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- On an average, a person spends 67 minutes per day eating and drinking beverages while watching their favorite TV series.
- Travelling is one of the most overlooked time drainers. CNBC claims that the average commute is a little over 50 minutes per day.
- 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.
- More often unproductive chats on WhatsApp are the major time drainers where you waste your time on without even knowing how much time is spent.

Adding up all these, you spend nearly **4 hours** daily or 1/6th of your day doing a whole lot of **NOTHING!** Over the course of a week that amounts to over **28 hours** of wasted time, and more than **1460 hours** or **52,560,000 seconds** annually!! Scary! Isn't it?

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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 (1st 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 17th 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

10. On June 1, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW) launched two-month long “Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0”. The objective of this mega Covid vaccination drive is to achieve optimal coverage among all eligible beneficiaries and accelerate the pace of vaccination. The campaign will continue till the July 31, 2022. Emphasis will be given to focused campaigns in old age homes, schools, colleges, prisons and brick kilns among others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Health Ministry – launched the “Har Ghar Dastak campaign 2.0” to boost second-dose vaccination
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

11. Under “Operation Rakth Chandan”, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 14.63 MT of Red Sanders, estimated at Rs 11.70 Cr in the international market, from a consignment that was stuffed at ICD Sabarmati, and which was to be exported to Sharjah, UAE. Red Sanders is a flora-species that is endemic to a distinct tract of forests in Eastern Ghats region of Andhra Pradesh and fall under ‘endangered list’ in the IUCN Red List. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRI seized 14.63 MT of Red Sanders, worth Rs 11.70 Cr in the international market, under “Operation Rakth Chandan”
- Red Sanders – a flora-species that is endemic to a distinct tract of forests in Eastern Ghats region of AP
- Red Sanders – under ‘endangered list’ in the IUCN Red List
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat
- HQs of IUCN – Gland, Switzerland | President – Xinsheng Zhang | CEO – Bruno Oberle | Founded in – 1948

12. On June 1, an all-party Meeting held in Bihar unanimously decided to start the Caste-based Census very soon. Those to be involved in the mega exercise will be given proper training and the report will be published. Once this exercise will be over in Bihar, the other States too may follow suit and the whole nation will be covered. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bihar – decided to start the Caste-based Census very soon
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

13. As on June 2, the Centre plans to set up a “Grievance Appellate Committee” to look into appeals filed by individuals against the decisions of grievance officers of social media platforms. Besides, the panel has to dispose of the appeals within 30 days of receiving them and its decision will be binding on the intermediaries or the large social media companies concerned, according to a notification to amend the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Central Govt plans to set up a “Grievance Appellate Committee” to look into appeals against the decisions of grievance officers of social media platforms
- Deadline to dispose of the appeals – 30 days

14. Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari dedicated to the nation 20 Amrit Sarovars in Akola in Maharashtra. The water storage capacity of these 20 reservoirs is 1276 Thousand Cubic Meters (TCM). A total of 71 agricultural universities across the country can be benefited by this. It has been decided to rejuvenate and develop about 50,000 Amrit Sarovars across India by August 15, 2023, under the ‘Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan’. In this context, at least 75 Amrit Sarovars will be rejuvenated in each district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – dedicated to the nation 20 Amrit Sarovars in Akola in Maharashtra
- The water storage capacity of these 20 reservoirs is 1276 Thousand Cubic Meters (TCM)
- Target to rejuvenate about 50,000 Amrit Sarovars across India by August 15, 2023, under the ‘Amrit Sarovar Abhiyan’
- [Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra](#)

15. PM Narendra Modi addressed ‘Garib Kalyan Sammelan’ in Shima, Himachal Pradesh. Marking the completion of 8 years of the BJP government, the programme is organised across the country at state capitals, district headquarters, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Union Ministers and public representatives along with beneficiaries from Maharashtra joined the programme via video conferencing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed “Garib Kalyan Sammelan” in Shima, Himachal Pradesh
- ‘Garib Kalyan Sammelan’ – was held for marking the completion of 8 years of the BJP government

16. In a significant order, the Supreme Court directed that each protected forest should have an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of 1 km. And the Mining & construction of Permanent Structures within Extended Buffer Zone (ESZ) of 1 km radius of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries is restricted. A bench comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai and Aniruddha Bose passed the directions in applications filed in the T. N. Godavarman Thirumalpad case. A set of Guidelines for Declaration of EcoSensitive Zones (ESZ) around National Park and Wildlife Sanctuaries had been formulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Supreme Court – directed each protected forest should have an Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of 1 km
- A bench that passed the directions comprised: Justices L. Nageswara Rao, BR Gavai & Aniruddha Bose
- [Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India – Justice N. V. Ramana \(48th\)](#)

17. On June 5, Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, on the occasion of “World Environment Day”, declared ‘Blue Duke’ as the State Butterfly. Of the 720 species of butterflies found in Sikkim, Blue Duke was selected as the state butterfly securing 57% votes in a recent online poll conducted by the Forest Department. Blue Duke, which goes by the scientific name ‘Bassarona durga durga’, is unique to Sikkim and the eastern Himalayas. It was discovered in the state in 1858. Blue Duke falls in ‘Schedule 2’ of the ‘Wildlife Protection Act, 1972’ and is a protected species in the Himalayas. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Sikkim – declared ‘Blue Duke’ as the State Butterfly (scientific name – ‘Bassarona durga durga’)
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

18. On June 3, the government has approved a four-decade-low interest rate of 8.1% on Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22, down from 8.5% in the previous year. Every month, an employee contributes 12% of his or her base income to the PF account, and the employer matches this payment. Umang App, EPFO Member e-Sewa portal, SMS, or a missed call are all options for checking the EPF amount. Moreover, in 2021, the PFRDA had increased the maximum age for joining the National Pension System (NPS) from 65 years to 70 years. Now the age criteria is 18-70 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Government approved low interest rate of 8.1% on EPF deposits for 2021-22 (from 8.5% in the PY)
- An employee contributes 12% of his or her base income to the PF account
- PFRDA – had increased the maximum age for joining the NPS from 65 years to 70 year (Age criteria - 18 to 70 years)
- HQs of EPFO – New Delhi | CEO – Neelam Shami Rao | Established in – 1952

19. National Cadet Corps (NCC) launched the latest phase of its nationwide flagship campaign “Puneet Sagar Abhiyan” on 30 May 2022 and it continued till 5th June 2022, the World Environment Day. The campaign was initially launched in December, 2021. About 74,000 cadets from 10 States and 4 Union Territories participated in the campaign during this phase. The purpose of the Abhiyan is to educate locals and sensitise them about ‘Swachh Bharat’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCC – launched the latest phase of its nationwide flagship campaign “Puneet Sagar Abhiyan”
- About 74,000 cadets from 10 States and 4 Union Territories participated in the campaign
- HQs of NCC – New Delhi | DG – Lt. Gen. Gurbirpal Singh | Founded on – 16 April, 1948 | Motto – ‘Unity & Discipline’

20. On June 1, the forest department of Bihar has established an ‘Elephant Rescue Centre’ at Bihar’s Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR) to rehabilitate stray, abandoned and injured elephants. VTR is spread over 899 square kilometres in West Champaran district, with Nepal to its north and Uttar Pradesh to its west. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bihar – established an ‘Elephant Rescue Centre’ at Bihar’s Valmiki Tiger Reserve (VTR)
- VTR – is spread over 899 square km in West Champaran district, Bihar
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

21. On June 3, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and India’s public service broadcaster Prasar Bharati are exploring the feasibility of a technology called “Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) Broadcasting” that allows to broadcast video and other forms of multimedia content directly to mobile phones, without needing an active internet connection. Band 526-582 MHz is envisaged to work in coordination with both mobile and broadcast services. DoT has set up a committee to study this band. Moreover, Prasar Bharati had last year announced collaboration with IIT Kanpur to test the feasibility of this technology. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- DoT + Prasar Bharati = are exploring the feasibility of a technology called “Direct-to-Mobile (D2M) Broadcasting”
- The technology will allow to broadcast multimedia content directly to mobile phones without internet
- Prasar Bharati + IIT Kanpur = collaboration to test the feasibility of ‘D2M Broadcasting’ technology

22. According to a draft notification for Electronic Waste Management for Public Feedback, released by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC), consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure that atleast 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023, with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025 respectively. India first announced these rules in 2016 and amended it in 2018. Companies will have to register on an online portal and specify their annual production and e-waste collection targets. Along with specifying targets, the rules also lay out a system of companies securing Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) certificates. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will be the chief entity that will coordinate the trade of EPR certificates and monitor if companies are meeting their targets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoEFCC – released a draft notification for ‘Electronic Waste Management for Public Feedback’
- Companies have to ensure that at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected & recycled by 2023
- Targets to increase to 70% by 2024 & 80% by 2025
- Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will be the Chief Entity to coordinate the trade of EPR certificates
- [Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)

23. On June 5, Minister of State for New & Renewable Energy Bhagwant Khuba launched a Pan-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign titled “Ghar ke upar solar is super” during an event at Bidar, Karnataka. The minister stated that the ministry is working towards achieving target of 500 GW of non-fossil by 2030. The minister highlighted that the ministry is providing 40% of subsidy for households to install solar. The 3 year long, Pan India Rooftop Awareness Program is basically launched by the National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI) with the support of the German Solar Association (BSW). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pan-India Rooftop Solar Awareness Campaign titled “Ghar ke Upar Solar is Super” – launched in Bidar, Karnataka
- MoS for New & Renewable Energy – is providing 40% of subsidy for households to install solar
- Pan India Rooftop Awareness Program – launched by the NSEFI
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot](#)
- [Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar | MoS in Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Bhagwanth Khuba](#)

24. On June 8, PhysicsWallah, an edtech platform for engineering & medical entrance exams, raised \$100 million (around Rs 777 Cr) in its ‘Series A’ funding round from marquee investors Westbridge and GSV Ventures. With this development, the firm has become India’s 101st unicorn and the first edtech player this year to touch the coveted Unicorn Club (valuation of over \$1 billion). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- PhysicsWallah – became India's 101st unicorn & the first edtech player in 2022 to enter the Unicorn Club
- PhysicsWallah – raised \$100 million in its 'Series A' funding round from Westbridge & GSV Ventures

25. On June 7, Union Home & Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi. The NTRI will be the premier national institute for the promotion and preservation of tribal heritage and culture and the nerve centre of tribal research issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields. The institute will collaborate and network with reputed research institutes, universities, and organisations as well as academic bodies and resource centres. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi
- NTRI – will be the premier national institute for the promotion & preservation of tribal heritage & culture

26. On June 6, Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) installed Asia's largest 20 MegaWatt Peak (MWp) Solar Power Plant at its production facility in Manesar, Haryana. The solar plant will contribute 28,000 MegaWatt Hour (MWH) of power to the facility per annum. With the installation of 20 MWp Solar Power Plant, the combined solar power generation capacity across Maruti Suzuki's plants stands at 26.3 MWp. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maruti Suzuki India – installed Asia's largest 20 MegaWatt Peak (MWp) Solar Power Plant in Manesar, Haryana
- The solar plant will contribute 28,000 MegaWatt Hour (MWH) of power to the facility per annum
- HQs of Maruti Suzuki India – New Delhi | Chairman – R C Bhargava | MD & CEO – Hisashi Takeuchi
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

27. On June 4, Chief Minister of Goa, Pramod Sawant launched a "Beach Vigil" app that aims to benefit institutions working in beach tourism sector and also the tourists. The collaboration of Information Technology (IT) with the Tourism sector shall open many avenues in future. Moreover, a report by Public Health Foundation of India stated that India's rape-related crime rate rose 70.7% over the last two decades from 11.6 per 1,00,000 women and girls in 2001 to 19.8 in 2018. Of these Goa documented the highest increase of 559.4%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pramod Sawant ([Goa](#)) – launched "Beach Vigil" app to benefit institutions working in beach tourism sector & tourists
- Public Health Foundation of India: India's rape-related crime rate rose 70.7% over the last 2 decades (2001-2018)
- [Goa](#): Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai

28. As on June 5, India achieved the target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol, 5 months ahead of the targeted timelines of November 2022, PM Narendra Modi announced at an event organised by the Isha foundation. He made the announcement while addressing a programme on the "Save Soil Movement" in Delhi. He also claimed that it has led to a reduction of 27 lakh tonnes of carbon emission, saved foreign exchange worth Rs 41,000 Cr and that India's farmers earned Rs 40,600 Cr in the last 8 years due to increase in ethanol blending. In June 2021, PM Modi published the "Roadmap for Ethanol Blending in India 2020-25" which laid out a pathway for achieving 20% ethanol blending by 2025-26. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – addressed a programme on the “Save Soil Movement” in Delhi
- India achieved the target of 10% ethanol blending in petrol (5 months ahead of target of November 2022)
- It led to a reduction of 27 LT of Carbon Emission & saved Foreign Exchange worth Rs 41,000 Cr
- India’s target: 20% blending of ethanol in petrol to 2025-26

29. On June 6, the Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife (MSBWL), during a meeting chaired by chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, approved 12 new Conservation Reserves and 3 Wildlife Sanctuaries. Put together, these protected areas (PAs) will have an area of almost 1,000 sq km. The state will also get three new wildlife sanctuaries, namely the extension of the Lonar wildlife sanctuary, Kolamarka in Gadchiroli and Muktai Bhawani in Jalgaon. As per the provisions of the “Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972”, the consent of the wildlife board is a must before notifying any fresh protected areas (PAs) in the state. Moreover, Maharashtra has become the first Indian State to declare critical wildlife habitats. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MSBWL – approved 12 new Conservation Reserves & 3 Wildlife Sanctuaries | Total area – 1,000 sq km
- 3 new wildlife sanctuaries are extension of: Lonar WLS, Kolamarka WLS & Muktai Bhawani WLS
- Maharashtra – became the first Indian State to declare critical wildlife habitats
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

30. India has achieved the milestone of 50% of rural households having access to tap water connections under the “Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)” as on May 28, 2022. Goa, Telangana, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Puducherry and Haryana have already achieved 100% household water connections. The JJM aims to empower Panchayati Raj Institutions and communities by engaging them in water supply schemes. Vikas Sheel is the Mission Director of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India achieved the milestone of 50% of rural households having access to tap water connections under the “JJM”
- Mission Director of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) – Vikas Sheel

31. On June 4, PM Narendra Modi launched the “Lifestyle For the Environment (LiFE) Movement”, a global initiative, via video conferencing. The launch initiated “LiFE Global Call for Papers”, inviting ideas and suggestions from academics, universities and research institutions to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle. The people opting this lifestyle are regarded as ‘Pro Planet People (P3)’. The LiFE encourages to replace the prevalent economy of ‘Use & Dispose’ with a circular economy of ‘Reduce, Reuse and Recycle’. The idea of LiFE was introduced by PM Modi during the COP26 in Glasgow last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – launched the “Lifestyle For the Environment (LiFE) Movement”
- “LiFE” – a global initiative to adopt an environment-conscious lifestyle
- The idea of LiFE – was introduced by PM Modi during the COP26 in Glasgow (in 2021)

32. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah laid foundation stone for the Olympic-level International Sports Complex in Naranpura area of Ahmedabad, Gujarat. This ambitious project will be completed in the next 30 months in 20.39 acres of land at a cost of Rs 631.77 Cr. The infrastructure boasts of an aquatic stadium, centre for sports excellence, community sports centre, indoor multipurpose hall and a fit India Zone. The facility will provide training in 1012 different Olympic sports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – laid foundation stone for the Olympic-level “International Sports Complex” in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- The facility will provide training in 1012 different Olympic sports (Cost of the project - Rs 631.77 Cr)
- [Ministry of Home Affairs & Cooperation: Amit Shah](#) | [Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat](#)

33. On June 5, the Union Civil Aviation Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia, announced that the Government of India is exploring the possibility of inviting manufacturers of “electric Vertical Take Off & Landing (eVTOL)” aircraft to set up base in India. In late May, while speaking at “India@2047”, which was part of the 7th ‘India Ideas Conclave’ in Bengaluru, the Minister had highlighted the same. The global market for eVTOLs was put at \$8.5 million in 2021 and is to grow to \$30.8 million by 2030. According to the Blade India official, the Urban Air Mobility (UAM) market is expected to expand at a compound annual growth rate of 25% between 2018-25. By 2025, it is anticipated to be a \$74 billion market. This includes the eVTOLs market since UAM ideally focuses on the use of eVTOLs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GoI is exploring the possibility of inviting manufacturers of “eVTOL” aircraft to set up base in India
- eVTOL – electric Vertical Take Off & Landing | 7th ‘India Ideas Conclave’ – held in Bengaluru (in May)
- Global market for eVTOLs was at \$8.5 million in 2021 & estimated to grow to \$30.8 million by 2030
- UAM market is expected to expand at a compound annual growth rate of 25% between 2018-25

34. On June 5, President Ram Nath Kovind paid tributes to Sant Kabir and inaugurated “Sant Kabir Academy & Research Centre” under the ‘Swadesh Darshan Yojana’ at Kabir Chaura Dham, Maghar, Uttar Pradesh. The foundation stone of ‘Sant Kabir Academy & Research Centre’ was laid by PM Narendra Modi 4 years ago. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- President Ram Nath Kovind – inaugurated “Sant Kabir Academy & Research Centre” at Maghar, Uttar Pradesh
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

35. The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) took up the ₹9,000 Cr Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project of the Karnataka government for discussion at its meeting held on June 17. The total annual quantum prescribed by the Supreme Court for Tamil Nadu is 177.25 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) in a year. Of this, 80 tmc ft is estimated to be coming from the “uncontrolled catchments” below Kabini and KRS. The Mekedatu project will interfere with the flow of this portion of the State’s due. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CWMA – took up the ₹9,000 Cr ‘Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project’ of Karnataka
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot](#)



36. On June 6, Kerala government announced that two cases of Norovirus infection, similar to the diarrhoea-inducing rotavirus, were found in the state. The disease is highly-contagious and the state health department urged the people to maintain hygiene. It is a virus which leads to gastroenteritis or stomach flu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Two cases of 'Norovirus' infection were found in Kerala
- Nonavirus – a virus which leads to gastroenteritis or stomach flu (similar to the diarrhoea-inducing 'Rotavirus')

37. On June 7, Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia unveiled "National Air Sports Policy 2022 (NASP 2022)" to promote sports like aerobatics, hot-air ballooning, and paragliding, with the aim of making India one of the top aerosports nations by 2030. As part of the policy, a four-tier structure will be established to govern aero sports, with the Air Sports Federation of India (ASFI) as the apex body. The ASFI will be an autonomous body under the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA). Air sports are managed by the Switzerland-based Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya Scindia – unveiled "National Air Sports Policy 2022" to make India one of the top aerosports nations by 2030
- Air Sports Federation of India – will be an autonomous body under Ministry of Civil Aviation
- Air sports around the world are managed by – Federation Aeronautique Internationale ([Switzerland](#))
- [Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia](#) | [Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh](#)

38. On June 8, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has created a Guinness World Record for constructing a single lane continuous bituminous concrete road of 75 kilometres in 105 hours and 33 minutes on the National Highway (NH) between Amravati and Akola districts in Maharashtra. The project was implemented by 720 workers. The Amravati to Akola section is part of NH 53. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has set a target to build 60 kilometres of highway per day in India. During the pandemic in 2021-22, the country's national highway construction speed had even slowed down to 28.64 km a day. Primary responsibility of the construction of national highways and expressways across the country lies with the NHAI & NHIDCL. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHAI – created a Guinness World Record for constructing a single lane bituminous road of 75 Kms in 105 hrs & 33 mins
- It was constructed between Amravati & Akola districts ([Maharashtra](#))
- Nitin Gadkari – set a target to build 60 km of highway per day in India
- [HQs of NHAI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Alka Upadhyaya](#) | [Founded in – 1988](#)
- [Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari](#) | [Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh](#)

39. On June 3, the 3rd "Uttar Pradesh Investment Summit 2022" was inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi in the presence of CM Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. PM Modi laid the foundation stone of 1,406 projects worth more than Rs 80,000 Cr in the state. Abu Dhabi-headquartered Lulu Group will invest Rs 2500 Cr in Uttar Pradesh in 3 new projects in the state. Besides, Adani Group will invest Rs 70,000 Cr in Uttar Pradesh. More than 600 investors are showcasing various initiatives, mega projects as well as number of startups and technological innovations. The state has 90 lakh MSMEs, the highest, that constitute 14.2% of all such projects in India. The first UP Investors Summit was held in 2018. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated the 3rd edition of “Uttar Pradesh Investment Summit 2022” in Lucknow
- The first UP Investors Summit – held in 2018
- Lulu Group (Abu Dhabi) – will invest Rs 2500 Cr in Uttar Pradesh in 3 new projects
- Adani Group – will invest Rs 70,000 Cr in Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

40. On June 7, Ministry of Power notified the “Green Open Access Rules, 2022” to further accelerate India’s renewable energy programmes. These rules are notified for promoting generation, purchase and consumption of green energy including through waste-to-energy plants. It enables a simplified procedure for the open access to green power. As per the rules, the green open access is allowed to any consumer and the limit of open access transaction has been reduced from 1 MW (megawatt) to 100 kW for green energy. As per the rules, the approvals are to be granted in 15 days or else it will be deemed to have been approved. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Power – notified the “Green Open Access Rules, 2022” to accelerate India’s RE programmes
- The limit to open access transaction is reduced – to 100 kW for green energy (from 1 MW)
- Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar

41. As per the circular recently issued by the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) on June 8, all ‘hyper-sensitive’ airports in India will have to install a Perimeter Intrusion Detection System (PIDS) by December, 2023. The PIDS is a sensor that helps in alerting security agencies of any intrusion through the airport’s boundary walls. Meanwhile, Bengaluru International Airport in Karnataka has recently introduced Artificial Intelligence-driven, assistance robots. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BCAS circular: all ‘hyper-sensitive’ airports in India will have to install a PIDS by – December, 2023
- PIDS – Perimeter Intrusion Detection System
- Bengaluru International Airport – introduced AI-driven ‘Assistance Robots’
- HQs of BCAS – New Delhi | DG – Zulfiquar Hasan

42. On June 11, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman dedicated to the nation, “Dharohar” - a National Museum of Customs & GST in Goa, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance, celebrated from June 6-12. ‘Dharohar’ has 8 galleries. The tour de force of Dharohar museum is a unique ‘Battle of Wits’ gallery which showcases the cerebral battle between the smugglers and the Customs officers. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – dedicated to the nation a National Museum of Customs & GST named “Dharohar” in Goa
- Goa: Capital – Panaji | CM – Pramod Sawant | Governor – P. S. Sreedharan Pillai



43. On June 8, the National Commission for the Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) launched a “CiSS application” under the Baal Swaraj portal to help in the rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations. Baal Swaraj is a portal launched by NCPCR for online tracking and digital real-time monitoring mechanism of children in need of care and protection. The portal has two functions- COVID care and CiSS. This portal, developed by, NCPCR is a first-of-its-kind initiative in India. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCPCR – launched “CiSS app” under Baal Swaraj portal to help rehabilitation process of Children in Street Situations
- Baal Swaraj portal has two functions: COVID Care + CiSS
- HQs of NCPCR – New Delhi | Chairman – Priyank Kanongoo | Motto – ‘भविष्योरक्षति रक्षितः’

44. On June 10, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the headquarters of the Indian Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It is set up to promote private investment and innovation in the space sector. The PM stated that the government has initiated reforms in the space sector and opened it up for private sector. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the headquarters of the ‘IN-SPACe’ in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

45. At an event to mark World Environment Day, PM Narendra Modi spoke about India’s consistent efforts to combat climate change. During his speech, he also mentioned India’s efforts to create ‘Green Jobs’. ‘Green jobs’ refer to a class of jobs that directly have a positive impact on the planet, and contribute to the overall environmental welfare. Jobs involving renewable energy, conservation of resources, ensuring energy efficient means are categorised under the same. Besides, the Skill Council for Green Jobs was launched by the Union government on October 1, 2015. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi stated to create ‘Green Jobs’ in his recent speech
- ‘Green jobs’ – a class of jobs that directly have a positive impact on the planet & overall environmental welfare
- Skill Council for Green Jobs – launched on Oct 1, 2015

46. For inviting nominations for various awards, a common “Rashtriya Puruskar Portal” has been launched by the Government to bring together all the Awards of the various Ministries/Departments/Agencies of the Government of India under one digital platform to ensure transparency and public partnership (Jan Bhagidari). The awards recognize people who have excelled and made exceptional contribution in their fields. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GoI launched “Rashtriya Puruskar Portal” to bring together all the Awards of various Ministries/Depts/Agencies

47. On June 7, Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying (MoFAHD) launched the “Management Information System (MIS) Dashboard” for the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojna (PMMSY). PMMSY scheme was launched in May 2020 with the investment of Rs 20,050 Cr for the development of Fisheries Sector. Till date a total project investment of Rs 7242.90 Cr (FY 2020-22) has been done under PMMSY. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parshottam Rupala (MoFAHD) – launched the “MIS Dashboard for the PMMSY”
- PMMSY was launched in – May, 2020 | Outlay – Rs 20,050 Cr

48. On June 7, the longest steel bridge of India, “Mahatma Gandhi Setu” became operational. It is built over the river Ganga in Bihar connecting Patna in the south to Hajipur in the North. It was inaugurated in 1982 by Late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and is around 5750 metres (18,860 feet) long. The Mahatma Gandhi Setu is also the first cantilever bridge in India. The project was given to Afcons Infrastructure, with Submit OJSC as a joint venture at an estimated cost of Rs 1,742 Cr. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The longest steel bridge of India, “Mahatma Gandhi Setu” became operational over Ganga in Bihar
- The bridge connects Patna & Hajipur districts of Bihar

49. On June 7, WhatsApp India launched “SMBSaathi Utsav” - an initiative that aims to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums such as the WhatsApp Business App to run their business. SMBSaathi Utsav started on pilot basis in Jaipur’s Johri Bazaar and Bapu Bazaar. India is home to approximately 6.3 Cr MSMEs accounting for 30% of the country’s GDP and employing over 110 million people at present. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WhatsApp India – launched “SMBSaathi Utsav” to support small businesses by helping them adopt digital mediums
- HQs of Whatsapp – California, US | CEO – Jan Koum | Founded in – 2009

50. On June 9, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar launched India’s first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine for animals namely “Anocovax”. It is developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC). Anocovax is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) vaccine for animals. The immunity induced by Anocovax neutralises both Delta and Omicron variants of SARS-CoV-2. The vaccine contains inactivated SARS-CoV-2 (Delta) antigen with Alhydrogel as an adjuvant which is safe for dogs, lions, leopards, mice and rabbits. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Singh Tomar – launched India’s first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine for animals namely “Anocovax”
- Anocovax contains inactivated SARS-CoV-2 (Delta) antigen with ‘Alhydrogel’ as an adjuvant

51. On June 8, the Technology Development Board (TDB), a statutory body under the Department of Science & Technology, is set to launch a Rs 1,000 Cr startup fund under a public private partnership model. The TDB was set up as a statutory body in September 1996, under the “Technology Development Board Act, 1995”. [_{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Technology Development Board – is set to launch a Rs 1,000 Cr startup fund under a PPP model
- TDB was set up in Sep 1996, under the “Technology Development Board Act, 1995”



52. On June 12, the Social Justice & Empowerment Ministry (MoSJE) launched the new draft 'National Policy on persons with disabilities (PwD)' and has invited public feedback on it till July 9. The draft proposes interventions in disability prevention, education, healthcare, social security and accessibility. The "Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016" expanded the number of disabilities from 7 to 21. The draft policy called for a comprehensive national programme on prevention that would include the disabilities added in the RPD Act and other medical conditions that are risk cases that could manifest as a disability. However, a revision was required as the existing national policy on disability was drafted in 2006, after which India signed the "United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" in 2007. A committee headed by Anjali Bhawra was formed to come up with the draft. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSJE – launched the new 'Draft National Policy on PwD, 2021'
- The "Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016" expanded the number of disabilities from 7 to 21
- A committee to come up with the draft – headed by Anjali Bhawra
- Existing 'National Policy on Disability' was drafted – in 2006

53. On June 12, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly adopted the digital Vidhan Sabha system for paperless proceedings. Uttar Pradesh is one of the few state legislatures in India that has implemented this. The National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) is a system for digitising the legislative bodies of all Indian states and the Parliament through a single platform. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs is the nodal ministry for the e-Vidhan system. Nagaland became the first state to implement NeVA in March, 2022. PM Narendra Modi announced the idea of "One Nation One Legislative Platform" in November 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – adopted the 'Digital Vidhan Sabha System' for paperless proceedings
- Nodal Ministry for the e-Vidhan system – Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs | Nagaland – first state to implement NeVA
- PM Narendra Modi announced the idea of "One Nation One Legislative Platform" in Nov, 2021
- [UP: Capital – Lucknow](#) | [CM – Yogi Adityanath](#) | [Governor – Anandiben Patel](#)

54. On June 10, PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for various development projects in Gujarat totaling Rs 3,050 Cr during the 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan' in Navsari district of Gujarat. These projects would assist improve the region's water supply. PM Modi performed the Bhumi Pujan for 13 water supply projects for residents of Tapi, Navsari and Surat districts, worth ₹961 Cr. The PM also inaugurated 'Nal Se Jal' projects worth Rs 163 Cr, and Virpur Vyara substation worth Rs 85 Cr to provide electricity to residents of the Tapi district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – laid foundation stone for development projects worth Rs 3,050 Cr during 'Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan' in Navsari district
- He also inaugurated 'Nal Se Jal' projects (Rs 163 Cr) & Virpur Vyara substation (Rs 85 Cr) to provide electricity to Tapi
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

55. On June 13, to ensure that the farmers get easy access to benefits distributed under various government schemes, the Karnataka government has launched software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes. The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System (FRUITS) software facilitates single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitised land record system for authenticating ownership. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched “FRUITS” software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the farmer schemes
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

56. The Central Government scheme “Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN)”, headed by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, is celebrating its 5th anniversary this year. As of now, over 415 UDAN routes connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports and water aerodromes, while over 92 lakh people have benefited from the scheme. The Civil Aviation Ministry plans and commits to construct 100 new airports by 2024 in India with 1,000 new routes under the UDAN scheme by 2026. Under the scheme, the fare for 500 km is a mere ₹2,500, which is lesser than a taxi fare (₹10 to ₹15 per km). The scheme was Launched in October 2016, while the first UDAN flight was launched on April 27, 2017 from Jubbarhatti Airport, Shimla to Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Civil Aviation’s UDAN Scheme – is celebrating its 5th anniversary in 2022 (Launched in - Oct 2016)
- First UDAN flight – launched on April 27, 2017 from Jubbarhatti Airport (Shimla) to Delhi
- [Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia](#) | [Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh](#)

57. On June 12, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a Cancer Diagnostics & Research Centre in Kochi’s Kaloor, which is slated to be India’s first Oncology Laboratory for comprehensive Cancer diagnostic services. The centre is the dedicated research lab for Karkinos Healthcare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s first Oncology Laboratory for comprehensive Cancer diagnostic services – inaugurated in Kochi, Kerala
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

58. On June 13, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the ‘Sujal’ initiative for Panchkula to monitor the water supply and control its flow in the region. Under the initiative, a device will be installed in every drinking water meter, tubewell and connections of Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) that will store the water usage data online. With this technology, it will become easy to estimate the flow of water in every house and at every commercial site. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manohar Lal Khattar – launched the ‘Sujal’ initiative for Panchkula to monitor the water supply and control its flow
- A device will be installed in every drinking water meter, tubewell & HSVP connections to store water usage data online
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

59. In June 2022, the central government has set up a “National Food Laboratory” under the Indo-Nepal bilateral agreement, which will make it easier and quicker to test food products being brought into India from Nepal. The ‘National Food Laboratory’ of FSSAI was inaugurated by Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya in Bihar's Raxaul, situated at the Indo-Nepal border. The laboratory is likely to get the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) accreditation by July-August, 2022. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – inaugurated the FSSAI’s “National Food Laboratory” in Raxaul, Bihar
- HQs of FSSAI – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rita Teotia | CEO – Arun Singhal
- Bihar: Capital – Patna | CM – Nitish Kumar | Governor – Phagu Chauhan

60. In June 2022, Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a “Single Nodal Agency (SNA) Dashboard” which will provide a platform for ministries/departments to monitor transfer of funds to states and their utilisation. Public Financial Management System (PFMS) has developed the SNA dashboard. The dashboard was launched as part of the Iconic Week Celebrations of the Ministry of Finance & Ministry of Corporate Affairs, held under the theme of “Transforming Lives”. During the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) celebrations, she also launched ‘NETRA (New e-Tracking and Remote Administration)’ portal & mobile app for Indian Development & Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – launched a “Single Nodal Agency (SNA) Dashboard”
- She also launched ‘NETRA portal & mobile app for Indian Development & Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS)
- Ministry of Finance + Ministry of Corporate Affairs = celebrated ‘Iconic Week’ | Theme – “Transforming Lives”
- Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chaudhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

61. On June 9, Minister of State for Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal in an event organised by National Monuments Authority (NMA) released ‘Banda Singh Bahadur Martyrdom Monument Poster’, ahead of the 306th Martyrdom Day of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, a great warrior to defend India and defeat the Mughals. Chairman of National Monuments Authority, Tarun Vijay also graced the occasion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arjun Ram Meghwal – released ‘Banda Singh Bahadur Martyrdom Monument Poster’ in an event
- The event was organized by – National Monuments Authority (HQ – New Delhi | Chairman – Tarun Vijay)
- MoS in Minister of Culture: Arjun Ram Meghwal & Meenakshi Lekhi
- HQs of NMA – New Delhi | Chairman – Tarun Vijay

62. On June 9, the Suraksha-Mitra project, a vehicle monitoring system, has become operational in Kerala. The project, launched by the Motor Vehicle Department under the Nirbhaya scheme, envisages sending a distress message to the owners’ mobile phones in case of any untoward incidents while travelling. Owners will receive SMS alerts from the Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) attached to the vehicles, if the vehicle is involved in an accident or driver over-speeds the vehicle. As part of the project, the device has been installed in 2.38 lakh vehicles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Suraksha-Mitra’ project, a vehicle monitoring system – became operational in Kerala (under Nirbhaya scheme)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

63. On June 8, Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh L. Mandaviya launched 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on June 7. This measure is also likely to reinforce quality of Ayurvedic products. According to the FSSAI, 'Ayurveda Aahar' is food prepared in accordance with the recipes or ingredients and/or processes as per methods described in the authoritative books of Ayurveda listed under 'Schedule A' of "Food Safety & Standards (Ayurveda Aahar) Regulations, 2021". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya – launched 'Ayurveda Aahar' logo on the occasion of World Food Safety Day
- June 7 – World Food Safety Day
- [Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya](#) | [Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat](#)

64. In June 2022, Yamuna International Airport Private Limited (YIAPL) selected Tata Projects Ltd to undertake the engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) of the Noida International Airport (NIA). The new airport is expected to be functional by 2024. The company is working to deliver a passenger terminal, runway, and other airport infrastructure with a capacity of 12 million passengers annually, by 2024. The project is being developed as a public-private partnership between Zurich Airport and Uttar Pradesh government. In November 2021, PM Narendra Modi had laid the foundation stone of Jewar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- YIAPL selected 'Tata Projects Ltd' to undertake the Engineering, Procurement & Construction (EPC) of Noida Int. Airport
- Estimated capacity – 12 million passengers annually | Airport to be functional by 2024
- The project is being developed as a PPP between = Zurich Airport ([Switzerland](#)) + UP Govt.

65. On June 13, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued a set of guidelines to the States and the Union Territories on the grant of special remission to prisoners to commemorate the 75th year of Independence. As part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, the special remission would be granted to a certain category of prisoners, and they would be released in three phases - August 15, 2022, January 26, 2023 and August 15, 2023. The prisoners who would qualify for premature release under the scheme are women and transgender convicts of 50 years of age and male convicts of 60 years and above who have completed 50% of their total sentence period without counting the period of general remission earned. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – issued a set of guidelines to the States & UTs on the grant of special remission to prisoners to commemorate the 75th year of Independence
- Prisoners would be released in three phases – August 15, 2022, January 26, 2023 & August 15, 2023
- Criteria for premature release under the scheme:
- For Women & Transgender: Age – minimum 50 years & 50% of their total sentence period should be completed
- For Men: Age – minimum 60 years & 50% of their total sentence period should be completed

66. On June 1, the Punjab government launched the 'e-stamp facility' to abolish the physical stamp papers in an attempt to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of State revenue. Earlier, the e-stamping facility was applicable only to a value of above ₹20,000, but the government is extending this facility to stamp papers for all denominations starting from ₹1. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Punjab – launched the ‘e-stamp facility’ to abolish the physical stamp papers for all denominations starting from ₹1
- Earlier, the e-stamping facility was applicable only to a value of above ₹20,000
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit

67. In May & June, around 1,229 cattle across 5 districts of Gujarat have recently been infected with Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), an infectious viral disease. Some 39 of the animals have died. Lumpy skin disease (LSD) is a viral disease of cattle caused by lumpy skin disease virus (LSDV), one of the animal poxviruses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Lumpy Skin Disease’ infected around 1,229 cattle – across 5 districts of Gujarat
- Lumpy skin disease (LSD) – a viral disease of cattle caused by ‘Lumpy Skin Disease Virus (LSDV)’, a Poxvirus
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

68. In June 2022, Himachal Pradesh government approved ‘Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022’ and became India’s first state to formally acknowledge the public use of drones. The policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD). The policy aims to propagate the use of drone-enabled technology in different sectors such as defence, transport, health, agriculture and more. The Union Budget 2022, aims to boost the Indian drone industry as the budget includes Rs 120 Cr PLI scheme for the drone industry, intended to boost domestic manufacturing and ban of imported drones. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HP – approved ‘HP Drone Policy 2022’ & became India’s first state to formally acknowledge the public use of drones
- GARUD – **G**overnance **A**nd **R**eforms **U**sing **D**rones
- Union budget includes Rs 120 Cr PLI scheme for the ‘Drone Industry’
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

69. On June 14, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister of Civil Aviation, awarded the first Type Certificate (TC) under “Drone Rules, 2021” to Gurugram-based IoTechWorld Avigation Pvt Ltd (IoTechWorld). The first Type Certificate (TC) is awarded in just 34 days after submission of online application. The ‘Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (CSUAS)’ for obtaining Type Certificate (TC) for drones was notified on January 26, 2022. The scheme was developed by the Quality Council of India. There are 3 globally-renowned Certification Bodies (CB) approved by QCI namely - TQ Cert, UL India and Bureau Veritas. India has set a target to become a drone hub by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia – awarded first TC under “Drone Rules, 2021” to IoTechWorld Avigation Pvt Ltd ([Gurugram](#))
- The scheme was developed by – Quality Council of India
- India has set a target to become a drone hub – by 2030
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh

70. On June 14, the Indian Railways’ Southern Railway Zone began the maiden service of privately-run ‘Bharat Gaurav Trains’ from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu to Sainagar Shirdi in Maharashtra, the first train under the scheme. Indian Railways had launched the operation of theme-based Bharat Gaurav train in the month of November 2021 in a bid to connect historical places. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Southern Railway Zone – began 1st service of ‘Bharat Gaurav Trains’ – from Coimbatore (TN) to Sainagar Shirdi (MH)
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Vinay Kumar Tripathi

71. On June 16, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has developed an Indian Standard, “IS 17693: 2022”, for a non-electric cooling cabinet made of clay. Mansukh Bhai Prajapati from Gujarat is the innovator behind the refrigerator which is named as ‘Mitticool Refrigerator’. It is a natural refrigerator made primarily from clay to store vegetables, fruits, milk and also for cooling water. It provides natural coolness to foodstuffs stored in it without requiring any electricity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BIS – developed “IS 17693: 2022” for non-electric ‘Mitticool Refrigerator’ (innovator – Mansukh Bhai Prajapati)
- HQs of BIS – Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi | Director General – Pramod Kumar Tiwari

72. In June 2022, Bhogeshwara, reportedly the elephant with the longest tusks in Asia, died of natural causes at the age of 60. The wild elephant, also known as Mr. Kabini, was found dead in the Gundre range of Karnataka’s Bandipur Tiger Reserve. According to forest department officials, Bhogeshwar’s tusks (long & pointed teeth) were 2.54 meters and 2.34 meters long. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Bhogeshwara’, an elephant with the longest tusks in Asia (Mr. Kabini) – died in Bandipur Tiger Reserve (Karnataka)
- Tusks length – 2.54 meters & 2.34 meters
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

73. On June 15, the Uttar Pradesh government decided to give incentives to set up units in the state’s first Medical Device Park proposed on 350-acre land in Sector 28 of Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA). It was also decided to implement the centrally-sponsored Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samridhi Yojana in the state till 2026-27. The state cabinet approved a proposal to set up Pilibhit Tiger Protection Foundation under the provisions of “Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972”. Moreover, the state cabinet approved a proposal wherein no stamp duty will be levied on transfer of property between blood relations. The cabinet also approved a proposal to provide a sum of Rs 4.22 Cr to Bhatkhande Cultural University. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttar Pradesh – decided to give incentives to set up units in the state’s first Medical Device Park in Sector 28 of YEIDA
- UP decided to implement ‘Pt Deendayal Upadhyay Kisan Samridhi Yojana’ till 2026-27
- UP – approved a proposal to set up Pilibhit Tiger Protection Foundation under “Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972”
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

74. The Delhi Airport (Indira Gandhi International Airport) is India’s first airport to introduce personalised baggage tag called “BAGG TRAX”, enabled by Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology. It will give passengers real-time information about when and on which belt is their check-in luggage arriving in the terminal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indira Gandhi International Airport ([Delhi](#)) – India's 1st airport to introduce personalised baggage tag called "BAGG TRAX"
- BAGG TRAX – enabled by **Radio Frequency Identification** (RFID) technology

75. The census exercise, which was originally scheduled to take place in 2021, has been further pushed to 2023-24. In a letter sent to all states and UTs, the office of the Registrar General of India (RGI) has extended the deadline of freezing of administrative boundaries to December 31, 2022. As per 'Rule 8 (iv)' of the "Census Rules, 1990", the boundaries of administrative units shall be frozen from the date intimated by the Census Commissioner, which shall not be earlier than one year from the Census reference date. According to provisional RGI data, the number of districts has gone up from 640 in 2011 to 736. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Census (originally scheduled to take place in 2021) – pushed to 2023-24
- RGI extended the deadline of freezing of administrative boundaries to – December 31, 2022
- RGI data: the number of districts has gone up from 640 in 2011 to 736

76. On June 17, Steel Minister Ram Chandra Prasad Singh inaugurated a 6-lane highway in Surat made of steel slag, a first of its kind in India. The road constructed using 100% steel-processed slag (waste) is a real example of converting "Waste into Wealth". Slag is a by-product (waste) of steel manufacturing. The road has jointly been made with the CSIR-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Chandra Prasad Singh – inaugurated India's first road made of steel slag in Surat, Gujarat (6-lane highway)
- The road is constructed jointly with – CSIR-CRRI ([HQs of CRRI – New Delhi](#) | [Director – Ranjana Aggarwal](#))
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

77. On June 17, India's first-ever girl Panchayat, "Balika Panchayat" is started in several villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. It aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation of girls in politics. This is a unique initiative of the Women and Child Development Welfare department of the Gujarat Government under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign. The Ministry of Women & Child Development is also planning to begin the girl panchayat across India. "Balika Panchayat" is a panchayat of girls between the age of 10 and 21 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Balika Panchayat", India's first-ever girl Panchayat – started in several villages of Gujarat's Kutch district
- It is initiative of Women & Child Development Welfare department of Gujarat under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign
- [Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar](#) | [CM – Bhupendra Patel](#) | [Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat](#)

78. On June 17, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel inaugurated India's first government desalination plant only for industrial use at Dahej in Bharuch with a capacity of 100 MLD (million litres per day), set up at a cost of Rs 881 crore. The daily requirement of water for industries in Dahej is around 200 MLD, which is currently fetched from the Narmada river. The industries will now get treated sea water for their use. Former CM Vijay Rupani had laid the foundation for the plant at Dahej on November 30, 2019, due to the increased demand for water in industries. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's first government desalination plant only for industrial use – inaugurated at Dahej in Bharuch, Gujarat
- Capacity – 100 MLD (million litres per day) | Cost – Rs 881 Cr
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

79. In June 2022, Red Sand Dunes were recently identified in the small desert situated in Tamil Nadu. The red dunes are called “Theri” in Tamil. They consist of sediments dating back to the Quaternary Period and are made of marine deposits. The dunes are spread over Kuthiraimozhi theri (2,387.12 hectares) and Sathankulam (899.08 ha) reserve forest of Tiruchendur taluk. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Red Sand Dunes – recently identified in the small desert situated in Tamil Nadu
- The red dunes are called “Theri” in Tamil & are made of marine deposits
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

80. On June 17, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions (MoPP&P) reconstituted a 3-member panel to examine the representation of officials sacked for alleged inefficiency or corruption from the government service. Arti Ahuja has been appointed in place of Leena Nandan. Similarly, Puneet Kansal has replaced Ashutosh Jindal. One member nominated by the cadre controlling authority will also be part of the panel. The committee examines the representation of employees who are sacked under Fundamental Rule (FR) 56 (J), (I) and Rule 48 of the “Central Civil Services (Pension) Rules 1972”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoPP&P – reconstituted a 3-member panel to examine representation of officials sacked for alleged corruption
- Arti Ahuja – replaced Leena Nandan | Puneet Kansal – replaced Leena Nandan

81. On June 18, Hanle village in Ladakh is set to become India's first Dark Sky Reserve. The village is part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary. The site will host activities to promote astronomy-tourism, giving a boost to local tourism and economy through science. Once declared as the Hanle Dark Sky Reserve (HDSR), the administration, local council members along with the scientists will collectively work towards preservation of the night sky from unwanted light pollution and illumination. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hanle village ([Ladakh](#)) – to become India's first Dark Sky Reserve
- The village is part of – Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary ([Ladakh](#))
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

82. mRube, the electronic trading platform promoted by Rubber Board, went live from June 8. The electronic trading platform is contemplated to complement the existing trade system by bringing in more transparency and market visibility. The Ahmedabad-based i-Sourcing Technologies is the technology partner. Rubber Board is a statutory body under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- mRube (electronic trading platform promoted by Rubber Board) – went live from June 8
- Technology Partner – i-Sourcing Technologies ([Ahmedabad](#)) | Rubber Board – under Ministry of Commerce & Industry

83. On June 7, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has released new guidelines on “Type 1 Diabetes”, a Non-Communicable disease. To manage Type 1 Diabetes, the ICMR recommends eating a nutritious diet which includes 50-55% carbohydrates, 30% fats & 15-20% protein out of total calories consumed on a daily basis. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICMR – released new guidelines on “Type 1 Diabetes”
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

84. On June 14, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated an underground “Gallery of Revolutionaries” museum dedicated to the luminaries of the freedom struggle, at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. The underground gallery is established in the subterranean network of 13 pre-World War-I British era bunkers. The gallery includes information on the freedom movement heroes, their role in the movement, sculptures, rare photographs, murals and details on tribal revolutionaries drawn by school-kids. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – inaugurated an underground “Gallery of Revolutionaries” museum in Mumbai
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

