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- 44% of people waste tons of time just sitting in the traffic, while others keep scrolling through their feeds.
- Digital Information World suggests that people spend 2 hours and 22 minutes on social media.
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# National & States Affairs

**101.** On January 4, Narayan Rane inaugurated 'Intelligent Tray Retrieval System (ITRS)', Manufactured by SJK Innovations Pvt. Ltd, at MOPA (GOA) International airport. The ITRS is an Artificial Intelligence (AI) based fully automatic machine that helps in providing enhanced passenger security with advanced screening technology. The machine is equipped with image analysis software with advanced tools that makes it easy for the screener to take correct decisions against every baggage. The machine also contains a dedicated module for the high threat baggage's which needs immediate attention at the airport. ITRS system installed at MOPA today is 'Made in India' by an MSME company and is also "Patented in India". [{Read more}](#)



## Smart Points:

- Narayan Rane – inaugurated 'Intelligent Tray Retrieval System (ITRS)' at MOPA (GOA) International Airport
- ITRS is manufactured by – SJK Innovations Pvt Ltd
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

**102.** In January 2022, in a first of its kind initiative in the country, the Tamil Nadu government has set up a Green Climate Fund of Rs 1,000 Crore which will mobilise resources from various sources to support various climate change initiatives, mitigation and greening projects. By contributing Rs 100 crores, the state government has become the first sponsor for the Tamil Nadu Green Climate Fund (TNGCF). It has also a green shoe option for another Rs 1,000 crore. The fund will be used to invest in electric vehicles and hybrids, climate-friendly products and alternatives, pollution control technologies and products, renewable and green energy, conservation and development of forest including ecotourism, waste management, sustainable agriculture, and water resource management. [{Read more}](#)

## Smart Points:

- Tamil Nadu Govt – set up India's first 'Green Climate Fund' worth Rs 1,000 Crore
- The fund aims to mobilise resources from various sources to support various climate change initiatives
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

**103.** On January 4, the Union Cabinet approved the 'National Green Hydrogen Mission' with an aim to make India a global hub for manufacturing of this clean source of energy. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) will formulate the scheme guidelines for implementation. The mission seeks to promote development of green hydrogen production capacity of at least 5 MMT (Million Metric Tonnes) per annum with an associated renewable energy capacity addition of about 125 GW in the country by 2030. The initial outlay for the mission will be Rs 19,744 Cr, including an outlay of Rs 17,490 Cr for the SIGHT programme, Rs 1,466 Cr for pilot projects, Rs 400 Cr for R&D, and Rs 388 Cr towards other mission components. Under the Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition Programme (SIGHT), two distinct financial incentive mechanisms, targeting domestic manufacturing of electrolyzers and production of green hydrogen, will be provided under the Mission. The Mission will also support pilot projects in emerging end-use sectors and production pathways. [{Read more}](#)



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## Smart Points:

- Union Cabinet approved 'National Green Hydrogen Mission' with an outlay of Rs 19,744 Cr
- It aims to develop Green Hydrogen production capacity of at least 5 MMT per annum by 2030
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar



**104.** On January 6, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik inaugurated India's largest hockey stadium, Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, in Rourkela ahead of the Men's Hockey World Cup 2023. Built at an estimated cost of ₹261 Crore, the stadium is located in Sundargarh district. It has been built in 50 acres in a record 15 months-time with a seating capacity of over 20,000 (21,800). [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- Naveen Patnaik – inaugurated India's largest hockey stadium, Birsa Munda Hockey Stadium, in Rourkela, Odisha
- Cost – ₹261 Cr | Capacity – 20,000 seats
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**105.** In January 2022, India received its first In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) mobile unit for animals in Gujarat's Amreli. The mobile IVF lab was inaugurated by union minister Purushottam Rupala. The IVF mobile van was dedicated in a joint venture of the Government of India and Amar Dairy. [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- India received its first In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) mobile unit for animals in Amreli, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat
- Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Parshottam Rupala | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying: Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan & Dr. L. Murugan

**106.** On January 3, Indian Railways plans to roll out Hydrogen-powered trains on its narrow gauge heritage routes by December, 2023. Currently, the Railways are developing a prototype of a hydrogen fuel-based train at the Northern Railway workshop which will test-run on the Sonipat-Jind section in Haryana. The newly-built hydrogen-powered trains will be called 'Vande Metro' and will be manufactured in large numbers to replace the current set of trains that were manufactured in the 1950s and 1960s. China has also recently launched, Asia's first hydrogen-powered train. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Indian Railways – plans to roll out Hydrogen-powered trains on its narrow gauge heritage routes by December, 2023
- Hydrogen-powered trains will be called 'Vande Metro'
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Anil Kumar Lahoti

