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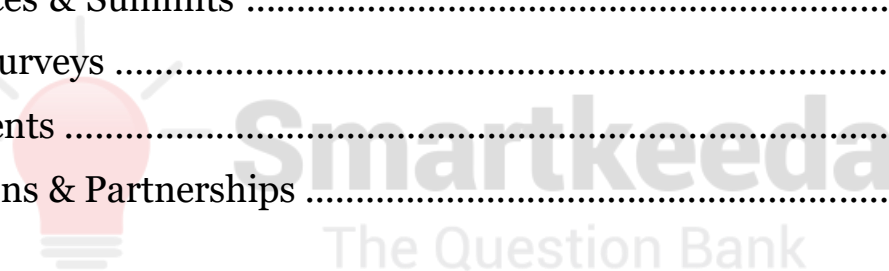
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National & States Affairs

151. On July 2, Railway Protection Force (RPF) launched a month-long pan India drive against smuggling of narcotics through rail, under code name “Operation NARCOS”. RPF intensified its checks in trains and in identified black spots across the country in coordination with NCB and other LEA’s to target drug peddlers involved in this illegal trade. In June 2022, RPF recovered various narcotics products including designer products valued Rs 7,40,77,126. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RPF – launched a pan India drive against smuggling of narcotics through rail, under code name “Operation NARCOS”
- HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India | Director General – Sanjay Chander

152. On July 10, Maharashtra Metro & the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) made a world record by constructing the world’s longest Double Decker Viaduct/Bridge (3.14 Km) with Highway Flyover & Metro Rail Supported on single column piers in Nagpur. It is recognized by Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World’s longest Double Decker Viaduct/Bridge with Highway Flyover & Metro Rail Supported on single column piers – constructed in Nagpur, Maharashtra (Length - 3.14 Km)
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

153. On July 9, India joined the Interpol’s “International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) Database” which will allow it to draw links between victims, abusers and crime scene using audio-visual data. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which is India’s nodal agency for Interpol matters, joined the database making India the 68th country to connect to it. An intelligence and investigative tool, the database allows specialized investigators to share information on cases of child sexual abuse. Detectives in all 68 countries can exchange information and notes with their colleagues across the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – became the 68th country to join the Interpol’s “International Child Sexual Exploitation (ICSE) Database”
- CBI – India’s nodal agency for Interpol matters – joined the database from India
- Detectives in all 68 countries can exchange information and notes with their colleagues across the world
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi | Founded on – Sep 7, 1923
- HQs of CBI – New Delhi | DG – Subodh Kumar Jaiswal | Motto – “Industry, Impartiality, Integrity”

154. On July 8, National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) has made the Geo-Portal “PARIMAN” open to Public with an intent of optimum utilization of resources in Public interest. The geo-portal was launched in August 2021 in the 40th meeting of the Board, chaired by Hardeep Singh Puri, Chairman of NCRPB and Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs. The geo-portal was developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) for NCR Planning Board. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCRPB made the Geo-Portal “PARIMAN” open to Public
- The portal was launched by Hardeep Singh Puri in Aug 2021 | Developed by – NIC
- HQs of NIC – New Delhi | Director General – Rajesh Gera | works under – MeitY | Established in – 1976



155. On July 7, during the company's Annual General Meeting (AGM), Tata Power Chairman N. Chandrasekaran announced a capital expenditure plan of over Rs 75,000 Cr in the Renewable Energy sector in the next 5 years. The company has planned Rs 14,000 Cr consolidated capex in FY23 with Rs 10,000 Cr in renewables. Tata Power plans to scale its generation capacity to over 30 GW by FY27 from current 13.5 GW. The company plans to increase Green Energy share to 60% over the next 5 years by 2027 and 80% by 2030, from current levels of 34%. The company has 3 Key Goals - Carbon Net Zero by 2045, 100% Water Neutral by 2030, Zero Waste to Landfills before 2030. [{Read more}](#)

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- 3 Goals of Tata Power: Carbon Net Zero by 2045, 100% Water Neutral by 2030, Zero Waste to Landfills before 2030
- HQs of Tata Power RE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Ashish Khanna | CEO – Ashwinikumar Patil
- HQs of Tata Power – Mumbai | Chairman – N. Chandrasekaran | MD & CEO – Praveer Sinha | Established in – 1915

