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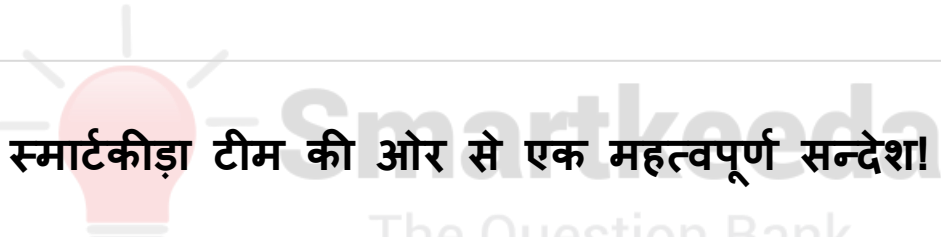
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# National & States Affairs

**151.** As on January 2022, Union Minister Piyush Goyal plans to launch Brand India Campaign. This campaign will serve as an “umbrella campaign” for promoting goods & services exported by India. He also reviewed the status of Brand India Campaign of India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF). IBEF is a trust established by Department of Commerce with the primary objective of promoting & creating international awareness of the ‘Made in India’. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Piyush Goyal – to launch “Brand India Campaign”, an umbrella campaign to promote goods & services exported by India
- “Brand India Campaign” – belongs to India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF)
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

**152.** In January 2022, in line with Prime Minister’s dream of “Sweet Kranti” (Sweet Revolution) though honey production, KVIC launched the country’s first “Mobile Honey Processing Van” at Village Sirora in Ghaziabad, UP. The van is equipped with a testing laboratory that would instantly examine the quality of honey & can process up to 300 KG of honey in 8 hours. The van will move to different apiaries where beekeepers will be able to get their honey processed at nominal charges at their doorsteps. It will also eliminate any scope for adulteration of honey. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- KVIC – launched India’s 1<sup>st</sup> Mobile Honey Processing Van in Ghaziabad, UP
- HQs of KVIC – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Founded in – 1956

**153.** On January 8, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Flagged Off The First ‘Jan Shatabdi Express’ Between Badharghat Railway Station in Tripura & Jiribam Railway station in Manipur through video conference. Tripura also has two pairs of DEMU trains providing local train services in northern & southern parts of the state. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – flagged off first ‘Jan Shatabdi Express’ between Badharghat (Tripura) & Jiribam (Manipur)
- Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan

**154.** On January 10, Ministry of Railways approved the renaming of the Statue of Unity’s Kevadiya Railway Station as Ekta Nagar Railway Station. This Gujarat’s railway station falls under the Vadodara division. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Kevadiya Railway Station – renamed as Ekta Nagar Railway Station (Kevadiya, Gujarat)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Devvrat

**155.** On January 11, Western Railway Zone launched a new initiative “Mission Amanat” to track the lost belongings of passengers. The Railway Protection Force uploads the information of the lost luggage and belonging in the web portal “wr.indianrailways.gov.in” in the tab of divisions under the link “Mission Amanat - RPF”. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Western Railway Zone – launched a new initiative “Mission Amanat” to track the lost belongings of passengers
- HQs of Western Railway Zone – Mumbai, Maharashtra | GM – Anil Kumar Lahoti

## International Affairs

**156.** On January 10, Sri Lanka launched a Luxury Train Service connecting Sri Lanka’s Jaffna district to the capital city Colombo with the help of a Line of Credit (LoC) offered by India. India had provided AC Diesel Multiple Units (AC DMUs) under the loan facility. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Sri Lanka launched a Luxury Train Service connecting Sri Lanka’s Jaffna to Colombo
- It is built with the LoC offered by – India
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Mahinda Rajapaksa | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

## Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

**157.** On January 11, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the validity of its Directions for Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank Niyamitha, Bengaluru, for 4 months till May 10, 2022, subject to review. The bank has been under RBI Directions since January 10, 2020. The withdrawal limit for depositors is capped at ₹1 lakh per depositor during the entire duration. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI extended validity of its Directions for Sri Guru Raghavendra Sahakara Bank (N), Bengaluru – till May 10, 2022
- Withdrawal limit per depositor – ₹1 lakh
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**158.** On January 12, HDFC Bank was adjudged ‘Best Private Bank’ in India at the “Global Private Banking Awards 2021”, organised by Professional Wealth Management (PWM), a magazine published by the Financial Times group. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- HDFC Bank – adjudged ‘Best Private Bank’ in India at the “Global Private Banking Awards 2021” organised by PWM
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

