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National & States Affairs

1. On February 1, Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) commenced India's first-of-its-kind project of mixing hydrogen into natural gas system at Indore, Madhya Pradesh. GAIL started injection of grey hydrogen at City Gate Station (CGS), Indore. The hydrogen blended natural gas will be supplied to Avantika Gas Limited, one of GAIL's Joint Venture (JV) Company with HPCL. This grey hydrogen would subsequently be replaced by green hydrogen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GAIL – commenced India's first-of-its-kind project of mixing hydrogen into natural gas system at Indore
- HQs of GAIL – New Delhi | MD & Chairman – Manoj Jain

2. On February 1, the Ministry of Defence started home delivery of medicines for veterans and military personnel and their families in Delhi. This facility is rolled out under the Services e-Health Assistance and Teleconsultation (SeHAT) scheme. SeHAT was launched by the ministry in May 2021. Medical services include medical consultations through video, audio and chat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Defence – started home delivery of medicines for veterans & military personnel under 'SeHAT' scheme
- SeHAT – Services e-Health Assistance & Teleconsultation
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

3. On February 3, SEBI restructured its 4-member High-power Advisory Committee on settlement orders and compounding of offences. The committee will now be chaired by Jai Narayan Patel, former chief justice of Calcutta High Court. The panel was earlier headed by Vijay C Daga. Rejigging its committee, SEBI has listed M. S. Sahoo and Poornima Advani as new inductees. While P. K. Malhotra will continue as a member of the committee. Further, the time period for submission of revised settlement terms form, after the Internal Committee (IC), was rationalised to 15 days. The current rule allows 10 days plus additional 20 days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – restructured its 4-member High-power Advisory Committee on settlement orders & compounding of offences
- Chairman – Jai Narayan Patel | Other members – M. S. Sahoo, Poornima Advani & P. K. Malhotra
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

4. Indian startup mesmerised the audience at the 'Beating Retreat' ceremony with a 1,000-drone light show. The startup took up the challenge to develop the technology in just 6 months after getting financial support from the central government. The first-of-its-kind Drone Light Show was conceptualized by IIT Delhi's startup Botlab Dynamics in association with the Defence Ministry to commemorate the 75th year of Independence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian startup performed the 'Beating Retreat' with a 1,000-drone light show
- The first-of-its-kind Drone Light Show was conceptualized by = Botlab Dynamics (IIT Delhi) + Defence Ministry



5. On February 1, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that the Union Budget laid down the roadmap to steer the Economy over the next 25 years - from India at 75 to India at 100, the period she termed as “Amrit Kaal”. The word was used by PM Narendra Modi on 15 August for the first time while unveiling the roadmap for the next 25 years. She outlined four government priorities for the Amrit Kaal as PM Gati Shakti, Inclusive Development, Productivity Enhancement & Investment, Sunrise Opportunities, Energy Transition, and Climate Action & Financing of Investments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A New Roadmap for India for the Next 25 years is called “Amrit Kaal”
- The word “Amrit Kaal” was first used by PM Narendra Modi on 15 August 2021

6. Tata Sky rebranded itself as ‘Tata Play’ as it looks to expand its television-cum-OTT (Over-The-Top) offerings in combined packages. The direct-to-home (DTH) platform has added Netflix to 13 OTT services, including Amazon Prime Video and Disney+Hotstar, as part of its so-called Binge packs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Sky rebranded itself as ‘Tata Play’ to expand its television-cum-OTT (Over-The-Top) offerings
- HQs of Tata Play – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Harit Nagpal

7. On February 3, As per the request received from Bihar, Ministry of Tourism included ‘Punaura Dham’ in Ramayana circuit of “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme. The destination of ‘Punaura Dham’ was recently included under “PRASHAD Scheme” of Ministry of Tourism. ‘Punaura Dham’ is located in Sitamarhi district in Bihar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism – included ‘Punaura Dham’ in Ramayana circuit of “Swadesh Darshan” Scheme
- ‘Punaura Dham’ or ‘Ramayana circuit’ – located in Bihar
- ‘Punaura Dham’ was recently included under “PRASHAD Scheme” of Ministry of Tourism
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Ministry of Tourism: Shripad Yesso Naik & Ajay Bhatt

