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National & States Affairs

401. On February 19, the Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) organised 3rd edition of “Huddle Global 2022”. KSUM entered into collaboration with Google to enable start-ups in the state to join a wider global network that provides mentorship and training. The partnership will expose start-ups to new technology arenas and global standards. Google’s start-up programme is focused on empowering start-ups around the world and helping them leverage each other for insights and resource sharing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KSUM – organised 3rd edition of “Huddle Global 2022”
- KSUM + Google = to enable start-ups to join a wider global network that provides mentorship & training
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – SundarPichai | Founded in – 1998

402. On February 20, J&K hosted the ‘Janbhagidari Empowerment’ portal on a different server with higher bandwidth for its easy and ready accessibility to the general public. This intervention comes after the concerns relating to the slow speed/bandwidth issues regarding the portal, which has caused disenchantment among users. The portal also has links to schemes like MGNREGA, PM Awas Yojana, SMB (Urban), SBM (Rural) and PMGSY. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J&K – hosted ‘Janbhagidari Empowerment’ portal on a different server with higher bandwidth for easy accessibility
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – ManojSinha

403. On February 20, Assam Chief Minister launched the first night navigation mobile application for ferry services on Brahmaputra river. The app is developed by the transport department in association with K. Raju, the principal scientist of IIT Madras. He also launched 10 Aadhar-based contactless services of the department as part of its efforts to make public service delivery efficient and hassle free. He also launched e-ticketing system for Dhubri and Silchar ferry services. An MoU was also signed between the Common Service Centres (CSCs) under the Ministry of Information Technology and transport department for facilitating people at the panchayat level to avail the online services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – became the 1st state to launch ‘Night Navigation Mobile App’ for ferry services on Brahmaputra river
- Assam – launched 10 Aadhar-based contactless services & e-ticketing system for Dhubri & Silchar ferry services
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – HimantaBiswaSarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

404. On February 19, IIT Roorkee organised a Regional Farmers’ Awareness program under ‘Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS)’ project and launched the ‘KISAN’ mobile app for dissemination of Agromet Advisory Services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Under ‘Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa’, IIT Roorkee:
 - organised a Regional Farmers’ Awareness program
 - launched ‘KISAN’ app for farmers
- Director of IIT Roorkee – Ajit K. Chaturvedi



405. On February 17, Ministry of Power notified Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy. PM Narendra Modi launched the “National Hydrogen Mission” on India’s 75th Independence Day (15th August, 2021) to make India a green hydrogen hub. This will help in meeting the target of production of 5 million tonnes of Green hydrogen by 2030. Green Hydrogen/Ammonia manufacturers will be granted Open access within 15 days of receipt of application. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Power – notified ‘Green Hydrogen/Green Ammonia Policy’
- “National Hydrogen Mission” – launched by Narendra Modi in Aug 2021
- Green Hydrogen/Ammonia manufacturers will be granted Open access – within 15 days
- [Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh](#) | [Constituency – Arrah, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal](#)

406. On February 21, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Shri Giriraj Singh launched “Rural Connectivity GIS Data” in Public Domain at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. As part of the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), GIS data have been collected and digitised using GIS platform developed for the scheme. The PMGSY was launched in the year 2000. National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA) is the nodal implementation agency of PMGSY scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Rural Development – launched “Rural Connectivity GIS Data” in Public Domain as part of ‘PMGSY’
- PMGSY – launched in 2000
- [Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh](#) | [Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Rural Development: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti](#)

407. On February 21, Reliance Jio announced to land the next generation multi-terabit India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) undersea cable system in the Maldives in collaboration with Ocean Connect Maldives. The new subsea cable system will connect Hulhumale (an island in Maldives) directly with world’s major internet hubs in India and Singapore. The IAX system originates in Mumbai in the west and connects directly to Singapore. While the India-Europe-Xpress (IEX) system connects Mumbai to Milan in Italy. IAX is expected to be ready for service end-2023, while IEX will be ready for service in mid-2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Reliance Jio – to land the next generation multi-terabit India-Asia-Xpress (IAX) undersea cable system in Maldives
- IAX & IEX systems originate in – Mumbai | Hulhumale island is located in – Maldives
- [Maldives – Male – Maldivian rufiyaa](#) | [President – Ibrahim Mohamed Solih](#)