85. In June 2022, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin inaugurated “Empress”, India’s premium cruise, from Chennai Port. It is the first-ever luxury cruise line from the State. The vessel is operated by Cordelia Cruises. It sailed with 1,800 passengers and 600 crew. The Empress has 11 decks with 796 cabins and it will anchor at Puducherry and Visakhapatnam harbours. The two-night and three-day package costs around Rs 40,000 and a five-day trip to Puducherry costs around Rs 90,000 and could go beyond Rs 1.5 lakh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. K. Stalin – inaugurated “Empress”, India’s premium cruise, from Chennai Port
- It is first-ever luxury cruise line from TN | Operated by – Cordelia Cruises
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

86. On June 16, Central Water Commission (CWC) under the aegis of Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized a one-day “National Workshop on Dam Safety Act, 2021” for Dam Safety Governance in India at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. In India, there are 5334 existing large dams while the other 411 large dams are under various stages of construction. Maharashtra leads with 2394 dams, followed by Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat. India’s dams annually store about 300 billion cubic meters of water. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Water Commission – organized a one-day “National Workshop on Dam Safety Act, 2021” at New Delhi
- Maharashtra leads with 2394 dams | Followed by – Madhya Pradesh & Gujarat
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency – Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries – Prahlad Singh Patel



87. On June 18, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated the “National Yoga Olympiad 2022” and Quiz Competition in Delhi. The National Yoga Olympiad was jointly organised by the Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The minister also suggested the inclusion of Yoga as a part of the NCERT curriculum. The NCERT started the National Yoga Olympiad in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – inaugurated the “National Yoga Olympiad 2022” and Quiz Competition in Delhi
- National Yoga Olympiad – was jointly organised by MoE + NCERT
- NCERT – started the ‘National Yoga Olympiad’ in 2016
- [Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)

88. On June 13, Jammu & Kashmir launched “Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani (AZAN)”, a unique programme to enhance transparency in the land records maintenance system. The initiative is aimed at facilitating easy online access to the system to view or monitor the status of revenue records. AZAN has empowered local citizens to check their land records on CIS Portal. The initiative is part of the Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP). Besides, 3,895 Ground Control Points are established, and Web-based Enterprise Geo-Information System (GIS) is also developed under the programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- J & K – launched “Aapki Zameen Aapki Nigrani (AZAN)” to enhance transparency in land records maintenance system
- AZAN – part of the ‘Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme’
- [J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha](#)

89. On June 19, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announced conducting “Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23” to prepare a data bank on Malayali expatriates in different parts of the world. A “Malayali Pravasi Portal” will be launched as part of this. Insurance and other welfare schemes for expatriates will be linked to the portal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala – announced conducting “Kerala Migration Survey 2022-23” to prepare a data bank on Malayali expatriates
- A “Malayali Pravasi Portal” will be launched as part of this survey
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

90. Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) published the draft on the “National Data Governance Framework” on May 26 and invited feedback till June 18. The National Data Governance Framework Policy (NDGFP) will ensure equitable access to non-personal data as it seeks public consultation. The draft includes plans for setting up the India Data Management Office (IDMO) under Digital India Corporation for framing, managing and periodically revising the policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – published the draft on the “National Data Governance Framework”
- The draft includes plans for setting up the ‘India Data Management Office (IDMO)’
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)



91. Meghalaya's Mawsynram, the world's wettest place, rewrote its June rainfall records held since 1940. The 24-hour rainfall recorded there was a whopping 1003.6mm, surpassing the previous record of 945.4mm of 1966. The second closest rainfall record was held by Meghalaya's Cherrapunji, another wet place, where the 24-hour rainfall was 972mm. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mawsynram ([Meghalaya](#)) – the world's wettest place, rewrote its June rainfall records held since 1940
- The second closest rainfall record was held by Meghalaya's Cherrapunji
- [Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik](#)

92. On June 20, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) extended the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme in telecom by 1 year. Besides, it has amended the guidelines to introduce design-led manufacturing with additional incentive of 1%. DoT notified the PLI scheme on February 24, 2021, with a financial outlay of Rs 12,195 Cr. DoT has also approved the addition of 11 new telecom and networking products to the existing list. The scheme stipulates a minimum investment threshold of Rs 10 Cr for MSMEs and Rs 100 Cr for non-MSME applicants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoT – extended the “Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme” in telecom by 1 year
- Minimum investment threshold – Rs 10 Cr for MSMEs & Rs 100 Cr for non-MSME applicants
- DoT – amended the guidelines to introduce design-led manufacturing with additional incentive of 1%
- DoT – notified the PLI scheme on February 24, 2021, with a financial outlay of Rs 12,195 Cr

93. On June 21, the Election Commission of India (ECI) delisted 111 more registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs) found non-existent upon verification of their registered addresses. Besides, it also sent a reference to the department of revenue for ‘necessary legal and criminal action’ against three parties allegedly involved in ‘financial impropriety’. The EC also shared a list of 1897, 2202 and 2351 RUPPs who did not submit their contribution reports in FY 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ECI delisted 111 more registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs) found non-existent at their registered addresses
- [HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar \(25th\) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950](#)

94. On June 21, Minister of State (I/C) Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated a Seismological Observatory at Udhampur in Jammu & Kashmir, an initiative of the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences. India has installed more than 70 such observatories across India in last 8 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jitendra Singh – inaugurated a ‘Seismological Observatory’ at Udhampur in Jammu & Kashmir
- It is an initiative of the National Centre of Seismology (NCS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- [J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha](#)
- [MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K](#)

95. On June 21, Assam became the 36th and the last State/UT to implement “One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Scheme”. With this, the ONORC plan is successfully implemented in all the 36 states/UTs, making food security portable throughout India. During the last two years of COVID-19 pandemic, ONORC plan has significantly contributed in ensuring subsidized foodgrains to NFSA (National Food Security Act) beneficiaries, especially migrant beneficiaries. Since its inception in August 2019, about 71 Crore portable transactions have taken place under ONORC. Another dimension under ONORC plan is the ‘MERA RATION’ mobile application which has been rolled out to take maximum advantage of the ONORC plan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam – became the 36th & the last State/UT to implement “One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Scheme”
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

96. On June 18, a ‘Samajik Adhikarita Shivir’ for distribution of aids and assistive devices to ‘Divyangjan’ under the ADIP Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) in association with ALIMCO at Tezpur in Sonitpur District of Assam. A total of 3445 Aids and Assistive devices of different categories with value of worth Rs 199.60 Lakhs were distributed free of cost among 1808 pre identified Divyangjan. Earlier in May, similar Shivir was organised in Bharatpur, Rajasthan also. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DEPwD + ALIMCO = organized a ‘Samajik Adhikarita Shivir’ in Sonitpur, Assam
- It is for distribution of aids & assistive devices to ‘Divyangjan’ under ADIP Scheme of MoSJE
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)
- [Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar](#) | [Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh](#)

97. On June 19, a statue of Muni Suvrata Nath, the 20th Thirthankara, has come up at Jainaragutti, Karnataka to become a major pilgrimage centre for Jains. The statue, including the kamala peetha (lotus seat) and an image of tortoise at the base, is about 54-ft tall. The black stone (Krishna shile) for the statue was sourced at Srirampura in Hosadurga taluk of Chitradurga district. ‘Pancha Kalyana Mahotsava’ of the statue is scheduled for March 2023. Abhishekha of the statue will be held once in 12 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Statue of Muni Suvrata Nath (20th Thirthankara) – came up at Jainaragutti, Karnataka (Total height - 54 ft)
- ‘Pancha Kalyana Mahotsava’ of the statue is scheduled for – March, 2023 (Abhishekha - once in 12 years)
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

98. On June 16, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of the United States announced to distribute a funding of USD 122 million to top three Indian medical research institutions, over a period of 5 years, to prevent avoidable epidemics. The three institutions are - Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), National Institute of Virology (NIV) and National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE). Eligibility for funding beginning September 30, 2022 is limited to ICMR, and ICMR institutions, including NIV, Pune and NIE, Chennai. These institutions are mandated by the Ministry of Health of Family Health and Welfare (MoHFW) to provide an oversight for laboratory confirmation of priority pathogens in India in a tiered manner. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- CDC (US) – to distribute \$122 million to ICMR, NIV & NIE to prevent avoidable epidemics (over a period of 5 years)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- HQs of ICMR – New Delhi, India | Director General – Balram Bhargava | Established in – 1911

99. On June 20, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the “Centre for Brain Research (CBR)” set up at a cost of Rs 280 Cr at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) campus in Bengaluru. During the Programme, the PM also laid the foundation stone for 832-bedded Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital. The hospital is scheduled to be operational by the end of 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated the “Centre for Brain Research (CBR)” – at IISc, Bengaluru (Cost - Rs 280 Cr)
- Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital – Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

100. On June 22, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has amended the “National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) Rules, 2018”, rationalising the penalty provision for certain contraventions aimed at encouraging compliance. As per the “NFRA Amendment Rules, 2022”, non-compliance with the rules will attract penalty of ₹5,000 and where the contravention is a continuing one, a further fine of ₹500 for every day. This applies to offences for which penalty is not specified elsewhere in the law. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Corporate Affairs – amended the “National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) Rules, 2018”
- For non-compliance with the rules – penalty of ₹5,000
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Rao Inderjit Singh

101. As the political crisis in Maharashtra rages, a fresh application has been filed in a 2020 writ petition in the Supreme Court which sought to bar MLAs who have been disqualified or have resigned from contesting elections for up to 5 years. The petition in question was filed by Congress leader Jaya Thakur and, in an effort to curb defections. Disqualifications on the grounds of defection are detailed in the 10th Schedule of the Constitution, commonly referred to as the “Anti-Defection Law”. This law was introduced by 52nd Amendment Act. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- To curb defections, a fresh application was filed in a 2020 writ petition in the Supreme Court – by Jaya Thakur
- Disqualifications on the grounds of defection are detailed in – 10th Schedule of the Constitution
- 10th Schedule of the Constitution = “Anti-Defection Law” (introduced by 52nd Amendment Act)

102. On June 21, PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for 5 national highway and 7 railway projects worth over Rs 27,000 Cr in Bengaluru. PM Modi inaugurated India’s first Air-conditioned Railway Station - Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Station at Baiyappanahalli, which has been developed at a cost of Rs 315 Cr. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – foundation stone for 5 national highway & 7 railway projects worth Rs 27,000 Cr in Bengaluru
- He inaugurated India's first Air-conditioned Railway Station - Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Station – in Bengaluru

103. On June 23, Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated the largest IKEA outlet in India namely “Nagasandra Store” in Bengaluru. The Bengaluru store is IKEA's third outlet in India after the ones in Hyderabad and Mumbai. It is spread over 4.6 lakh sq ft. Swedish home furnishing retailer IKEA had opened its first Indian store in Hyderabad in 2019. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Basavaraj Bommai – inaugurated the largest IKEA outlet in India namely “Nagasandra Store” in Bengaluru
- Bengaluru store is IKEA's 3rd outlet in India | After the ones in Hyderabad (1st) & Mumbai (2nd)
- IKEA (Sweden) – opened its first Indian store in Hyderabad in 2019
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

104. On June 22, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, during the inspection of Bengal Safari North Bengal Wild Animals Park, adopted a 1-year old tiger for 1 year and named him 'Agniveer'. He adopted tiger to spread awareness among the people under the Adoption Program. He paid Rs 2 lakh for the maintenance of the adopted tiger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Kumar Choubey – adopted a 1-year old tiger for 1 year & named him 'Agniveer'
- He adopted tiger to spread awareness among the people under the Adoption Program
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

105. The government is considering transferring the Administration of the “Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985” and “Prevention of Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (PITNDPS) Act, 1988” from the Ministry of Finance to Ministry of Home Affairs to bring all issues related to narcotics under one department. The 'NDPS Act, 1985' prohibits a person from the production/manufacturing/cultivation, possession, sale, purchase transport, storage, and/or consumption of any narcotic drug or psychotropic substance. While 'PITNDPS Act, 1988' provides for detention in certain cases for the purpose of preventing illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt transferred the Administration of 'NDPS Act, 1985' & 'PITNDPS Act, 1988' – from MoF to MHA
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka

106. After the successful completion of the “Purple Revolution” in Jammu & Kashmir, the government is planning to extend the initiative in other hilly areas such as Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and the North-Eastern States. Purple Revolution has now shifted its focus to Agri-tech StartUps. The Purple or Lavender Revolution was launched by Ministry of Science & Technology under the CSIR's “Aroma Mission”, which aimed at increasing lavender cultivation in Jammu & Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Purple Revolution”, successfully completed in J&K – to be extended in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh & NE States
- It was launched by – Ministry of S & T under the CSIR’s “Aroma Mission”
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha
- HQs of CSIR – New Delhi | President – Narendra Modi | DG – Shekhar C. Mande | Established in – 1942

107. India recorded an all-time high seafood exports of 13,69,264 MT worth Rs 57,586.48 Cr (USD 7.76 billion) during 2021-22, despite the several challenges in its major export markets caused by the Covid pandemic. During the FY 2021-22, the export improved in rupee term by 31.71%, in USD terms by 30.26% and in quantity terms by 19.12%. Frozen shrimp remained the major export item in terms of quantity and value. It accounted for a share of 53.18% in quantity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India recorded an all-time high seafood exports of 13,69,264 MT worth Rs 57,586.48 Cr (USD 7.76 billion) in FY22
- The export improved in rupee term by – 31.71% | In USD terms by – 30.26% | In quantity terms by – 19.12%
- Frozen shrimp – major export item in terms of quantity & value

108. On June 26, Forest department in Odisha, in association with a non-government organization, started a pilot project on siren system to alert traffic about elephant movement. The system has been installed at two places at Ratasingha and Haldiabahal. It would go off automatically sensing Elephant herds crossing National Highway and it is expected to reduce human-elephant encounters. According to the Wildlife Society of Odisha, an NGO, 423 elephants have died in the State since 2017-2018. During same period, 531 humans were killed and 548 were injured in human-elephant encounters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – started a pilot project on Siren System to alert traffic about Elephant movement
- In Odisha, 423 elephants died & 531 humans were killed since 2017-2018 in ‘Human-Elephant Encounters’
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

109. In June 2022, the Central Institute of Cotton Research (CICR), State Agricultural Universities and private players including the South Asia Biotechnology Centre (SABC), launched “Project Bandhan” to control the spread of Pink Bollworm in Cotton across 16 districts of 7 major cotton-growing States this kharif. Project Bandhan will be implemented in some 19 clusters each over 62.5 acres covering a total area of 1,200 acres across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CICR + State Agricultural Uni. + SABC = launched “Project Bandhan” to control the spread of Pink Bollworm in Cotton
- HQs of CICR – Nagpur, Maharashtra | Director – Dr. Y G Prasad



110. Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport has switched to Hydro and Solar Power for its consumption needs from June 1, making it India's first airport to run entirely on a combination of these forms of Green Energy. In 2015, the Cochin International Airport in Kerala became the first airport in the world to run solely using solar energy. This is part of the airport's goal to achieve the 'Net Zero Carbon Emissions Airport' target by the year 2030. In 2020, the Delhi airport also became the first in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve 'Level 4+' under ACI's airport carbon accreditation program (CAP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Airport – 1st in India to run entirely on Solar & Hydro Power
- Delhi Airport – became first in Asia-Pacific region to achieve 'Level 4+' under ACI's airport CAP (in 2020)
- Cochin Int. Airport (Kerala) – became first airport in world to run solely using Solar Energy (in 2015)
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

111. On June 23, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the new premises of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, namely "Vanijya Bhawan". Besides, PM Modi also launched a new portal called "NIRYAT" (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade), a one-stop place for all info needed for India's foreign trade. Despite global disruptions last year, India exported a total of \$670 billion or Rs 50 lakh Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated new premises of Ministry of Commerce & Industry "Vanijya Bhawan"
- Narendra Modi – launched new portal called "NIRYAT" for India's foreign trade
- NIRYAT – National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade
- India exported a total of \$670 billion (Rs 50 lakh Cr) in FY 2021-22
- Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal | Constituency – Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Commerce & Industry: Anupriya Singh Patel & Som Parkash

112. On June 24, Minister for Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), Nitin Gadkari approved the Draft GSR Notification to introduce "Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program)", wherein automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests. The Ministry issued a notification, whereby it is proposed to insert a new Rule 126E in "Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), 1989" regarding the Bharat NCAP. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – approved Draft GSR Notification to introduce "Bharat NCAP"
- For this, MoRTH – issued a notification to insert a new Rule 126E in "Central Motor Vehicles Rules (CMVR), 1989"
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh

113. On June 10, India's power demand touched a record high of 211 GW even though the coal shortage continued. To bridge the gap between shortage in domestic supply and increasing demand, power generating companies or 'gencos' were directed to use imported coal for 10% of their requirement, failing which their domestic supplies would be cut. India is the second largest producer of coal, with reserves that could last up to 100 years. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India's power demand touched a record high of 211 GW
- India is 2nd largest producer of coal

114. On June 25, Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has revised the "Rules on Voluntary Winding up of Companies" to give additional opportunities to companies for making the case for an exit through electronic filing after the initial request. The idea is to make the corporate exit process under the Companies Act provisions, outside the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), smoother. Voluntary winding up under the "Companies Act" and the corporate restructure option available under a "2019 Reserve Bank of India Scheme" are two options other than IBC available to businesses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MCA – revised "Rules on Voluntary Winding up of Companies"
- Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Rao Inderjit Singh

115. In June 2022, the Central Consumer Protection authority (CCPA), under the Department of Consumer Affairs, issued the "Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisements and Endorsements for Misleading Advertisements, 2022" with an objective to curb misleading advertisements and protect the consumers, who may be exploited or affected by such advertisements. The CCPA has been established under 'Section 10' of the 'Consumer Protection Act, 2019' for regulating matters relating to violation of the rights of the consumers, unfair trade practices and false or misleading advertisements. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCPA issued "Guidelines for Prevention of Misleading Advertisements & Endorsements for Misleading Advertisements"
- The CCPA was established under 'Section 10' of the 'Consumer Protection Act, 2019'
- HQs of CCPA – New Delhi | HQs of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Consumer Healthcare – Brentford, UK

116. On June 22, Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India, inaugurated a Brainstorming Workshop in New Delhi to kick start an ambitious National Mission on "National Air Quality Resource Framework of India (NARFI)". The NARFI is developed by the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru. The framework will provide an all-inclusive guide to collecting air quality data, studying its impact and implementing science-based solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajay Kumar Sood – inaugurated Workshop to kick start 'National Mission on NARFI'
- NARFI – developed by NIAS, Bengaluru

117. On June 23, Peoples Action for Employment Guarantee (PAEG), a group of academicians and activists working in the field, said that the Ministry of Rural Development must withdraw its order related to MGNREGA scheme worksites. The ministry's order discontinues manual attendance for Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA) scheme worksites with more than 20 workers, to replace it using an app, "National Mobile Monitoring Software (NMMS)" for recording attendance. PAEG, in a recent letter to Secretary Rural Development N. N. Sinha, said that the Ministry's May 13th order is a violation of rights of workers. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- MoRD – ordered to discontinue manual attendance for ‘MGNREGA Scheme’ worksites with more than 20 workers & replace it using mobile app - “NMMS”
- Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar
- MoS in Ministry of Rural Development: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti

118. On June 23, the Ministry of Home Affairs further extended the validity of the FCRA registration of NGOs whose renewal application is pending with the government, till September 30. The previous deadline was June 30 this year. This, however, is applicable to such NGOs who have applied for renewal before expiry of their validity period or will apply in the given period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – extended validity of FCRA registration of NGOs – till Sept 30
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

119. On June 24, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched various initiatives during the “Tamil Nadu Advanced Manufacturing Conclave 2022” held at Taramani, Chennai. The CM inaugurated the “Tamil Nadu Centre of Excellence in Advance Manufacturing (TANCAM)”, India’s first of its kind CoE, set up at a cost of Rs 212 Cr, at the TIDEL Park at Taramani in Chennai. TANCAM has been established by Dassault System and Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO) on the hub and spoke model. He also unveiled two SIPCOT Innovation Centres established at the SIPCOT Industrial Parks in Hosur and Sriperumbudur at a total cost of ₹33.46 Cr. Moreover, he launched the “Industry 4.0 Maturity Index Survey”, conducted by TIDCO along with Infosys, IIT Madras and the University of Nottingham. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. K. Stalin (Tamil Nadu) – inaugurated the ‘Centre of Excellence in Advance Manufacturing’ – in Chennai
- TANCAM – established by Dassault System & TIDCO
- “Industry 4.0 Maturity Index Survey” conducted by = TIDCO + Infosys + IIT Madras + University of Nottingham
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

120. On June 24, the 26th “Sindhu Darshan Yatra” was inaugurated by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor R. K. Mathur in Leh, Ladakh. The much awaited 4-day Sindhu Darshan Yatra began at Sindhu Ghat in Shey village of Leh, after 2 years break owing to COVID pandemic. On the occasion, Mr. Mathur also released a Commemorative Envelope worth Rs 50 with Sindhu Ghat and snow covered mountains in the backdrop. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. K. Mathur (Ladakh) – inaugurated the 26th “Sindhu Darshan Yatra” in Leh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

121. On June 24, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched e-auction for Commercial Earning & Non-Fare Revenue (NFR) contracts in Rail Bhavan, New Delhi. For this, Indian Railways has taken steps to bring Commercial Earning & NFR contracts under the ambit of electronic auction through Indian Railway e-Procurement System (IREPS), in line with prevailing e-auction of scrap sale. This policy enhances ease of living, promotes transparency and adds to Digital India initiatives in Railways. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – launched e-auction for ‘Commercial Earning’ & ‘Non-Fare Revenue (NFR)’ contracts – in New Delhi
- HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Vinay Kumar Tripathi
- Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh

122. On June 22, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) unveiled its patented indigenous solar cook top named, “Surya Nutan”, developed by the IOC’s Faridabad R&D centre. Surya Nutan will aid in reducing India’s CO₂ emissions drastically. The solar cook top is a stationary, rechargeable and kitchen-connected indoor solar cooking system. It offers an online cooking mode while charging. The initial cost of the product was ₹12,000 for the base model and ₹23,000 for the top model. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IOC – unveiled its patented indigenous solar cook top named, “Surya Nutan”
- HQs of IOCL – New Delhi | Chairperson – Shrikant Madhav Vaidya | Founded in – 1959

123. On June 24, the upgraded “Ayush Wellness Centre” in the President’s Estate, New Delhi was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind, in the presence of Minister of Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal. Ayush Wellness Centre (AWC) at President Estate was started on 25th July 2015, as a joint initiative of the Ministry of Ayush and President Secretariat. A book documenting “Establishment, Functioning and Key Milestone” of Ayush Wellness Centre was also released at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre by Minister of State for Ayush, Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ram Nath Kovind – inaugurated the upgraded “Ayush Wellness Centre” (initially launched in 2015)
- Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of AYUSH: Munjpara Mahendrabhai

124. On June 23, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel launched the 17th ‘Shala Praveshotsav’, the drive to enroll students in primary schools in the state. The 3-day enrollment drive begins from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka of Banaskantha district. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhupendra Patel – launched 17th ‘Shala Praveshotsav’ - a drive to enroll students in primary schools in Gujarat
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

125. On June 26, the Assam Cabinet approved formation of a joint venture company called “ARIDCL” between the State Government and the Railway Ministry to increase the Railway Network in the state. In Assam Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (ARIDCL), the state government will hold a share of 51% and the remaining 49% will be held by the Ministry. The cabinet also approved the “Assam Motor Vehicle Taxation (Amendment), 2022” for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and streamlining existing taxation regime by incorporating “Green Tax” on older vehicles. The Cabinet decided to launch a programme ‘Arohan’ for classes 9 to 12 from 2022-23 to guide talented students in the 13-18 age group. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Assam – formed a JV company “ARIDCL” between State Govt & Railway Ministry to increase the Railway Network
- Share in JV: State government – 51% | Railway Ministry – 49%
- Assam – launched a programme ‘Arohan’ for classes 9 to 12 from 2022-23 to guide students in the 13-18 age group
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi

126. “National Insurance Awareness Day” is observed on June 28 with the aim of creating awareness among the public about insurance policies. India’s insurance penetration stood at 4.2% as of 2020, according to the ‘Economic Survey 2022’. The penetration for life insurance in India is 3.2%. Moreover, HDFC Life presents Life Sessions partnered by ET Now is a joint initiative to create awareness amongst the consumers about insurance as a crucial financial planning tool. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 28 – “National Insurance Awareness Day”
- According to the ‘Economic Survey 2022’: India’s insurance penetration stood at 4.2% as of 2020

127. On June 26, the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) collaborated with the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (MACCIA) to promote and create awareness in the state on the benefits of listing on its SME platform. Through this partnership, BSE will provide intellectual and manpower support to enterprises registered with the MACCIA to get listed on the BSE SME platform. Till date, 375 companies have been listed on the BSE SME Platform and have raised a little over Rs 3,997 Cr from the market. Recently, BSE also signed an MoU with Federal Bank to promote the listing of SMEs and startups. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSE + MACCIA = collaborated to promote & create awareness in the state on the benefits of listing on its SME platform
- BSE + Federal Bank = signed an MoU to promote the listing of SMEs & startups
- HQs of BSE – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Subhash Sheoratan Mundra | MD & CEO – Ashishkumar Chauhan
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

128. A global campaign of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO), “World Allergy Week” is marked from June 5 to June 11 to raise awareness of the impact of allergic diseases in our communities. In 2022, the theme is “Bronchial Asthma and Respiratory Allergic Diseases”. According to reports, 2% of adults and 6% of children in India suffer from asthma and the disease can be influenced by different factors which include genetics, environment, diet and infections. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5-11 – “World Allergy Week 2022” – by World Allergy Organisation
- 2022’s Theme – “Bronchial Asthma and Respiratory Allergic Diseases”
- HQs of World Allergy Organization – Wisconsin, US | President – Motohiro Ebisawa



129. On June 26, the Karnataka government launched the 'Kashi Yatra' project which offers around 30,000 pilgrims cash assistance of ₹5,000 each to take up a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. For this scheme, the government will be using funds of up to ₹7 crores from the accounts head of "Assistance to Manasa Sarovara Pilgrims" which was announced in the chief minister's budget speech for the financial year 2022-23. Shashikala Jolle, the Minister for Religious Endowment, Hajj and Wakf, stated that any pilgrim taking up the government-sponsored 'Kashi Yatra' would get the benefit only once in a life time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – launched 'Kashi Yatra' project for 30,000 pilgrims to take up a pilgrimage to Kashi Vishwanath Temple
- Cash Assistance: ₹5,000 per pilgrim | Kashi Vishwanath Temple – Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

130. On June 28, Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Communications, launched "Dak Karmayogi", an e-learning portal of the Department of Posts at a function held at Stein Auditorium, Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi. This portal has been developed 'In-House' under vision of 'Mission Karmayogi'. Moreover, 8 employees of Department of Posts were conferred with "Meghdoot Awards" for the year 2021. Meghdoot Award was introduced in the year 1984. This is the highest award of Department of Posts at National level for overall performance and excellence. This award is conferred in 8 categories. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw (MoC) – launched "Dak Karmayogi", an e-learning portal of the Department of Posts
- MoC conferred 8 employees of Department of Posts with "Meghdoot Awards 2021"
- Meghdoot Award – the highest award of Department of Posts at National level (introduced in 1984)

131. On June 28, an investment platform Pyse Fintech Pvt Ltd launched India's first fractionally-owned Solar Power Plant in Karnataka. The platform helps retail investors to invest in sustainable projects that create social and environmental impacts from a ticket size as low as Rs 5,000. The plant is designed to offset 65 lakh kgs of carbon footprint every year for the next 25 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pyse Fintech Pvt Ltd – launched India's first fractionally-owned Solar Power Plant in Karnataka
- The plant is designed to offset 65 lakh kgs of carbon footprint every year for the next 25 years

132. On June 28, Telangana chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao inaugurated the new facility of business incubator "T-Hub 2.0" (Technology Hub) in Hyderabad. The new building comes with a total built-up area of over 5.82 lakh square feet which makes it the world's largest innovation campus, as the second largest startup incubator "Station F" is based in France in an area of 3.66 lakh square feet. 'T-Hub' was initially established in 2015. While this (T-Hub 2.0) will be a microcosm of the Innovation Ecosystem which will house more than 2,000 startups, corporates, investors, academia, and national and international ecosystem enabler. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. Chandrasekhar Rao – inaugurated the new facility of business incubator "T-Hub 2.0" in Hyderabad
- 'T-Hub 2.0' (3.66 lakh sq ft) – is the world's largest Innovation Campus | 2nd largest – "Station F" in France
- 'T-Hub' was initially established in 2015
- [Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad](#) | [CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao](#) | [Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan](#)

133. On June 29, Maharashtra State Cabinet approved the renaming of Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts to Sambhajinagar and Dharashiv respectively, and also passed the proposal to extend name of farmer leader late D. B. Patil to under construction Navi Mumbai International Airport. The Congress too demanded renaming of Pune City to Jijaunagar and Sewri-Nhava Sheva trans harbour link to former CM late A. R. Antulay. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra – approved the renaming of ‘Aurangabad’ district to ‘Sambhajinagar’
- Maharashtra – also approved the renaming of ‘Osmanabad’ district to ‘Dharashiv’
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

134. On June 25, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot inaugurated the State’s first “Disabled-friendly Park” in Jawaharlal Bal Bhavan (JBB), Cubbon Park in Bengaluru, for children with disabilities. It is built by Mindtree and Bal Bhavan Society at a cost of Rs 3 Cr under the guidance of Health and Child Development Experts. Designed in the shape of a turtle, the park consists of different zones for a wide range of physical, mental, therapeutic, and touch and feel activities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thaawarchand Gehlot – inaugurated Karnataka’s 1st “Disabled-friendly Park” for children with disabilities
- The Park is built by – Mindtree & Bal Bhavan Society at a cost of Rs 3 Cr
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

135. The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) is implementing the “One-Health” project in Karnataka and Uttarakhand. The DAHD launched the “One Health” pilot project in Bengaluru. On June 28, the pilot will help develop a roadmap for a national project to prevent future outbreaks of zoonotic disease by using better response mechanism and management while incorporating global best practices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAHD + BMGF + CII = implementing the “One-Health” project in Karnataka & Uttarakhand
- DAHD – launched the “One Health” pilot project in Bengaluru
- Location of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – US | Location of Rabo Foundation – Netherlands
- HQs of CII – New Delhi | President – T. V. Narendran | DG – Chandrajit Banerjee | Founded in – 1895

136. On June 29, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved computerisation of 63,000 functional Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) over 5 years with a total budget outlay of Rs 2,516 Cr. The Centre’s share would be Rs 1,528 Cr. The PACS constitute the lowest tier of the three-tier short-term cooperative credit (STCC) with 130 million farmers as its members. The project comprises development of cloud-based software with cyber security and data storage, providing hardware support to the PACS, digitisation of existing records, including maintenance support and training. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCEA – approved computerisation of 63,000 functional PACS over 5 years with a total budget outlay of Rs 2,516 Cr
- PACS – constitute the lowest tier of the 3-tier STCC with 130 million farmers as its members



137. On June 29, Ministry of Steel joined the “PM Gati Shakti Portal” and uploaded the geo locations of key projects with an aim of identifying and bridging missing infrastructure connectivity gaps. The ministry on-boarded itself on this National Master Plan portal with the assistance of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BiSAG-N). It has uploaded the geo locations of all the steel plants of all central public-sector enterprises (CPSE) on the portal. The Steel Ministry has identified 38 high-impact projects to develop multimodal connectivity and bridge the missing infrastructure gaps. The Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Infrastructure Development was launched by the Prime Minister in October 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Steel – joined the “PM Gati Shakti Portal” & uploaded the geo locations of key projects
- The ministry on-boarded itself on this portal with the assistance of BiSAG-N
- ‘The Gati Shakti - National Master Plan for Infrastructure Development’ – launched in October 2021
- [Ministry of Steel: Ramchandra Prasad Singh | Constituency – Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Steel: Faggansingh Kulaste](#)

138. Amid a sharp surge in India’s oil import bill due to ongoing geopolitical tensions, the Union Cabinet, on June 30, decided to allow more supplies of domestically produced Crude to Private Oil Refiners, applicable from October, 2022. So far, these public sector companies were only allowed to sell domestically produced crude oil to government refineries. The percentage of crude oil import out of total crude oil processed in India has risen to 89.4% in 2020-21. The cabinet also approved the strategic partnership agreement between the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), signed in January 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Union Cabinet – decided to allow more supplies of domestically produced Crude to Private Oil Refiners
- The percentage of crude oil import out of total crude oil processed in India rose to – 89.4% in 2020-21
- The Cabinet approved the strategic partnership agreement between – MNRE & IRENA (signed in Jan 2022)
- [Ministry of Power and Ministry New & Renewable Energy: Raj Kumar Singh | Constituency – Arrah, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Power: Krishan Pal Gurjar](#)

139. On June 30, PM Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated Bosch’s first Smart Campus named “Spark.NXT” in Bengaluru, built at a cost of \$100 million. The 76-acre campus features multiple Smart Solutions based on Sustainability, Security, and User Experience for associates, visitors, and facility management. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – inaugurated Bosch’s first Smart Campus named “Spark.NXT” in Bengaluru (Cost - \$100 million)
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot](#)



International Affairs

1. 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

2. On June 2, Turkish government sent a letter to the United Nations formally requesting the UN to recognise the country as ‘Turkiye’. President Recep Tayyip Erdogan’s government has been pressing for the internationally recognised name Turkey to be changed to “Turkiye” (pronounced tur-key-YAY) as it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish. The country’s full official name will be “Republic of Türkiye”. The country called itself Turkiye in 1923 after its declaration of independence. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Turkish government – sent a letter to the UN formally requesting the UN to recognise the country as ‘Turkiye’
- Country’s full official name – will be “Republic of Türkiye”
- The country called itself Turkiye in 1923 after its declaration of independence
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan

3. On June 1, the US announced to send “M142 Himars System” (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) to Ukraine. The new weapon is a multiple launch rocket system (MLRS). It is a mobile unit that can simultaneously launch multiple precision-guided missiles. Both Ukraine and Russia already operate MLRS, but Himars has superior range and precision. These Himars missiles will have a range of about 50 miles (80 km). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – announced to send “M142 Himars System” (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) to Ukraine
- “M142 Himars System” – a mobile multiple launch rocket system (Range – 50 miles)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky

4. India and Israel signed a ‘Vision Statement’ to further deepen the long-standing defence cooperation. This was adopted at a meeting between Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his visiting Israeli counterpart Benny Gantz. A Letter of Intent (LoI) on enhancing cooperation in the field of futuristic defence technologies was also exchanged between the two Ministers. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- India + Israel = signed a 'Vision Statement' to further deepen the long-standing defence cooperation
- [Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel](#) | [President – Isaac Herzog](#) | [PM – Naftali Bennett](#)

5. On June 5, the world's largest plant has recently been discovered off the West Coast of Australia. The ribbon weed, or *Posidonia australis*, has been discovered in Shark Bay by a group of researchers from Flinders University and The University of Western Australia. These researchers have also found that the plant is 4,500 years old. The ribbon weed covers an area of 20,000 hectares, 180 km in length. The largest tree in India, the Great Banyan in Howrah's Botanical Garden in West Bengal, covers 1.41 hectares. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Ribbon Weed' or 'Posidonia Australis' - world's largest plant – discovered off the West Coast of Australia in Shark Bay
- The largest tree in India – the Great Banyan tree in Howrah, West Bengal (covers 1.41 hectares)
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

6. On June 2, Sri Lanka announced its plans to develop Trincomalee port as an "Industrial Harbour". The proposal was a long-standing plan to monetise land that belongs to the Sri Lanka Port Authority. This would also entail the development of the port for non-containerised cargo traffic, such as cement, coal or other industrial raw material. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sri Lanka – announced its plans to develop Trincomalee port as an "Industrial Harbour"
- [Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee](#)
- [PM – Ranil Wickremesinghe](#) | [President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa](#)

7. On June 3, Meta announced to launch "AMBER alerts" on Instagram in 25 countries. India is not among these 25 countries. With AMBER alerts, users in these regions will soon get notifications of missing children in the area. It has helped find hundreds of children since it was introduced in 2015 on Facebook. AMBER alerts for Instagram was developed in partnership with various organisations like the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) in the United States and the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meta – to launch "AMBER alerts" on Instagram in 25 countries to give notifications of missing children
- [HQs of Instagram – California, USA](#) | [CEO – Kevin Systrom](#)
- [HQs of Meta – California, US](#) | [CEO – Mark Zuckerberg](#) | [Founded in – 2004](#)

8. Israel and the United Arab Emirates signed a historic Free Trade Agreement (FTA) or the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) on May 31 with an aim to do trade worth more than \$10 billion annually. The UAE is now the first country in the Arab world to have a free trade agreement with Israel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Israel + UAE = signed a historic FTA or CEPA to do trade worth more than \$10 billion annually
- UAE – the first country in the Arab world to have a free trade agreement with Israel
- [Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel](#) | [President – Isaac Herzog](#) | [PM – Naftali Bennett](#)
- [UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham](#) | [President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan](#)



9. On June 7, while addressing foreign diplomats in Delhi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced that India looks forward to joining the 48-member “Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)”, in a message aimed at China blocking India’s membership at the NSG. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India looks forward to joining the 48-member “Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG)”
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi

10. On June 4, in a world’s first, the New York state legislature passed the “Right to Repair” bill/law that will require digital electronics manufacturers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to consumers and independent repair shops. The “Fair Repair Act” comes after federal pressure to enforce consumers’ rights to repair and refurbish their purchased goods. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- New York state legislature – passed the “Right to Repair” bill/law
- The law will allow electronics manufacturers to make parts, tools, information available to consumers

11. On June 9, the 193-member UN General Assembly (UNGA) held elections to elect the 5 non-permanent members for the 2-year term 2023-24. Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland were elected to the UN Security Council (UNSC) as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term and they will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico and Norway from January 1, 2023. India’s two-year term at the UNSC as non-permanent member will end in December 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique & Switzerland – elected to UNSC as non-permanent members for 2023-2024 term
- They will replace India, Ireland, Kenya, Mexico & Norway
- India’s two-year term at the UNSC as Non-permanent member will end in Dec 2022
- HQs of UNSC – New York, US | Presidency in July – Brazil (June – Albania | August – China)

12. On June 9, Thailand became the first Asian country to legalize cultivating and possessing Marijuana for medical use. Thailand mainly wants to make a splash in the market for medical marijuana. It already has a well-developed medical tourism industry and its tropical climate is ideal for growing cannabis. Marijuana, also known as Cannabis among other names, is a psychoactive drug from the Cannabis plant. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Thailand – became the first Asian country to legalize cultivating & possessing ‘Marijuana’ for medical use
- Thailand – Bangkok – Thai Baht | PM – Prayut Chan-o-cha

13. On June 8, China released a new comprehensive Geologic Map of the moon, the ‘most detailed’ till date. The map is to a scale of 1:25,00,000. The map includes 12,341 impact craters, 81 impact basins, 17 rock types and 14 types of structures. This map is expected to make a vital contribution to scientific research, exploration and landing site selection on the Earth’s only natural satellite. The map was published by Science Bulletin. Previously, the USGS Astrogeology Science Centre had released a moon map to a scale of 1:50,00,000 in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – released a new comprehensive Geologic Map of the moon, the ‘most detailed’ till date, to a scale of 1:25,00,000
- The map was published by – Science Bulletin
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

14. On June 9, Members of the European Parliament voted in Strasbourg, France to require automakers to cut carbon-dioxide emissions by 100% by 2035, by banning the sale of new petrol and diesel cars. The move aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles. EU lawmakers also endorsed a 55% reduction in CO2 from automobiles in 2030 compared with 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Members of the European Parliament voted to ban the sale of new petrol & diesel cars by 2035
- EU lawmakers also endorsed a 55% reduction in CO2 from automobiles in 2030 (compared with 2021)
- [HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium](#) | [Member Countries – 27](#)
- [President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola](#)
- [President of European Council – Charles Michel](#)
- [President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen](#)

15. On Jun 10, in a significant initiative, a resolution on multilingualism adopted in the UN General Assembly mentions Hindi language for the first time. The resolution was presented by Andorra and co-sponsored by over 80 nations including India. It recognises the efforts of the United Nations to use non-official languages, in addition to the 6 official languages - Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish. The resolution also mentions Bangla and Urdu for the first time. The resolution encourages the UN to continue communication in official as well as non-official languages such as Portuguese, Kiswahili, Hindi, Persian, Bangla, and Urdu. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A resolution on multilingualism adopted in the UNGA mentions Hindi, Bangla & Urdu for the first time
- The resolution was presented by Andorra & and co-sponsored by over 80 nations including India
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, USA](#) | [President – Abdulla Shahid](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)

16. On June 9, the United States House of Representatives passed a ‘red-flag’ bill aimed at barring those considered dangerous to themselves or others from possessing firearms. The bill comes in light of two devastating mass shootings occurred in the US in May, 2022. The ‘Extreme Risk Protection Laws’, known informally as ‘red-flag’ laws, are among the possible solutions offered to tackle the endemic gun violence in the United States. The current ‘red-flag’ bill passed, called the ‘Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order’, was sponsored by the Democratic Representative of Georgia, Lucy Mcbath. The first ‘red-flag’ law was introduced in Connecticut in 1999. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US – passed a ‘red-flag’ bill called the ‘Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order’ to tackle the endemic gun violence in US
- The first ‘red-flag’ law was introduced in Connecticut, US in 1999
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46th President – Joe Biden](#) | [49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)



17. As per the report, China is secretly building a naval facility on Ream Naval Base in Cambodia. It is strategically located on the Gulf of Thailand and built for the exclusive use of the Chinese navy. However, both nations have denied the report. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – is secretly building a naval facility on Ream Naval Base in Cambodia (strategically located on Gulf of Thailand)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel | PM – Hun Sen

18. As on June 13, Russia has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq as Russian crude is currently available at discount, as high as \$30 per barrel, following the war in Ukraine. Indian refiners bought about 25 million barrels of Russian oil in May. Russian-origin crude hit 5% of India's total seaborne imports in April for the first time. After the U.S. and China, India is the world's third-largest consumer of oil, over 85% of which is imported. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – overtook Saudi Arabia to become India's 2nd biggest supplier of oil following the war in Ukraine (1st - Iraq)
- Russian-origin crude hit 5% of India's total seaborne imports in April for the first time
- India – world's third-largest consumer of oil (after US & China)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

19. On June 11, India was one of only three countries, other than Pakistan and Libya who abstained from the resolution criticising Iran for flouting the requests of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for inspections of its Nuclear Programme. Of the 35-nation Board of Governors of the IAEA, 30 countries voted for the resolution, while UK, Germany, France, Russia & China voted against it. The resolution, brought by the US, criticises Tehran for not cooperating, particularly over allegations that uranium traces were found at undeclared sites. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India, Pakistan & Libya – only 3 countries abstained from the resolution criticizing Iran for flouting the requests of IAEA for inspections of its Nuclear Programme
- UK, Germany, France, Russia & China – voted against the resolution | 30 countries voted for the resolution
- HQs of IAEA – Vienna, Austria | Director General – Rafael Mariano Grossi | Founded in – 1957 | Members – 173
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi | Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei

20. On June 5, the 57-nation Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Secretariat condemned and denounced the comments on Prophet Muhammed made by two national spokespersons of the BJP - Nupur Sharma & Naveen Jindal. The OIC claims to be the “collective voice of the Muslim world”. It was established at a 1969 summit in Rabat (Morocco) after the ‘criminal arson’ of Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Presently based in Jeddah, the organisation plans to permanently move its headquarters to East Jerusalem once the disputed city is ‘liberated’. India is not a member of the OIC as the UN member countries with a Muslim majority can join the OIC. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- OIC– condemned the comments on Prophet Muhammed made by Nupur Sharma & Naveen Jindal
- HQs of OIC – Jeddah, Saudi Arabia | SG – Hissein Brahimi Taha | Established – in 1969 | Countries – 57

21. On June 9, India formally handed over the 12 high-speed guard boats constructed under the government of India's \$100 million defence Line of Credit (LoC) to Vietnam at a ceremony at Hong Ha Shipyard during the ongoing visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to the South East Asian nation. The speed boats will be operated by the Vietnamese Border Guard Force. This project was an example of the 'Make in India-Make for the World' mission. The two Defence Ministers also signed the 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030'. The visit also comes on the occasion of 50 years of establishment of India-Vietnam diplomatic relations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – handed over the 12 high-speed guard boats to Vietnam (constructed under \$100 million defence LoC)
- This project was an example of the 'Make in India-Make for the World' mission
- India + Vietnam = completed 50 years of diplomatic relations
- India + Vietnam = signed 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030'
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

22. On June 11, Rosatom State Corporation of Russia has supplied the first batches of more reliable and cost-efficient nuclear fuel, "TVS-2M" nuclear fuel, to India for the Units 1 & 2 of Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) located in Tamil Nadu. KNPP is powered by VVER-1000 reactors. Besides, the new fuel has increased uranium capacity as one TVS-2M assembly contains 7.6% more fuel material as compared to the earlier fuel bundles. Russia is building the KNPP under an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) of 1988 and follow on agreements in 1998 and 2008. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rosatom State Corporation ([Russia](#)) – supplied the cost-efficient nuclear fuel, "TVS-2M" nuclear fuel, to India
- "TVS-2M" nuclear fuel – supplied to Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant (KNPP) located in Tamil Nadu
- Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble | PM – Mikhail Mishustin | President – Vladimir Putin

23. The new 'I2U2' grouping, consisting of India, Israel, the UAE and the US, will hold its first virtual summit in July 2022 as part of the Biden administration's efforts to re-energise and revitalise American alliances across the world. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is invited to attend the first-of-its-kind virtual summit of the I2U2 grouping from 13 July to 16 July for discussions of the food security crisis and other areas of cooperation. In "I2U2", 'I' stands for India & Israel, and 'U' stands for the USA & the UAE. The US has announced the formation of 'I2U2'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The new 'I2U2' grouping – to hold its First Virtual Summit in July 2022 – hosted by US
- 'I2U2' member countries: 4 – India, Israel, UAE & US (US announced the creation of the 'I2U2')



24. On June 14, Turkey alleges that Greece has been building a military presence in violation of international treaties that guarantee the unarmed status of the Aegean islands. Meanwhile, Greece maintains that Turkey has deliberately misinterpreted the treaties. Greece and Turkey have had long-standing rival claims over the Aegean territory. The Aegean Sea is an arm of the Mediterranean Sea. It is located in the East Mediterranean Basin with the Greek peninsula to its West and Anatolia to its East. There are more than a thousand islands in the Aegean Sea. Greece and Turkey have been regional adversaries on a host of issues concerning the Aegean sea since the 1970s, both asserting rival claims over their borders in the Sea. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Greece & Turkey – have had long-standing rival claims over the ‘Aegean’ territory
- ‘Aegean Sea’, an arm of the Mediterranean Sea – located in the East Mediterranean Basin
- Turkey – Ankara – Lira | President – Recep Tayyip Erdogan
- Greece – Athens – Euro | PM – Kyriakos Mitsotakis

