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National & States Affairs

351. On August 22, National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) in collaboration with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society launched the second phase of “Grameen Udyami Project” in Ranchi, Jharkhand. The partnership aims to multiskill India’s youth and impart functional skills to them for enabling livelihoods. The multi-skilling project that aims to train 450 tribal students in Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand. The project is being implemented in 6 states including Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Gujarat. Moreover, the central government has sanctioned a budget of 85,000 Cr for tribal areas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSDC + Seva Bharti + Yuva Vikas Society = launched the 2nd phase of “Grameen Udyami Project” in Ranchi, Jharkhand
- The project that aims to train 450 tribal students in Madhya Pradesh & Jharkhand
- The project is being implemented in 6 states – Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, MP, Jharkhand, & Gujarat
- Central government has sanctioned a budget of 85,000 Cr for tribal areas
- [Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais](#)

352. On August 20, Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced the commissioning of a Green Hydrogen Plant at its AM Naik Heavy Engineering Complex in Hazira, Gujarat. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Chairman, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), inaugurated the plant. The green hydrogen plant is designed for an electrolyser capacity of 800 kW comprising both Alkaline (380 kW) and PEM (420 kW) technologies. The plant will produce 45kg of green hydrogen daily. A blend of 15% hydrogen with natural gas will be used as a fuel. As part of its ESG commitments, L&T has pledged to achieve water neutrality by 2035 and carbon neutrality by 2040. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- L&T – commissioned of a Green Hydrogen Plant in Hazira, Gujarat – inaugurated by Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- L&T has pledged to achieve Water Neutrality by 2035 & Carbon Neutrality by 2040
- [HQs of L&T – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & MD – S. N. Subrahmanyam](#)
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

353. On August 22, Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled India’s first indigenous Hydrogen fuel cell bus in Pune. The Hydrogen fuel cell bus is developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and KPIT Limited. The fuel cell makes use of hydrogen and air in order to produce electricity and power the bus, hence making it the environment-friendly transportation mode. If a diesel bus is to be compared, it typically emits 100 tons of CO₂ per annum on long-distance routes.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – unveiled India’s first indigenous Hydrogen fuel cell bus in Pune
- The bus is developed by = CSIR + KPIT Limited

354. On August 20, in an Environment-friendly initiative to increase the green cover of Chhattisgarh, chief minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the “Krishna Kunj” plantation drive on the occasion of Janmashtmi in Ranchi. Trees of cultural and medicinal significance were planted in selected spots across the state. So far, 162 places in the state have been identified for ‘Krishna Kunj’. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – launched the “Krishna Kunj” plantation drive on the occasion of Janmashtami in Ranchi
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

355. On August 18, Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under Department of Science & Technology, announced to support Fountainhead Agro Farms Pvt Ltd (FAFPL) to fund its first ever ‘Aquaculture’ project using state-of-the-art Israeli technology for production of Tilapia Fish. The TDB signed a mutual agreement to provide loan assistance of Rs 8.42 Cr out of the total project cost of Rs 29.78 Cr to the company. ‘Tilapia’ has emerged to be one of the most productive and internationally traded food fish in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TDB – announced to support Fountainhead Agro Farms to fund its 1st ever ‘Aquaculture’ project
- It will use Israeli technology for production of Tilapia Fish
- TDB will provide a loan assistance of Rs 8.42 Cr out of the total project cost of Rs 29.78 Cr
- TDB works under – Department of Science & Technology
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Yair Lapid

356. In August 2022, Madhya Pradesh’s Indore has now got ‘Tree Ambulance’ which will provide all necessary facilities to preserve and protect the biodiversity in the city. Clean City Indore, which is consistently ranked number one in cleanliness, is now moving towards becoming a Green City as well. All facilities and equipment including spraying of trees, spraying of water as well as cutting and pruning are there in the ambulance. The ambulance will be operated by the Horticulture Department of the Municipal Corporation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indore (M.P.) – received ‘Tree Ambulance’ to provide all necessary facilities to preserve & protect the Biodiversity
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