408. On February 21, the Central Government approved the continuation of the Central Sector Umbrella Scheme of “Border Infrastructure and Management (BIM)” over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle from 2021-22 to 2025-26, at a cost of Rs 13,020 Cr. Ministry of Home Affairs is committed to improving Border Infrastructure and Management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved the continuation of “Border Infrastructure and Management (BIM)” from 2021-22 to 2025-26
- Outlay of the scheme – Rs 13,020 Cr | Responsible ministry to improve BIM – Ministry of Home Affairs



409. On February 21, Bharti Airtel Ltd joined the 'SEA-ME-WE-6' undersea cable consortium to scale up its high speed global network capacity and serve India's fast growing digital economy. The 19,200 Rkm SEA-ME-WE-6 will connect Singapore and France. Airtel is participating as a major investor in the SEA-ME-WE-6 and is anchoring 20% of the overall investment in the cable system, which will go LIVE in 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel – joined the 'SEA-ME-WE-6' undersea cable consortium to scale up its high speed global network capacity
- 19,200 Rkm 'SEA-ME-WE-6' will connect – Singapore & France | 'SEA-ME-WE-6' will go LIVE in – 2025
- Airtel's investment in the 'SEA-ME-WE-6' – 20%
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal

410. The government of India plans to promote "Heal by India" campaign for strengthening the country's educational institutions in the health sector and enhancing education to churn out quality human resources in health, thus helping them become eligible to work anywhere in the world. Moreover, the Health Ministry also organised a Chintan Shivir - 'Heal by India' for two days. The Chintan Shivir included positioning India's health sector as a global source. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Govt plans to promote "Heal by India" campaign to make India's Health Sector a global source
- "Chintan Shivir - Heal by India" – organised by Health Ministry

411. On February 18, India organized an event to commemorate the foundation of the Indian Home Rule Society (IHRS) in London, UK. On this day in 1905, the organisation was founded by Shyamji Krishna Varma, which sought to promote the cause of self-rule in British India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India organized an event to commemorate the foundation of the Indian Home Rule Society (IHRS) in London, UK
- 'IHRS' was founded by Shyamji Krishna Varma in 1905

412. On February 18, Assam government launched a 4-year mentorship programme called "Project Arohan" to provide guidance to students and improve their skills. Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma met Anita Ranjan, CEO of Tata STRIVE, a skill development initiative of Tata Trusts, and sought cooperation for the project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – launched a 4-year mentorship programme called "Project Arohan"
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

413. On February 16, Four police stations of New Delhi were certified as 'Eat Right Campus' by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). Eat Right India is a flagship mission of FSSAI, which aims at ensuring that the citizens of the country get safe and nutritious food. Under this initiative, 'Sehatmand Delhi' programme has been launched to identify premises that can be recognised as 'Eat Right Campus'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FSSAI – certified 4 police stations of New Delhi as 'Eat Right Campus'
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teatia | CEO – Shri Arun Singhal
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev
- Delhi Police Commissioner – Rakesh Asthana



414. On February 18, Chamba, an aspirational district of Himachal Pradesh became the 100th 'Har Ghar Jal' District. Chamba is the 5th aspirational district to become 'Har Ghar Jal'. Other four Har Ghar Jal Aspirational districts are: Bhadrachalam, Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Komuram Bheem Asifabad (all in Telangana) and Mewat in Haryana. Rs. 60,000 Cr was allocated to 'Har Ghar Jal' in Union Budget 2022-23 to provide tap water to 3.8 Cr households. The motto of the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) is 'No One is Left Out'. In last 24 months, tap water supply has increased four-fold from 24 lakh (7.17%) to about 1.37 Cr (40%) households in 117 Aspirational districts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chamba (Himachal Pradesh) – became the 5th aspirational district 100th district to become 'Har Ghar Jal' district
- Rs 60,000 Cr was allocated to 'Har Ghar Jal' in Union Budget 2022-23
- Target of JJM: To ensure 'Har Ghar Jal' to all rural households – by 2024 | JJM's Motto – 'No One is Left Out'
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