International Affairs

8. On February 1, Sri Lanka decided to purchase 40,000 metric tonnes of each petrol & diesel from the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) as part of the government’s bid to tide over the current fuel and energy crisis. The Lanka IOC, the Sri Lankan subsidiary of India's oil major Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), has been in operation in Sri Lanka since 2002. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sri Lanka – decided to purchase 40,000 metric tonnes of each petrol & diesel from Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

9. On February 1, Bangalore-based startup Dukaan partnered with Simpl to provide Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) services to Dukaan's merchants. Co-founded in 2015 by Nitya Sharma, Simpl is India's fastest growing Buy Now Pay Later platform. While Dukaan is a platform that enables small and medium-sized businesses to set up online stores and sell products digitally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dukaan + Simpl = partnership to provide Buy Now, Pay Later (BNPL) services to Dukaan's merchants
- HQs of Dukaan – Bangalore, Karnataka | Co-founder & CEO – Suumit Shah
- HQs of Simpl – Bangalore, Karnataka | Co-founder & CEO – Nitya Sharma

10. On February 1, IRDAI released the new framework for issue of Surety Bonds by insurance companies. Small suppliers and work contractors can now tap insurance companies for surety of their payments without collateral instead of depending on bank guarantees. As per the guidelines issued by the IRDAI, insurance companies can offer 6 types of sureties namely - Advance payment bond, Bid bond, Contract bond, Customs and Court bond, Performance bond and Retention money. Also, the premium charged for all surety insurance policies underwritten in a financial year shall not exceed 10% of the total gross written premium of that year, subject to a maximum of Rs 500 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI released new guidelines for issue of Surety Bonds by insurance companies
- Premium charged for all surety insurance policies underwritten in a FY shall not exceed 10% (max – Rs 500 Cr)
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Executive Dr. – Suresh Mathur

11. On February 3, Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) launched an 'AI Voice Bot' to expedite registration of motor claims. This end-to-end AI Voice Bot is the first in the general insurance industry in India, and is powered by Yellow.ai, the world's leading next-gen Total Experience (TX) Automation Platform. The conversational voice bot is available in Hindi, English and Hinglish. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Edelweiss General Ins. – launched the industry's first-of-its-kind 'AI Voice Bot' to expedite motor claims registration
- HQs of Edelweiss Financial Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Rashesh Shah

12. On February 2, A tripartite MoU was signed among State Bank of India, Indira Gandhi Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) and National Culture Fund (NCF - under Ministry of Culture) for the development of "Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD)" in New Delhi. The ABCD project aims to highlight, promote and celebrate the products that have the Geographical Indication sign. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + IGNCA + NCF = a tripartite MoU to develop "Atmanirbhar Bharat Centre for Design (ABCD)" in New Delhi
- Location of IGNCA – New Delhi
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman



13. The Government of India has done a conversion transaction with the RBI on January 28, 2022 for an amount of ₹1,19,701 Cr (face value) to smoothen India's liability profile as well as for market development. The transaction involved buying back securities maturing in FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 from the RBI and issuing fresh securities for equivalent market value. The transactions were carried out using Financial Benchmarks India Pvt. Ltd. (FBIL) prices as on January 28, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GoI did a conversion transaction of ₹1,19,701 Cr with the RBI to smoothen India's liability profile
- The transactions were carried out using – Financial Benchmarks India Pvt Ltd (FBIL) prices
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

14. On February 3, Kotak Mahindra General Insurance Company Ltd tied up with CARS24 Financial Services Private Ltd to offer motor insurance services to buyers of used cars. Kotak Mahindra General Insurance is a 100% subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra General Insurance + CARS24 Financial Services = partnership to offer motor insurance
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra General Insurance – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Suresh Agarwal

