoration for the Dead and injured workers', celebrated by the trade union movement since 1996. For 2022, the theme of World Day for Safety And Health at Work is "Act together to build a positive safety and health culture". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- April 28 – "World Day for Safety and Health at Work" – by the ILO (since 2003)
- 2022's Theme – "Act together to build a positive safety and health culture"
- April 28 – International Commemoration for the Dead and injured workers

Books & Authors

587. On April 27, Maharashtra BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis released a Marathi book on Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The book, titled “Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal”, documents the life and journey of Shah and his contribution in building the BJP and making it the world's biggest political organisation. The book, originally written by Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shivanand Dwivedi, has been translated into Marathi by Dr Jyostna Kolhatkar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Devendra Fadnavis – released a book “Amit Shah Ani Bhajapachi Vatchal” on life & journey of Home Minister Amit Shah
- The book originally written by – Dr Anirban Ganguly and Shivanand Dwivedi
- The book translated into Marathi by – Dr Jyostna Kolhatkar

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

588. Indian companies have filed over 9,500 patents in the US during the period 2015-21 and 138,000 technology-related patents in India during the same period, according to NASSCOM’s “India Patents Report”. The report is an analysis of the patents filed in the US by India-domiciled companies. The US accounts for close to 62% of tech exports in FY2022. India domiciled organizations registered an increase of over 45% in 2015-2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India Patents Report” – released by NASSCOM
- Indian companies filed over 9,500 patents in the US during the period 2015-21
- The US accounts for close to 62% of tech exports in FY2022

589. Some 16 million square km of land (11% of the world’s land surface) will be degraded by 2050 if current trends continue, according to a new report titled “Global Land Outlook Second Edition (GLO2): Land Restoration for Recovery and Resilience” from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), released on April 27, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Land Outlook Second Edition (GLO2): Land Restoration for Recovery & Resilience” – released by UNCCD
- 16 million square km of land (11% of the world’s land surface) will be degraded by 2050 if current trends continue
- HQs of UNCCD – Bonn, Germany | Executive Secretary – Ibrahim Thiaw

Ordinance, Bills and Acts

590. On April 30, European Parliament and European Union (EU) Member States had reached a political agreement on the Digital Services Act (DSA), a landmark legislation to force big Internet companies to act against disinformation and illegal and harmful content, and to provide better protection for Internet users and their fundamental rights. The Act, which is yet to become law, was proposed by the EU Commission (anti-trust) in December 2020. The proposed Act will work in conjunction with the EU’s Digital Markets Act (DMA), which was approved in March 2022. The DSA will tightly regulate the way intermediaries, especially large platforms such as Google, Facebook, and YouTube, function when it comes to moderating user content. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- European Parliament + European Union (EU) = reached a political agreement on the “Digital Services Act (DSA)”
- DSA – provide better protection for Internet users and their fundamental rights
- DSA – will tightly regulate the way intermediaries, especially large platforms such as Google, Facebook & YouTube
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen

Acquisitions & Mergers

591. On April 27, Bharti Airtel acquired a 7% stake in cloud-based networking solutions provider Cnergee Technologies under the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program. The stake acquisition will enable the company to sharpen its Network-as-a-Service (NaaS) proposition for Small and Medium Businesses (SMBs), who are looking to accelerate their shift to cloud-based applications. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel – acquired 7% stake in “Cnergee Technologies” under the Airtel Startup Accelerator Program
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal

592. On April 27, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved the amalgamation of Consultancy Development Centre (CDC) with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). CSIR and CDC are two separate autonomous bodies under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology. After amalgamation, all moveable assets and liabilities of CDC shall stand transferred to CSIR. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the amalgamation of Consultancy Development Centre (CDC) with CSIR
- CSIR & CDC are two separate autonomous bodies under DSIR, Ministry of S&T
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

593. On April 26, Reliance Industries Ltd signed a formal shareholder agreement with Abu Dhabi Chemicals Derivatives Company RSC Limited for the \$2 billion TA’ZIZ EDC and PVC project in the UAE. TA’ZIZ is joint venture between Abu Dhabi National Oil Co (ADNOC) and sovereign wealth fund ADQ. Chlor-alkali is used in water treatment and manufacture of textiles and metals, while ethylene dichloride is typically used to produce PVC. These chemicals will be produced in the UAE for the first time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RIL + TA’ZIZ = a formal shareholder agreement for the \$2 billion TA’ZIZ EDC & PVC project in the UAE
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan



594. On April 27, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) signed an agreement with IIT Bombay to carry out a joint research and develop the Green Hydrogen technology. Hydrogen when produced through electrolysis process using renewable energy is known as 'Green Hydrogen' which has no carbon footprint. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T + IIT Bombay = an agreement to develop Green Hydrogen technology
- HQs of L&T – Mumbai, MH | CEO & MD – S. N. Subrahmanyam
- Director of IIT Bombay – Prof. Subhasis Chaudhuri

595. On April 21, Brazilian Sugarcane Industry Association (UNICA) and the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) signed an MoU for the promotion of ethanol and its blends in the automotive sector and to create a Center of Excellence in bioenergy. The CoE will be a knowledge portal, a hub that will bring together important and up-to-date information related to biomass and bioenergy. The partnership is based on five pillars: technology, standards, public policy, communication and sustainability. Brazil is the second-largest producer of ethanol in the world, after the US, and is home to the world's largest fleet of cars that use ethanol as fuel. India also has a strong focus on biofuels and has brought forward by five years, to 2025, the goal of achieving a 20% ethanol blend in gasoline. India is the second-largest sugar producer in the world, after Brazil. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNICA + SIAM = an MoU for the promotion of ethanol blending in automotive sector & to create a CoE on Ethanol
- Brazil – Brasilia – Brazilian real | President – Jair Bolsonaro

596. On April 28, Google signed an MoU with the Telangana Government for bringing the benefits of digital economy to the youth and women entrepreneurs. Children in Telangana would be able to use technology to learn faster and Google will carry out its 'Women Will' programme to deliver digital, business, and financial skills to nano, micro, and small women-led businesses. This MoU with Google in education will empower public schools with digital education through Google for Education's shareable devices and collaborative tools. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google + Telangana = an MoU for bringing the benefits of digital economy to the youth & women entrepreneurs
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

597. On April 27, NTPC signed an MoU with Energy Vault to formalise a long-term strategic partnership for deploying the Energy Vault's gravity-based energy storage technology and software solutions to support the state-run power genco's clean energy transition. The technology also offers beneficial utilisation of coal ash for manufacturing of composite blocks for Energy Vault's gravity-based energy storage system. Moreover, NTPC invited global bids for selecting companies who will assist NTPC's renewable energy (RE) arm with electrolyser technology for a period of two years with which the company intends to participate in upcoming tenders on green hydrogen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NTPC + Energy Vault = an MoU for deploying energy storage technology and software solutions
- NTPC Renewable Energy – invited global bids for selecting companies for electrolyser technology for two years
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

598. The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) entered into an MoU with the National Insurance Academy (NIA) for capacity building and providing skilled talent pool in the insurance sector in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs). To address needs of IFSC Insurance entities, IFSCA had already executed an MoU with Insurance Institute of India (III). IFSCA aims to develop a strong global connect and focus on the needs of the Indian economy as well as to serve as an international financial platform at regional/ global level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IFSCA + NIA = an MoU for capacity building & providing skilled talent pool in the insurance sector in IFSCs
- IFSCA + Insurance Institute of India = an MoU to address needs of IFSC Insurance entities for the MoU with NIA
- [HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#) | [Chairman – Injeti Srinivas](#)

599. On April 27, the Union Cabinet chaired by the PM Narendra Modi, approved the signing of the MoU between India and Chile for cooperation in Disability Sector. It will strengthen bilateral ties between India and Chile. The year 2022-23 marks 73rd year of diplomatic relations between the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Chile = an MoU for cooperation in Disability Sector
- [Chile – Santiago – Peso](#) | [President – Gabriel Boric](#)

600. On April 28, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) signed an MoU with Equinor ASA, the Norwegian state-owned multinational energy company. The MoU is valid for two years under which both companies have agreed to work together in the areas identified. As per the agreement, both ONGC and Equinor will collaborate with each other in the field of upstream oil and gas, midstream, marketing and trading, besides exploring further options in low carbon fuel, renewables, carbon capture storage (CCS) as well as carbon capture utilization and sequestration (CCUS) opportunities in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ONGC + Equinor ASA ([Norway](#)) = an MoU to work in the field of upstream oil & gas, midstream, marketing, & trading
- [HQs of ONGC – New Delhi](#) | [CMD – Alka Mittal](#) (addi. charge)



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