415. On February 22, ICICI Bank signed an agreement to acquire 9.49% stake in Verve Financial Services (VFSPL) for a cash investment of Rs 19.99 Cr. Since the acquisition of shareholding was below 10%, regulatory approval was not required. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – to acquire 9.49% stake in Verve Financial Services (Chennai, TN)
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – "Hum Hain Na!" & "Khayal Apka"

416. On February 17, BSE Ebix Insurance Broking, a joint venture of BSE and Ebix Fincorp Exchange Pte Ltd, signed an insurance broker agreement for the distribution of Life Insurance Corporation's (LIC) products on its platform. This partnership aims at offering customer centric solutions backed by technological innovations and best in class services. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE Ebix Insurance Broking – signed an insurance broker agreement for the distribution of LIC's products on its platform
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – "YogakshemamVahamyaham"

417. On February 17, Kotak Mahindra Bank tied up with Ezetap to provide integrated Point of Sale (PoS) solutions across 4,000 locations in India. The initiative will strengthen the bank's presence in the digital payments market space and enable it to scale up its PoS product base across merchant segments, including retail enterprises and government customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Mahindra Bank + Ezetap = to provide integrated Point of Sale (PoS) solutions across 4,000 locations in India
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – "Let's make money simple"
- HQs of Ezetap – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Byas Nambisan

418. On February 22, As an extension of its flagship campaign 'Team Cashless India', Mastercard partnered with SBI Payments to boost digital payments acceptance infrastructure in Guwahati, Lucknow and Varanasi. Mastercard Team Cashless India volunteers partnered with the Auto Rickshaw Association in Lucknow, All Assam's Restaurant Association (AARA) in Guwahati, local shopkeepers, and Boat Union in Varanasi to bolster the digital payments infrastructure in their respective cities. The 'Team Cashless India' campaign is part of Mastercard's worldwide commitment to bring 1 billion people and 50 million micro-businesses into the digital economy by 2025. This campaign was launched in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

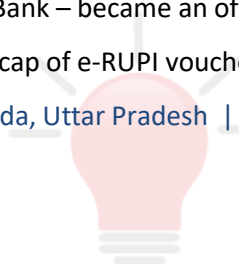
Key Points:

- Mastercard + SBI Payments = to boost digital payments acceptance infrastructure in Guwahati, Lucknow & Varanasi
- 'Team Cashless India' – campaign of Mastercard to bring people & micro-businesses into digital economy by 2025
- HQs of Mastercard – New York, US | CEO – Michael Miebach | Founded in – 1966
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Ashwani Bhatia | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

419. On February 22, Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) became an official acquiring partner for e-RUPI vouchers to make it accessible at offline stores across the country. This will benefit beneficiaries (users), even those who do not have access to formal banking services or smartphones to avail the convenience of digital payments. The RBI had recently increased the cap of e-RUPI vouchers issued by the government to ₹1 lakh per year from ₹10,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Paytm Payments Bank – became an official acquiring partner for 'e-RUPI vouchers'
- RBI increased the cap of e-RUPI vouchers to ₹1 lakh per year (from ₹10,000)
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Satish Kumar Gupta



Defence Affairs

420. On February 21, Israel successfully tested a new naval air defense system called "C-Dome system" which is a naval version of the Iron Dome. C-Dome was tested for the first time from Saar-6 Corvette 'INS Magen'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Israel – successfully tested a new naval air defense system called "C-Dome system"
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

421. India Navy had signed a \$2.2 billion deal for 'MH-60R' helicopters built by Lockheed Martin during the visit of then U.S. President Donald Trump in February 2020. The first batch of three 'MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters' is scheduled to arrive in India by mid-July. Deliveries are expected to be completed by 2025. The 'MH-60Rs' are a replacement of the 'Sea King 42/42A' helicopters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India Navy – will receive the first batch of 3 'MH-60R Multi-Role Helicopters' by mid-July 2022
- 'MH-60R' Helicopters are manufactured by – Lockheed Martin
- HQs of Lockheed Martin – Maryland, USA | CEO – Jim Taiclet | Founded in – 1995
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