25. On June 14, the BRICS Partnership on New Industrial Revolution (PartNIR) Innovation Center signed an MoU with the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB) to facilitate bilateral cooperation and promote the common development of BRICS countries. The BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center was launched in Xiamen in December 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BRICS PartNIR + NDB = an MoU to facilitate bilateral cooperation & promote common development of BRICS countries
- ‘BRICS PartNIR Innovation Center’ was launched – in Xiamen (in Dec 2020)
- BRICS Member Countries: 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | Chairmanship in 2022 – China

26. On June 16, Australia’s new government formally committed to a more ambitious Greenhouse Gas reduction target of 43% by 2030, against its previous target of 26-28%. The 2030 commitment comes as much of Australia’s population faces soaring electricity and gas prices due in part to the Russia-Ukraine war. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australia – committed to ambitious Greenhouse Gas reduction target of 43% by 2030, against previous target of 26-28%
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese

27. On June 13, in a major boost to the export of mangoes, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) launched a 8-day-long “Mango Festival 2022” in Bahrain, in association with the Indian Embassy and Al Jazira Group. At the show, 34 varieties of mangoes from eastern states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha, were displayed at Bahrain’s Al Jazira group supermarket. The Mango Festival was inaugurated by the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, Piyush Srivastava. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- APEDA + Indian Embassy + Al Jazira Group – launched 8-day-long “Mango Festival 2022” in Bahrain
- The Mango Festival was inaugurated by – Piyush Srivastava (Indian Ambassador to Bahrain)
- Bahrain – Manama – Dinar | PM – Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa | King – Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa

28. During a two-day summit in Brussels in June, the European Council accepted Ukraine and Moldova as candidates for membership of the European Union (EU). Candidate status is the first official step towards EU membership. However, observers say even with candidate status, it may take years, for Ukraine to obtain EU membership. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- European Council – accepted Ukraine & Moldova as ‘candidates for membership’
- Candidate status – first official step towards EU membership
- The summit of European Council took place in – Brussels, Belgium
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27
- President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola
- President of European Council – Charles Michel
- President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen
- Ukraine – Kyiv – Ukrainian Hryvnia | President – Volodymyr Zelensky

29. As published on June 20, India will be taking over an ambitious “West Seti Hydropower Project” in Nepal, nearly 4 years after China withdrew from it, ending a 6-year engagement between 2012 and 2018. The project is estimated to cost Nepali Rs 104 billion (Indian Rs 6,500 Cr). The CWE Investment Corporation, a subsidiary of China Three Gorges Corporation, had informed the Nepal Government in August 2018 that it would not be able to execute the 750-MW West Seti Hydropower Project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to take over “West Seti Hydropower Project” in Nepal (Cost - Rs 6,500 Cr)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

30. On June 17, China launched its third aircraft carrier named “Fujian”, its most advanced as well as the first fully domestically built naval vessel, to extend the range of its navy in the Indo-Pacific region. The 3rd aircraft carrier built by China State Shipbuilding Corporation Limited has a displacement of more than 80,000 tonnes. Fujian is the name of China’s eastern coastal province of Fujian. China’s indigenously built first & second aircraft carriers were “Liaoning” (commissioned in 2012) & “Shandong” (commissioned in 2019). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched its 3rd aircraft carrier “Fujian”
- Fujian – China’s most advanced & 1st fully domestically built naval vessel
- China’s indigenously built first & second aircraft carriers – “Liaoning” & “Shandong”
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

31. On June 18, Ministry of Environment and Tourism announced that Mongolia’s Khuvsgul Lake National Park has been added to the “World Network of Biosphere Reserves” by the UNESCO. The decision was made during the 34th session of the International Co-ordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme held in Paris, France. Khuvsgul Lake is located in the northern Mongolian province of Khuvsgul near the Russian border. The “Man and the Biosphere Programme” is an intergovernmental scientific programme set up by UNESCO in the early 1970s. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Khuvsgul Lake National Park ([Mongolia](#)) – added to the “World Network of Biosphere Reserves” by the UNESCO
- 34th session of the International Coordinating Council of the “Man & the Biosphere Programme” – held in Paris, France
- “Man & the Biosphere Programme” – set up by UNESCO in the early 1970s
- [HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France](#) | [Director-General – Audrey Azoulay](#) | [Founded in – 1945](#) | [Members – 193 Countries](#)

32. On June 13, China started constructing a planetarium at the world’s highest altitude in Tibet for exploration of the universe at the “roof of the world”. The planetarium, scheduled to be completed in 2024, is expected to receive over 1,00,000 visitors annually. The planetarium will have the region’s largest optical astronomical telescope. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – started constructing a planetarium at the world’s highest altitude in Tibet
- The planetarium, scheduled to be completed in 2024, is expected to receive over 1,00,000 visitors annually
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

33. Pakistan will continue to be on the “Grey List” of countries under increased monitoring of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), announced by the FATF during its Plenary Session held in Berlin, Germany in June 2022. The FATF removed Malta from its “Grey List” and added Gibraltar. Pakistan has been on the ‘Grey List’ of the Paris-based FATF since June 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pakistan – will continue to be on the “Grey List” of countries under increased monitoring of the FATF (since June 2018)
- FATF – removed Malta from its “Grey List” & added Gibraltar
- [HQs of FATF – Paris, France](#) | [President – Marcus Pleyer \(T. Raja Kumar from Jul 1, 2022\)](#) | [Member Countries – 39](#)

34. On June 23, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared global health emergency over Monkeypox outbreak. The WHO label - a “Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)”, is designed to trigger a coordinated international response and could unlock funding to collaborate on sharing vaccines and treatments. Monkeypox is a virus passed from infected animals such as rodents to humans. The first-ever recorded occurrence of the monkeypox virus was in the U.K. in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- WHO declared global health emergency over ‘Monkeypox’ outbreak (passed from infected animals to humans)
- First case was recorded in the U.K. in 2018
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)

35. In June 2022, the Boris Johnson administration has come up with a new legislation, the “Northern Ireland Protocol Bill”, which would enable the UK to override provisions of the “Brexit Deal” that concern trading arrangements in Northern Ireland. The European Union (EU) stated that the proposed law violates international law and has threatened to take legal action against the UK if it goes ahead with the legislation. Northern Ireland is the only part of the UK that shares land border with the EU. Ireland is an EU member-state. The Northern Ireland Protocol (NIP) has been a lingering issue for the UK almost from the day Brexit was signed. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Boris Johnson Administration – came up with a new legislation, the “Northern Ireland Protocol Bill”
- Northern Ireland – the only part of the UK that shares land border with the EU
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)

36. Russia will deliver “Iskander-M” tactical missile systems, capable of carrying nuclear warheads, to Belarus in the coming months. The Iskander-M is a mobile guided missile system codenamed “SS-26 Stone” by NATO, which replaced the Soviet “Scud”. According to National Interest magazine, Operational Tactical Missile System (OTMS) Iskander is the most dangerous weapon of the Russian Armed Force. The Iskander-M was operationalised in 2006. It has a range of 400-500 km. While the Iskander-E variant has a range of 280 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia will deliver “Iskander-M” to Belarus
- “Iskander-M” is codenamed as “SS-26 Stone” by NATO
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble](#) | [PM – Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President – Vladimir Putin](#)

37. On June 24, the Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS), National Standard Body of India, has published standards (IS 17855: 2022) for Test Specifications for Lithium-ion Traction Battery Packs and Systems (Performance Testing) for Electrically Propelled Road Vehicles. This standard is formulated considering real life scenarios for an electric vehicle such as vehicle is in parking, battery system is being shipped, operating battery at low and high temperature etc., accordingly various tests are incorporated in this standard. The BIS is in the process of publishing 2 more standard related to batteries for various passenger and goods carrying vehicles. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BIS – published standards for Test Specifications for ‘Lithium-ion Traction Battery Packs & Systems’ for Electrically Propelled Road Vehicles
- BIS is in the process of publishing 2 more standard related to batteries for various passenger & goods carrying vehicles
- [HQs of BIS – Manek Bhawan, Old Delhi](#) | [Director General – Pramod Kumar Tiwari](#)

38. On July 27, the investors of food delivery platform Zomato voted in favour of the company’s acquisition of quick commerce grocery company Blinkit (formerly Grofers) for 4,447 Cr (\$570 million) in an all-stock deal. Among all the voters, about 97% voted in favour of the acquisition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zomato investors – voted in favour of company’s acquisition of a commerce grocery company ‘Blinkit’ for 4,447 Cr
- [HQs of Zomato – Gurugram, Haryana](#) | [Founder & CEO – Deepinder Goyal](#) | [Founded in – 2008](#)

39. On June 25, researchers from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru and the Academy for Severe Handicaps and Autism (ASHA), Bengaluru, found that non-humanoid robots can be used for teaching children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ASD is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. The paper was presented at “IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation” in Xi’an, China in 2021. It has now won the IISc’s Murthy Govindaraju ‘Women in Computer Science’ Research Endowment Award for one of its lead authors, Nabanita Paul. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IISc Bengaluru + ASHA = found that non-humanoid robots can be used for teaching children with Autism
- ASD – a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain
- The research was presented at “IEEE International Conference on Robotics & Automation” – in Xi’an, China
- The research won the IISc’s Murthy Govindaraju ‘Women in Computer Science’ Research Endowment Award
- [Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan](#) | [Established in – 1909](#)

40. According to a recent research paper titled “40 years of Dutch Disease Literature: Lessons for Developing Countries”, by Edouard Mien and Michael Goujon, the framework of the model of the phenomenon called “Dutch Disease” is based on 3 sectors: Energy (oil, gas or mining resources), Tradeables, and Non-tradeables of a small Economy. Dutch Disease in economics refers to a phenomenon wherein a country witnesses uneven growth across sectors due to the discovery of natural resources, especially large oil reserves. The term ‘Dutch disease’ was first coined by The Economist in 1977. While the idea was first proposed by economists Peter Neary and Max Corden in 1982. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “40 years of Dutch Disease Literature: Lessons for Developing Countries” – by Edouard Mien & Michael Goujon
- Research Paper: Dutch Disease is based on 3 sectors: Energy, Tradeables & Non-tradeables of a small Economy
- ‘Dutch Disease’ (in economics) – a phenomenon wherein a country witnesses Uneven Growth across Sectors
- The term ‘Dutch disease’ was first coined by – The Economist (in 1977)

41. As on June 28, amid China’s aggressive push to increase its Pacific sphere of influence, the US and its allies (Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the UK) launched a new initiative called “Partners in the Blue Pacific (PBP)” for effective and efficient cooperation with the region’s small island nations. The PBP initiative is a five-nation “informal mechanism” to support Pacific islands and to boost diplomatic, economic ties in the region. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US + Australia + New Zealand + Japan + UK = launched a new initiative called “Partners in the Blue Pacific (PBP)”
- PBP initiative is to support Pacific islands and to boost diplomatic, economic ties in the region
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46th President – Joe Biden](#) | [49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

42. On June 30, the European Union (EU) came up with the first major regulatory framework for the Cryptocurrency industry, known as “Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA)”. The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) will be given powers to step in to ban or restrict crypto platforms if they are seen to not properly protect investors, or threaten market integrity or financial stability. Moreover, the EU Commission has been tasked with determining whether Non-fungible tokens (NFTs) require their own regime within 18 months. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EU – came up with the first regulatory framework for Cryptocurrency industry - “Markets in Crypto-Assets (MiCA)”
- European Securities & Markets Authority (ESMA) – will be given powers to step in to ban or restrict crypto platforms
- [HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium](#) | [Member Countries – 27](#)
- [President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola](#)
- [President of European Council – Charles Michel](#)
- [President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen](#)

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

1. 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”

2. 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 15th 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

3. 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

4. On June 2, Tone Tag, a brand of Naffa Innovations Pvt Ltd, has been declared the winner in two categories in the RBI's first global hackathon "Harbinger 2021 - Innovation for Transformation" which was launched in November 2021 with the theme of "Smarter Digital Payments". napID Cybersec Pvt Ltd (INDIA) and TrustCheckr (INDIA) were the winners of the other two categories. In all, there were four categories. The hackathon ran in three phases. The third phase of the final evaluation was held on May 26-27, 2022, in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tone Tag – was declared the winner in RBI's first global hackathon "Harbinger 2021 - Innovation for Transformation"
- 2021's theme – "Smarter Digital Payments"
- napID Cybersec + TrustCheckr = winners of the other two categories

5. On June 2, Kiya.ai, a digital solutions provider to financial institutions and governments, launched India's first-ever banking metaverse named "Kiyaverse" in Mumbai. Kiyaverse aims to merge use cases of real-world banking with metaverse banking through an avatar (virtual humanoid) based interactions. The Kiyaverse plans to have tokens as NFTs and support CBDC to enable open finance in a Web3.0 environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kiya.ai – launched India's first-ever banking metaverse named "Kiyaverse" in Mumbai
- Kiyaverse – to have tokens as NFTs and support CBDC to enable open finance in a Web3.0 environment

6. On June 3, HDFC Ltd collaborated with Accenture to digitally transform its lending business. It is aimed at making HDFC's lending lifecycle paper-less and nimble. A key element of the program is a cloud-native lending platform with digital workflows for every step of the customer journey including application, loan processing, credit underwriting and decisioning, disbursement and loan servicing. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Ltd + Accenture = collaborated to digitally transform its lending business
- HQs of HDFC Ltd – Mumbai, MH | Chairman – Deepak Parekh | VC & CEO – Keki Mistry
- HQs of Accenture – Dublin, Ireland | CEO – Julie Sweet | MD (in India) – Rekha Menon

7. On June 2, Kotak Investment Advisors, a subsidiary of Kotak Mahindra Bank, launched "Kotak Cherry", a curated tech-led investment management platform. Kotak Cherry offers investing solutions to users via a digital app backed by experienced investment managers. As per the company, Kotak Cherry is enabled as a Do It Yourself (DIY) execution platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak Investment Advisors (Kotak Mahindra Bank) – launched an investment management platform "Kotak Cherry"
- HQs of Kotak Mahindra Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Uday Kotak | Tagline – "Let's make money simple"

8. According to a Times of India report, the 12 Public sector banks (PSBs) witnessed a sharp rise in their net profits during the financial year 2021-22. The overall profit accounted for Rs 66,539 Cr, an increase of 110% over the last year's Rs 31,816 Cr. Even after a phenomenal growth, the PSBs continue to lag behind the private banks. The private banks recorded a 29% higher profit of over Rs 91,000 Cr as against Rs 70,435 Cr last year. The State Bank of India recorded the highest profit of Rs 31,675 Cr accounting to 47% of the total profits of PSBs, followed by Bank of Baroda & Canara Bank. In FY21, Central Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank are the two banks which reported loss. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- According to Times of India Report:
 - 12 PSBs witnessed rise in their profits in FY22 accounting for Rs 66,539 Cr, increase of 110% (from Rs 31,816 Cr)
 - Highest profit – SBI (Rs 31,675 Cr, 47% of the total profits of PSBs) | Followed by – Bank of Baroda & Canara Bank
 - In FY21, Central Bank and Punjab & Sind Bank are the two banks which reported loss
 - The private banks recorded a 29% higher profit of over Rs 91,000 Cr (from Rs 70,435 Cr last year)

9. On June 6, the RBI issued Standard Assets Provisioning Guidelines for upper-layer NBFCs. The upper-layer NBFCs are typically the top 10 ones in terms of asset size. These guidelines shall be effective from October 1, 2022. Earlier in April, the RBI capped aggregate exposure of NBFCs which are in the upper layer toward one entity at 20% of capital base. The limit can only be extended by another 5% with board's approval. For a particular borrower group, the cap is at 25%, with additional 10% if exposure is towards infrastructure. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- In June, RBI issued Standard Assets Provisioning Guidelines for upper-layer NBFCs – effective from October 1, 2022
- In April, RBI capped aggregate exposure of NBFCs at 20% of capital base
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

10. On June 3, Bajaj Finance Limited launched its public awareness initiative 'Har Time EMI On Time', a digital campaign to drive awareness around the need and benefits of adopting good financial habits for a healthy financial future. 'Har Time EMI On Time' is an extension of its original educational series, 'ABC of EMI' launched during the observance of the Financial Literacy Week in February 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Finance Limited launched its public awareness initiative "Har Time EMI On Time"
- 'Har Time EMI On Time' – a digital campaign to drive awareness of adopting good financial habits
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Bajaj

11. On June 7, DBS Bank India launched its first-ever credit card in India in partnership with Bajaj Finance Limited. The co-branded credit card is named "Bajaj Finserv DBS Bank SuperCard", and it is powered by Visa. The SuperCard, a one-of-its-kind offering, will provide its customers with benefits and rewards across different product categories. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank India + Bajaj Finance = launched DBS Bank's first-ever Credit Card in India (powered by Visa)
- HQs of DBS Bank India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Surojit Shome
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Bajaj

12. On June 7, Suryoday Small Finance bank partnered with Mobisafar Services to provide banking services through all Mobisafar's franchisees and Business Correspondent network across India. The partnership is aimed at strengthening financial inclusion by providing key banking services digitally to the underbanked customers even at the remotest parts of the country. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Suryoday SFB + Mobisafar Services = partnership to provide banking services
- HQs of Suryoday SFB – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Baskar Babu Ramachandran
- HQs of Mobisafar Services – Ludhiana, Punjab | Founder & CEO – Abhishek Kumar Pandey

13. On June 8, the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) signed MoUs with 3 major nationalised banks (SBI, BoB & PNB) and the SIDBI to provide financial assistance to investors interested in establishing units in the Defence Industrial Corridor. All these 4 entities will give financial assistance to investors in the Defence Corridor's 6 nodes. Moreover, In addition, UPEIDA and the IIT Kanpur Research and Technology Park Foundation signed an MoU for research and development in the aerospace and defence sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UPEIDA – signed MoUs with SBI, BoB, PNB & SIDBI to provide financial assistance to investors in the Defence Corridor
- UPEIDA + IIT Kanpur R&T Park Foundation = an MoU for R&D in the Aerospace & Defence sector
- HQs of UPEIDA – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh | CEO – Awanish Awasthi

14. On June 7, Thoothukudi-based Tamilnad Mercantile Bank received Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) approval to launch and raise funds through an initial public offering (IPO). The public issue comprises a fresh issue of 1,58,27,495 equity shares and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of up to 12,505 equity shares by shareholders, according to the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamilnad Mercantile Bank – received SEBI's approval to launch & raise funds through an IPO
- HQs of TMB – Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu | CEO – K. V. Rama Moorthy

15. On June 8, Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha launched a free group personal 'Accidental Insurance Cover' of Rs 15 lakh for government employees in the union territory. J & K Bank will extend the insurance cover for which it has contracted with Oriental Insurance Company. Shri Manoj Sinha also launched the bank's 'Phone Pe Loan' facility for government employees. The lieutenant governor also directed the bank to enhance the insurance amount from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 25 lakh from the next financial year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manoj Sinha – launched 'Accidental Insurance Cover' of Rs 15 lakh for government employees in J&K
- J & K Bank + Oriental Insurance Company = contracted to extend the insurance cover
- Manoj Sinha – also launched J&K Bank's "Phone Pe Loan" facility for government employees
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha

16. In June 2022, India's largest Crypto investing app CoinSwitch launched the Crypto Rupee Index (CRE8), India's first benchmark index to measure the performance of the Indian Rupee-based crypto market. Owned and administered by CoinSwitch, CRE8 tracks the performance of eight crypto assets that represent over 85% of the total market capitalisation of cryptos traded in Indian Rupee. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- CoinSwitch – launched the ‘Crypto Rupee Index (CRE8)’
- CRE8 – India’s first benchmark index to measure the performance of the Indian Rupee-based crypto market
- HQs of CoinSwitch Kuber – Bangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Ashish Singhal

17. The RBI’s 2nd Monetary Policy of FY23 was released on June 8, 2022. At the end of its 3-day monetary policy committee (MPC) meeting, the RBI saw inflation higher at 6.7% for the current fiscal year. Consumer prices accelerated to an eight-year high of nearly 7.8% in April, according to official data. The RBI raised the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%. The Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate & Bank Rate is revised to 5.15%. The Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) are kept unchanged at 4.50% & 18% respectively. While Reverse Repo Rate is also kept unchanged at 3.35%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI’s 2nd Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) report – released on June 8, 2022
- Rates after changes made in June 2022:
- Repo rate – 4.90% | Reverse Repo Rate – 3.35% | Bank Rate or MSF – 5.15%
- CRR – 4.50% | SLR – 18% | CPI – 7.8%
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

18. On June 4, the Insurance Regulatory & Development Authority of India (IRDAI) reduced the capital required by insurance companies offering policies under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) by almost 50%. The easing of capital requirements by IRDAI will accelerate the penetration of life insurance in India. PMJJBY provides life insurance cover worth Rs 2 lakh to all account holders aged 18-50 years. The claims ratio for PMJJBY was 145.24% as of March 31, 2022. Recently, the Centre increased the premium rates for PMJJBY from Rs 330 to Rs 436 a year effective from June 1, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – reduced the capital required by Insurance Companies offering policies under PMJJBY – by almost 50%
- Centre increased the premium rates for PMJJBY from Rs 330 to Rs 436 a year effective from June 1, 2022
- PMJJBY provides life insurance cover worth Rs 2 lakh to all account holders aged 18-50 years
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

19. On June 8, the Reserve Bank (RBI) raised the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions. That means additional authentication will not be need for payment of Rs 15,000 per transaction. The RBI also proposed to allow the linking of credit cards to the UPI platform for the first time. Moreover, in a big boost to the home loan segment, the RBI doubled the limit on housing loans from cooperative banks. The limits for tier-I and tier-II UCBs have been revised from Rs 30 lakh to Rs 60 lakh and Rs 70 lakh to Rs 1.40 Cr, respectively. These limits were last revised for UCBs in 2011 and for RCBs in 2009. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- RBI – raised the AFA limit from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction for e-mandates on cards, PPIs & UPI
- RBI – proposed to allow the linking of credit cards to the UPI platform
- RBI – doubled the limit on housing loans from cooperative banks (Tier 1 - Rs 60 lakh | Tier 2 - Rs 1.40 lakh)
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April 1935

20. On June 10, IIFL Home Finance Limited entered into definitive agreements for raising Rs 2,200 Cr for its 20% stake from a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA). This would be one of the largest equity investments in the affordable housing finance segment in India by a financial investor. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIFL Home Finance + Abu Dhabi Investment Authority = an agreement for raising Rs 2,200 Cr for IIFL's 20% stake
- HQs of IIFL Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nirmal Jain | MD – Venkataraman Rajamani
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

21. On June 9, NPCI Bharat BillPay, the wholly-owned subsidiary of the NPCI, has on-boarded CRED as a key Agent Institution (AI) to provide bill payment solutions to CRED users. AIs are entities that offer or wish to offer bill payment, collection and aggregation services to their customers through physical or digital channels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NPCI Bharat BillPay – on-boarded CRED as a key Agent Institution (AI) to provide bill payment solutions to CRED users
- HQs of NPCI – Mumbai | Chairman – Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO – Dilip Asbe | Established in – 2008

22. On June 9, ICICI Bank partnered with digital EMI/pay-later platform ZestMoney, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail and e-commerce platforms. With this partnership, the bank's customers can use pre-approved cardless credit up to Rs 10 lakh to instantly buy products/services using ZestMoney and pay in equated monthly installments (EMIs). ICICI Bank had introduced the 'Cardless EMI' facility in 2020 to offer cashless purchases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank + ZestMoney = partnered to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases on retail & e-commerce platforms
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – "Hum Hain Na!" & "Khayal Apka"

23. On June 9, Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled 5th edition of "Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE 5.0)" of EASENext program. EASENext would comprise 2 major initiatives: EASE 5.0 (common PSB reforms agenda) and Bank Specific Strategic 3-year Roadmap (based on individual bank's business priorities). EASE 5.0 will focus on digital customer experience, and integrated & inclusive banking, with emphasis on supporting small businesses and agriculture. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nirmala Sitharaman – unveiled 5th edition of "Enhanced Access & Service Excellence (EASE 5.0)" of EASENext program
- Ministry of Finance and Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka



24. On June 9, Electric two-wheeler maker Ather Energy partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) for vehicle financing for its customers. The collaboration will enable Ather Energy's customers to avail instant loans at low interest rates starting from 9.55% per annum. The vehicle loans can be availed through SBI's mobile app YONO as well as offline. Customers can avail the loan through YONO at an EMI of as low as Rs 251 per Rs 10,000 under SBI Easy Ride loan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ather Energy + SBI = collaboration for vehicle financing for its customers (Interest rate – 9.55%)
- Customers can avail the loan through YONO at an EMI of as low as Rs 251 per Rs 10,000 under SBI Easy Ride loan
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara

25. On June 9, Fino Payments Bank partnered with Go Digit General Insurance Limited to offer “Shop Insurance Policy” to small and medium business owners. The policy, which will be valid for one year, will cover loss or damage to the inventory or stock due to burglary, earthquake, fire, lightning, storm, flood, riots, among others. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Fino Payments Bank + Go Digit General Insurance = collaborated to offer “Shop Insurance Policy”
- HQs of Fino Payments Bank – Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rishi Gupta

26. On June 10, Fintech startup XPay.Life, India's first blockchain-enabled transaction framework, launched its UPI services targeted at rural India, as it completes 3 years of operations. XPay.Life aims to make financial facilities accessible for people in rural areas. The launch of its UPI services is expected to benefit XPay.Life's 4 million consumers across more than 15 states and 1 lakh villages. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- XPay.Life – launched its UPI services targeted at rural India
- HQs of XPay.Life – Bangalore, Karnataka | Founder & CEO – Rohit Kumar

27. On June 12, Payment solution provider OmniCard launched cash withdrawal facility from any ATM through their e-wallet. With this, the company became the first RBI licensed PPI (prepaid payment instrument) to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs across the country. Run by Noida-based Eroute Technologies, Omnicard is a RuPay powered prepaid card with a mobile app where the users can spend using swipe, scan, tap and pay online. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- OmniCard – launched cash withdrawal facility from any ATM through their e-wallet
- OmniCard – became the first RBI licensed PPI to launch cash withdrawal using a RuPay-powered card from any ATMs
- Omnicard – a RuPay powered prepaid card, run by Eroute Technologies (Noida, UP)
- HQs of Eroute Technologies – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | MD & CEO – Sanjeev Pandey

28. On June 13, Indian Bank launched its “KCC Digital Renewal Scheme”, enabling eligible customers to renew their Kisan Credit Card accounts via digital modes. The initiative is part of the bank's digital transformation under project “WAVE (World of Advanced Virtual Experience)”. The account renewals can be done using Indian Bank's IndoASIS mobile app, internet banking and via its website. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indian Bank – launched its “KCC Digital Renewal Scheme” under project “WAVE (World of Advanced Virtual Experience)”
- Indian Bank’s mobile app – IndOASIS
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

29. On June 16, Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) Life has renamed itself as ‘Canara HSBC Life Insurance’, following its third partner Punjab National Bank’s (PNB’s) decision to exit. PNB had acquired a stake in the company following the amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC). Currently, Canara Bank holds 51%, HSBC holds 26% and PNB 23% in this insurance arm. The insurance company also launched its 1st brand campaign “#PromisesKaPartner”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Canara HSBC OBC Life – renamed itself as ‘Canara HSBC Life Insurance’ (after PNB’s decision to exit)
- Currently, Canara Bank holds 51%, HSBC holds 26% & PNB 23% in Canara HSBC OBC Life (before PNB’s exit)
- HQs of Canara HSBC Life Insurance – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & CEO – Anuj Mathur

30. On June 10, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has extended the “Use and File” procedure for most of life Insurance products as part of its efforts to make insurance more accessible to the general public. Now, life insurers are expected to have a board-approved product management and pricing policy (BAPMPP). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – extended the “Use and File” procedure for most of life Insurance products
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

31. On June 15, Mumbai-based financial wellness platform CASHe has launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on WhatsApp to provide customers with a fast, seamless and convenient way to access instant credit line by merely typing their name. The firm offers an instant credit limit without the need for any documents, app downloads or filling up tedious application forms. CASHe’s WhatsApp chat service is built on the WhatsApp Business Platform. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CASHe ([Mumbai](#)) – launched an industry-first credit line service using its AI-powered chat capability on WhatsApp

32. On June 14, Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) launched “Out-of-Network Cash Advance” facility to help customers with monetary support at any hospital that is not part of EGI’s network. Under the new “Cash Advance” facility, customers will receive money up to Rs 10,000 to take care of admission charges or other expenses during the hospitalization. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EGI – launched “Out-of-Network Cash Advance” facility
- It will help customers with monetary support (up to Rs 10,000) at any hospital that is not part of EGI’s network
- HQs of EGI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Executive Director – Shanai Ghosh



33. On June 15, the central government appointed Anand Mahindra, Venu Srinivasan, Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel and Ravindra Dholakia as part-time Non-official Directors on the central board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The appointment will remain valid for 4 years with effect from June 14, 2022. Revathy Iyer, Sachin Chaturvedi, Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Ajay Seth and Sanjay Malhotra are non-official directors of the central bank. The central board of the RBI comprises official directors, which include the governor and four deputy governors. The government appoints 10 non-official directors, 2 directors are government officials while 4 directors are appointed from each of the 4 local boards. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anand Mahindra + Venu Srinivasan + Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel + Ravindra Dholakia = appointed as part-time Non-official Directors on the central board of RBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

34. On June 14, HDFC Bank signed an MoU with 100X.VC, a leading early stage venture capital firm, to engage more deeply with the startup community. The Bank will extend its full-suite of specialised services and facilities tailored for start-ups, known as Smart-Up, to all the firms associated with 100X.VC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Bank + 100X.VC = an MoU to engage more deeply with the startup community
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your world”

35. India’s total Merchandise Exports are estimated to reach at \$117.2 billion in the first quarter (Q1) of FY23, according to India Exim Bank. The total merchandise exports stood at \$95.5 billion in Q1 of FY22. Non-oil exports continue to witness a double-digit growth of 12.6%, amounting to \$93 billion in Q1 FY23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Exim Bank: India’s total Merchandise Exports are estimated to reach at \$117.2 billion in Q1 of FY23
- India’s total Merchandise Exports stood at \$95.5 billion in Q1 of FY22
- Non-oil exports will witness a double-digit growth of 12.6%, amounting to \$93 billion in Q1 FY23
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982

36. On June 15, Kotak General Insurance partnered with PhonePe Insurance Broking Services Pvt. Ltd (PhonePe) to offer motor insurance to 380 million customers on the PhonePe platform. Through PhonePe, Kotak General Insurance will provide quick and seamless car and two-wheeler insurance policies to its customers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kotak General Insurance + PhonePe = partnered to offer ‘motor insurance’ on the PhonePe platform
- HQs of PhonePe – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

37. On June 16, capital markets regulator SEBI has formed a Building Advisory Committee, which will advise and assist it in all the premises related matters such as planning, acquisition and furnishing. The seven-member committee will be headed by B. K. Katyal, former Chief General Manager at the RBI. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – formed a Building Advisory Committee – headed by B. K. Katyal
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

38. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to a record high of 15.88% in May from 15.08% in April, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The high rate of inflation in May, 2022 is primarily due to rise in prices of mineral oils, crude petroleum & natural gas, food articles, basic metals, non-food articles, chemicals & chemical products and food products etc. Inflation in food articles in May was 12.34%. Retail inflation in May was 7.04%. The highest inflation rate was recorded by Telangana at 9.45%. To tame stubbornly high inflation, the RBI hiked its key interest rate by 40 basis points in May and 50 basis points in June. The RBI also raised inflation projection by 100 basis points to 6.7% for 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSO: Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to a record high of 15.88% in May 2022
- In May: Inflation in food articles – 12.34% | Retail inflation – 7.04% | Highest inflation rate recorded by – Telangana
- RBI – hiked its key interest (repo) rate by 40 basis points in May & 50 basis points in June – to 4.9%
- RBI – raised inflation projection by 100 basis points to 6.7% for 2022-23
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

39. On June 19, Equitas Small Finance Bank launched an exclusive savings account called “ENJOI” for kids on the occasion of Father’s Day. This account will introduce young kids to the financial world, encouraging them to develop an early habit of saving. ENJOI will allow kids of 0-18 years to open savings accounts under the supervision of their parents. Minors aged 10 and above will also get an option for a personalised Debit Card. The saving account starts with the minimum balance of Rs 1,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Equitas SFB – launched an exclusive savings account called “ENJOI” for kids on Father’s Day
- ENJOI will allow kids of 0-18 years to open savings accounts under the supervision of their parents
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan

40. In June 2022, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released the “Payments Vision 2025” document to drive digitisation at the last mile. The central bank expects the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to register growth of 50% and more than 3x increase in the number of digital payment transactions by 2025. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released the “Payments Vision 2025” document to drive digitization at the last mile
- RBI expects the UPI to register growth of 50% & more than 3x increase in digital payment transactions by 2025
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao



41. The Shriram Group has received RBI approval for the merger of Shriram City Union Finance and Shriram Capital Ltd with Shriram Transport Finance Company in a consolidation set to create the largest retail finance NBFC in India. The RBI issued its No Objection to the scheme of amalgamation through a letter. Shriram City's MD & CEO, YS Chakravarti would serve as MD & CEO of Shriram Transport Finance Company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shriram Group – received RBI approval for merger of Shriram City Union Finance and Shriram Capital Ltd with Shriram Transport Finance Company
- It will create the largest retail finance NBFC in India
- YS Chakravarti ([MD & CEO of Shriram City](#)) – will serve as MD & CEO of Shriram Transport Finance Company

42. On June 15, the US Federal Reserve hiked interest rates by 0.75 percentage point, highest rate hike in 28 years since 1994, in a bid to tame runaway inflation. The hike in rates by the Fed came after inflation in the US surged unexpectedly in May, 2022. After the conclusion of a two-day Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting in June, the US Central Bank chair Jerome Powell indicated that the Fed would increase its key interest rate by three quarters of a percentage point to a range of 1.5% to 1.75%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US Federal Reserve – hiked interest rates by 0.75% point (highest rate hike in 28 years since 1994)
- US Fed – to increase its key interest rate by 3 quarters of a percentage point to a range of 1.5% to 1.75%
- US Central Bank Chair – Jerome Powell
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

43. The 47th meeting of the GST Council was held in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir on June 28-29, 2022. Before the launch of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on July 1, 2017, the 14th meeting of the Council was also held Srinagar. GST rates on 1,211 items were approved at the two-day meeting. The GST Council is chaired by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and comprises state counterparts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 47th meeting of the GST Council – held in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- GST Council – chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

44. On June 18, Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and the NPCI as “Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)” under ‘Section 70’ of the “IT Act, 2000”. Implying any harm to them can have an impact on national security and any unauthorised person accessing these resources may be jailed for up to 10 years, according to an official notification. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MeitY – declared the IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank & NPCI as “Critical Information Infrastructure (CII)”
- It comes under ‘Section 70’ of the “IT Act, 2000”
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw | Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)

45. On June 21, France's payment solution company Lyra Network signed an MoU with the NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) for the acceptance of the UPI and RuPay Cards in France. With this, France has become the 5th country to adopt UPI, after Bhutan, Singapore, Nepal & the UAE. Nepal was the first foreign country to adopt India's UPI system. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lyra Network ([France](#)) + NIPL = an MoU for the acceptance of the UPI & RuPay Cards in France
- France – became the 5th country to adopt UPI, after Bhutan, Singapore, Nepal & the UAE | 1st – Nepal
- HQs of NIPL – [Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | CEO – [Ritesh Shukla](#)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – [Emmanuel Macron](#) | PM – [Elisabeth Borne](#)

46. As on June 21, a study by the RBI has spoken about the possibility of capital outflows of \$100 billion (around Rs 7,80,000 Cr) from India in case of a major global risk scenario, also known as “Black Swan” event. A “Black Swan” is a rare, unpredictable event that comes as a surprise and has a significant impact on society or the world. The black swan theory was put forward by author and investor Nassim Nicholas Taleb in 2001, and later popularised in his 2007 book - “The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- As per RBI's study: the possibility of capital outflows of \$100 billion from India in case of a major global risk scenario
- Global Risk Scenario – known as “Black Swan” event
- HQs of RBI – [Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | Governor – [Shaktikanta Das \(25th\)](#) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

47. On June 20, the SEBI has set up an Advisory Committee on Hybrid Securities to boost the growth of such instruments, including measures focusing on ease of issuance and attracting domestic and global capital. The 20-member committee will be chaired by K. V. Kamath. REITs and InvITs are classified as hybrid securities. Besides, the SEBI has reconstituted its Research Advisory Committee, which is responsible for promotion, development, maintenance of databases relevant for capital market regulation research. This 16-member panel will be headed by V Ravi Anshuman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – set up a 20-member Advisory Committee on Hybrid Securities | Headed by – K. V. Kamath
- REITs & InvITs are classified as Hybrid Securities
- SEBI – reconstituted its 14-member Research Advisory Committee | Headed by – V. Ravi Anshuman
- HQs of SEBI – [Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | Chairman – [Madhabi Puri Buch](#) | Established in – 1992

48. On June 20, DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) acquired a 9.9% stake in Svakarma Finance, a non-banking finance company, to deliver financial solutions to micro enterprises through a combination of direct lending and co-lending. Svakarma will deliver financial solutions to micro enterprises through a combination of direct lending and co-lending. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBS Bank India Ltd (DBIL) – acquired a 9.9% stake in Svakarma Finance to deliver financial solutions to micro enterprises
- HQs of DBS Bank India – [Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | MD & CEO – [Surojit Shome](#)

49. In June 2022, the government clarified that the TDS on Virtual Digital Assets (VDA) continues to be 1%, applicable from July 1, 2022. The clarification from the Income Tax came after some media reported that the TDS rate for virtual digital assets is dropped to 0.1% from 1%. Moreover, the central government had set a 30% taxation on the gains from the cryptocurrency assets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TDS on Virtual Digital Assets (VDA) continues to be 1%, applicable from July 1, 2022
- Central government – set a 30% taxation on the gains from the cryptocurrency assets

50. On June 22, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the timeline for implementation of certain provisions of the master directions it issued on issuance of debit cards and credit cards by 3 months from July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2022. In the master directions issued in April, RBI had said that card issuers will have to seek OTP-based consent from the cardholder for activating a credit card, if the same has not been activated by the customer for more than 30 days from the date of issuance. And, if no consent is granted by the customer, card-issuers will have to close the credit card account without any cost to the customer within 7 working days. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – extended the timeline for implementation of provisions of issuance of debit cards & credit cards by 3 months from July 1 to October 1
- Card issuers will have to seek OTP-based consent from the cardholder for activating a Credit Card
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

51. On June 21, in a bid to break the deadlock over the launch of Surety Bonds, the Ministry for Road Transport & Highways (MORTH) asked insurance regulator IRDAI to develop a model product on Surety Bonds in consultation with general insurers. A surety bond is provided by the insurance company on behalf of the contractor to the entity, which is awarding the project. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoRTH – asked IRDAI to develop a model product on Surety Bonds in consultation with general insurers
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh

52. On June 20, the selling price of bank notes in the denomination of ₹20, ₹50, ₹100 and ₹200 has gone up in FY22. However, for notes in the denomination of ₹500, the prices have remained unchanged, according to information sourced through RTI from the Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd (BRBNML). Although notes of ₹500 denomination are the highest in terms of volume (34.9%) as well as value (73.3%). The overall cost of printing currency in FY22 was the second highest, after an all-time high of around ₹8,000 crore during the year of demonetisation (2016-17). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharatiya Reserve Bank Note Mudran Ltd:
- Selling price of bank notes in the denomination of ₹20, ₹50, ₹100 & ₹200 has gone up in FY22
- The prices have remained unchanged in the denomination of ₹500
- Notes of ₹500 denomination are the highest in terms of volume (34.9%) as well as value (73.3%)
- Overall cost of printing currency in FY22 was the 2nd highest, after around ₹8,000 Cr during demonetisation (2016-17)

53. On June 23, Max Life Insurance Company Ltd launched the “Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan”, a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan with a minimum policy tenure of 5 years. The plan offers guaranteed tax-free returns up to 6.14% along with life cover protection at monthly premiums as low as Rs 3000. The plan is also available to purchase on Max Life’s website and Policybazaar.com. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Life Insurance – launched “Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan” with a minimum policy tenure of 5 years
- [HQs of Max Life Ins. – New Delhi](#) | [MD & CEO – Prashant Tripathy](#)

54. On June 21, CARD91, a global payment infrastructure powering B2B payments, announced a strategic partnership with YES BANK and RuPay, the flagship product of the NPCI. Through this partnership, CARD91 will create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments as well as maintain a real-time dashboard to generate insights. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CARD91 + YES BANK + RuPay = an agreement to create a Card Management System
- [HQs of Yes Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [MD & CEO – Prashant Kumar](#) | [Tagline – “Experience our Expertise”](#)

55. On June 22, Bengaluru-based neobanking platform Freo launched its digital savings account ‘Freo Save’ in partnership with Equitas Small Finance Bank. With this launch, it has become the first consumer neobank in India to provide full-stack neo-banking products. Almost 60% of Indians use public sector banks, as per the RBI. Freo’s digital savings account has been integrated with Equitas’ infrastructure on the Freo Save App. Started as MoneyTap in 2016, Freo is India’s first credit-led neobank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Freo (neobank - Bengaluru) + Equitas SFB = launched digital savings account ‘Freo Save’
- Freo – India’s first credit-led neobank & first consumer neobank in India to provide full-stack neo-banking products
- Freo – started as ‘MoneyTap’ in 2016
- [HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu](#) | [MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan \(till the succession\)](#)

56. On June 22, South Indian Bank launched a new portal called “SIB TF Online” for its corporate EXIM customers. The portal facilitates a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely. SIB TF Online has been hosted on the home page of Corporate Internet Banking (SIBerNet). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- South Indian Bank – launched a new portal called “SIB TF Online” for its corporate EXIM customers
- HQs of South Indian Bank – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – Murali Ramakrishnan

57. In June 2022, Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) partnered with Avanse Financial Services (AFS), an education-focused NBFC, to provide Student Travel Insurance to overseas academic aspirants financed by Avanse. This policy takes care of medical expenses and protects students from emergencies and losses. Industry reports suggest that the number of such students is expected to touch 1.8 million by 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EGI + AFS = partnership to provide ‘Student Travel Insurance’ to overseas academic aspirants
- HQs of EGI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Executive Director – Shanai Ghosh
- HQs of AFS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO & Managing Director – Amit Gainda

58. On June 23, ICICI Bank launched a digital platform called “Campus Power” to help students aspiring to pursue higher education in India and abroad. The platform caters to the varied needs of the entire student ecosystem comprising students, parents, and institutes. The initiative claimed as first-of-its-kind and is available for anyone including customers of other banks. In order to complement its digital efforts, the private sector lender is setting up branches dedicated to the student ecosystem. The first branch has been set up at IIT Kanpur and seven more will be added to the campuses of top institutes across India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICICI Bank – launched “Campus Power” to help student to pursue higher education in India & abroad
- First branch has been set up at – IIT Kanpur
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”

59. In June 2022, Airtel Payments Bank partnered with Muthoot Finance to offer gold loans on Airtel Thanks app. With this partnership, Airtel Payments Bank customers can get hassle-free gold loans with zero processing fees from Muthoot Finance. Muthoot Finance gives as much as 75% of the pledged gold value as a loan. Customers get doorstep disbursals for loan amounts of ₹50,000 and above. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + Muthoot Finance = partnership to offer Gold loans on Airtel Thanks app
- HQs of Muthoot Finance – Kochi, Kerala | MD – George Alexander Muthoot
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas | Founded in – 2017

60. On June 21, the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched a new life insurance plan called “Dhan Sanchay”, which is a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance plan that provides both protection and savings. This plan offers financial assistance to the family in the event of the life assured's untimely death within the policy's term. It also offers a guaranteed income stream. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LIC – launched “Dhan Sanchay”, a non-linked, non-participating, individual savings life insurance plan
- HQs of LIC – Mumbai | Chairman – M. R. Kumar | Founded in – 1956 | Tagline – “Yogakshemam Vahamyaham”



61. On June 22, Liberty General Insurance (LGI) entered into a corporate agency agreement with Peerless Financial Products Distribution Ltd (PFPDL) to enable the distribution of Liberty's retail and commercial line of products through Peerless' network of 42 branches across the country. The products include Liberty Complete Protect Group Policy Insurance, which provides annual benefit cover, if the insured is hospitalized with vector-borne diseases. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LGI + PFPDL = a corporate agency agreement to enable the distribution of LGI's retail & commercial line of products
- HQs of Liberty General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Roopam Asthana
- HQs of PFPDL – Kolkata, West Bengal | CEO – Satyaki Bhattacharya

62. On June 23, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) appointed Venkat Nageswar Chalasani (former Deputy MD of SBI) as a member in the Advisory Committee of Srei Infrastructure Finance Ltd (SIFL) and Srei Equipment Finance Ltd (SEFL). The RBI had on October 11, 2021, constituted the advisory committee to advise the administrator in the operations of these financial service providers during the corporate insolvency resolution process. Mr. Chalasani replaces R. Subramaniakumar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI appointed V. N. Chalasani in the Advisory Committee of SIFL & SEFL (replacing - R. Subramaniakumar)
- VN Chalasani – former Deputy MD of SBI
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

63. On June 22, AU Small Finance Bank launched “AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today)” credit card which allows customers to choose the features they want in their card. Instead of buying multiple cards for different categories, such as travel, shopping etc, the customer can opt for the categories of their preference under this one offering. LIT credit card offers total 5 categories of features. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- AU SFB – launched “AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today)” credit card, offering total 5 categories of features
- HQs of AU SFB – Jaipur, Rajasthan | MD & CEO – Sanjay Agarwal

64. On June 21, the Centre government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) has decided to collaborate with the State Bank of India (SBI) to create an Integrated Pension Portal to enhance ease of living of pensioners, as announced during the two-day Bankers' Awareness Programme in Udaipur, Rajasthan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DoPPW + SBI = to create an 'Integrated Pension Portal' to enhance ease of living of pensioners
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara

65. India's Current Account Deficit (CAD) decreased sequentially to \$13.4 billion (1.5% of GDP) in the 4th quarter (Q4) ended on March 2022 (FY22), down from \$22.2 billion (2.6% of GDP) in the 3rd quarter (Q3) ended on December 2021 (FY22). The sequential decline in CAD in Q4 of FY22 was mainly on account of a moderation in trade deficit and lower net outgo of primary income. Private transfer receipts increased to \$23.7 billion in Q4 of FY22. For FY22, the current account balance recorded a deficit of 1.2% of GDP (\$38.7 billion) against a surplus of 0.9% (\$24 billion) in 2020-21. As for 2021-22, there was an accretion of \$47.5 billion to foreign exchange reserves, lower than the \$87 billion in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Current Account Deficit decreased to 1.5% of GDP in Q4 FY22 (from 2.6% in Q3 FY22)
- Private transfer receipts increased to \$23.7 billion in Q4 FY22
- Current Account Balance recorded a deficit of 1.2% of GDP in FY22 (from surplus of 0.9% in FY21)

