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National & States Affairs

51. On August 7, Billionaire Rakesh Jhunjhunwala's Akasa Air made its debut flight operating from Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport. The flight of India's newest airline was inaugurated by Union Minister for Civil Aviation Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. The airline code of Akasa Air is QP. Vinay Dube is the current CEO of Akasa Air. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the first flight of Akasa Air – that took off from Mumbai to Ahmedabad
- HQs of Akasa Air – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Vinay Dube | Founded in – December 2021

52. On July 31, Tamil Nadu Forest Department established a first of its kind Urban Animal Rescue Centre located inside the Guindy National Park, helping injured and rescued wildlife. The Tamil Nadu government also announced that a remodel of the Guindy National Park would be carried out at a cost of ₹20 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu Forest Dept. established a first of its kind 'Urban Animal Rescue Centre' – in Guindy National Park
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

53. The Uttarakhand tourism department is working on a plan to develop a 'Modi circuit' at Corbett Tiger Reserve, covering the places visited by PM Narendra Modi while shooting for a television programme in 2019. PM Modi had undertaken a slew of adventure activities while shooting for an episode of 'Man vs Wild', hosted by Bear Grylls on Discovery channel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – plans to develop a 'Modi circuit' at Corbett Tiger Reserve
- In this area, PM Modi undertook a slew of adventure activities while shooting for an episode of 'Man vs Wild'
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

54. On August 5, a Himalayan Spice Garden, the first of its kind in the entire Himalayan region & India, was inaugurated at Soni in Ranikhet by noted historian Shekhar Pathak. The garden has been developed by the research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department with funding from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in 2 years. It presently houses more than 30 different spices out of which there are 8 spices from the Allium family (onion) of the Himalayan region. Shekhar Pathak's recent books include "The Chipko Movement: A People's History" based on his Hindi book "Hari Bhari Ummeed". The Indian Himalayan Region is spread across 13 Indian States/Union Territories (namely Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Assam and West Bengal), stretching across 2500 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Himalayan Spice Garden' (first of its kind in entire Himalayan region & India) – inaugurated in Ranikhet, Uttarakhand
- "The Chipko Movement: A People's History" – written by Shekhar Pathak
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh



55. On August 5, Ministry of Culture launched “Badhe Chalo” movement to create a youth centric activation for greater outreach of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. ‘Badhe Chalo’ features Flash Dances across 75 cities. Through this mass movement or ‘Jan Bhagidari’ initiative, the Ministry of Culture also intended to amplify and support the ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ movement. Badhe Chalo was held across 10 cities every day from August 5 to 11, 2022. These events culminated with a Grand Finale on August 12, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Culture – launched “Badhe Chalo” movement to create a youth centric activation
- **Minister of Culture:** G. Kishan Reddy | **Constituency –** Secunderabad, Telangana
- **MoS in Minister of Culture:** Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakashi Lekhi

56. On August 5, the Indian government has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from the country by 2023. In a written reply in Lok Sabha, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Dr. Bharati Pravin Pawar said, out of 633 Kala-azar endemic blocks, 625 blocks have achieved the elimination target in 2021. The “World Health Organisation (WHO) Neglected Tropical Diseases Road Map” has the target set for Kala-azar elimination by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Govt. has set the target to eliminate Kala-azar from the country by 2023
- ‘WHO Neglected Tropical Diseases Road Map’ has the target set for Kala-azar elimination by 2030

57. On August 5, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (MoCAFPD) launched a common registration facility called “My Ration-My Right” in 11 states & UTs on pilot basis to enable homeless people, destitutes, migrants and other eligible beneficiaries to apply for ration cards. The ‘National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA)’ provides a maximum coverage for about 81.35 Crore persons. At present, around 79.77 Crore persons are given highly subsidised foodgrains under the Act. By the end of August, all 36 States and UTs are expected to be covered on the platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoCAFPD – launched a common registration facility called “My Ration-My Right” in 11 states & UTs on pilot basis
- ‘National Food Security Act, 2013’ provides a maximum coverage for about 81.35 Crore persons
- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution:** Piyush Goyal | **Constituency –** Maharashtra
- **MoS in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution:** Ashwini Kumar Choubey & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