156. On July 7, Akasa Air received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from aviation regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). The airline, backed by ace stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala, had taken delivery of its first Boeing 737 max aircraft in India on June 21, 2022. The airline will have 18 aircraft by the end of the fiscal year 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akasa Air – received the Air Operator Certificate (AOC) from DGCA
- HQs of Akasa Air – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Founder – Rakesh Jhunjhunwala
- HQs of DGCA – New Delhi | Director General – Arun Kumar

157. On July 7, the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai has become the first railway station in India to be equipped with augmented reality screens. The futuristic technology will allow passengers at the station to get real-time digitised time table with a dedicated scrolling screen and railway information for an engaging experience. Augmented reality magic mirrors create a virtual world around the person standing in front of the screen. The Central Railways plans to bring in around Rs 50 lakh in revenues in 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (Mumbai) – became the first railway station in India to be equipped with augmented reality screens called 'Magic Mirrors'

158. On July 4, the Western Railway (WR) opened its longest skywalk, from the Khar Road railway station to the nearby Bandra Terminus, for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily. The skywalk spans 314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide. The skywalk was built at a cost of around Rs 14 crore. Besides, the Western Railway has also been working in the direction to overhaul many Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs) in the metropolis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Western Railway – opened its longest skywalk, from Khar Road Railway Station to the nearby Bandra Terminus
- Length – 314 meters
- HQs of Western Railway Zone – Mumbai, Maharashtra | GM – Anil Kumar Lahoti



159. Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) approved a total of 314 applications (out of 320 applications under consideration) with proposed investments of Rs 86,824 Crore under a “Modified Special Incentive Package Scheme (M-SIPS)” till May 31, 2022. The proposals that were approved in May included an investment of Rs 596 Crore from Bosch Automotive Electronics Private Limited. The M-SIPS, announced by the government in July 2012, mainly provides a Capex Subsidy of 20-25%. M-SIPS was the first scheme under which the government supported Electronics Manufacturing Companies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – approved a total of 314 applications proposed investments of Rs 86,824 Cr under a “M-SIPS”
- M-SIPS – launched in July 2012 | The scheme mainly provides a Capex Subsidy of 20-25%
- Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar

International Affairs

160. On July 7, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) approved the establishment of an “Interim Operational Hub”, its first overseas office in Abu Dhabi, UAE. Starting with 57 founding members in 2016, AIIB now has a total of 105 members. Former RBI Governor Urjit Patel is one its five Vice Presidents. Besides being the AIIB’s second largest shareholder after China, India has also secured USD 6.7 billion funding for 28 projects in recent years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AIIB – approved the establishment of an “Interim Operational Hub” in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- India is the second largest shareholder in AIIB | 1st – China
- HQs of AIIB – Beijing, China | President – Jin Liqun | Established in – 2016 | Members – 105

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

161. On July 5, Tata Mutual Fund partnered with CAMSPay to introduce Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay for immediate Systematic Investment Plans (SIPs). Using this, investors in mutual funds can use their virtual payment address (VPA)/UPI handle to mandate an Autopay facility for their Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Mutual Fund + CAMSPay = to introduce UPI Autopay for immediate SIPs
- HQs of Tata Mutual Fund – Mumbai | CEO – Prathit Bhohe | Established in – 1994

162. On July 8, Union Bank of India (UBI) in partnership with Tech Mahindra launched “Uni-verse”, a Metaverse Virtual Lounge. The Uni-verse will host product information and videos in the initial phase. The bank also launched an “Open Banking Sandbox Environment” through which it will collaborate with fin-techs and start-up partners for developing and launching innovative banking products. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- UBI + Tech Mahindra = launched “Uni-verse”, a Metaverse Virtual Lounge
- UBI – launched an “Open Banking Sandbox Environment” for developing innovative banking products
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – A. Manimekhalai | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”

163. On July 8, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a penalty of Rs 5.72 Cr on Federal Bank for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. A penalty of Rs 70 lakh was also imposed on Bank of India for non-compliance with certain provisions of KYC norms. Moreover, a fine of Rs 7.6 lakh was imposed on Dhani Loans and Services Limited for non-compliance with KYC norms.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- RBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 70 lakh on Bank of India for non-compliance with KYC norms
- RBI – imposed a penalty of Rs 7.6 lakh on Dhani Loans & Services for non-compliance with KYC norms
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935