66. On June 23, Syngenta India signed an exclusive agreement with the Delhi-based Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) with an aim to safeguard chilli farmers in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh from unfavourable price fluctuations due to unpredictable market conditions. Fasal Bhavantar Kawach, an insurance policy of AIC, protects policyholders against unexpected falls in market prices. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Syngenta India + AIC = an agreement to safeguard chilli farmers in Guntur, AP from unfavourable price fluctuations
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

67. On June 24, the RBI extended the timeline for Card on File (CoF) tokenisation by another 3 months till September 30, 2022 for all Payment System Providers/Participants. Earlier the due date for tokenisation of Debit & Credit Cards was set on June 30, 2022. This is the 3rd time RBI has extended this deadline. Under the framework, RBI directs cardholders can create “tokens” (a unique alternate code) in lieu of card details; these tokens can then be stored by the merchants for processing transactions in the future. Data from RBI showed that about 19.5 Cr tokens have been created till date. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI extended the timeline for CoF tokenization till Sept 30, 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

68. As on 16 June, India’s direct tax collections for the Financial Year 2022-23 showed net collections at Rs 3,39,225 Cr compared with Rs 2,33,651 Cr in the corresponding period of the preceding year, representing an increase of 45%. Corporation tax, with the collection of Rs 1,70,583 Cr, made the highest contribution to it. The advance tax collections for the first quarter of the FY 2022-23 stand at Rs 1,01,017 Cr against Rs 75,783 Cr for the corresponding period, showing a growth of more than 33%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Net direct tax collections for Q1 (FY23) increased 45% at Rs 3,39,225 Cr
- Highest contribution made by ‘Corporation Tax’ with the collection of Rs 1,70,583 Cr
- Advance tax collection for Q1 (FY23) – Rs 1.01 lakh Cr (increase of 33%)

69. On June 26, Madhya Pradesh cricket team created history by winning their maiden “Ranji Trophy” title in 2022, beating the Mumbai team. Mumbai team has won the Ranji Trophy 41 times in the 88-year-old tournament. The current MP team is captained by Aditya Shrivastava of Bhopal. The Ranji Trophy (also known as Paytm Ranji Trophy for sponsorship reasons) is a domestic first-class cricket championship played in India between multiple teams representing regional and state cricket associations. The competition currently consists of 38 teams. The competition is named after the first Indian cricketer who played international cricket, Ranjitsinhji. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh team – won their maiden “Ranji Trophy” title in 2022 (beating - Mumbai team)
- Current MP team is captained by – Aditya Shrivastava ([Bhopal](#))
- Ranji Trophy (also known as ‘Paytm Ranji Trophy’) – currently consists of 38 teams
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

70. On June 26, Venkataraman Krishnamurthy, who is considered as the turnaround man of several Indian corporate houses like BHEL, Maruti Udyog, SAIL and Gail (India), passed away at the age of 97. Krishnamurthy is considered as the “Father of Public Sector Undertakings in India”. He served as the CEO of Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL), Maruti Udyog, Steel Authority of India Ltd (SAIL) and GAIL (India). He was the founder Chairman of Maruti Udyog Ltd. In the academic field, he had served as the chairman of IIM Bangalore, IIM Ahmedabad and IIT Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- V. Krishnamurthy – Indian Civil Servant – passed away (known as “Father of PSUs” in India)
- Served as CEO of – BHEL, SAIL, GAIL, Maruti Udyog & Chairman of – IIM Bangalore, IIM Ahmedabad, IIT Delhi

71. On June 29, the SEBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 Cr on the stock exchange, NSE in the dark fibre case. A penalty of Rs 5 Cr each is levied on former NSE officials Chitra Ramakrishna and Anand Subramanian. In this case, a total of 18 entities received penalties. NSE and its former officials including other entities have been under SEBI’s radar over alleged irregularities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – imposed a 7 Cr penalty on NSE in dark fibre case
- A penalty of Rs 5 Cr each is also levied on former NSE officials – Chitra Ramakrishna & Anand Subramanian
- [HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch](#) | [Established in – 1992](#)

72. The “International Day in Support of Victims of Torture” is annually observed on 26 June. The United Nations General Assembly had first observed the day in 1998 to raise awareness about those who undergo torture and how it impacts their lives. The date marks the moment in 1987 when the UN Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment came into effect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 26 – “International Day in Support of Victims of Torture” – by UNGA (since 1998)
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, US](#) | [President – Abdulla Shahid](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)

73. On June 29, Air Cargo Forum India (ACFI) formulated a new board for a term of 2 consecutive years 2022-2024 at the Annual General Meeting. Yashpal Sharma (MD of Skyways Group) was appointed as the President of ACFI for this period, replacing Cyrus Katgara. Katgara will be part of the current board as Ex Officio. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ACFI – appointed Yashpal Sharma as President of ACFI for 2 years (replacing - Cyrus Katgara)
- Yashpal Sharma – MD of Skyways Group
- [HQs of ACFI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Vipin Jain](#) | [Established in – 2012](#)



74. On June 26, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched the “Nasha Nahin, Zindagi Chunne” initiative and flagged off vehicles of the Department of State Taxes and Excise to deal with drug peddling effectively in Shimla. A Special Task Force would also be constituted to curb the drug menace in Himachal Pradesh. A short film of Nasha Niwaran Board on various initiatives taken by various departments was also screened on the occasion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jai Ram Thakur (HP) – launched the “Nasha Nahin, Zindagi Chunne” initiative to curb the drug menace in the state
- Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

75. On June 14, China emerged as the top buyer of Indian rice during the pandemic, with the import of 16.34 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), or 7.7% of India’s total rice export of 212.10 LMT in financial year 2021-22, according to an analysis of trade data. The analysis shows that out of China’s total rice import from India, nearly 97% (15.76 LMT) was broken rice. China is now the top buyer of Indian broken rice, which was earlier exported mostly to African countries. During 2021-22, India exported 38.64 LMT of broken rice to 83 countries. In 2021-22, India’s total rice exports, both basmati and non-basmati, was 212.10 LMT. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India’s total rice export in 2021-22 – 212.10 LMT (Broken Rice - 38.64 LMT)
- China – emerged as top buyer of Indian rice with import of 16.34 LMT (Broken Rice - 15.76 LMT)
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

76. The “International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking” or “World Drug Day” is celebrated every year on June 26. In 2022, the theme is “Addressing Drug Challenges in Health and Humanitarian Crises”. On December 7, 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to observe this day on June 26. The focus is to create awareness about the hazardous impacts of drug abuse on the society and to create a world without it. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 26 – “International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking” or “World Drug Day” – by UNGA (since 1987)
- 2022’s Theme – “Addressing Drug Challenges in Health and Humanitarian Crises”
- HQs of UNGA – New York, US | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

77. On June 2, the United States and other parts of the world come together to celebrate June month every year as “LGBTQ Pride Month”, also known as “Gay Pride Month”. The term ‘Gay Pride’ is believed to be coined by Thom Higgins. It is observed in June to honour the “1969 Stonewall Uprising” in Manhattan - a tipping point for Gay Liberation Movement in the US. The rainbow colours have been associated with the LGBTQ community for decades, with the ‘Rainbow Flag’ being the most common symbol of Gay Pride. LGBTQ is an acronym for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (an umbrella term for non-straight people). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June – “LGBTQ Pride Month” or “Gay Pride Month” (to honour “1969 Stonewall Uprising” in Manhattan, New York, US)
- ‘Rainbow Flag’ – most common symbol of ‘Gay Pride’
- LGBTQ – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Queer



78. “Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs) Day” is celebrated every year on June 27 to recognise the contribution of these industries in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). MSMEs account for 90% of businesses, 60 to 70% of employment and 50% of GDP worldwide. This year, the International Trade Centre (ITC) marks the 5th anniversary of MSME Day. On this day, a hybrid event was organised under the theme “Resilience and Rebuilding: MSMEs for Sustainable Development at the forefront of Building Back Better and Stronger from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Climate Crisis and Conflicts”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 27 – “MSME Day” – to recognize MSME’s contribution in implementation of SDGs
- MSMEs account for 90% of Businesses, 60-70% of Employment & 50% of GDP worldwide
- Ministry of MSME: Narayan Rane | Constituency – Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of MSME: Bhanu Pratap Singh Verma

79. On June 29, Airtel Payments Bank (APB) partnered with Axis Bank to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions. Through this tie-up, Axis Bank and its customers will benefit significantly by building operational efficiencies in the cash management process. Axis Bank customers will soon be able to make direct EMI deposits for loan payments at the 5 lakh banking points of Airtel Payments Bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Airtel Payments Bank + Axis Bank = partnered to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities & semi-urban regions
- HQs of APB – New Delhi | CEO – Anubrata Biswas | Founded in – 2017
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

80. On June 29, Bajaj Allianz General Insurance collaborated with Allianz Partners and launched “Global Health Care”, a comprehensive health indemnity insurance product that provides cover to a policyholder for planned as well as emergency treatment both in India and abroad. The product is available with two plans - ‘Imperial Plan’ and ‘Imperial Plus Plan’. Global Health Care offers one of the widest sums insured in the Indian market, from ₹37,50,000 to ₹3,75,00,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Allianz General Insurance + Allianz Partners = launched “Global Health Care”
- The product is available with two plans - ‘Imperial Plan’ and ‘Imperial Plus Plan’
- It offers sums insured in the Indian market from ₹37,50,000 to ₹3,75,00,000
- HQs of Bajaj Allianz Gen Ins – Pune, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Tapan Singhel

81. In June 2022, Cashfree Payments (India Pvt Ltd) partnered with Singapore-headquartered cross-border education payment services platform, EasyTransfer, to offer a faster, easier, and cheaper platform for Indian students to make fee payments to universities and educational institutions abroad. With this partnership, Indian students will be able to make payments directly through their existing bank accounts, eliminating the need to set up a new account specifically for making such payments. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cashfree Payments + EasyTransfer = to offer faster, easier & cheaper platform for Indian students to make fee payments
- HQs of Cashfree Payments – Bengaluru, Karnataka | HQs of EasyTransfer – Singapore

82. On June 28, Star Health & Allied Insurance Company signed a Corporate Agency Agreement with IDFC FIRST Bank for distribution of its health insurance products. Under the bancassurance agreement, Star Health will offer its health insurance products to the bank's customers using the latter's digital platform and its distribution network. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Star Health & Allied Insurance + IDFC FIRST Bank = an agreement for distribution of its health insurance products
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018
- HQs of Star Health & Allied Insurance – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | Chairman & CEO – Venkatasamy Jagannathan

83. On June 28, China's Central Bank signed an agreement with Switzerland-based Bank for International Settlements (BIS) as part of Beijing's plans to establish a yuan pooling scheme called "Renminbi Liquidity Arrangement", starting with Indonesia, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Chile, to counter the dominance of the U.S. dollar. The arrangement aims to provide liquidity support for participating central banks during future periods of market volatility by creating a reserve pool. Each participant will contribute a minimum of 15 billion yuan (\$2.2 billion) or the equivalent in US dollars, creating a reserve pool at the BIS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China's Central Bank + BIS = to establish "Renminbi Liquidity Arrangement" to counter the dominance of U.S. dollar
- Each participant will contribute a minimum of 15 billion yuan (\$2.2 billion) to creating a Reserve Pool
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping
- HQs of BIS – Basel, Switzerland | General Manager – Agustín Carstens | Established in – 1930

84. On June 30, the RBI released its 25th "Financial Stability Report (FSR)". The report observed that the outlook for the global economy is shrouded by considerable uncertainty because of the war in Europe. Regarding the banking sector, the report stated that the Capital to Risk weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR) of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) rose to a new high of 16.7% while their Gross Non Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio fell to a 6-year low of 5.9% in March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

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- GNPA ratio fell to a 6-year low of 5.9% in March 2022
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935

85. On June 30, the government kept interest rates unchanged on small savings schemes, including National Savings Certificate (NSC) and Public Provident Fund (PPF), for the second quarter (Q2) of FY 2022-23 (from July 1 to Sep 30, 2022) amid high inflation and rising interest rate. The PPF & NSC will continue to have an annual interest rate of 7.1% and 6.8%, respectively in Q2 FY23. The one-year term deposit scheme will continue to earn an interest rate of 5.5% in Q2 FY23. The interest rate on the 5-year Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme will be retained at 7.4%. The girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana will fetch 7.6%. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Interest rates are kept unchanged on Small Savings Schemes for the Q2 of FY 2022-23
- PPF – 7.1% | NSC – 6.8% | 1 Year Term Deposit – 5.5% | Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana – 7.6%
- Senior Citizens' Savings Scheme – 7.4%

86. On June 28, the RBI released data on “Deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks - March 2022”. The growth in Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) deposits moderated to 10% year-on-year in March 2022, compared to an increase of 11.9% a year ago. The share of Current Account and Savings Account (CASA) deposits in total deposits has been increasing over the years and stood at 44.8% in March 2022. Household sector held the dominant share of 62.6% in total deposits. Female depositors accounted for 19.8% of total deposits in March 2022. Large size deposits (Rs 1 Cr & above) nearly accounted for 40% share in total term deposits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RBI – released data on “Deposits with Scheduled Commercial Banks - March 2022”
- As per the report: (as of March 2022)
- Growth in SCBs deposits moderated to 10% YoY
- The share of CASA deposits in total deposits stood at 44.8%
- Household sector held the dominant share of 62.6% in total deposits
- Female depositors accounted for 19.8% of total deposits
- Large size deposits (Rs 1 Cr & above) accounted for 40% share in total term deposits
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935

87. On June 29, Axis Bank and EazyDiner, a table reservation, food discovery and restaurant payment platform, launched “Dining Delights”, a dining experience programme for the bank’s customers. The program will offer benefits such as the option to choose from over 10,000 premium restaurants across India and Dubai, instant confirmation on table reservations, and offers on dining reservations made through the EazyDiner app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Axis Bank + EazyDiner ([Gurugram](#)) = launched “Dining Delights” program for the bank’s customers
- The program will offer benefits to choose from over 10,000 premium restaurants across India & Dubai
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”



Defence Affairs

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. On June 4, the Indian Navy decommissioned its two ships, INS Akshay and INS Nishank, after 32 years of service including participation in Operation Talwar and Operation Parakram. The decommissioning event was conducted at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard in a traditional ceremony wherein the national flag, the naval ensign and the decommissioning pennant of the two ships were lowered for the last time at sunset. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- INS Akshay + INS Nishank = at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard decommissioned after 32 years of service
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950



5. According to Western Intelligence reports, Russia deployed the Terminator tank support system - the “BMPT”, also known as “BMPT Terminator”, and its new version the “BMPT-72”, in an area that remains its immediate tactical priority in the Ukraine war. The Terminator or the Boyevaya Mashina Podderzhki Tankov (BMPT), is a tank support fighting vehicle developed by Russia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Russia – deployed the Terminator tank support system - the “BMPT” or “BMPT Terminator” or “BMPT-72” (new version)
- [Russia – Moscow – Russian Ruble](#) | [PM – Mikhail Mishustin](#) | [President – Vladimir Putin](#)

6. In June 2022, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) conducted a 2-week long United States-led naval exercise called “BALTOPS (Baltic Operations) 22” in the Baltic Sea, with more than 7,000 sailors, airmen and marines from 16 nations. It was hosted by Sweden. The annual BALTOPS naval exercise was initiated in 1972. Turkey, a NATO member, has objected to Finland and Sweden joining the military alliance. BALTOPS 22 was scheduled to end in the German port of Kiel on June 17. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NATO – conducted the US-led naval exercise called “BALTOPS (Baltic Operations) 22” in the Baltic Sea
- The exercise was hosted by – Sweden | BALTOPS naval exercise was initiated – in 1972
- Turkey – objected to Finland & Sweden joining the military alliance
- [HQs of NATO – Brussels, Belgium](#) | [Secretary General – Jens Stoltenberg](#) | [Member Countries – 30](#)
- [Sweden – Stockholm – Krona](#) | [PM – Magdalena Andersson](#)
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46th President – Joe Biden](#) | [49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

7. Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), in a meeting chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on June 6, 2022, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for Capital Acquisition Proposals of the Armed Forces amounting to Rs 76,390 Cr under ‘Buy (Indian)’, ‘Buy & Make (Indian)’ and ‘Buy (Indian-IDDMM)’ categories. This will provide substantial boost to the Indian Defence Industry and reduce foreign spending significantly. The ‘Digital Coast Guard’ project under ‘Buy (Indian)’ category has also been approved by the DAC. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DAC accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for Capital Acquisition Proposals of the Armed Forces worth Rs 76,390 Cr
- DAC also approved ‘Digital Coast Guard’ project under ‘Buy (Indian) Category’
- [DAC – Chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh](#)

8. On June 6, India successfully carried out a night launch of the nuclear-capable Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) named “Agni-4” from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. The missile has a range of around 4,000 km. The successful test of Agni-4 reaffirms India’s policy of having a ‘credible minimum deterrence capability’. All these ‘Agni missiles’ are designed & developed by the DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – launched nuclear-capable – “Agni-4” from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha (Range – 4000 Km)
- ‘Agni’ missiles are designed & developed by – DRDO
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)
- [HQs of DRDO – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy](#) | [Established in – 1958](#)

9. A multinational peacekeeping exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” featuring participation from military contingents from 16 countries, including India was conducted from 6 June to 20 June, 2022 at the Peace Support Operations Training Centre in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Indian Army was represented by a contingent from the Ladakh Scouts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A multinational peacekeeping exercise “Ex Khaan Quest 2022” – conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- Indian Army was represented by – a contingent from the Ladakh Scouts
- [Mongolia – Ulaanbaatar – Mongolian Togrog | President – Ukhnaa Khurelsukh](#)

10. As part of the ongoing India Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise “Ex SAMPRITI-X” was conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from June 5 to 16, 2022. It aims to strengthen and widen the aspects of interoperability and cooperation between both the armies. The Indian contingent of company strength was represented by DOGRA Regiment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Bangladesh = conducted a military training exercise “Ex SAMPRITI-X” at Jashore Military Station, Bangladesh
- [Bangladesh – Dhaka – Taka | PM – Sheikh Hasina | President – Abdul Hamid](#)

11. On June 6, the US and South Korean militaries launched 8 ballistic missiles into the sea, aimed at demonstrating the ability to respond swiftly and accurately to North Korean attacks as South Korean military detected North Korea firing 8 short-range missiles on 5 June. The allies’ live-fire exercise involved 8 Army Tactical Missile System missiles - one American and seven South Korean. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US + South Korea = launched 8 ballistic missiles into the sea to respond swiftly & accurately to North Korean attacks
- The exercise involved 8 Army Tactical Missile System missiles = 1 American + 7 South Korean
- [South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Yoon Suk-yeol](#)
- [North Korea – Pyongyang – North Korean won | President – Kim Jong-un](#)
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

12. On June 7, the Ministry of Defense issued new guidelines for the post of the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The new guidelines broaden the scope of eligible officers. The next Chief of Defence Staff could be anyone from the three serving Chiefs of Army, IAF or Navy, any serving three-star officer, any retired chief who is below 62 or any retired three-star officer also below the same age. Another change in eligibility criteria marks the inclusion of recently retired service chiefs and vice chiefs, despite the age ceiling being 62 years. The top post fell vacant after the sudden demise of General Bipin Rawat in December 2021. He took office as the CDS on 1 December, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Defense – issued new guidelines for the post of CDS
- Eligibility criteria:
 - Three serving Chiefs of Army, IAF or Navy,
 - Any serving three-star Officer
 - Any retired Chief who is below 62
 - Any retired three-star Officer who is below 62
- [Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt](#)



13. On June 8, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved enhancement of funding under Technology Development Fund (TDF) scheme of Ministry of Defence to Rs 50 Cr per project from Rs 10 Cr. The TDF scheme, executed by the DRDO, supports indigenous development of components, products, systems and technologies by MSMEs and start-ups. 25% of defence R&D budget was earmarked for private industry, start-ups and academia in Union Budget 2022-23. Till date, 56 projects have been sanctioned under TDF scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh – approved enhancement of funding under TDF scheme of MoD to Rs 50 Cr per project from Rs 10 Cr
- 25% of defence R&D budget was earmarked for private industry, start-ups and academia in Union Budget 2022-23
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

14. The 38th edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (IND-INDO CORPAT) between Indian Navy and Indonesian Navy was conducted at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands from 13-24 June, 2022. INS Karmuk, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft participated in the CORPAT. The sea phase for the 38th edition of CORPAT was undertaken on June 20-21 in Andaman Sea, whilst the closing ceremony was scheduled at Sabang, Indonesia on June 23. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘IND-INDO CORPAT’ - 38th Coordinated Patrol between Indian Navy & Indonesian Navy – conducted at Port Blair
- INS Karmuk + Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft = participated in the CORPAT
- Sea phase – on 20-21 June in Andaman Sea | Closing ceremony – June 23 at Sabang, Indonesia
- Indonesia – Jakarta – Rupiah | President – Joko Widodo

15. On June 18, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) announced that 10% of all vacancies in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles will be reserved for the armed forces recruits who have completed 4-years of service under the Agnipath scheme. CAPFs comprise the CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB & BSF. This reservation is other than the existing 10% quota for ex-servicemen in CAPFs. The ministry also announced a 5-year age relaxation for the first batch of Agniveers. The announcement came as violent protests continued to be reported against the short-term scheme announced on June 15. After completion of the 4-year tenure, the scheme provides for the retention of 25% of the recruits for regular service, based on organisational requirements and existing policies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MHA – announced to reserve 10% vacancies for recruitment in CAPFs & Assam Rifles for Agniveers
- ‘Agniveers’ – are armed forces recruits who have completed 4-years of service under ‘Agnipath’ scheme
- After completion of the 4-year tenure, the scheme provides for the retention of 25% of the recruits for regular service
- CAPFs – comprise the CRPF, CISF, ITBP, SSB & BSF
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik



16. On June 20, the Indian Coast Guard Region (East) inducted the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark-III, indigenously developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), in Chennai, the headquarters of Coast Guard Region East. The ALH will be the first aircraft of the newly created “840 Squadron” that will be stationed in Chennai and will be the first ALH MK-III to be positioned in the Coast Guard Region East. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Coast Guard Region (East) – inducted the ‘ALH Mark-III’ at HQs of East region in Chennai
- It will be the first ALH MK-III to be positioned in the Coast Guard Region East
- ALH MK-III – first aircraft of the newly created “840 Squadron” (developed by - HAL)
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan

17. On June 22, Ministry of Defence (MoD) approved the development of amenities known as ‘BRO Cafes’, to be set up by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), at 75 locations on various sections of roads across 12 States/Union Territories. These are designed to give tourists access to essential amenities & comfort which will in-return increase economic activity in border regions, and create jobs for the local people. The contract will have a 15-year term initially. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoD approved the development of amenities known as ‘BRO Cafes’ – to be set up by the BRO
- It will be set up on 75 locations across 12 States/Union Territories
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

18. On June 22, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australian Deputy Prime Minister & Minister for Defence Mr. Richard Marles held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi. The two Ministers reviewed the existing defence cooperation activities. The Ministers also reviewed the defence and security pillars of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and committed to give fillip to the India-Australia Joint Working Group (JWG) on Defence Research and Materiel Cooperation. They discussed about India’s participation in Australia’s “Indo-Pacific Endeavour Exercise” in October 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Defence Minister of India & Australia – held a bilateral meeting in New Delhi
- “Indo-Pacific Endeavour Exercise” – to be conducted by Australia in October 2022
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

19. On June 25, Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) signed an MoU with Defense Initiatives (DI), Belarus, and Defense Initiatives Aero Pvt Ltd, India, a subsidiary of DI Belarus, for supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for the helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The cooperation is aimed at exploring various business opportunities for India and global markets for ADS. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BEL + DI (Belarus) + DIA Ltd (India) = an MoU for supply of ADS for helicopters of IAF
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

20. On June 28, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) successfully launched the first of a trio of sounding rocket missions, “Black Brant IX sounding rocket” to study Alpha Centauri from Arnhem Space Center, in Australia. The rocket is sent to examine X-rays in the zone of gas and dust between stars known as the interstellar medium. The second mission of the trio was the University of Colorado Boulder's “Suborbital Imaging Spectrograph for Transition region Irradiance from Nearby Exoplanet (SISTINE)” host stars. The third mission, scheduled for July 12, was another UC Boulder mission called “Dual-channel Extreme Ultraviolet Continuum Experiment (DEUCE)”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – launched the 1st of “Black Brant IX sounding rocket” mission from Australia – to study Alpha Centauri
- 2nd mission – University of Colorado Boulder’s “SISTINE” host stars | 3rd mission – UC Boulder mission called “DEUCE”
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Scott Morrison

21. On June 28, “Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)”, an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard was inaugurated by Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence. PADMA is an automated platform leveraging latest technology which will provide seamless and timely disbursement of Pay & Allowances to around 15,000 Indian Coast Guard personnel. The launch marked the beginning of the Centralized Pay System (CPS). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajnish Kumar (CGDA) – inaugurated “Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA)”
- PADMA – an automated Pay & Allowances module for Indian Coast Guard | CPS – Centralized Pay System
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | DG – Virender Singh Pathania | Founded in – 1977

22. On June 29, the 9th Army to Army Staff Talks (AAST) between the Australian Army and Indian Army were conducted in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, as Australian Army delegation is on a visit to India from June 25 to August 1. During his visit, the Australian Army Chief called on the Chief of Army Staff, Chief of Naval Staff, Chief of Air Staff and other senior military officers. The AAST focused on joint military exercises, training cooperation and preparing a roadmap for enhanced Defence Cooperation between both the Armies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Australian Army + Indian Army = conducted 9th Army to Army Staff Talks (AAST) in Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese

23. On 28 June, in a major boost to further strengthening the Coast Guard Region North West, “835 Squadron”, an indigenous Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) DHRUV MK III aircraft was commissioned by Indian Coast Guard (ICG) at Porbandar, Gujarat. 835 Sqn (CG) is commanded by Commandant Sunil Dutt. ALH MK III helicopters have been indigenously manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “835 Squadron” (indigenous ALH DHRUV MK III aircraft) – commissioned by the ICG at Porbandar, Gujarat
- ALH MK III helicopters – manufactured by HAL
- HQs of HAL – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Amitabh Bhatt | Chairma & MD – R. Madhavan

Sports & Games

1. 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 11th 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’
- 11th Men's Hockey Asia Cup – held at Jakarta, Indonesia

2. 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](#)

3. 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](#)



4. 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:

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

5. In May 2022, Supernovas beat Velocity by 4 runs in the 4th 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 4th 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

6. On June 7, Badminton World Federation (BWF) confirmed that the US Open, scheduled for October 4 to 9, 2022, has been cancelled due to organisational complications coming out of COVID-19. The US Open is a Super 300 tournament on the BWF World Tour. This is the third consecutive time that US Open has been cancelled. The US Open is an international tennis tournament played on hard court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BWF confirmed: US Open, scheduled for October 4 to 9, 2022, has been cancelled due to COVID-19
- US Open is played on Hard court
- HQs of BWF – Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia | President – Poul-Erik Hoyer Larsen

7. On June 5, Rafael Nadal, the 'King of Clay', defeated first time Grand Slam finalist, Casper Ruud, to win his record 14th French Open title in Paris, France. 36-year old Rafael Nadal has now become the oldest ever player to win the French Open, also known as Roland-Garros. The French Open is the only Grand Slam tournament held on clay courts. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rafael Nadal ([Spain - Tennis](#)) – won his record 14th French Open title (defeating - Casper Ruud)
- Rafael Nadal ([King of Clay](#)) – now become the oldest ever player to win the 'French Open'
- The French Open (Roland-Garros) – the only Grand Slam tournament held on 'Clay Courts'

8. In June 2022, Poland's Iga Swiatek won her 2nd "French Open" women's singles title by defeating America's Coco Gauff in the final of the 126th edition of the "French Open 2022". While in Men's singles, Rafael Nadal defeated Casper Ruud to win his 14th French Open title. With this, Rafael Nadal became the first player in history to win 22 Grand Slam titles in Men's Singles, followed by Roger Federer with 20 Grand Slams. El Salvador's Marcelo Arevalo & Jean-Julien Rojer of the Netherlands won the Men's double title. While Women's double was won by French Pair Caroline Garcia and Kristina Mladenovic. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Iga Swiatek ([Poland - Tennis](#)) – won her 2nd women's singles title at "French Open" (defeating - Coco Gauff)
- Rafael Nadal ([Spain - Tennis](#)) – won his 14th men's singles title at "French Open" (defeating - Casper Ruud)
- Rafael Nadal – became 1st player in history to win 22 Grand Slam titles in Men's Singles | Roger Federer – 20 titles
- The French Open – also known as "Roland Garros"

9. On June 9, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched the official logo and mascot "Thambi" (younger brother in Tamil) of the 44th Chess Olympiad, scheduled at Mamallapuram in Tamil Nadu from July 28 to August 10. The mascot "Thambi" is a knight dressed in the traditional Tamil attire Veshti (Dhoti) with a shirt and is seen with folded hands, apparently extending the Tamil greeting 'Vanakkam'. The words "Chess Believe" are seen on its shirt. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. K. Stalin ([TN](#)) – launched the official logo and mascot "Thambi" (younger brother in Tamil) of the 44th Chess Olympiad
- 44th Chess Olympiad – to be held at Mamallapuram, Tamil Nadu (July 28 to Aug 10)
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

10. Indian batter Mithali Raj continued to hold on to her 7th position while Smriti Mandhana remained at the 9th position in the latest ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings, released on June 7, 2022. Australia's Alyssa Healy continued to lead the rankings chart followed by England's Natalie Sciver and Beth Mooney of Australia. Indian Women's cricket team ranked 4th in the ICC Women's ODI Team Rankings. The team rankings were topped by Australia, followed by South Africa & England. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings: Mithali Raj – 7th | Smriti Mandhana – 9th | 1st – Alyssa Healy ([Australia](#))
- Indian Women's cricket team Rankings: India – 4th | 1st – Australia, 2nd – South Africa, 3rd – England
- [HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE](#) | [Chairman – Greg Barclay](#) | [CEO – Geoff Allardice](#) | [Members – 106 countries](#)

11. On June 1, Indian para-athlete Vinod Kumar was banned for 2 years, until August 2023, for intentionally misrepresenting his abilities in classification at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympics, announced by the Board of Appeal of Classification (BAC). Vinod specializes in the Discus Throw. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vinod Kumar – banned for 2 years for misrepresenting his abilities in classification at the '2020 Tokyo Paralympics'
- Vinod Kumar ([Indian para-athlete](#)) – specializes in the Discus Throw

12. On June 9, one of the greatest cricketers, Mithali Raj, from Rajasthan's Jaipur, announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricket. She played cricket for 23 years, since 1999 to 2022. Mithali is the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket. She was honoured with Padma Shri in 2015 for her contribution to sports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mithali Raj ([Rajasthan](#)) – announced her retirement from all forms of International Cricket
- Mithali – the highest run-scorer in women's international cricket as on June 2022 (Padma Shri in 2015)
- [HQs of BCCI – Mumbai, MH](#) | [Chairman – Sourav Ganguly](#) | [Secretary – Jay Shah](#) | [Founded in – 1928](#)

13. On June 10, Magnus Carlsen emerged as the winner of the 10th edition of the “Norway Chess 2022”, the competition celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. It was Carlsen’s 4th straight title at his home tournament and the 5th overall. The tournament took place at Finansparken in Stavanger, Norway, from May 30 to June 10. In the final standings, Azerbaijan’s Shakhriyar Mamedyarov stood at the 2nd while India’s Chess legend Viswanathan Anand ranked 3rd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Magnus Carlsen ([Norway](#)) – won the 10th edition of the “Norway Chess 2022” in Norway
- 2nd – Shakhriyar Mamedyarov ([Azerbaijan](#)) | 3rd – Viswanathan Anand ([India](#))
- HQs of FIDE – [Lausanne, Switzerland](#) | [President/Chairman – Arkady Dvorkovich](#) | [Founded on – July 20, 1924](#)

14. Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won Gold medals by defeating Ukraine’s Serhiy Kulish and Daria Tykhova in the final to help India rise to 5th position in the medals tally with 5 medals - 2 gold and 3 silver at the “ISSF World Cup 2022”. South Korea topped the medals table with 8 medals - 5 gold and 3 bronze, followed by the US with 8 medals - 4 gold 3 silver & 1 bronze. The “ISSF World Cup 2022” was held in Baku, Azerbaijan from May 28 to June 7, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – ranked 5th in medals tally at the “ISSF World Cup 2022” – held in Baku, Azerbaijan (2 Gold + 3 Silver)
- India’s two Gold medals won by = Swapnil Kusale + Ashi Chouksey ([Shooters](#))
- Medals tally topped by – South Korea (5 Gold + 3 Bronze)
- HQs of ISSF – [Munich, Germany](#) | [President – Vladimir Lisin](#)

15. On June 11, the 20-year-old Paralympic champion from Rajasthan, Avani Lekhara clinched Gold medal at the ongoing “2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup” held in Chateauroux, France. Lekhara shot 458.3 in the R8 - Women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 finals to take the gold ahead of experienced Paralympic stars Veronica Vadovicova (456.6) of Slovakia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Avani Lekhara – won Gold medal at the “2022 World Shooting Para Sport World Cup” held in Chateauroux, France
- Avani Lekhara ([Para-shooter - Rajasthan](#)) – won in the ‘R8 - Women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 finals’

16. Italy’s Matteo Berrettini won men’s singles title by defeating Britain’s Andy Murray at the “Stuttgart Open 2022” or “BOSS Open 2022” held in Stuttgart, Germany in June, 2022. While Poland’s Iga Swiatek won the women’s singles title by defeating Belarusian Aryna Sabalenka. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Stuttgart Open 2022” or “BOSS Open 2022” – held in Stuttgart, Germany
- Matteo Berrettini ([Italy - Tennis](#)) – won men’s singles title (defeated - Andy Murray)
- Iga Swiatek ([Poland – Tennis](#)) – won women’s singles title (defeated - Aryna Sabalenka)
- [Germany – Berlin – Euro](#) | [President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier](#)

17. In June 2022, Indian-American teen Harini Logan won the “2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee” competition held in Maryland, USA. The competition was hosted by LeVar Burton. The 13-year-old eighth-grader from San Antonio, Texas & four-time bee participant, Harini received a trophy and a cheque for \$50,000 for the victory. Harini beat 12-year-old Indian origin Vikram Raju in the spell-off, a new format that tested contestants on how many words they could correctly spell within 90 seconds. Harini correctly spelt 22 words, while Vikram got 15 right. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Harini Logan ([Indian-American teen](#)) – won the “2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee” competition held in Maryland, US
- The competition was hosted by – LeVar Burton

18. On June 11, 19-year-old Rahul Srivatshav P. of Telangana has become India’s 74th Grandmaster, achieving the title after breaking the 2500 (Elo points) barrier in live FIDE ratings during the 9th Cattolica Chess Festival 2022 in Italy. He reached this feat against Georgia's Grandmaster Levan Pantsulaia in the Cattolica event. Srivatshav had already secured 5 GM norms. To become a GM, a player has to secure 3 GM norms and cross the live rating of 2500 Elo points. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rahul Srivatshav P. ([Telangana](#)) – became India’s 74th Grandmaster during the 9th ‘Cattolica Chess Festival 2022’ in Italy
- A player has to secure 3 GM norms & cross the live rating of 2500 Elo points to become a GM

19. On June 12, Red Bull’s Max Verstappen won the Formula One (F1) “Azerbaijan Grand Prix” to extend his Formula One championship lead over Ferrari's Charles Leclerc. The 24-year-old now has 66 podiums for Red Bull & it was his 25th career win. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen ([Red Bull - Netherlands](#)) – won the Formula One (F1) “Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2022”

20. On June 13, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced the ‘Players of the Month’ for May 2022. Veteran Sri Lanka star Angelo Mathews was voted as “ICC Men’s Player of the Month for May 2022”. While Pakistan’s Tuba Hassan was named the “ICC Women’s Player of the Month for May 2022”. 21-year old Tuba only made her international debut in the T20I series against Sri Lanka in May and won the prestigious ‘Player of the Month’ award in her first nomination. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Angelo Mathews ([Sri Lanka](#)) – named “ICC Men’s Player of the Month for May 2022”
- Tuba Hassan ([Pakistan](#)) – named “ICC Women’s Player of the Month for May 2022”

21. In June 2022, Gareth Bale led Wales National Football Team defeated Ukraine National Football Team to qualify for the “2022 FIFA World Cup” for the 1st time in 64 years, since 1958. The 2022 FIFA World Cup is scheduled to take place in Qatar from 21 November to 18 December, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Wales National Football Team – defeated Ukraine to qualify for the “2022 FIFA World Cup” (for the 1st time in 64 years)
- 2022 FIFA World Cup – to take place in Qatar (21 Nov-18 Dec, 2022)

22. On June 11, Shot putter Manpreet Kaur from Haryana qualified for the upcoming Commonwealth Games in Birmingham by clocking 18.06m on Day 2 of the 61st “National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship” at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Chennai. The second and third place was bagged by Uttar Pradesh’s Kiran Baliyan (16.84m) and Maharashtra’s Abha Khatua (16.69m). Besides, Javelin throwers Manu DP (Karnataka) and Rohit Yadav (UP) too broke the CWG qualification mark of 81m. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manpreet Kaur – clocked highest at 18.06m in Shot put at the 61st “National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship”
- Players who recently qualified for the upcoming ‘2022 Commonwealth Games’ in Birmingham:
- Manpreet Kaur ([Shot Putter - Haryana](#)), Manu DP ([Javelin Thrower - Karnataka](#)), Rohit Yadav ([Javelin Thrower - UP](#))

23. On June 13, the host Haryana crowned as the new champion of the 4th edition of the “Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021” bagging 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze medals. Maharashtra finished second with 45 gold medals, followed by Karnataka with 22 golds. The 5th Khelo India Youth Games is scheduled to be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. State Bank of India (SBI) was the title sponsor of KIYG 2021. ‘Dhakad’ was the Mascot for Haryana for KIYG 2021. The mascots for the KIYG are ‘Jaya’ the blackbuck and ‘Vijay’ the tiger. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th edition of the “Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021” – hosted by Haryana
- Mascot (for Haryana) – Dhakad | Mascots (for KIYG) – ‘Jaya’ (Blackbuck) & ‘Vijay’ (Tiger) | Title Sponsor – SBI
- Winners: Top – Haryana (52 Gold medals) | 2nd – Karnataka
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh](#) | [CM – Manohar Lal Khattar](#) | [Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

24. In June 2022, the official “FIFA U17 Women’s World Cup 2022” draw was held at the FIFA Headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland in which hosts India have been clubbed with the USA, Morocco, and Brazil in Group A. The tournament will start on October 11 in Bhubaneswar and Goa. The DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai will host the third-place match and final on October 30. This is the second time India is hosting a FIFA tournament after the U-17 Men’s World Cup in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “FIFA U17 Women’s World Cup 2022” – to be played in India
- [HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland](#) | [President – Gianni Infantino](#)

25. On June 15, India’s Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra set a new national record and finished with a silver medal with a throw of 89.30 metres at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland, bettering his own previous national record of 88.07 meters which he had set in Patiala in March, 2021. At the Tokyo Olympics on August 7, 2021, Chopra had won Gold medal for his throw of 87.58 meters. Finland’s Oliver Helander won Gold medal with his personal best of 89.93 meters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra ([Javelin thrower](#)) – won Silver at the ‘Paavo Nurmi Games’ in Finland | Gold – Oliver Helander ([Finland](#))
- With this, Neeraj Chopra set a new National Record with throw of 89.30 metres (His previous national record - 88.07m)

26. On June 17, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) announced that the “FIFA World Cup 2026” will be co-hosted by three nations for the first time and will also see participation from 48 nations, up from 32. US, Canada and Mexico will hold matches in Los Angeles, Toronto and Mexico City, respectively. Reportedly, Mexico is the first nation in football world to host the FIFA World Cup three times. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- US, Canada & Mexico – will co-host the “FIFA World Cup 2026” in Los Angeles, Toronto & Mexico City
- Mexico – the first nation in football world to host the FIFA World Cup 3 times
- HQs of FIFA – Zurich, Switzerland | President – Gianni Infantino

27. In June 2022, India won all three matches in the group D engagement of the final qualifying stage to qualify for the “AFC Asian Cup 2023” by defeating Hong Kong at VYBK stadium in Kolkata. The 2023 AFC Asian Cup will be the 18th edition of the AFC Asian Cup. The location is yet not finalized. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – won all matches of the final qualifying stage to qualify for 18th “AFC Asian Cup 2023” – by defeating Hong Kong

28. On June 20, Red Bull’s Max Verstappen won his 5th win at the “2022 Canadian Grand Prix” as Mercedes’ Lewis Hamilton finished the race at the 3rd position. While Ferrari’s Carlos Sainz of Spain finished 3rd. It was Max’s 6th victory of the season and his 26th overall. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Max Verstappen ([Red Bull - Netherlands](#)) – won his 5th title at the “2022 Canadian Grand Prix”

29. On June 15, Indian men’s football team captain Sunil Chhetri became the joint fifth highest goalscorer in international football history, after he scored his 84th goal against Hong Kong during the “AFC Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers”. He has now equalled legendary Real Madrid and Hungarian player Ferenc Puskas goals who scored 84 goals in 85 international matches. While Chhetri scored 84 goals in 129 appearances. Chhetri is now 3rd on the list of active international goalscorers, behind Portugal’s Cristiano Ronaldo (117 goals) and Argentina’s Lionel Messi (86 goals). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sunil Chhetri – became the joint 5th highest goalscorer in international football history (84 goals in 129 matches)
- Sunil Chhetri – 3rd on list of active international goalscorers, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (117) & Lionel Messi (86)

30. On June 19, Indian player Anahat Singh won the gold medal in the girls Under-15 category at the “Asian Juniors Squash Championships” in Pattaya, Thailand. The 14-year-old Anahat defeated Kwong Ena of Hong Kong. She is the only Indian girl to win the US Junior Open in any category and the British Junior Open. At the age of 14, Anahat will be the youngest player to represent India at the World Juniors Squash Championships in Nancy, France later in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Asian Juniors Squash Championships” – held in Pattaya, Thailand
- Anahat Singh – won the gold medal in the girls U-15 category (defeating - Kwong Ena of Hong Kong)

31. On June 19, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched his first top podium finish of the season by winning Gold in the javelin throw event at the “Kuortane Games” in Finland, beating reigning world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada. Chopra’s opening throw of 86.69m turned out to be the winning distance. Trinidad and Tobago’s Keshorn Walcott was 2nd with a first round throw of 86.64m. Anderson Peters was 3rd with a best throw of 84.75m. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra – clinched Gold in the javelin throw event at the “Kuortane Games” in Finland (beating - Anderson Peters)
- Keshorn Walcott ([Trinidad & Tobago](#)) – 2nd | Anderson Peters ([Grenada](#)) – 3rd

32. In June 2022, England batter Joe Root completed 10191 Test cricket runs and surpassed former India batter Sunil Gavaskar’s record of 10122 runs. Root achieved this feat on Day 4 of the second Test against New Zealand. With this record, the England batter jumped to the 12th spot of the most runs in Test cricket tally, surpassing Gavaskar and Pakistan’s Yousif Khan. The tally is led by Indian cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar with a massive total of 15921 runs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Joe Root – completed 10,191 Test cricket runs & surpassed Sunil Gavaskar’s record of 10,122 runs
- He jumped to the 12th spot of the most runs in Test cricket tally | Top – Sachin Tendulkar (15,921 runs)

33. In June 2022, Telangana’s Himanshu Jain qualified for the Pro Circuit World Snooker. Himanshu is the 1st Indian to qualify through QSchool and the 5th Indian to gain entry into Pro Circuit World Snooker. Other Indians to play in the World Snooker Pro Circuit are Yasin Merchant, Pankaj Advani, Aditya Mehta and Lucky Vatnani. Himanshu was the 4th and final qualifier following a dramatic victory against Kritsanut Lertsattaythorn. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himanshu Jain ([Telangana - Snooker](#)) – qualified for the ‘Pro Circuit World Snooker’
- Himanshu Jain – 1st Indian to qualify through QSchool & 5th Indian to gain entry into Pro Circuit World Snooker

34. In June 2022, Gurunaidu Sanapathi of Andhra Pradesh has become India's first weightlifter to win Gold at the IWF Youth World Championships held at Leon in Mexico. The 16-year-old claimed the top slot with a total effort of 230kg (104kg+126kg) in the boy’s 55kg event. Saudi Arabia's Ali Majeed 229kg (105kg+124kg) came in second and Yerassyl Umrov of Kazakhstan 224kg (100kg+124kg) third. On the opening day of competition, Akansha Kishor Vyavhare and Vijay Prajapati had won silver medals. Overall, India ranked 5th in the medal tally with 4 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gurunaidu Sanapathi ([Andhra Pradesh](#)) – became 1st Indian weightlifter to win Gold at ‘IWF Youth World Championships’
- 2nd – Ali Majeed ([Saudi Arabia](#)) | 3rd – Yerassyl Umrov ([Kazakhstan](#))
- Akansha Kishor Vyavhare + Vijay Prajapati = won Silver medals
- India – ranked 5th in medal tally with 4 medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver & 1 Bronze)

35. On June 22, Ronaldo Singh scripted history as he became the first Indian cyclist to win a silver in a continental tournament in the senior category by finishing second in the sprint event on the concluding day of the “Asian Track Cycling Championship (ATCC) 2022”. The ATCC was hosted by India. Japan's Kento Yamasaki defeated Ronaldo in back-to-back races to finish at the top of the podium. Kazakhstan's Andrey Chugay won the bronze in the event. The Asian Junior and Para championships were also held simultaneously at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium velodrome in Delhi. Indian cycling team ended at 5th position with a total of 23 medals (2 Gold, 6 Silver & 15 Bronze). Japan topped the combined medal tally with 18 gold, followed by Korea & Kazakhstan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Asian Track Cycling Championship (ATCC) 2022” – hosted by India
- Ronaldo Singh – became 1st Indian cyclist to win a silver in a continental tournament (Senior category)
- Gold – Kento Yamasaki ([Japan](#)) | Bronze – Andrey Chugay ([Kazakhstan](#))
- Indian Cycling Team – ranked 5th with 23 medals (2 Gold + 6 Silver + 15 Bronze)

36. In June 2022, Denmark’s badminton player Viktor Axelsen clinched the men’s singles title at the “Indonesia Open 2022”, beating China’s Zhao Jun Peng. With this, he came top in the men’s singles World Tour rankings. While, the women’s singles finals, ended with Tai Tzu Ying of Taiwan securing victory over China’s unseeded Wang Zhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Viktor Axelsen ([Denmark](#)) – won men’s singles title at the “Indonesia Open 2022”
- Tai Tzu Ying ([Taiwan](#)) – won women’s singles

