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# National & States Affairs

**201.** On August 14, Union Minister Jitendra Singh launched India's first saline water lantern named "Roshini", which uses sea water to power the LED lamps, during a visit to SAGAR ANVESHKA, a coastal research vessel operated and used by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Jitendra Singh – launched India's first saline water lantern named "Roshini"
- Roshini uses sea water to power the LED lamps

**202.** Chandigarh University along with the NID Foundation created a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Human Image of a Waving National Flag', as part of celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence on August 15. The record was accomplished with the participation of 5,885 persons. With the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the government aimed to have at least 20 Crore flags unfurled atop houses from August 13 to August 15. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Chandigarh University + NID Foundation = created a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Human Image of a Waving National Flag'

**203.** National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) has achieved target of imparting Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and basic training to 1 million students on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022, ahead of the deadline which was 15 August 2022. NIPAM, a flagship program to impart IP awareness and basic training, was launched on 8 December, 2021 as a part of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" celebrations. The program was implemented by Intellectual Property Office, the Office of Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), Ministry of Commerce and Industry. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- NIPAM – achieved target of imparting IP awareness & basic training to 1 million students on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022
- NIPAM – **National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission** | Launched on – 8 Dec, 2021

**204.** As on August 11, total of 151 Districts (in 24 States) have lifted fortified rice under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in Phase II of Rice Fortification Programme. Nearly 6.83 LMT have been distributed by the States/UTs under the Phase II which started from April 1, 2022. In 2019-20, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution launched a centrally sponsored scheme "Fortification of Rice" for a period of 3 years with a total budget outlay of Rs 174.64 Crore. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Total of 151 Districts (in 24 States) have lifted fortified rice under TPDS in Phase II of 'Rice Fortification Programme'
- Nearly 6.83 LMT have been distributed by the States/UTs under the Phase II
- MoCAFPD – had launched a centrally sponsored scheme "Fortification of Rice" for a period of 3 years in 2019-20
- **Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: Piyush Goyal** | **Constituency – Maharashtra**
- **MoS in Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: Ashwini Kumar Choubey & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti**



**205.** On August 10, the dramatic transformation of Udhna Railway Station in Surat, by noted Entrepreneur and Environmental crusader Greenman Viral Desai, has been recognised by the India Book of Records, which has named the Udhna railway station as a Green Railway Station for Ecosystem Restoration and Climate Action. It is the first not only in India but across the world to gain the coveted place in the 'India Book of Records' as the Green Railway Station. The record was set by Greenman Viral Desai in partnership with Indian Railways. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Udhna Railway Station, Surat – 1<sup>st</sup> across the world to be recognized in 'India Book of Records' as Green Railway Station
- Transformation of the Railway Station is done by = Greenman Viral Desai + Indian Railways

**206.** On the occasions of the 150th Birth Anniversary of Maharshi Aurobindo and the 75th Year of Independence, the Ministry of Culture commemorated the life and philosophy of Shri Aurobindo by conducting spiritual programmes in 75 prisons across the nation between August 12-15, 2022. The purpose of these programmes is to 'transform' the lives of prison inmates through the inculcation of the philosophy of Shri Aurobindo and by the practice of Yoga and Meditation.

[{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Culture – conducted spiritual programmes in 75 prisons across the nation on the occasions of the 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Maharshi Aurobindo & the 75<sup>th</sup> Year of Independence

**207.** The 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the "India International Seafood Show (IISS)" will be held in Kolkata from February 15-17, 2023. The event is to be held in the city's Biswa Bangala Mela Prangan. The Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has collaborated with the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI) to organise the show. The biennial (once every two years) event in the seafood sector will provide an ideal platform for interaction between Indian exporters and overseas importers of India's marine products. During 2021-22, India exported 13,69,264 tons of marine products worth USD 7.76 billion, recording an all-time high export by value. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 23<sup>rd</sup> "India International Seafood Show" (biennial event) – will be held in Kolkata from February 15-17, 2023
- It will be organized by = Marine Products Export Development Authority + Seafood Exporters Association of India
- India exported 13,69,264 tons of marine products worth USD 7.76 billion in 2021-22
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan](#)