422. On February 21, the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Air Force of Oman conducted the 6th edition of “Eastern Bridge”, a 5-day bilateral exercise at the Jodhpur air force station in Rajasthan. While exercise “Eastern Bridge V” was held in October 2019 at the Air Force Base Masirah, Oman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Eastern Bridge-VI” exercise was held between IAF & Royal Air Force of Oman – at Jodhpur Air Force Station, Rajasthan
- Oman – Muscat – Rial | Sultan – Haitham bin Tariq Al Said

Sports & Games

423. On February 6, the Indian cricket team become the first ever team to play the 1000 ODI matches. In this match, Team India was led by Rohit Sharma against the West Indies at Narendra Modi Stadium. Australia has played the second-most ODIs in the world with 958 matches while Pakistan has played 936 ODIs. After the win against West Indies, India secured ICC No. 1 Rank in T20I. Also, Indian team is the 2nd team to win 100 T20I matches, followed by Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Cricket Team – the first ever team to play the 1000 ODI matches | 2nd – Australia | 3rd – Pakistan
- 1000th match: Location – Narendra Modi Stadium | Captaincy – Rohit Sharma | Against – West Indies
- Indian team – the 2nd team to win 100 T20I matches (followed by Pakistan)
- India – secured ICC No. 1 Rank in T20I (by defeating West Indies)
- HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Sourav Ganguly | Secretary – Jay Shah | Founded in – 1928
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

424. Beijing made history as the first city to host both the Winter and Summer Games in 2022. While the Italian cities Milan and Cortina d'Ampezzo will host the “2026 Winter Olympics Games”. Earlier, Cortina had hosted the ‘1956 Winter Olympics’. Moreover, the next ‘Summer Olympics 2024’ is set to take place in Paris, France. In Winter Olympics 2022, Norway won 37 medals for the second time and set a new world record for the most Gold medals won in a single Winter Olympics. While Arif Khan carried Indian flag in the Parade of Nations during the opening ceremony of the ‘2022 Beijing Winter Olympics’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Milan & Cortina d'Ampezzo ([Italy](#)) – to host the “2026 Winter Olympics Games”
- Paris ([France](#)) – to host the “Summer Olympics 2024”
- Norway – set a new world record for the most Gold medals won in a single Winter Olympics

425. 22-year-old Sakibul Gani created a world record by becoming the first player to score a triple century on first-class debut. Gani made his debut for Bihar in the Ranji Trophy and scored 341 runs in 405 balls. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sakibul Gani ([Bihar](#)) – created a world record by becoming the first player to score a triple century on first-class debut

426. On February 24, Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa defeated World Number 1 Magnus Carlsen in the 8th round of the Airthings Masters online rapid chess tournament. R Praggnanandhaa became the third Indian, after Viswanathan Anand and P Harikrishna, to accomplish the rare feat of beating Carlsen. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R Praggnanandhaa – defeated Magnus Carlsen in the 8th round of “Airthings Masters Online Rapid Chess Tournament”
- R Praggnanandhaa – became the 3rd Indian to beat World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich | Founded on – July 20, 1924

Persons in News

427. On February 19, PM Narendra Modi paid tribute to ‘Tamil Thatha’ Uttamadhanapuram Venkatasubbaier Swaminatha Iyer on his birth anniversary. Iyer was a Tamil scholar and researcher who played an instrumental role in bringing many long-forgotten works of classical Tamil literature to light. Swaminathalyer was born on February 19, 1855 and died on April 28, 1942. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Modi – paid tribute to ‘Uttamadhanapuram Venkatasubbaier Swaminatha Iyer on his birth anniversary
- He was a Tamil Scholar & Researcher

Science & Technology

428. A skeleton of the biggest ‘Pterosaur’ (flying reptiles) to have flown during the Middle Jurassic was discovered on the Isle of Skye, Scotland. This is one of the best-preserved fossils in UK’s history. Moreover, the colossal 180 million-year-old fossilized remains of an ‘Ichthyosaur’ (marine reptiles) was found in the UK. Discovered in a reservoir in the county of Rutland, in the English East Midlands, the specimen is the largest and most complete ichthyosaur fossil ever found in the UK, measuring nearly 33 feet in length. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A skeleton of the biggest Pterosaur – discovered on the Isle of Skye, an island in Scotland, UK
- 180 million-year-old fossil of an Ichthyosaur – discovered in Rutland Water Nature Reserve, UK
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