**107.** On January 9, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention was organized in partnership with the Madhya Pradesh Government from 8-10 January 2023 in Indore. The theme of this PBD Convention was "Diaspora: Reliable partners for India's progress in Amrit Kaal". Australian Member of Parliament (MP) Zaneta Mascarenhas was the Guest of Honour at the Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas. A Commemorative Postal Stamp 'Surakshit Jaayen, Prashikshit Jaayen' was also released to underline the importance of safe, legal, orderly and skilled migration. On 10 January 2023, President Droupadi Murmu conferred Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards 2023. Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards are conferred to select Indian diaspora members to recognize their achievements and honour their contributions to various fields, both in India and abroad. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- January 9 – 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) in Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- The theme of this PBD Convention – “Diaspora: Reliable partners for India’s progress in Amrit Kaal”
- A Commemorative Postal Stamp ‘Surakshit Jaayen, Prashikshit Jaayen’ was also released
- President Droupadi Murmu – conferred ‘Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards 2023’
- Mohamed Irfaan Ali (Guyana President) – Chief Guest at the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

**108.** On January 6, Indian Railways’ Ghaziabad-Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay section in Uttar Pradesh has become India’s longest fully Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) section. The 762 km long route has been fully automated. The Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) helps to control the movement of the trains by the automatic stop signals. The Railways has planned to implement the project on existing high density train routes. The railways has adopted the ‘Electronic Interlocking’ to derive benefits of digital and modern technologies in train operation and to enhance safety. In the FY 2022-23, the budget allocated to the Railways was Rs 2,45,800 crores. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- Ghaziabad-Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay section – became India’s longest fully Automatic Block Signalling (ABS) section
- Length of the route – 762 km | Budget allocated to the Railways – Rs 2,45,800 Cr
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

**109.** On January 7, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai released the logo and mascot of the 26<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2023 held in Hubballi-Dharwad twin cities from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> of January in Karnataka. The Union Sports Minister announced a cash award of Rs 50,000 for Bansilal Ketki of Orissa whose logo design was accepted by the Youth Festival Committee. The logo is inspired by Lotus, the national flower. The Minister also announced a 50,000 rupees cash award for the Champi Chikka elephant mascot designed by Inbam of Bengaluru. The theme of the 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Festival is “Vikasit Yuva-Vikasit Bharat”. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- 26<sup>th</sup> National Youth Festival 2023 – held in Hubballi-Dharwad, Karnataka
- Logo was designed by – Bansilal Ketki (Orissa) | The logo is inspired by – Lotus
- Mascot – ‘Champi Chikka’ elephant (designed by Inbam of Bengaluru)
- Theme of 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Festival – “Vikasit Yuva-Vikasit Bharat”
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

**110.** Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, organized the “Startup India Innovation Week” from January 10 to 16, 2023 to celebrate the Indian Startup Ecosystem as well as National Startup Day on January 16. Startup India Innovation Week 2023 included Knowledge Sharing Sessions for entrepreneurs, aspiring entrepreneurs, and other enablers, involving relevant stakeholders from the startup ecosystem such as Government officials, incubators, corporates and investors. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- DPIIT – organized “Startup India Innovation Week” from January 10 to 16, 2023
- [HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi | DPIIT works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry](#)





**111.** On January 7, Bihar began its the first phase of the caste-based census in the state. The exercise is being conducted in two stages. In the first phase, the number of all households in the state were counted in urban and rural areas. Following this, all information will be uploaded on portals. In the second phase, set to begin in March, data pertaining to people of all castes and religions will be collected. For the survey, an estimated population of 127 million in over 25 million households across 38 districts, which have 534 blocks and 261 urban local bodies, will be covered. The state government will spend ₹ 500 Cr from its contingency fund for the exercise. The general administration department (GAD) is the nodal authority for the survey. The exercise will provide scientific data for implementation of welfare schemes for the economically weaker sections of the society. Political observers expect the exercise to sharpen the caste polarization in the state and revive the Mandal Politics of the 1990s. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Bihar – began its the first phase of the ‘Caste-based Census’ (2<sup>nd</sup> phase will take place in March)
- The state government will spend ₹500 Cr for this exercise
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

**112.** On January 9, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) organised the “Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM)” across 242 districts in 28 States and Union Territories of India, as a part of PM Narendra Modi’s vision to boost career opportunities for India’s youth under Skill India Mission. Several local businesses and organizations were invited to be a part of this apprenticeship mela to provide local youth with relevant opportunities to shape their careers through apprenticeship training. PMNAM are hosted in India on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month. The government is striving to train 1 million youth per annum through apprenticeship training. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- MSDE – organised the “Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM)” across 242 districts in 28 States & UTs
- PMNAM are hosted in India on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

**113.** On January 3, Uttarakhand government abolished the revenue policing system in the state. Law and order in 1,800 revenue villages of Uttarakhand will now be handled by the state police. In the first phase, the border of 52 police stations and 19 police posts will be expanded. Under the unique revenue police system, civil officials of the revenue department had the powers and functions of the regular police. Whenever a crime took place, the revenue police of the area filed an FIR, investigated the case, arrested the accused, and also filed a chargesheet in the local court. The demand to replace the ‘Revenue Police System’ in Uttarakhand gained ground during the probe into Ankita Bhandari’s murder in September 2022. [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- Uttarakhand – abolished ‘Revenue Policing System’ & announced to transfer areas of revenue police to regular police
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