**208.** On August 13, Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in Sangrur district of Punjab started commercial production. The plant with a total capacity of 33.23 tonne CBG per day was commissioned at village Bhuttal Kalan (Sangrur) in April, 2022. Besides, PEDDA (Punjab Energy Development Agency) also allocated 42 additional CBG projects of total capacity 492.58 Tonnes Per Day (TPD) based on paddy straw and other agro-residue to develop a lasting and sustainable solution to prevent stubble burning while also strengthening the rural economy. Two more plants of total capacity 14.25 tonnes CBG per day are likely to be completed in 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant started commercial production – in Sangrur, Punjab
- [Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit](#)



**209.** On August 14, Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites, that are of international importance, bringing the country's total tally to 75 from 64. Of the 11 new sites, 4 are in Tamil Nadu (Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary, Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary), 3 in Odisha (Tampara Lake, Hirakud Reservoir, Ansupa Lake), 2 Jammu & Kashmir (Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve, Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve), and one each in Madhya Pradesh (Yashwant Sagar) and Maharashtra (Thane Creek). Currently, Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of Ramsar sites in India at 14. India in 1982 became a signatory to the 1971 Ramsar Convention. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 11 more Indian wetlands – received Ramsar recognition as Wetlands of International Importance (Now, total - 75)
- Currently, Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of Ramsar sites in India at 14 *{Dynamic data}*
- 11 new Ramsar wetland sites:
  - Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary (TN)
  - Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex (TN)
  - Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary (TN)
  - Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary (TN)
  - Tampara Lake (Odisha)
  - Hirakud Reservoir (Odisha)
  - Ansupa Lake (Odisha)
  - Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve (Jammu & Kashmir)
  - Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve (Jammu & Kashmir)
  - Yashwant Sagar (Madhya Pradesh)
  - Thane Creek (Maharashtra)

## International Affairs

**210.** On August 12, China agreed to finance a feasibility study for a cross-border railway with Nepal under the “Trans-Himalayan Multi-dimensional Connectivity Network”, part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of China. China will send experts to conduct surveys for the railway this year. Moreover, China also pledged \$118 million for China-assisted projects in Nepal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- China – agreed to finance a feasibility study for a cross-border railway with Nepal under the “Trans-Himalayan Multi-dimensional Connectivity Network”
- The network is part of the ‘Belt & Road Initiative (BRI)’ of China
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba



**211.** On August 13, the World Health Organisation (WHO) announced new names for variants of the Monkeypox virus as 'Clades I, IIa and IIb' to avoid causing any cultural or social offence. In July, the WHO had declared a global health emergency over monkeypox. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- WHO – renamed the variants of Monkeypox virus as 'Clades I, IIa and IIb' to avoid causing any cultural or social offence
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

**212.** On August 16, India gifted a “Dornier 228” Maritime Patrol Aircraft to Sri Lanka to enhance their maritime surveillance capabilities and bolster the bilateral defence ties. Vice Chief of Indian Navy Vice Admiral S. N. Ghormade, who was on a two-day visit to Sri Lanka, handed over the aircraft to the Sri Lanka Navy at the Sri Lanka Air Force base in Katunayake. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India gifted a “Dornier 228” Maritime Patrol Aircraft to Sri Lanka to enhance their maritime surveillance capabilities
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Dinesh Gunawardena | President – Ranil Wickremesinghe

## **Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs**

**213.** On August 11, Muthoot Finance bagged the 'Best Growth Performance Award' at Dun & Bradstreet's 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'India's Top 500 Companies' corporate awards. The top-500 list from Dun & Bradstreet recognises private and public sector Indian enterprises across 60 sectors, based on their income, net profit, net worth and other financial parameters. The theme for this year's event was “ESG: The only way for Sustainable and Responsible Growth”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> edition of 'India's Top 500 Companies' Corporate Awards – by Dun & Bradstreet
- Muthoot Finance – bagged the 'Best Growth Performance Award'
- HQs of Muthoot Finance – Kochi, Kerala | MD & CEO – George Alexander Muthoot