International Affairs

58. Russia became India’s 3rd largest coal supplier in July, with imports rising by over a fifth compared with June to a record 2.06 million tonnes, according to data from Indian consultancy CoalMint. Russia has historically been the 6th largest supplier of coal to India. Indonesia was the top supplier, while South Africa was marginally ahead of Russia. Overall Indian coal imports were 23.8 million tonnes in July. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – became India’s 3rd largest coal supplier in July | 1st – Indonesia, 2nd – South Africa
- Overall Indian coal imports in July – 23.8 million tonnes



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

59. On August 5, Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Limited announced the completion of the USD 1.1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility for the financing of affordable housing in India. The loan has been priced competitively at a margin of 90 bps over SOFR (Secured Overnight Financing Rate). This transaction marks several meaningful milestones, including India's largest social financing issuance, the largest social loan globally, the first social ECB loan out of India and the largest ECB loan deal from a Housing Finance Company/private NBFC in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Ltd – raised USD 1.1 billion Syndicated Social Loan Facility for financing affordable housing in India
- This transaction marks several milestones like:
 - India's largest social financing issuance
 - Largest social loan globally
 - First social ECB loan out of India
 - Largest ECB loan deal from a HFC/private NBFC in India
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | VC & CEO – Keki Mistry

60. On August 4, the IRDAI allowed insurers to buy more perpetual bonds issued by banks and permitted them to participate in the public listing of high-yielding InvITs (Investment Trusts), enhancing the capital sources for such instruments. According to the IRDAI, the aggregate value of AT1 (additional tier one) bonds held in a particular bank, at any point of time, shall not exceed 10% of the total outstanding AT1 bonds of that particular bank. An insurer could immediately invest up to Rs 100 Cr of a Rs 1,000-Cr AT1 bond sale by a bank. Moreover, the IRDAI also specified that the public holding in the InvITs/REITs shall not be less than 30% of total outstanding units of the InvIT/REIT at the time of investment. Moreover, No insurer will invest more than 20% of the outstanding debt instruments in a single InvIT/REIT. [{Read more}](#)

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 - No insurer will invest more than 20% of the outstanding debt instruments in a single InvIT/REIT
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

61. On August 5, the SEBI granted in-principle approval for change in control of HDFC Asset Management Company along with change in one of the co-sponsors of HDFC Mutual Fund from HDFC Ltd to HDFC Bank. The change in control will happen following the merger of HDFC and HDFC Bank. HDFC AMC is the investment manager to the schemes of HDFC Mutual Fund. Currently, HDFC and Abrdn Investment Management Ltd (erstwhile Standard Life Investments Ltd) are the sponsors of the fund house. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI granted in-principle approval for change in control of HDFC AMC
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your World”
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992



62. On August 5, the Reserve Bank of India announced renewed rate hikes in its 3rd Monetary Policy committee review. The repo rate was hiked by 50 bps to 5.40%. The RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das announced that the FY23 GDP growth forecast has been retained at 7.2%. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate or Bank Rate is 5.15%. The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) are kept at 4.50% & 18% respectively. While Reverse Repo Rate is kept at 3.35%.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI's 3rd Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) report – released in August 2022
- Rates after changes made in June 2022:
 - Repo rate – 5.40% | Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35% | Bank Rate or MSF – 5.15%
 - CRR – 4.50% | SLR – 18% | CPI – 7.8%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

63. On August 5, Dhanlaxmi Bank entered into an agreement with its first fintech partner, New Street Technologies Private Limited for micro lending, operations management, and technology services under priority sector lending (PSL). New Street Technologies will provide the technical support to the bank on digital on-boarding and extend support as the business correspondent in micro-lending space to start the operations in southern states and subsequently, expand to more states.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dhanlaxmi Bank + New Street Technologies = an agreement for micro lending, operations management & tech services
- HQs of Dhanlaxmi Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – J. K. Shivan
- HQs of New Street Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka

64. On August 8, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted a Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) Advisory Committee (FAC) to boost overseas flows into the country. The FPI Advisory Committee (FAC) will be chaired by former Chief Economic Adviser K. V. Subramanian and consists of 14 other members representing foreign banks. The committee will review investment avenues available for FPIs and to advise on the feasibility of new investment avenues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI constituted 14-member FPIs Advisory Committee to boost overseas flows into India (chaired by - KV Subramanian)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