**114.** On January 6, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has released the “Standards National Action Plan (SNAP) 2022-27” and set up around 4000 Standards Clubs across India. On the occasion of 76<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of BIS on January 6, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Piyush Goyal, applauded BIS for launching several transformational initiatives. Through Standards Clubs, BIS aims to expose science students of class 9th and above to the concepts of Quality and Standardization through student centric activities. The BIS’ target is ambitiously enhanced to creating 10,000 Standards Clubs by the end of 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- BIS – released the “Standards National Action Plan (SNAP) 2022-27”
- So far, BIS has set up around 4000 Standards Clubs across India
- HQs of BIS – Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi | Director General – Pramod Kumar Tiwari

## International Affairs

**115.** On January 5, Cape Verde became the first country to name a stadium (Estadio Nacional de Cabo Verde) after Pele and will be called will be called ‘Pele Stadium’ in honour of the former New York player. Following Pele’s death in December, FIFA chief Gianni Infantino paid tribute to the three-time World Cup winner at his memorial service in Brazil and proposed at the memorial service that each nation should name one stadium after Pele. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Cape Verde – became first country to name a stadium after ‘Pele’ on recommendation of Gianni Infantino (FIFA Chief)
- Cape Verde – Praia – Cape Verdean escudo | PM – Ulisses Correia e Silva | President – Jose Maria Neves

**116.** On January 3, External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar concluded his two-nation visit to Cyprus and Austria. During his Cyprus visit, agreements in various areas including on Defence and Military Cooperation were signed between the two countries. India and Cyprus also signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) on Migration and Mobility Partnership. Cyprus became the 111th nation to sign the Framework Agreement of the India-led International Solar Alliance (ISA) and also the 92<sup>nd</sup> full-member country to have joined the ISA. Also, this was the first External Affairs Minister-level visit from India to Austria in the last 27 years. India signed an agreement related to issues with Migration and Mobility with Austria as well. A ‘Working Holiday Programme agreement’ that got signed between the two countries will assist Indian on holiday in Austria to find employment and work without a work permit for up to six months there. Other agreements that inked include the areas of culture and visa-free entry of diplomatic passport holders. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- S. Jaishankar – concluded his two-nation visit to Cyprus & Austria
- India + Cyprus – signed agreements in various areas including on Defence & Military Cooperation
- Cyprus – became 111<sup>th</sup> nation to sign the Framework Agreement of ISA
- Cyprus – became 92<sup>nd</sup> full-member country to have joined the ISA
- India – signed an LoI with Cyprus & Austria on Migration & Mobility Partnership
- India + Austria = signed a ‘Working Holiday Programme agreement’
- Austria – Vienna – Euro | President – Alexander Van der Bellen | Chancellor – Karl Nehammer
- Cyprus – Nicosia – Euro | President – Nicos Anastasiades
- HQs of ISA – Gurugram, Haryana | DG – Ajay Mathur | Signatory Countries – 111 | Member countries – 92

**117.** On January 5, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has granted a conditional license for a vaccine for honeybees to curb American foulbrood (AFB), a fatal bacterial disease for the insect. AFB is caused by the spore-forming bacterium Paenibacillus larvae. It is world’s first vaccine for honeybees. The vaccine is developed by biotechnology company Dalan Animal Health. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- US – approved the world’s first vaccine for Honeybees
- USDA granted a conditional license for a vaccine for honeybees to curb ‘American foulbrood’, a fatal bacterial disease
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris

**118.** On January 6, India deployed a platoon of Women Peacekeepers in Abyei on the border of Sudan and South Sudan as part of the Indian Battalion in the United Nations Interim Security Force, Abyei (UNISFA). This will be India’s largest single unit of women peacekeepers in a UN Mission since it deployed the first-ever all women’s contingent in Liberia in 2007. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- India deployed ‘India’s largest single unit of women peacekeepers in a UN Mission’ – in Sudan
- It is deployed as part of the Indian Battalion in the United Nations Interim Security Force, Abyei (UNISFA)
- Sudan – Khartoum – Sudanese Pound | South Sudan – Juba – South Sudanese Pound

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

**119.** On January 5, Six entities have been selected for the Test Phase as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> cohort under the RBI’s Regulatory Sandbox (RS) scheme with the theme ‘Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds’. Regulatory sandbox refers to the live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which the regulators may permit certain relaxations. The six entities are - Bahwan Cybertek, Crediwatch Information Analytics, enStage Software (Wibmo), HSBC in collaboration with Wibmo, napID Cybersec and Trusting Social. The objective of the regulatory sandbox is to foster responsible innovation in financial services, promote efficiency and bring benefits to consumers. Moreover, the first, second & third cohorts under RS were ‘Retail Payments’, ‘Cross Border Payments’ & ‘MSME Lending’ respectively. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- 6 entities (out of 9) – selected for the Test Phase as part of the 4<sup>th</sup> cohort under the RBI’s Regulatory Sandbox (RS)
- Theme of 4<sup>th</sup> cohort – ‘Prevention and Mitigation of Financial Frauds’
- First 3 cohorts under RS: ‘Retail Payments’, ‘Cross Border Payments’ & ‘MSME Lending’ (respectively)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established on – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

