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# National & States Affairs

**401.** Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihood Mission (DAY-NRLM) observed 'Agri Nutri Garden Week' from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 through awareness campaign and encouraging establishment of 'Agri Nutri Gardens' in the rural households. A total of 76,664 'Agri Nutri Gardens' were established against the target of 7500. It is the Mission's agenda to support every rural poor household to have Agri Nutri Garden to fulfill the need of the family's nutrition and any excess production can also be sold for income generation. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- January 10 to 17 – "Agri Nutri Garden Week" observed by DAY-NRLM
- Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Rural Development: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti

**402.** On January 20, India's 1<sup>st</sup> virtual platform for spice exports 'Spice Xchange India' was launched. The platform is developed by the Spices Board. The portal, which is a 3D virtual platform, uses AI-based technology to connect Indian spice exporters to relevant spice buyers from around the world. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- "Spice Xchange India" - India's 1<sup>st</sup> virtual platform for Spice Exports was launched (developed by – Spices Board)
- HQs of Spice Board of India – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman – A. G. Thankappan (under Ministry of Commerce & Industry)

**403.** Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Giriraj Singh released revised "Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines" prepared by Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Giriraj Singh called upon Panchayati Raj Institutions to take the RADPFI Guidelines as a "Sankalp Patra" for vision India 2047. The revised RADPFI guidelines would serve as the basis for rural transformation and enable effective Land use planning in rural areas. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Giriraj Singh – released revised "Rural Area Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (RADPFI) Guidelines"
- The revised guidelines are prepared by – Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- Ministry of & Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti

**404.** On January 21, the Department of Food and Public Distribution & FCI developed a roadmap to roll out 'Online Storage Management' (OSM) in India. The OSM will provide a single source of information for the food grains stored in India for central pool through integrating State portals with the central portal. The OSM will develop an ecosystem of storage management applications across the States. 16 States agreed to develop/implement storage management applications and integrate them with the central portal. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- DoF&PD + FCI = developed a roadmap to roll out "Online Storage Management" (OSM) in India
- OSM – will provide a single source of information for the food grains stored in India for central pool
- HQs of FCI – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Atish Chandra



**405.** On January 23, Marking Netaji's 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a hologram of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate. A grand statue of him would be placed soon. The PM also conferred the 'Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabhandhan Puraskar' or 'Awards for Disaster Management' for 2019, 2020, 2021 & 2022. The winners for 2022 were the Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management & Prof. Vinod Sharma, a senior professor at the Indian Institute of Public Administration and the vice-chairperson of the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – unveiled a hologram of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose at India Gate (on his 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary)
- “Subhas Chandra Bose Aapda Prabhandhan Puraskar for 2022”:
  - Institutional Category: Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management
  - Individual Category: Prof. Vinod Sharma

**406.** On January 20, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the launch of 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore'. Prime Minister also flagged off 7 initiatives of Brahma Kumaris. Brahma Kumaris is a worldwide spiritual movement dedicated to personal transformation & world renewal. It was founded in India in 1937. The event was held on the occasion of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Ascension Anniversary of Pitashree Prajapita Brahma, Founding Father of Brahma Kumaris. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav se Swarnim Bharat Ki Ore'
- Narendra Modi – flagged off 7 initiatives of Brahma Kumaris
- Brahma Kumaris – spiritual movement founded in India in 1937

**407.** On January 6, the Uttar Pradesh government renamed the Sainik School at Mainpuri after 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat. Gen Rawat, his wife and 11 other armed forces personnel died after their military helicopter crashed near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Uttar Pradesh – renamed the Sainik School at Mainpuri after 1<sup>st</sup> Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**408.** On January 4, Delhi issued first caste certificate to a son based on his mother's (Geeta Devi) credentials. Previously, SC/ST caste certificates were issued based only on the father's caste certificate or paternal side documents. Due to this, several single mothers couldn't get SC/ST caste certificates for their children. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi – issued first caste certificate to a son based on his mother's credentials (single mother)
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Bajjal | Chief Secretary – Vijay Dev