Defence Affairs

65. On August 8, India and the US commenced the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces military exercise named “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022” in Himachal Pradesh’s Bakloh to improve interoperability between the Special Forces of both nations. This annual exercise is hosted alternatively between India and the United States. The 12th edition was conducted at Joint Base Lewis Mcchord, Washington (USA) in October 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = commenced the 13th edition of military exercise “Ex Vajra Prahar 2022” – in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



66. On August 4, five women officers of the Indian Navy created history by completing the first all-women independent 'Maritime Reconnaissance & Surveillance Mission' in the Arabian Sea, onboard a 'Dornier-228' aircraft. The aircraft was captained by the Mission Commander, Lt. Cdr. Aanchal Sharma. They are part of the Indian Naval Air Squadron 'INAS-314', based at Naval Air Enclave, Porbandar, Gujarat. This first-of-its-kind military flying mission was unique and is expected to pave the way for women officers in the Aviation sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5 women officers of Navy completed the first all-women independent 'Maritime Reconnaissance & Surveillance Mission' in the Arabian Sea onboard 'Dornier-228' aircraft
- The aircraft was captained by – Lt. Cdr. Aanchal Sharma | They are part of the 'INAS-314' (Porbandar, Gujarat)
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

67. India and the US will hold the 18th edition of the mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" between October 14 to 31 in Uttarakhand's Auli. This exercise is aimed at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the armies of India and the US. The last edition was held in Alaska, the US in October 2021. The US designated India a "Major Defence Partner" in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + US = to hold the 18th edition of mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" – in Auli, Uttarakhand (in Oct 2022)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

68. On August 4, indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) were successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank (MBT) 'Arjun Mark 1A' by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Army at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S) Ahmednagar in Maharashtra. The all-indigenous Laser Guided ATGM employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank (HEAT) warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour (ERA) protected armoured vehicles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRDO + Indian Army = successfully test-fired indigenously developed Laser-Guided ATGM from Main Battle Tank 'Arjun Mark 1A' at Ahmednagar in Maharashtra
- It was launched with support of Armoured Corps Centre & School (ACC&S)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj

69. In August 2022, Indian Army carried out "Exercise Skylight", validating and showcasing the resilience of its communication capabilities in case terrestrial connectivity. During the two-week long exercise, all satellite communication assets in the Army were activated and various technical and operational scenarios in space domain were simulated. The ISRO also participated in the exercise. Moreover, to train its personnel on all aspects of satellite communication, the Army recently published Request for Information for its own student satellite, for training engineering students in Military College of Telecommunication Engineering on satellite technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Army – carried out "Exercise Skylight" to test resilience of its satellite communications
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj





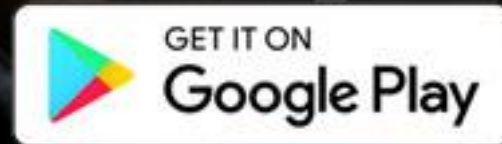
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Sports & Games

70. On August 4, the Indian women's team, comprising Rupa Rani Tirkey, Lovely Choubey, Pinki Singh and Nayanmoni Saikia, secured a historic first-ever Gold in 'Lawn Bowls Women's Fours' at the "Commonwealth Games 2022". Rupa Rani Tirkey-led team defeated South Africa. Rupa Rani Tirkey is a former kabaddi player. Pinki Singh is a former Cricketer. Nayanmoni Saikia was a National-level Weightlifter in the early 2000s. Lovely Choubey, 42, is the senior-most player in the team. She was a long jumper in her early days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian women's team – won first Gold in 'Lawn Bowls' at "Commonwealth Games 2022" (defeating - South Africa)
- Team players: Rupa Rani Tirkey, Lovely Choubey, Pinki Singh & Nayanmoni Saikia