15. On February 3, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) tied up with insurance aggregator Policybazaar.com for distribution of its products. This is LIC's first association with an insurance aggregator, and otherwise relies heavily on its large agency force of 1.33 million agents for distributing its products. Policybazaar.com, the flagship platform of PB Fintech, is the largest online insurance marketplace in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC + Policybazaar.com = partnership for distribution of insurance products (LIC's first such association)
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”
- HQs of Policybazaar – Gurgaon, Haryana | CEO – Sarbvir Singh

Defence Affairs

16. On February 2, the marine version of the French-made Rafale fighter jet named “Rafale-M” (Rafale-Marine) was successfully flight-tested at a shore-based facility at INS Hansa in Goa. It is manufactured by France-based Dassault Aviation. Boeing's Super Hornet or F/A-18 jet, which is also being offered to India, is expected to undergo similar tests at INS Hansa in March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Rafale-M” (Rafale-Marine) was successfully flight-tested – at INS Hansa in Goa (Manufacturer – Dassault Aviation)
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

17. On February 3, Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) signed a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 Cr with Indian Army for manufacturing and supplying “Konkurs-M” anti-tank guided missiles. Konkurs - M is a Second Generation, mechanized infantry Anti-Tank Guided Missile, to destroy armored vehicles equipped with Explosive Reactive Armour. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- BDL + Indian Army = a contract worth Rs 3,131.82 Cr to manufacture & supply “Konkurs-M” anti-tank guided missiles
- HQs of BDL – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Siddharth Mishra | Founded in – 1970
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande

18. On February 2, Indian Navy commenced brand-new submarine named “Vagir” (Yard 11879) for its 1st sea trial. It is 5th of 6 Scorpene class submarines that are based on the French-designed Scorpene-class of submarines as part of the Indian Navy’s Project-75. It will now undergo extensive system, machinery, and weapons trials at sea before it is commissioned, scheduled for later this year. It is constructed by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in collaboration with the Naval Group of France. Two submarines of the Project-75 - Kalvari and Khanderi - have been commissioned into the Indian Navy. The 3rd submarine, Karanj, is in the last phase of sea trials. The 4th Scorpene, Vela, has started sea trials, while the 6th and last submarine, Vagsheer, is being readied. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy commenced Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders built “Vagir” - 5th Kalvari-class submarine for its 1st sea trial
- These 6 submarines are being commissioned under the Indian Navy’s Project-75:
1st – Kalvari | 2nd – Khanderi | 3rd – Karanj | 4th – Vela | 5th – Vagir | 6th – Vagsheer
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Jean Castex



Sports & Games

19. On February 2, New Zealand’s Daryl Mitchell was named the recipient of 2021’s ICC ‘Spirit of Cricket’ award for his gesture of not taking an easy single during the T20 World Cup semifinal against England, held at Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Daryl Mitchell is the 4th New Zealand player to win the award after Daniel Vettori, Brendon McCullum and Kane Williamson. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Daryl Mitchell (New Zealand) – won the 2021’s ICC ‘Spirit of Cricket’ award (4th NZ player to win)

20. On February 2, A People’s Liberation Army (PLA) regiment commander Qi Fabao was chosen by the Chinese government as the Torchbearer of ‘Winter Olympics 2022’ in Beijing. He was involved in the June 15, 2020 clash with India in Galwan Valley. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Qi Fabao (PLA regiment commander) – chosen by Chinese government as the Torchbearer of ‘Winter Olympics 2022’
- Mascot of “2022 Beijing Winter Olympic Games” – Bing Dwen Dwen (a Panda)
- Motto of “2022 Beijing Winter Olympic & Paralympic Games” – “Together for a Shared Future”

