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# National & States Affairs

**1.** The first batch of Cheetahs are expected to arrive in India's Kuno Palpur Wildlife Sanctuary in Madhya Pradesh by August 2022. The Cheetahs are being imported from South Africa and/or Namibia. India's aspires to import at least 30 Cheetahs in the next five years. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Cheetahs (1<sup>st</sup> batch) – to arrive in India's Kuno Palpur WLS in Madhya Pradesh by August 2022
- Cheetahs – being imported from South Africa and/or Namibia
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand | President – Cyril Ramaphosa

**2.** On June 1, the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) released its "Biodiversity Policy 2022" for conservation and restoration of a balanced ecosystem. It aims to mainstream the concept of biodiversity across its value chain and adopt a precautionary approach for sustainable management of biodiversity in all the decision-making processes. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- NTPC – released "Biodiversity Policy 2022" for conservation & restoration of a balanced ecosystem
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

**3.** The government has set up a 7-member Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) to work on regulations for the online gaming industry and identify a nodal ministry to look after the sector. The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS) appreciated the government's decision. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Government set up a 7-member Inter-Ministerial Task Force (IMTF) to work on regulations for Online Gaming Industry
- Chairman of FIFS - Bimal Julka | HQs – New Delhi, India

**4.** On June 2, Logistics services provider Blue Dart signed the 'Climate Neutral Now' (CNN) pledge by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The initiative encourages and supports interested stakeholders to act now in order to achieve a climate neutral world by 2050, as per the Paris Agreement. The company has adopted a package of measures worth up to 7-billion Euros to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 in line with the Paris Climate Agreement. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Blue Dart – signed the 'Climate Neutral Now (CNN)' pledge by the UNFCCC
- Blue Dart – adopted a package of measures worth up to 7-billion Euros to reduce its Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2030

**5.** To improve the ease of living for the common man, the government is planning to launch 'Jan Samarth' - a common portal for delivery of various schemes run by different ministries and departments. The new portal plans to initially onboard 15 credit-linked government schemes. The portal will have open architecture enabling state governments and other institutions to also onboard their schemes on this platform in the future. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Government plans – to launch 'Jan Samarth' portal to improve the ease of living for the common man
- 'Jan Samarth' – a common portal for delivery of various schemes run by different Ministries & Departments
- The new portal plans to initially onboard 15 credit-linked government schemes

**6.** On June 1, the Union Cabinet gave its approval for expanding the mandate of the Government e Marketplace-Special Purpose Vehicle (GeM-SPV) to allow procurement by Cooperatives as buyers on GeM. The GeM was launched on August 9, 2016 by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. While a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) by the name of Government e-Marketplace (GeM SPV) was set up as the National Public Procurement Portal on 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2017. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Union Cabinet gave its approval to allow procurement by Cooperatives as buyers on the Government e Marketplace
- [GeM – launched by Ministry of Commerce & Industry](#)
- [Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal](#) (Constituency – Maharashtra)

**7.** On June 2, in a bid to curb corruption at government offices in the State, Andhra Pradesh CM Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy launched an app - "ACB 14400". The app is developed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). People can lodge corruption-related complaints against officials in the State. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Andhra Pradesh – launched "ACB 14400" app to curb corruption at government offices in the State
- [Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati](#) | [CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy](#) | [Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan](#)

**8.** As on June 2, Pamban Railway Bridge, India's first 'Vertical Lift Railway Bridge' over the sea, is being constructed by Indian Railways for ₹250 Cr and likely to be ready by this year. The new bridge, that stretches for 2.05 kilometers, will connect Mandapam town in mainland Tamil Nadu to Pamban island and Rameshwaram. The existing Pamban Rail Bridge, which connects Rameswaram to mainland India, is 105 years old. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 2.05 km 'Pamban Railway Bridge' – being constructed by Indian Railways in Mandapam, Tamil Nadu
- India's first vertical lift railway bridge will connect Rameswaram to the mainland in Tamil Nadu | Cost – Rs 250 Cr