**120.** On January 8, One97 Communications-owned Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) has appointed Surinder Chawla as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. This appointment has been approved by RBI. Surinder replaces Satish Kumar Gupta who retired in October 2022. Since then Deependra Singh Rathore has been serving as the interim CEO of PPBL. Surinder was previously the Head of Branch Banking at RBL Bank. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Surinder Chawla – appointed as MD & CEO of Paytm Payments Bank (replacing - Satish Kumar Gupta)
- Deependra Singh Rathore has been serving as the interim CEO of PPBL after Gupta’s retirement in Oct 2022
- HQs of PPBL – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Surinder Chawla





**121.** On January 6, the RBI announced to issue its maiden Sovereign Green Bonds (SGBs) in two tranches for an aggregate amount of Rs 16,000 Crore, and proceeds will be utilised for funding public sector projects seeking to reduce carbon emissions. The first auction would be done on January 25 while the second on February 9, 2023. These green bonds would be available in 5-year and 10-year tenure. These bonds will be eligible for trading in the secondary market. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

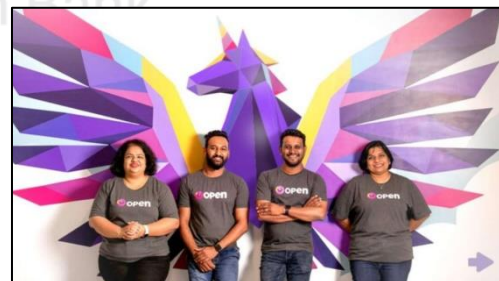
- RBI – to issue its maiden Sovereign Green Bonds (SGBs) in two tranches for an aggregate amount of Rs 16,000 Cr
- These green bonds would be available in 5-year and 10-year tenure
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established on – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

**122.** On January 6, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) raised close to Rs 5,000 Cr via three-year bonds. The coupon for the three-year bond was 7.63%. Bonds by corporates and financial sector players carry a spread over government paper. NABARD was able to get fine rates as supply of paper in the market is low. The issue by NABARD had a base size of Rs 2,000 Cr plus a green-shoe option of Rs 3,000 Cr. Meanwhile, Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) is likely to raise up to Rs 3,000 Cr through a 10-year paper (maturing in January 2033). The base size is Rs 500 Cr with a green-shoe option of Rs 2,500 Cr. REC is also looking at issuing medium-term paper (about 41-42 months) to raise up to Rs 3,000 Cr from the market. The actual issuance would depend on market conditions. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- NABARD – raised approx Rs 5,000 Cr via 3-year bonds at 7.63% (Rs 2,000 Cr base size + Rs 3,000 Cr green-shoe option)
- REC – is likely to raise up to Rs 3,000 Cr through a 10-year paper with maturity in 2033
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Shaji K V | Founded in – 1982
- HQs of REC Ltd – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Vivek Kumar Dewangan | Founded in – 1969

**123.** On January 5, Axis Bank partnered with Open Financial Technologies (OPEN), a digital banking fintech company, to launch a fully native digital Current Account for its customers including SMEs, freelancers, homepreneurs, influencers and others. The current account holders will get access to Axis bank's over 250 banking services along with OPEN's financial automation tools for business management including payments, accounting, payroll, compliance, expense management and other such services. Open is the 100<sup>th</sup> Unicorn from India. Founded in 2017, Open Financial Technologies operates SME neo-banking platform Open Money, embedded finance platform, Zwitch and enterprise digital banking platform for banks, BankingStack. [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- Axis Bank + Open Financial Technologies = partnered to launch a fully native digital Current Account for its customers
- Open – is the 100<sup>th</sup> Unicorn from India
- HQs of Open Financial Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Co-founder & CEO – Anish Achuthan
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

**124.** On January 5, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a debt broker license to Bengaluru-based fintech firm GoldenPi Technologies. GoldenPi became the first online bond platform (OBP) provider to receive a debt brokerage license from SEBI, under the SEBI Regulations, 2021. Incorporated in 2017, the Zerodha-backed company currently offers more than 100+ bonds and debentures on its online platform in the form of daily listings. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- GoldenPi – became the first online ‘Bond Platform Provider’ to receive a debt brokerage license from SEBI
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992
- HQs of GoldenPi Technologies – Bengaluru | CEO & Co-founder – Abhijit Roy

## Sports & Games

**125.** On January 5, Bhupinder Singh Gill made history as the Premier League’s first Sikh-Punjabi assistant referee. The 37-year-old comes from a soccer family, with father Jarnail Singh the first referee to wear a turban in the English league and officiating in more than 150 Football League (EFL) games between 2004-10. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Bhupinder Singh Gill – made history as the Premier League’s (Football) first Sikh-Punjabi assistant referee