357. In a first of its kind effort, the Indian Navy warships set sail to 6 different continents (Europe, Africa, Asia, North America, South America & Australia) to celebrate 75th Independence Day as part of “Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”. The warships hoist Tri-colour and perform other ceremonial activities after berthing at San Diego in United States, in Brazil, Muscat, London and Perth. Among the platforms set on sail were INS Tarkash which reached Brazil in South America on August 15, INS Tharangini at London, UK in Europe, INS Sumedha at Perth in Australia, INS Saryu at Singapore in Asia Continents, INS Tabar at Mombasa, Kenya in Africa Continents, and INS Satpura at San Diego Harbor, US in North America Continents. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy warships – sailed to 6 different continents to celebrate 75th Independence Day
- INS Tarkash – reached Brazil (South America) | INS Tharangini – reached at London (Europe)
- INS Sumedha – reached Perth (Australia) | INS Saryu – reached Singapore (Asia)
- INS Tabar – reached Mombasa (Africa) | INS Satpura – reached San Diego Harbor, US (North America)
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950



358. On August 19, a first-of-its-kind Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR) was inaugurated by Vice-Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Eastern Naval Command at INS Karna on the Eastern Seaboard. The CISR is a state of the art, self-contained, 25 m, six lane, live firing range for all primary and secondary weapons in the Navy. INS Karna is the first in the Navy and perhaps the only military unit in the country to set up and use a facility of this kind.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Composite Indoor Shooting Range (CISR)' – inaugurated at INS Karna on the Eastern Seaboard (first in the Navy)
- CISR – a state of the art, self-contained, 25m, six lane, live firing range for all primary & secondary weapons in the Navy
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

359. On August 19, Union Minister of State (I/C) for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh announced financial aid of Rs 3.29 Cr to a Hydrogen startup from Maharashtra for indigenous development of Hydrogen Sensing & Analysis Technology. This will help in meeting the target of production of 5 million tonnes of Green hydrogen by 2030. Hydrogen startup funding is in tune with PM Narendra Modi's vision of National Hydrogen Mission (NHM) launched on India's 75th Independence Day, last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – announced financial aid of Rs 3.29 Cr to a Hydrogen startup from Maharashtra
- India's target of production of 5 million tonnes of Green Hydrogen by 2030 under the 'National Hydrogen Mission'
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

360. On August 21, Punjab and Haryana agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. Besides, Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala has recommended adding Panchkula with the name of the Chandigarh airport. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh International Airport – will be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh

361. On August 22, the Department of Social Welfare and the Department of Scheduled Tribes Welfare, Government of Karnataka, in association with IIM Bangalore, launched a training programme, to support SC, ST women graduates in developing their skills as Entrepreneurs. A total of 300 aspiring women entrepreneurs, belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, will be trained. An MoU to this effect was exchanged between IIMB Director Prof Rishikesha T Krishnan and Minister for Social Welfare and Backward Classes Kota Shrinivas Poojary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka + IIM Bangalore = launched a training programme to support SC, ST Women Entrepreneurs
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

362. As India continues its fight with Covid19 and Monkeypox, a new illness called "Tomato Flu" has started spreading across India. Tomato Flu was first detected in Kollam district of Kerala on May 6, and as of August 24, India has reported as many as 82 confirmed cases of the viral disease. After Kerala, the flu has spread to Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Odisha. Children less than 5 years of age have been infected by the disease. The Lancet study states that this common contagious disease generally targets children from 1 to 5 years of age and adults with weaker immunity. 'Tomato Flu' is also known as 'Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD)'. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- A new viral disease called “Tomato Flu” has started spreading across India | First detected – in Kollam, Kerala
- The disease generally targets Children from 1 to 5 years of age & Adults with weaker immunity
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

363. In August 2022, Chhattisgarh Government plans to set up English-medium Colleges across the State. It has been proposed that in the first phase, about 10 “Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Colleges/Mahavidyalaya” will be opened in the major cities of the State for the forthcoming academic session in June 2023. It plans to open English-medium colleges in all the district headquarters within the upcoming 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh – plans to set up “Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Colleges/Mahavidyalaya” across the State
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