71. In August 2022, India lifted the "South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-20 Football Championship" trophy by defeating Bangladesh 5-2 goals in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. Gurkirat Singh was named the Most Valuable Player of SAFF U20 championship 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – won "SAFF U-20 Football Championship" at Kalinga stadium, Bhubaneswar, Odisha (by defeating - Bangladesh)
- Gurkirat Singh – named 'Most Valuable Player' of SAFF U20 Championship 2022
- HQs of SAFF – Dhaka, Bangladesh | President – Kazi Salahuddin | General Secretary – Anwarul Huq

Science & Technology

72. On August 5, South Korea became the 7th country in the world to launch a mission to the Moon as it launched its Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter, nicknamed "Danuri" aboard 'SpaceX Falcon-9'. The aircraft lifted off from the Cape Canaveral Space Force Station in Florida, US. This is the first lunar mission by South Korea, which recently developed a space rocket launch capability. The lunar mission has been jointly developed by NASA and the Korea Aerospace Research Institute (KARI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea – launched its first lunar mission "Danuri" aboard 'SpaceX Falcon-9' (7th country to launch lunar mission)
- "Danuri" jointly developed by = NASA + KARI
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Yoon Suk-yeol

73. On August 4, China successfully launched a Terrestrial Ecosystem Carbon Monitoring Satellite and two other satellites from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China's Shanxi Province. The satellites were launched by a 'Long March-4B' carrier rocket and entered the planned orbit successfully. This launch marked the 430th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched a Terrestrial Ecosystem Carbon Monitoring Satellite – aboard 'Long March-4B' rocket
- This launch marked the 430th mission for the 'Long March' series carrier rockets
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping



74. On August 7, the ISRO launched the “AzaadiSAT” made by 750 school girls from 75 schools across India to unfurl Tricolour in space during India’s 75th year of Independence celebrations. The announcement for the same was made by PM Narendra Modi on August 15, 2018. The ISRO’s SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle), along with a co-passenger satellite “AzaadiSAT”, was launched for its first ever spaceflight from the Sriharikota base. This also makes it ISRO’s smallest rocket launch. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – launched the “AzaadiSAT” to unfurl Tricolour in space during India’s 75th year of Independence celebrations
- This smallest rocket was made by 750 school girls from 75 schools across India
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

75. On August 7, the Central Government plans to use satellite technology for the implementation of 110 projects in the ecologically sensitive Northeastern region by 2024. Shillong-based North Eastern Space Applications Centre (NESAC) will execute the projects in 8 North Eastern States. The projects were identified in the domains of agriculture, water resources, forestry and ecology, planning and development, UAV remote sensing and disaster management support. Set up in 2000, the NESAC is an autonomous institution under the Department of Space to provide space technology inputs and services for the development of the North Eastern region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government plans to use satellite technology for the implementation of 110 projects in 8 NE states by 2024
- NESAC (Shillong, Meghalaya) – will execute these projects

Appointments & Resignations

76. On August 3, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Shweta Singh as a Director in the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) for a period of 3 years. The cabinet simultaneously announced to cancel the appointment of Aniket Govind Mandavgane as Deputy Secretary in PMO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shweta Singh – appointed as a Director in the Prime Minister’s Office (PMO) for a period of 3 years

77. On August 1, Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosen took over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), succeeding Sanjay Arora. Dr. Thaosen is an IPS Officer of the 1988 batch, Madhya Pradesh Cadre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. L. Thaosen (DG of SSB) – took over the additional charge of Director General of ITBP
- HQs of ITBP – New Delhi | DG – Sujoy Lal Thaosen (addi. charge) | Established on – October 24, 1962

78. On August 6, the government approved extension in service to Rajiv Gauba as Cabinet Secretary for a further period of one year beyond 30 August 2022. This is the second extension. Before becoming the Cabinet Secretary in August 2019, Gauba was the Home Secretary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajiv Gauba – given 1 year extension to serve as the Cabinet Secretary – till August, 2023



79. On August 5, Unity Small Finance Bank Limited (Unity Bank) announced the appointment of Inderjit Camotra as the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. In January 2022, the bank appointed Vinod Rai, the former CAG of India, as its Chairman. Unity SFB is a 51:49 joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Inderjit Camotra – appointed as MD & CEO of Unity SFB
- Unity SFB – a joint venture between Centrum Group & Bharatpe
- HQs of Unity SFB – New Delhi | CEO – Inderjit Camotra | Chairman – Vinod Rai