164. On July 9, online payment gateways Razorpay, Stripe and Pine Labs are among the top fintech firms that received in-principle approval from the RBI for a Payment Aggregator licence. The RBI is expected to release the full list of firms that were granted approvals shortly. At least 185 fintech firms, including big names like Cred, Razorpay, and PhonePe, had submitted proposals seeking the licence. Payment Aggregators are expected to have a net worth of Rs 15 Cr on the date of their applications or as of March 31, 2022, and Rs 25 Cr by the end of the ongoing fiscal year (FY23). In July, fintech startup 1Pay Mobileware also received the RBI’s nod. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – to release the full list of firms that were granted in-principle approval for Payment Aggregator licence
- Top fintech firms that received in-principle approval: Razorpay, Stripe, Pine Labs, 1Pay Mobileware
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 - Rs 15 Cr on the date of their applications or as of March 31, 2022
 - Rs 25 Cr by the end of March 31, 2023

165. On July 9, the RBI imposed several restrictions on 4 Cooperative Banks for 6 months given their deteriorating financial positions. The banks on which restrictions were imposed are - Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank, New Delhi; Sahebrao Deshmukh Co-operative Bank, Mumbai; Sangli Sahakari Bank, Mumbai; and Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank, Karnataka. In the case of Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank and Sahebrao Deshmukh Cooperative Bank, the cap is Rs 50,000 per depositor, while it is Rs 45,000 in the case of Sangli Sahakari Bank. A depositor in Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank can withdraw a maximum of Rs 7,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – imposed several restrictions on 4 cooperative banks:
 - Ramgarhia Co-operative Bank, New Delhi
 - Sahebrao Deshmukh Co-operative Bank, Mumbai
 - Sangli Sahakari Bank, Mumbai
 - Sharada Mahila Co-operative Bank, Karnataka



166. On July 10, Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) and State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU to open SBI's first dedicated branch for startups, "SBI Startup Hub branch", in Koramangala, Karnataka. The branch will be inaugurated in August. The collaboration will enable startups across the state to access banking facilities, funding, credit facilities. Rs 2 crore collateral-free financial assistance will be given to startup entrepreneurs. Moreover, the SBI also announced to start similar branches in Mysuru, Mangaluru, and Hubballi-Dharwad clusters in the next 6 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- KDEM + SBI = an MoU to open SBI's first dedicated branch for startups in Koramangala, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

Defence Affairs

167. On July 11, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the first ever "Artificial Intelligence in Defence (AIDef)" Symposium & Exhibition, organised by Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence, in New Delhi. The event will feature an exhibition to showcase the cutting edge AI-enabled solutions and launch of 75 newly-developed AI products for the market. The event will also witness panel discussions on 'Deploying AI in Defence', 'GenNext AI solutions' and 'AI in Defence - Industry Perspective'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – inaugurated the first ever "A.I. in Defence (AIDef)" Symposium & Exhibition in New Delhi
- It was organised by – Department of Defence Production, under Ministry of Defence
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

168. The US Navy hosted the world's largest maritime exercise, "RIMPAC" (Rim of the Pacific) involving 26 countries from June 29 to August 4, 2022. 38 surface ships, 4 submarines, 9 national land forces, more than 170 aircraft, and about 25,000 personnel operated together in and around the Hawaiian Islands and southern California. RIMPAC exercise has been conducted every 2 years, on even-numbered years, for decades. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US Navy – hosted the world's largest maritime exercise, "RIMPAC" (Rim of the Pacific) involving 26 countries
- RIMPAC exercise has been conducted every 2 years
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



Sports & Games

169. On July 8, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel announced that the state will host the 36th “National Games” between September 27 and October 10, 2022, for the first time. More than 7,000 top sportspersons of the country are expected to showcase their might in over 34 disciplines including indoor and outdoor sports. The last edition of the National Games was organised in Kerala in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gujarat – to host the 36th “National Games” between September 27 and October 10, 2022, for the first time
- 35th National Games were organised in Kerala in 2015
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