**159.** On January 11, Federal Bank launched an online lending platform, “federalinstaloans.com”, to facilitate quick and hassle-free credit approvals of up to ₹50 lakh for Micro, Small & Medium enterprises (MSMEs) across India. The platform enables borrowers to avail loans in less than 30 minutes digitally. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Federal Bank – launched an online lending platform to facilitate quick & hassle-free loans up to ₹50 lakh for MSMEs
- HQs of Federal Bank – Aluva, Kerala | MD & CEO – Shyam Srinivasan | Tagline – “Your Perfect Banking Partner”



**160.** On January 11, Chennai-based Shrinithi Capital Pvt Ltd tied up and raised Rs 300 Cr as co-lending facility from IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd. IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd is a 10,000 Cr net worth company owned by Everstone Capital and Brookfield investment. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Shrinithi Capital – tied up & raised Rs 300 Cr as co-lending facility from IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd
- HQs of Shrinithi Capital – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CEO – S. Sellamani
- HQs of IndoStar Capital Finance Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Deep Jaggi

**161.** On January 11, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) partnered with fintech firm Arthimpact Digital Loans (ARTH) to provide end-to-end fintech solution. The solutions include skilling, micro financial services and forward linkage support to SHG members. ARTH plans to provide financial and technical support in partnerships with specialized entities across occupations to 500 enterprises across Uttar Pradesh impacting 2500 households. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NABARD + ARTH = partnership to provide end-to-end fintech solutions & support SHGs
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982

**162.** On January 10, National Stock Exchange (NSE) of India received approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to launch derivatives on the “Nifty Midcap Select Index”. Nifty Midcap Select index aims to track the performance of focused portfolio of 25 stocks within the Nifty Midcap 150 index. The midcap stocks account for around 17% of market capitalization. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NSE – received approval from the SEBI to launch derivatives on the “Nifty Midcap Select Index”
- The index aims to track the performance of focused portfolio of 25 stocks
- HQs of NSE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Girish Chandra Chaturvedi | MD & CEO – Vikram Limaye
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Ajay Tyagi | Established in – 1992

## **Defence Affairs**

**163.** On January 12, India successfully test-fired an extended range, sea-to-sea variant of the “BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile” from the INS Visakhapatnam. BrahMos missiles are designed & developed by BrahMos Aerospace, a joint venture company set up by Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) & Mashinostroyenia of Russia. BrahMos, first deployed by the Navy in 2005, has the capability to hit sea-based targets beyond radar horizon. This version of the missile has been designed to launch either in a vertical or a horizontal mode from moving/stationary assets to target both land & sea targets. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- India – test-fired extended range sea-to-sea variant of “BrahMos Supersonic Cruise Missile” from INS Visakhapatnam
- BrahMos missiles – developed by BrahMos Aerospace - a JV between DRDO (India) & Mashinostroyenia (Russia)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin



# Sports & Games

**164.** Karnataka will host the next “Khelo India Games” in 2023. It was announced at the three-day 81<sup>st</sup> All-India Inter-University Athletics Championship at Swaraj Maidan in Moodbidri held under the auspices of Mangalore University & Alva’s Education Foundation. Sports persons get 2% job reservation in government departments. In February 2022, “Khelo India Games 2021” will take place in Panchkula, Haryana. While “Khelo India Games 2022-23” will take place in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Karnataka – to host the next “Khelo India Games” in 2023
- 81<sup>st</sup> All-India Inter-University Athletics Championship – held in Karnataka
- “Khelo India Games 2021” – to take place in Panchkula, Haryana (in Feb 2022)
- “Khelo India Games 2022-23” – to take place in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

**165.** On January 11, South Africa all-rounder ‘Chris Morris’ announced his retirement from all forms of cricket & will take up a coaching role. He was the most expensive buy in the history of IPL 2021 auction (Rs 16.25 Cr) by Rajasthan Royal. He represented South Africa in four Tests, 42 ODIs & 23 T20 Internationals, picking up 48 & 34 wickets respectively. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Chris Morris (South Africa) – retired from all forms of Cricket
- Chris Morris – most expensive buy (Rs 16.25 Cr) in the history of IPL 2021 auction (by Rajasthan Royal)