**214.** As per the new notification from Ministry of Finance, Income tax payers will not be allowed to enroll in the government's social security scheme “Atal Pension Yojana (APY)” from October 1, 2022. The government introduced APY on June 1, 2015, to provide social security to workers mainly in the Unorganised Sector. Subscribers of the scheme (between the age group of 18-40 years) get a minimum guaranteed pension of Rs 1,000 to Rs 5,000 per month after attaining 60 years of age depending on their contributions. The new notification will not apply to subscribers who have joined or joins the scheme before October 1, 2022. Under the income tax law, people having taxable income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh are not required to pay income tax. More than 99 lakh APY accounts were opened during the last fiscal, taking the total number of subscribers to 4.01 Cr at the end of March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Income tax payers will not be allowed to enroll in “Atal Pension Yojana (APY)” from October 1, 2022
- APY: Launched in June 2015 | Age group – 18-40 years | Minimum guaranteed pension – Rs 1,000-5,000/m after 60
- People having taxable income of up to Rs 2.5 lakh are not required to pay Income Tax





**215.** India's Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation, measured through the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data released by the NSO, moderated to 6.71% in the month of July 2022, from 7.01% in June 2022. Still July's CPI inflation above the RBI's medium-term target of 4% for the 34<sup>th</sup> consecutive month and also above the RBI's tolerance range of 2-6% for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive month. Food inflation showed a month-on-month fall during July to 6.75%, from 7.75% in June. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Industrial Production (IIP) data – released by the NSO
- India's CPI-based retail inflation in July 2022 – 6.71% (from 7.01% in June)
- RBI's medium-term target for retail inflation – 4% | the RBI's tolerance range for retail inflation – 2-6%
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

**216.** On the occasion of the nation's 76<sup>th</sup> year of Independence, celebrated as 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', State Bank of India (SBI) introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit". This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time. On Utsav Fixed Deposit Scheme, SBI is offering an interest rate of 6.10% per annum on fixed deposits with a tenure of 1000 days. These rates are effective as of 15<sup>th</sup> August 2022 and the scheme is valid for a period of 75 days. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SBI – introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit" on India's 76<sup>th</sup> year of Independence
- ROI – 6.10% per annum | Tenure – 1000 days
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman



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## **Defence Affairs**

**217.** On August 16, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh handed over several new defence systems, including the F-INSAS, the Nipun mines, the Landing Craft Assault (LCA), to the Indian Army. F-INSAS stands for "Future Infantry Soldier As A System". The full-gear of the F-INSAS system includes an AK-203 assault rifle. The DRDO had conceptualised the F-INSAS in line with the targets of the Army's Infantry Soldier Modernisation Programme. Nipun mines are indigenously designed and developed anti-personnel mines, termed by the DRDO as 'soft target blast munition'. They have been developed with the efforts of Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), a Pune-based DRDO facility. The Landing Craft Assault (LCA) has been indigenously developed by Goa-based Aquarius ShipYard Limited. The LCA is meant to serve as a replacement for the boats with limited capabilities currently in use in the Pangong Tso Lake. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh – handed over several new defence systems to Indian Army, including F-INSAS, Nipun mines, LCA
- F-INSAS – **F**uture **I**nfantry **S**oldier **A**s **A** System (conceptualized by DRDO)
- Nipun mines – designed & developed ARDE-DRDO (Pune)
- Landing Craft Assault (LCA) – developed by Aquarius ShipYard Limited (Goa)
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj



**218.** On August 12, the Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent left for Malaysia to participate in a 4-day bilateral exercise “Udarashakti” with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF). IAF participated in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI and C-17 aircraft, while the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) also participated with Su-30 MKM aircraft. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IAF + Royal Malaysian Air Force = conducted a 4-day bilateral exercise “Udarashakti”
- IAF participated in the air exercise with Su-30 MKI & C-17 aircraft
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

## Sports & Games

**219.** On August 11, Real Madrid defeated Eintracht Frankfurt to clinch the “Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Super Cup” for a record-equaling fifth time in Helsinki, Finland. Real Madrid’s Coach Carlo Ancelotti also became the first coach to lift the trophy four times. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Real Madrid FC – won the “UEFA Super Cup” – held in Helsinki, Finland (for 5<sup>th</sup> time)
- Real Madrid’s Coach – Carlo Ancelotti
- Finland – Helsinki – Euro | PM – Sanna Marin