International Affairs

364. In August 2022, Egypt released a commemorative postage stamp to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations between Egypt and India that were established with Egypt’s recognition of the independence of India on 18 August 1947, just three days after India’s independence. The two nations became even closer in the 1950s and concluded a historic Friendship Treaty in 1955. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Egypt – released a commemorative postage stamp to celebrate 75 years of diplomatic relations between Egypt & India
- India & Egypt – signed a historic ‘Friendship Treaty’ in 1955
- Egypt – Cairo – Egyptian Pound | President – Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

365. On August 17, Aegon Life Insurance launched “#PlayForOurHeroes” campaign. It is a digital campaign that uses a game called ‘The Game of Life’ to spread awareness about the importance of life insurance. Aegon Life is urging people through this campaign to play and score points with the tagline, ‘The more you play, the more we donate’. The company will be donating to the Armed Forces Flag Day Fund (AFFDF) for every 10 points scored in the game. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Aegon Life Insurance – launched “#PlayForOurHeroes” digital campaign that uses a game called ‘The Game of Life’
- Tagline of the campaign – ‘The more you play, the more we donate’
- Aegon Life Insurance – will donate to the ‘Armed Forces Flag Day Fund’ for every 10 points scored in the game
- HQs of Aegon Life – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Satishwar Balakrishnan



366. World Senior Citizen's Day is an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate senior citizens for their services, accomplishments, and dedication they have given in their lives. The day is celebrated on August 21 each year. Former US President Ronald Reagan declared Senior Citizen's Day on August 21 by signing a proclamation in 1988. A report by the UN suggests that the number would cross 1.5 billion senior citizens by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 21 – World Senior Citizen's Day
- UN report: the number of Senior Citizens is expected to cross 1.5 billion by 2050

367. On August 18, for the welfare of its troops, the Indian Coast Guard signed MoUs with 8 banks to get customised banking services for its personnel deployed across the country. Along with the IDFC First bank, the MoU was inked with seven other banks including ICICI, Axis, HDFC, Yes Bank and Punjab National Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Coast Guard + 8 banks = MoUs to get customised banking services for its personnel deployed across India
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | DG – Virender Singh Pathania | Founded in – 1977

368. On August 18, NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of NPCI, signed an MoU confirming a partnership with the payments solutions provider PayXpert to internationalize the acceptance of its payment solutions in the UK. UPI has achieved a volume of US\$ 940Bn (39Bn transactions) in 2021, which is equivalent to 31% of India's GDP. RuPay is the first-of-its-kind Global Card payment network from India with over 700 million cards issued to date. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIPL + PayXpert = an MoU to internationalize the acceptance of its payment solutions in the UK
- UPI has achieved a volume of \$940 billion (39 billion transactions) in 2021
- HQs of NIPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Ritesh Shukla
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

369. On August 18, the Reserve Bank of India cancelled the licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka, as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As per the data submitted by the bank, more than 99% of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – cancelled the licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

370. On August 19, Central Bank of India entered into a strategic Co-Lending Partnership with Incred Financial Services Ltd (IFSL) to offer loans to MSME Borrowers at competitive rates. Central Bank of India will take into its books 80% of the MSME Priority Sector loans under mutually agreed terms. While IFSL will service the loan account throughout the life cycle of the loan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Bank of India + Incred Financial Services Ltd = a co-Lending partnership to offer loans to MSME borrowers
- HQs of CBoI – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Matam Venkata Rao | Tagline – “Central to You Since 1911”



371. On August 18, the SEBI issued new guidelines for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs) and Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) for making investment abroad, under which overseas investee firms won't need to have an Indian connection. Under the rules, AIFs can invest in securities of companies incorporated outside India. Besides, VCFs are allowed to make investments in off-shore venture capital undertaking. The VCF is an AIF which invests primarily in unlisted securities of startups, early-stage venture capital undertakings mainly involved in a new business model. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI issued new guidelines for AIFs & VCFs for making investment abroad
- AIFs can invest in securities of companies incorporated outside India
- VCFs are allowed to make investments in off-shore venture capital undertaking
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