**166.** On January 11, the Tata Group replaced Vivo as the Title Sponsor for the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 and 2023, IPL’s 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> editions respectively. Tata Group will have to shell out more than ₹440 Cr per year that Vivo was paying, due to the increase in number of matches per edition from 60 to 74. ‘IPL 2022’ season will comprise 10 teams. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Tata Group – replaced Vivo as the Title Sponsor for the IPL 2022 (15<sup>th</sup>) & 2023 (16<sup>th</sup>) editions
- HQ of Tata Group – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran

**167.** New Zealand cricketer Ajaz Patel won the “ICC Men’s Player of the Month Award” for December 2021. Mumbai-born Ajaz achieved the rarest of rare feats as he took all 10 wickets to fall in India’s first innings in Mumbai in December 2021. With this, he became only the third player in the history of Test cricket to do so. There was no award in the women’s category in December 2021 as there were no international women’s games scheduled in that month. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ajaz Patel (New Zealand) – won the “ICC Men’s Player of the Month Award” for December 2021
- Ajaz Patel – 3<sup>rd</sup> bowler in the history of Test Cricket to take 10 wickets in an innings





# Persons in News

**168.** Anushka Sharma played cricket icon in the biopic titled “Chakda Xpress”. This film is inspired by the life & times of former Indian cricket captain Jhulan Goswami. It is directed by ‘Prosit Roy’ & will stream on Netflix. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Anushka Sharma – played cricket icon Jhulan Goswami’s role in biopic film ‘Chakda Xpress’
- Directed by – Prosit Roy

**169.** In January 2022, the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) approved elevation of Lahore High Court judge Ayesha Malik to the apex court by a majority votes. She will work as a Supreme Court judge until June 2031 before retiring at the age of 65. She will also be the senior most serving judge & likely to become the Chief Justice of Pakistan in January 2030. She will be the 1<sup>st</sup> ever woman judge to become the Chief Justice of Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Judicial Commission of Pakistan – approved elevation of Lahore HC judge ‘Ayesha Malik’ to the Supreme Court judge
- Ayesha Malik – likely to become the 1<sup>st</sup> ever woman judge to be the Chief Justice of Pakistan in 2030
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi

**170.** In January 2022, Google paid tribute to educator & feminist icon ‘Fatima Sheikh’ on her 191<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary. She was the 1<sup>st</sup> Muslim woman teacher in India. She played an important role in establishing one of India’s 1<sup>st</sup> schools for girls. She co-founded the Indigenous Library in 1848 with Jyotirao & Savitribai Phule. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Google – paid tribute to ‘Fatima Sheikh’ on her 191<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary (1<sup>st</sup> Muslim woman teacher in India)

## Science & Technology

**171.** On January 11, the US surgeons successfully implanted a heart from a genetically modified pig to a 57-year-old man, David Bennett. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) had granted emergency authorization for this surgery. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- US surgeons successfully implanted a heart from a genetically modified pig to a 57-year-old man
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**172.** On January 12, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully flight tested the final deliverable configuration of the Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM). The indigenously developed anti-tank missile is a low weight (15kg), ‘fire and forget’ missile. The test was conducted at a range in Southern India. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- DRDO successfully flight tested the final deliverable configuration of the “MPATGM” in Southern India
- MPATGM – **Man Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile**
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958



# Appointments & Resignations

**173.** In January 2022, Kuwaiti oil executive 'Haitham al-Ghais' will be the next Secretary General of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). He will take up his 3-year post on August 1. He will replace Nigeria's Mohammed Barkindo. The Vienna-based organisation comprises 13 members led by Saudi Arabia which fix output to control prices along with the 10 other countries in a grouping dubbed "OPEC+". [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Haitham al-Ghais – to be the next Secretary General of the OPEC from August 1 (replacing - Mohammed Barkindo)
- HQs of OPEC – Vienna, Austria | Secretary General – Mohammed Barkindo (From 1 Aug 2022 – Haitham al-Ghais)

**174.** On January 7, the Election Commission of India (ECI) withdrew the appointment of actor Sonu Sood as a state icon of Punjab as he was political active in Punjab to seek a ticket for his sister from the Moga assembly segment. The commission had appointed him in November 2020. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- ECI – withdrew appointment of actor Sonu Sood as a state icon of Punjab
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Charanjit Singh Channi | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Sushil Chandra (24<sup>th</sup>) | Formed on – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950

**175.** On January 8, the central government extended the additional charge as Chairperson of Insolvency & Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) to 'Navrang Saini' till March 5, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Navrang Saini – appointed as the Interim Chairperson of IBBI
- HQs of IBBI – New Delhi | Interim Chairperson – Navrang Saini | Established in – 2016