**126.** On January 7, Mumbai-born Sania Mirza confirmed her retirement from professional Tennis. The former doubles World No. 1 champion will retire at the WTA 1000 event in Dubai in February, 2023. Mirza became the first Indian to win a WTA singles title, when she won her hometown Hyderabad event in 2005. The maiden triumph came in 2009, as she partnered with Mahesh Bhupathi to clinch the Australian Open mixed doubles title. Mirza has won 6 Grand Slam doubles titles and will compete in her final major Grand Slam in January at the Australian Open. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Sania Mirza – confirmed her retirement from professional Tennis
- She became the first Indian to win a WTA singles title in 2005 | She is the winner of 6 Grand Slam doubles titles

**127.** On January 9, Indian squash prodigy Anahat Singh clinched the girls Under-15 squash title at the most prestigious “British Junior Open” tournament in Birmingham. The 14-year-old defeated Sohaila Hazem of Egypt, 3-1 in the final. The British Junior Open is held in January every year in the UK. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Anahat Singh – won the girls Under-15 squash title at the “British Junior Open” tournament in Birmingham, UK
- She defeated Sohaila Hazem (Egypt)

**128.** On January 7, the mascots of ‘Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG)-2022’, Asha and Mowgli, and its smart torch ‘Amarkantak’ were released along with the theme song. Torch Amarkantak is named after the place where the Narmada River originates. This is the first smart torch in any game in the country. The torch is adorned with carvings of the renowned Mahakaleshwar temple, running cheetah and a lotus on top. The theme song has been rendered by well-known artiste Shaan. The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of KIYG will take place from January 30 to February 11 in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Mandla, Balaghat and Khargone (Maheshwar). For the first time water sports namely kayaking and canoeing, canoe slalom and rowing, as well as fencing will be part of these games. A total of 27 games will be played across 23 game venues. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- 5<sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG):
  - Location – Madhya Pradesh
  - Mascots – Asha & Mowgli
  - Theme song written by – Shaan
  - Smart Torch – Torch ‘Amarkantak’ & it is first smart torch in any game in India
  - The torch has carvings of the renowned Mahakaleshwar temple, running cheetah and a lotus on top
  - Sports added for the first time – kayaking & canoeing, canoe slalom & rowing (water sports), fencing
  - Total Games – 27
- Madhya Pradesh – made the sport of ‘Mallakhamb’ as state sport
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**129.** Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir’s Baramulla district will host the third edition of ‘Khelo India National Winter Games’. The third edition of the games will start from February 10 and culminate on February 14. 2000 athletes from different parts of the country will converge in Gulmarg to compete in different sports. Main attractions will be snow shoe race, ice skating, ice hockey, skiing, nordic ski, snowboarding, ski mountaineering and ice stock. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- Gulmarg (J & K) – to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of ‘Khelo India National Winter Games’ (in Feb’23)
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

**130.** On January 6, Divya Deshmukh defeated IM Bhakti Kulkarni in the final round to become a clear champion at MPL 48<sup>th</sup> National Women Chess Championship 2022. This is her second consecutive National Women title where she remained undefeated and finished a full point ahead at 9.5/11. The tournament organized by Chess Association Kolhapur at Sanjay Ghodawat University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Divya Deshmukh – won MPL 48<sup>th</sup> ‘National Women Chess Championship 2022’ (defeating - IM Bhakti Kulkarni)
- The tournament was organized by – Chess Association Kolhapur at Sanjay Ghodawat University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

**131.** On January 4, Lionel Messi has been named the ‘Best Player of the Year 2022’ by the International Football Federation History and Statistics (IFFHS). He won the crown by a whopping 275 points. Second in the tally is France’s Kylian Mbappe, who became only the first man to score a hatrick in the World Cup final after Geoff Hurst in 1966. The Frenchman secured 35 points in the tally. Swiftly behind him are Karim Benzema (30). [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Lionel Messi (Argentina) – named the ‘Best Player of the Year 2022’ by IFFHS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kylian Mbappe (France) | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Karim Benzema (France)



## Persons in News

**132.** On January 7, Neeru Yadav, fondly known as 'Hockey Wali Sarpanch', has taken a new initiative to strengthen farmers of Lambi Ahir Village. Yadav has signed a pact with NABARD to start the Farmers Producers Organisation (FPO) with the assistance of SIIRD (Society of Indian Institute of Rural Development). FPO is a legal entity formed by primary producers such as farmers, milk producers, fishermen, weavers, rural artisans, craftsmen etc. 'Sachhi Saheli Mahila Agro Producer Company Limited' is the 15th such FPO launched by NABARD in Rajasthan where Yadav has taken the responsibility as Board of Directors of this company. [{Read more}](#)

### Smart Points:

- Neeru Yadav ('Hockey Wali Sarpanch') – has taken a new initiative to strengthen farmers of Lambi Ahir Village, Rajasthan
- She signed a pact with NABARD to start the FPO with the assistance of SIIRD
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Shaji K V | Founded in – 1982