170. On July 9, Elena Rybakina won women’s singles title at the “Wimbledon Tennis Championship” by beating Ons Jabeur. Rybakina is the first player representing Kazakhstan to win a Grand Slam singles title. While men’s singles title was won by Novak Djokovic in June. Wimbledon is the only major tennis tournament still played on grass court, the traditional tennis playing surface. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wimbledon Tennis Championship 2022 – held in London (the only major tennis tournament still played on grass court)
- Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan - Tennis) – won women’s singles title (beating - Ons Jabeur)
- Novak Djokovic (Serbia - Tennis) – won men’s singles title (beating - Kwon Soon-woo)

171. In July 2022, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra broke the national record again to finish second at the “Stockholm Diamond League 2022” in Sweden. Neeraj Chopra’s first throw of 89.94m helped him improve his personal best of 89.30m which was recently at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland. World champion Anderson Peters of Grenada broke the 16-year-old meet record with a huge 90.31m throw in his third attempt. Julian Weber of Germany finished third with an effort of 89.08m. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra – finished 2nd at the “Stockholm Diamond League 2022” in Sweden
- With this, Neeraj Chopra set a new National Record with throw of 89.94 metres (His previous national record - 88.30m)
- 1st – Anderson Peters (Grenada) with 90.31m | 3rd – Julian Weber (Germany) with 89.08m

Arts & Cultural Affairs

172. On July 8, a Steering Committee has been formed for the 53rd International Film Festival of India, scheduled to be held during 20-28 November 2022 at Goa. The festival aims at providing a common platform for filmmakers from across the globe to showcase their talent. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Steering Committee has been formed for the 53rd International Film Festival of India – to be held in Goa in Nov 2022
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai



173. On July 7, Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs, Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurated “SVANidhi Mahotsav”, a cultural festival for celebrating the success of PM SVANidhi Scheme and launched “SVANidhi Mahotsav” website. The ‘SVANidhi Mahotsav’ was organised by the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs from 9 July to 31 July, 2022 in 75 cities across 33 States/UTs. PM SVANidhi scheme was launched on June 1, 2020 to facilitate working capital loans to the street vendors to help them restart their businesses which were adversely impacted due to the lockdowns imposed during COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA – inaugurated “SVANidhi Mahotsav”, a cultural festival for celebrating the success of ‘PM SVANidhi’ Scheme
- ‘SVANidhi Mahotsav’ – was organised by the MoHUA from 9 July to 31 July, 2022 in 75 cities across 33 States/UTs
- ‘PM SVANidhi’ scheme was launched by MoHUA – in June, 2020
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Kaushal Kishore

Appointments & Resignations

174. On July 5, Kolkata-based Jadavpur University’s Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das was appointed as the President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for 1 year. After 40 years someone from West Bengal has taken over the post at AIU. Das, an eminent historian, was appointed the Vice-President of AIU a year ago. She succeeded Col. Dr. G Thiruvasagam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Suranjan Das (West Bengal) – appointed as the President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for 1 year
- She is Vice-Chancellor of Jadavpur University (Kolkata)
- HQs of AIU – New Delhi | President – Suranjan Das | Secretary General – Mrs. Pankaj Mittal

175. Senior bureaucrat R. K. Gupta was appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner. Gupta, a Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer, will serve as deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level) till 28 February 2023, the date of his superannuation. Mr. Gupta succeeds T. Sreekanth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. K. Gupta – appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner till 28 February 2023 (succeeding – T. Sreekanth)
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (25th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950

176. On July 10, Tripura government transferred Chief Secretary Kumar Alok to the State Institute of Public Administration and Rural Development (SIPARD) as its Director General (DG). Senior IAS officer J. K. Sinha, currently Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Manik Saha, is given additional charge of Chief Secretary of the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kumar Alok – appointed as DG the State Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (SIPARD), Tripura
- J. K. Sinha – is given additional charge of Chief Secretary of Tripura
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Manik Saha | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya





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Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

177. Ashok Soota, founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, was conferred with the “CII Quality Ratna Award 2021”. The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award, constituted in 2019, is given in recognition of outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashok Soota – conferred with the “CII Quality Ratna Award 2021” (constituted in 2019)
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – Sanjiv Bajaj | VC – Sanjiv Puri | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