**409.** On January 19, Union Power Secretary chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of SAMARTH (Steering Committee for Sustainable Agrarian Mission on use of Agro Residue in Thermal Power Plants). Ministry of Power's policy mandates all thermal power plants in the country to use 5 to 10% biomass along with coal for power production. The website of the Mission was also reviewed which will be launched shortly with a new logo for SAMARTH. NTPC has emerged as a leader in biomass user having co-fired approx 58,000 MT of biomass, while tendering a total of 10.7 MMT. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Union Power Secretary – chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of 'SAMARTH'
- SAMARTH – Steering Committee for Sustainable Agrarian Mission on use of Agro Residue in Thermal Power Plants
- Ministry of Power's policy – mandates thermal power plants to use 5 to 10% biomass with coal for power production
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal

**410.** On January 23, Kerala released its first ever Scientific Bird Atlas dubbed as "Kerala Bird Atlas (KBA)", the first-of-its-kind state-level bird atlas in India. It is arguably Asia's largest bird atlas in terms of geographical extent, sampling effort and species coverage. The KBA has created solid baseline data about the distribution and abundance of various bird species across all major habitats giving an impetus for futuristic studies. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kerala – released Kerala Bird Atlas, Asia's largest bird atlas & the 1<sup>st</sup>-of-its-kind state-level Bird Atlas in India
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

**411.** On January 22, Ladakh got its first 'Open Synthetic Track & Football Turf' for football stadium under Khelo India Programme. It is built at open stadium at Spituk, Leh at an estimated cost of ₹10.68 Cr. Khelo India Programme is a Centre's initiative to revive the sports culture in India at the grassroots level. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ladakh – got its first 'Open Synthetic Track & Football Turf' under Khelo India Programme
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

**412.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 216-foot statue of Ramanujacharya, described as the 'Statue of Equality' in Hyderabad on February 5. The ₹1,000 Cr project was funded entirely by donations from devotees globally. The statue is made of 'Panchaloha', a mix of five metals - gold, silver, copper, brass, and zinc. The inner sanctum deity of Ramanujacharya is made of 120 kg of gold to commemorate the 120 years the saint walked this earth. This statue would be one of the tallest statues in a sitting posture. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – unveiled the 'Statue of Equality', a 216-foot statue of Ramanujacharya
- It is made of – 'Panchaloha', a mix of five metals - gold, silver, copper, brass, and zinc
- Cost – ₹1,000 Cr, funded entirely by donations from devotees globally
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

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

**413.** On January 20, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of former comptroller and auditor general (CAG) of India 'Vinod Rai' as independent chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank (Unity SFB). Unity SFB is a 51:49 joint venture between Centrum Group and Bharatpe. According to the licence agreement, Unity SFB will take over the Punjab & Maharashtra Cooperative Bank. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Vinod Rai – appointed as Independent Chairman of Unity Small Finance Bank
- Unity SFB – a joint venture between Centrum Group & Bharatpe
- HQs of Unity SFB – New Delhi | interim CEO – Inderjit Camotra
- HQs of PMC Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Administrator – A. K. Dixit
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935

**414.** Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will invest \$150 million in the development of Data Centers that mostly serve Asia. This is AIIB's 1<sup>st</sup> data center project. AIIB will channelise funds through the Keppel Data Centre Fund II (KDCF II), a private equity vehicle managed by Alpha Investment Partners Limited (Alpha). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- AIIB – will invest \$150 million in the development of Data Centers that mostly serve Asia
- AIIB – will channelise funds through the KDCF II, a private equity vehicle managed by Alpha Investment Partners Limited
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun | Established in – 2016 | Members – 105

**415.** On January 24, Fullerton India and One97 Communications Ltd, the parent company of Paytm, announced a partnership to provide lending products to merchant partners and consumers. With this partnership, the fintech users will get Paytm Postpaid (buy-now-pay-later) feature on the Paytm platform. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Fullerton India + One97 Communications = partnership to provide lending products to merchant partners & consumers
- One97 Communications – the parent company of Paytm
- HQs of Fullerton India Credit Company – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Shantanu Mitra
- HQs of Paytm – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Vijay Sekhar Sharma | Founded in – 2010