**133.** On January 6, Indian-origin Manpreet Monica Singh has been sworn in as a Harris County judge, becoming the first female Sikh judge in the US. Singh was born and raised in Houston and now lives in Bellaire with her husband and two children. She was sworn in as a judge of the Harris County Civil Court at Law No. 4 in Texas. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Manpreet Monica Singh – becoming the first female Sikh judge in the US
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden | 49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris



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## Arts & Cultural Affairs

**134.** On January 6, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated, India's first-of-its-kind inclusivity festival for PwDs, "Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity", in Goa. The festival aims to showcase how we can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive world for everyone. The objective of the workshop was to sensitize the Government, Non-Govt, Corporate Sector about their role to create an inclusive society and also to have a co-ordinated approach towards the empowerment of Divyangjan. 'Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act' was introduced in 2016 to ensure that persons with disabilities are empowered. [{Read more}](#)



### Smart Points:

- Virendra Kumar – inaugurated, India's first inclusivity festival for PwDs, "Purple Fest: Celebrating Diversity", in Goa
- Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act' was introduced in 2016
- Department of Empowerment of PwDs – functions under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai



**135.** On January 6, National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) in association with Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) organised “Astro Tourism” - a Sky Gazing event at Delhi’s India Gate. The event was inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal. The programme helped in developing scientific temper among the people. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Arjun Ram Meghwal – inaugurated “Astro Tourism”, a Sky Gazing event in Delhi
- It was organised by = National Council of Science Museums + Nehru Memorial Museum and Library
- Minister of Culture: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakshi Lekhi

## **Science & Technology**

**136.** On January 5, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh, inaugurated “National Genome Editing & Training Centre” at National Agri-food Biotechnology Institute (NABI) in Mohali, Punjab. The Minister also inaugurated a 4-day “International Conference on Food and Nutritional Security (iFANS - 2023)”. NGETC is a one-roof state-of-the-art facility that will serve as a national platform to cater to the regional needs to adapt different genome editing methods, including CRISPR-Cas mediated genome modification. iFANS-2023 was jointly organized by the National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute (NABI), Centre for Innovative and Applied Bioprocessing (CIAB), National Institute of Plant Biotechnology (NIPB), and International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB) at NABI, Mohali. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Jitendra Singh – inaugurated “National Genome Editing & Training Centre” at NABI in Mohali, Punjab
- “International Conference on Food and Nutritional Security (iFANS - 2023)” organised by = NABI + CIAB + NIPB + ICGEB
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

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

**137.** NMDC Ltd bagged the ‘Champion of Champions Award’ at the 16<sup>th</sup> PRCI Global Communication Conclave 2022, to bring home 14 Corporate Communication Excellence Awards. The awards were presented at the Global Communication Conclave organised by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI) in Kolkata, West Bengal. NMDC won Gold awards for Most Resilient Company of the Year; Internal Communication Campaign, Corporate Brochure; Best PSE Implementing CSR. It won Silver Awards in the categories of Best Use of CSR for Childcare; Corporate Community Impact; Best Corporate Event; Unique HR Initiatives; Annual Report; Arts, Culture & Sports Campaign and Bronze Awards for Visionary Leadership; Website of the Year; Innovative Environmental Program and Consolation Award for Best Use of Social Media. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> “Global Communication Conclave 2022” in Kolkata – organised by Public Relations Council of India (PRCI)
- NMDC Ltd – won ‘Champion of Champions Award’, bringing home 14 Corporate Communication Excellence Awards
- HQs of NMDC – Hyderabad, Telangana | CMD – Sumit Deb | Founded on – November 15, 1958



**138.** On January 4, Odisha won the UN-Habitat's "World Habitat Awards 2023" for Jaga Mission, a 5T initiative of the state. Jaga mission is the world's largest land titling and slum upgrading program which aims at empowering the lives of slum dwellers. In the last five years of the initiative, 1,75,000 families have been granted land tenure security. Odisha's Jaga mission had also received World Habitat Awards in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Odisha – won the UN-Habitat's "World Habitat Awards 2023" for 'Jaga Mission', a 5T initiative of the state
- 'Jaga Mission' – world's largest land titling and slum upgrading program
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

**139.** On January 8, Veteran actor-director Aparna Sen was honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the opening ceremony of the 15<sup>th</sup> edition of the Jaipur International Film Festival. She has won total 9 National Film Awards. She received Padma Shri for Arts in 1987. [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- Aparna Sen – honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 15<sup>th</sup> Jaipur International Film Festival

**140.** On January 5, Indian Railways' Varanasi Cantt Railway Station has been awarded a 5-star 'Eat Right Station' certification for providing high-quality, nutritious food to passengers. This certification is granted by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) to railway stations adhering to standard food storage and hygiene practices, and that set benchmarks in providing safe and wholesome food to passengers. The certification is part of the 'Eat Right India' movement - a large-scale effort by FSSAI to transform the country's food system to ensure safe, healthy and sustainable food for all Indians. The other railway stations with Star certification include Kanpur central (UP), Prayagraj (UP), Gwalior (MP), Dabra (MP), Dabhaura (MP), Anand Vihar Terminal (Delhi), Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (Mumbai); Mumbai Central (Mumbai), Vadodara, Chandigarh and Bhopal railway station. [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- Varanasi Cantt Railway Station – awarded with 5-star 'Eat Right Station' certification by FSSAI
- The certification is part of the 'Eat Right India' movement
- [HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia | CEO – Arun Singhal](#)
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)