21. On February 3, the International Olympic Committee approved a proposal to include surfing, skateboarding and sport climbing in the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Boxing, modern pentathlon and weightlifting have not yet been included. They can be added in 2023 after meeting targets set by the IOC board. Breakdancing will debut at the ‘2024 Olympics’ at the request of the Paris organizers. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IOC approved a proposal to include Surfing, Skateboarding & Sport Climbing in the “2028 Los Angeles Olympics”
- Summer Olympics: 2024 – Paris, France | 2028 – Los Angeles, US | 2032 – Brisbane, Australia
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach | Established in – 1894

Persons in News

22. Queen Elizabeth II, 95, celebrated her ‘Platinum Jubilee’ on February 6, 2022. Queen Elizabeth II, the world’s longest-reigning living monarch, took over as the head of the state at 25. Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to reign for 70 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Queen Elizabeth II (London, UK) – celebrated her ‘Platinum Jubilee’ on Feb 6, 2022
- Queen Elizabeth II – became the first British monarch to reign for 70 years (world’s longest-reigning living monarch)
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

Science & Technology

23. North Korea test fired a “Hwasong-12” mid-range ballistic missile from Jagang Province of North Korea. This series of missiles used liquid-propellant engines with an Ampoule Fuel System. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- North Korea – test fired a “Hwasong-12” mid-range ballistic missile
- North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un

24. Honeywell Hometown Solutions India Foundation (HHSIF) established the Global Center of Excellence for Affordable & Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE) at IIT Dharwad to boost research in affordable and clean energy (ACE). HHSIF and IIT Dharwad will develop an Open-source Platform to build an interactive database of grassroots level energy-related challenges. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HHSIF established the Global Center of Excellence for Affordable & Clean Energy (GCoE-ACE) – at IIT Dharwad
- HHSIF + IIT Dharwad = to develop an Open-source Platform to build an interactive database of energy-related challenges

25. On February 2, SpaceX launched “NROL-87”, a National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) satellite from Vandenberg Space Force Base, California. SpaceX used ‘Falcon 9’ rocket for this launch. This was the National Reconnaissance Office’s first space mission of the year and it was launched under the National Security Space Launch (NSSL) program run by the U.S. Space Force. NROL-87 was SpaceX’s 143rd launch overall and the fifth of 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- SpaceX – launched a U.S. government spy satellite namely “NROL-87” into orbit by using ‘Falcon 9’ rocket
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | Founder & CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

26. On February 4, The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) installed & commissioned Param Pravega, one of the most powerful supercomputers in India under the “National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)”. It has a total supercomputing capacity of 3.3 petaflops. It is designed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in line with the Make in India initiative. ‘NSM’ is steered jointly by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), and implemented by C-DAC and IISc. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Param Pravega” supercomputer – installed & commissioned by IISc (Designed by – C-DAC | Capacity – 3.3 petaflops)
- Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan | Established in – 1909
- HQs of C-DAC – Pune, Maharashtra | Senior Director – Mahesh Kulkarni

Appointments & Resignations

27. Mumbai-based online gaming company Games24x7 roped in Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan as brand ambassador for its online skill gaming platform, RummyCircle. With the actor, the brand will unveil the new campaign #RahoEkKadamAagey. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hrithik Roshan – appointed as Brand Ambassador of ‘RummyCircle’ – by Games24x7

28. Ravi Mittal, former secretary at the Department of Sports, is appointed as the Chairman of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) for a period of 5 years or till he is 65 years of age, whichever is early. The chairman's post at the IBBI fell vacant after M. S. Sahoo retired on September 30, 2021. In between, Navrang Saini was appointed as Interim Chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Mittal – appointed as the Chairman of IBBI for 5 years (succeeding - Navrang Saini)
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Ravi Mitta | Established in – 2016 (set up by Ministry of Corporate Affairs)