**416.** On January 21, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank launched “Platina Fixed Deposit”, which offers interest of 15 basis points in addition to the regular Ujjivan SFB term deposit rates. The minimum FD amount is ₹20 lakh and the maximum amount is less than ₹2 Cr. The Platina FD is a non-callable deposit, partial & pre-mature withdrawal is not applicable to this scheme. The deposit tenure ranges from 1 year to a maximum of 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ujjivan SFB – launched “Platina FD” which offers interest of 15 basis points more than regular FD
- FD amount – Rs 20 Lakh to Rs 2 Cr (Tenure - 1 to 5 years)
- HQs of Ujjivan SFB – Bengaluru, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Ittira Davis | Founded in – 2004





## Defence Affairs

**417.** On January 21, the Amar Jawan Jyoti at the India Gate was merged with the eternal flame at the National War Memorial. Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Air Marshal B R Krishna presided over the ceremony. After India defeated Pakistan in the 1971 war, the Amar Jawan Jyoti was constructed as a memorial for Indian soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Amar Jawan Jyoti (India Gate) – merged with the eternal flame at ‘National War Memorial, New Delhi’
- Amar Jawan Jyoti – was established in 1971

**418.** On January 15, Indian Army introduced a light and more climate-friendly combat uniform for its personnel during the Army Day parade. The new Uniform is developed with the help of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) to serve two purposes - Protection against harsh climatic conditions, and to provide soldiers’ outfits with field camouflage, to increase survivability. The Army’s uniform is made of a combination of cotton and polyester in a ratio of 70:30. The camouflage uniform is based on a “digital disruptive” pattern and is available in 13 sizes. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Indian Army – introduced a light & more climate-friendly combat uniform based on a digital disruptive pattern
- The uniform is made = Cotton (70%) + Polyester (30%)
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande
- HQs of NIFT – New Delhi | DG – Sh. Shantmanu | Established in – 1986

**419.** On January 21, the “2022 Marine Security Belt” exercise took place in the Indian Ocean. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> joint naval drill between China, Russia & Iran. The three countries started joint naval drills in 2019. Iran is pursuing a “look east” policy to deepen ties with China & Russia. Both navies from Iran’s armed forces & Revolutionary Guards took part in the drills. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “2022 Marine Security Belt Exercise” – took place between China, Russia & Iran in the Indian Ocean
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi | Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei

## Sports & Games

**420.** On January 20, Indian cricketers Rohit Sharma, Rishabh Pant, and Ravichandran Ashwin were named in the ICC Men’s Test team of 2021. New Zealand’s Kane Williamson is named the captain of the team. Moreover, Mithali Raj & Jhulan Goswami were included in the ICC Women’s ODI Team of the Year for 2021 by the ICC. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Rohit Sharma + Rishabh Pant + Ravichandran Ashwin = included in the ICC Men’s Test team of 2021
- Kane Williamson (New Zealand) – captain of the Team
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries



**421.** On January 20, Indian origin golfer Akshay Bhatia won the Bahamas Great Exuma Classic on the 'Korn Ferry Tour'. He became the 3<sup>rd</sup>-youngest player to win this Tour after Australia's Jason Day & Korean Sungjae Im as the only teenagers to win on the development circuit. The Tour was established in 1990. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Akshay Bhatia ([Indian-origin Golfer](#)) – won the "Korn Ferry Tour"

**422.** On January 23, world No. 7, PV Sindhu won the 'Syed Modi International 2022' after defeating Indian shuttler Malvika Bansod in the women's singles final at the 'Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium' in Lucknow. This is her 2<sup>nd</sup> title at the Super 300 event. She had won the tournament in 2017 as well. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PV Sindhu – won the "Syed Modi International 2022" – held in Lucknow, UP
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

## Persons in News

**423.** On January 21, on the list of the 13 world leaders, Prime Minister Narendra Modi topped the global rating amongst world leaders with an approval rating of 71%. US president Joe Biden is ranked at number six with a 43% rating followed by Canadian President Justin Trudeau. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – topped the global rating amongst World's Most Popular Leaders with an approval rating of 71%
- Joe Biden – ranked at number 6 with 43% rating

**424.** On January 21, Prajakta Koli became India's 1<sup>st</sup> UN Development Programme (UNDP) Youth Climate Champion because of her contribution towards mental health, women's rights & girl child education through various global social campaigns. Last year, she joined Google's "Impact Challenge" to aid grants to non-profits addressing economic inequities faced by women & girls. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Prajakta Koli – became India's 1<sup>st</sup> UNDP Youth Climate Champion
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- UNDP India's Resident Representative – Shoko Noda