Schemes & Initiatives

178. Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme “Mission Vatsalya” (erstwhile ‘Child Protection Services (CPS) Scheme’) since 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children. On July 7, the ministry has issued detailed guidelines of the ‘Mission Vatsalya’ Scheme and State Governments/UT Administrations have been asked to prepare their financial proposal and plans for the year 2022-23 under ‘Mission Vatsalya’ Scheme on the basis of financial norms of Guidelines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoWCD issued detailed guidelines of the ‘Mission Vatsalya’ Scheme (being implemented since 2009-10)
- Ministry of Women & Child Development: Smriti Irani | Constituency – Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Women and Child Development: Munjapara Mahendrabhai

179. On July 10, Tripura government has decided to restart the “Vidyalaya Cholo Abhiyan” to bring back around 9,000 students aged between 6 and 14 who dropped out of 4,300 schools across the State during the COVID-19 pandemic. The government has also launched a new scheme, “Earn with Learn”, under which third-year college students will be tasked with conducting surveys to identify dropouts across classes and rewarded ₹500 for re-enrolling them in schools. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tripura – decided to restart the “Vidyalaya Cholo Abhiyan” to bring back students who dropped out due to COVID-19
- Tripura – also launched a new scheme “Earn with Learn” to identify dropouts across classes
- Tripura: Capital – Agartala | CM – Manik Saha | Governor – Satyadev Narayan Arya

Important Days & Dates

180. India marks GST Day on 1 July to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the rollout of the Goods & Services Tax (GST). “GST Day” is observed every year by the Central Board of Indirect Tax and Customs (CBIC) to mark the roll-out of the historic tax reform. The day was first observed in 2018. The indirect tax regime was initiated in 2017 by the Centre. The tax system was finally passed by both the Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha in 2016 and enacted as the 101st ‘Constitution Amendment Act, 2016’. As per data by the Centre, GST revenue collected in May 2022 was Rs 1,40,885 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1, 2022 – 5th GST Day – by CBIC (since 2018)
- The tax system was enacted as the 101st ‘Constitution Amendment Act, 2016’

181. The National Fish Farmers Day was celebrated by the National Fisheries Development Board on July 10, 2022 to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the country. Every year, this annual event is celebrated to commemorate Professor Dr. Hiralal Chaudhury and his colleague Alikunhi for their contribution in achieving the successful induced breeding of major carps on 10th July, 1957 at Angul in Odisha, for the first time in India.

[{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 10 – 65th National Fish Farmers Day

182. The 74th National Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day was celebrated on 1 July, 2022 with an aim to commemorate the findings of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) by Parliament in 1949. The ICAI is the second largest accounting and a statutory body in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – 74th National Chartered Accountants’ (CA) Day
- HQs of ICAI – New Delhi | President – Debashis Mitra | Established in – 1949

183. World Population Day is celebrated every year on July 11 across the world to raise awareness about the rising population. The event was established by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme in 1989 and the day was first observed in 1990. It seeks to focus on the urgency of population growth and its threats. The theme set by the United Nations for this year’s World Population Day is, “A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all”. The global population reached the 7 billion mark in 2011 and it was almost 7.9 billion in 2021, according to the data published by the UN. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 11 – World Population Day
- Theme – “A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all - Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all”

184. Every year, National Doctor’s Day is observed on July 1 in the memory of Dr Bidhan Roy, the former Chief Minister of Bengal, who was known for his selfless service to humanity. Dr Bidhan Roy was also a prominent freedom fighter and Bharat Ratna awardee. The day, commemorated by Indian Medical Association (IMA), celebrates all doctors and healthcare workers who have been tirelessly serving people by risking their own lives. Also called Doctors’ Day, it has been celebrated across the nation every year since 1991. In 2022’s the theme is “Family doctors on the front line”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 1 – National Doctors’ Day (since 1991)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of renowned physician – “Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy” (West Bengal’s former CM)
- Theme – “Family doctors on the front line”



185. India celebrates National Students Day on July 9 every year. The day is celebrated each year to mark the foundation day of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) which was founded in 1949 on the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. RSS-affiliated ABVP has around 30 lakh students as its members. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- July 9 – National Students Day – to mark the foundation day of ‘ABVP’
- HQs of ABVP – Mumbai, Maharashtra | National General Secretary – Nidhi Tripathi