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

29. India government selected Uttar Pradesh as the Best State Tableau among 12 States/UTs which participated in the 73rd Republic Day parade on 26 January 2022. The tableau of Uttar Pradesh was based on the theme 'One District One Product and Kashi Vishwanath Dham'. The second place went to Karnataka for its tableau based on 'Cradle of Traditional Handicrafts', followed by Meghalaya on third position. Maharashtra won the Best State Tableau under 'People's Choice Awards' category with the theme 'Biodiversity and State Bio-symbols of Maharashtra. Ministry of Education and Ministry of Civil Aviation were declared joint winners among Ministries, while the Department of Posts took the first place. The theme of the tableau of Ministry of Education & Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship was 'National Education Policy'. Indian Navy was chosen as the Best Marching Contingent among the Services and Indian Air Force won the first place in Popular Choice Awards category. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Best State Tableau among 12 States/UTs: 1st – UP, 2nd – Karnataka, 3rd – Meghalaya
- Best State Tableau under 'People's Choice Awards' category – Maharashtra
- Best Ministry Tableau – Ministry of Education & Ministry of Civil Aviation (jointly)
- Best Department Tableau – Department of Posts
- Best Marching Contingent among the Services – Indian Navy
- Popular Choice Awards category among the Services – Indian Air Force



Schemes & Initiatives

30. On February 2, Union Government approved continuation of Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) with an outlay of Rs 1575 Cr for 15th Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26). The Scheme of Assistance to NSFs is the flagship Central Sector Scheme. The outlay in the cycle will therefore be extended to NSFs to train and field national teams for national and international competitions between 2022 and 2026. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt approved continuation of Scheme of Assistance to NSFs till 2025-26 (Outlay – Rs 1575 Cr)

31. On February 3, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana" of Chhattisgarh government for landless labourers of rural area. Under the scheme, registered labourers in rural areas who do not possess agricultural land will be given financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year in three installments. He also launched "Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club" scheme and distributed financial assistance of Rs 25,000 to its beneficiaries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Gandhi – launched "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiheen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana" of Chhattisgarh
- Under the scheme: Financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year in 3 installments
- Rahul Gandhi – launched "Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club" scheme | Financial assistance of Rs 25,000 to the beneficiaries
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

Important Days & Dates

32. In February 2022, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the UPI ecosystem announced the UPI Safety and Awareness initiative to create awareness amongst consumers about UPI payments. NPCI and the ecosystem comprising leading banks and fintech observed February 1 to 7 as “UPI Safety and Awareness Week”. Also, the month of February was observed as “UPI Safety and Awareness Month”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 1 to 7 – “UPI Safety & Awareness Week” by NPCI
- February – “UPI Safety & Awareness Month”
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

33. The 26th World Wetlands Day was observed on February 2. This day also marks the 51st anniversary of the Ramsar Convention which was adapted on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar. This year’s theme for World Wetlands Day is “Wetlands Action for People and Nature”. UN adopted this day in 2021. This is the first year when the day was observed as a UN International Day. On this day, two new Ramsar sites - Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat and Bakhira wildlife sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh were also announced. Now India has 49 Ramsar sites, the highest in South Asia as on February 3, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 2 – 26th World Wetlands Day & 51st anniversary of the Ramsar Convention
- 2022’s theme – “Wetlands Action for People and Nature”
- UN – observed its 1st “World Wetlands Day” in 2022
- Khijadiya Wildlife Sanctuary (Gujarat) & Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary (UP) – announced as new Ramsar Sites (Total – 49)
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

34. On February 1, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) observed its 46th raising day. The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) was formally established on 1 February 1977 by the Coast Guard Act, 1978. ICG is the 4th largest Coast Guard in the world. Its motto is “Vayam Rakshamah” meaning “We Protect”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 1 – 46th ICG Raising Day
- ICG – the 4th largest Coast Guard in the world | Motto – “Vayam Rakshamah” (We Protect)
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | DG – Virender Singh Pathania | Founded in – 1977

35. 29th January is observed as “National Newspaper Day” in India. On this day, the first Indian Newspaper called ‘Hickey’s Bengal Gazette’ also known as ‘Calcutta General Advertiser’ was published back in 1780. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- January 29 – “National Newspaper Day”
- First Indian Newspaper ‘Hickey’s Bengal Gazette’ or ‘Calcutta General Advertiser’ was published on January 29, 1780