**425.** Andhra Pradesh's Jahnvi Dangeti, a second-year engineering student created history by becoming the only Indian to undergo & complete International Air and Space Program (IASP) at NASA Launch Operations' Kennedy Space Centre in Alabama, the U.S. She was also appointed as the mission director for 'Team Kennedy', where she led a group of 16 people from several countries. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jahnvi Dangeti ([AP](#)) – became the only Indian to complete NASA's International Air & Space Program (IASP)
- Jahnvi Dangeti – was also appointed as the mission director for 'Team Kennedy'
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958



**426.** On January 20, A Belgian-British teenager Zara Rutherford, at the age of 19, became the youngest woman to fly solo around the world. She completed a 52,000 km journey that took in 31 countries across 5 continents. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Zara Rutherford ([Belgian-British aviator](#)) – became the Youngest Woman to fly solo around the world

**427.** On January 19, a bust of Kargil war hero Captain Vikram Batra was unveiled in Himachal Pradesh's Palampur military station by his father G L Batra and mother Kamal Kanta Batra. Point 4875 is a mountain top along the Line of Control (LoC). It is also known as the 'Batra Top', named after him. Also, he was awarded with the highest gallantry award 'Param Vir Chakra'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A bust of Kargil war hero 'Captain Vikram Batra' was unveiled – in Palampur, Himachal Pradesh
- He was awarded – 'Param Vir Chakra' - the highest gallantry award
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Gen. Manoj Mukund Naravane | Vice Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande

**428.** On January 19, leading activist Sarah Gill became Pakistan's first transgender doctor after clearing the MBBS (Final) examination from Karachi's Jinnah Medical and Dental College. She is also associated with an NGO working for the welfare of the transgender community in Pakistan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sarah Gill – became Pakistan's first transgender doctor after clearing the MBBS
- Pakistan – Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee | PM – Imran Khan | President – Arif Alvi



## Science & Technology

**429.** On January 21, the Indian Space Research Organisation successfully conducted a 25-second qualification test for its liquid propellant-based Vikas engine to be used under the Gaganyaan mission. The test was conducted at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragri, Tamil Nadu. It was done to see how the engine performed in conditions that were not optimal. ISRO is targeting the launch of at least one of the two planned uncrewed mission before 2022 Independence Day, while the crewed mission is planned for next year. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ISRO – successfully conducted a 25-second qualification test for its liquid propellant-based "Vikas" engine
- Vikas engine – will be used under the 'Gaganyaan' mission
- ISRO Propulsion Complex – located in Mahendragri, Tamil Nadu
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

## Appointments & Resignations

**430.** On January 21, Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, the 1<sup>st</sup> female leader in Barbados, sworn in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term. She is from Barbados Labor Party. Barbados cut ties with Queen Elizabeth II in November and became newest republic in the world. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Mia Mottley – sworn in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the PM of Barbados
- Barbados – Bridgetown – Barbados Dollar | PM – Mia Mottley | President – Sandra Mason

**431.** On January 23, Vinodanand Jha, a retired IRS officer was appointed as the chairperson of the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) Adjudicating Authority. The 3-member Authority is mandated to adjudicate the cases of attachment of assets orders issued under the 'Prevention of Money Laundering Act'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Vinodanand Jha – appointed as the Chairperson of the 'PMLA Adjudicating Authority'

**432.** On January 23, Armen Sarkissian stepped down as president of Armenia, citing his inability to influence policy during times of crisis. He disagreed with Prime Minister 'Nikol Pashinyan' over his decision to remove the chief of general staff in the wake of the war with Azerbaijan and amid protests. Armenia has been embroiled in a political crisis that erupted in the wake of a war with Azerbaijan over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh territory. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Armen Sarkissian – stepped down as the President of Armenia
- Armenia – Yerevan – Dram | PM – Nikol Pashinyan

## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**433.** On January 20, Sushmita Sen was awarded the International Association of Working Women Award which was presented by DCSAFF (DC South Asian Film Festival) for her show 'Aarya 2'. Ananth Mahadevan, writer, director, and actor, was a guest speaker at the event to discuss his book 'Once Upon A Prime Time'. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sushmita Sen – won "International Association of Working Women Award" for her show 'Aarya 2'
- The award – given by DCSAFF (DC South Asian Film Festival)
- "Once Upon A Prime Time" book – authored by Ananth Mahadevan

**434.** On January 23, Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was conferred with the Netaji Award 2022 by Netaji Research Bureau on 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Netaji. Japanese Ambassador to India Satoshi Suzuki addressed the programme virtually from New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Shinzo Abe – conferred with the "Netaji Award 2022"
- Japanese Ambassador to India – Satoshi Suzuki
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida



## Important Days & Dates

**435.** On January 21, Tripura, Manipur & Meghalaya celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day. On January 21, 1971, Tripura, Meghalaya & Manipur became a full-fledged state. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- January 21 – 50<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of Tripura, Meghalaya & Manipur
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Biplab Kumar Deb | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

**436.** On January 24, India celebrated National Girl Child Day. It is an initiative undertaken by the Ministry of Women & Child Development with an objective to provide support and opportunities to the girls of India. National Girl Child Day is meant to support the girl child of the nation and remove gender-based biases. The government of India, in 2008, declared January 24 to be celebrated as the National Girl Child Day every year. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- January 24 – National Girl Child Day – by Ministry of Women & Child Development (since 2008)
- Ministry of Women and Child Development: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Women and Child Development: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

**437.** On 24 January 2022, the United Nations General Assembly celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> 'International Day of Education' under the theme "Changing Course, Transforming Education". Also, India marks National Education Day on November 11 to memorialize the birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the 1<sup>st</sup> Minister for Education in India. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- January 24 – UN's 4<sup>th</sup> International Day of Education
- Theme – "Changing Course, Transforming Education"
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

## Obituaries

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- “Masterpieces of Early South Indian Bronzes” book – authored by R. Nagaswamy
- He also started – Chidambaram Natyanjali festival
- Awards – TN government’s ‘Kalaimamani Award’ & ‘Padma Bhushan’ (2018)
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

**439.** On January 18, Saturnino de la Fuente, the world’s oldest man, passed away at the age of 112. He was born in Leon, a city in northwest Spain. Guinness World Records named him as the world’s oldest man in September 2021. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

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- Spain – Madrid – Euro | PM – Pedro Sanchez

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## **Meetings, Conferences & Summits**

**441.** The 1<sup>st</sup> BRICS Sherpas meeting of 2022 was held virtually on January 18-19 under the Chinese chairship. Members thanked India for its BRICS Chairship in 2021. China holds the BRICS Chairmanship in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

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- BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairship in 2022 – China



**442.** On January 21, Union minister Bhupender Yadav represented India at the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Ministerial Conference on tiger conservation. It was organised by Malaysia and coordinated by Global Tiger Forum (GTF). He stated that natural resources dependent community is an important aspect of tiger conservation and the 'People agenda' ranks prominently in India's 'Tiger agenda'. India will facilitate Tiger Range Countries towards finalisation of New Delhi declaration for the 'Global Tiger Summit' to be held at Vladivostok, Russia later in 2022. India achieved the target of doubling the tiger population in 2018, 4 years ahead of the targeted year 2022. 14 Tiger Reserves in India are awarded with international CA|TS accreditation. Also, The budgetary allocation for tiger conservation has increased from Rs 185 Cr in 2014 to Rs 300 Cr in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Bhupender Yadav – represented India at the 4<sup>th</sup> Asia Ministerial Conference on Tiger Conservation
- Conference organised by – Malaysia & coordinated by Global Tiger Forum
- “Global Tiger Summit 2022” – to be held at Vladivostok, Russia
- India – achieved the target of doubling the tiger population in 2018
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**443.** NITI Aayog, Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) and RMI India released “Banking on Electric Vehicles in India” report. The report states that Banks and NBFCs in India have the potential to achieve an electric vehicle (EV) financing market size of Rs 40,000 Cr (\$5 billion) by 2025 and Rs 3.7 lakh Cr (\$50 billion) by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NITI Aayog + RMI + RMI India = released “Banking on Electric Vehicles in India” report
- India’s Banks & NBFCs have potential to achieve an EV financing market size of Rs 40,000 Cr (\$5 billion) by 2025
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Rajiv Kumar
- HQs of RMI – Colorado, US | CEO – Jules Kortenhorst