Books & Authors

186. A book titled “The Architect of the New BJP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the Party” is authored by Ajay Singh. Singh’s book is an excellent guide to anyone wanting to know how Narendra Modi, an RSS pracharak, and then general secretary in the BJP, articulated his thoughts on how to win elections and influence people on the ground. The book was published by Penguin Random House on July 11, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Architect of the New BJP: How Narendra Modi Transformed the Party” book – authored by Ajay Singh
- Publisher – Penguin Random House

187. On July 9, Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi launched a book “Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro” in Gujarati, commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters. The book is a part of the “Swadhinta Ka Amrit Mahotsav” to mark the 75th year of the country’s Independence. The book is prepared by the Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation (HSSF) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meenakshi Lekhi – launched a book “Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro” in Gujarati
- The book is prepared by – Hindu Spiritual & Service Foundation (Chennai, Tamil Nadu)

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

188. National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval inaugurated the first ever “Meeting of the Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group (MAMSG)” in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by National Maritime Security Coordinator, Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar. The meeting brought together senior officials from all 13 coastal States & UTs, the Indian Navy and several Central Agencies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajit Doval – inaugurated the first ever “Meeting of the Multi-Agency Maritime Security Group (MAMSG)” in New Delhi
- The meeting was chaired by – Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar (National Maritime Security Coordinator)

189. On July 8, India’s Ambassador to China, Pradeep Kumar Rawat attended a panel discussion on “BRICS Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges” as part of the 10th “World Peace Forum” organized by Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. In 2022, the forum was organised under the theme “Preserving International Stability: Commonality, Comprehensiveness and Cooperation”. [{Read more}](#)



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- Pradeep Kumar Rawat – attended a panel discussion on “BRICS Cooperation: Opportunities and Challenges”
- 10th “World Peace Forum” organized by Tsinghua University – in Beijing, China
- 2022’s theme of the forum – “Preserving International Stability: Commonality, Comprehensiveness & Cooperation”

190. In July 2022, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi inaugurated the 5th Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC) at Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach, Mumbai. PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry (PHDCCI) had organised the 5th GFTC on the theme “Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism” in coordination with the Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi – inaugurated 5th Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC) in Mumbai
- The conclave was organised by = PHDCCI + Ministry of Tourism + Ministry of I&B
- Theme of the conclave – “Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism”

191. The heads of the Caspian countries adopted the final communique of the 6th Caspian Summit, which was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The summit was attended by the leaders of the Caspian countries - Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan and Russia. The next Caspian summit will be held in Iran at the agreed time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 6th Caspian Summit – held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan | The next Caspian summit will be held in – Iran
- Caspian countries: 5 – Turkmenistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan & Russia

192. On July 1, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the “Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) Conference 2022” and released the 9th edition of “Indian Pharmacopoeia” and stated that it is important to develop a “Swasthya and Samrudh Bharat”. The conference was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme of this year’s conference was “Addressing Medicine Quality for Future”. The Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) on behalf of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to fulfill the requirements of the “Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940”. IP 2022 contains a total of 92 new monographs, leading to the total number of 3152 monographs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) Conference 2022” – held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- Theme of the conference – “Addressing Medicine Quality for Future” | Chaired by – Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

193. On July 9, a joint “Indo-US Counter Narcotics Working Group (CNWG) Meeting” was held to deliberate on drug law enforcement and increase in seizures of heroin from Afghanistan. The two sides also signed an agreement on strengthening cooperation and sharing intelligence. The Indian delegation was headed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) Director General S. N. Pradhan. An Amended Letter of Agreement in the field of cooperation for drug related matters between India and the US was signed during the event. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Counter Narcotics Working Group (CNWG) Meeting – held between India & US
- Indian delegation was headed by – S. N. Pradhan (Director General of NCB)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

194. Geo-political conflicts and the COVID-19 pandemic has put the 17 sustainable development goals of United Nations in jeopardy, according to a UN report titled the “Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022” released on July 8. As per the report, the combined crisis led to an additional 75 million to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022, compared with pre-pandemic projections. 93 million people worldwide were pushed into extreme poverty in 2020. The report also said, in 2021, an estimated 17 million metric tons of plastic entered the world’s ocean and the volume of plastic pollution entering the ocean is expected to double or triple by 2040. Energy-related CO₂ emissions for 2021 rose by 6%, reaching the highest level ever. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sustainable Development Goals Report 2022” report released by – UN
- According to the report:
 - The crisis led to an additional 75 million to 95 million people living in extreme poverty in 2022
 - The Crisis put the 17 SDGs of United Nations in jeopardy
 - Volume of plastic pollution entering the ocean is expected to double or triple by 2040
 - Energy-related CO₂ emissions for 2021 rose by 6% (highest level ever)
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