**220.** The oldest football tournament in Asia, Durand Cup, started from August 16, 2022. The tournament was inaugurated by West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee. The opening match was played between FC Goa and Mohammedan SC at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata. For the first time in its history, the tournament was held in multiple cities this year i.e. West Bengal, Assam and Manipur. This year the tournament is into its 131<sup>st</sup> edition which featured 20 teams. The teams were divided into 4 groups of 5 teams each. Indian Oil is the title sponsor of the tournament. Durand Cup is one of the three major football tournaments in India, the other two being Indian Super League and Super Cup. The previous edition of Durand Cup 2021 was won by FC Goa. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Mamata Banerjee inaugurated the 131<sup>st</sup> edition of ‘Durand Cup 2022’ – hosted by West Bengal, Assam & Manipur
- Indian Oil – Title Sponsor of the tournament | Durand Cup – Oldest football tournament in Asia

**221.** Meghalaya is all set to host the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the “North East Olympics 2022” from October 30 to November 6 in Shillong. The first edition of Games was held in Manipur in 2018. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, about 4,000 participants from 8 North Eastern States will be competing in 18 disciplines at 13 venues spread across Shillong. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> “North East Olympics 2022” – will be hosted by Meghalaya (in Shillong) from October 30 to November 6
- The first edition of Games was held in 2018 – in Manipur
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik



**222.** In August 2022, India's Pooja Ojha won Silver medal in the VL1 Women's 200m final at the "2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships" in Halifax, Canada. This is the first ever medal for India in the World Championships of Para-Canoe. The para-canoe athlete from Madhya Pradesh's Bhand, finished second with the timing of 1:34.18. Hamburg's Lillemor Koper won the gold medal with a timing of 1:29.79. Pooja is currently ranked 9<sup>th</sup> among the world's top para canoe players. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pooja Ojha ([MP - Para-Canoe Athlete](#)) – won Silver medal in at "2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships" in Canada
- Pooja's category – VL1 Women's 200m Final | Gold – Lillemor Koper (Hamburg)

**223.** The 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 was held at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi from August 16-23, 2022. According to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, a total of 16 teams from across India participated. A total of 56 matches were played and over 300 players competed in Phase 1 of the league. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Khelo India Women's Hockey League (under-16) – held at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, New Delhi

## Arts & Cultural Affairs

**224.** On August 9, Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari inaugurated the 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' at Rabindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai. The 5-day drama festival (held from August 9 to 13, 2022) was jointly organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and P. L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Akademi, Mumbai to pay tribute to our freedom fighters. The Director of National School of Drama (NSD), Professor Ramesh Chandra Goud presided over the programme. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhagat Singh Koshyari – inaugurated the 22<sup>nd</sup> 'Bharat Rang Mahotsav' at Rabindra Natya Mandir in Mumbai
- It was organised by – Ministry of Culture + P. L. Deshpande Maharashtra Kala Akademi
- Professor Ramesh Chandra Goud (Director of NSD) – presided over the programme
- [Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde](#) | [Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari](#)
- [Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy](#) | [Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana](#)
- [MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakshi Lekhi](#)

## Science & Technology

**225.** On August 15, Chennai-based Space Kidz India unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometres above the Earth. The event was part of the 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' slogan and under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign launched by PM Narendra Modi to celebrate the historic anniversary. The flag was sent to an altitude of 1,06,000 feet above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it. Space Kidz India also coordinated and launched 'AzadiSAT' into Low Earth Orbit. AzadiSAT was developed by 750 girl students from across India to mark the 75 years of Independence. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Space Kidz India ([Chennai](#)) – unfurled the Indian flag about 30 km above the Earth on August 15
- The flag was sent to an altitude of 1,06,000 feet above the planet on a balloon
- Space Kidz India also coordinated & launched ‘AzadiSAT’ into Low Earth Orbit (developed by 750 girl students)