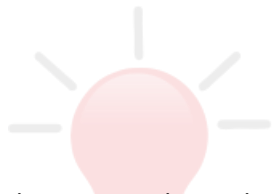
# Schemes & Initiatives

**141.** On January 4, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the proposal of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting regarding Central Sector Scheme “Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development” (BIND) at a cost of ₹2,539.61 Cr for infrastructure development of Prasar Bharati i.e. All India Radio (AIR) and Doordarshan (DD). The BIND scheme is the vehicle for providing financial support to Prasar Bharati for expenses related to expansion and upgradation of its broadcasting infrastructure, content development and civil work related to the organization. The scheme will enable the public broadcaster to undertake a major upgradation of its facilities with better infrastructure which will widen its reach, including in the Left Wing Extremism (LWE), border and strategic areas and provide high quality content to the viewers. The Scheme also envisages free distribution of over 8 lakh DD Free Dish STBs to people living in remote, tribal, LWE and border areas. [{Read more}](#)



## Smart Points:

- CCEA – approved the proposal regarding BIND, a Central Sector Scheme for infrastructure development of Prasar Bharati
- Outlay of the scheme – ₹2,539.61 Cr
- The Scheme envisages free distribution of over 8 lakh DD Free Dish STBs in remote, tribal, LWE & border areas
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- Ministry of Education – Dharmendra Pradhan (Constituency – Deogarh, Madhya Pradesh)



# Obituaries

**142.** On January 4, Walter Cunningham, the last surviving astronaut from the first successful crewed space mission “Apollo 7” of the NASA, passed away in Houston. He was 90. Cunningham, in 1968, crewed the mission with Navy Capt. Walter M. Schirra and Donn F. Eisele, an Air Force major. The Apollo 7 astronauts also won a special Emmy award for their daily television reports from orbit. Neil Armstrong, who became the first person to walk on the moon, was also Apollo 11 astronaut. [{Read more}](#)



## Smart Points:

- Walter Cunningham (US) – the last surviving astronaut of NASA’s “Apollo 7” mission – passed away
- He crewed the mission with Walter M. Schirra & Donn F. Eisele in 1968





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# Meetings, Conferences & Summits

**143.** On January 5, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval held the 36<sup>th</sup> round of the Indo-French Strategic Dialogue with his French counterpart, Emmanuel Bonne in New Delhi. Both participants agreed to intensify efforts towards strategic autonomy. The two sides held discussions on a variety of issues, including the current global security situation in the context of the conflict in Ukraine, regional security in the context of Afghanistan, counter-terrorism, cyber security, defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, besides other issues of mutual concern. [{Read more}](#)



## Smart Points:

- NSA Ajit Doval – held 36<sup>th</sup> round of ‘Indo-French Strategic Dialogue’ in New Delhi
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Elisabeth Borne

**144.** On January 4, Puducherry Lieutenant Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan announced that Puducherry will host the first meeting of G20 on January 31, 2023. The Lieutenant Governor released stickers, badges and posters with G20 logo. The events will be held across different parts of the country under different segments. Kolkata hosted the first “G20 Working Group on Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion” between the January 9-11. Moreover, a working group meeting will be held on health in Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai will host a meeting on Education, while Guwahati will host the first Sustainable Financial Meeting and Chandigarh will host the first Financial Architecture Meeting. G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting will be held in New Delhi in March 2023. [{Read more}](#)

## Smart Points:

- Puducherry – to host the first meeting of G20 on January 31, 2023
- Kolkata – hosted the first G20 Working Group on Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion
- Thiruvananthapuram – to host a G20 Working Group Meeting
- Chennai – to host the G20 Meeting on Education
- Guwahati – to host the first G20 Sustainable Financial Meeting
- Chandigarh – to host the first G20 Financial Architecture Meeting
- New Delhi – to host the G20 Foreign Ministers Meeting

**145.** On January 5-6, Ministry of Jal Shakti organized the “1<sup>st</sup> All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water” with the theme “Water Vision@2047” in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The Conference had 5 thematic sessions - Water Security in Water Deficit, Water Surplus and Hilly Regions, Water Use Efficiency including Reuse of Waste Water/ Grey Water, Water Governance, Climate Change Resilient Water Infrastructure, and Water Quality. It was organised to take forward the “Action Plan and Vision Document of India@2047”, a plan by the government to make India a developed Nation by 2047. While addressing the challenges of water security as part of the India@2047 plan, the Prime Minister had proclaimed the ‘5P’ mantra which includes Political will, Public financing, Partnerships, Public Participation and Persuasion for sustainability. [{Read more}](#)