**9.** The sales revenue from the sale of generic medicines across India, under PM Jan Aushadhi Yojna (PMJAY), has crossed Rs 100 Cr for the first time in May, 2022. The government has set a target of increasing the number of Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) to 10,000 by March 2024. There are 8,735 such shops in 739 districts as of now. The stores are operated by the Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) under the department of pharmaceuticals. The scheme started from the annual turnover of Rs 8 Cr in year 2014-15. The scheme provides for incentive of Rs 5 lakh and special incentives of up to Rs. 2 lakh for various categories including women, SC/ST, hill districts, island districts and north-eastern States. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sales of affordable quality generic medicines under 'PMJAY' crossed Rs 100 Cr for the first time in May, 2022
- 8,735 PMBJKs have been opened till May, 2022 | Targets: 10,000 PMBJKs by March 2024
- Implementing agency of PMBJP – Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)
- [Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers – Mansukh L. Mandaviya](#) | [Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat](#)

## International Affairs

**10.** On June 3, India commissioned a unique “International Liquid-Mirror Telescope (ILMT)” atop a mountain in the Himalayan region. The telescope is built by astronomers from India, Belgium and Canada and it is located at an altitude of 2,450 metres at the Devasthal Observatory campus of Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES) in Nainital district, Uttarakhand. It is India’s first and Asia’s largest liquid-mirror telescope. It will keep a watch on the skies to identify transient or variable objects such as space debris, asteroids, supernovae and gravitational lenses. ILMT is a 4-metre class telescope. While 3.6 metre Devasthal Optical Telescope (DOT) is also located at ARIES in Nainital, Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- India – commissioned a unique “International Liquid-Mirror Telescope (ILMT)” atop a mountain in the Himalayan region
- ILMT – India’s first & Asia’s largest liquid-mirror telescope
- The telescope is built by = India + Belgium + Canada | Located at an altitude of 2,450m in Uttarakhand

## Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

**11.** On June 2, SBI General Insurance unveiled its new Health Insurance Vertical. The company aims to leverage the expansive footprint and network of its parent company State Bank of India to further entrench health insurance penetration in Tier 3 and 4 markets across India. SBI General has recorded a strong performance in the health insurance segment with a 50% growth in GWP in FY 21-22. To further its focus on health insurance, SBI General Insurance has partnered with Apollo 24/7. The benefits and services can be availed under the ‘SBI General Sanjeevani’ section on SBI General mobile app. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- SBI General Insurance – unveiled its new Health Insurance Vertical to entrench penetration in Tier 3 and 4 markets
- SBI General Insurance + Apollo 24/7 = partnered to focus on health insurance
- SBI General – recorded 50% growth in GWP in FY 21-22
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Prakash Chandra Kandpal | Tagline – “Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono”

**12.** On June 2, the Central Government approved new guidelines of central sector scheme “Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region & Sikkim”. The scheme will be implemented during 15<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission Cycle (2021-22 to 2025-26). The Scheme is envisaged to provide financial support for enhancing the productivity and competitiveness as well as capacity building of MSMEs in the NER & Sikkim. The financial assistance of Central Government will be 90%. The maximum financial support was increased from Rs 10 Cr to Rs 13.50 Cr for setting up new and modernizing existing Mini Technology Centres. For the development of a new industrial estate, the maximum assistance will be Rs 15 Cr and Rs 10 Cr for the development of an existing Industrial Estate. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Central Govt. approved new guidelines of “Promotion of MSMEs in North Eastern Region & Sikkim” scheme
- The financial assistance of Central Govt will be 90%
- Maximum financial support:
  - For setting up new & modernizing existing Mini Technology Centres – Rs 13.50 Cr
  - For the development of a new industrial estate – Rs 15 Cr
  - For the development of an existing Industrial Estate – Rs 10 Cr

**13.** On June 2, Power Finance Corporation Limited's (PFC) maiden Green Bonds of 300 million Euros (1.841% Euro) have been listed on Luxembourg Green Exchange (LGX) of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (LuxSE), the largest green bond listing platform. This bond is already listed on India INX. Moreover, India International Exchange (India INX) and LuxSE signed a co-operation agreement through which the two bourses will enhance the visibility of listed Indian securities towards international investors by facilitating admission of such securities on LuxSE. India INX commenced its trading activities in January 2017 and is India's first International Exchange set up at GIFT City. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PFC's maiden Green Bonds of 300 million Euros have been listed on Luxembourg Green Exchange of LuxSE
- India INX + LuxSE = a co-operation agreement to enhance the visibility of listed Indian securities
- India INX – India's first International Exchange set up at GIFT City
- HQs of PFC Ltd – New Delhi | CMD – Ravinder Singh Dhillon | Established in – 1986