37. As on June 16, India’s Nitin Menon has retained his place in the “ICC Elite Panel of Umpires” and made his maiden appearance as a neutral umpire in Sri Lanka in June 2022. Nitin receive a 1-year extension from the International Cricket Council (ICC). Nitin, from Indore, remains the only Indian in the 11-member panel. In 2020, he became the 3rd Indian to enter the club after S. Venkataraghavan and S. Ravi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Menon ([Indore, MP](#)) – the only Indian in 11-member “ICC Elite Panel of Umpires” at present
- He received 1 year extension from ICC | Overall he is 3rd Indian to enter the club after – S. Venkataraghavan & S. Ravi
- HQs of ICC – Dubai, UAE | Chairman – Greg Barclay | CEO – Geoff Allardice | Members – 106 countries

38. On June 22, Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran was unanimously elected as the new President of the India International Centre (IIC). He succeeds N. N. Vohra. His first book “How India Sees the World” was published in 2017. He has recently published his second book “How China Sees India and the World”. Saran was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2011 for his contributions to civil service. In May 2019, he was conferred the Spring Order Gold and Silver Star by the Emperor of Japan for promoting India-Japan relations. The President of the IIC is elected once in 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shyam Saran – elected as new President of IIC (succeeding - N. N. Vohra)
- “How India Sees the World” (2017) & “How China Sees India and the World” – authored by Shyam Saran
- His awards: ‘Padma Bhushan’ (2011), ‘Spring Order Gold & Silver Star’ (2019) by the Emperor of Japan
- IIC President is elected once in 5 years

39. On June 24, the Central government gave 1-year extension in service to Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) Chief Samant Goel and appointed senior IPS officer Tapan Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB). Mr. Tapan succeeded incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director Arvind Kumar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tapan Deka – appointed as Director of IB (succeeding - Arvind Kumar)
- Samant Goel – granted 1-year extension as Chief of RAW
- HQs of IB – New Delhi | DG – Tapan Deka
- HQs of RAW – New Delhi | Chief – Samant Goel

40. On June 28, Switzerland's sprinter Alex Wilson is banned for 4 years for anabolic steroid use after being judged by an Anti-doping Tribunal. Wilson is a 200 bronze medalist at the 2018 European Championships. The case flared at the Tokyo Olympics in July 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alex Wilson ([Switzerland - Sprinter](#)) – banned for 4 years for anabolic steroid use

41. Novak Djokovic became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon-woo for his 80th win in Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, on June 27. Centre Court is a tennis court at the All England Club and is the main court used in the Championships at Wimbledon, the third annual Grand Slam event of the tennis calendar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Novak Djokovic – became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams
- He achieved this feat by defeating 'Kwon Soon-woo' in 'Wimbledon Tennis Championships' in London
- Wimbledon Tennis Championships – the 3rd annual Grand Slam event of the Tennis Calendar

42. In June 2022, India's female discus thrower Navjeet Dhillon won the Gold medal with a throw of 56.24m at the "Qosanov Memorial 2022" athletics meet in Kazakhstan. Karina Vasilyeva of Kazakhstan threw 44.61m and Uzbekistan's Yulianna Shchukina threw 40.48m to win the silver and bronze medals in the event. In the men's 400m race, Tokyo Olympian Muhammed Anas Yahiya came second to win Silver with a timing of 46.27s, behind Kazakhstan's Mixail Litvin (46.04s). Sprinter Dutee Chand also won Silver in women's 100m, in 11.49s, behind Olga Safronova of Kazakhstan, who claimed gold in 11.40s. Overall, India won 14 medals at the tournament, including 7 gold medals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Qosanov Memorial 2022" athletics meet – held in Kazakhstan
- Navjeet Dhillon – won Gold medal in women's discus throw (56.24m)
- Dutee Chand – won Silver in women's 100m race (11.49s) | Gold – Olga Safronova ([Kazakhstan](#))
- Muhammed Anas Yahiya – won Silver in men's 400m race (46.27s) | Gold – Mixail Litvin ([Kazakhstan](#))
- Overall, India won 14 medals at the tournament (including 7 Gold medals)

43. On June 28, Eoin Morgan (Eoin Joseph Gerard Morgan) announced his retirement from international cricket and stepped down as England's white-ball captain after more than 7 years. He led England to its first 50-over title at the 2019 World Cup, and took the team to the No. 1 ranking in ODI and T20s. Morgan holds the team records for most ODIs (225) and T20s (115), and the most runs in both formats. Eoin represented both Ireland and England at the international level. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eoin Morgan ([England](#)) – retired from International Cricket
- He holds the team records for most ODIs (225) & T20s (115), and the most runs in both formats

44. In June 2022, Aman Sehrawat won a Gold medal in the 57kg event at the “Bolat Turlykhanov Cup” in Almaty, Kazakhstan. While Bajrang Punia won a Bronze medal in the men's freestyle 65kg event. India ended its campaign at the United World Wrestling ranking series event with 12 medals - 6 Gold, 1 Silver & 4 Bronze (in men's, women's & men's Greco-Roman). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bolat Turlykhanov Cup”, a Wrestling tournament – held in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Aman Sehrawat ([Wrestler](#)) – won a Gold medal in the men's 57kg event
- Bajrang Punia ([Wrestler](#)) – won a Bronze medal in the men's freestyle 65kg event
- India – won total 12 medals (6 Gold + 1 Silver + 4 Bronze)
- [Kazakhstan – Nur-Sultan – Tenge](#) | [President – Kassym-Jomart Tokayev](#) | [PM – Alikhan Smailov](#)

45. On June 30, Adani Sportsline, the sports arm of the Adani Group, signed a Long-term Principal Sponsorship deal with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA). Adani Sportsline will be the official partner of the Indian contingent during the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, the Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and the Paris Olympic Games 2024. Adani Sportsline has supported over 28 athletes through its athlete support initiative, 'GarvHai', across a variety of sports. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani Sportsline + IOA = signed a Long-term Principal Sponsorship deal
- Adani Sportsline – will be the official partner of the Indian contingent during the upcoming:
 - Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022
 - Hangzhou Asian Games 2022
 - Paris Olympic Games 2024
- Athlete support initiative, 'GarvHai' – belongs to Adani Sportsline



Persons in News

1. On June 13, Canadian singer Justin Bieber announced that he has been infected by a virus that causes the Ramsay Hunt syndrome. The Ramsay Hunt syndrome is a rare neurological disorder caused by the 'Varicella-Zoster' virus of the human herpesvirus family. There is no age bracket within which the virus affects humans. Ramsay Hunt syndrome occurs when a shingles outbreak affects the facial nerve near one of our ears. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justin Bieber ([Canadian Singer](#)) – infected by 'Varicella-Zoster' virus that causes the 'Ramsay Hunt syndrome'
- Ramsay Hunt syndrome is a rare Neurological Disorder (that affects 'brain' as well as 'nerves')

2. On June 12, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II overtook Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej to become the world's second-longest reigning monarch in history, after France's Louis XIV. The UK celebrated the 96-year-old Queen's Platinum Jubilee to mark 70 years of service to the nation with grand events. Thailand's King reigned for 70 years and 126 days between 1927 and 2016. Louis XIV of France remains the longest-reigning monarch, with a 72-year and 110-day reign from 1643 until 1715. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Queen Elizabeth II ([England](#)) – became the world's 2nd longest reigning monarch in history
- Queen overtook – Bhumibol Adulyadej ([Thailand](#)) | Top – Louis XIV ([France](#))

3. In June 2022, Shreyas G. Hosur became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling "Ironman Triathlon" in Hamburg, Germany. He completed the event in 13 hours and 26 minutes. The Ironman Triathlon is considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world comprising - 3.8 km of Swimming, 180 km of Cycling and 42.2 km of Running. Hosur is a 2012-batch Indian Railway Accounts Service (IRAS) officer. This year was the race's 5th edition in Hamburg. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shreyas G. Hosur – became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling "Ironman Triathlon"
- He completed the event in 13 hours & 26 minutes – held in Hamburg, Germany
- 'Ironman Triathlon' comprises: 3.8 km of Swimming + 180 km of Cycling + 42.2 km of Running

4. On June 20, Filmmaker Srijit Mukherji dropped the trailer of "Shabaash Mithu", a biopic on former India women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj, which was set to release on July 15. The biopic stars Taapsee Pannu in titular role and it is directed by Srijit Mukherji. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Shabaash Mithu", a biopic of Mithali Raj – starred by Taapsee Pannu
- Directed by – Shrijit Mukherji

5. On June 23, 19-year-old Shanan Dhaka from Rohtak district in Haryana topped the entrance exam of the first ever women's batch of Pune-based National Defence Academy (NDA). In 2021, the National Defence Academy (NDA) announced to welcome its first-ever batch of women cadets in 2023. She secured 10th position in Boys' examination & first in Girls. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Shanan Dhaka ([Haryana](#)) – topped first ever women’s batch of NDA exam
- [Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya](#)

6. In June 2022, Bikram Mitra from Kolkata, West Bengal has made an outstanding example by utilising “Water Hyacinth”, an Obnoxious Aquatic Weed Plant, to develop small-scale Cottage Industry that is both financially rewarding as well as environmentally friendly in approach. He has now successfully established his own, small cottage industry-based workshop in North Kolkata, along with his associates, under an organization named Earth Trust. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bikram Mitra ([West Bengal](#)) – utilized “Water Hyacinth” to develop small-scale Cottage Industry
- Water Hyacinth – an Obnoxious Aquatic Weed
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar](#)

Arts & Cultural Affairs

1. On June 16, the three-day international literary festival “Unmesh” was organized at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh. Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the festival. The festival was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi with the support of the state Department of Art and Culture as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The festival, with the title “Unmesh - a Celebration of Expression”, was the biggest international literary festival in the country so far. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Unmesh (International literary festival) – organized at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla
- “Unmesh - a Celebration of Expression” – the biggest international literary festival in India so far
- Arjun Ram Meghwal – inaugurated the festival
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital–Shimla & Dharamshala | CM–Jai Ram Thakur | Governor–Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)



Science & Technology

1. 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](#)

2. On June 3, Datair Technology Pvt Ltd (Ambee) announced to join the NASA's "Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) Mission" as an early adopter. Ambee is a global platform for hyperlocal & geospatial datasets on air quality, weather, pollen, soil, water vapour and fire. PACE is currently in the design phase of mission development. It is scheduled to launch in 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Datair Technology (Ambee) – announced to join the NASA's "PACE Mission"
- "PACE" mission – **Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem**
- [HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Administrator – Bill Nelson](#) | [Founded on – July 29, 1958](#)

3. A new species of dragonfly discovered in Assam has been named after two women for their pioneering work in the northeast. The new species, 'Platygomphus benritarum', has been named after Monisha Behal, a founder member of North East Network (NEN) and Rita Banerji, founder of Green Hub. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Platygomphus benritarum', a new species of dragonfly – discovered in Assam
- The species is named after Monisha Behal & Rita Banerji
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

4. A gecko found in Visakhapatnam in 2017, then thought to belong to a known species, has now been identified as a member of a new species. The species, 'Eublepharis pictus', also known as the 'Painted Leopard Gecko', has been described in the journal Evolutionary Systematics. This new species appears to be common in the forests of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 'Eublepharis pictus', a Painted Leopard Gecko – identified as a member of a new species (found in Visakhapatnam in 2017)
- This new species appears to be common in the forests of Andhra Pradesh & Odisha

5. On June 4, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) shared a short clip of the biggest planet in our solar system Jupiter captured on its mission "Juno". On April 9, 2022, the NASA's Juno spacecraft completed its 41st close flyby of Jupiter. Juno is a NASA space probe orbiting the planet Jupiter. It was built by Lockheed Martin and is operated by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on 5 August, 2011. Jupiter, the biggest planet in the solar system, has 53 recognised moons and another 26 that have yet to be named. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- NASA – shared a short clip of the Jupiter captured on its mission “Juno”
- Juno – a NASA’s space probe orbiting the Jupiter (Built by - Lockheed Martin)
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., USA | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

6. According to a latest research, Artificial light may become a new weapon in the fight to control malaria. For example, a short pulse of Light Emitting Diode (LED) light, commonly used lights in homes, can delay the onset of biting by hours in Anopheles, and so reduce biting rates and malaria transfer. There were an estimated 241 million cases and 6,27,000 deaths due to Malaria in 2020 globally. Malaria remains a menace across Africa. The continent carries by far the world's largest disease burden: 94% of cases and 96% of deaths occur across the continent. Female mosquitoes (Anopheles mosquitoes) transmit malaria among humans. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Artificial Light’ may become a new weapon in the fight to control Malaria
- Globally, there were an estimated 241 million cases & 6,27,000 deaths due to Malaria in 2020 globally
- Africa continent carries the world’s largest burden of Malaria
- Female mosquitoes (Anopheles mosquitoes) transmit malaria among humans

7. On June 5, China successfully launched the “Shenzhou 14” crewed mission to the Tiangong Space Station, where 3 astronauts are going stay for 6 months to complete its construction. Two other crewed missions have already been to the space station and returned safely to Earth. According to official media, China started the manned space programme in 1992. ‘Tiangong’, officially the ‘Tiangong space station’, is a space station being constructed by China in low Earth orbit between 340 and 450 km. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – successfully launched the “Shenzhou 14” crewed mission to the Tiangong Space Station
- ‘Tiangong space station’ – being constructed by China in low Earth orbit
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

8. The NASA is set to launch “DAVINCI Mission” to study Venus in June 2029. The mission will enter the Venus' atmosphere in June 2031 and will determine whether the planet can be suitable for humans. DAVINCI stands for “Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission”. This will be the first mission to study the atmosphere in Venus. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NASA – will launch “DAVINCI Mission” in June 2029 to study Venus
- DAVINCI – Deep Atmosphere Venus Investigation of Noble gases, Chemistry and Imaging Mission
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958

9. On June 6, Information Data Systems (IDS) unveiled the outlook of the AICTE in the metaverse by launching “Polyversity”, a virtual university. The IDS also launched another initiative called Bharat Blockchain Network which is the world’s largest academic Blockchain network with over 100 universities and academic partners. Both initiatives are supported by AICTE and powered by IDS. With this, the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) became the first accreditation body in the world to have a virtual office in metaverse. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- IDS – unveiled the outlook of the AICTE in the metaverse by launching a virtual university called “Polyversity”
- IDS – launched ‘Bharat Blockchain Network’ - the world’s largest academic Blockchain network
- AICTE – became the first accreditation body in the world to have a virtual office in metaverse
- HQs of AICTE – New Delhi | Chairman – Anil D. Sahasrabudhe (AICTE functions under Ministry of Education)

10. On June 6, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore have designed a new class of artificial peptides or miniproteins that can deactivate viruses like SARS-CoV-2. According to the study, published in the journal Nature Chemical Biology, the miniproteins can not only block virus entry into our cells but also clump virus particles together, reducing their ability to infect. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISc Bangalore – designed a new class of artificial peptides or miniproteins that can deactivate viruses like SARS-CoV-2
- Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan | Established in – 1909

11. Addressing the World Ocean Day celebrations in Delhi on June 8, the Space & Earth Sciences Minister, Jitendra Singh announced that India will achieve the unique distinction of simultaneously launching the first human space mission “Gaganyaan” as well as the first manned Human Ocean Mission in 2023. The first uncrewed mission of Gaganyaan are scheduled in the second half of 2022 and that will be followed by the second uncrewed mission at the end of 2022 carrying “Vyommitra”, a spacefaring human robot developed by ISRO, and finally the first crewed Gaganyaan mission in 2023. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Ocean Day
- “Gaganyaan” – first human space mission to be launched in 2023
- “Vyommitra” – spacefaring human robot developed by ISRO
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udampur, J&K

12. In June 2022, the researchers at the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) rediscovered a rare plant, sometimes called the “Indian Lipstick Plant”, from remote Anjaw district in Arunachal Pradesh, after more than 100 years. The plant (Aeschynanthus monetaria Dunn) was first identified by British botanist Stephen Troyte Dunn in 1912. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BSI Researchers – rediscovered a rare “Lipstick Plant” from Anjaw, Arunachal Pradesh (after more than 100 years)
- ‘Aeschynanthus monetaria Dunn’ was first identified in 1912
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra

13. On June 11, ‘Chelonoidis phantasticus’, which means ‘Fantastic Giant Tortoise’, commonly called the ‘Fernandina Island Galapagos Giant Tortoise’ has been discovered after a century. Researchers have reported the confirmation in a paper in “Nature Communications Biology”. The species was so far known only from a single individual, collected in 1906. Fernandina Island is the 3rd largest and youngest island of the Galapagos Islands, located in Ecuador. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- ‘Fernandina Island Galapagos Giant Tortoise’ (Chelonoidis phantasticus) – discovered after 100 years
- Discovery published in – “Nature Communications Biology” journal | Fernandina Island – located in Ecuador

14. In June 2022, IIT Kanpur, with support from Prasar Bharati and TSDSI (Telecommunications Standards Development Society, India) organised the “Direct-to-Mobile & 5G Broadband - Convergence Roadmap for India” in New Delhi to bring Telecom and Broadcasting Policy makers together. Prasar Bharati extends support to NextGen Broadcasting Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Kanpur + Prasar Bharati + TSDSI = organised the “Direct-to-Mobile & 5G Broadband - Convergence Roadmap for India” in New Delhi
- HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi | CEO – Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- Director of IIT Kanpur – Abhay Karandikar

15. Volvo Trucks became the first auto manufacturer in the world to use fossil-free steel in its trucks. It claims that the fossil-free steel produced with hydrogen is currently being used in the frame rails only. Volvo Trucks also claims that with this strategy 90% of the vehicles can be recycled. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Volvo Trucks – the first auto manufacturer in the world to use fossil-free steel in its trucks
- Volvo Trucks also claims that with this strategy 90% of the vehicles can be recycled

16. In June 2022, S. Somanath, Secretary of Dept. of Space and Chairman of the ISRO, inaugurated the new manufacturing facility of Ananth Technologies which will design and produce systems for Indian aerospace. The facility has set up a 15,000 square metre spacecraft manufacturing unit at KIADB Aerospace Park, Bengaluru. It is India’s first such facility in the Private sector. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ananth Technologies – opened its new Spacecraft Manufacturing Unit in Bengaluru (inaugurated by - S. Somanath)
- HQs of Ananth Technologies – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Adithya Anand

17. In June 2022, a group of Indian researchers from Delhi University have discovered unique dinosaur eggs which indicates that the species reproduce like birds. The egg hints towards the fact that that ovum-in-ovo pathology (fossilized egg within another egg) is not unique to birds, but also present in dinosaurs. The eggs were discovered in Madhya Pradesh’s Dinosaur Fossil National Park and belong to a species of titanosaurs, a group of sauropod dinosaurs. The findings of the discovery were published in the journal “Scientific Reports”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from Delhi University – discovered unique dinosaur eggs with ‘ovum-in-ovo’ pathology
- The eggs were discovered from – Dinosaur Fossil National Park ([Madhya Pradesh](#)) | Species – Titanosaurs
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

18. On June 16, India successfully carried out a night launch of “Prithvi-II” - surface-to-surface nuclear-capable short-range ballistic missile, from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha. Prithvi-II has been developed by the DRDO under its ‘Integrated Guided Missile Development Program (IGMDP)’. Prithvi II class is a single-stage liquid-fueled missile that has a maximum warhead mounting capability of 500 kg, but with an extended range of 250 km (160 mi). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – successfully test launched surface-to-surface short-range ballistic missile “Prithvi-II” from Chandipur, Odisha
- Warhead mounting capability – 500 kg | Extended range – 250 km | Developed by – DRDO

19. On June 14, a senior engineer at Google claimed that the company’s artificial intelligence-based chatbot “LaMDA” (Language Model for Dialogue Applications) had become “sentient”. Sentience is the capacity to experience feelings and sensations. Google first announced LaMDA at its flagship developer conference I/O in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Google – claimed that its AI-based Chatbot “LaMDA” had become ‘sentient’ (to experience feelings & sensations)
- LaMDA” – **L**anguage **M**odel for **D**ialogue **A**pplications
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

20. On June 14, India’s newest recorded snail, recorded from the northern Western Ghats of Maharashtra, is named after Western Ghats. The “Haploptychius Sahyadriensis” is the third member of the genus Haploptychius. The other two - H. andamanicus and H. pfeifferi, were recorded in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in the 1860s. The discovery was published in the “Molluscan Research”, an international journal. This species is endemic to Vishalgad Conservation Reserve in Shahuwadi tehsil of Maharashtra’s Kolhapur. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Haploptychius Sahyadriensis”, a new snail – recorded from the northern Western Ghats of Maharashtra
- Genus – Haploptychius
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

21. On June 9, ‘HomoSEP’, a robot developed by researchers from IIT Madras to clean septic tanks without human intervention, is deployed in Tamil Nadu. After numerous tests and trials, the IIT-M is now deploying 10 such robots in various parts of Tamil Nadu. This robot will eliminate manual scavenging in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘HomoSEP’ – a robot developed by researchers from IIT Madras to clean septic tanks without human intervention
- The robot is currently deployed in – Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi
- Director of IIT Madras – V. Kamakoti

22. On June 16, the scientists discovered a new species of bamboo-dwelling bat in Nongkhylliem Wildlife Sanctuary in Ri Bhoi district of Meghalaya. The species has been named “Glischropus Meghalayanus” in honour of Meghalaya’s 50th statehood year. This discovery is the first report of a thick-thumbed bat not only from India but also from South Asia. The discovery was published in journal “Zootaxa”. With this new discovery, the total number of bat species known from India stands at 131. Meghalaya harbours the highest bat diversity in the country with 67 species (51%). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Scientists discovered a new species of “bamboo-dwelling bat” in ‘Nongkhylllem Wildlife Sanctuary’ in Meghalaya
- The species is named – “Glischropus Meghalayanus”
- Total number of bat species known from India – 131 (67 species from Meghalaya alone)
- Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong | CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma | Governor – Satya Pal Malik

23. On June 15, Bharti Airtel has launched India’s first multiplex on the Partynite Metaverse platform. The ‘Airtel Xstream’ multiplex is an extension of Airtel’s Xstream Premium offering. It is a 20-screen platform with access to content portfolios from leading OTT partners available on the application. The idea was conceived by Essence, Airtel’s integrated media agency of record, and developed by Gamitronics, the creator of Partynite, a blockchain-powered digital parallel universe. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bharti Airtel – launched India’s first multiplex namely ‘Airtel Xstream’ on the ‘Partynite’ Metaverse platform
- The idea was conceived by – Essence & developed by – Gamitronics (the creator of Partynite)
- HQs of Bharti Airtel – New Delhi | CEO & MD – Gopal Vittal | Chairman – Sunil Bharti Mittal

24. On June 13, Former Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey recently announced his vision for a new decentralized web platform called “Web 5.0” which is being built by Dorsey’s Bitcoin business unit, The Block Head (TBH) with an aim to return ownership of data and identity to individuals. Web 1.0 was the first generation of the global digital communications network. It is often referred to as the “Read-Only” Internet. The next stage in the evolution of the web was Web 2.0 - the “Read and Write” Internet. Web 3.0 is an evolving term that is used to refer to the next generation of Internet - a “Read-Write-Execute” web. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jack Dorsey – announced his vision for a new decentralized web platform called “Web 5.0”
- Jack Dorsey’s Bitcoin business unit – The Block Head (TBH) is building “Web 5.0”
- HQs of Twitter – San Francisco, California, US | CEO – Parag Agrawal | Founded in – 2006
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25. The “Strawberry Supermoon” was seen worldwide in different time zones from Sunday (June 12) evening to Wednesday (June 15) morning. According to NASA, the phenomenon of a Supermoon occurs when the Moon’s orbit is closest to Earth which makes the satellite appear brighter and bigger than usual. Historically, the last full moon of June is called the “Strawberry Moon”. The term “Supermoon” was first coined by American astrologer Richard Nolle in 1979. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Strawberry Supermoon – was seen worldwide in different time zones from June 12 evening to June 15 morning
- The term “Supermoon” was first coined in 1979 – by Richard Nolle (American astrologer)
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded on – July 29, 1958



26. In June 2022, the world's largest recorded freshwater fish, "Giant Stingray", was caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia, according to scientists from the Southeast Asian nation and the United States. The fish measured almost 4 meters (13 feet) and weighed slightly under 300 kg. The previous record for a freshwater fish was a 293 kg Mekong giant catfish, discovered in Thailand in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Giant Stingray", world's largest recorded freshwater fish – caught in the Mekong River in Cambodia
- The fish measured almost 4 meters (13 feet) & weighed slightly under 300 kg
- [Cambodia – Phnom Penh – Riel](#) | [PM – Hun Sen](#)

27. On June 21, South Korea successfully launched its indigenously built Korea Satellite Launch Vehicle-II (KSLV-II) namely "Nuri" into orbit for the first time. It is a significant step for the country's burgeoning space program after a failed attempt in 2021. The three-stage rocket, more than 47 meters (154 feet) long and weighing 200 tons, was launched from the Naro Space Center in South Korea's southern coastal region. It was topped with five satellites that will carry out Earth observation missions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Korea – launched its indigenously built Korea Satellite Launch Vehicle-II (KSLV-II) namely "Nuri" into orbit
- It was launched from the Naro Space Center
- [South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won](#) | [President – Yoon Suk-yeol](#)

28. In June 2022, "Spiny Horntail" (*Burmagomphus chaukulensis*), a rare dragonfly, was discovered in Kottiyoor forests of Kannur district in Kerala. The species that is known to be endemic to the Western Ghats was discovered in Maharashtra earlier in 2022. According to a paper published in 2021, 181 odonata species have been recorded in Kerala. The addition of *Burmagomphus chaukulensis* will take the count to 182. Odonata is an order of flying insects that includes the dragonflies and damselflies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Spiny Horntail" (*Burmagomphus chaukulensis*) – a rare dragonfly was discovered in Kannur, Kerala
- [Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM – Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

29. On June 23, NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) successfully launched "GSAT-24" in its first 'demand-driven' communication satellite mission through 'Ariane-5' rocket from French Guiana in South America. Built by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for NSIL, the satellite was successfully placed into geostationary orbit. The entire satellite capacity on-board GSAT-24 will be leased to its committed customer Tata Play, the DTH business of Tata Group. GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH (Direct-To-Home) application needs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NSIL – successfully launched "GSAT-24" through 'Ariane-5' rocket – from French Guiana (Built by - ISRO)
- GSAT-24 – a 24-Ku band communication satellite with pan-India coverage for DTH application needs
- [HQs of NSIL – Bangalore, Karnataka](#) | [CMD – Radhakrishnan D. \(an arm of ISRO\)](#)



30. On June 23, China successfully launched the second batch of the “Yaogan-35” comprising 3 new remote sensing satellites, from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province by a Long March-2D carrier rocket. This launch marked the 424th mission for the Long March series carrier rockets. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- China – launched 2nd batch of the “Yaogan-35” comprising 3 new remote sensing satellites
- Launched aboard ‘Long March-2D’ carrier rocket (424th mission of the rocket)
- [China – Beijing – Renminbi](#) | [President – Xi Jinping](#)

31. On June 22, Amazon unveiled its first fully autonomous mobile robot called “Proteus” that autonomously moves through facilities using advanced safety, perception and navigation technology developed by the company. The aim is to automate GoCart handling throughout the network, which will help reduce the need for people to manually move heavy objects. Amazon will also add Cardinal, a robotic arm capable of lifting weights up to 50 pounds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amazon – unveiled first fully autonomous mobile robot namely “Proteus”
- Amazon – to also launch ‘Cardinal’, a robotic arm
- [HQs of Amazon – Seattle, US](#) | [CEO – Andy Jassy](#) | [Incorporated in – 1994](#)

32. On June 23, a new species of jumping spider named “Pseudomogrus sudhii” was discovered from the Thar desert of Rajasthan. It has been named after Sudhikumar A.V., the Head of Department of Zoology in Christ College and founder of the Centre for Animal Taxonomy and Ecology (CATE), in recognition of his contributions to the field of Indian arachnology. It is the first report of this genus from India. The discovery was published in the latest volume of “Arachnology”, an international scientific journal of the British Arachnological Society. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Pseudomogrus sudhii”, a new species of jumping spider – discovered from Thar desert of Rajasthan
- Named after – Sudhikumar A. V.
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur](#) | [CM – Ashok Gehlot](#) | [Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)

33. In June 2022, Iran launched a solid-fueled rocket named “Zuljanah” into space. A 25.5 meter-long rocket is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms that will ultimately gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran’s space industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Iran – launched a solid-fueled rocket named “Zuljanah” into space
- [Iran – Tehran – Rial](#) | [President – Ebrahim Raisi](#) | [Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei](#)

34. On June 23, Scientists recorded 4 species of “Azooxanthellate Corals” for the first time from Indian waters. These new corals were found from the waters of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The details of the new records have been published in Thalassas: An International Journal of Marine Sciences in a paper titled “Zoogeographic Range Extension of Four Species of Flabellid Corals Under the Genus Truncatoflabellum (Scleractinian: Flabellidae) From Indian Waters”. Tamal Mondal, the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) scientist, is behind these new records. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4 species of “Azooxanthellate Corals” – were found in Andaman & Nicobar Islands for 1st time



35. A futuristic giant nuclear-powered flying hotel, “Sky Cruise”, is set to fly with around 5,000 passengers. The concept is by Tony Holmsten and designed by Hashem Al-Ghaili, a filmmaker and producer. The AI-piloted Sky Cruise will remain airborne for several days or even months. It is designed in a way in which it will never land. The cruise will be powered by 20 nuclear fusion engines. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sky Cruise”, a nuclear-powered flying hotel – is set to fly with around 5,000 passengers
- Concept by – Tony Holmsten | Designed by – Hashem Al-Ghaili

36. On June 24, Scientists discovered the world's largest bacterium named “Thiomargarita Magnifica” or “Magnificent Sulfur Pearl” in the archipelago of Guadeloupe, located in Eastern Caribbean Sea. Most bacteria are microscopic, but this one is so big it can be seen with the naked eye. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Thiomargarita Magnifica” or “Magnificent Sulfur Pearl”, world’s largest bacterium – discovered in archipelago of Guadeloupe, Eastern Caribbean Sea

37. On June 28, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (Cert-In) extended a deadline for complying with its cybersecurity guidelines, to September 25. On April 28, India’s cybersecurity agency passed a rule mandating VPN provider to record and keep their customers’ logs for 180 days. It also asked these firms to collect and store customer data for up to 5 years. However, this extension was provided after MSMEs, data centres, VPS, VPN, and Cloud Service providers sought time to build capacity required to implement the guidelines issued on April 28. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cert-In – extended deadline for complying with its Cybersecurity Guidelines – till Sept 25
- In April, India’s cybersecurity agency passed a rule mandating VPN provider to keep their customers’ logs for 180 days

[Cert-In – functions under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology](#) | [Director General – Sanjay Bahl](#)

38. On June 24, indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) was successfully flight-tested by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Navy from a warship at Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur off the coast of Odisha. The VL-SRSAM, a ship-borne weapon system, is meant for neutralising various aerial threats. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- VL-SRSAM – successfully flight tested by DRDO & Indian Navy from ITR coast of Odisha
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy | Established in – 1958
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

39. On June 24, inspired by fireflies, researchers from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) created Insect-scale Robots that can emit light (electroluminescence) while flying and enable motion tracking and communication. Fireflies use their luminescence for communication to attract a mate, ward off predators, or lure prey. Researchers have used the same concept to build these robots. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Researchers from MIT (US) – created Insect-scale Robots that can emit light (electroluminescence) while flying

40. On June 24, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an agreement with Galore Networks for collaborative development of end-to-end 5G Radio Access Network (RAN) products & solutions. This agreement will be in furtherance of objective of creating a multi-partner indigenous 5G ecosystem through Startups. Earlier in June, the C-DOT signed a similar agreement with WiSig Networks & VVDN Technologies too. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- C-DOT + Galore Networks = an agreement for development of end-to-end 5G RAN products & solutions
- C-DOT + WiSig Networks + VVDN Technologies = a similar agreement signed in earlier in June

41. On June 27, IRS officer Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), replacing Sangeeta Singh. Sangeeta Singh was an incumbent Chairman of CBDT after J. B. Mohapatra's retirement in April, 2022. Mr. Gupta is serving as the Member (investigation) in the Board and is scheduled to retire in September, 2023. The CBDT is headed by a chairman and can have 6 members who are in the rank of special secretary. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nitin Gupta – appointed as new Chairman of CBDT (replacing - Sangeeta Singh)
- CBDT – is headed by Chairman & can have 6 members
- HQs of CBDT – New Delhi | Chairman – Nitin Gupta | Formed in – 1944

42. Data center capacity in India is expected to double to about 1,700-1,800 MW by fiscal 2025 from 870 MW in fiscal 2022, powered by the combination of data boom, digital adoption and local data storage mandates, according to a report by ratings agency CRISIL. This will require investments of over Rs 40,000 Cr. The industry is expected to add almost 850-900 MW capacity during fiscals 2023-25. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CRISIL: Data center capacity in India is expected to double about 1,700-1,800 MW by 2025 from 870 MW in 2022
- This will require investments of over – Rs 40,000 Cr
- HQs of CRISIL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Amish Mehta | Established in – 1987

43. In June 2022, Iraq's Mohamed Jalood was appointed as the President of the International Weightlifting Federation (IWF), and 11 additional new members have been added to its executive board. The IWF was founded in 1905, and has 192 Member Federations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mohamed Jalood (Iraq) – appointed as the President of IWF
- HQs of IWF – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Mohamed Jalood | Founded in – 1905 | Members – 192

44. On June 25, Khushi Patel, a biomedical student from the United Kingdom, was declared the winner of the “Miss India Worldwide 2022”, the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India. Vaidehi Dongre from the US was declared the first runner up, while Shrutika Mane was adjudged the second runner up. Roshani Razack from Guyana was declared “Miss Teen India Worldwide 2022”. Navya Paingol from the US was the first runner up, while Chiquita Malaha from Suriname was the second runner up. India Festival Committee (IFC) has been organising these events for the past 29 years. This year's pageant was the 29th edition. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Miss India Worldwide 2022”:
- Winner – Khushi Patel (UK) | 1st runner up – Vaidehi Dongre | 2nd runner up – Shrutika Mane
- “Miss Teen India Worldwide 2022”:
- Winner – Roshni Razack (Guyana) | 1st runner up – Navya Paingol | 2nd runner up – Chiquita Malaha

45. On June 29, a small NASA-financed spacecraft called “CAPSTONE” was launched from New Zealand, kicking off the space agency’s plans to send astronauts back to the moon in a few years. The spacecraft is about the size of a microwave oven. It will study a specific orbit where NASA plans to build a small space station for astronauts to stop at before and after going to the moon’s surface. CAPSTONE is inexpensive, costing just less than \$30 million. The full name of the mission is “Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment”. Moreover, NASA did not design or build CAPSTONE, nor will it operate it. The spacecraft belongs to and will be managed by Advanced Space, a 45-employee company. It was also launched not by SpaceX or any of NASA’s other big aerospace contractors, but by Rocket Lab, a U.S.-New Zealand company. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “CAPSTONE” (NASA-financed spacecraft) – launched from New Zealand – by Rocket Lab (US-New Zealand company)
- CAPSTONE – Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment
- The spacecraft is about the size of a microwave oven & is inexpensive, costing just less than \$30 million
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | PM – Jacinda Ardern

46. On June 29, Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd, a subsidiary of Emcure Pharmaceuticals Ltd, received the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the office of the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) for its mRNA vaccine “GEMCOVAC™-19” against COVID-19. Developed in India, GEMCOVAC-19™ is India’s first mRNA vaccine and the third mRNA vaccine to be approved for COVID-19 in the world. It received approval for emergency use in 18 years and above. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gennova Biopharmaceuticals – received EUA from DCGI for its mRNA vaccine “GEMCOVAC™-19” against COVID-19
- India’s first mRNA vaccine “GEMCOVAC™-19” received approval for emergency use in 18 years & above
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani
- HQs of Gennova Biopharmaceuticals Ltd – Pune, Maharashtra | CEO – Dr. Sanjay Singh

47. On June 27, Researchers at IISc, Bengaluru developed a new Graphic Processing Unit (GPU) based machine learning algorithm called “Regularised, Accelerated, Linear Fascicle Evaluation (ReAl – LiFE)”, which will help to obtain a better understanding and in the prediction of connectivity between different parts of human brain. This algorithm can help analyse extensive data generated from diffusion Magnetic Resonance Imaging (dMRI) scans. The study was published in the journal “Nature Computational Science”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISc, Bengaluru researchers – developed a new GPU-based machine learning algorithm called “ReAl – LiFE”
- ReAl LiFE – Regularised, Accelerated, Linear Fascicle Evaluation
- ReAl LiFE – will help to obtain a better understanding & connectivity between different parts of human brain
- Director of IISc, Bangalore – Govindan Rangarajan | Established in – 1909

48. On June 29, India successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed high-speed expendable aerial target (HEAT), “ABHYAS”, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast. ABHYAS is designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) lab of DRDO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed “ABHYAS” in Chandipur off the Odisha coast
- It is High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) weapon
- It is designed & developed by – ADE-DRDO ([Bengaluru](#))
- [HQs of DRDO – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – G. Satheesh Reddy](#) | [Established in – 1958](#)

49. On June 29, Scientists from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology (WIHG) spotted fossils of a small mammal resembling squirrels called “Treeshrew” (known as Sivatupaia Ramnagarensis) belonging to a new genus, from Ramnagar in Jammu & Kashmir. The WIHG is an autonomous institute of Department of Science and Technology (DST). The discovery was published in the Journal of Paleontology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists from WIHG – spotted fossils of a small mammal resembling squirrels “Treeshrew” from Ramnagar, J & K
- WIHG – an autonomous institute of Department of S&T ([Located in – Dehradun, Uttarakhand](#))
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50. On June 30, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched 3 satellites of Singapore through ‘PSLV-C53’ in a commercial mission of the New Space India Limited (NSIL). The PSLV-C53 took off from Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. The three satellites included - DS-EO satellite, NeuSAR satellite & Scoob-1 satellite. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ISRO – launched 3 satellites of Singapore through ‘PSLV-C53’ in a commercial mission of the NSIL – from Sriharikota
- Names of 3 satellites – DS-EO, NeuSAR & Scoob-1
- [HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka](#) | [Director – S. Somanath](#) | [Formed on – August 15, 1969](#)



Appointments & Resignations

1. 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

2. 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 30th Sep, 2024)
- HQs of SAI – New Delhi | DG – Sandip Pradhan

3. 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
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4. 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



5. 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

6. On June 6, the markets regulator SEBI restructured its Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds (MFs). The 25-member advisory committee will be chaired by former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Usha Thorat. The SEBI has inducted Chairman of NJ India Invest, Neeraj Choksi in the advisory committee. Earlier, the panel had 24 members. The committee is mandated to advise SEBI on issues related to regulation and development of mutual fund industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – restructured its Advisory Committee on Mutual Funds
- It will be chaired by – Usha Thorat (former Deputy Governor of the RBI)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

7. On June 7, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Alok Kumar Choudhary, deputy managing director of State Bank of India (SBI), as the Managing Director for a period of 2 years. He replaces former MD Ashwani Bhatia who took charge as the whole time member of the SEBI. With this appointment, SBI will have 4 managing directors led by the chairman. The three other MDs include C S Setty, Swaminathan Janakiraman and Ashwini Kumar Tewari. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Alok Kumar Choudhary – appointed as the MD of SBI for 2 years (succeeding - Ashwani Bhatia)
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

8. On June 6, Indian Cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni is appointed as the brand ambassador of Chennai-based Garuda Aerospace, an Indian drone startup. MS Dhoni has invested an undisclosed sum in the startup. Recently, the drone start-up manufactured drones named as 'Corona-Killer' to spray disinfectants and sanitise public spaces to contain spread of COVID-19. Garuda Aerospace has been a pioneer in the Indian Drone Ecosystem & is firmly on the path to becoming India's 1st ever Drone Unicorn Start-up. As per the reports, the global drone market is currently dominated by the US, China and Israel, while India accounts for about 4.25% share. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- M. S. Dhoni – appointed as the brand ambassador of Garuda Aerospace (Chennai)
- Garuda Aerospace also manufactured drones named as 'Corona-Killer' to spray disinfectants



9. On June 5, Albania's parliament elected a top military official, Gen. Maj. Bajram Bega, as the country's new President after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting. Mr. Bajram replaced Ilir Meta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajram Bega – elected as Albania's new President (succeeding - Ilir Meta)
- [Albania – Tirana – Albanian Lek](#) | [President – Gen. Maj. Bajram Bega](#)

10. In June 2022, Javier Olivan is appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Meta, formerly known as Facebook. He replaced Sheryl Sandberg, who announced to step down from Meta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Javier Olivan – appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Meta (replacing - Sheryl Sandberg)

11. On June 8, Music Maestro A. R. Rahman has been appointed as ambassador of The Season of Culture, which marks the 75th anniversary of India's independence. It was officially launched by Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India Jan Thomson and Director (India) of the British Council Barbara Wickham. The Season of Culture aims to strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of arts, English and education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A. R. Rahman – appointed as ambassador of 'The Season of Culture' – 75th anniversary of India's independence
- 'The Season of Culture' aims to strengthen India-UK collaboration in the areas of Arts, English & Education

12. On June 11, Senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill was appointed by United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres as his Envoy on Technology. The UN describes him as a "thought leader on digital technology". Amandeep was India's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva from 2016 to 2018. He is the CEO of the International Digital Health & Artificial Intelligence Research Collaborative (I-DAIR) project, based in Geneva. The UN also appointed Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the UN, as the Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN. She was also appointed as High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS). She succeeds Jamaica's Courtenay Rattray. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amandeep Singh Gill – appointed as Antonio Guterres' Envoy on Technology
- Rabab Fatima – appointed as Under Secretary General or Assistant Secretary General of the UN

13. On June 9, the Election Commission of India (ECI) announced July 18 as the date of the 16th Presidential Election for electing the next President of India. The tenure of President Ram Nath Kovind will come to an end on July 24, 2022, and as per 'Article 62' of the Constitution, an election to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of office is required to be completed before the term ends. As per the 'Article 54', the President is elected by an Electoral College consisting of elected MPs of both Houses of Parliament and elected MLAs of the Legislative Assemblies of all states. According to 'Article 58' of the Constitution, no person shall be eligible for election as President unless he is a citizen of India, has completed the age of 35 years and is qualified for election as a member of the House of the People. Ram Nath Kovind was declared as the President-elect after the counting of votes which was held on 20 July 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ECI announced to hold 16th Presidential Election for electing the next President of India on July 18, 2022
- The tenure of existing President Ram Nath Kovind ends on July 24, 2022
- President is elected by an Electoral College under the 'Article 54' of the Indian Constitution
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (25th) | Formed on – 25th Jan, 1950

14. On June 8, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as Director of the IMF's Asia and Pacific Department (APD) from June 22. Srinivasan succeeded Changyong Rhee. Srinivasan is currently a Deputy Director in APD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Krishna Srinivasan – appointed as Director of the IMF's Asia & Pacific Department (succeeding - Changyong Rhee)
- HQs of IMF – Washington, D.C., USA | President – Kristalina Georgieva | Member countries – 190

15. On June 9, MS University's former in-charge registrar, N. J. Ojha is appointed as Ombudsman for a period of 2 years under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNERGS), which is operational in all 8 talukas of Vadodara district. Based on recommendation of the Ombudsman State Selection Committee, the state government approved Ojha's appointment for Vadodara district, Sajjansinh Amarsinh Padwal's appointment for Panchmahal district, as well as Dr Ranjitsinh Nayak and Bhargav Trivedi for Dahod and Chhota Udepur districts of Gujarat. An ombudsman has the power to receive complaints from MGNREGA workers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- N. J. Ojha – appointed as Ombudsman for a period of 2 years under 'MGNERGS'
- Based on recommendation of Ombudsman State Selection Committee, the Gujarat Govt approved:
 - N. J. Ojha's appointment for Vadodara, Gujarat
 - Sajjansinh Amarsinh Padwal's appointment for Panchmahal, Gujarat
 - Ranjitsinh Nayak's appointment for Dahod, Gujarat
 - Bhargav Trivedi's appointment for Chhota Udepur, Gujarat

16. On June 11, RBL Bank appointed veteran banker R. Subramaniakumar as its new MD & CEO for the period of 6 years. He succeeds Vishwahir Ahuja. RBL Bank's MD & CEO Vishwahir Ahuja had decided to proceed on leave in December 2021 and the bank had appointed Rajeev Ahuja as Interim MD & CEO. R. Subramaniakumar is the former head of business transformation at Punjab National Bank (PNB). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- R. Subramaniakumar – appointed as new MD & CEO of RBL Bank (succeeding - Vishwahir Ahuja)
- HQs of RBL Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – R. Subramaniakumar | Chairman – Prakash Chandra

17. On June 15, Somali Parliament unanimously approved the appointment of Hamza Abdi Barre as the country's new Prime Minister. He was appointed by President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. Mr. Hamza succeeds Mohamed Hussein Roble who served as the PM of Somalia from 23 September, 2020 to 26 June, 2022. Mogadishu is the capital of Somalia and Dollar/Shilling is the currency of the country. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Hamza Abdi Barre – appointed as Somalia's new Prime Minister
- [Somalia – Mogadishu – Dollar/Shilling](#) | [President – Hassan Sheikh Mohamud](#) | [PM – Hamza Abdi Barre](#)

18. On June 15, Air Marshal Vibhas Pande assumed charge as the 37th Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the IAF's Maintenance Command headquartered in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Air Marshal Pande succeeded Air Marshal Shashiker Choudhary, who superannuated on May 31. Air Marshal Pande is a recipient of Aiti Vishist Seva Medal and Vishist Seva Medal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vibhas Pande – assumed charge as 37th AOC-in-C of the IAF's Maintenance Command ([Nagpur, Maharashtra](#))
- Air Marshal Pande succeeded – Air Marshal Shashiker Choudhary
- [HQs of IAF – New Delhi](#) | [Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari](#) | [Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh](#)

19. On June 10, the Delhi High Court has appointed former Allahabad High Court judge, Justice Pankaj Naqvi, as the Administrator of the Judo Federation of India (JFI) and directed the erstwhile committee to hand over charge to him for the running of day-to-day affairs of the federation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Pankaj Naqvi – appointed as the Administrator of the Judo Federation of India (JFI) – by Delhi High Court
- [HQs of JFI – New Delhi](#) | [Administrator – Pankaj Naqvi](#)

20. On June 18, Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai has been nominated as Chairperson of the Press Council of India (PCI). She replaced Justice (retd) C. K. Prasad who vacated office in November 2021. Desai was the Chairperson of the Indian Appellate Tribunal for Electricity after her retirement from the Supreme Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (Former Supreme Court judge) – nominated as Chairperson of Press Council of India (PCI)
- She replaced Justice (retd) – Chandramauli Kumar Prasad
- [HQs of PCI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Ranjana Prakash Desai](#) | [Established on – November 16, 1966](#)

21. On June 15, Equitas Small Finance Bank (ESFB) announced that the RBI has approved its proposal to reappoint MD & CEO Vasudevan P. N. for one year. Earlier in May, Vasudevan had asked ESFB to look for his successor as he wanted to step down. He is also the Managing Director of Equitas, which began as a micro finance institution in 2007 and was later converted into bank in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vasudevan P. N. – reappointed as MD & CEO of Equitas SFB for 1 year
- [HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu](#) | [MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan](#)