Science & Technology

372. On August 19, India has developed the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease. The kit was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) Ajay Kumar Sood and developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals. According to WHO, Monkeypox is a viral Zoonosis, a virus transmitted to humans from animals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – developed the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease
- The Kit is developed by – Transasia Bio-Medicals | Monkeypox – a viral Zoonosis

373. On August 21, a group of researchers discovered a new species of bent-toed gecko from Agasthyamalai hills in the Western Ghats. The species has been named “Cyrtodactylus aravindi” after noted malacologist N. A. Aravind. Aravind's ground gecko has so far been found only at two locations, Muppanddal and Thuckalay, in Kanyakumari district falling within the Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve in Tamil Nadu. The details of the new species were described in the journal, Vertebrate Zoology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Cyrtodactylus aravindi”, a new species of bent-toed gecko – discovered from Agasthyamalai Hills in the Western Ghats
- Aravind's ground gecko has so far been found only at – Muppanddal & Thuckalay, in Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

374. On August 21, an international team of researchers has found a new species of long-fingered bats in India and Sri Lanka. The team named the new species of long-fingered bats as “Miniopterus phillipsi”. It was named after W. W. A. Phillips (1892-1981) in recognition of his contributions to studies on the mammals of Sri Lanka and South Asia. The initial research was carried out in Sri Lanka in 2019 and it took three years to be completed in both Sri Lanka and India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Miniopterus phillipsi”, a new species of long-fingered bats – discovered in India & Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Dinesh Gunawardena | President – Ranil Wickremesinghe





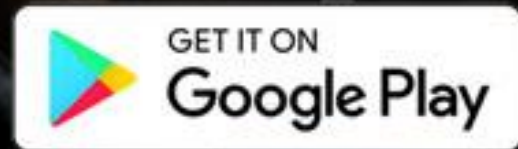
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375. On August 22, Digantara, a space sector start-up, will set up India's first Commercial Space Situational Awareness Observatory in Garhwal region of Uttarakhand. The Space Situational Awareness (SSA) Observatory will help India track any activity in space including that of space debris and military satellites hovering over the region. It will track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Digantara – will set up India's first Commercial Space Situational Awareness Observatory in Garhwal, Uttarakhand
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

376. In August 2022, a new species of crab, 'Ghatiana Dwivarna', has been discovered in Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka and it is endemic to Yellapur. Coincidentally, the scientific acceptance of Dwivarna, the 75th crab species in India, came on August 15, the day when India celebrated 75 years of Independence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Ghatiana Dwivarna', a new species of crab – discovered in Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka
- It is the 75th crab species in India & it is endemic to Yellapur, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

Appointments & Resignations

377. On August 19, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved one-year extension in service to Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla. This is Mr. Bhalla's second extension in service. Mr. Bhalla is a 1984 batch IAS officer of the Assam Meghalaya cadre. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ACC – approved one-year extension in service to Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

378. On August 18, Odisha cadre IAS officer Rajesh Verma, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) Secretary, is appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu. In the past, Verma has also served as the Principal Secretary to Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. Rajesh Verma was given the additional charge of the Financial Services Secretary in January, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajesh Verma – appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu

379. On August 21, the Centre has extended the tenure of Meenesh C. Shah, Executive Director of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), as the additional Chairman of the NDDB for another 6 months until November 30, 2022. The post of a full time Chairman of NDDB has been vacant since December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Centre extended the tenure of Meenesh C. Shah as the additional Chairman of the NDDB – until Nov 30, 2022
- He is the Executive Director of the NDDB
- HQs of NDDB – Anand, Gujarat | Chairman – Meenesh Shah | Established in – 1965