## **Defence Affairs**

**14.** Turkey's "Bayraktar TB2" drone was seen at the Pakistani air base in Murid. The TB2 drone is dubbed a "Tank Killer". The Bayraktar TB2 is a medium-altitude long-endurance unmanned combat aerial vehicle manufactured by the Turkish firm Baykar Makina Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Bayraktar TB2" drone (Tank killer) – was seen at the Pakistani air base in Murid
- The TB2 drones are manufactured by – Turkey
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan

**15.** As per the new guidelines issued by the Central government on June 2, the Educational Qualification requirement for constables (General Duty) in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has been relaxed from Class 10 to Class 8 for native tribal youth of three districts in South Chhattisgarh. The decision was taken at a meeting of the Union cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Under the new guidelines of recruitment, 400 tribal youths from interior areas of three districts namely Bijapur, Dantewada and Sukma of Chhattisgarh state will get employment opportunities. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Educational Qualification requirement for constables (General Duty) in CRPF – relaxed from Class 10 to Class 8 for native tribal youth of 3 districts in South Chhattisgarh
- Three Districts – Bijapur, Dantewada & Sukma
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey

**16.** Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 325, operating the indigenously built ALH MK III aircraft, was commissioned into the Indian Navy by Lieutenant General Ajai Singh, AVSM, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman & Nicobar at INS Utkrosh, Port Blair. 'Eagle Owl' is the name of 'INAS 325'. It is developed and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). Andaman and Nicobar Command is India's only joint theatre command. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- INAS 325 ('Eagle Owl') – commissioned into the Indian Navy
- INAS 325 – developed & manufactured by HAL
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950





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# Sports & Games

**17.** On June 1, India clinched the Bronze medal in the 2022 Hero Men's Hockey Asia Cup, by defeating Japan. Indian men's hockey team claimed this victory under the captainship of Birendra Lakra. This 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Hockey Asia Cup was held at Jakarta, Indonesia. South Korea won the Gold medal by defeating Malaysia which clinched Silver medal. Uttam Kumar from India became the Rising Star of the Tournament. Indian team also qualified for the 2023 World Cup as host. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India – clinched the Bronze medal in the “2022 Hero Men's Hockey Asia Cup” (defeating - Japan)
- Gold – South Korea | Silver – Malaysia
- Uttam Kumar ([India](#)) – became the ‘Rising Star of the Tournament’
- 11<sup>th</sup> Men's Hockey Asia Cup – held at Jakarta, Indonesia

**18.** On June 3, LeBron Raymone James Sr. is the first active NBA player to become a billionaire with Forbes estimated his net worth at \$1 billion. LeBron James is nicknamed “King James” and he is an American professional basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers of the National Basketball Association (NBA). Michael Jordan, whose net worth Forbes has pegged at \$1.7 billion, didn't reach billionaire status until 11 years post-retirement. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- LeBron Raymone James Sr. ([USA](#)) – the first active NBA player to become a billionaire (Net worth - \$1 billion)
- LeBron James – nicknamed “King James”
- HQs of NBA – [New York, US](#) | [CEO – Adam Silver](#)

**19.** Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced to introduce the “Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award” in the state for sportspersons. While announcing this, Gehlot was addressing the inauguration and player award ceremony at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur. Gehlot inaugurated Rajasthan High Performance Sports and Rehabilitation Centre, Renovated Synthetic Hockey Astro Turf and Badminton Indoor Hall, Olympic and also awarded Para Olympic medalists, Asian Games-2022 and Commonwealth Games-2022 players. The CM also announced that the ‘Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics’ will start from August 29, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Rajasthan – to introduce the “Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award” in the state for Sportspersons
- Ashok Gehlot inaugurated:
  - Rajasthan High Performance Sports & Rehabilitation Centre
  - Renovated Synthetic Hockey Astro Turf
  - Badminton Indoor Hall
- Ashok Gehlot awarded: Para Olympic medalists, Asian Games-2022 players & Commonwealth Games-2022 players
- Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics – to be held in Rajasthan from Aug 2022
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur](#) | [CM – Ashok Gehlot](#) | [Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)

**20.** Olympic gold medalist Ariarne Titmus has broken the women's 400-meter freestyle world record at the Australian swimming championships. Titmus finished in 3 minutes, 56.40 seconds. Titmus also won gold in the 200-meter freestyle at the Tokyo Games in 2021. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Arianne Titmus – broke the women's 400-meter freestyle world record at the 'Australian Swimming Championships'
- Arianne Titmus – had won Gold in the 200-meter freestyle at the Tokyo Games in 2021