80. On August 7, senior electrochemical scientist Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman Director General of the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR) for a period of two years. The CSIR is a consortium of 38 state-run research institutes across India. Kalaiselvi succeeds Shekhar Mande, who superannuated in April, 2022. Rajesh Gokhale was given the additional charge of the CSIR upon Mande's retirement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nallathamby Kalaiselvi – became 1st woman Director General of the 'CSIR' for 2 years (succeeding - Shekhar Mande)
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Nallathamby Kalaiselvi | Established in – 1942

Schemes & Initiatives

81. In August 2022, the Science & Engineering Research Board (SERB), a statutory body of the Department of Science and Technology (DST) launched a new innovative scheme called "State University Research Excellence (SURE)" that can foster collaboration for high-end research at state and private universities and colleges. The new scheme will help bring the university system, which was so far mostly limited to teaching, into mainstream research and enable the young faculty there to participate in cutting-edge research. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SERB – launched "State University Research Excellence (SURE)" scheme to augment research capabilities in state universities & colleges
- HQs of SERB – New Delhi | Secretary – Prof. Sandeep Verma

82. On August 5, Chief Justice of India N. V. Ramana recommended the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit to the Union Minister for Law & Justice as the 49th Chief Justice of India. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit assumes charge on August 27 after incumbent N. V. Ramana demits the office on August 26. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Uday Umesh Lalit – appointed as 49th Chief Justice of India (succeeding - Justice N. V. Ramana)
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana (48th) | From Aug 27 – Uday Umesh Lalit

83. On August 5, Uttar Pradesh government is set to launch "Panchamrut Yojana" which will help to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures and promotion of co-cropping method. In addition, the Government will ensure that the farmers get the right price for their produce. The Government will also honour farmers who implement the Panchamrut scheme with 'Uttam Sugarcane Farmer' awards. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – to launch “Panchamrut Yojana” to double farmers’ income
- UP Govt will also honour farmers who implement the Panchamrut scheme with ‘Uttam Sugarcane Farmer’ awards
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

84. On August 5, Gujarat government launched “Family First - Samjavat nu Sarnamu” (Family First - a Place for Persuasion) scheme for out-of-the-court settlement of family disputes with the intervention of social, religious and reputed people of the society. Committees comprising government officials and local religious/social leaders will be formed at district and taluka levels as part of the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – launched “Family First - Samjavat nu Sarnamu” (Family First - a Place for Persuasion) scheme
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

85. On August 6, National Democratic Alliance candidate and former West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the 14th Vice-President of India. He secured 528 votes out of the 710 valid votes in the 16th Vice-Presidential election held in Parliament. The Opposition candidate and Congress leader, Margaret Alva, got 182 votes. Mr. Dhankhar succeeds outgoing Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jagdeep Dhankhar (former WB Governor) – elected as the 14th Vice-President of India (succeeding - M. Venkaiah Naidu)

86. In August 2022, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a project of the Women and Child Development department to provide milk and eggs to children at all Anganwadis in the state in a bid to improve their nutrition levels. The state government has set aside over Rs 61.5 Crore to include milk and eggs in the Anganwadi menu for this financial year 2022-23. This scheme is considered as a first of its kind in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – launched a first-of-its-kind scheme to provide Milk & Eggs to children at all Anganwadis in the state
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

87. On August 6, Google launched an online project named “India Ki Udaan” to mark 75 Years of India’s Independence. The project is executed by Google Arts & Culture. Google also announced that its popular “Doodle4Google” contest for 2022, themed on “In the Next 25 Years, My India will...”, is now open for entries to students of classes 1-10. ‘India Ki Udaan’ is themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – launched an online project named “India Ki Udaan” to mark 75 Years of India’s Independence
- [HQs of Google – California, US](#) | [CEO – Sundar Pichai](#) | [Founded in – 1998](#)