195. Cannabis legalization in parts of the world appears to have accelerated daily use and related health impacts, according to the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)’s “World Drug Report 2022”. According to the report, around 284 million people aged 15-64 used drugs worldwide in 2020, a 26% increase over the previous decade. Globally, the report estimates that 11.2 million people worldwide were injecting drugs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Drug Report 2022” – released by UN Office on Drugs & Crime (UNODC)
- As per the report:
 - Around 284 million people aged 15-64 used drugs worldwide in 2020 (26% increase over the previous decade)
 - 11.2 million people worldwide were injecting drugs
- HQs of UNODC – Vienna, Austria | Director-General – Ghada Fathi Waly

196. On July 7, Ministry of Rural Development released the delta ranking of “Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM)” for the month of June, in which Jharkhand ranked first across India in the delta ranking and earned 8th place in overall ranking with composite score of 76.19 in the month of June, 2022. With this, the state has improved its position to 8th place in overall ranking of the mission. In the delta ranking, the state improved its score by 1.93 compared to May. The central government had launched the mission in 2016. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MoRD – released the delta ranking of “Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission (SPMRM)” for June
- Jharkhand – ranked first across India in the delta ranking & earned 8th place in overall ranking (Score - 76.19)
- Jharkhand: Capital – Ranchi | CM – Hemant Soren | Governor – Ramesh Bais

197. On July 5, India’s Unemployment rate rose to 7.80% in June with the loss of 13 million jobs, mainly in the Agriculture sector, according to the data released by economic think-tank Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). Unemployment rate in rural areas went up to 8.03% from 6.62% in May. In urban areas, it was slightly better at 7.30% compared to 7.12% recorded in May. The highest rate of unemployment was witnessed in Haryana at 30.6%, followed by Rajasthan at 29.8% & Assam at 17.2%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CMIE data: India’s Unemployment rate in June – 7.80% (8.03% in rural & 7.30% in urban)
- Highest rate of unemployment – in Haryana at 30.6% | Followed by Rajasthan (29.8%), Assam (17.2%)
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

Amount & Agreements

198. On July 7, the Chhattisgarh Government received an in-principle approval from the Central Government to sign a \$300 million (approximately ₹2,100 Cr) loan agreement with World Bank for the state’s School Education Project. The agreement will allow the Chhattisgarh Government to borrow \$300 million over a period of 5 years at significantly lower than market rates, and repay it over a period of 20 years. The World Bank has been associated with India’s school education system since 1994, according to its website. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chhattisgarh + World Bank = a \$300 million (approx ₹2,100 Cr) loan agreement for School Education Project
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

199. On July 9, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL) and France-based Safran Helicopter Engines signed an agreement to create a new joint venture “Aero-Engine Company” in India to develop helicopter engines. One of its main objectives will be to meet the requirements of HAL and Ministry of Defence’s future helicopters, including the 13-ton ‘IMRH’ (Indian Multi-Role Helicopter). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HAL + Safran Helicopter Engines (France) = an agreement to create a new joint venture “Aero-Engine Company” in India
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan



200. On July 8, an MoU was signed between Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) and Central TB Division, under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoH&FW) with the aim to achieving the Prime Minister's ambitious target of Eliminating TB in India by 2025. The MoU is expected to pave way for coordinated efforts at grassroots level to create mass awareness in rural areas to end stigma and discrimination associated with Tuberculosis and will help utilize the huge potential of nationwide network of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/Rural Local Bodies for elimination of TB in India by 2025. MoHFW has developed a "National Strategic Plan (2017-2025)" for elimination of TB in India by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoPR + Central TB Division (MoH&FW) = an MoU to achieve the target of Eliminating TB in India by 2025
- MoHFW has developed a "National Strategic Plan (2017-2025)" for elimination of TB in India by 2025
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar
- Ministry of & Panchayati Raj: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Panchayati Raj: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti





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