**21.** In May 2022, Supernovas beat Velocity by 4 runs in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Women's T20 Challenge final that took place in Pune, Maharashtra. Harmanpreet Kaur was the Captain of Supernovas. Women's T20 Challenge was first held in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Supernovas – beat Velocity in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of Women's T20 Challenge final that took place in Pune, Maharashtra
- Women's T20 Challenge was first held in 2018
- Harmanpreet Kaur – the Captain of Supernovas

## **Science & Technology**

**22.** Researchers from IIT Kharagpur in collaboration with the Indo-Korea Science and Technology Center (IKST) have developed a method called CrysXPP to predict the properties of crystalline material through machine learning. It enables rapid prediction of various material properties with high precision. The result was recently published in the "NPJ Computational Materials" journal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- IIT Kharagpur + Indo-Korea S&T Center = developed 'CrysXPP' to predict properties of crystalline material through ML
- Director of IIT Kharagpur – Virendra Kumar Tewari

## **Appointments & Resignations**

**23.** On June 1, Senior scientist Rajesh Gera was appointed as the Director General of National Informatics Centre (NIC). Gera is currently Deputy Director General in the NIC. The NIC, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), was established in 1976 with the objective to provide technology-driven solutions to central and state governments. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajesh Gera – appointed as the DG of National Informatics Centre (succeeding - Neeta Verma)
- HQs of NIC – New Delhi | Director General – Rajesh Gera | works under – MeitY | Established in – 1976

**24.** On June 2, Sports Authority of India (SAI) Director General Sandip Pradhan was granted a tenure extension of more than 2 years till 30th September 2024 by the Government of India. Pradhan, an Indian Revenue Services officer of 1990 batch, was to end his current tenure on July 6, 2022. Pradhan replaced Neelam Kappor as DG on August 1, 2019. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- DG Sandip Pradhan – was granted a tenure extension of more than 2 years (till 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, 2024)
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | DG – Sandip Pradhan

**25.** On June 2, Delhi Election Commission appointed Cricketer Yash Dhull as the State Icon for NCT of Delhi to motivate youngsters to get enrolled to exercise their right to vote. Dhull made his first-class cricket debut for the Delhi Cricket Team in the 2021-22 Ranji Trophy. He was also the Captain for India for the “2022 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup” which was won by India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi Election Commission – appointed Cricketer Yash Dhull as the State Icon for NCT of Delhi
- Yash made his first-class cricket debut for the Delhi Cricket Team in the ‘2021-22 Ranji Trophy’
- “2022 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup” – won by India

**26.** On June 3, Union Bank of India appointed A. Manimekhalai as its first woman MD & CEO for a period of 3 years. She succeeds Rajkiran Rai G whose tenure ended on May 31. Swarup Kumar Saha has been appointed as MD as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank succeeding S. Krishnan who retired in May 2022. In Indian Overseas Bank, Ajay Kumar Srivastava has been identified to succeed Partha Pratim Sengupta as MD & CEO who retires at the end of 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A. Manimekhalai – appointed as the first woman MD & CEO of UBI (succeeding - Rajkiran Rai G)
- Swarup Kumar Saha – appointed as MD & CEO of Punjab & Sind Bank (succeeding - S. Krishnan)
- Ajay Kumar Srivastava – to be appointed as MD & CEO of IOB (succeeding - Partha Pratim Sengupta)
- HQs of UBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – A. Manimekhalai | Tagline – “Good People to Bank With”
- HQs of Punjab & Sind Bank – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Swarup Kumar Saha

**27.** On June 1, the Union government announced elevation of two senior IPS officers S. L. Thaosen and Zulfiquar Hasan as new Director Generals of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) and Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), respectively. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- S. L. Thaosen – appointed as new DG of Sashastra Seema Bal (succeeding - Sanjay Arora)
- Zulfiquar Hasan – appointed as new DG of Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (succeeding - Nasir Kamal)
- HQs of SSB – New Delhi | Director General – S. L. Thaosen
- HQs of BCAS – New Delhi | DG – Zulfiquar Hasan