**226.** On August 13, a team of researchers discovered a new copepod species, a planktonic crustacean namely ‘Tortanus dhritiae’, from the coast of Great Nicobar, part of the Andaman-Nicobar archipelago in the Bay of Bengal. It was named after Dr. Dhriti Banerjee, the first woman Director of the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI). Tortanus dhritiae is mainly found on coral islands in the Pacific Ocean. The discovery was published in the international taxonomy journal ‘Nauplius’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ‘Tortanus dhritiae’, a new species of copepod – discovered from the coast of Great Nicobar, Andaman-Nicobar Islands
- It was named after – Dr. Dhriti Banerjee (first woman Director of ZSI) | It is mainly found in the Pacific Ocean
- [Andaman & Nicobar Islands: Capital – Port Blair | Lt. Governor – Admiral Devendra Kumar Joshi](#)

**227.** On August 10, IIT Guwahati announced to partner with All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) to develop solutions to problems of accessing water, electricity and internet for the AICTE-affiliated technical institutions in North-East India. IIT Guwahati and AICTE will work towards capacity-building in these institutions to promote research and development and prioritise in enhancing quality of education in remote regions of North-East India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Guwahati + AICTE = partnered to develop solutions to problems of accessing Water, Electricity & Internet
- The partnership is for AICTE-affiliated technical institutions in North-East India
- [Director of IIT Guwahati – Dr. T. G. Sitharam](#)
- [HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe \(AICTE functions under Ministry of Education\)](#)

**228.** In a first, an indigenously developed howitzer gun, ‘ATAG’, became part of the 21-gun salute that was given to the tricolour during the ‘Independence Day 2022’ ceremony at the Red Fort. Developed by the DRDO with its Pune-based facility Armament Research & Development Establishment (ARDE), the Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) was used alongside the traditional British-origin ‘25 Pounders’ artillery guns. ‘Howitzers’ is an umbrella term for a category of Long-Range Artillery Guns. The ATAGS project was started in 2013 by DRDO to replace older guns in service in the Indian Army with a modern 155 mm artillery gun. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), for the first time, became part of the 21-gun salute during the ‘Independence Day 2022’ ceremony
- ‘ATAGS’, an indigenously developed howitzer gun – developed by ARDE-DRDO ([Pune](#))





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# Appointments & Resignations

**229.** On August 15, William Samoei Ruto was declared the winner of Kenya's Presidential election. He is the leader of the United Democratic Alliance party under the Kenya Kwanza (Kenya First) coalition. Ruto defeated his main rival in the election Raila Odinga. William became the Kenya's first candidate to win the Presidential election at first attempt. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- William Samoei Ruto – became the new President of Kenya (Party - United Democratic Alliance)
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – William Samoei Ruto

**230.** On August 11, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami named cricketer Rishabh Pant as the brand ambassador of the state. The wicketkeeper-batter was born in Roorkee in Uttarakhand's Haridwar district. Honouring him as the brand ambassador will inspire young people in the field of sports to carve an identity of their own. [{Read more}](#)

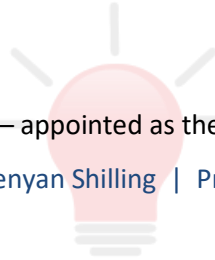
## Key Points:

- Rishabh Pant – named as the brand ambassador of Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

**231.** On August 12, Ms. Namgya C. Khampa is appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Kenya. She is presently Deputy Chief of Mission in Embassy of India, Kathmandu. India and Kenya are maritime neighbours. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Namgya C. Khampa – appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Kenya
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – William Samoei Ruto



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# Schemes & Initiatives

**232.** On August 16, the Indian government launched a new campaign to reduce child mortality. The campaign "Paalan 1000" and a Parenting app were virtually launched by Union Minister of State for Health Bharati Pravin Pawar in Mumbai. 'Paalan 1000 - Journey of the First 1000 Days' focuses on the cognitive developments of children in the first two years of its life, while the companion app will provide the caregiver with practical advice. The first 1000 days of a child's life is when a platform is established for its physical, mental, emotional, cognitive and social health. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Indian government launched a new campaign "Paalan 1000" & a Parenting app to reduce child mortality
- It was launched by Bharati Pravin Pawar in Mumbai
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar



## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**233.** On August 12, Renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher and educator Marina Tabassum became the first person from the global south and first south Asian to win the prestigious “Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award 2022”. The Lisbon Architecture Triennale jury praised Marina Tabassum for presenting an inspiring example of work with local communities. She will receive an original artwork by the Portuguese artist and sculptor Carlos Nogueira as award during the Lisbon Triennale which begins on 29 September in Lisbon, Portugal. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Marina Tabassum – first south Asian to win “Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award 2022”
- She is an Architect, Researcher & Educator from Bangladesh
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka](#) | [PM – Sheikh Hasina](#) | [President – Abdul Hamid](#)

**234.** On August 12, Senior Congress leader and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor will be conferred with France’s highest civilian award “Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur” (Knight of the National Order of the French Legion of Honour). In 2010, Tharoor received a similar honour, from the Spanish government. The award will be conferred on him during the next visit of any minister of the French government to India. The first Indian to be awarded with France’s Legion of Honour was Maharaja Pratap Singh of Idar in 1918. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Shashi Tharoor – will be conferred with France’s highest civilian award “Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur”
- He also received a similar honour, from the Spanish government in 2010
- First Indian to be awarded with France’s Legion of Honour was – Maharaja Pratap Singh (in 1918)
- [France – Paris – Euro](#) | [President – Emmanuel Macron](#) | [PM – Elisabeth Borne](#)

## Important Days & Dates

**235.** The 11<sup>th</sup> World Elephant Day was celebrated on 12 August, 2022 to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world. This day was observed for the first time in 2012. On 12 August, 2012, World Elephant Day was co-founded by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand. African elephants are listed as ‘Vulnerable’ and Asian elephants as ‘Endangered’ on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Moreover, “Monitoring the Illegal Killing of Elephants (MIKE)” programme was launched in 2003 to prevent the illegal killing of elephants from across Africa and Asia. Karnataka has the highest number of Elephants, as per the latest ‘Elephant Census’ conducted in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- August 12 – 11<sup>th</sup> World Elephant Day (since 2012)
- IUCN Red List of Threatened Species: African elephants - ‘Vulnerable’ | Asian elephants - ‘Endangered’
- ‘MIKE’ programme was launched in 2003 – to prevent the illegal killing of Elephants
- Elephant Census 2022: Karnataka has the highest number of Elephants



**236.** World Organ Donation Day is marked every year on 13 August. Organs like the kidneys, heart, pancreas, eyes, lungs, among others are donated by people to save the lives of those who are suffering from any chronic illnesses. According to the World Health Organisation, only 0.01% of people donate their organs after death in India. The first-ever organ donation was done in 1954 when Ronald Lee Herrick donated a kidney to his identical twin brother. Doctor Joseph Murray conducted the procedure for which he has also won the 'Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine' in 1990 for advances in organ transplantation. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- August 13 – “World Organ Donation Day”
- The first-ever organ donation was done by Ronald Lee Herrick in 1954

**237.** The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) celebrated August 7 as the first “National Javelin Day” across the country to commemorate one of the greatest moments in India's sporting history, Neeraj Chopra’s Olympic gold medal. It was on August 7 last year that Neeraj produced the 87.58m effort in Tokyo to secure India's first track and field medal in the Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- August 7 – National Javelin Day – by Athletics Federation of India (to commemorate Neeraj Chopra’s Olympic gold)

**238.** International Lefthanders Day is celebrated every year on 13 August to mark the uniqueness of the left-handed people around the globe. The day is designated to raise awareness about the challenges that they face while living in a right-hand-centric world. Lefthanders International Inc. founder Dean R Campbell first observed the day in 1976. The population of lefties across the globe is around 13%. People who are afraid of left-handed people or the left side are considered to suffer from a phobia named 'Sinistrophobia'. According to a study, most of the painters, musicians and architects around the globe are left-handed. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- August 13 – International Lefthanders Day (since 1976)
- Population of lefties across the globe is around 13%