380. On August 18, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) announced the appointment of Indian philanthropist Ashish Dhawan, founder and CEO of Convergence Foundation, to its board of trustees. Dr Helene D Gayle, President of Spelman College, US, has also been appointed to the foundation's board of trustees. The BMGF has been working in collaboration with the Indian government and other partners since 2003 on various issues. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashish Dhawan – appointed to the board of trustees of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Ashish Dhawan – founder & CEO of Convergence Foundation
- Dr. Helene D. Gayle (President of Spelman College, US) – also appointed to the BMGF's board of trustees
- [Location of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – US](#) | [Location of Rabo Foundation – Netherlands](#)

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

381. On August 18, Union Minister Shri Pralhad Joshi presented the “Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-22” in different categories. Of the awards in 5 categories, Mahanadi Coal Fields Ltd (MCL) bagged the first prize in three categories namely Safety, Production & Productivity, and Quality. While the first prize in Sustainability category went to Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), and Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) bagged first prize in implementation of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning). Moreover, Central Coalfields Limited bagged the award under Safety & Sustainability category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pralhad Joshi – presented the “Coal Minister's Awards for 2021-22” in 5 categories
- Mahanadi Coal Fields – bagged the first prize in three categories namely Safety, Production & Productivity, and Quality
- Western Coalfields Limited – won the first prize in Sustainability category
- Northern Coalfields Limited – bagged first prize in implementation of ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning)

382. On August 22, Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) was selected for the National CSR Award 2020 in two categories by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA). JSP was declared the winner in the category of ‘CSR in Aspirational Districts/Difficult Terrains’ (Eastern India) and ‘Contribution in National Priority Areas’ (Support to differently-abled). WADI, one of the projects by JSP and reviewed for the National CSR Award, is an “Agro Horti Silviculture-based project” implemented on 500 acres of hilly land that benefit the tribal populace of Chhattisgarh's Tamnar block. Similarly JSP's flagship programme ‘Asha the Hope’ was reviewed for the award in the category of ‘Contribution in National Priority Areas’ (Support to differently-abled). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jindal Steel & Power – selected by the MCA for ‘National CSR Award 2020’ in the following two categories:
 - ‘CSR in Aspirational Districts/Difficult Terrains’ (Eastern India)
 - ‘Contribution in National Priority Areas’ (Support to differently-abled)
- JSP's ‘Asha the Hope’ program was reviewed for the award in ‘Contribution in National Priority Areas’ category
- [Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman](#) | [Constituency – Karnataka](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Rao Inderjit Singh](#)



383. In August 2022, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai announced that Kannada actor Puneeth Rajkumar, who died in 2021, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously, on November 1 on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day. He will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian honour. The Karnataka Ratna was last awarded to Dr Virendra Heggade for social service in 2009. Puneeth was popularly known as 'Appu' and 'power star' by his fans. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Puneeth Rajkumar (Kannada Actor) – to receive 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously (state's highest civilian honour)
- Karnataka Ratna was last awarded in 2009 to Dr. Virendra Heggade for social service
- November 1 – Kannada Rajyotsava or Karnataka's Formation Day
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

Schemes & Initiatives

384. In August 2022, the central government has given its nod to the Uttar Pradesh government's Family ID plan, the "Parivar Kalyan Card", adding to the list of state-specific unique id schemes in India. The UP Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC) Scheme was announced by the Yogi Adityanath-government to establish a comprehensive database of the state's family units and identify beneficiaries for its various schemes including employment, pensions, and housing benefits. The PKC will provide a unique 12-digit ID number for each family. Haryana's Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) is the most prominent among such initiatives by any other state government. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Govt gave nod to the UP government's Family ID plan, the "Parivar Kalyan Card (PKC)"
- The PKC will provide a unique 12-digit ID number for each family
- Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) – belongs to Haryana
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

385. On August 19, Odisha government launched "Nutrition at Doorstep" for children with stunted and wasted growth. Under the 'Nutrition at Doorstep' programme, kitchen garden and poultry would be promoted at every household. Odisha's Women and Child Development (WCD) Department has furnished information about 13,48,707 households. As on June 2022, as many as 4,93,941 households had children identified with stunted growth, 1,31,099 (wasted growth), 2,69,784 (underweight children) and 4,53,883 (anaemic pregnant women). Keonjhar, which is one of the India's richest districts in terms of mineral reserve, has a high prevalence of people with such conditions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched "Nutrition at Doorstep" for children with stunted & wasted growth
- Kitchen Garden & Poultry would be promoted at Every household
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal



Important Days & Dates

386. Internaut Day is celebrated on August 23 around the world to mark the invention of the World Wide Web. An “Internaut” is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history. August 23 marks the day when the World Wide Web was opened to the public back in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 23 – Internaut Day
- Internaut – a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history

387. The 78th birth anniversary of India’s Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was celebrated as ‘Sadbhavana Diwas’ or ‘Harmony Day’ on 20 August, 2022. The day is marked with the objective to promote peace, national integration and communal harmony among all Indians. His birth anniversary is also celebrated as ‘Rajiv Gandhi Akshay Urja Diwas’. In 1992, the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana award was introduced by the All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress in the memory of the leader. This award is given to those who have spent their lives promoting social harmony. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 20 – “Sadbhavana Diwas” or “Harmony Day” (78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi)
- His birth anniversary is also celebrated as ‘Akshay Urja Diwas’

388. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is commemorated on 21 August every year to honour the survivors of terrorism. The day was announced by the UNGA in 2017 to support the victims of terrorism. The UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy resolution was adopted in 2006. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 21 – International Day of Remembrance & Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
- HQs of UNGA – New York, US | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

389. World Mosquito Day is marked annually on August 20 to raise awareness of the dangers of malaria-carrying mosquitoes. The global day commemorates the 1897 discovery by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross that female Anopheles mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. In 2022, the theme is “Harness Innovation to reduce the Malaria disease burden and Save Lives”. Vector-borne diseases that are transmitted by mosquitoes include malaria, leptospirosis, dengue, chikungunya etc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- August 20 – World Mosquito Day
- Theme – “Harness Innovation to reduce the Malaria disease burden and Save Lives”
- ‘Female Anopheles’ mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans



Books & Authors

390. Krishna Bose has authored a book titled “Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose’s Life, Politics & Struggle”. The book has a chapter dedicated to the mystery surrounding Netaji’s death. The book, however, is not solely about the incident as it tries to talk about the experiences that shaped his life. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose’s Life, Politics & Struggle” book – authored by Krishna Bose

Obituaries

391. On August 21, Senior Congress leader and former Jharkhand and Assam governor Syed Sibte Razi passed away at the age of 83. He served as governor of Jharkhand from 2004 to 2009 and Assam during 2009. Razi was elected thrice to Rajya Sabha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Syed Sibte Razi – a Politician – passed away (Party - INC | Former Governor of Jharkhand & Assam)

392. On August 20, Samar Banerjee, who captained India to a fourth-place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics, passed away. He was widely known by his nickname ‘Badru’. He joined Mohun Bagan FC in 1952. He then took up coaching and went on to manage the Bengal football team. The West Bengal Government honoured Badru Banerjee with the Lifetime Achievement Award in sports in 2017. Mohun Bagan FC had accorded him its highest honour, ‘Mohun Bagan Ratna’ in 2009. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Samar Banerjee (nicknamed ‘Badru’) – a Football player – passed away
- He captained India to a 4th place finish in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics
- Awards received – ‘Mohun Bagan Ratna’ & ‘Lifetime Achievement Award in Sports’ (by West Bengal)

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

393. On August 21, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, addressed the 11th “National Seed Congress 2022” organized by the Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agriculture University in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtually joined the programme. On this occasion the newly constructed auditorium of the University was named after the late Dattopant Thengadi. Simultaneously the State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was launched. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – addressed the 11th “National Seed Congress 2022” in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
- It was organized by – Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agriculture University
- State Academy of Agricultural and Allied Sciences (SAAS) was also launched
- Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Narendra Singh Tomar | Constituency – Morena, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare: Shobha Karandlaje & Kailash Choudhary
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel



394. On August 21, the 10th National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP) was held in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. It was hosted by the Ministry of Home Affairs through the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh Police. This conference is being organised biannually by BPR&D in collaboration with various states since 2002 and provides a platform for lady police officers across ranks (Constable to DGP) from all over the country to share their experiences. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 10th National Conference of Women in Police (NCWP) – held in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh
- The conference was hosted by Ministry of Home Affairs through BPR&D
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala](#) | [CM – Jai Ram Thakur](#) | [Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

395. On August 23, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh travelled to Uzbekistan’s capital Tashkent to attend the “2022 Defence Ministerial Conclave of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)”. The SCO meeting deliberated on Regional Security Challenges including the situation in Ukraine and Afghanistan. India and Pakistan became the permanent members of the SCO in 2017. The SCO was founded at a summit in Shanghai in 2001. India was made an observer at the SCO in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – participated in the “2022 Defence Ministerial Conclave of the SCO” – held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- [HQs of SCO – Beijing, China](#) | [SG – Zhang Ming](#) | [Present Member Countries – 8](#) | [Current Presidency – Uzbekistan](#)

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

396. Solar capacity installations in India rose by 59% to record 7.2 GW during first half (January-June) of 2022, according to “Q2 2022 India Solar Market Update” released by Mercom India Research. The solar installations in April-June period (Q1) of FY 2022 also increased by 59% to over 3.9 GW. The sector has witnessed the highest ever quarterly and half-yearly solar capacity additions. With this, India’s cumulative installed solar capacity now stands at 57 GW. In the first half of 2022, Rajasthan and Gujarat were the top states for large-scale solar installations, accounting for 53% and 14% of installations, respectively, followed by Maharashtra with 9%. Cumulative large-scale solar PV installations in Rajasthan reached almost 13 GW as of June 2022. [{Read more}](#)

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 - In the first half of 2022, Rajasthan (53%) was the top states for large-scale solar installations

397. As per an article titled “Private Corporate Investment: Growth in 2021-22 and Outlook for 2022-23” published in the RBI bulletin, Rajasthan accounted for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by banks and financial institutions in 2021-22, retaining the top place for two consecutive years. Rajasthan was followed by Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Infrastructure sector continued to attract maximum capex projects. A total capex investment of ₹1,93,722 Cr was expected to be made by the private corporate sector in 2021-22, 13.5% more than the planned phasing of the previous year. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Private Corporate Investment: Growth in 2021-22 and Outlook for 2022-23” article – published by RBI
- Rajasthan – accounted for the highest share in the total cost of projects sanctioned by Banks & FIs in 2021-22
- ‘Infrastructure’ sector attracted maximum Capex Projects
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnership

398. On August 17, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) with global petroleum giant ExxonMobil for Deepwater exploration in East and West coasts of India. The collaboration areas focus on the Krishna Godavari and Cauvery Basins in the eastern offshore and the Kutch-Mumbai region in the western offshore. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ONGC + ExxonMobil = signed a Heads of Agreement (HoA) for Deepwater exploration in East & West coasts of India
- It focuses on Krishna Godavari and Cauvery Basins (eastern offshore) & Kutch-Mumbai region (western offshore)
- HQs of ONGC – New Delhi | CMD – Alka Mittal (addi. charge)

399. On August 20, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, plans to develop the “District Good Governance Portal” in collaboration with the Arunachal Pradesh government for monitoring the performance of each district of the state on a monthly basis and help in benchmarking performance. Union Minister Jitendra Singh made the announcement during the 2-day Regional Conference on “Bringing Citizens and Government Closer through Administrative Reforms” at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DARPG + Arunachal Pradesh = collaborated to develop the “District Good Governance Portal”
- Regional Conference on “Bringing Citizens and Government Closer through Administrative Reforms” – held in Itanagar
- DARPG – works under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

400. On August 22, India and Iran signed an MoU on recognition of ‘Certificates of Competency in Unlimited Voyages’ to smoothen the movement of seafarers from both the countries, as per the provisions of “International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch Keeping for Seafarers, 1978 (1978 STCW Convention)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Iran = an MoU on recognition of ‘Certificates of Competency in Unlimited Voyages’ to help seafarers
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi | Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei





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