**176.** On January 11, online insurance platform "RenewBuy" appointed film actor Rajkummar Rao as its 1<sup>st</sup> brand ambassador for its 'Smart Tech, Right Advice' campaign. The campaign is designed & conceptualized by Havas Worldwide India. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- RenewBuy – appointed 'Rajkummar Rao' as its 1<sup>st</sup> brand ambassador for 'Smart Tech, Right Advice' campaign
- HQs of RenewBuy – Gurugram, Haryana | CEO – Balachander Sekhar

**177.** In January 2022, Hyderabad-based electric two-wheeler charging infra provider 'BikeWo' roped in Southern movie star Venkatesh Daggubati as the lead brand ambassador & strategic investor. It will help the brand to meet its ambitious target of installing 20,000 EV charging points across India by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- 'BikeWo' – roped in Venkatesh Daggubati as the lead Brand Ambassador & Strategic Investor

**178.** On January 12, Adani Power's board approved the appointment of 'Shersingh B. Khyalia' as the company's chief executive officer (CEO). Earlier, he has worked as the managing director in Gujarat Power Corporation. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Adani Power – appointed ‘Shersingh B. Khyalia’ as the CEO
- HQs of Adani Power Ltd – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | CEO – Shersingh B Khyalia

**179.** On January 11, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega sworn into office for his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term. Most Western and regional nations shunned the inauguration ceremony while leftist leaders such as Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro & Cuba’s President Miguel Diaz Canel showed their support. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Daniel Ortega – sworn in as the President of Nicaragua for his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive term
- Nicaragua – Managua – Nicaraguan Cordoba | President – Daniel Ortega

**180.** On January 16, Kazakh President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev nominated ‘Alikhan Smailov’ as the Prime Minister of Kazakhstan. Alikhan Smailov served as the first Deputy Prime Minister in the previous cabinet which Mr. Tokayev dismissed amid violent unrest. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Alikhan Smailov – nominated as Prime Minister of Kazakhstan
- Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge | President – Kassym-Jomart Tokayev | PM – Alikhan Smailov

**181.** On January 11, International Monetary Fund (IMF) appointed French-born University of California-Berkeley economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas as the next Chief Economist, replacing Indian origin Gita Gopinath. In December 2021, Gopinath was appointed as the first deputy Managing Director of the IMF. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas – appointed as the Chief Economist of IMF (succeeding - Gita Gopinath)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., US | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

## **Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes**

**182.** On January 11, Actor Harshaali Malhotra was honoured with “Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award 2022” for her performance in the 2015 film Bajrangi Bhaijaan. She received the award from Maharashtra governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari. Bajrangi Bhaijaan was directed by Kabir Khan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Actor Harshaali Malhotra – honoured with “Bharat Ratna Dr. Ambedkar Award 2022”
- She received the award for her performance in the 2015 film ‘Bajrangi Bhaijaan’

**183.** On January 10, Jane Campion was awarded under “Best Director - Motion Picture (Drama)” category at the Golden Globe Awards for ‘The Power of the Dog’ movie which was also awarded under “Best Motion Picture (Drama)” at the Golden Globe Awards 2022. While ‘West Side Story’ movie was awarded under the “Best Picture (Musical/Comedy)”. Will Smith was awarded the first Golden Globe under the “Best Actor - Motion Picture (Drama)” category for ‘King Richard’ movie. While Nicole Kidman was awarded under “Best Actress - Motion Picture (Drama)” category for ‘Being the



Ricardos' movie at the 79<sup>th</sup> Golden Globe Awards. The Golden Globe awards are bestowed by Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) every year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 79<sup>th</sup> Golden Globe Awards 2022 – by Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA):
- ‘The Power of the Dog’ movie – awarded under “Best Motion Picture (Drama)”
- ‘West Side Story’ movie – awarded under “Best Picture (Musical/Comedy)”
- Jane Campion – awarded under “Best Director - Motion Picture (Drama)”
- Will Smith – awarded under “Best Actor - Motion Picture (Drama)”
- Nicole Kidman – awarded under “Best Actress - Motion Picture (Drama)”

**184.** “India Skills 2021 National Competition” was organised by National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) under the guidance of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MoSDE). The competition witnessed participation in 54 different skills. Of the 150+ winners, 59 were awarded gold medals, 73 were given silver medals and 53 received bronze medals. More than 50 participants won the Medallion of Excellence. Odisha topped the chart with 51 winners, followed by Maharashtra and Kerala. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “India Skills 2021 National Competition” – organised by NSDC under MoSDE
- Top states: 1<sup>st</sup> – Odisha, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maharashtra, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Kerala
- HQs of NSDC – New Delhi | CEO – Ved Mani Tiwar | Chairman – A. M. Naik