## Smart Points:

- Ministry of Jal Shakti – organized “1<sup>st</sup> All India Annual State Ministers Conference on Water” in Bhopal
- Theme – “Water Vision@2047” | Prime Minister – proclaimed ‘5P’ mantra for the plan
- 5Ps – Political will, Public financing, Partnerships, Public Participation, Persuasion for sustainability
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries – Prahlad Singh Patel





**146.** On January 6, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur, launched the themes of 'Youth 20 (Y20) Summit', logo and website in the Curtain raiser event of 'Y20 Summit India' in New Delhi. India is hosting the Y20 summit for the first time. Anurag Thakur also talked about the Themes of Y20 i.e., i) Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills, ii) Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life, iii) Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War, iv) Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance, and v) Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth. The Youth20 Group's inception meeting will take place in Guwahati, Assam in February 2023. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Anurag Singh Thakur – launched the themes, logo & website of 'Youth 20 (Y20) Summit' in New Delhi
- India is hosting the 'Y20 Summit' for the first time
- 5 themes:
  - Future of Work: Industry 4.0, Innovation & 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills
  - Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction: Making Sustainability a way of life
  - Peacebuilding and Reconciliation: Ushering in an era of No War
  - Shared Future: Youth in Democracy and Governance
  - Health, Wellbeing & Sports: Agenda for Youth

**147.** On January 12 and 13, India hosted a special virtual summit, "The 'Voice of Global South Summit'" under the theme 'Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose'. Global South refers to the developing and the less-developed countries of the world. More than 120 countries were invited to participate in this Summit. The initiative is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayas and is underpinned by India's philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. The inaugural and concluding sessions were at the head of state or government level and hosted by the Prime Minister. The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' session was 'Voice of Global South for Human-Centric Development' and that of the Concluding Leaders' session was 'Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose'. In addition, there were 8 ministerial sessions on various themes. [{Read more}](#)



**Smart Points:**

- India – hosted "The 'Voice of Global South Summit'"
- The theme of the Inaugural Leaders' session – 'Voice of Global South for Human-Centric Development'
- The theme of the Concluding Leaders' session – 'Unity of Voice, Unity of Purpose'

## **Ranks, Reports & Surveys**

**148.** According to the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers data, India surpassed Japan in auto sales in 2022, making it the third-largest auto market for the first time. India's sales of new vehicles totalled at least 4.25 million units, based on preliminary results, topping the 4.2 million sold in Japan. In 2021, China continued to lead the global auto market, with 26.27 million vehicles sold. The U.S. remained second at 15.4 million vehicles, followed by Japan at 4.44 million units. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- India – surpassed Japan & became the third-largest auto market in 2022 | 1<sup>st</sup> – China, 2<sup>nd</sup> – USA
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida



**149.** The net profit of operating Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) jumped 50.87% to Rs 2.49 Lakh Crore during 2021-22, with ONGC, Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL), Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCIL), NTPC and Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) emerging as the top five performers, respectively, according to the “Public Enterprises Survey 2021-22”. The net profit of profit-making Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) stood at Rs 2.64 Lakh Crore in FY 2021-22 against Rs 1.89 Lakh Crore in the previous fiscal, up 39.85%. Besides, the corporate social responsibility (CSR) expenditure of all CSR eligible CPSEs (160) stood at Rs 4,600 Crore in FY 2021-22. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- Net profit of operating Public Sector Enterprises increased 50.87% to Rs 2.49 Lakh Crore during 2021-22
- ONGC – was the top profit making CPSEs during 2021-22 | Followed by – IOCL & PGCIL

**150.** According to the “On-time Performance Review 2022” released by aviation analytics firm Cirium, Bengaluru’s Kempegowda International Airport and Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International Airport were among the top 10 on-time airports globally. Bengaluru’s airport was the second best airport globally in 2022 in terms of on-time arrivals and departures, while Indira Gandhi Airport stood at 7<sup>th</sup> spot. Japan’s Haneda Airport was the best-performing airport. Mumbai’s Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport stood at the 11<sup>th</sup> spot. Among the separate global rankings for ‘Large Airports’, four Indian airports stood in top 20. In the list of ‘Medium Airports’, Jaipur Airport and Cochin Airport stood at 9<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> spots, respectively. No Indian airport featured in the top 20 in the ‘Small Airports’ category. Moreover, in the Asia Pacific region, India’s Indigo and AirAsia India airlines were among the top 10 best on-time performers at 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> spots, respectively. US Delta Air Lines was the best-performing airline globally. [{Read more}](#)

**Smart Points:**

- “On-time Performance Review 2022” – released by Cirium
- Kempegowda International Airport – the 2<sup>nd</sup> best airport globally in 2022 in terms of ‘on-time arrivals & departures’
- Top – Haneda Airport (Japan) | Indira Gandhi International Airport – 7<sup>th</sup>
- In APAC region: Indigo (5<sup>th</sup>) & AirAsia India (6<sup>th</sup>) airlines were among the top 10 best on-time performers
- Globally Top – Delta Air Lines (US)



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