Appointments & Resignations

429. On February 16, Sanjay Malhotra, Secretary, Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance, was nominated as a Director on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). Prior to his appointment as DFS Secretary, Malhotra was the Chairman and Managing Director of REC Ltd. He succeeded Debashish Panda, who completed his term on January 31, 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sanjay Malhotra – appointed as Director on the Central Board of RBI (succeeding – Debashish Panda)
- 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

430. On February 19, International chess player woman FIDE master Tanishka Kotia and her sister Riddhika Kotia were announced as brand ambassadors from Gurugram for the centre's 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tanishka & Riddhika Kotia – appointed as brand ambassadors from Gurugram for 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme
- Tanishka Kotia – a Chess player with title "Woman FIDE master"
- HQs of FIDE – Lausanne, Switzerland | President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich
- Managing Director – Dana Reizniece-Ozola | Founded on – July 20, 1924
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

431. On February 22, India was elected for the new Chairship of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG). IRSG is the inter-governmental organisation of natural rubber (NR) and synthetic rubber (SR) producing and consuming countries. Head of the Indian delegation to IRSG, and Executive Director of Indian Rubber Board, K. N. Raghavan, will officiate as the Chairman of IRSG for the next two years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – elected as the new Chair of the International Rubber Study Group (IRSG)
- K. N. Raghavan – appointed as the Chairman of IRSG
- HQs of IRSG – Singapore | Chair Country – India | Chairman – K. N. Raghavan

Important Days & Dates

432. World Day of Social Justice is observed on February 20 every year. To raise voices against social injustice and to remove barriers regarding gender, age, race, ethnicity, religion, culture, or disability, World Social Justice Day is observed. The theme for World Justice Day 2022 is "Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 20 – World Day of Social Justice
- 2022's Theme – "Achieving Social Justice through Formal Employment"

433. "International Mother Language Day" is observed every year on February 21. The idea to celebrate International Mother Language Day was the initiative of Bangladesh and it was approved at the 1999 UNESCO General Conference and has been observed throughout the world since 2000. This Day is observed every year to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism. In 2022, the theme is "Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities". [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- February 21 – International Mother Language Day (since 2000)
- 2022's Theme – “Using technology for multilingual learning: Challenges and opportunities”
- The idea to celebrate this day was the initiative of – Bangladesh
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945

434. Textiles Secretary Upendra Prasad Singh virtually addressed the 44th Foundation Day of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) on February 22, 2022. During the address, he stated that India's textile exports can increase from the current \$40 billion to \$100 billion in the next 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 22 – 44th Foundation Day of Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)
- HQs of APEC – Gurgaon, Haryana | Chairperson – Narendra Kumar Goenka | Established in – 1978

435. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced to commemorate February 15 as “Shahid Diwas” in memory of 34 freedom fighters who were killed by police in Tarapur town (now subdivision) of Bihar's Munger district 90 years ago. On February 15, 1932, a group of young freedom fighters planned to hoist an Indian national flag at Thana Bhavan in Tarapur. Police carried out a brutal lathi-charge and opened indiscriminate fire on the crowd. About 75 rounds were fired and 34 bodies were found at the spot. Bihar's Tarapur massacre was the biggest carried out by the British police after the one in Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar in 1919. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitish Kumar – announced to commemorate February 15 as “Shahid Diwas” in memory of Bihar's Tarapur massacre
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

436. World Thinking Day is observed on 22 February each year by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). The day celebrates friendship, sisterhood and women empowerment and aims to raise funds for 10 million girl guides and scouts present in 150 countries. In 2022, the theme is “Our World, Our Equal Future: The Environment and Gender Equality”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- February 22 – World Thinking Day – by World Association of Girl Guides & Girl Scouts
- 2022's Theme – “Our World, Our Equal Future: The Environment and Gender Equality”