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

**28.** On June 2, Himachal Pradesh-based Shoolini University of Biotechnology & Management Sciences has been highly commended and awarded the second prize by the prestigious Times Higher Education (THE) Awards Asia for their ‘outstanding support for students’. The ‘THE Awards’ are also dubbed the ‘Oscars of Higher Education’. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- Shoolini University (HP) – awarded the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize by the “THE Awards Asia” for ‘outstanding support for students’
- THE Awards – dubbed as ‘Oscars of Higher Education’

**29.** As on June 2, Salman Rushdie, the Mumbai-born author of the Booker Prize-winning novel “Midnight’s Children”, leads a list of over 40 professionals and community champions of Indian-origin to be honoured in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list which was released on June 1. Mr. Rushdie is named a ‘Companion of Honour’ for services to literature. The event marks the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II’s 70 years of service to the U.K. The Companion of Honour is a special award granted to those who have made a major contribution to the arts, science, medicine, or government lasting over a long period of time. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Salman Rushdie (Indian-origin) – leads a list of over 40 professionals & community champions of Indian-origin to be honoured in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list
- He was named a ‘Companion of Honour’ for services to literature

## **Schemes & Initiatives**

**30.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 11<sup>th</sup> installment of financial benefits worth Rs 21,000 Cr under the “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)” scheme to more than 10 Cr farmers on May 31 in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Under the PM-KISAN, financial benefit of Rs 6,000 per year is provided to the eligible farmer families, payable in 3 equal installments of Rs 2,000. The 10<sup>th</sup> installment was released in January 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- PM Narendra Modi – released the 11<sup>th</sup> installment of financial benefits worth Rs 21,000 Cr under PM-KISAN scheme
- Under PM-KISAN – Rs 6,000 per year to the eligible farmer families (in 3 equal installments of Rs 2,000)
- PM-KISAN – a central sector scheme, launched on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019

**31.** “Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme” is a health insurance plan scheme launched by the government of Karnataka. Through this scheme, all the state Government employees will be getting the insurance plan, the employees will get the benefit of getting their medical treatment free of cost in any matriculated hospital. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Jyothi Sanjeevini Scheme”, a health insurance plan, launched by – Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot



## Important Days & Dates

**32.** Every year June 1 is celebrated as World Milk Day since 2001. It is celebrated to recognize the importance of milk as a global food. World Milk Day was established by the (FAO) Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the UN. This year, the theme will be focused on drawing attention to the climate change crisis and how the dairy industry can lessen its environmental impact. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 1 – World Milk Day (since 2001)
- World Milk Day – established by the FAO
- HQs of FAO – Rome, Italy | DG – QU Dongyu | Formation – 16<sup>th</sup> October, 1945

**33.** World Bicycle Day is marked on 3 June every year to recognise bicycling as a way to get a sustainable form of traveling. The UN General Assembly declared 3 June every year to be celebrated as World Bicycle Day in April 2018. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 3 – UN's World Bicycle Day
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres

**34.** Since 2013, the Global Day of Parents is annually celebrated on 1 June as a mark of appreciation for the commitment of parents towards their children. In December 1989, the UN General Assembly proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family under resolution 44/82. In 2022, the theme is "Appreciate all parents throughout the world". [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 1 – Global Day of Parents (since 2012)
- 2022's Theme – "Appreciate All Parents throughout the World"

**35.** On June 2, the eve of Telangana Formation Day or Telangana Day, Telangana chief minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao extended greetings to the people of Telangana. Telangana was carved out of Andhra Pradesh and officially accorded statehood on June 2, 2014. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 2 – Telangana Formation Day (since 2014 - the year of the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

**36.** International Sex Workers' Day (ISWD) is observed on 2 June every year across the world. This day is celebrated to highlight the rampant exploitation of sex workers and the terrible conditions they live in. In 2022, the theme of the day is not known yet. ISWD was established in 1975. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- June 2 – "International Sex Workers Day" (since 1975)

**37.** Ministry of Ayush chose “Yoga for Humanity” as theme for 8<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga 2022 to be organised in India and across the globe on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022. The main event of IDY 2022 demonstration will be held at Mysuru, Karnataka. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the theme in his “Maan Ki Baat’ address. The IDY2022 was promoted through multiple programmes by the Ministry of Ayush, in association with Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