36. “World Interfaith Harmony Week” was observed at the United Nations during the first week of February (1-7 February) with the theme of “Faith & Spiritual Leadership to Combat Stigma & Conflict during Pandemic Recovery”. This week was first observed in 2012. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- February 1 to 7 – UN’s “World Interfaith Harmony Week” (since 2012)
- 2022’s Theme – “Faith & Spiritual Leadership to Combat Stigma & Conflict during Pandemic Recovery”

37. On February 3, the Centre approved renaming of three places in Madhya Pradesh. Hoshangabad Nagar, which is located on the south bank of River Narmada, will be renamed as “Narmadapuram”. Shivpuri will be renamed as “Kundeshwar Dham”. Babai will be renamed after the renowned journalist and poet Makhanlal Chaturvedi as “Makhan Nagar”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central govt approved renaming of 3 places in Madhya Pradesh:
 - Hoshangabad Nagar – renamed as “Narmadapuram”
 - Shivpuri – renamed as “Kundeshwar Dham”
 - Babai – renamed as “Makhan Nagar”
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

38. The “International Day of Human Fraternity” is marked on February 4 to promote cultural and religious tolerance and coexistence. In 2022, the theme was “Human Fraternity in Action”. The meeting between Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad al-Tayyib, led to the signing of the “Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace & living Together” on 4 February, 2019. To commemorate this occasion, the UN decided to mark the International Day for Human Fraternity. The day was 1st observed in 2021 by the United Nations (UN). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 4 – 2nd “International Day of Human Fraternity” – by UN (since 2021)
- 2022’s Theme – “Human Fraternity in Action”
- [HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945](#)

39. “World Cancer Day” is observed every year across the globe on 4 February to raise awareness about the deadly disease and its symptoms. This theme for 2022-2024 will be “Close the Care Gap”. World Cancer Day was initiated in the year 2000 on 4 February at the World Summit Against Cancer for the New Millennium in Paris. The day is led by the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 4 – “World Cancer Day” – by Union for International Cancer Control (since 2000)
- Theme for 2022-2024 – “Close the Care Gap”
- [HQs of Union for International Cancer Control \(UICC\) – Geneva, Switzerland](#)

Books & Authors

40. J. Sai Deepak’s book titled, “India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution”, is a part of a comprehensive trilogy, which examines the far reaching impact of European ‘colonial consciousness’ on Bharat. This second part of this trilogy is set to launch in June 2022 while the first part was released in August 2021. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “India, That is Bharat: Coloniality, Civilisation, Constitution” book – authored by J. Sai Deepak
- Publisher – Bloomsbury India

41. India’s first-ever season style book “The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life”, written by management professional Akash Kansal, was launched virtually at book launch ceremony at IIT Kanpur & Delhi Technological University. The book was released on Amazon Kindle by actor R. Madhavan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Class of 2006: Sneak Peek into the Misadventures of the Great Indian Engineering Life” book – authored by Akash Kansal
- Book launched by – R. Madhavan

Obituaries

42. Legendary racehorse trainer Rashid Rustomji Byramji passed away. He was 88. Rashid Byramji is considered the greatest Classic trainer India has ever seen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rashid Rustomji Byramji – Racehorse Trainer – passed away

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

43. Samsung surpassed Intel to become the world’s No. 1 chip maker or world’s top semiconductor company. It recorded its biggest-ever quarterly revenue in fourth-quarter. Also, its net profit rose 64% to 10.84 trillion won (\$9 billion). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Samsung – surpassed Intel to become the world’s No. 1 chip maker or world’s top semiconductor company
- HQs of Samsung Electronics – Suwon-si, South Korea | CEO – Jong Hee Han
- HQs of Intel – California, USA | CEO – Patrick P. Gelsinger | Founded on – July 18, 1968