22. On June 19, the Central government notified appointment (including transfer) of 6 Chief Justices in High Courts of Uttarakhand, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Gauhati. Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed (judge in the Bombay HC) would take over as Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, Justice S. S. Shinde (judge in the Bombay HC) as Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court and Justice Rashmin M Chhaya (judge in the Gujarat HC) as Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Satish Chandra Sharma (Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh HC) as the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court, Justice Vipin Sanghi (Chief Justice of Delhi HC) as Chief Justice of Uttarakhand High Court, and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan (judge in Telangana HC) as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Six new appointments of Chief Justice of various High Courts:
 - Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed – Himachal Pradesh High Court
 - Justice S. S. Shinde – Rajasthan High Court
 - Justice Rashmin M. Chhaya – Gauhati High Court
 - Justice Satish Chandra Sharma – Delhi High Court
 - Justice Vipin Sanghi – Uttarakhand High Court
 - Justice Ujjal Bhuyan – Telangana High Court

23. On June 20, Gustavo Petro, a former member of the M-19 guerrilla movement, became the first leftist President of Colombia. Gustavo Petro beat Rodolfo Hernandez with an unexpectedly wide margin of some 7,16,890 votes. Mr. Petro's running mate Francia Marquez will be Colombia's first Afro-Colombian woman Vice-President. He will succeed Ivan Duque Marquez and will take office in August 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gustavo Petro – became the first leftist President of Colombia (beating - Rodolfo Hernandez)
- [Colombia – Bogota – Peso](#) | [President – Gustavo Petro](#)

24. On June 9, Doordarshan & Doordarshan (DD) News Director-General Mayank Kumar Agrawal has been given the additional charge of Prasar Bharati's Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The move came after the 5-year tenure of Shashi Shekhar Vempati as Prasar Bharati CEO ended on June 8. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mayank Kumar Agrawal (DG of DD News) – appointed as CEO of Prasar Bharati (additional charge)
- He succeeded – Shashi Shekhar Vempati
- [HQs of Prasar Bharati – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Mayank Kumar Agrawal](#) (addi. charge)

25. On June 16, U.S. President Joe Biden nominated Indian-American Radha Iyengar Plumb to a top Pentagon position. Currently serving as the Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Ms. Plumb was nominated to the post of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Joe Biden – nominated Radha Iyengar Plumb as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition & Sustainment

26. On June 22, US President Joe Biden nominated Indian-American scientist Dr. Arati Prabhakar as Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). She made history as the first woman, immigrant, or person of colour to head OSTP. Dr. Prabhakar has been unanimously confirmed by the Senate before, to lead the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and was the first woman to hold that role. Moreover, she was the first woman to earn a PhD in applied physics from the California Institute of Technology. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arati Prabhakar – nominated as Director of the Office of Science & Technology Policy (OSTP) by Joe Biden
- She is the first woman, immigrant, or person of colour to head OSTP
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

27. On June 22, Ruchira Kamboj, currently Indian ambassador to Bhutan, has been appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at New York. She succeeds T S Tirumurti. Ruchira was the All India women's topper of the 1987 Civil Services batch. During her career, she has been Permanent Representative of India to UNESCO in Paris, Indian High Commissioner in South Africa, and Chief of Protocol in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ruchira Kamboj (Indian ambassador to Bhutan) – appointed as next Permanent Representative of India to the UN
- She succeeds – T S Tirumurti
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

28. In June 2022, the Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Sandeep Kumar Gupta (Director for Finance at IOCL) for the post of Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL (India) Ltd. He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on August 31. GAIL holds around 70% share of the gas-transmission network and more than 50% share of natural gas sales in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sandeep Kumar Gupta – appointed as Chairman & MD of GAIL (India) Ltd (replacing - Manoj Jain)
- HQs of GAIL – New Delhi | Chairman – Sandeep Kumar Gupta | Established in – 1984

29. Entrepreneur Ranjit Bajaj has been named Chairman of a 12-member Advisory Committee to assist the Supreme Court-appointed Committee of Administrators (CoA) which is running the day-to-day affairs of All India Football Federation (AIFF). The advisory committee will send regular reports to all the members of the CoA for their information and approvals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Entrepreneur Ranjit Bajaj – named as Chairman of a 12-member AC to assist the SC-appointed CoA
- Committee will run day-to-day affairs of All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Praful Patel | Gen. Secretary – Kushal Das

30. As on June 21, Former Australian Cricketer Lisa Sthalekar is the first woman to be appointed as the President of the Federation of International Cricketers' Associations (FICA), which was founded in 1988. She played for the Australian women's team from 2001 to 2013. She was the first woman to score 1000 runs and take 100 wickets in ODI cricket. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Lisa Sthalekar ([Former Australian Cricketer](#)) – appointed as first women President of FICA
- Lisa Sthalekar – first woman to score 1000 runs & take 100 wickets in ODI cricket
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Scott Morrison](#)

31. On June 24, the CEO of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Company (IRARC), Avinash Kulkarni, has been appointed as the CEO of the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) for a period of 3 years. The IDRCL is the sole agent to resolve more than Rs 83,000 Cr of bad loans to be acquired by the government-backed National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL). Mr. Avinash succeeds the current CEO Manish Makharia. IDRCL is a private sector company controlled by private sector banks that own a 51% share. Its seven-member board is chaired by former SBI executive Diwakar Gupta. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Avinash Kulkarni – appointed as CEO of IDRCL for 3 years
- [HQs of IDRCL – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#) | [CEO – Avinash Kulkarni](#) | [Chairman – Diwakar Gupta](#)
- [MD & CEO of NARCL – Natarajan Sundar](#) | [Chairman – Pradip Shah](#) | [Lead Sponsor – Canara Bank \(12% equity\)](#)

32. On June 21, New Development Bank (NDB) appointed former bureaucrat D. J. Pandian as the Director-General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City). A retired IAS officer, Pandian had also served as Chief Secretary of Gujarat. Moreover, he also served as the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The NDB has approved 20 projects in India for about USD 7.2. billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- D. J. Pandian – appointed as DG of NDB regional office in GIFT City, Gujarat
- [HQs of NDB – Shanghai, China](#) | [President – Marcos Prado Troyjo](#) ([established by BRICS Countries - in 2014](#))

33. On June 24, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of Parameswaran Iyer (former Drinking Water & Sanitation Secretary) as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog for a period of 2 years. Iyer replaced Amitabh Kant, who demitted office on June 30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parameswaran Iyer – appointed as CEO of NITI Aayog for 2 years (replacing Amitabh Kant)
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer](#) | [Chairperson – Narendra Modi](#) | [VC – Suman Bery](#)

34. On June 23, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Dinkar Gupta as the Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). Mr. Gupta will hold the post till March 31, 2024. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dinkar Gupta – appointed as DG of NIA – till March 31, 2024
- [HQs of NIA – New Delhi](#) | [Director General – Dinkar Gupta](#)



35. On June 20, Bajaj Finance Limited partnered with Worldline to develop point-of-sales (POS) payments acquiring solutions for its merchant network. With this tie-up, Bajaj Finance Limited aims to enhance its relationship with both existing and new network of merchant partners. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bajaj Finance + Worldline = partnership to develop PoS payments for its merchant network
- HQs of Bajaj Finserv – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman & MD – Sanjiv Bajaj

36. On June 25, the SEBI provided an additional payment option of UPI mechanism to retail investors to apply in the public issue of Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) and real estate investment trust (REIT) for application value up to Rs 5 lakh. The move is part of SEBI's effort to streamline the process of allotment and listing of units. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI – provided additional UPI payment option to apply in InvIT & REIT
- REITs – Real Estate Investment Trusts | InvITs – Infrastructure Investment Trusts
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

37. In June 2022, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has reduced the Solvency Margin requirement for General Insurers doing crop business. The decision can free up a capital of Rs 1,400 Cr, which IRDAI expects will increase the capacity of general insurers to underwrite more business. The IRDAI has been relaxing the period of admissibility of premiums due from state governments for solvency purposes from 180 days to 365 days since 2017-18. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IRDAI – reduced the Solvency Margin requirement for General Insurers doing crop business
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

38. On June 21, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a penalty of 30 lakh on Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and two of its compliance officers, Savithri Parekh and K. Sethuraman, for not promptly disclosing the stake sales in its subsidiary company, Jio Platforms to Facebook, Silver Lake and Vista Equity Partners in 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SEBI imposed penalty of Rs 30 lakh on RIL – for not promptly disclosing the stake sales in Jio Platforms in 2022
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

39. On June 27, State Bank of India (SBI) has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for its proposed “Operations Support Subsidiary” aimed at bringing down the cost-to-income ratio. The subsidiary will enable the lender to leverage its high-cost manpower for more productive services. SBI's cost to income ratio stood at 53.3% in FY22, an improvement of 240 basis points over FY19 levels. In FY22, SBI's net interest margin stood at 3.15%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI – received in-principle approval from RBI for its propose “Operations Support Subsidiary”
- SBI's cost to income ratio in FY22 – 53.3% | SBI's net interest margin in FY22 – 3.15%
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman



40. On June 27, the digital arm of Reliance Industries, Reliance Jio Infocomm approved the appointment of Akash Ambani, its non-executive director, as the Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm. Mukesh Ambani stepped down as the company's Director. Among other appointments, Pankaj Mohan Pawar took over as the Managing Director of the company. Mukesh Ambani will continue to be the Chairman of Jio Platforms Ltd, the flagship company that owns all Jio digital services brands, including Reliance Jio Infocomm. Akash Ambani, the elder son of Mukesh Ambani, had joined Jio's Board of Directors in 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Akash Ambani (the elder son of Mukesh Ambani) – appointed as the Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm
- Mukesh Ambani – will continue to be the Chairman of Jio Platforms Ltd
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973

41. On June 28, Justice Ujjal Bhuyan has been sworn in as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court. Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan administered the oath of office to Chief Justice designate Justice Ujjal Bhuyan. He succeeded Justice Satish Chandra Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Ujjal Bhuyan – sworn in as Chief Justice of Telangana High Court (replacing - Justice Satish Chandra Sharma)
- Telangana: Capital – Hyderabad | CM – K. Chandrashekar Rao | Governor – Tamilisai Soundararajan

42. On June 29, President Ram Nath Kovind re-appointed K. K. Venugopal as Attorney General for India with effect from July 1, 2022 for a further period of 3 months or until further orders, whichever is earlier. His first term ended in 2020 and was re-appointed for 1 year term which was to end on June 30. He was an Additional Solicitor General of India between 1979 and 1980 and received Padma Bhushan in 2002 and Padma Vibhushan in 2015. The Attorney General usually has a tenure of 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- K. K. Venugopal – re-appointed as Attorney General for India for 3 months (from July 1, 2022)
- He was an Additional Solicitor General of India between 1979 & 1980
- K. K. Venugopal – received Padma Bhushan (2002) & Padma Vibhushan (2015)
- Attorney General for India is appointed by the President of India

43. On June 28, PokerBaazi announced the onboarding of actor Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador. PokerBaazi aims to create a robust ecosystem for Poker in India, and Kapoor's association with the brand comes in line with its commitment to popularise and create awareness amongst the masses about Poker. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PokerBaazi – appointed Shahid Kapoor as its brand ambassador

44. On June 30, Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr., won the elections on 9th May and took oath as the 17th President of the Philippines. While Sara Duterte Carpio took oath as the Vice President of the Philippines on 19th June. The two will be serving the nation until 2028. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ferdinand Marcos Jr. – took oath as the 17th President of the Philippines
- Sara Duterte Carpio – took oath as the Vice President of the Philippines
- Philippines – Manila – Peso | President – Ferdinand Marcos Jr.

45. On June 30, former team India Coach and Cricketer Ravi Shastri was appointed as the new brand ambassador for FanCode, a live content, sports statistics and e-commerce marketplace. Shastri will lead the upcoming campaigns for India's tour of the West Indies, and ECB's The Hundred, a 100-ball cricket tournament. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ravi Shastri – appointed as the new brand ambassador for 'FanCode'
- He will lead the campaigns for India's tour of the West Indies & ECB's 'The Hundred'

46. On June 30, Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari administered the oath of office to Eknath Sambhaji Shinde as the 20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra. This comes a day after Uddhav Thackeray resigned as the Chief Minister, marking the end of Maha Vikas Aghadi government rule in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Eknath Sambhaji Shinde – became the 20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra (replacing - Uddhav Thackeray)
- Maharashtra: CM – Eknath Shinde | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari

47. On June 29, Pinterest's Co-founder & CEO Ben Silbermann stepped down from his position and was replaced by Google's Executive Bill Ready. Silbermann transited to a newly created role of Executive Chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ben Silbermann – Co-founder & CEO of Pinterest – stepped down from his position (promoted to Executive Chairman)
- Bill Ready (Google's Executive) – appointed as new CEO of Pinterest
- HQs of Pinterest – San Francisco, USA | CEO – Bill Ready | Executive Chairman – Ben Silbermann | Founded – 2009



Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

1. 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 2nd prize by the “THE Awards Asia” for ‘outstanding support for students’
- THE Awards – dubbed as ‘Oscars of Higher Education’

2. 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

3. The Meghalaya government key initiative of e-proposal system, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architect (MeghEA), won ‘Best Project Award’ at UN World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS). Meghalaya received for the role of governments in the promotion of ICTs for development. Secretary General of ITU, Houlin Zhao presented the winner award to Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma in the WSIS Forum Prizes 2022, held in Geneva, Switzerland. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meghalaya – won ‘Best Project Award’ at the “WSIS Forum Prizes 2022” – held in Geneva, Switzerland
- [Meghalaya: Capital – Shillong](#) | [CM – Conrad Kongkal Sangma](#) | [Governor – Satya Pal Malik](#)

4. The 22nd edition of the “International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2022)” was held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in June, 2022. The biopic Shershaah was awarded Best Picture, and director Vishnuvaradhan was awarded Best Director for the same film. Vicky Kaushal and Kriti Sanon were awarded Best Actor and Best Actress for their performances in Sardar Udham and Mimi, respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 22nd edition of “International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA 2022)” – held in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Best Picture: Shershaah | Best Director: Vishnuvaradhan | Best Actor: Vicky Kaushal | Best Actress: Kriti Sanon

5. President Ram Nath Kovind, who is the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, conferred 1 Kirti Chakra (Posthumous) and 14 Shaurya Chakras, including 8 posthumous, to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State/Union Territory Police, during the “Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2)” in New Delhi. The President also conferred 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals and 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of exceptional order. Altaf Hussain Bhat, a Constable from J&K Police, was posthumously honoured with Kirti Chakra. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- During the “Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2)” in New Delhi, Ram Nath Kovind conferred:
 - 1 Kirti Chakra (Posthumous) – to Altaf Hussain Bhat (J&K Police)
 - 14 Shaurya Chakras
 - 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals
 - 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals

6. On June 9, the 2nd edition of “Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)” was organised in New Delhi where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region. Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts. The awards were given under 3 categories - Awards for Excellence in DSDP (8 Winner), Certificate for Excellence in DSDP (13 Winners) & Letter of Appreciation for DSDP (9 Winners). The awards for Excellence in DSDP were instituted under the “SANKALP” Scheme (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) of the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MoSDE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 2nd edition of “Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning (DSDP)” – organised in New Delhi
- Top 3: Rajkot (Gujarat), Cachar (Assam) & Satara (MH)
- The Awards were instituted under “SANKALP” Scheme of the MoSDE
- [Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal](#) | [Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena](#) | [Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar](#)

7. For the first time in the world, an Indian, Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, has been recognised by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) as a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship. The UNGC had announced 10 new SDG Pioneers - Business Leaders who are doing an exceptional job to advance the SDGs. Their work spans various areas from climate mitigation and adaptation to circular economy and digital transformation. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli is the Founder & the MD of Maithri Aquatech. His company’s unique solution, ‘MEGHDOOT’, is based on an alternative water concept known as Atmospheric Water Generation (AWG). The 2022 SDG Pioneers were announced during the “UN Global Compact Leaders’ Summit 2022” which was held on the theme “The World We Want”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramkrishna Mukkavilli ([Maithri Aquatech](#)) – recognised by the UNGC as a Global SDG Pioneer for Water Stewardship
- Theme of “UN Global Compact Leaders’ Summit 2022” – “The World We Want”

8. Maharashtra’s second State Cluster University, HSNC University, in Mumbai, conferred ‘Honorary D.Litt.’ (honorary Doctorate of Literature) to noted industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata at a special convocation ceremony held in Mumbai. The Governor of Maharashtra and Chancellor of the University Bhagat Singh Koshyari awarded the degree to Mr. Tata. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Bhagat Singh Koshyari (Maharashtra’s Governor & Chancellor of HSNC Uni.) – awarded ‘Honorary D.Litt’ to Ratan Tata
- HSNC University – located in Mumbai, Maharashtra



9. On June 9, recognising its efforts in advancing tobacco control, the World Health Organization (WHO) awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with the “Regional Director Special Recognition Award”. The Resource Center for Tobacco Control, a joint initiative of the PGIMER and the UNION-SEA, was set up in 2018 by 25 organisations working over tobacco control in India with an aim to showcase tobacco control initiatives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- e-RCTC – awarded with the “Regional Director Special Recognition Award” – by the WHO
- e-RCTC – a joint initiative of PGIMER & UNION-SEA | Set up in – 2018
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

10. The Dutch documentary film “Turn Your Body to the Sun”, directed by Aliona Van der Horst, won the prestigious “Golden Conch Award” for the ‘Best Documentary Film’ at the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2022. In the ‘Short Fiction’ category, Malayalam film ‘Saakshatkaaram’ shares the Silver Conch award with Gudmund Helmsal’s film ‘Brother Troll’. While ‘Prince in a Pastry Shop’, directed by Polish filmmaker Katarzyna Agopsowicz, won the Silver Conch for ‘Best Animation Film’ in the MIFF 2022. The awards were presented by the Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshiyari. Moreover, Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for Best Debut Director at MIFF 2022 has been awarded to Bimal Poddar for his film ‘Radha’. IDPA Award for Best Student Film at MIFF 2022 has been awarded to ‘Megha’, the Bengali film directed by Rishi Bhaumik. National Jury at MIFF 2022 was chaired by National award-winning film maker Sanjit Narwekar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF) 2022: (Awards were presented by - Bhagat Singh Koshiyari)
- Golden Conch Award for ‘Best Documentary’ – “Turn Your Body to the Sun” film
- Silver Conch Award for ‘Short Fiction’ – “Saakshatkaaram” film + “Brother Troll” film
- Silver Conch Award for ‘Best Animation Film’ – “Prince in a Pastry Shop” film
- Dadasaheb Phalke Chitranagari Award for ‘Best Debut Director’ – Bimal Poddar for film ‘Radha’
- IDPA Award for ‘Best Student Film’ – “Megha” Bengali film (directed by - Rishi Bhaumik)
- National Jury at MIFF 2022 was chaired by – Sanjit Narwekar

11. On June 17, Delhi’s Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport has been adjudged the ‘Best Airport in India and South Asia’ for the 4th consecutive year at the “2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards”. Delhi Airport also improved its overall ranking to 37th from last year’s 45th position globally. It has also been declared as the ‘Cleanest Airport in India and South Asia’. While Bengaluru’s Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) bagged the title of ‘Best Regional Airport in India and South Asia’. Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is named as the ‘Best Airport Staff in India and South Asia’. Moreover, Qatar’s Hamad International Airport is named the World’s Best Airport for the 2nd year. The award is based on a survey of customers conducted globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2022 Skytrax World Airport Awards”:
- Indira Gandhi Int. Airport – Cleanest & Best Airport in India & South Asia for the 4th consecutive year | 37th globally
- Kempegowda International Airport (Bengaluru) – bagged the title of ‘Best Regional Airport in India & South Asia’
- Best International Airport in the world – Hamad International Airport (Doha, Qatar)
- Ministry of Civil Aviation: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Civil Aviation: V. K. Singh

12. On June 19, Central Institute of Educational Technology (CIET), a constituent unit of NCERT under Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, has been awarded with the “UNESCO’s King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize” for the Use of Information & Communication Technology (ICT) in Education for the year 2021 under a comprehensive initiative called “PM eVIDYA”. PM eVIDYA was initiated as part of ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ by the Ministry of Education in May, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Institute of Educational Technology ([NCERT](#)) – awarded with the “UNESCO’s King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize”
- The prize was given under a comprehensive initiative called “PM eVIDYA”
- PM eVIDYA was initiated as part of ‘Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan’ by the Ministry of Education in May, 2020
- [HQs of CIET \(NCERT\) – New Delhi](#)

13. On June 16, Ruth Ozeki won the “2022 Women’s Prize for Fiction” for her novel, “The Book of Form and Emptiness”, published by Penguin Random House. She was in the shortlist with five other authors. The prize, which is now in its 27th year, is given for outstanding, ambitious, original fiction written in English by women from anywhere in the world. Ozeki received a £30,000 (\$36,500) prize. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ruth Ozeki – won the “2022 Women’s Prize for Fiction” for her novel, “The Book of Form and Emptiness”

14. In June 2022, Shreya Lenka became India’s first-ever K-pop star. 18-year-old girl Lenka has been chosen as the fifth member of the girl K-pop band Blackswan. She hails from Odisha’s Jharsuguda district. She was selected from a global audition held by South Korean Music Label DR Music Entertainment. Along with Sriya, Gabriela Dalcin of Brazil has also been selected as the 6th member of the group. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Shreya Lenka ([Odisha](#)) – became India’s first-ever K-pop star (5th member of the girl K-pop band Blackswan)
- Gabriela Dalcin ([Brazil](#)) – also selected as the 6th member of the group
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)
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15. On June 21, Ministry of AYUSH announced “Prime Minister’s Award for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga” for the year 2021. The recipients include - two individuals, namely Bhikkhu Sanghasena (Ladakh) & Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues (Brazil), and two organisations, namely The Divine Life Society (Uttarakhand) & British Wheel of Yoga (UK). Ministry of AYUSH developed the guidelines for this award. This award was initially announced by PM Modi on the occasion of the 2nd International Day of Yoga celebrations at Chandigarh on 21st June, 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of AYUSH – announced “Prime Minister’s Award for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga” for the year 2021 (initially announced by the PM Modi in 2016)
- The recipients include:
- Two individuals – Bhikkhu Sanghasena ([Ladakh](#)) & Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues ([Brazil](#))
- Two organisations – The Divine Life Society ([Uttarakhand](#)) & British Wheel of Yoga ([UK](#))



16. On June 25, the Karnataka government selected the former Chief Minister S. M. Krishna, Infosys founder N. R. Narayana Murthy, and former Indian badminton player Prakash Padukone for the “Kempe Gowda International Award”. This award is instituted in honour of Kempe Gowda, founder of Bengaluru. The award carries a purse ₹5 lakh and a plaque each. The government had constituted a committee headed by Start-up Vision Group head Prashanth Prakash to nominate candidates for the award. June 27, 2022 marked the 513th birth anniversary of Kempe Gowda. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. M. Krishna + N. R. Narayana Murthy + Prakash Padukone = selected by Karnataka for “Kempe Gowda Int. Award”
- June 27, 2022 – 513th birth anniversary of Kempe Gowda
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore](#) | [CM – Basavaraj Bommai](#) | [Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

17. On June 27, Delhi-based leading Drone enterprise platform company IG Drones has been felicitated with the “Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category” by Airwards. IG Drones has been selected for the award for its approach of helping local communities and giving access of technology to various stakeholders during natural disasters and calamities. IG Drones is developing new technology-based disaster response and mitigation to increase the efficiency and efficacy of first responders’ aid in emergency response and catastrophe mapping. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IG Drones ([Delhi](#)) – felicitated with the “Best Drone Organization - Start-up Category” by Airwards
- [New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal](#) | [Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena](#) | [Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar](#)

18. On June 24, Mo Bus, the bus service of Odisha’s Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT) authority, has been recognised by the United Nations as one of 10 global recipients of its annual “Public Service Awards for 2022”. The public transport service has been recognised for its role in promoting gender-responsive public services to achieve the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals). Mo Bus incorporated real-time technologies like live tracking, travel planner and e-ticketing, and an e-rickshaw system called ‘Mo E-Ride’ is also introduced as a last-mile feeder service. Mo E-Ride is estimated to reduce pollution by 30-50%. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Mo Bus’, the bus service of Odisha – recognised by the UN for its annual “Public Service Awards for 2022”
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

19. In June 2022, Eminent Hindi poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra was conferred the 31st “Saraswati Samman” for 2021 for his collection of poems “Mein to Yahan Hun”, which covers a gamut of social issues and societal concerns. Instituted in 1991 by KK Birla Foundation, the Saraswati Samman is one of the most prestigious literary awards in the country. It is given annually to an outstanding literary work published during the past 10 years by an Indian citizen in any language included in Schedule VIII of the Constitution. It carries a cash prize of ₹15 lakh, a citation, and a plaque. The recipient of the Saraswati Samman is chosen by a selection committee whose current head is Subhash Kashya. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ramdarash Mishra ([Hindi Poet & Litterateur](#)) – conferred the 31st “Saraswati Samman” for 2021
- He was selected for his collection of poems “Mein to Yahan Hun”
- The selection committee of ‘Saraswati Samman’ – headed by Subhash Kashya



20. On June 25, the Commonwealth of Nations has admitted Gabon and Togo as its 55th and 56th members, respectively. Leaders accepted applications by these two west African countries at the closing session of the 26th “Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2022)” in Kigali, Rwanda under the new Chairmanship of Rwandan President Paul Kagame. Rwanda was the last country to join the Commonwealth, in 2009. The Commonwealth began with 8 nations in 1949. The CHOGM 2022 was held under the theme “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar led the Indian delegation to the CHOGM 2022. During the event, S. Jaishankar and UK’s Foreign Secretary Liz Truss announced the establishment of a joint “India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy Programme” to train young and aspiring diplomats from both nations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gabon & Togo – became 55th & 56th members of Commonwealth of Nations
- 26th CHOGM – held at Kigali, Rwanda | Theme – “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”
- Indian delegation at ‘CHOGM 2022’ was led by – S. Jaishankar
- India + UK = to establish a joint “India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy Programme”
- Rwanda – Kigali – Rwandan Franc | President – Paul Kagame
- Gabon – Libreville – CFA franc | President – Ali Bongo Ondimba | PM – Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda
- Togo – Lome – CFA franc | President – Faure Gnassingbe

21. On June 17, the government increased the upper-age limit for recruitment under the “Agnipath” scheme to 23 years from 21 years for the year 2022, amid widespread protests against the new model for enrolment of soldiers into the 3 services. Earlier, the age criterion was from 17.5 years to 21 years. At the end of 4-year tenure, each “Agniveer” will get an amount of ₹11.71 lakh as the “Seva Nidhi Package” and it will be exempted from Income Tax. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Upper-age limit for recruitment under the “Agnipath” scheme – increased to 23 years (from 21 years)
- Current “Agnipath” scheme age criterion – 17.5 to 23 years
- “Seva Nidhi Package” of Rs 11.71 lakh for each “Agniveer” at the end of 4-year tenure

22. On June 28, Chennai-based Bharath Institute of Higher Education and Research (BIHER) was accorded with a rare honour in the UK called the “Asian UK Award 2022” at the UK’s House of Commons in London. The award was received by BIHER’s President Dr. J Sundeep Aanand for Best Edupreneur, for his impeccable track record in educating thousands of students and ensuring they get employment opportunities in the biggest companies the world over. The citation was given to Dr. Aanand by Virendra Sharma, an Indian-origin Member of Parliament in the UK’s House of Commons. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. J Sundeep Aanand (BIHER) – accorded with the “Asian UK Award 2022” for ‘Best Edupreneur’
- HQs of BIHER – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | President – Dr. J Sundeep Aanand

23. On June 28, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) organized “National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) 2021” ceremony at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. The event was organized under the ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. This year, the theme of the awards was “Innovation and Excellence in Road Construction”. Welspun Enterprises Ltd won Gold award in ‘Excellence in Project Management-PPP’. While the BIPL won Gold award in ‘Excellence in Project Management-EPC’. Simhapuri Expressway Ltd won Silver award in ‘Excellence in Highway Safety- Plain’. GR Infra Projects Ltd won Special award in ‘Green Highway’ category. Moreover, Dineshchandra R Agrawal Infracon Pvt Ltd won Gold award in ‘Outstanding Work in Challenging Condition’. And in the same category, Special award was won by M/S Ceigall India Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoRTH – organized “National Highways Excellence Awards (NHEA) 2021” ceremony in New Delhi
- Theme of the Awards – “Innovation and Excellence in Road Construction”
- Awards:
 - Welspun Enterprises Ltd – Gold award – in ‘Excellence in Project Management-PPP’
 - BIPL – Gold award – in ‘Excellence in Project Management-EPC’
 - Simhapuri Expressway Ltd – Silver award – in ‘Excellence in Highway Safety- Plain’
 - GR Infra Projects Ltd – Special award – in ‘Green Highway’
 - Dineshchandra R Agrawal Infracon Pvt Ltd – Gold award – in ‘Outstanding Work in Challenging Condition’
 - M/S Ceigall India Ltd – Special award – in ‘Outstanding Work in Challenging Condition’



Schemes & Initiatives

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 11th 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 10th installment was released in January 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi – released the 11th 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 24th February, 2019

2. “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

3. On June 3, Union Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the scheme called “SHRESHTA (Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas)”. The Scheme will be beneficial for SC students who could not reach for higher quality education. Approximately 3,000 seats are provided each year for admission in class 9th and 11th in CBSE-affiliated reputed residential schools and the entire cost of the school fee and residential charges are borne by the Department. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Virendra Kumar (MoSJE) – launched a scheme called “SHRESHTA”
- SHRESHTA – **S**cheme for **R**esidential **E**ducation for **S**tudents in **H**igh school in **T**argeted **A**reas”
- Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment: Virendra Kumar | Constituency – Sagar, Madhya Pradesh

4. Railway Protection Force (RPF) arrested more than 7,000 unauthorised travelers in coaches reserved for women, while also rescuing 150 girls/women from becoming victims of human trafficking during a month-long “Operation Mahila Suraksha” aimed at providing safe and secure travel to women. The pan India drive ‘Operation Mahila Suraksha’ was launched from May 3 to 31, 2022. A pan India initiative ‘Meri Saheli’ is also operational with a similar aim. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- RPF conducted a month-long “Operation Mahila Suraksha” to provide safe & secure travel to women
- ‘Meri Saheli’ initiative – belongs to RPF
- HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India | Director General – Sanjay Chander



5. On June 3, the National Health Authority (NHA) announced the successful integration of eSanjeevani with its flagship scheme - Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). eSanjeevani portal is the telemedicine service of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) & developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). The users of eSanjeevani can create their 14-digit unique Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) number and use it to link their existing health records. The eSanjeevani service is available in two variants: eSanjeevani AB-HWC (Ayushman Bharat-Health & Wellness Centre) & eSanjeevani OPD. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHA – announced the integration of ‘eSanjeevani’ with its flagship scheme - Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)
- eSanjeevani portal – a telemedicine service of MoHFW | ABHA number – 14 digits
- HQs of NHA – New Delhi | CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma | Founded in – 2018

6. On June 3, in Rajasthan, a Special Health Care Abhiyan “Anchal” was launched in the Karauli district for pregnant women. 13,144 women have benefited from this Abhiyan. This unique campaign was started on the initiative of District Collector Ankit Kumar Singh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Rajasthan – launched a Special Health Care Abhiyan “Anchal” in Karauli district for pregnant women
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

7. On June 1, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Chairman G. R. Chintala launched “My Pad My Right” programme, in Leh, Ladakh. The programme launched by NABARD’s NabFoundation. This will help women to participate in country’s economic development. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NABARD – launched “My Pad My Right” programme – in Leh, Ladakh
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

8. On June 7, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched “YSR Yantra Seva” scheme and flagged off the distribution of tractors and combine harvesters at Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur district. 3,800 tractors and 320 combined harvesters would be made available at Rythu Bharosa Centres (RBKs) across the State. About 10,750 YSR Yantra Seva Centres would be set up at each RBK level at a cost of Rs 2,016 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- YS Jagan Mohan Reddy ([Andhra Pradesh](#)) – launched “YSR Yantra Seva” scheme
- The CM flagged off the distribution of Tractors & Combine Harvesters – at Chuttugunta in Guntur district
- About 10,750 YSR Yantra Seva Centres would be set up at each RBK level (Cost - Rs 2,016 Cr)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan

9. On June 3, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways formulated “Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme” to engage talented, forward-thinking and dynamic young professionals in various divisions of the Ministry. The professionals will have the opportunity to learn about the functioning of the government as well as developmental policy concerns. Initially, more than 25 young professionals will be hired under this scheme. Professionals will be required to have qualification in B.E/ B.Tech, B. Planning and/or MBA or equivalent degree in relevant subject/ field and minimum three year of relevant work experience. The initial period of engagement shall be 2 years which can be extended to additional 2 years on the basis of performance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoPSW – formulated “Sagarmala Young Professional Scheme” to engage talented young professionals in various divisions of the Ministry
- Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Sarbananda Sonowal | Constituency – Majuli, Assam
- MoS in Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways: Shripad Yesso Naik & Shantanu Thakur

10. On June 14, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin launched the “Ennum Ezhuthum” scheme to bridge the learning gap that was caused due to the COVID pandemic among students aged below 8. The scheme aims to ensure foundational literacy and numeracy by 2025. The children will be trained in three subjects - Tamil, English and Mathematics. The CM also announced Rs 1,000 incentive for girl students pursuing higher education. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tamil Nadu – launched the “Ennum Ezhuthum” scheme to bridge the learning gap among students aged below 8
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi

11. On June 14, India unveiled a transformative scheme called “Agnipath” for the recruitment of soldiers into the Army, the Navy and the Air Force largely on a short-term contractual basis. The scheme is aimed at slashing the salary and pension bills of the three services which have been increasing rapidly. “Under the ‘Agniveer’ scheme, Indian youth will be provided an opportunity to serve in the armed forces as ‘Agniveer’ for the period of 4 years. The armed forces will recruit 46,000 ‘Agniveers’ in 2022 and the eligible age for selection will be in the range of 17.5 years to 21 years. The monthly salary of an ‘Agniveer’ in the first year of employment would be Rs 30,000 (Rs 21,000 on hand). Each ‘Agniveer’ will get an amount of Rs 11.71 lakh as ‘Seva Nidhi Package’ on completion of the service period of 4 years. The Defence Budget of Rs 5,25,166 Cr for 2022-23 included Rs 1,19,696 Cr for defence pensions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- The armed forces will recruit 46,000 ‘Agniveers’ in 2022 | Eligible age – 17.5 - 21 years | Service tenure – 4 years
- The Defence Budget of Rs 5,25,166 Cr for 2022-23 includes Rs 1,19,696 Cr for Defence Pensions
- Monthly salary of ‘Agniveer’ in the first year – Rs 30,000 (Rs 21,000 on hand)
- Each ‘Agniveer’ will get an amount of Rs 11.71 lakh as ‘Seva Nidhi Package’ on completion of the service period

12. With an aim to connect the youth with more opportunities for on-ground training within corporates and further a chance to get employment, the Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MoSDE) has decided to organise the “Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM)” every month, starting from June 13, 2022. More than 1000 companies from across 36+ sectors participated in the Mela providing opportunities of being hired as an apprentice within companies. Candidates will also receive Apprenticeship certificates recognised by the ‘National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVT)’ at the end of their training period. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoSDE decided to organise the “Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Mela (PMNAM)” every month
- Candidates will receive Apprenticeship certificates recognised by the NCVET at the end of the training
- [Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan](#) | [Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)

13. On June 13, Minister of Railways, Communications and Electronics & Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw launched Indian Railway Innovation Policy called “StartUps for Railways” & “Indian Railway Innovation Portal” in New Delhi. The policy includes 50% capital grant up to Rs 1.5 Cr to startups/innovator on equal sharing basis. The policy aims to leverage innovative technologies developed by Indian Startups/MSMEs/Innovators/Entrepreneurs to improve operational efficiency and Safety of Indian Railways. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ashwini Vaishnaw – launched “StartUps for Railways” & “Indian Railway Innovation Portal”
- The policy includes 50% capital grant up to Rs 1.5 Cr to startups/innovator on equal sharing basis
- [Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

14. In June 2022, Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched the State Animal Helpline “1962” for protection of stray and abandoned animals. The CM also inaugurated the ‘Tele Veterinary Service’ and launched the ‘Animal Resources Mapping’ initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha – launched the State Animal Helpline “1962”, the ‘Tele Veterinary Service’ & the ‘Animal Resources Mapping’
- [Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar](#) | [CM – Naveen Patnaik](#) | [Governor – Ganeshi Lal](#)

15. As on June 2022, the Delhi government is working towards bridging the learning gap induced by COVID-19 for students of state-run schools under ‘Mission Buniyaad’ - a programme that aims to bridge the learning gap and improve the reading, writing and basic mathematical abilities of children from class 3 to 9. The mission was launched by Delhi government in February, 2018. After the pandemic, the UT government has also increased the coverage of Mission Buniyaad till class 9. ‘Mission Buniyaad’ is being implemented in all the schools under the Directorate of Education (DoE) daily. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) has updated learning material and teacher manuals to be followed under this mission. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi Govt is bridging the learning gap for students of state-run schools under ‘Mission Buniyaad’
- ‘Mission Buniyaad’ – aims to improve the reading, writing & basic mathematical abilities of children from class 3 to 9
- This mission was launched by Delhi Govt – in February, 2018
- [Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal](#) | [Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena](#) | [Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar](#)



16. On June 21, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Hardeep Singh Puri launched an innovative project called “NIPUN” (National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers) for skill training of construction workers. The project NIPUN is an initiative of the MoHUA under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) to train over 1 lakh construction workers. The National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) will be the Implementation Partner for the project NIPUN. The courses are aligned with National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) and will be imparted at accredited and affiliated training centres. It will provide trainees with ‘Kaushal Bima’, 3-year accidental insurance with coverage of Rs 2 lakhs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA – launched an innovative project called “NIPUN” for skill training of construction workers
- “NIPUN” – **N**ational Initiative for **P**romoting **U**pskilling of **N**irman workers
- NSDC – the Implementation Partner for the project ‘NIPUN’
- [Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri](#) | [Constituency – Uttar Pradesh](#)

17. On June 17, on a two-day visit to Gujarat, PM Narendra Modi launched two schemes on maternal nutrition namely - “Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana” with an outlay of Rs 800 Cr & “Poshan Sudha Yojana” with an outlay of Rs 120 Cr. The schemes aim to intervene during the first 1,000 days of a child’s life. The objective is to reduce the number of newborns who are underweight at birth as well as to improve infant mortality and maternal mortality rates. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- PM Narendra Modi launched two schemes on maternal nutrition:
- “Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana” (Outlay - Rs 800 Cr) | “Poshan Sudha Yojana” (Outlay - Rs 120 Cr)

18. In June 2022, at the “NASSCOM Future of Work 2022” event held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu’s Chief Minister MK Stalin launched a skilling programme called “Nalaya Thiran” (Tomorrow’s ability) under the ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ (I am the first) - the umbrella programme of the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. The TN government will train nearly 50,000 college students with knowledge in computer science, electronics and IT domains, skilling them on problem solving using technologies. Annually about 4 lakh people are added to the workforce, of which, nearly 1 lakh are STEM-related. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “NASSCOM Future of Work 2022” event – held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Tamil Nadu – launched a skilling programme called “Nalaya Thiran” (Tomorrow’s ability)
- ‘Naan Mudhalvan’ (I am the first) – the umbrella programme of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

19. In June 2022, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched “Naari Ko Naman” scheme that will allow women passengers in the state to pay only 50% of the fare for their travel within the state. In another scheme, Thakur announced a reduction in the minimum bus fare from Rs 7 to Rs 5 to all passengers across the state. Moreover, the state government will sanction 25 new posts of women drivers in the ‘Ride With Pride’ government taxi service - an initiative to ferry women passengers and senior citizens. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched the “Naari Ko Naman” scheme
- The scheme allows women passengers to pay only 50% of the fare for their travel within the state
- ‘Ride With Pride’ government taxi service – an initiative of Himachal Pradesh Govt
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital–Shimla & Dharamshala | CM–Jai Ram Thakur | Governor–Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

20. The government has surpassed the formal employment creation target set under the “Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY)”. Latest data show 7.51 million jobs were created under the scheme, over a quarter more than the initial target of 5.85 million. The government has allotted Rs 22,810 Cr for the scheme to be spent till 2024. Under the scheme, the government reimburses the provident fund contribution - 24% of the wages split equally between employees and employers - for two years for all new formal jobs created in enterprises having up to 1,000 employees between October 1, 2020 and March 31, 2022. It was applicable on employees earning less than Rs 15,000 a month. Overall, net new enrolments under the EPFO in 2021-22 was the highest ever at 12.2 million, as against 7.71 million in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Govt surpassed the formal employment creation target under “Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana (ABRY)”
- 7.51 million jobs have been created, against the initial target of 5.85 million
- Govt has allotted Rs 22,810 Cr under ‘ABRY Scheme’ till 2024
- Under the scheme, the Govt reimburses the Provident Fund contribution – 24% of the wages (split equally)
- Overall, new enrolments under the EPFO in 2021-22 – 12.2 million (highest ever)

21. In June 2022, Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan (GKRA) has completed 2 years. Government of India launched GKRA on 20th June, 2020 for a period of 125 days with a resource envelope of Rs 50,000 Cr to boost employment and livelihood opportunities for returnee migrant workers in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 50.78 crore person-days employment was generated during the Abhiyaan. A total of 12 Ministries and Departments of Government of India participated in the Abhiyaan. Ministry of Rural Development is the nodal Ministry for the scheme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyaan” completed 2 years on 20th June, 2022
- Launched in 2020 | Outlay – Rs 50,000 | Nodal Agency – Ministry of Rural Development
- [Ministry of Rural Development: Giriraj Singh | Constituency – Begusarai, Bihar](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Rural Development: Faggansingh Kulaste & Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti](#)

22. As per the “Goods and Services Tax (Period of Levy and Collection of Cess) Rules, 2022”, notified by the Finance Ministry, the compensation cess under 28% slab will continue to be levied from July 1, 2022 to March 31, 2026. The government extended the time for levy of GST compensation cess by nearly 4 years. The GST was introduced in India with effect from July 1, 2017 and States were assured of compensation for the loss of any revenue arising on account of implementation of GST for a period of 5 years. The Centre has released the entire amount of GST compensation payable to States up to May 31, 2022. In order to meet the resource gap of States due to short release of compensation, the Centre has borrowed and released ₹1.1 lakh Cr in 2020-21 and ₹1.59 lakh Cr in 2021-22 as back-to-back loan to meet a part of the shortfall in cess collection. The Centre has repaid ₹7,500 Cr as interest cost for the borrowing in FY 2021-22 and ₹14,000 Cr is to be paid this fiscal year. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Government extended the time for levy of GST compensation cess – to March 31, 2026 (from July 1, 2022)
- In 2017, States were assured of compensation for the loss of any revenue arising due to GST – for 5 years
- Govt borrowed & released ₹1.59 lakh Cr in FY22
- Govt repaid ₹7,500 Cr as 'interest cost' for the borrowing in FY22 & ₹14,000 Cr is to be paid for FY23

23. On June 25, Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0 (SBM 2.0), being implemented by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), launched the "Revised Swachh Certification Protocols" for ODF, ODF+, ODF++, and Water+ certifications. The launch event for this was held at Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi and was chaired by Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA). During PM Narendra Modi's maiden Independence Day speech in 2014, Mahatma Gandhi's 150th Birth Anniversary was chosen as the day by which all cities and statutory towns in urban India were to become 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF). While 'SBM 2.0' was launched by the Prime Minister on October 1, 2021 with the overall vision of creating 'Garbage Free Cities'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBM 2.0 – launched an event "Revised Swachh Certification Protocols" for ODF, ODF+, ODF++ & Water+ certifications
- The event chaired by – Manoj Joshi | Held at – Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Kaushal Kishore

24. On June 27, Tata Power Solar Systems (TPPS), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has accomplished a remarkable feat by commissioning India's largest floating Solar Power Project in Kayamkulam, Kerala on a 350-acre water body, backwaters area, having an installed capacity of 101.6 MW Peak. Tata Power Solar successfully built a scaffolding platform on the water body to make the entire solar plant float on water. This project is the first one in the Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) through Power Purchase Agreement category. Earlier, the record was held by 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project, located in Telangana. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Power Solar Systems – commissioned India's largest floating Solar Power Project (101.6 MW) – in Kerala
- Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project (100 MW) – in Telangana
- HQs of Tata Power Solar Systems – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Ashish Khanna
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

25. On June 30, ReNew Power, in partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA), launched a transformative initiative named 'Project Surya' to train low-income women salt pan workers to work in the Renewable Industry. Under this programme, women salt pan workers, who work in the physically challenging and extreme temperatures of the remote Rann of Kutch marshes, will be trained as solar panel and solar pump technicians at Dhokavada village in the Patan district of Gujarat. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ReNew Power + UNEP + SEWA = launched 'Project Surya' initiative to train low-income women salt pan workers to work in the Renewable Industry

- They will be trained as solar panel & solar pump technicians – at Dhokavada village, Patan district, Gujarat
- HQs of ReNew Power – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & Chairman – Sumant Sinha
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972



Important Days & Dates

1. 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 – 16th October, 1945

2. 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

3. 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"

4. On June 2, the eve of Telangana Formation Day or Telangana Day, Telangana chief minister K. Chandrashekar 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

5. 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)



6. Ministry of Ayush chose “Yoga for Humanity” as theme for 8th International Day of Yoga 2022 to be organised in India and across the globe on 21st 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 – 8th International Day of Yoga (since 2015)
- Theme – “Yoga for Humanity”
- [Ministry of AYUSH: Sarbananda Sonowal](#) | [Constituency – Majuli, Assam](#)

7. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression is observed every year on 4 June to enlighten the public about the suffering of children across the world who are the victims of physical, mental and emotional abuse. The day is celebrated by many organisations and individuals as well, who run different campaigns to highlight the issue. The day was first observed in 1983. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 4 – UN’s “International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression” (since 1983)

8. The 5th International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing 2022 was observed on June 5, 2022. The day was first observed in 2018. The UN also declared 2022 as the “International Year of Artisanal Fisheries & Aquaculture”. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities are responsible for the loss of 11-26 million tonnes of fish each year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – 5th International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (since 2018)
- 2022 – declared by UN as “International Year of Artisanal Fisheries & Aquaculture”

9. World Environment Day is celebrated on June 5 every year to spread awareness among people about environmental conservation and value of nature in our lives. World Environment Day 2022 is hosted by Sweden. “Only One Earth” is the campaign slogan, with the focus on “Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature”. The day was first observed in 1974 in the US. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – World Environment Day (since 1974) | Campaign slogan – “Only One Earth”
- World Environment Day 2022 – hosted by Sweden

10. “World Pest Day”, also known as “World Pest Awareness Day”, is observed on 6 June every year. The day is celebrated to spread awareness about pest management and its benefits for plants and people around us. The day was first observed in the year 2017 and the inaugural ceremony was held at the Beijing Hotel on 6 June 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – “World Pest Day” or “World Pest Awareness Day” (since 2017)

11. Every year, on June 6, Russian Language Day is celebrated. Russian is the 7 most spoken language in the world. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Aleksandr Pushkin, a Russian poet who is considered the father of modern Russian literature. Russia celebrates June 6 as “Pushkin Day” every year. The Russian alphabet has 33 letters. The UNESCO founded Russian Language Day in 2010. Russian is called an “International Language of Space”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – Russian Language Day (since 2010)
- Aleksandr Pushkin – a Russian poet considered as the ‘Father of Modern Russian Literature’
- UN language days:
 - Arabic (18 December)
 - Chinese (20 April)
 - English (23 April)
 - French (20 March)
 - Russian (6 June)
 - Spanish (23 April)

12. World Food Safety Day is annually celebrated on 7 June across the globe. It is a day dedicated to a better and healthier future. In 2022, the theme is “Safer Food, Better Health”. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) founded World Food Safety Day in 2018 to ensure safe food for all. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 7 – World Food Safety Day by – UNGA (since 2018)
- 2022’s Theme – “Safer Food, Better Health”
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, USA](#) | [President – Abdulla Shahid](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)

13. World Brain Tumour Day is observed every year on June 8 to raise awareness about brain tumours and their treatment, as well as to eliminate the stigma associated with people who suffer from them. In 2022, the theme is “Together We Are Stronger”. In India, the prevalence of brain-related tumours is 5-10 per 100,000 people. Besides, May is annually observed as the “Brain Tumor Awareness Month”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Brain Tumour Day | May – “Brain Tumor Awareness Month”
- 2022’s theme – “Together We Are Stronger”

14. The 14th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) was observed on June 9, 2022. This year, the focus is “Vulnerable People”. The 13th & 12th editions of ILCAD were marked on June 10 & June 11, respectively. The motto of 2022 ILCAD is “Don’t put your life at risk, stay away from tracks!” [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 9 – 14th International Level Crossing Awareness Day (ILCAD) was observed
- 2022’s Focus – “Vulnerable People”
- 2022’s Motto – “Don’t put your Life at Risk, Stay away from Tracks!”