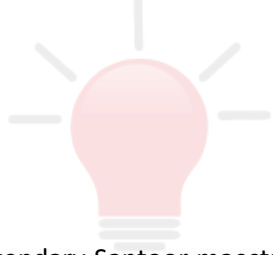
- June 21, 2022 – 8<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga (since 2015)
- Theme – “Yoga for Humanity”
- Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam

## **Books & Authors**

**38.** Ruskin Bond has authored a new book titled “In Adventures in Reading”. The book is published by Rupa Publications. The book weaves together personal memories and his turbulent yet uplifting journey as a writer. His own experiences as well as the diverse characters in his tales teach us not just various lessons on human nature and relationships, but also to make the most of our daily lives. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “In Adventures in Reading” book – authored by Ruskin Bond



## **Obituaries**

**39.** On June 2, the legendary Santoor maestro Pandit Bhajan Sopori passed away. He was known for playing the Santoor, a traditional Indian musical instrument and he was also a very renowned musician. He was the recipient of the prestigious ‘Padma Shree’ award. Besides that, he was awarded ‘Sangeet Natak Akademi Award’, ‘J&K Government Lifetime Achievement Award’, ‘J&K Government Civilian Award’ among many others. Pandit Sopori is widely known as the “Saint of the Santoor” and the “King of Strings”. He is popularly known to have developed the ‘Sufi Baaj’ style of music that is based on Sufiana Qalam and Hindustani Classical music. In 2011, Indian Postal Department honoured Bhajan Sopori with a Rs 5 stamp as a special tribute for his work. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pandit Bhajan Sopori – Santoor maestro – passed away (Nicknames: “Saint of the Santoor” or “King of Strings”)
- Awards: Padma Shree, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, J&K Government Lifetime Achievement/Civilian Award
- He is popularly known to have developed the ‘Sufi Baaj’ style of music



## Meetings, Conferences & Summits

**40.** The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 59<sup>th</sup> Mahaadhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. On the occasion, he also virtually inaugurated the new building of the Government Ayurved Medical College, Ujjain. During the Mahaadhiveshan, the topic “Ayurveda Diet - Basis of Healthy India” was also discussed. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 59<sup>th</sup> Mahaadhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan – at Ujjain, MP
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**41.** World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) 2022 held from 30th May to 3rd June, 2022 in Geneva, Switzerland. It was co-organized by International Telecommunications Union (ITU), UNESCO, UNDP & UNCTAD. The WSIS 2022 was held under the theme of “ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion and Resilience: WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs”. It aims to bridge the global digital divide separating rich countries from poor countries by increasing internet accessibility in the developing world. Moreover, India is contesting, for re-election, to the International Telecommunications Union Council (ITU) Council, for the term 2023-2026. India has been a member of ITU since 1869 and has been continuously participating. [{Read more}](#)

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## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**42.** On June 1, the Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), released Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) for the Month of April, 2022. The combined Index of Eight Core Industries stood at 143.2 in April 2022, which is an increase of 8.4% (provisional) as compared to the Index of April 2021. The selected 8 core industries are Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement and Electricity. The Eight Core Industries comprise 40.27% of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). Refinery products have the highest weightage among all. [{Read more}](#)

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- HQs of DPIIT – New Delhi | DPIIT works under – Ministry of Commerce & Industry

**43.** Elon Musk, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of SpaceX and Tesla, topped the Fortune 500 list of the World’s top 10 highest paid CEOs in 2021. He also topped the list of the world’s highly compensated CEOs in 2021 with compensation worth around \$23.5 billion. Tesla ranked 65 on this year’s Fortune 500 list. Elon is followed by Apple’s CEO Tim Cook & NVIDIA’s CEO Jensen Huang. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Elon Musk – topped the Fortune 500 list of the World's top 10 highest paid CEOs in 2021
- “2021 Fortune 500 List: World's top 10 highest paid CEOs”: 1<sup>st</sup> – Elon Musk | 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tim Cook | 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jensen Huang
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | Founder & CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002