Amount & Agreements

44. Tata Sons availed of a Rs 10,000-Cr loan from SBI and a Rs 5,000-Cr loan from Bank of Baroda to refinance Air India’s debt. Tata Group recently announced to seek Rs 23,000-Cr one-year loan. Of the Rs 23,000 Cr, Rs 18,000 Cr was for acquisition of Air India, and Rs 5,000 Cr for its working capital. Air India, India’s largest international airline, has a fleet of 117 aircraft. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Tata Sons – availed of a Rs 10,000-Cr loan from SBI & a Rs 5,000-Cr loan from BoB to refinance Air India's debt
- HQs of Tata Sons – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- HQs of Air India – New Delhi | CMD – Rajiv Bansal
- HQs of BOB – Vadodara, Gujarat | CEO – Sanjiv Chadha | Tagline – “India's International Bank”
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

Ordinance, Bills and Acts

45. On February 1, to utilise the experience & expertise of senior employees and considering the increased life expectancy, Andhra Pradesh state government promulgated an ordinance enhancing the retirement age of employees from 60 to 62 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh – enhanced the retirement age of employees from 60 to 62 years
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati (LC), Visakhapatnam (EC) & Kurnool (JC)
- CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan



Acquisitions & Mergers

46. On February 2, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of certain additional equity in 'Escorts Ltd' by 'Kubota Corporation'. In December 2021, Escorts Ltd had approved the preferential allotment of nearly 94 lakh shares to Japan's Kubota Corporation and become a joint promoter. Kubota is an agriculture product manufacturer. Escorts is engaged in the business of manufacturing and sale of agri-machinery, construction equipment, and railway equipment in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved the acquisition of certain additional equity in 'Escorts Ltd' by Japan's 'Kubota Corporation'
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

47. On February 3, Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad (IIM-A) will establish India's first research chair in ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) in collaboration with the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Ltd (NIIF). The newly formed 'NIIF Chair in ESG at IIMA' will work closely with the Arun Duggal ESG Centre for Research and Innovation at IIMA. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IIM Ahmedabad + NIIF = to establish India's first research chair in ESG
- HQs of NIIFL – New Delhi | CEO – Sadashiv S. Rao | Founded in – 2015

48. On February 3, India signed an agreement for 1 year to work on the mega science project - Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO), proposed to be the world's largest radio telescope. The signing of the Cooperation Agreement between India, represented by TIFR - National Centre for Radio Astrophysics (NCRA), and SKA, was held virtually. The Square Kilometre Array is an intergovernmental radio telescope project being planned to be built in Australia & South Africa and is headquartered in the United Kingdom. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRA-TIFR + SKAO = signed the Cooperation Agreement for 1 year to work on the Mega Science project
- Square Kilometre Array Observatory (SKAO) – planned to be built in Australia & South Africa | HQs – UK
- NCRA-TIFR – a research institute in Pune, Maharashtra

49. On February 1, India and Nepal signed an MoU for construction of a motorable bridge with the Indian grant assistance over the Mahakali River. The bridge will connect Dharchula in Uttarakhand with Darchula in Nepal. The 110-metre bridge will be the second motor bridge on the India-Nepal border in Uttarakhand. The other one, the Banbasa bridge, is situated in the Champawat district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Nepal = an MoU for construction of a motorable bridge over Mahakali River (2nd such bridge in Uttarakhand)
- The 110-metre bridge will connect – Dharchula (Uttarakhand) & Darchula (Nepal)
- Banbasa bridge – other motorable bridge in Champawat, Uttarakhand
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

50. On February 3, An MoU was signed between electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy and Electric Supply Companies (ESCOMs) of Karnataka for setting up 1,000 fast charging stations across the state. The ESCOMs would be the nodal agency to provide all technical support. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka's ESCOMs + Ather Energy = an MoU to set up 1,000 fast charging stations across the state
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of Ather Energy – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Tarun Mehta





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