**185.** On January 8, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) selected Satish Adiga, professor in Clinical Embryology at Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal, for the “Dr. Subhas Mukherjee Award” for the year 2020. He was selected in recognition of his work in the field of in-vitro fertilisation (IVF). ICMR instituted the award in the name of Dr. Subhas Mukherjee, who is the creator of India’s first IVF baby. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Satish Adiga – selected for the “Dr. Subhas Mukherjee Award 2020” by the ICMR
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

## Important Days & Dates

**186.** 6<sup>th</sup> January is celebrated as Patrakar Din (Journalism Day). On 6<sup>th</sup> January 1832, Bal Shastri Jambhekar started the 1<sup>st</sup> newspaper in Anglo-Marathi named ‘Darpan’ (Mirror). He is known as the Father of Marathi journalism. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- January 6 – Patrakar Din (Journalism Day)
- 1<sup>st</sup> newspaper in Anglo-Marathi – ‘Darpan’ started by – Bal Shastri Jambhekar (Father of Marathi journalism)

**187.** Ministry of Commerce’s Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade (DPIIT) organised the first-ever “Startup India Innovation Week” from 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Its primary goal was to bring together India’s key startups, entrepreneurs, investors, funding entities, banks, & other national, international stakeholders to celebrate entrepreneurship & promote innovation. In the startup world, 2021 has been recognised as the ‘Year of Unicorns,’ with 40+ unicorns added in the year. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- January 10 to 16 – 1<sup>st</sup> “Startup India Innovation Week” by DPIIT
- 2021 – ‘Year of Unicorns’
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

**188.** In January 2022, on the occasion of the 365<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the 10<sup>th</sup> Sikh guru, Guru Gobind Singh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that December 26 will be celebrated as Veer Baal Diwas from 2022. It will be a tribute to the bravery & martyrdom of the sahibzades, the four sons of Guru Govind Singh. Veer Baal Diwas will be on the same day Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji & Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji attained martyrdom after being sealed alive in a wall. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- December 26 – “Veer Baal Diwas” from 2022

**189.** On January 12, the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda is celebrated across India as “National Youth Day”. PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the 25<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival in Puducherry on the occasion. The day was first marked on January 12, 1985. The theme for National Youth Day 2022 is “It's all in the Mind”. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- January 12 – “National Youth Day” (since 1985) | 159<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda
- 2021's Theme – “It's all in the Mind”
- Puducherry – hosted the 25<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival (Inaugurated by - PM Narendra Modi)

## Books & Authors

**190.** On January 16, Former SBI Chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya authored a book titled “Indomitable: A Working Woman’s Notes on Work, Life & Leadership” in which she talks about her time as the head of the largest bank in India. The book is published by Harper Collins. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Indomitable: A Working Woman’s Notes on Work, Life & Leadership” book – authored by Arundhati Bhattacharya
- Publisher – Harper Collins

**191.** In January 2022, British publisher HarperCollins announced that it has acquired rights to publish the authorised biography of an Indian industrialist, philanthropist and a former Chairman of Tata Sons, Ratan N. Tata, titled “Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography”. The book, authored by Thomas Mathew, will be released in all formats in November, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- “Ratan N. Tata: The Authorized Biography” – authored by Thomas Mathew
- Publisher – HarperCollins (The book will be published November, 2022)

## Obituaries

**192.** On January 11, European Parliament President 'David Maria Sassoli' died in Italy. He was first elected at the European Parliament in 2009 & won another term in 2014 & served as the Parliament's vice president. Later he was appointed as the president. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- David Maria Sassoli – European Parliament President – passed away
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen

**193.** In January 2022, Oscar-winning lyricist Marilyn Bergman passed away at the age of 93. Marilyn and her husband Alan Bergman won 2 Grammys and 4 Emmys and were inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. Marilyn Bergman became the first woman elected to the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and later served as the chair and president. The Bergmans won 3 Oscars for - "The Way We Were", "Windmills of Your Mind" and "Yentl". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Marilyn Bergman – a renowned Hollywood Lyricist (Music Composer) – passed away
- Marilyn Bergman & Alan Bergman (Husband) won = 3 Oscars + 2 Grammys + 4 Emmys