**44.** UN-Habitat has identified multi-hazard vulnerabilities, urban sprawl, weak urban mobility and green-blue economy as the issues for Jaipur city. Though Jaipur has received a high sustainability rating. Jaipur has received an overall sustainability rating of three on the Urban Sustainability Assessment Framework (USAF) on the basis of data collected for 87 of its 131 parameters. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Jaipur – received sustainability rating of 3 on 'USAF' on the basis of data collected by UN-Habitat
- UN-Habitat identified multi-hazard vulnerabilities, urban sprawl & weak urban mobility as the issues for Jaipur
- HQs of UN-Habitat – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Maimunah Mohd Sharif
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**45.** As per report “Road accidents in India - 2020”, prepared by Transport Research Wing (TRW) of the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH), the number of road accidents has been on decline since 2016 except for a marginal increase of 0.46% in 2018. Similarly, the number of persons injured has been on the decline since 2015. A total of 3,66,138 road accidents were reported by States & UTs during the calendar year 2020, which claimed 1,31,714 lives and caused 3,48,279 injuries. Total accidents in 2020 decreased on an average by 18.46%, the number of persons killed decreased by 12.84% and the number of injuries decreased by 22.84% over previous year's average. As per report, a total of 1,20,806 fatal accidents were reported in 2020, which is 12.23% lower than 2019. [{Read more}](#)

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- Total 1,20,806 fatal accidents were reported in 2020

**46.** As per the Annual Report 2021-22 released by the RBI, the size of the RBI's balance sheet has increased by 8.46% during 2021-22. It is reflective of activities carried out by it in pursuance of currency issue function as well as monetary policy and reserve management. While income for the year increased by 20.14%, expenditure rose by 280.13%. The year 2021-22 ended with an overall surplus of Rs 30,307.45 Cr as against Rs 99,122 Cr in the previous year, decline of 69.42%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

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- Income for the year 2021-22 increased by – 20.14% | Expenditure rose by – 280.13%
- Overall surplus in 2021-22 – Rs 30,307.45 Cr (decline of 69.42% against Rs 99,122 Cr in 2020-21)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**47.** The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) recently allowed the amalgamation of two entities of Panasonic India despite objections by the income tax department over the chances of the anti-abuse provisions of the General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) arising in the future. The GAAR is an anti-abuse provision that was first introduced in 2012. The amalgamation scheme of merging loss-making Panasonic India Pvt Ltd with the profit-making Panasonic Life Solutions India was designed for tax avoidance. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- NCLT – allowed the amalgamation of ‘Panasonic India’ with the ‘Panasonic Life Solutions India’ despite objections by ITD
- **General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR)** – an anti-abuse provision, first introduced in 2012
- **HQs of CBDT** – New Delhi | **Chairman** – Jagannath Bidyadhar Mohapatra | **Formed in** – 1944
- **HQs of CBIC** – New Delhi | **Chairman** – Vivek Johri | **Founded in** – 1964

**48.** Tata Passenger Electric Mobility (TPEML), a subsidiary of Tata Motors, and Ford India Pvt Ltd (FIPL) signed an MoU with the Government of Gujarat for the potential acquisition of Ford India’s Sanand vehicle manufacturing unit. FIPL will operate its Powertrain manufacturing facilities by leasing back the land and buildings of the Powertrain unit from TPEML. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- TPEML + Ford India = an MoU with Gujarat for the potential acquisition of Ford India’s unit in Sanand
- **TPEML = a subsidiary of Tata Motors**

**49.** Multi-channel automobile buying and selling platform CarTrade Tech Ltd entered into an alliance with IDFC First Bank to offer easy and smart financing for used cars. Under the partnership, IDFC First Bank will become the preferred financier for customers purchasing used vehicles from CarWale abSure’s dealers. CarWale abSure is the used car platform of CarTrade Tech. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- CarTrade Tech Ltd + IDFC First Bank = an alliance to offer easy & smart financing for used cars
- CarWale abSure – the used car platform of CarTrade Tech
- **HQs of IDFC First Bank** – Mumbai, Maharashtra | **CEO** – V. Vaidyanathan | **Established in** – 2018

**50.** On June 1, India and Sweden hosted the “Industry Transition Dialogue” in Stockholm, as a part of their joint initiative - Leadership for Industry Transition (LeadIT). This high level of dialogue has contributed to the UN Conference ‘Stockholm+50: a Healthy Planet for the Prosperity of all - our Responsibility, our Opportunity’, that took place on June 2-3, 2022 and set the agenda for COP27. Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India, Bhupender Yadav addressed this dialogue. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- India + Sweden = hosted the “Industry Transition Dialogue” in Stockholm (part of ‘LeadIT’)
- Bhupender Yadav – addressed the “Industry Transition Dialogue”
- **Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change:** Bhupender Yadav | **Constituency** – Rajasthan



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