15. World Oceans Day is observed across the globe on June 8. World Oceans Day was first declared on 8 June, 1992, at the Global Forum in Rio de Janeiro. In 2008, Canada led the United Nations General Assembly to designate 8 June as World Oceans Day under resolution 63/111. In 2009, the first celebrations were held. In 2022, the theme is “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 8 – World Oceans Day (since – 1992)
- 2022’ Theme – “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean”

16. June 6 marked the completion of 25 years since the ‘1997 Bangkok Declaration’ launched a modest grouping of Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Thailand, with the acronym, “BIST-EC”. Three countries (Nepal, Bhutan and Myanmar) joined it later to make it the “Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)”. In BIMSTEC, while all member-states are equal, three have a special responsibility: Bangladesh as the host of the BIMSTEC Secretariat, Thailand as the representative of Southeast Asia, and India as the largest state in South Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 6 – 25th BIMSTEC Day
- BIMSTEC – Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation
- BIMSTEC member countries: 7 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand
- HQs of BIMSTEC – Dhaka, Bangladesh | Secretary General – H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell | Established in – 1997

17. On June 5, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched “Clean and Green” campaign on June 5, the World Environment Day. Under this campaign, Urban Local Bodies across India will hold awareness programmes to free the country from single-use plastic and contribute to improve the environment. The Ministry also has issued a detailed advisory to State & UTs in this direction. In the advisory, the Ministry instructed to ban Single-Use Plastic by 30th of June. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 5 – World Environment Day
- MoHUA – launched “Clean and Green” campaign
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh

18. World Accreditation Day is observed on June 9 to encourage the customers to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The day was first introduced in 2008. It is a global initiative jointly launched by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) and the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) to highlight the value of accreditation in the economy. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 9 – World Accreditation Day
- 2022’s theme – “Accreditation: Sustainability in Economic Growth and the Environment”



19. World Day Against Child Labour is marked every year on 12 June. The day aims to raise awareness about the exploitation of children who are engaged in child labour. The International Labour Organization (ILO) started observing World Day Against Child Labour in 2002. In 2022, the theme is “Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour”. This year’s World Day Against Child Labour was celebrated with a “Week of Action against Child Labour”, marked from 3-12 June 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 – World Day Against Child Labour – by ILO (since 2002)
- Theme – “Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour”
- June 3 to 12 – Week of Action against Child Labour
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder (From Oct, 2022 - Gilbert Houngbo) | Founded in – 1919

20. International Albinism Awareness Day is observed by the United Nations on June 13 every year. The day was first observed in 2015. In 2022, the theme of the day is “United in making our Voice Heard”. Albinism is a rare and genetically inherited health condition present at birth, which results in a lack of pigmentation (melanin) in the hair, skin and eyes, causing vulnerability to the sun and bright light but is also non-contagious. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 13 – International Albinism Awareness Day (since 2015) | 2022’s Theme – “United in making our Voice Heard”

21. World Blood Donor Day is observed every year on June 14 to spread awareness about the need for safe blood and blood products for transfusion. The slogan for the World Blood Donor Day 2022 is “Donating Blood is an Act of Solidarity. Join the Effort and Save Lives”. The day marks the birth anniversary of Nobel Prize awardee Karl Landsteiner. In 2004, WHO celebrated World Blood Donor Day for the first time. In 2022, Mexico is the host country for the global event. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 14 – World Blood Donor Day (birth anniversary of - Karl Landsteiner)
- 2022’s Theme – “Donating Blood is an Act of Solidarity. Join the Effort and Save Lives”

22. 15th June is celebrated as Global Wind Day across the world, annually and it is marked as a day of discovering the possibilities of wind power. It is a day for discovering wind, its power and the possibilities it holds to reshape our energy systems. In the year, 2007, the European Wind Energy Association (EWEA) organized the 1st wind day. This year, the day marks the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 15 – Global Wind Day by – European Wind Energy Association (since 2007)
- 2022 – marks the celebration of ‘Silver Jubilee’ of the National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE)

23. The world marks International Day of Family Remittances (IDFR) on June 16 to recognise the importance of over 200 million migrant workers who send money at their homes. According to the United Nations, over 800 million people receive money as foreign remittances from their loved ones. In 2022, the UN continues the last year’s theme which is “Recovery and resilience through digital and financial inclusion”. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 16 – International Day of Family Remittances
- 2022's Theme – “Recovery and Resilience through Digital and Financial Inclusion”

24. The World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), designated on June 15, was initiated by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006, and was first observed in the year 2012. According to WHO estimates, 1 in 6 people over 60 years of age suffers from abuse, which results 141 million people globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 15 – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by – INPEA (Since 2006)
- WHO report: 1 in 6 people over 60 years of age suffers from abuse (141 million people globally)
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

25. On June 13, Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in Canada passed the “Turban Day Act” to celebrate April 13 as Turban Day across the province every year. The bill was introduced by Diljeet Singh Brar, the MLA of Burrows in Manitoba. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Legislative Assembly of Manitoba in Canada – passed the “Turban Day Act” to celebrate April 13 as “Turban Day”
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau

26. World Sea Turtle Day is observed on June 16 to recognise this group of animals and the people who protect them. The day creates awareness about the sea turtles and their conservation. The day also marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Archie Carr who is known as the “Father of Sea Turtle Biology”. Moreover, Sea Turtle Week was observed from June 13 to 17, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 16 – World Sea Turtle Day (birth anniversary of Dr. Archie Carr - “Father of Sea Turtle Biology”)
- June 13 to 17 – Sea Turtle Week

27. Every year, the world observes “Sustainable Gastronomy Day” on 18 June. The objective of this day is to recognise the practices associated with sustainable food consumption. The day was recognised on 21 December, 2016 after the UNGA adopted the resolution A/RES/71/246. Every year, UNGA, FAO and UNESCO work together to ensure that the day is celebrated properly around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – Sustainable Gastronomy Day by – UNGA (since 2016)
- UNGA, FAO & UNESCO work together to ensure that the day is celebrated properly around the world
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193

28. Every year, World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on June 17. The day is celebrated to turn the degraded land into healthy land. In 2022, the theme is “Rising up from Drought Together”. The factors that led to the desertification of land are caused due to human activities and climatic variations. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 17 – World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought
- 2022's Theme – “Rising up from Drought Together”

29. World Crocodile Day was recently observed across the globe on June 17. India is home to three crocodilian species: Mugger or Marsh Crocodile, Estuarine or Saltwater Crocodile and Gharial. Crocodile's status in the IUCN List of Threatened Species is 'Least Concern'. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 17 – World Crocodile Day
- India is home to 3 crocodilian species: Mugger or Marsh Crocodile, Estuarine or Saltwater Crocodile, Gharial

30. The 1st International Day for Countering Hate Speech was observed on June 18, 2022 to highlight the need for combating hate speech and promoting tolerance and dialogue between different communities. The “UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech” was started in 2019. On the first observance of International Day for Countering Hate Speech, Morocco and the United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention organised a high-level event with the theme: “Role of Education to address the root causes of hate speech and advance inclusion, non-discrimination, and peace”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 18 – 1st International Day for Countering Hate Speech
- Morocco + United Nations Office on Genocide Prevention = organised an event on this occasion
- “UN Strategy and Plan of Action on Hate Speech” – was started in 2019
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

31. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) celebrated “Elimination of Child Labour Week” starting from June 12 to 20, 2022 as a significance to pay attention to the problem of child labour and to find ways to eradicate it, as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of India's independence - “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”. In this regard, rescue operations in 75 places, where children are involved in labour work, were conducted during the week. The NCPCR has been constituted by the Government of India, as a statutory body under ‘section 3’ of the “Commissions for Protection of Child Rights (CPCR) Act, 2005” for dealing with the protection of child rights and related matters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 12 to 20 – “Elimination of Child Labour Week” – celebrated by NCPCR
- NCPCR – a statutory body under ‘section 3’ of the “CPCR Act, 2005”

32. Each year on the 19th of June, the World Sickle Cell Day event is observed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to raise awareness of sickle cell disease at a national and international level. Sickle cell anemia is a group of inherited disorders that cause red blood cells to become sickle instead of normal biconcave shape. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – World Sickle Cell Day – by UNGA
- Sickle cell anemia is a group of disorders that cause red blood cells
- HQs of UNGA – New York, USA | President – Abdulla Shahid | Member Countries – 193



33. World Music Day or International Music Day is celebrated on June 21. Since the 'Music Day' originated in France, it is called 'Fete de la Musique' in French meaning 'Music Festival'. The day was first celebrated in France in the year 1982. The idea of celebrating Music Day worldwide was first conceived by France's Jack Lang. In 2022, the theme is "Music on the Intersections". On the occasion, Sangeet Natak Akademi presented "Jyotirgamaya", a festival to showcase the talent of rare musical instruments from across India. This festival/function was organized by Ministry for Culture and Tourism. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – "World Music Day" also known as "Fete de la Musique" (since 1982 | First celebrated in France)
- "Jyotirgamaya", a Music Festival = organized by Ministry for Culture + Tourism (presented by Sangeet Natak Akademi)
- France – Paris – Euro | President – Emmanuel Macron | PM – Elisabeth Borne

34. Every year, June 19 is celebrated as the National Reading Day in honour of Puthuvayil Narayana Panicker (PN Panicker), who is considered as the "Father of Library & Literacy Movement" in Kerala. This year marked 26th edition of the day. On this occasion author-politician-and former diplomat Shashi Tharoor shared a new word "Perlegate" (to read through) with his followers on social media for old-fashioned book lovers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – 'National Reading Day' (in honour of PN Panicker - "Father of Library & Literacy Movement" in Kerala)
- On this day, Shashi Tharoor – shared a new word "Perlegate" (to read through)

35. World Hydrography Day is celebrated on June 21 every year. The day is designed to raise awareness about the scientific discipline of hydrography and how it plays a role in improved knowledge of the seas and oceans. The International Hydrographic Bureau was established in 1921. In 1970, the name was changed to the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). In 2022, theme of the day is "Hydrography - contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade". The day was first observed in 2005. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 21 – "World Hydrography Day" (since 2005)
- 2022's Theme – "Hydrography - contributing to the United Nations Ocean Decade"

36. To raise awareness about the need to end conflict-related sexual violence, the world observed the 8th edition of the "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict" annually on 19 June. The day honours survivors of sexual violence and pays tribute to people who have lost their lives while advocating for eradication of these heinous crimes. The day was first observed in 2015. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 19 – "International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict" (since 2015)

37. The world witnessed the "Summer Solstice 2022" on June 21, 2022. The "Summer Solstice", aka the "June Solstice" or "International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice", is the longest day in the Northern Hemisphere and the shortest day in the Southern Hemisphere. The day also marks the onset of summer in the Northern Hemisphere and the winter in the Southern Hemisphere. The summer solstice occurs twice every year - once on June 20 or 21 and the second on December 21 or 22. The word 'solstice' originates from the Latin word 'sol' and 'sistere,' which mean sun and stand still. The first summer solstice of the year is also known as the Midsummer First Day of Summer. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 21 – “Summer Solstice” or “International Day of the Celebration of the Solstice”
- “June Solstice” – longest day in the Northern Hemisphere & shortest day in the Southern Hemisphere

38. June 20 is celebrated as World Refugee Day. Dedicated to the displaced refugees across the globe, the day is utilized to create awareness regarding the difficulties faced by the refugees who were forced to leave their countries and home due to natural and manufactured calamities. The United Nations notified the day as World Refugee Day in 2001. The year 2001 was the 50th anniversary of the Geneva Refugee Convention held in 1951, during which the definition of a refugee was agreed upon. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates the number of refugees worldwide to be more than 89.3 million at present. In 2022, the theme of the day is “Whoever, Whatever, Whenever. Everyone has the right to seek safety”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 20 – World Refugee Day – by UN (since 2001)
- 2022’s Theme – “Whoever, Whatever, Whenever. Everyone has the Right to seek Safety”

39. The United Nations Public Service Day is observed on 23 June annually. The day draws attention to the value and virtue of public service to communities. On 20 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to observe 23 June as Public Service Day under the resolution 57/277. The theme for this year is “Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing Innovative Partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goal”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – Public Service Day – by UNGA
- 2022’s Theme – “Building back better from COVID-19: Enhancing Innovative Partnerships to meet the Sustainable Development Goal”
- [HQs of UNGA – New York, USA](#) | [President – Abdulla Shahid](#) | [Member Countries – 193](#)

40. Every year “International Olympic Day” is observed on June 23. The day is celebrated for sports and health, where people associated with sports come together to promote and practice mass sports. In 2022, the theme is “Together for a Peaceful World”. The day was first observed in 1948. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – “World Olympic Day” or “International Olympic Day” (since 1948)
- [HQs of IOC – Lausanne, Switzerland](#) | [President – Thomas Bach](#)

41. June 23 has been observed as International Widows' Day since 2011. The day is a day of action to address the poverty and injustice faced by millions of widows and their dependents in many countries. The day was established by The Loomba Foundation to raise awareness about the issue of widowhood. The day was first observed in 2011. In 2022, the theme is “Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 23 – “International Widows Day” (since 2011)
- 2022’s Theme – “Sustainable Solutions for Widows Financial Independence” | Established by – The Loomba Foundation



42. The 12th edition of the “Day of the Seafarer” was celebrated on 25 June, 2022. For 2022, the campaign of the Day of the Seafarers, was observed with the theme “Your voyage - then and now, Share Your Journey”. The day was first observed in 2011. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 25 – 12th Day of the Seafarer (since 2011)
- 2022’s Theme – “Your voyage - then and now, Share Your Journey”

43. World Vitiligo Day is observed on June 25 every year to create awareness around the condition and make people aware of the cause and the various treatment methods available for it. In 2022, the theme is “Learning to Live With Vitiligo”. In memory of American singer and songwriter late Michael Jackson, the first World Vitiligo Day was observed in 2011, led by Ogo Maduewesi, Founder and President of Vitiligo Support and Awareness Foundation (VITSAF) in Lagos, Nigeria. Vitiligo is a common skin condition with white or depigmented patches over the body which is caused due to loss of melanin in the skin. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 25 – World Vitiligo Day (since 2011) | In memory of – late Michael Jackson
- 2022’s Theme – “Learning to Live With Vitiligo”

44. On June 25, Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA) organised a virtual event to celebrate 7 years of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), which was launched by PM Narendra Modi on June 25, 2015. The event was presided by Manoj Joshi, Secretary, MoHUA. Manoj Joshi also released an eBook titled “7 years of PMAY (U) 2015-2022” highlighting the achievements of the mission in 7 years. At the event, winners of “Khushiyan Ka Aashiyana” short film contest were also declared. The contest was launched by MoHUA as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations. With a total investment of Rs 8.31 Lakh Cr PMAY-U has so far sanctioned Rs 122.69 lakh houses, out of which more than 1 Cr houses have been grounded and over 61 lakh houses have been completed and delivered to the beneficiaries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHUA – organized a virtual event (presided by Manoj Joshi) – to celebrate 7 years of ‘PMAY-U’
- Manoj Joshi – released an eBook “7 years of PMAY(U) 2015-2022”
- Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs: Kaushal Kishore

45. In June 2022, Indian Men’s Hockey Team won the inaugural “Hero FIH Hockey5s Championship” held in Lausanne, Switzerland, beating Poland. India, who had topped the 5-team league standings with three wins and one draw en route final, ended their campaign with an unbeaten record. While the Indian women's team failed to make it to the final after drawing 4-4 with South Africa in the second match. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Men’s Hockey Team – won the inaugural “Hero FIH Hockey5s Championship” held in Lausanne (beating - Poland)
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Narinder Batra | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

46. On June 24, the United States Supreme Court overturned ‘Roe v. Wade’, the court’s landmark judgment of 1973, that made abortion a constitutional right. The case is sometimes referred to simply as “Roe”, the listed name of the 22-year-old plaintiff, Norma McCorvey. ‘Wade’ was the defendant Henry Wade. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- US Supreme Court overturned 'Roe v. Wade', the court's landmark judgment of 1973
- The Judgement made 'abortion' a constitutional right
- [US– Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris](#)

47. On June 28, Pallonji Mistry, Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji Group, passed away in Mumbai. He was 93. He was the largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with 18.4% holding in the conglomerate. His son Cyrus Mistry succeeded Ratan Tata as Chairman of the Tata Group and was ousted by the board in 2016. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pallonji Mistry – Indian-Irish Business Tycoon – passed away (Chairman of Shapoorji Pallonji Group)
- He was the largest individual shareholder in Tata Group with 18.4% holding

48. On June 25, the European Commission (EC), the European Union's executive arm, unveiled a landmark legislation for halving pesticide use across Europe by 2030 and dismantling big dams to make rivers free-flowing. The legislation aims to restore nature and mitigate climate change on the European continent. It is also expected to contribute to achieving the EU's climate mitigation and climate adaptation objectives. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EU – unveiled a landmark legislation for halving pesticide use across Europe by 2030
- [HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | Member Countries – 27](#)
- [President of European Parliament – Roberta Metsola](#)
- [President of European Council – Charles Michel](#)
- [President of European Commission – Ursula von der Leyen](#)

49. On June 26, Himachal Pradesh launched a "Buy-Back Scheme" in schools and colleges to purchase the single-use plastic items from students in a bid to instill a sense of environment preservation by 'catching them young'. Under the novel scheme, the students would be encouraged to bring single-use plastic items from their home and deposit it with the school, for which they will be paid Rs 75 a kg by the government. Moreover, Himachal Pradesh Council for Science, Technology & Environment (HIMCOSTE) is the State nodal agency for the "National Green Crops", an Eco-club Programme of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Himachal Pradesh – launched 'Buy-Back Scheme' in schools/colleges to purchase single-use plastic items from students
- HIMCOSTE – a nodal agency for "National Green Crops", an Eco-club Programme of MoEFCC
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala | CM – Jai Ram Thakur | Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)
- [Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)

50. The International Day of Parliamentarism is observed every year on 30 June. The day acknowledges the role of parliaments in representing the voice of the people, introducing laws, and recognising policies. The UNGA passed a resolution in 2018 to designate this day. In 2022, the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and its Member Parliaments observed the day under the theme of "Public Engagement". This follows the recent launch of the "Global Parliamentary Report on Public Engagement in the Work of Parliament". [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- June 30 – International Day of Parliamentarism – by IPU (since 2018)
- 2022's Theme – “Public Engagement”

51. India observes “National Statistics Day” on June 29 every year to honour the work and contribution of late Professor and Scientist Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the field of Statistics and Economic Planning. June 29 is the birth anniversary of Professor Mahalanobis, also known as the “Father of Indian Statistics”. On this day, names of the winners of “Prof PC Mahalanobis National Award in Official Statistics” were also announced. The winners are - Dilip Kumar Sinha (MoSPI Deputy Director General), and K. P. Suresh (ICAR Principal Scientist). This year, the main event of the Statistics Day, 2022 was organized in New Delhi and it was chaired by Rao Inderjit Singh, MoS, MoSPI. Professor Mahalanobis also established the National Statistical Institute (ISI) in 1950. The day was observed for the first time in 2007. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – “National Statistics Day” (since - 2007)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis (‘Father of Indian Statistics’)
- Winners of “Prof PC Mahalanobis National Award in Official Statistics”: Dilip Kumar Sinha & K. P. Suresh
- The main event of the ‘Statistics Day 2022’ was organized in New Delhi – chaired by Rao Inderjit Singh

52. International Asteroid Day is observed June 30 to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard and to inform the public about the crisis communication actions to be taken at the global level in case of a credible near-Earth object threat. The day was designated by the UNGA in 2016 and was first observed in 2017. June 30 marks the Tunguska Asteroid event in Siberia, Russia, the Earth's largest asteroid impact in recorded history. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 30 – “International Asteroid Day” (since 2016)
- The Day marks the largest recorded asteroid impact that took place in Siberia, Russia

53. The International Day of the Tropics is observed every year on June 29 to highlight the challenges and opportunities faced by the nations of the Tropics. The Tropics are a region that is roughly defined as the area between the Tropic of Capricorn and the Tropic of Cancer. The inaugural State of the Tropics Report was released on 29 June 2014. And in 2016, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution on the anniversary of the report's publication, which called for 29 June to be observed as the International Day of the Tropics every year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- June 29 – “International Day of the Tropics”



Books & Authors

1. 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

2. A memoir titled “An Intent to Serve - A Civil Servant Remembers” is authored by former Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Tejendra Khanna. His memoir is a reflection on his own professional ethic and core values. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “An Intent to Serve - A Civil Servant Remembers” – authored by Tejendra Khanna (former Lt. Gov. of Delhi)
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3. Indian author Ashwin Sanghi has authored a new book titled “The Magicians of Mazda”. The book is a part of his chart-topping ‘Bharat Series’. The book is published by HarperCollins India. The book travels backwards through - the epochs of Islamic jihad, Macedonian revenge, Achaemenid glory, messianic birth, Aryan schism to the Vedic fount from where it all began. The novel is initially set in 720 CE when some boats dock at the Sanjan port in Gujarat, India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Magicians of Mazda” book – authored by Ashwin Sanghi
- Publisher – HarperCollins India

4. On June 8, International Institute of Sports Management (IISM) launched India’s first-ever book on Sports Marketing in the country as part of a series that will aim to enrich students with industry knowledge. The first book titled “Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success” is authored by a renowned Sports Author Vinit Karnik and published by Popular Prakashan. IISM was founded by former India international cricketer Nilesh Kulkarni in 2010. The book was launched by Bhagat Singh Koshiyari, the Governor of Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IISM – launched India’s first-ever book (part of a series) on Sports Marketing to enrich students with industry knowledge
- First book of the series is titled as – “Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success” | Author – Vinit Karnik
- The book is launched by – Bhagat Singh Koshiyari

5. On June 8, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Information & Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur released the Volume-IV of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind named ‘Loktantra Ke Swar’ in Hindi and ‘Republican Ethics’ in English at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre in New Delhi. The Ministers presented the first copies of the books to President Ram Nath Kovind. The books have been published by the Publications Division under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan + Anurag Singh Thakur = released 'Loktantra Ke Swar' in Hindi & 'Republican Ethics' in English
- 'Loktantra Ke Swar' – contains selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting: Anurag Singh Thakur | Constituency – Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh
- Ministry of Education – Dharmendra Pradhan (Constituency – Deogarh, Madhya Pradesh)

6. Union Minister of State (I/C) Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh released "Aarohan", a Coffee Table Book and e-book on the progressive contribution of the Income Tax Department over the last 7 decades, in New Delhi. The programme was organised to mark 75th year of India's independence and "Amrit Mahotsav". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – released "Aarohan", a Coffee Table Book & e-book on the contribution of the Income Tax Dept.
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K

7. On June 19, PM Narendra Modi released Ram Bahadur Rai's book "Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani". During the launch of the book, the PM also stated that it was on 18 June that the President Rajendra Prasad signed first amendment of the Indian Constitution. The book will give a new thinking to India's youth along with the history of independence and the untold chapters of our constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – released Ram Bahadur Rai's book "Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani"

8. On June 20, Penguin Random House (PRHI) announced that the biography of billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani titled "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India", written by journalist-author R. N. Bhaskar, will be published in October, 2022. It will be released under PRHI's 'Hamish' imprint. Bhaskar is also the author of "Game India: Seven strategies that could steer India to wealth" (2019). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India" biography of Gautam Adani – authored by R. N. Bhaskar
- Publisher – Penguin Random House
- "Game India: Seven strategies that could steer India to wealth" book – also authored by R. N. Bhaskar

9. On June 21, Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar released a book on "Ashtanga Yoga" written by Dr. Sonu Phogat, on the eve of International Yoga Day. Earlier, the CM also released "Kathasatisagar", a book on folk literature of Jammu and Kashmir written by V-C Nehru and Dr CK Gariali. Moreover, the CM directed Shri Vishwakarma Skill University to open extension centres in other districts of the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Manohar Lal Khattar – released a book on "Ashtanga Yoga" – written by Dr. Sonu Phogat
- "Kathasatisagar", a book on folk literature of J&K written by = V-C Nehru + CK Gariali
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya



10. “The Life and Times of George Fernandes”, written by Rahul Ramagundam, was set to release under Penguin Random House India’s (PRHI) ‘Allen Lane’ imprint on July 25. It is a new biography of one of India’s most firebrand union leaders and former Central minister, George Fernandes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “The Life and Times of George Fernandes” – written by Rahul Ramagundam
- George Fernandes – India’s most firebrand Union Leaders & former Central Minister



Obituaries

1. 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

2. On June 2, Chief Minister M. K. Stalin condoled the passing away of Indian National Army (INA) veteran & freedom fighter Anjalai Ponnusamy Ammal. She died at the age of 102 in Malaysia. Anjalai Ponnusamy Ammal joined the INA when she was 21 years old and fought for India's independence amid several challenges. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Anjalai Ponnusamy Ammal – an INA veteran & a Freedom Fighter – passed away
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)

3. On June 16, Eminent Urdu scholar and former President of Sahitya Akademi Prof. Gopi Chand Narang passed away in the United States at the age of 91. The prolific writer with has some 60 books to his credit. Prof. Narang's seminal work Urdu Ghazal aur Hindustani Zehn-o Tahzeeb is remembered for examining and tracing the roots of the genesis of the Urdu ghazal. In 1995, Prof. Narang won the Sahitya Akademi Award. He was the first Urdu scholar who received the Padma Bhushan and Pakistan's Sitara-e-Imtiaz. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gopi Chand Narang – Urdu Scholar & former President of Sahitya Akademi – passed away
- Awards: Sahitya Akademi Award, Padma Bhushan, Pakistan's Sitara-e-Imtiaz

4. On June 27, the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) has received the Crew Module Fairing (CMF), a critical structure that will protect the Gaganyaan module carrying the astronauts during launch. The CMF was manufactured by Alpha Design Technology Limited's (ADTL) fully owned subsidiary Alpha Tocol Engineering Services in Bengaluru, while the design and specifications came from the ISRO. Adani Group holds the majority stake in ADTL. Moreover, Alpha is scheduled to sign an agreement for transfer of technology of the small satellite platform - "Indian Mini Satellite-1 (IMS-1) Bus". The IMS-1, developed by ISRO's UR Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), would enable low-cost access to space. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- VSSC (ISRO) – received a critical structure ‘Crew Module Fairing (CMF)’ that will protect the Gaganyaan module
- Manufactured by – ADTL’s subsidiary ‘Alpha Tocol Engineering Services’ ([Bengaluru](#)) | Designed by – ISRO
- Alpha – will also sign an agreement for transfer of technology of the small satellite platform - “IMS-1 Bus”
- ‘IMS-1’ is developed by – ISRO’s UR Rao Satellite Centre ([Bengaluru](#))
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

5. In June 2022, while addressing an event organised by UNDP India, Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) V. Anantha Nageswaran said that India would become a \$5 trillion economy by 2026-27 and \$10 trillion by 2033-34. Currently, India is \$3.3 trillion economy. In 2019, PM Narendra Modi envisioned to make India a \$5 trillion economy and global powerhouse by 2024-25. India’s economy grew 8.7% in FY 2021-22 against a 6.6% contraction in the previous year (FY21). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- According to V. Anantha Nageswaran: India would become \$5 trillion economy by 2026-27 & \$10 trillion by 2033-34
- Currently, India is \$3.3 trillion economy
- In 2019, PM Narendra Modi envisioned to make India a \$5 trillion economy – by 2024-25
- India’s GDP in FY 2021-22 was 8.7% (against -6.6% in FY21)

6. On June 28, Olympic and World Cup medallist Varinder Singh passed away at the age of 75. Mr. Singh was part of the gold-medal winning Indian team at the 1975 men’s Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This remains India’s only gold medal at the prestigious tournament. In 2007, Mr. Singh was conferred with the prestigious Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Varinder Singh ([Hockey Player](#)) – an Olympic & World Cup medallist – passed away
- He was part of the gold-medal winning Indian team at ‘1975 Men’s Hockey World Cup’ in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- His Awards: Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award

7. On June 27, writer, lyricist and scenarist Chowalloor Krishnankutty passed away in Thrissur. He was 86. He was a recipient of the ‘Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi’ and ‘Kerala Sahitya Akademi’ awards. He also served as the Vice-Chairman of the Kerala Kalamandalam. He started out as a journalist and served the All India Radio’s Kozhikode station as an artist for two years. He was also a percussionist. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chowalloor Krishnankutty – a Writer, Lyricist & Scenarist – passed away
- His Awards: ‘Kerala Sangeetha Nataka Akademi’ & ‘Kerala Sahitya Akademi’



Meetings, Conferences & Summits

1. The President of India, Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 59th 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 59th Mahaadhiveshan of Akhil Bhartiya Ayurved Mahasammelan – at Ujjain, MP
- [Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal](#) | [CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan](#) | [Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel](#)

2. 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}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Summit of Information Society (WSIS) 2022” – held in Geneva, Switzerland
- Organised by – ITU, UNESCO, UNDP & UNCTAD
- Theme – “ICTs for Well-Being, Inclusion & Resilience: WSIS Cooperation for Accelerating Progress on the SDGs”
- India is contesting for re-election to the ‘ITU Council’ for the term 2023-2026

3. The 51st Session of Standing Committee for Promotion of Exports (Shipping) was held on June 3, 2022 at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi. It was chaired by the Special Secretary of the Logistics Division, DPIIT. In the session, all issues received from the industry associations were categorised into three major cohorts - i) Procedural issues; ii) Issues impacting logistics costs; and, iii) Technology related issues to enhance EXIM efficiency. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 51st Session of Standing Committee for Promotion of Exports (Shipping) – held in New Delhi
- Chaired by – Special Secretary of the Logistics Division, DPIIT

4. Minister of External Affairs, S. Jaishankar, responded to a question on India’s official position on the Ukraine conflict at “GLOBSEC 2022 Forum” that was held in Bratislava, Slovakia. It is the most important international strategic conference that facilitates the free exchange of ideas and provides a meeting place for stakeholders from all sectors of society to actively shape the future. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – attended the “GLOBSEC 2022 Forum” – held in Bratislava, Slovakia

5. PM Narendra Modi virtually addressed the Rotary International World Convention held in Houston, Texas, US from June 4 to 8, 2022. This year marked 113th annual Rotary International Convention which was organised by Rotary International. The PM also highlighted India's initiatives like International Solar Alliance, "One Sun, One World, One Grid", and LIFE - Lifestyle for Environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – virtually addressed the "Rotary International World Convention" held in Houston, Texas, US
- 113th annual Rotary International Convention – organised by Rotary International
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

6. On June 2, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was invited to attend the "World Cities Summit (WCS) 2022" in Singapore to present the "Delhi Model". The summit will take place on August 2-3. WCS is jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities and the Urban Redevelopment Authority. WCS 2022 will also feature the WCS Smart Cities Workshop, an exclusive in-person networking event to advance smart city projects through one-on-one consultation clinics with suitable partners and funders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Arvind Kejriwal – was invited to the "World Cities Summit (WCS) 2022" in Singapore to present the "Delhi Model"
- WCS – jointly organised by Singapore's Centre for Liveable Cities + Urban Redevelopment Authority
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

7. The 90th Interpol General Assembly is scheduled to be held in New Delhi in October, 2022. The arrangements for the event are being made by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in coordination with other government agencies. The CBI is the designated nodal body for the Interpol in India. The last 89th Interpol General Assembly was held in Turkey's Istanbul in November, 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 90th Interpol General Assembly – to be held in New Delhi (in October, 2022)
- CBI – is the designated nodal body for the Interpol in India
- HQs of Interpol – Lyon, France | President – Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi | Founded on – Sep 7, 1923

8. While addressing the "National School Education Ministers' Conference" in Gandhinagar, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced that the government is in the process of establishing model schools called 'PM Shri Schools'. PM Shri Schools will be the laboratory of 'National Education Policy (NEP) 2020'. They will be fully equipped to prepare students for the future. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dharmendra Pradhan – addressed the "National School Education Ministers' Conference" – held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Central Govt plans to establish model schools called 'PM Shri Schools'

9. On June 6, the “India-Qatar Business Forum” was jointly organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and ASSOCHAM, along with Qatar Chamber of Commerce and Industry. During the meeting, Vice President Naidu launched ‘India-Qatar Start Up bridge’ that aims to link the start-up ecosystems of the two countries. Qatar’s FDI in India is in excess of USD 450 million. Bilateral trade crossed \$15 billion in FY 2021-22 between the two countries. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India-Qatar Business Forum” organised by = FICCI + CII + ASSOCHAM & Qatar Chamber of C&I
- Bilateral trade crossed \$15 billion in FY 2021-22 between the two countries
- [Qatar – Doha – Riyal](#) | [PM – Khalid bin Khalifa bin Abdulaziz Al Thani](#)

10. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar addressed the inaugural session of the 2-day “Natural Allies in Development & Interdependence (NADI3) Asian Confluence River Conclave” held in Guwahati, Assam. NADI, meaning river, is an initiative to articulate and activate a collective vision of sub-regional cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region and with South East Asia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Natural Allies in Development & Interdependence (NADI3) Asian Confluence River Conclave” – held in Guwahati, Assam
- [Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar](#) | [Constituency – Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakashi Lekhi](#)
- [Assam: Capital – Dispur](#) | [CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma](#) | [Governor – Jagdish Mukhi](#)

11. To celebrate 10 years of Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council’s (BIRAC) enabling efforts towards progressing India’s Biotech Sector, an event “Biotech Startup Expo 2022” was organized by the BIRAC & the Department of Biotechnology on 9-10th June, 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The theme of Biotech Startup Expo 2022 is “Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat”. In addition, the event also witnessed the launch of an e-Portal of 750 Biotech products and the Coffee book of 75 Women Biotech Entrepreneurs. Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC) was set up by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) on 20th March, 2012. With ‘Global Innovation Index’ improving to 46th rank, India’s bio-economy is growing in double digits Year on Year, from \$51 Bn in 2018 to \$81 Bn in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Biotech Startup Expo 2022” in New Delhi – organized by Dept. of Biotechnology & BIRAC
- Theme – “Biotech Startup Innovations: Towards AatmaNirbhar Bharat”
- ‘e-Portal of 750 Biotech products’ + ‘Coffee book of 75 Women Biotech Entrepreneurs’ = launched during the event
- [Location of BIRAC – New Delhi](#) | [Set up by – DBT on 20th March, 2012](#)

12. On June 8, the “World of Work Summit” was organised in Geneva by the International Labour Conference (ILO) to discuss how to tackle the labour and social consequences of the food, energy and financial crises with human-centred approaches. The summit was based on the theme “Tackling multiple Global Crises: Promoting Human-centred Recovery and Resilience”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World of Work Summit” organised in Geneva – by the ILO
- Theme – “Tackling multiple Global Crises: Promoting Human-centred Recovery and Resilience”

13. President Biden, Vice President Kamala Harris and dozens of world leaders arrived in Los Angeles to attend the 9th “Summit of the Americas” held in June 2022. The Summit of the Americas happens about every 3 years and brings together representatives from countries in the Western Hemisphere to tackle issues such as immigration, trade and poverty. The 8th Summit of the Americas was held in Lima, Peru, from April 13-14, 2018. The US hasn’t hosted since the very first one in 1994. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 9th Summit of the Americas – held in Los Angeles
- The 8th Summit of the Americas – was held in Lima, Peru (in 2018)
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris
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14. South Africa, along with the International Labour Organization (ILO), hosted the 5th “Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour” in May, 2022. More than 4,000 delegates participated in the event. During the conference, the joint report of the ILO and the UNICEF titled “The Role of Social Protection in the Elimination of Child Labour: Evidence Review and Policy Implications” was released. The list of Children in Child labour is led by Africa with 72 million (5%), followed by Asia and the Pacific. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- South Africa + ILO = hosted the 5th “Global Conference on the Elimination of Child Labour”
- “The Role of Social Protection in the Elimination of Child Labour: Evidence Review and Policy Implications” – Joint report by ILO + UNICEF
- South Africa – Cape Town – South African Rand | President – Cyril Ramaphosa
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder (From Oct, 2022 - Gilbert Hounbo) | Founded in – 1919
- HQs of UNICEF – New York, US | Executive Director – Catherine Russell | Established in – 1946

15. The 19th Shangri-La Dialogue, hosted by International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), opened in Singapore after a two-year Covid-19 pandemic induced hiatus. The Shangri-La Dialogue is Asia’s premier defence summit. It’s a unique meeting where ministers debate the region’s most pressing security challenges. Since its launch in 2002, the Shangri-La Dialogue, officially known as the Asia Security Summit, has been held annually except for 2020 and 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 19th ‘Shangri-La Dialogue’ or ‘Asia Security Summit’ – hosted by IISS, opened in Singapore
- Singapore – Singapore – Dollar | PM – Lee Hsien Loong | President – Halimah Yacob

16. UN requires eight times more financial support than 20 years ago to be able to provide humanitarian aid to low-income countries during climate-related disasters, according to “Footing the Bill” report released by Oxfam International on June 10, 2022. In 2000-02, UN appealed for \$1.6 billion as humanitarian aid. The appealed amount rose to an average of \$15.5 billion in 2019-2021. Rich countries have been able to deliver 54% of the UN’s appeals in the last 5 years, leaving a massive deficit of \$28-\$33 billion. The economic cost of loss and damage by 2030 will rise to the range of \$290-\$580 billion, the report noted. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Footing the Bill” report – released by Oxfam International
- According to the report:
 - UN requires 8 times more financial support than 20 years ago to provide humanitarian aid to low-income countries
 - UN appealed for \$1.6 billion as humanitarian aid in 2000-02 which rose to an average of \$15.5 billion in 2019-2021
 - The economic cost of loss & damage by 2030 will rise to the range of \$290-\$580 billion
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

17. On June 11, a meeting of the Western Zonal Council, comprising Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu was held in Diu. The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The zonal council discussed a broad range of issues, including subjects related to the boundary, security, and infrastructure-related matters. Five zonal councils were set up in 1957 under ‘Section 15-22’ of the ‘States Re-organisation Act, 1956’. The Union Home Minister is the Chairman of each of these five zonal councils and Chief Minister of the host state is the Vice-Chairman. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Amit Shah – chaired the Meeting of the Western Zonal Council – held in Diu
- Western Zonal Council comprises: Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu
- Chairman of each of all 5 Zonal Councils – Home Minister | Vice-Chairman – Chief Minister of the Host State

18. On June 15, Secretary (East), Saurabh Kumar co-chaired the 24th ASEAN-India Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM) held in Delhi, with Permanent Secretary of Singapore Albert Chua. The two sides decided to celebrate the year 2022 as “ASEAN-India Friendship Year” to mark the 30th anniversary of the ASEAN-India Partnership. The meeting also deliberated on the steps for further implementation of the ‘ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2021-2025)’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Saurabh Kumar – co-chaired the 24th “ASEAN-India Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM)” held in Delhi
- 2022 – to be celebrated as “ASEAN-India Friendship Year” to mark 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India Partnership

19. On June 12, India and the European Union discussed increasing Maritime Security Cooperation and the prospect of co-development and co-production of Defence Equipment at the first-ever “India-EU Security and Defence Consultations” held in Brussels, Belgium. India participated in the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), a part of the EU’s security and defence policy. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The first-ever “India-EU Security & Defence Consultations” – held in Brussels, Belgium
- India participated in the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), a part of the EU’s Security & Defence Policy
- HQs of EU – Brussels, Belgium | President – Ursula von der Leyen | Member Countries – 27

20. On June 16, Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated “Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022” in New Delhi. During the summit, he emphasized maintaining equilibrium among Ecology, Environment and Development. The summit focused on the Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari – inaugurated “Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022” in New Delhi
- Focus: Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070

21. Chief of Nagaland BJP Mahila Morcha, S. Phangon Konyak represented India at the 2-day 8th “IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians” hosted in Egypt. She is Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament (MP) to Rajya Sabha. She shared her thoughts on the ‘Young MPs for Climate Actions’. The Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians is organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) annually to provide a platform to young MPs from across the world to exchange learn and define common and innovative strategies to advance the youth empowerment. According to official information shared by IPU, there are 35,177 parliamentary seats globally but just 2.66% of these are held by young MPs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Phangon Konyak – represented India at the 8th “IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians” hosted in Egypt
- Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians is annually organized by – IPU
- HQs of IPU – Geneva, Switzerland | President – Duarte Pacheco | SG – Martin Chungong | Formed in – 1889

22. In June 2022, Switzerland and Kazakhstan co-hosted the 12th Ministerial Conference of World Trade Organization (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. The Ministerial Conference is the WTO's top decision-making body and usually meets every 2 years. The World Trade Organization is the only international organization that deals with the rules of trade between countries. Founded in 1995, the WTO is run by its 164 members. During the meeting, the WTO passed a multilateral agreement that would curb ‘harmful’ subsidies on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing for the next four years. The current agreement, which establishes new trading rules, is the second multilateral agreement in WTO's history. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Switzerland + Kazakhstan = co-hosted the 12th Ministerial Conference of WTO in Geneva, Switzerland
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Members – 164 | Founded – 1995

23. On June 14, the Union Cabinet approved a Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for establishment of “Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Technology Transfer Facility (TTF)” in Sri Lanka which was signed by the BIMSTEC member countries at the 5th BIMSTEC Summit held at Colombo, Sri Lanka on 30th March, 2022. The main objectives of the BIMSTEC TTF are to coordinate, facilitate and strengthen cooperation in technology transfer among the BIMSTEC Member States. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 5th BIMSTEC Summit – held at Colombo, Sri Lanka
- BIMSTEC member countries – signed MoA to establish “BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (TTF)” in Sri Lanka
- HQs of BIMSTEC – Dhaka, Bangladesh | Secretary General – H. E. Mr. Tenzin Lekphell | Established in – 1997
- BIMSTEC member countries: 7 – Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar & Thailand
- June 6 – BIMSTEC Day | Current Chair – Sri Lanka



24. On June 17, India and Japan held their first “India-Japan Finance Dialogue” in New Delhi, to exchange views on macro-economic situation, financial system, financial digitalization and investment environment in both the countries. Secretary of Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance Ajay Seth represented India. Both sides agreed to explore holding the next round of the Dialogue in Tokyo. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Japan = held their first “India-Japan Finance Dialogue” in New Delhi
- Ajay Seth ([Secretary of DEA](#)) represented India in the dialogue
- [Japan – Tokyo – Yen](#) | [PM – Fumio Kishida](#)

25. PM Narendra Modi chaired the first-ever National Conference of Chief Secretaries at HPCA stadium at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh, on June 16 and 17, 2022. The main aim of this conference is to strengthen the partnership between the Centre and State Governments. Three themes were specifically chosen for detailed discussions: (i) Implementation of the National Education Policy; (ii) Urban governance; and (iii) Crop diversification and achieving self-sufficiency in oilseeds and pulses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – chaired the first-ever “National Conference of Chief Secretaries” in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
- [Himachal Pradesh: Capital – Shimla & Dharamshala](#) | [CM – Jai Ram Thakur](#) | [Governor – Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar](#)

26. On June 16-17, India hosted the 2-day “Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (SAIFMM)” in New Delhi. The meeting to mark two major anniversaries - the 30th anniversary of India’s Dialogue Relations with ASEAN and the 10th anniversary of Strategic Partnership with ASEAN. The year 2022 has been designated as ‘ASEAN-India Friendship Year’ and the meeting in New Delhi was attended by all Foreign Ministers of other ASEAN Member States and ASEAN Secretary General Dato Lim Jock Hoi. External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar and Foreign Minister of Singapore, Vivian Balakrishnan co-chaired the SAIFMM. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – hosted the 2-day “Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers’ Meeting (SAIFMM)” in New Delhi
- 2022 – designated as “ASEAN-India Friendship Year” to mark 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India Partnership
- [Chairmanship of ASEAN 2022 – Cambodia](#) | [Secretariat of ASEAN – Jakarta, Indonesia](#) | [Members – 10](#)

27. The Border Security Force (BSF) hosted the 21st “Meeting of Experts’ Group & Border Security Conference” of SCO countries from June 15-17 that was attended by China, Pakistan, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and the Executive Committee of the Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS)-SCO. India supported an initiative by China to conduct a joint border operation called “Solidarity - 2023” of all member countries of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organisation). Moreover, the plan for the preparation and conduct of the Joint Border Operation “Friendship Border - 2022” this year was reviewed and approved, during the meeting. Moreover, India hosted the 8th meeting of the heads of border services of the SCO member countries in New Delhi where India was represented by BSF Director General Pankaj Kumar Singh. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- BSF – hosted the 21st “Meeting of Experts’ Group & Border Security Conference” of SCO countries
- A joint border operation called “Solidarity - 2023” – organised by China
- “Solidarity - 2023” + “Friendship Border - 2022” = both related to SCO
- Pankaj Kumar Singh – represented India at the 8th meeting of the heads of border services of SCO countries in New Delhi
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | SG – Zhang Ming | Present Member Countries – 8 | Presidency – Uzbekistan

28. In June 2022, Ministry of Tourism, in partnership with the United Environment Program (UNEP) and Responsible Tourism Society of India (RTSOI) organized a “National Summit on Developing Sustainable and Responsible Tourist Destinations” in New Delhi. On this occasion, the Ministry of Tourism launched the “National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism” and the “Responsible Traveller Campaign”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Tourism + UNEP + RTSOI = organized a “National Summit on Developing Sustainable & Responsible Tourist Destinations” in New Delhi
- Ministry of Tourism – launched the “National Strategy for Sustainable Tourism” & “Responsible Traveller Campaign”
- Ministry of Tourism: G. Kishan Reddy | Constituency – Secunderabad, Telangana
- HQs of UNEP – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Inger Andersen | Founded in – 1972