**194.** On January 12, the 3-times Olympic Champion, sprinter Deon Lendore passed away in the United States at the age of 29. Lendore won silver in the 4x400m relay at the 2015 world championships in Beijing. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Deon Lendore (Trinidad & Tobago) – a Sprinter – passed away

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**195.** In January 2021, Chennai International Airport was ranked 8<sup>th</sup> for on-time performance among large international airports globally in 2021, as per the "On-Time Performance Review 2021" report released by Cirium. It is the only Indian airport ranked in the top 10. The top three are Miami Airport in the US, Fukuoka Airport and Haneda Airport from Japan. The on-time departures to 70 routes globally analysed by Cirium is 89.32% for Chennai. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Chennai Int. Airport – ranked 8<sup>th</sup> as per the Cirium's "On-Time Performance Review 2021" (only Indian airport in top 10)
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Miami Airport (US), 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fukuoka Airport (Japan), 3<sup>rd</sup> – Haneda Airport (Japan)



**196.** “Global Risks Report 2022”, the 17<sup>th</sup> edition, was released by the World Economic Forum (WEF). The report stated that youth disengagement, lack of confidence and/or loss of trust of existing economic, political and social structures at a global scale negatively impacts social stability, individual well-being and economic productivity. The survey looked into five risks (economic, environmental, geopolitical, societal, and technological) that could pose a critical threat to a country in the next two years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Global Risks Report 2022” (17<sup>th</sup> edition) – released by the WEF
- 5 categories of Risks: Economic, Environmental, Geopolitical, Societal & Technological
- HQs of WEF – Cologne, Switzerland | Exe Chairman – Klaus Schwab | President – Borge Brende | Founded in – 1971

**197.** Indian passport strengthened as the country improved its passport ranking in the “Henley Passport Index Q1 2022”, climbing from its earlier ranking of 90<sup>th</sup> to 84<sup>th</sup> now. India shared 84<sup>th</sup> rank with Mauritania & Tajikistan. With this jump, the Indian nationals will be able to visit as many as 59 countries from around the world without the need of a prior visa. Japan & Singapore retained the top position in the Henley Passport Index 2022. Germany and South Korea followed on the second rank. Henley Passport Index is released on the basis of the data provided by the International Air Transport Association (IATA). A total of 199 countries were ranked on the index. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Henley Passport Index Q1 2022”: Topped by – Japan & Singapore | India – 84<sup>th</sup> (shared with Mauritania & Tajikistan)
- HQs of IATA – Montreal, Canada | DG – Willie Walsh

**198.** On January 10, Union Minister for Labour & Employment, Bhupender Yadav released the report of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Q2FY22) of Quarterly Employment Survey (QES) part of All-India Quarterly Establishment-based Employment Survey (AQEES). The AQEES is prepared by the Labour Bureau. The estimated total employment in the 9 selected sectors in this round of QES (July-Sep, 2021) was 3.10 Cr, which is 2 lakhs higher than the estimated employment (3.08 Cr) during Q1FY22 (April-June 2021) of QES. The over-all percentage of female workers stood at 32.1%, higher than 29.3% reported during the first round of QES. These 9 selected sectors are Manufacturing, Construction, Trade, Transport, Education, Health, Accommodation and Restaurant, IT/BPO and Financial Services. Manufacturing sector recorded the maximum growth of 39%, followed by Education with 22%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhupender Yadav (Ministry of L&E) – released the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of Quarterly Employment Survey part of AQEES
- The survey is prepared by – Labour Bureau
- Estimated Total Employment in 9 selected sectors during Q2FY22 – 3.10 Cr (Female workers – 32.1%)
- ‘Manufacturing’ sector recorded the maximum growth of – 39%
- Ministry of Labour & Employment: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry of Labour & Employment: Rameswar Teli

## **Acquisitions & Mergers**

**199.** In January 2022, Alphabet Inc-owned Google acquired Israeli cybersecurity startup Siemplify for \$500 million. Siemplify’s platform would be integrated into Google’s cloud. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Google – acquired Israeli cybersecurity startup Siemplify for \$500 million
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett

**200.** Indian government will own 35.8% stake in Vodafone Idea Ltd. after its board approved conversion of dues into equity. This will result in dilution for all the existing shareholders of the company. Vodafone Group Plc will own around 28.5% & Aditya Birla Group will have about 17.8% in the company. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian government – to own 35.8% stake in Vodafone Idea Ltd
- HQs of Vi Ltd – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Ravinder Takkar | Non-Executive Chairman – Himanshu Kapania







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