Books & Authors

437. The book titled “A Nation To Protect” is author Priyam Gandhi Mody's third book which was released in February, 2022. The book highlights the leadership of PM Narendra Modi in India's fight against COVID-19 in the past two years. The book was launched by Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya in the presence of other senior health ministry officials. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “A Nation To Protect” book – authored by Priyam Gandhi Mody
- The book highlights PM Modi's leadership & released by Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya



Obituaries

438. On February 21, Assam's Shakuntala Chowdhary passed away. She was 102. She was awarded Padma Shri in 2022 for her Social Work. She was known for her steadfast belief in Gandhian values. People used to call her by 'baideo' (elder sister). She was also at the forefront of the 'Ban Cow Slaughter Satyagraha', the 'Stree Shakti Jagaran' and also served as a trustee of Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust (KGNMT) at the national level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shakuntala Chowdhary – a Social Worker – passed away ('2022 Padma Shri Award' for Social Work)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

439. Ravish Tiwari, National Political Editor and Chief of National Bureau of The Indian Express, passed away at the age of 40. He had been fighting cancer since June 2020. Tiwari led a team of senior journalists at The Indian Express. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravish Tiwari – a Journalist – passed away
- He was National Political Editor & Chief of National Bureau of 'The Indian Express'

440. Veteran Malayalam actress Maheshwari Amma, better known by her stage name of 'KPAC Lalitha' who starred in over 500 films primarily in Malayalam cinema, passed away in Kochi. She was 74. She bagged the National Award for 'Best Supporting Actress' twice. She also served as the Chairperson of the Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maheshwari Amma ('KPAC Lalitha') – a Malayalam Actress – passed away
- She served as the Chairperson of Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi

441. On February 17, Former India footballer and East Bengal star Surajit Sengupta passed away. He was 70. He played in the 1974 and 1978 Asian Games and for all top Kolkata clubs. He captained East Bengal in 1978 when they won the Durand Cup, IFA Shield, Federation Cup and the Bordoloi Trophy. East Bengal gave Sengupta their lifetime achievement award in 2018. With Mohun Bagan, he won the Calcutta league (1983), Federation Cup in 1981 and 1982. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Surajit Sengupta (West Bengal) – a former Football Player – passed away

Meetings, Conferences and Summits

442. On February 19, India was elected to host the '2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) session' in the Jio World Centre, Mumbai. Mumbai received a historic 99% of the votes in favour of its bid from the delegates participating in the process. India will host for the first time in 40 years since 1983. The session will be held in May - June 2023. In this session, there will be the election for the host country for the 2030 Winter Olympics and sports programme for LA 2028 Olympic Games. An IOC session is the annual meeting of the members of the IOC, comprising 101 voting members and 45 honorary members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to host ‘2023 International Olympic Committee (IOC) session’ in the Jio World Centre, Mumbai
- HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Thomas Bach | Established in – 1894
- Summer Olympics: 2024 – Paris, France | 2028 – Los Angeles, US | 2032 – Brisbane, Australia

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

443. On February 16, FAITH released “FAITH 2035 Vision Document” with a vision statement, goals and an execution path commemorating the 75th year of Indian independence. FAITH is the policy federation of all the national associations representing the complete tourism, travel and hospitality industry of India such as FHRAI, HAI and IATO. The document lays down ‘action goals’ in multiples of 75 referencing all indicators to the 75th year of independence and proposes four strategic pillars to achieve the goals such as a shared national tourism approach, value accretive regulations, investment drivers and market excellence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- FAITH – released “FAITH 2035 Vision Document” to commemorate the 75th year of Indian independence

444. On February 22, According to the estimates released by the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, India’s fuel demand is likely to grow 5.5% in FY2022-23. Fuel consumption in 2022-23 is estimated to rise to 214.5 million tones (MT) from 203.2 million tonnes expected sales in FY2021-22. During the next fiscal 2022-23, petrol is expected to rise by 7.8% to 33.3 million tonnes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to PPAC: India’s fuel demand is likely to grow 5.5% in FY2022-23 | Fuel consumption – to rise to 214.5 MT
- Petrol is expected to rise by 7.8% to 33.3 MT in 2022-23
- Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC) – functions under Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas

445. Global trade in goods and services touched a record high of \$28.5 trillion in 2021 boosted by increases in commodity prices, subsiding pandemic restrictions and a strong recovery in demand due to economic stimulus packages, according to the “Global Trade Update 2022” released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD). The growth recorded in global trade in 2021 was about 25% relative to 2020 and 13% compared to the pre-pandemic levels but is expected to slow in the first quarter of 2022. India’s exports on Goods increased by 25% in Q4 2021 and imports increased by 32% compared to 2019. While India’s exports on Services increased by 7% in Q3 2021 and imports increased by 3% compared to 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Trade Update 2022” – released by the UNCTAD
- Global trade in goods & services touched a record high of \$28.5 trillion in 2021 (increased by 25% compared to 2020)
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – RebecaGrynspan

446. On February 22, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released the 4th edition of Frontiers report titled “Frontiers 2022: Noise, Blazes and Mismatches”. Since 2016, UNEP’s Frontiers Reports have cast a spotlight on emerging environmental issues. This year’s edition, Noise, Blazes and Mismatches, looks at three concerns: Urban Soundscapes, Wildfires and Phenological Shifts. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- 4th edition of “Frontiers 2022: Noise, Blazes and Mismatches” – released by the UNEP
- This year’s edition of the report focuses on 3 concerns: Urban Soundscapes, Wildfires & Phenological Shifts
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

447. India’s millionaire (USD) households increased by 11% to 4.58 lakh in 2021, according to “Hurun India Wealth Report 2021”. These households have a net worth of at least ₹7 Cr. The report estimates that Indian dollar-millionaire households is set to rise by 30% over the next 5 years to reach 6,00,000 households by 2026. However, the survey of 350 millionaires noted that happiness index fell to 66% in 2021 as against 72% in the previous year. Mumbai topped the list of cities with most millionaires at 20,300, followed by Delhi and Kolkata with 17,400 and 10,500 millionaire households respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Hurun India Wealth Report 2021”: India’s millionaire households increased by 11% to 4.58 lakh in 2021
- Indian dollar-millionaire households – to reach 6,00,000 households by 2026 (rises of 30%)
- Cities with most millionaires: 1st – Mumbai, 2nd – Delhi, 3rd – Kolkata

Amount & Agreements

448. On February 22, IIFL Home Finance Limited (IIFL HFL) signed a \$68 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to improve funding to affordable green housing for lower-income groups in India. The funding comprises a direct ADB loan of up to \$58 million and a \$10 million concessional loan by the Canadian Climate Fund for the Private Sector in Asia (CFPS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIFL Home Finance + ADB = a \$68 million loan to improve funding to affordable green housing for lower-income groups
- HQs of IIFL Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nirmal Jain | MD – Venkataraman Rajamani
- HQs of ADB – Mandaluyong, Philippines | President – Masatsugu Asakawa | Members – 68 | Established in – 1966

Acquisitions & Mergers

449. In February 2022, Jio Platforms Ltd announced an investment of US\$ 15 million in Two Platforms Inc., a Silicon Valley based deep tech startup founded by Pranav Mistry, for a 25% equity stake on a fully diluted basis. Two is an Artificial Reality company with focus on building interactive and immersionsal AI experiences. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jio Platforms – announced an investment of \$15 million in Two Platforms (for 25% equity stake)
- HQs of Jio Platforms – Mumbai, MH | President – Anish Shah



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

450. On February 21, Adani Group signed a non-binding MoU with 'Ballard Power Systems' to evaluate a joint investment for the commercialisation of hydrogen fuel cells in various mobility and industrial applications in India. Under the MoU, both parties will examine various options to cooperate, including collaboration for fuel cell manufacturing in India. Efforts under this MoU will be anchored by Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL), the newly formed subsidiary of Adani Enterprises. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Group + Ballard Power Systems = a non-binding MoU for fuel cell manufacturing in India
- HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairman – Gautam Adani | MD – Rajesh Adani
- HQs of Ballard Power Systems – Burnaby, Canada | President & CEO – Randy MacEwen





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