**444.** On January 21, UNDP & the Oxford University released ‘G20 People’s Climate Vote 2021 Report’. According to the global report, youth across the world are more aware of the severity of climate change. In the age group of 18-35 years, 61% believe in a climate emergency while 59% in the age group of 36-59 years and 49% in over 60 years age group. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “G20 People’s Climate Vote 2021 Report” – released by UNDP + Oxford University
- HQs of UNDP – New York, USA | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965
- UNDP India’s Resident Representative – Shoko Noda

**445.** On January 22, NASSCOM & Zinnov conducted a study titled ‘Indian Tech Start-up Ecosystem: Year of The Titans’. According to the study, Start-ups raised a record \$24.1 billion in 2021, a two-fold increase over pre-COVID-19 levels. When compared to the U.K., U.S., Israel and China, in 2021 Indian startup ecosystem recorded the highest growth rate in terms of deals. Also, U.S. was the leading source of FDI in start-ups. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- NASSCOM + Zinnov = conducted a study titled “Indian Tech Start-up Ecosystem: Year of The Titans”
- Start-ups raised a record \$24.1 billion in 2021
- HQs of NASSCOM – New Delhi | President – Debjani Ghosh
- Chairman – Rekha M. Menon | Vice-Chairman – Krishnan Ramanujam

**446.** On January 15, Dr Jitendra Singh launched India’s 1<sup>st</sup> ‘weather hazard and vulnerability atlas’. It is developed by the scientists at Climate Research and Services (CRS) office of the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Pune. The atlas features extreme rainfall, drought, coldwave, heatwave, dust storms, hail storm, thunderstorm, cyclones, snowfall, lightning, winds and fog with a range of vulnerability with risks ranging from nil, low, moderate, high and very high categories for every Indian district. In all, 640 maps are available in the online atlas. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – launched India’s 1<sup>st</sup> ‘Weather Hazard & Vulnerability Atlas’ for every Indian district
- Developed by – Climate Research & Services (CRS) office of the IMD
- HQs of IMD – New Delhi | Director General – Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra | Founded in – 1875

## Amount & Agreements

**447.** On January 22, World Bank approved a loan of \$125 million (about Rs 1,000 Cr) to the West Bengal government primarily to support its effort to help the poor and vulnerable groups access its Social Protection Services. The loan will be sanctioned under the ‘West Bengal Building State Capability for Inclusive Social Protection’. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- World Bank approved a loan of \$125 million (Rs 1,000 Cr) to West Bengal – to help people get WB govt services
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

## Acquisitions & Mergers

**448.** On January 24, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved acquisition of shares of Future Generali India Life Insurance Company Limited (FGLIC) by Generali Participations Netherlands N.V (GPN). After this acquisition, GPN’s shareholding in FGLIC will be increased from 49% to approx 71%. GPN is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Generali Group & FGLIC is a life insurance company. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- GPN – increased its shareholding in FGLIC to approx 71% (from 49%)
- HQs of CCI – New Delhi | Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta | Established in – 2003





# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**449.** On January 22, Haryana signed an MoU with Himachal Pradesh for construction of a dam at Adi Badri. The extinct Saraswati river will get revived with the construction of this dam. Presence of Saraswati river has been proved through satellite. For conducting research on it, a chair was set up at the Kurukshetra University. Besides, the Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board was also established. The area will also get developed as a pilgrimage site. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Haryana + Himachal Pradesh = an MoU for construction of a dam at Adi Badri to revive Saraswati river
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

**450.** On January 24, Hitachi Payment Services and Indipaisa tied up to develop a high-quality digital platform for fintech services at affordable prices for Indian MSME market. Indipaisa will offer a range of payment solutions to match the specific needs of Indian MSME owners and operators and comply with government tax laws. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Hitachi Payment Services + Indipaisa = to develop a High-Quality Digital Platform for Indian MSMEs
- HQs of Indipaisa – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Aizaz Tahsildar
- HQs of Hitachi Payment Services – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rustom Irani





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