**239.** World Sanskrit Day or Sanskrit Diwas is celebrated annually on the occasion of Shraavana Poornima. In 2022, the day was observed on August 12. Last year, the day was observed on August 22. Sanskrit language is said to have originated in India around 3,500 years ago. The day was first observed in 1969. While 'Sanskrit Week 2022' was observed from August 22 to 28. Moreover, Uttarakhand is the first state to declare Sanskrit as an official language. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- August 12 – World Sanskrit Day or Sanskrit Diwas – observed on Shraavana Poornima (since 1969)
- August 22 to 28 – Sanskrit Week 2022
- The first state to declare Sanskrit as an official language – Uttarakhand



## Obituaries

**240.** On August 14, Veteran stock investor and newly-launched Akasa Air founder Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passed away at the age of 62. He was known as “India’s Warren Buffet” as well as “Big Bull”, for his ability to pick up low-priced quality stocks much before they become high performers. He took all his investment decisions and invested through his asset management firm ‘Rare Enterprises’. Jhunjhunwala’s net worth is estimated at \$5.8 billion (approximately Rs 46,000 Crore) by Forbes. He was India’s 36<sup>th</sup> wealthiest individual. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Rakesh Jhunjhunwala – a Speculator, an Investor & an Entrepreneur – passed away
- He was known as “India’s Warren Buffet” as well as “Big Bull” | He was founder & promoter of Akasa Air
- ‘Rare Enterprises’ – belongs to Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- His estimated net worth by Forbes – \$5.8 billion (Rs 46,000 Cr) | He was India’s 36<sup>th</sup> wealthiest individual

**241.** On August 12, National award-winning Sugama Sangeetha singer Shivamogga Subbanna passed away at the age of 83. He became a household name in Karnataka after he sang ‘Baarisu Kannada Dindimava’, written by Kuvempu. He was the first Kannada playback singer to receive a National Award. He was also an advocate and a notary. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Shivamogga Subbanna – a Kannada Singer – passed away (His Musical genre – Sugama Sangeetha)
- He was the first Kannada playback singer to receive a National Award

## Meetings, Conferences & Summits

**242.** On August 9, the Union Cabinet, chaired by PM Narendra Modi, approved the ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) as contained in the Eleventh Additional Protocol to the Constitution signed during the 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Universal Postal Union held at Abidjan in Cote d’Ivoire from August 9 to 27. The approval enables the Department of Posts, to have the “Instrument of Ratification” signed by the President of India and have the same deposited with the Director General of the International Bureau of the Universal Postal Union. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Universal Postal Union – held at Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire
- Cabinet approved the ratification of amendments to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)
- Cabinet’s recent approval enables the Department of Posts to have the “Instrument of Ratification”
- HQs of UPU – Bern, Switzerland | Director General – Bishar Hussein | Established – 1874



## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**243.** On August 12, Razorpay, India's leading full-stack Payments and Banking Platform for Businesses, has become the first Indian company to be named in the "2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List", the ranking of the top 100 private cloud companies in the world. Razorpay has entered the list for the second time, at the 49<sup>th</sup> position, for being a Financial Solutions Software. The list was published for the 6<sup>th</sup> time by Forbes in partnership with Bessemer Venture Partners and Salesforce Ventures. The list was topped by the US-based Stripe, followed by Databricks & Canva. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Razorpay (49<sup>th</sup>) – became the first Indian company to be named in the "2022 Forbes Cloud 100 List"
- The list was published by = Forbes + Bessemer Venture + Salesforce Ventures
- Top three: 1<sup>st</sup> - Stripe, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Databricks, 3<sup>rd</sup> - Canva

**244.** India experienced severe working-hour and employment losses in 2020 and 2021, and Indian youth employment deteriorated in 2021 compared to 2020, according to the "Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022" report released by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). The total global number of unemployed youth is estimated to reach 73 million in 2022, a slight improvement from 2021 (75 million), but still 6 million above the pre-pandemic level of 2019. The unemployment rate of young people in the Asia and Pacific region is projected to reach 14.9% in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022" report – released by the ILO
- Global number of unemployed youth is estimated to reach 73 million in 2022 (from 75 million in 2021)
- Unemployment rate of young people in the Asia & Pacific region is projected to reach 14.9% in 2022
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | DG – Gilbert Hounqbo (from Oct 1, 2022) | Founded in – 1919