Important Days & Dates

88. The 77th “Hiroshima Day” was observed on August 6, 2022 to commemorate the atomic bombing on Hiroshima city of Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II. The bombings killed over 2,00,000 people in just seconds and injured thousands more. The US dropped 2 atomic bombs named “Little Boy” in the city of Hiroshima and “Fat Man” in the city of Nagasaki on August 6 & 9 respectively. Hence, August 9 was also marked as the 77th “Nagasaki Day” this year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 6 – 77th anniversary of Hiroshima Day
- August 9 – 77th anniversary of Nagasaki Day
- US dropped an atomic bomb named “Little Boy” on Hiroshima & “Fat Man” on Nagasaki (in 1945)

89. The 8th National Handloom Day was celebrated by Ministry of Textiles on August 7, 2022 to mark the importance of the handloom weaving community in India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi initiated the day in the year 2015. This was to boost the idea of self-help and self-reliance on Indian goods to boycott foreign products. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 7 – 8th National Handloom Day (since 2015)

90. The University Grants Commission (UGC) asked all the Universities & Colleges to organise programmes and seminars to observe August 14 as “Partition Horrors Remembrance Day” to commemorate the sufferings and sacrifices of millions of Indians during the partition in 1947. In 2021, PM Narendra Modi had made the announcement for the same. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 14 – Partition Horrors Remembrance Day – observed by all the Universities & Colleges

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

91. On August 3, India and Mauritius held the 1st session of “India-Mauritius High-Powered Joint Trade Committee” in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Dr. Srikar K Reddy, Joint Secretary of Department of Commerce. The High-Powered Joint Trade Committee had been constituted as per the mandate of the ‘India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership Agreement (CECPA)’. The CECPA is the first trade Agreement signed by India with a country in Africa. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Mauritius = held the 1st session of “High-Powered Joint Trade Committee” in New Delhi
- CECPA is the first trade Agreement signed by India with a country in Africa
- Mauritius – Port Louis – Mauritian rupee | PM – Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

92. As announced on August 4, India will host the “United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Meeting on Counterterrorism” in October 2022 for a special meeting on counter-terrorism. The special meeting would be conducted in the 6 official languages of the United Nations. India chairs the Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022. India’s two-year term at the UNSC as non-permanent member will end in December 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India – to host the “UNSC Meeting on Counterterrorism” in October 2022
- India – chairs the UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee for 2022
- HQs of UNSC – New York, US | Presidency in August – China (July – Brazil | Sep – France)

93. On August 5, PM Narendra Modi chaired the 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog at Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre, New Delhi. The agenda of the meeting includes crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds, pulses and Agri-communities; School Education; Higher Education; and Urban Governance. This would be the first in-person meeting of the Governing Council since July 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – chaired the 7th Governing Council meeting of NITI Aayog in New Delhi
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery

94. India will host the International Dairy Federation’s “World Dairy Summit 2022” at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida, National Capital Region (Delhi - NCR) from September 12 to 15, where stakeholders from 40 countries will participate. The last World Dairy Summit was organised in 1974 in New Delhi. The theme of the event is “Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood” and the sponsors are Amul and Nandini. Mother Dairy will be the principal sponsor for the event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Dairy Summit 2022” – to be organised by the IDF in Greater Noida, NCR (in Sep 2022)
- Theme of the summit – “Dairy for Nutrition & Livelihood”
- India – the largest milk producing country in the world
- HQs of IDF – Brussels, Belgium | Chairman – Meenesh Shah

95. On August 6, Union Minister of Power and New and Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh chaired the Review Planning and Monitoring (RPM) meeting with States and State Power Utilities. During the meeting, the Union Minister launched the 10th ‘Integrated Rating of DISCOMs’ (Power Distribution Companies), 1st ‘Consumer Service Rating of DISCOMs’ and ‘Bharat eSmart’ Mobile Application (BeSMA). The free-to-use mobile App for prepaid smart meters was also launched for the nationwide rollout of smart metering. These initiatives would pave the path towards an efficient and sustainable power distribution sector. In the 10th ‘Integrated Ratings of DISCOMs’, Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited (DGVCL) secured the first position. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. K. Singh – chaired the ‘Review Planning & Monitoring (RPM) Meeting’ with States & State Power Utilities
- During the meeting, R. K. Singh launched:
 - 10th Integrated Rating of DISCOMs, 1st Consumer Service Rating of DISCOMs & ‘Bharat eSmart’ mobile app
- Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd – secured 1st position in the 10th ‘Integrated Rating of DISCOMs’
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar



96. External Affairs Minister of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar visited Cambodia from August 3-5, 2022 to attend the annual “ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (AIFMM)” in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. It was co-chaired by Dr. S. Jaishankar and Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Foreign Minister of Singapore. While the “Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting” was hosted by India in New Delhi in June 2022 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations this year. EAM appreciated the Cambodian Chairship of ASEAN this year, under the theme “ASEAN ACT: Addressing Challenges Together”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – attended the annual “ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (AIFMM)” – hosted by Cambodia
- Theme of AIFMM – “ASEAN ACT: Addressing Challenges Together”
- Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting – was held in New Delhi (in June)
- [Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 – Cambodia](#) | [Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia](#) | [Members – 10](#)

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

97. On August 4, Assam government signed 4 MoUs with HCL, Walmart and Flipkart for various purposes, including skilling the youths, exporting local products and creating talent for e-commerce supply chain. The HCL in collaboration with DECT will provide training to the Class 12 passed students, aiming to reduce regional imbalance in terms of skilled people. Another MoU was inked between Assam Skill University (ASU) and HCL-TSS to help aspirants to join HCL-TSS skilling and employment programmes. The third agreement was signed by Walmart Vriddhi with the Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprises Department and Skill Employment Entrepreneurship Department. As per the last MoU signed between Flipkart and Assam Skill Development Mission, Flipkart will provide opportunities to youth of the state in the Flipkart Supply Chain Operations Academy by training, certifying and creating a pool of e-commerce supply chain talent. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – signed 4 MoUs with HCL, Walmart & Flipkart for various purposes
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)
- [HQs of HCL Technologies – Noida, UP](#) | [MD & CEO – C. Vijayakumar](#) | [Chairperson – Roshni Nadar Malhotra](#)
- [HQs of Walmart – Arkansas, US](#) | [CEO – Doug McMillon](#)
- [HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka](#) | [Chairperson – Binny Bansal](#) | [CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy](#)

98. On August 5, LinkedIn, the world’s largest professional network, signed an MoU with the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) and the ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK) as part of the Connect Career to Campus (CCC) campaign under the ‘Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM)’ initiative. This partnership aims to boost the employability skill among the youth of Kerala and aggravate relevant jobs for them using LinkedIn talent insights and learning tools. The CCC campaign aims to advocate the idea of ‘Right Job@Right Time’ by increasing awareness of emerging industry 4.0 jobs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LinkedIn + K-DISC + ICTAK = an MoU to boost the employability skill among the youth of Kerala
- The MoU was signed as part of the Connect Career to Campus (CCC) campaign under the ‘KKEM’ initiative
- CCC campaign aims to advocate the idea of ‘Right Job@Right Time’
- [HQs of LinkedIn – California, US](#) | [CEO – Jeff Weiner](#)
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)



99. On August 4, AD Ports Group signed an MoU with Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd (APSEZ), India's largest integrated ports and logistics company, for strategic joint investments in end-to-end logistics infrastructure and solutions in Tanzania. The two companies signed the agreement setting in motion a series of potential country-level investments to grow, improve, and promote an end-to-end maritime and logistics ecosystem which will make Tanzania a hub for the African region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AD Ports Group + Adani Ports & SEZ Ltd = an MoU for joint infra investments in Tanzania
- HQs of APSEZ – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Karan Adani
- Tanzania – Dodoma – Tanzanian shilling | President – Samia Suluhu Hassan | PM – Kassim Majaliwa

100. On August 4, National Health Authority (NHA) partnered with the Quality Council of India (QCI) for 6 months to accredit and rate the Health Management Information System (HMIS) and Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) solutions that have been integrated with the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). The National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and Healthcare Providers (NABH) is responsible for National Accreditation in the domain of healthcare. This accreditation exercise will be conducted in a phased manner. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHA + QCI = partnership for 6 months to accredit and rate the HMIS & LMIS solutions integrated with the 'ABDM'
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma | Founded in – 2018
- HQs of QCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Adil Zainulbhai | Secretary General – Dr. Ravi P. Singh





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