## Ordinance, Bills and Acts

**245.** Ministry of Home Affairs notified "Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022" to come into effect from August 4, 2022. However, the legislation was enacted earlier in 2022. The Act provides legal sanction to law enforcement agencies for taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation of criminal matters. It also repeals the existing "Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920". Under the "Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022", the records can be stored up to a period of 75 years from the time of collection. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- MHA: "Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022" to come into effect from August 4, 2022
- It provides legal sanction to law enforcement agencies for taking measurements of convicts and other persons
- It repeals the existing "Identification of Prisoners Act, 1920"
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik



## Acquisitions & Mergers

**246.** On August 12, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) will acquire 9.99% stake in Aditya Birla Health Insurance (ABHI) for Rs 665 Cr. Aditya Birla Health Insurance is a 51:49 joint venture between Aditya Birla Capital Limited and Momentum Metropolitan Strategic Investments, a wholly owned subsidiary of Momentum Metropolitan Holdings Limited (MMH). Post transaction, Aditya Birla Capital and MMH will own 45.91% and 44.10% stake respectively in the company. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- ADIA – will acquire 9.99% stake in Aditya Birla Health Insurance for Rs 665 Cr
- ABHI – a 51:49 JV between Aditya Birla Capital & Momentum Metropolitan Strategic Investments (MMH)
- Post transaction, Aditya Birla Capital & MMH will own 45.91% & 44.10% respectively

## MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**247.** On August 10, NBCC Ltd signed an MoU with the Ministry of External Affairs for the redevelopment of the MEA Housing Complex (Old) at Kasturba Gandhi Marg in central Delhi for Rs 175 Cr. NBCC has signed another MoU with Aligarh Smart City Ltd for providing 'PMC (Project Management and Consultancy) services for the project 'Development & Modernisation of Infrastructure at Naurangilal College, SH: Sports facilities' for an estimated cost is around Rs 50 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- NBCC Ltd + Ministry of External Affairs = an MoU for the redevelopment of the MEA Housing Complex (Old), Delhi
- NBCC + Aligarh Smart City Ltd = an MoU for providing PMC services for Development & Modernisation of Infrastructure at Naurangilal College, SH: Sports facilities
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakashi Lekhi

**248.** On August 12, Ministry of Ayush signed an MoU with Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) for digitalisation of Ayush Sector under the 'Ayush Grid' project for a period of 3 years. This MoU is continuation of the earlier MoU, which was signed in the year 2019. A High-Level Advisory Committee (HLAC), chaired by Ayush Secretary and co-chaired by MeitY Secretary was constituted to provide advisory inputs on Ayush Grid project. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of Ayush + MeitY = an MoU for digitalisation of Ayush Sector under the 'Ayush Grid' project for 3 years
- The MoU was initially signed in 2019
- High-Level Advisory Committee on 'Ayush Grid' project – chaired by Ayush Secretary & co-chaired by MeitY Secretary

**249.** On August 12, India Meteorological Department (IMD), the government of Japan, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) announced a new initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 States and Union Territories across India. Japan has extended \$5.16 million in climate grant to UNDP India for the project. This is part of Japan's global support to 23 countries through UNDP's 'Climate Promise - From Pledge to Impact' programme. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- IMD + Japan + UNDP = new initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 States & UTs across India
- Japan – extended \$5.16 million in climate grant to UNDP India for the project
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra | Founded in – 1875

**250.** On August 7, Flipkart signed an MoU with the District Administration of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, to bring local artisans, weavers, and people with disabilities of Varanasi to the e-commerce marketplace under the latter's 'Samarth' programme. The programme will provide training and time-bound incubation support for local sellers to grow their businesses online. Launched in 2019, Flipkart Samarth intends to benefit MSMEs, artisans and underserved communities from across the country through e-commerce. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Varanasi + Flipkart = an MoU to bring local artisans, weavers & people with disabilities of Varanasi to the e-commerce
- 'Samarth' programme – belongs to Flipkart (launched in 2019)
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy



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