29. On June 20, Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizer, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya virtually addressed the inaugural session at the G20 Health Ministers meeting at Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Indonesia hosted two Health Working Group Meetings in Yogyakarta and Lombok wherein priority issues of ‘Harmonizing Global Health Protocol Standards’ and ‘Building Global Health System Resilience’ were discussed. India has pledged to End TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global SDG target of 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya – virtually addressed the inaugural session at the G20 Health Ministers meeting in Indonesia
- India – pledged to End TB by 2025, five years ahead of the global SDG target of 2030
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil
- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar

30. On June 18, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav represented India at the virtual meeting of the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (MEF), hosted by U.S. President Joe Biden. He mentioned that India has already installed 159 GW of non-fossil fuel based electricity generation capacity. And during the last 7.5 years, India’s installed solar energy capacity has increased over 18 times. The Minister called upon the members of MEF to launch a global movement on “LIFE - Lifestyle for Environment” as espoused by PM Narendra Modi at the COP26 in Glasgow. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav – represented India at the meeting of the Major Economies Forum on Energy & Climate (hosted by US)
- “LIFE” – Lifestyle For Environment
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris

31. On June 20, Minister for Home and Cooperation, Amit Shah addressed the “National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security” (Azadi from Cyber Crime - Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav) in New Delhi. In his address on the occasion, the Home Minister stated that the PM Narendra Modi has described the period of 25 years from the ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ to the centenary of our Independence as “Amrit Kaal”. He further stated that Narendra Modi has digitally empowered crores of people by connecting them with the economy. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana 45 Cr new accounts have been opened so far. In 2021, 40% of the total global digital payments took place in India only. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

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- In 2021, 40% of the total global digital payments took place in India only
- Ministry of Home Affairs & Cooperation: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat

32. The 5-day “UN Ocean Conference” was co-hosted by the Governments of Kenya and Portugal from June 27 to July 1, 2022 in Lisbon, Portugal, under the overarching theme “Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions”. Leaders from over 130 countries from across the world deliberated for 5 days to find an international agreement on protecting the world’s oceans, seas and marine resources. The Minister also pointed out that India recently undertook a nationwide awareness campaign to clean plastic and other waste from coastal areas and this mission will soon become a ‘Jan Andolan’. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kenya & Portugal – co-hosted the 5-day “UN Ocean Conference” – held in Lisbon, Portugal
- Theme – “Scaling up Ocean Action based on Science and Innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: Stocktaking, Partnerships and Solutions”
- Kenya – Nairobi – Kenyan Shilling | President – Uhuru Kenyatta
- Portugal – Lisbon – Euro | President – Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa

33. PM Narendra Modi attended the 14th BRICS summit hosted by China in a virtual mode on 23-24 June. The summit hosted a ‘High-Level Dialogue on Global Development’ with guest countries on June 24. The Summit was held under the theme of “Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – attended the 14th BRICS summit – hosted by China
- Theme – “Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development”
- BRICS Member Countries = 5 – Brazil, Russia, India, China & South Africa | BRICS Chairmanship in 2022 – China

34. On June 24-25, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar attended the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) held in Rwanda. The theme of the 26th CHOGM Summit is: “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”. The CHOGM had earlier been postponed twice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- S. Jaishankar – attended the 26th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting – held in Rwanda
- Theme of the Summit – “Delivering a Common Future: Connecting, Innovating, Transforming”
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- Rwanda – Kigali – Rwandan Franc | President – Paul Kagame

35. On June 29, the National Institute of Urban Affairs’ (NIUA) Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube), World Resources Institute India (WRI India) and their partners launched India’s first National Coalition Platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS) to build urban climate resilience, at the 11th “World Urban Forum” in Poland. The India Forum for Nature-based Solutions aims to create a collective of NbS entrepreneurs, government entities and like-minded organisations, to help scale urban nature-based solutions. It is anchored by WRI India under the ‘Cities4Forests’ initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NIUA C-Cube + WRI = launched India’s 1st ‘National Coalition Platform’ for urban NbS
- 11th “World Urban Forum” – held at Poland
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

36. A new, first-of-its-kind, Sustainability-driven Trade Agreement called the “Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS)” was adopted at the 20th Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva, Switzerland. This AFS is the third instance of amending the WTO agreement in its 27-year history. The aim of AFS as echoed by Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14.6 is to address harmful fisheries subsidies provided by countries towards marine fishing and to save the world’s fish stocks from further depletion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 20th Ministerial Conference of WTO – adopted the “Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies (AFS)”
- AFS – is the 3rd instance to amend WTO agreement
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7th DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Members – 164 | Founded – 1995

37. On June 26 & 27, PM Narendra Modi attended the G7 summit, held in Munich, Germany, following an invitation by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The summit was hosted by Germany in its capacity as the chair of G7, a grouping of the world’s seven richest nations. Besides India, Germany also invited Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal and South Africa as Guests for the summit. The G7 leaders launched a ‘Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII)’ initiative and pledged to raise \$600 billion in private and public funds over 5 years to finance needed infrastructure in developing countries. During the summit, G7 nations formally announced a ban on Russian Gold imports, since Gold is Russia’s second most lucrative export after Energy. Besides, G7 decided to establish a “Climate Club” to commit to the 2015 Paris Agreement Goal of limiting global temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius and achieving Carbon Neutrality by 2050. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

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- G7 nations – announced ban on Russian Gold imports
- G7 nations – to establish a “Climate Club” to commit to the 2015 Paris Agreement Goal
- G7 member countries – US, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada | Founded in – 1975
- Germany – Berlin – Euro | President – Frank-Walter Steinmeier

38. The second phase of the 15th meeting of the “Conference of the Parties (COP15) to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity” will be held in Montreal, Canada from December 5 to 17, 2022. Originally set for Kunming, China, in April this year, the meeting was postponed and relocated due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The first phase of COP15 was successfully held both online and offline in Kunming in October, 2021. China, as COP15 President, will continue to preside over the Meetings of 2nd phase of COP15, with the logo and the theme of COP15 maintained. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “COP15 to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity” – to be held in Montreal, Canada (Dec 5-17)
- The 15th meeting was originally set for – Kunming, China (in April 2022)
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau

39. On June 23, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries, Prahlad Singh Patel inaugurated the “National Conference on Millets” on the theme “The Future Super Food for India” in New Delhi, organised by industry body ASSOCHAM. The conference was organised to discuss opportunities and challenges in ensuring food and nutritional security. The production of coarse cereals in India has increased to 17.96 million tonnes in 2020-21 from 14.52 million tonnes in 2015-16 and the production of bajra (pearl millet) has also increased to 10.86 million tonnes in the same period. India is now the 5th largest exporter of millets globally. Moreover, the year 2023 will be observed as the “International Year of Millets”. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prahlad Singh Patel – inaugurated “National Conference on Millets” in New Delhi (organized by - ASSOCHAM)
- Theme – “The Future Super Food for India”
- India – 5th largest exporter of millets globally
- 2023 – declared as “International Year of Millets”
- HQs of ASSOCHAM – New Delhi | President – Sumant Sinha

40. On June 20, Protean eGov Technologies Ltd (formerly NSDL e-Governance Infrastructure Ltd) and PayNearby announced a partnership to offer PAN-related services for PayNearby’s retail partners through Aadhaar and biometric or SMS-based OTP authentication for their customers. The partnership looks to improve service delivery for millions of citizens. Under the collaboration, PayNearby will work as the PAN Service Agency (PSA) of Protean. PayNearby, through its tech-led DaaS (Distribution as a Service) network, serves 75% of India. Incepted in April 2016, PayNearby is a DPIIT-certified company. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

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- PayNearby – will work as the PAN Service Agency (PSA) of Protean
- PayNearby serves 75% of India through its tech-led DaaS (Distribution as a Service) network
- HQs of Protean eGov Technologies – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Suresh Sethi
- HQs of PayNearby – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Anand Kumar Bajaj

41. On June 27, the G7 nations and its 5 invited partner countries (including India) signed a joint statement titled '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement' during the G7 Summit. They pledged to protect the 'Freedom of Expression'. The joint statement came amidst allegations that the Indian Government was stifling the freedom of speech and the civil society actors. The Group of Seven (G7) is an inter-governmental political grouping consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. Besides India, Germany (the host of the G7 Summit) had also invited Argentina, Indonesia, Senegal and South Africa as Guests for the Summit. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- G7 nations – signed a joint statement titled '2022 Resilient Democracies Statement'
- The G7 Summit was hosted by – Germany
- G7 member countries – US, UK, Japan, Germany, France, Italy, Canada | Founded in – 1975

42. On June 28, the 4th Synergy Conference between Indian Army and Defence Accounts Department (DAD) was held in New Delhi. The conference was co-chaired by Vice Chief of Army Staff (VCOAS) Lt Gen B. S. Raju & Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA) Rajnish Kumar. The primary agenda of the conference included deliberations on AGNIPATH scheme and the schedule for timely implementation of a system for pay and allowances for Agniveers. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The 4th Synergy Conference – held between Indian Army & Defence Accounts Department (DAD) in New Delhi
- The conference was co-chaired by = B. S. Raju + Rajnish Kumar
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj



Ranks, Reports & Surveys

1. 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

2. 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”: 1st – Elon Musk | 2nd – Tim Cook | 3rd – Jensen Huang
- HQs of SpaceX – California, U.S. | Founder & CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2002

3. 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

4. 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}](#)



Key Points:

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

5. 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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- 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 (25th) | Established in – 1st April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

6. Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk continues to be the richest person in the world, as per the “Forbes Real-time Billionaires List” released on June 3, 2022. Musk's net worth has risen by \$8.2 billion in the last one day, and is now at \$233.7 billion. At second place is France's Bernard Arnault with net worth of \$157.0 billion. With \$151.2 billion wealth, Amazon's Jeff Bezos is the world's third richest man. As per the list, Mukesh Ambani has once again becomes India's richest person and world's 6th richest person with a net worth of \$104.8 billion. While Gautam Adani is the 9th richest person in the world with \$100.2 billion net worth. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Forbes Real-time Billionaires List” – released in June 2022
- Globally: 1st - Elon Musk | 2nd - Bernard Arnault | 3rd - Jeff Bezos
- In India: 1st – Mukesh Ambani (globally 6th) | 2nd – Gautam Adani (globally 9th)

7. The “2021 Report on International Religious Freedom (IRF)”, released by the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), states that India has seen an increase in attacks on people due to religious intolerance and places of worship. In April, the Commission had recommended to the State Department, for the third year in a row, that India be classified as a ‘Country of Particular Concern (CPC)’. But the state department is not bound by USCIRF recommendations and has not categorized India as a CPC in the last 3 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “2021 Report on International Religious Freedom (IRF)” – released by USCIRF
- US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar | 46th President – Joe Biden | 49th VP – Kamala Harris



8. Boston Consulting Group (BCG), in collaboration with PhonePe, unveiled a report titled, “Digital payments in India: A US\$10 trillion opportunity”. As per the report, value of digital payments in India is expected to increase three-fold from US\$3 trillion to US\$10 trillion by 2026. Digital payments will constitute nearly 65% of all payments by 2026, up from 40% as of now. UPI adoption will surge from 35% in FY 21 to 75% in the next 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

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- Digital payments will constitute 65% of all payments by 2026 | UPI adoption – to rise to 75% by 2026
- HQs of PhonePe – Bangalore, Karnataka | MD & CEO – Sameer Nigam | Founded in – 2015

9. Chilika Development Authority (CDA) in collaboration with The Fishing Cat Project (TFCP) carried out the world’s first population estimation of the fishing cat outside the protected area network in Chilika lake in Odisha. The study has found that Chilika lake, Asia’s largest brackish water lagoon, is home to around 176 fishing cats. The estimation was conducted in two phases. Phase-I was conducted in 2021 while Phase II was conducted in 2022. The cat is a globally threatened species found in marshlands, mangroves, flooded forests and other wetlands. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The world’s first population estimation of the fishing cat – carried out outside the protected area network in Chilika lake
- Chilika lake (Asia’s largest brackish water lagoon) – located in Odisha
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

10. The report titled “Global Plastics Outlook: Policy Scenarios to 2060” released by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), states that the amount of plastic waste worldwide is likely to nearly triple over the next 4 decades by 2060. The report projects global plastics consumption rising from 460 million tonnes (Mt) in 2019 to 1,231 Mt in 2060 in the absence of bold new policies. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Plastics Outlook: Policy Scenarios to 2060” released by – OECD
- The amount of plastic waste worldwide is likely to triple over – by 2060
- HQs of OECD – Paris, France | Secretary-General – Mathias Cormann | Member countries – 37

11. According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index released on June 3, Mukesh Ambani, with net worth of \$99.7 billion, is placed 8th, while Gautam Adani, with a net worth of \$98.7 billion, is ranked 9th. With this, Mukesh Ambani became Asia’s richest man again. According to the list, Tesla & SpaceX’s CEO Elon Musk is the world’s richest with \$227 billion wealth, followed by Amazon’s Jeff Bezos with \$149 billion, LVMH’s Bernard Arnault with \$138 billion, and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates with \$124 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Bloomberg Billionaire Index” – released as of June 3, 2022
- In India: 1st – Mukesh Ambani (globally 8th) | 2nd – Gautam Adani (globally 9th)
- Globally: Elon Musk (\$227 billion) | Jeff Bezos (\$149 billion) | Bernard Arnault (\$138 billion)

12. The Carbon dioxide (CO₂) levels peaked more than 50% higher than pre-industrial levels in May 2022, comparable to levels seen about 4 million years ago, according to scientists. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) US-based 'Mauna Loa Atmospheric Baseline Observatory' measured that CO₂ levels peaked for 2022 at 421 parts per million (ppm) in May, an increase of 1.8 ppm over 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CO₂ levels peaked more than 50% higher than pre-industrial levels in May 2022 – at 421 ppm (increase of 1.8 ppm)
- NOAA's 'Mauna Loa Atmospheric Baseline Observatory' – located in US
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13. Top Indian IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) retained its 10th rank among the top global BPM (Business Process Management) providers in 2021. The top 5 BPM players in terms of revenue were ADP, Teleperformance, Accenture, Concentrix and Sitel Group, with ADP's revenue being \$10.5 billion. TCS has a revenue of \$3 billion and its revenue growth witnessed a growth of 14-16% over 2020. The rankings were released by outsourcing consultancy Everest Group, based on a composite score of revenue. Moreover, the top 5 fastest growing companies year-on-year were Tech Mahindra, Telus International, Majorel, Teleperformance and Comdata. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- TCS – retained its 10th rank 'in terms of revenue' among the top global BPM providers in 2021 (TCS's revenue - \$3 bn)
- Top 5 BPM players in terms of revenue – ADP, Teleperformance, Accenture, Concentrix & Sitel Group
- Top 5 fastest growing companies – Tech Mahindra, Telus International, Majorel, Teleperformance & Comdata
- HQs of TCS – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Rajesh Gopinathan | Founded in – 1968

14. India recorded its highest-ever textiles and apparel exports in the financial year 2021-22 at USD 44.4 billion, increase of 41% over FY 2020-21. USA was the top export destination for India's textiles and apparel shipments accounting for 27% share, followed by the European Union (18%) & Bangladesh (12%). Man-made textiles exports were to the tune of USD 6.3 billion with a 14% share. In terms of product categories, the export of cotton textiles was USD 17.2 billion with 39% share, ready-made garments at USD 16 billion with 36% share and handicrafts at USD 2.1 billion with 5% share. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – recorded its highest-ever textiles and apparel exports in FY22 at \$44.4 billion (increase of 41% over FY 21)
- Top export destinations – US (27%), European Union (18%) & Bangladesh (12%)
- Export product categories – Cotton Textiles (39%), Ready-made Garments (36%) & Handicrafts (5%)

15. As on June 8, India scored the lowest among 180 countries in the "2022 Environment Performance Index (EPI)", an analysis by researchers of Yale & Columbia University. The EPI ranks 180 countries on 40 performance indicators including climate change, environmental public health, biodiversity, among others. India ranked 180th with a total score of 18.9, while Denmark was the top scorer as the world's most sustainable country. The top five countries are Denmark, the United Kingdom, Finland, Malta, and Sweden. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "2022 Environment Performance Index (EPI)" – an analysis by researchers of Yale & Columbia University
- India – ranked 180th among 180 countries | Top – Denmark (the world's most sustainable country)

16. Tamil Nadu was ranked first in the category of large States in the 4th edition of “State Food Safety Index 2021-2022” released by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) on June 7, 2022. Tamil Nadu was followed by Gujarat & Maharashtra. A total of 11 districts from Tamil Nadu were honoured for the best performance in the ‘Eat Right Challenge’ organised by the FSSAI. A total of 150 districts across India had participated in the challenge. Indore & Varanasi shared the top position in the “Eat Right Challenge for Cities & Districts 2021-2022”. This Index measured the performance of States on 5 parameters - human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing infrastructure and surveillance, training and capacity-building and consumer empowerment. Among the smaller states, Goa ranked first, followed by Manipur & Sikkim. And among UTs, Jammu & Kashmir topped the index, followed by Delhi & Chandigarh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th edition of “State Food Safety Index 2021-2022” – released by FSSAI
- Large states: 1st - Tamil Nadu, 2nd - Gujarat, 3rd - Maharashtra
- Smaller states: 1st - Goa, 2nd - Manipur, 3rd - Sikkim
- UTs: 1st - J & K, 2nd - Delhi, 3rd – Chandigarh
- Indore & Varanasi – shared the top position in the “Eat Right Challenge for Cities & Districts 2021-2022”

17. The solar open access installations in India grew by 22% at 513 megawatt (MW) in January-March 2022, according to a report by Mercom India titled “Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022”. As of March 2022, cumulative installed solar open access capacity in the open access market was over 5.7 GW. According to the report, Karnataka topped in additions by accounting for 30% of installations during the quarter. Maharashtra with 131% QoQ rise in installations, became the second largest state for cumulative open access solar installations. The top five states contributed 86% of all open access installations in Q1 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Mercom India Solar Open Access Market Report Q1 2022” – released by Mercom India
- The solar open access installations in India grew by 22% at 513 MW in January-March 2022
- In terms of solar installations: 1st – Karnataka | 2nd – Maharashtra
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot

18. As on June 2022, the Narendra Modi government’s flagship programme, the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), aimed at constructing houses in rural areas has a completion rate of 67.72% at the end of 6 years since it began in 2016. In contrast, PMAY-U, the urban version of the scheme that started a year ahead in 2015, is lagging behind with a 50% completion rate. PMAY-G was initiated in November 2016 with a target of completing 2.7 Cr houses. While PMAY-U was initiated in June 2015 with a target of constructing 1.2 Cr houses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Completion rate at the end of 6 years: PMAY-G – 67.72% (launched in 2016) | PMAY-U – 50% (launched in 2015)
- Target of PMAY-G – 2.7 Cr houses | Target of PMAY-U – 1.2 Cr houses

19. India’s rank in the global “Sustainable Development Report, 2022” has slipped for the third consecutive year. India continues to face major challenges in achieving 11 of the 17 SDGs, which has pushed down its global ranking on SDG preparedness to 121 out of the 163 countries with a score of 60.3. India had ranked 117 in 2020 and 120 in 2021. Since 2015, the report has been tracking and ranking the performance of 163 UN member states on SDGs. It is published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN). India is on track to achieving SDG 13 on climate action, the report mentioned. The ‘2022 SDG Index’ is topped by Finland, followed by Denmark, Sweden and Norway. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Sustainable Development Report 2022”: India – 121st (Score - 60.3)
- 1st - Finland, 2nd - Denmark, 3rd - Sweden
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

20. As on June 9, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore was ranked at 155th place in the latest “QS World University Rankings 2023”. IISc emerged as the world’s best research university in the citations per faculty (CpF) indicator in the latest rankings. It achieved a perfect score of 100/100 on this metric. Further, as the fastest rising South Asian university on the QS rankings’ top 200 list, IISc gained 31 places year-on-year (YoY), up from 186th position last year. This 19th edition of the international university rankings by QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) featured 41 Indian universities. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) finished a record-extending 11th consecutive year as world No. 1, followed by University of Cambridge & Stanford University. In terms of ‘Citations per Faculty (CpF)’, IIT Guwahati (37th), IIT Roorkee (47th) & the University of Madras (48th) are among top 50 research institutions globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 19th edition of the ‘QS World University Rankings 2023’:
- 1st - Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 2nd - University of Cambridge | 3rd - Stanford University
- IISc Bengaluru - 155th (No. 1 in the world for ‘Research’ category)
- In terms of ‘Citations per Faculty (CpF)’: IIT Guwahati (37th), IIT Roorkee (47th) & University of Madras (48th)

21. According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development’s (UNCTAD) “World Investment Report 2022”, global flows of foreign direct investment (FDI) recovered to pre-pandemic levels last year, hitting nearly USD 1.6 trillion. Despite a fall, India remains among the top 10 economies of the world in terms of FDI, ranking 7th after the US, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Canada and Brazil. In India, FDI inflows declined by USD 19 billion to USD 45 billion in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UNCTAD – released “World Investment Report 2022”
- According to the report:
 - Global flows of FDI recovered to pre-pandemic levels last year, reaching nearly \$1.6 trillion
 - India ranked 7th among top 10 economies of the world in terms of FDI
 - FDI inflows declined by \$19 billion to \$45 billion in 2021
- HQs of UNCTAD – Geneva, Switzerland | Secretary-General – Rebeca Grynspan

22. Industrial output rose to an 8-month high of 7.1% in April, 2022 due to improved performance of the Power and Mining sectors, as per the data on “Index of Industrial Production (IIP)” released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), a part of National Statistical Office (NSO). The power and mining sectors grew 11.8% and 7.8%, respectively. The previous high for IIP growth was 13% in August 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Index of Industrial Production (IIP)” – released by the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), NSO
- Industrial output rose to an 8-month high of 7.1% in April, 2022 (due to growth in Power & Mining sectors)
- HQs of NSO – New Delhi | Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy

23. For the first time in 2022, the Central government will present a unified count of the tiger, leopard and elephant populations of the country, according to the Union Environment Ministry. The tiger survey is usually held once in 4 years and elephants are counted once in 5 years. According to the most recent 2018-19 survey, there were 2,967 tigers in India, accounting for 70% of the tiger population globally. According to the last count in 2017, there were 29,964 elephants in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Environment Mini. – to present a unified count of India's tiger, leopard & elephant populations for the 1st time in 2022
- Tigers in India – 2,967 (as per the most recent 2018-19 survey) accounting for 70% of the tiger population globally
- Elephants in India – 29,964 (as per the last count in 2017)
- [Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)

24. As on June 10, India is among 12 major economies on the US Treasury Department's semi-annual Report on "Macroeconomic and Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the United States". According to the report, India (with \$569.9 billion) has the 4th largest foreign exchange after China (\$3.2 trillion), Japan (\$1.2 trillion) and Switzerland (\$1 trillion). Other 11 major trading partners are China, Japan, South Korea, Germany, Italy, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan, Vietnam and Mexico. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Report on "Macroeconomic & Foreign Exchange Policies of Major Trading Partners of the US" – by US Treasury Dept.
- India is among 12 major economies on the US Treasury Dept's "Currency Monitoring List" of major trading partners
- India (\$569.9 billion) – has the 4th largest foreign exchange | 1st – China (\$3.2 trillion)

25. A recent study titled "Child Artists in India" by Child Rights and You, reveals that a child below the age of 15 in the entertainment industry in India, works for more than 12 hours a day and casting agencies are violating "The Child and Adolescent Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986" that prohibits engagement of children in all occupations. It is clearly mentioned in "CALPRA, 1986", that no child shall be allowed to work for more than 5 hours in a day. The overall number of child artists is estimated to be between 6,059 and 12,334 based on Media and Entertainment Skills Council estimates for 2017. The provisions of CALPRA also state, at least 20% of the income earned by the child from the production or event is to be directly deposited in a fixed deposit account which may be credited to her/him on attaining maturity. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Child Artists in India" report – released by Child Rights & You
- The report reveals that a child below age of 15 in entertainment industry in India works for more than 12 hours a day
- 'CALPRA, 1986' states that no child shall be allowed to work for more than 5 hours in a day

26. On June 13, Minister of State of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh released the 2nd edition of the National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment (NeSDA) 2021. The NeSDA 2021 report has been prepared covering the assessment of States, UTs, and focus Central Ministries on their effectiveness in delivering online services to citizens. Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG) had constituted the NeSDA in 2019. Jammu & Kashmir ranked the highest among UTs with an overall compliance of nearly 90%. While Nagaland ranked highest among North-East & Hill States, Kerala topped among Remaining States - Group A, and Odisha topped among Remaining States - Group B. While among all the states & UTs, Kerala secured the highest overall compliance score. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Dr. Jitendra Singh – released the 2nd edition of the NeSDA 2021 (delivering online services to citizens)
- Highest compliance: UTs – J & K | North East & Hill States – Nagaland | States: Group A – Kerala | Group B – Odisha
- Kerala – topped overall among all the states & UTs

27. The life expectancy of females in India has registered a healthy improvement by 0.4 years from 70.7 years in 2014-18 to 71.1 years in 2015-19, according to the report “SRS (Sample Registration System) Based Abridged Life Tables, 2015-19” by the Registrar General and Census Commissioner. Female life expectancy is higher than that of male (68.4 years). The increase in life expectancy for males is 0.2 years. However, India’s overall life expectancy at birth has increased up to 69.7 years from 2015-2019 period, but is still lower than the global average of 72.6 years. Kerala has recorded the highest life expectancy at birth for males and females in rural areas, while Jammu & Kashmir has recorded the highest for males in urban areas and Himachal Pradesh has recorded the highest life expectancy for females in urban areas. While Chhattisgarh with 65.3 years, has the lowest life expectancy at birth. The expectation of life is the highest in Delhi at 74.3 years for males and in Kerala (78.0 years) for females, while it is the lowest in Chhattisgarh (63.7 years) for males and Uttar Pradesh (66.2 years) for females. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “SRS (Sample Registration System) Based Abridged Life Tables, 2015-19” – by Registrar General & Census Commissioner
- India’s overall life expectancy at birth increased to – 69.7 years | Global average life expectancy – 72.6 years
- Life expectancy of females in India in 2015-19 – 71.1 years | Life expectancy of Male – 68.4 years
- Highest Life expectation for males – Delhi (74.3 years) | for female – Kerala (78.0 years)
- Lowest Life expectation for males – Chhattisgarh (63.7 years) | for female – Uttar Pradesh (66.2 years)
- Overall Lowest life expectancy at birth – Chhattisgarh (65.3 years)
- Highest life expectancy at birth in rural areas: in Male – Kerala, in Female – Kerala
- Highest life expectancy at birth in urban areas: in Male – J&K, in Female – Himachal Pradesh

28. As per Coursera’s latest annual “Global Skills Report 2022 (GSR 2022)”, India slipped 4 places to be ranked at the 68th position globally in overall skills proficiency. In Asia, India stands at the 19th position. However, India’s technology proficiency levels rose from 38% to 46%. On the other hand, proficiency in data science has dipped from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022. West Bengal leads the Indian states in terms of skills proficiency. Industry reports estimate that 28 million new technology jobs will be created in India by 2025. For the second year in a row, Switzerland had the highest-skilled learners followed by Denmark and Indonesia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Skills Report 2022 (GSR 2022)” – released by Coursera ([US](#))
- India – 68th globally & 19th in Asia | Globally: 1st - Switzerland, 2nd - Denmark, 3rd - Indonesia
- India’s technology proficiency levels – 46% | West Bengal – topped among Indian states in terms of skills proficiency
- Estimates: 28 million new technology jobs will be created in India by 2025



29. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the “Migration in India Report 2020-21”. The report separates the categories of ‘Temporary Visitors’ and ‘Migrants’. This report is based on first-time collection of additional data during the annual round of Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for July 2020 - June 2021. The all-India migration rate was 28.9% for July 2020-June 2021, with 26.5% migration rate in rural areas and 34.9% in urban areas. As per the report, after the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in March 2020, 0.7% of India’s population was recorded as a ‘temporary visitor’ across households. A total of 48.9% of the temporary visitors moved to meet family/relatives/friends between July 2020 to June 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Migration in India Report 2020-21” – released by MoSPI
- All-India migration rate for July 2020-June 2021 – 28.9% (26.5% in rural & 34.9% in urban)
- 0.7% of India’s population was recorded as a ‘temporary visitor’ in March 2020

30. India witnessed the sharpest rise among the Asian economies, with a 6-position jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the annual “World Competitiveness Index” compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD). Denmark has moved to the top of the 63-nation list, followed by Switzerland & Singapore. While Singapore is top-performing among Asian economies. The domestic economy has experienced a stratospheric rise from 30th to 9th position in a year. The labour market moved up from 15th to 6th. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Competitiveness Index” – released by Institute for Management Development (IMD)
- India – 37th | 1st - Denmark, 2nd - Switzerland, 3rd - Singapore
- HQs of IMD – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Jean-Francois Manzoni

31. According to the 11th edition of the “Reuters Institute Digital News Report 2022”, the average level of trust in news was found at 42%, lower than the previous year. Trust levels fell in 21 of the 46 markets surveyed, rising in just 7. India registered a small increase in the level of trust, with 41% trusting news overall. YouTube (53%) and WhatsApp (51%) were the top social media platforms for sourcing news. In India, 58% mostly read the news while 17% mostly watch it. Finland has a historic pattern of high newspaper consumption. This year’s edition is based on a survey conducted by YouGuv, a British market research and data analytics firm, in January/February 2022 through online questionnaires. It covers 46 markets in 6 continents. [{Read more}](#)

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- 11th edition of the “Digital News Report 2022” – released by Reuters Institute
- Average level of trust in news was – 42% | In India – it was 41% (Top Sources: YouTube - 53% & WhatsApp - 51%)
- In India, 58% mostly read the news while 17% mostly watch it
- Finland – has a historic pattern of high newspaper consumption

32. As per the “Global Startup Ecosystem 2022” report released by Startup Genome, Bengaluru ranked 22nd, Delhi moved up an impressive 11 places coming in at No. 26, and Mumbai at No. 36. Silicon Valley ranked No. 1 in the Global Startup Ecosystem, followed by New York City & London. According to the research, a record 540 companies achieved unicorn status in 2021, up from 150 in 2020. Bengaluru is aptly named the “Silicon Valley of India”. The report highlighted Bengaluru's formidable status as the tech capital of India, with an ecosystem value of \$105 billion - higher than Singapore (\$89 billion) and Tokyo (\$62 billion). Besides, research from Dealroom.Co for London & Partners, showed that Bengaluru is the leading Asian city and 5th-ranked hub in the world for tech venture capital (VC) investment in 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Startup Ecosystem Report 2022” – released by Startup Genome | Top – Silicon Valley ([California, US](#))
- Among Top 50: Bengaluru – 22nd | Delhi – 26th | Mumbai – 36th
- Dealroom.Co: Bengaluru – ranked 5th in the world for tech venture capital (VC) investment in 2022 (1st in Asia)

33. India’s Unemployment Rate (UR) fell further to 4.2% in 2020-21 with a decline of 0.6%, as per the “Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) - 4th Annual Report (July 2020 to June 2021)” released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The unemployment rates (UR) in India stood at 4.8% in 2019-20. As per the annual report, the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in India has gone up year-on-year to 41.6% in 2020-21. Female labour force participation rate jumped to 25.1% in 2020-21. The annual data also points to a surge in Worker Population Ratio (WPR) to 39.8% in 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) - 4th Annual Report (July 2020 to June 2021)” – released by the MoSPI
- Unemployment Rate (UR) in India fell further to 4.2% in 2020-21 (4.8% in 2019-20)
- LFPR in India increased year-on-year to – 41.6% in 2020-21 | Worker Population Ratio rose to – 39.8% in 2020-21

34. Tamil Nadu displaced West Bengal to emerge as the largest State in terms of the outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans, according to “MFIN Micrometer Q4 FY21-22”, a quarterly report published by Microfinance Institutions Network (MFIN). The gross loan portfolio (GLP) of Tamil Nadu as of March 31, 2022 stood at Rs 36,806 Cr, followed by Bihar (Rs 35,941 Cr) and West Bengal (Rs 34,016 Cr). According to the 41st issue of the Micrometer report, the overall microfinance industry had a total GLP of Rs 2,85,441 Cr as of March 31, 2022, an increase of 10% year-on-year (YoY). The proportion of NBFC-MFI portfolios in the universe portfolio increased by 4.1% to 35.2% as of March 31, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 4th issue of the “Micrometer Q4 FY21-22” – a quarterly report published by the MFIN
- Tamil Nadu – largest State in terms of the outstanding portfolio of Microfinance Loans | 2nd - Bihar, 3rd - West Bengal
- Overall Microfinance Industry had a total GLP of Rs 2,85,441 Cr as of March 31, 2022 (increase of 10%)

35. On June 14, Researchers from the University of Adelaide, Australia launched a new study titled “New Maps of Global Geological Provinces & Tectonic Plates” that includes an updated map of the Earth’s Tectonic plates. The material will help in forming a better understanding of natural hazards like earthquakes and volcanoes. A tectonic plate is a massive, irregularly shaped slab of solid rock, made up of lithosphere (Earth’s top layer). The delved into the past construction of continents like the first supercontinent, Vaalbara. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- University of Adelaide ([Australia](#)) – launched a study “New Maps of Global Geological Provinces & Tectonic Plates”
- The study includes an updated map of the Earth’s Tectonic plates
- Tectonic plate – a slab of solid rock, made up of lithosphere (Earth’s top layer)
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

36. The Unemployment Rate (UR) for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas dipped to 8.2% in January-March 2022 from 9.3% in the year-ago quarter, as per the 14th “Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) - Quarterly Bulletin (Jan-March 2022)” by the National Statistical Office (NSO). It was 8.7% in last quarter October-December 2021. Among males, the unemployment rate in urban areas dipped to 7.7% in January-March 2022, while 10.1% decline was noticed in women's unemployment rate in urban areas. Labour force participation rate in CWS (Current Weekly Status) in urban areas for persons aged 15 years and above declined to 47.3% in this quarter. While Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in CWS in urban areas for persons aged 15 years and above stood at 43.4% in the same quarter. The NSO launched PLFS in April 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- 14th “Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) - Quarterly Bulletin (Jan-March 2022)” – released by NSO
- UR for persons aged 15 years & above in urban areas declined to – 8.2% (7.7% among males & 10.1% among females)
- Labour force participation rate in CWS (Current Weekly Status) in urban areas declined to – 47.3%
- WPR in CWS in urban areas for persons aged 15 years & above stood at – 43.4%

37. As per the Kantar Brandz’s “2022 Most Valuable Global Brands” report, the number of Indian brands in the Global Top 100 rose to 4: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) at 46th, HDFC Bank at 61st, Infosys at 64th and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) at 92nd. The total value of the “2022 Kantar BrandZ Top 100 Most Valuable Global Brands” has grown by 23% to reach almost \$8.7 trillion. Apple is the world’s number one most valuable brand, growing 55% to USD 947 billion, followed by Google (USD 820 billion). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kantar Brandz’s “2022 Most Valuable Global Brands” report – Number of Indian brands in the Global Top 100 – 4
- 4 brands: TCS (46th), HDFC Bank (61st), Infosys (64th) & LIC (92nd)
- Apple – world’s No. 1 most valuable brand followed by Google

38. The annual “Global Trends Report” by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) highlighted that globally 100 million people were forced to flee from their homes last year due to violence, human rights abuses, food insecurity, the climate crisis, war in Ukraine, and other emergencies from Africa to Afghanistan. Nearly 5 million people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021. According to the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC), in 2021, there were 23.7 million new internal displacements globally due to disasters. This represented a decrease of 7 million, or 23%, compared to the previous year. The largest displacements in the context of disasters in 2021 occurred in China (6.0 million). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Trends Report” – released by the UNHCR
- Globally 100 million people were displaced due to climate change & disasters in 2021 (5 million in India)
- The largest displacements in the context of disasters in 2021 occurred in – China (6.0 million)
- HQs of UNHCR – Geneva, Switzerland | Head – Filippo Grandi

39. Financial Services led with more than 20% of the cumulative value of the “Burgundy Private Hurun India 500” list, followed by Software & Services (14%) and Healthcare (7.2%). As per the list, Reliance Industries is India’s most valuable company with a value of ₹18.9 lakh Cr, followed by Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) with ₹12.9 lakh Cr and HDFC Bank with ₹7.7 lakh Cr. As per the report, the value of the top 500 companies in India increased marginally by 2% to ₹232 lakh Cr. The highest gain was by Vedant Fashions with a growth in valuation of 313.9%. The minimum valuation to make it into the top-500 valuation list was ₹5,800 Cr or \$760 million. The companies in the list came from 15 states, led by Maharashtra. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Burgundy Private Hurun India 500” list:
- Topped by – Financial Services (20%) | Followed by – Software & Services (14%) & Healthcare (7.2%)
- 3 Most valuable company: Reliance Industries (₹18.9 lakh Cr), TCS (₹12.9 lakh Cr), HDFC Bank (₹7.7 lakh Cr)

40. In June, the scientists have found microplastics (plastic pieces smaller than a grain of rice) in freshly fallen Antarctic snow for the first time. It has potential to influence the climate by accelerating melting of ice. The findings, published recently in The Cryosphere journal, brought to light a serious threat to the Antarctic region. The researchers found an average of 29 microplastic particles per litre of melted snow. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Scientists found microplastics in freshly fallen Antarctic snow for the first time
- The researchers found an average of 29 microplastic particles per litre of melted snow
- The findings were published in – ‘The Cryosphere’ journal

41. According to REN21’s “Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022)”, India ranked 3rd globally for total renewable power capacity additions with 15.4 GW in 2021, behind China (136 GW) and the US (43 GW). The GSR 2022 is the 17th consecutive edition. While in Asia, India was second. India ranked 4th for total installations (60.4 GW), overtaking Germany (59.2 GW) for the first time. According to the report, India added 843 MW of hydropower capacity in 2021, raising the total capacity to 45.3 GW. Moreover, India ranked 3rd globally for the total installed capacity of wind power (40.1 GW), behind China, the US & Germany. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022)” – released by REN21
- India – ranked 3rd globally for total renewable power capacity additions with 15.4 GW in 2021 | 1st – USA | 2nd – China
- India – added 843 MW of hydropower capacity in 2021, raising the total capacity to 45.3 GW
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42. On June 15, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released its Yearbook for the year 2022. The expected rise of the global nuclear arsenal was the chief cause of concern among SIPRI experts. Russia leads the charge in largest numbers of nuclear inventory (5977 against the U.S.’s 5428). However, the U.S. has the largest number of deployed warheads (1744 against Russia’s 1588). India has 160 nuclear weapons in its inventory. The yearbook has highlighted India as the top weapons importer during the 2017-2021 period. Other countries to feature in the top five arms importers list include Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China, and Australia. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SIPRI – released its ‘Yearbook for 2022’
- Russia – has largest numbers of Nuclear Inventory | 2nd – USA
- US – has the largest number of deployed Warheads | 2nd – Russia
- India – top Weapons Importer during the 2017-2021 period | other 4 in top 5 – Saudi Arabia, Egypt, China & Australia
- HQs of SIPRI – Stockholm, Sweden | Chair – Jan Eliasson



43. On June 17, the World Health Organization (WHO) released its largest ever review of mental health across the world, making it the first mental health review of this scope. The 296-page “World Mental Health Report” provides an outline on the state of mental health for governments, academics, health professionals, and other interested parties. As per the report, 1 in 8 people globally live with a mental disorder. People with mental health disorders died, on average, 10 to 20 years before others. 14% of the world's adolescents live with mental disorders. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “World Mental Health Report” – released by the WHO
- 1 in 8 people globally live with a mental disorder & 14% of the world's adolescents live with mental disorders
- HQs of WHO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Tedros Adhanom | Member Countries – 194 | Founded in – 1948

44. On June 14, Kerala has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in the “Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)”. The State has also been ranked 4th in global ranking in the GSER, jointly launched by Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network. The GSER was released in the backdrop of the ongoing London Tech Week 2022. During 2019-21, Kerala was able to create a start-up ecosystem valued at Rs 1,037.05 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER)” = released by Startup Genome + Global Entrepreneurship Network
- Kerala – 1st (in Asia) & 4th (Globally) | Globally top – Silicon Valley (California, US)
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan

45. On June 16, International Labour Organisation (ILO) released its “Report on Domestic Workers”. As per the report, only 6% of domestic workers worldwide have access to comprehensive social protection. That means 94% of domestic workers worldwide lack comprehensive social security. Even where they are legally covered, only 1 in 5 domestic workers are actually covered in practice because the vast majority is employed informally. 76.2% of domestic workers (57.7 million people) are women and such social protection gaps leave them particularly vulnerable. As per the report, 57.3% of domestic workers in Europe and Central Asia are legally covered for all benefits. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Report on Domestic Workers” – released by International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- Only 6% of domestic workers worldwide have access to comprehensive social protection
- HQs of ILO – Geneva, Switzerland | DG – Guy Ryder | DG – Gilbert Houngbo (from Oct 1, 2022) | Founded in – 1919

46. India has emerged as the 4th largest recycler of Gold in the world and the country has recycled 75 tonnes of Gold in 2021, according to a World Gold Council (WGC) report titled “Gold Refining and Recycling”. China topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of Gold, followed by Italy with 80 tonnes and the US with 78 tonnes in 2021. From 300 tonnes in 2013, India's gold refining capacity increased by 1,500 tonnes (500%) in 2021, as per the report. Despite being the 4th largest recycler in the world, India recycles little of its own stock of gold - about 8% of the gold recycled globally. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Gold Refining and Recycling” report – released by World Gold Council
- India – emerged as the 4th largest recycler of Gold in the world | 1st – China | 2nd – Italy | 3rd – US
- India – recycled 75 tonnes of Gold in 2021 (about 8% of the gold recycled globally)
- HQs of WGC – London | CEO – David Tait | MD (India) – Somasundaram PR

47. On June 20, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) launched a new database of the “Information System on Occupational Exposure in Medicine, Industry, and Research (ISEMIR)”, which specifically targets workers in industrial processes involving Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM) - called “ISEMIR-N”. Globally, there are over 24 million workers in various industries. Currently, there exists two main branches of ISEMIR, ISEMIR-IC and ISEMIR-IR, for workers in interventional cardiology and industrial radiography respectively. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- A new database of the ‘ISEMIR’ by IAEA – targets workers in industrial processes involving ‘NORM’
- NORM – Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material
- HQs of IAEA – Vienna, Austria | Director General – Rafael Mariano Grossi | Founded in – 1957

48. The Micro, Small and Medium Scale (MSME) sector contributes around 30% to India’s GDP and employs around 120 million people. But at the same time, it generates around 110 million tonnes of CO₂, according to a report on “Carbon Footprint Generated by the MSMEs” by the Centre for Study of Science, Technology & Policy (CSTEP) published in 2018. Countries across the globe were urged to come forward and make commitments to attain Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050 during the 26th Conference of Parties (COP26) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Glasgow, Scotland in 2021. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Carbon Footprint Generated by the MSMEs” – by the CSTEP (published in 2018)
- MSME sector: contributes 30% to India’s GDP, employs around 120 million people, generates around 110 MT of CO₂
- Countries across the globe were urged to make commitments to attain Net Zero Emissions by 2050 – during COP26

49. Jaipur-based policy research and advocacy group, Consumer Unity and Trust Society (CUTS International) prepared a report titled “Economic Impact of Select Decisions of the Supreme Court and National Green Tribunal of India”, and submitted it to the NITI Aayog. As per the report, in the aftermath of the five verdicts, the industry lost around Rs 15,000 Cr in revenues, and workers lost around Rs 500 Cr of income. The report was first commissioned in 2019 and has been finalised with financial support from the NITI Aayog. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CUTS (Jaipur) – prepared a report titled “Economic Impact of Select Decisions of the SC & NGT of India”
- Report was 1st commissioned in 2019 – now finalized by NITI Aayog
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Amitabh Kant
- Chairperson – Narendra Modi | Vice Chairperson – Suman Bery

50. A report titled “Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India”, co-authored by NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI), highlights that Green Hydrogen can substantially spur industrial decarbonisation and economic growth for India in the coming decades. Green hydrogen can help abate 3.6 gigatons of cumulative CO₂ emissions by 2050. The report concludes that hydrogen demand in India could grow more than 4 fold by 2050, representing almost 10% of global demand. The cumulative value of the green hydrogen market in India could reach \$8 billion by 2030. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Harnessing Green Hydrogen: Opportunities for Deep Decarbonisation in India” report = by NITI Aayog + RMI
- Green hydrogen can help abate 3.6 gigatons of cumulative CO₂ emissions by 2050
- Cumulative value of the green hydrogen market in India can reach \$8 billion by 2030
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Amitabh Kant](#)

51. India’s national capital New Delhi has been ranked 112th in the “Global Liveability Index 2022”, released by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). While India’s financial capital Mumbai is ranked at 117th position. Bengaluru ranked lowest among the 5 Indian cities considered by the EIU. Austrian capital Vienna has once again topped the list of most liveable cities in the world, followed by the Danish capital Copenhagen at 2nd position and Switzerland’s Zurich at 3rd position jointly with Canada’s Calgary. The report ranked 173 cities on the basis of their liveability or living conditions, which was determined by five factors - stability, healthcare, culture and environment, education, and infrastructure. Iran’s Tehran is the least liveable city in the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Liveability Index 2022” – released by The Economist ([London, UK](#))
- Most liveable cities: 1st - Vienna (Austria) | 2nd - Copenhagen (Denmark) | 3rd - Zurich (Switzerland)
- Least liveable cities: Tehran (Iran)
- New Delhi – ranked 112th | Mumbai – ranked 117th | Least liveable city in India – Bengaluru

52. The total value of fertilizer imports by India, inclusive of inputs used in domestic production, was \$24.3 billion in 2021-22. In 2021-22, India imported 10.16 million tonnes (mt) of urea, 5.86 mt of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and 2.91 mt of muriate of potash (MOP). In value terms, imports of all fertilisers touched an all-time high of \$12.77 billion last fiscal FY22 (excluding inputs used in domestic production). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- The total value of fertilizer imports by India in 2021-22 – \$24.3 billion
- 10.16 mt – import of urea | 5.86 mt – import of DAP | 2.91 mt – import of MOP

53. As on June 21, the number of school-aged children in crisis-impacted countries who require educational support has grown to 222 million at present from 75 million in 2016, according to the report titled “Global Estimates: Number of Crisis-affected Children and Adolescents in Need of Education Support” published by Education Cannot Wait (ECW). Of them, 78.2 million are out of school due to often protracted conflicts and emergencies. Around 54% of the out-of-school children are girls, 17% are children with functional difficulties and 16% forcibly displaced. Children in sub-Saharan Africa were hardest-hit by the learning crisis, as per the another report by non-profit organisation, Save the Children. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Global Estimates: Number of Crisis-affected Children & Adolescents in Need of Education Support” – published by ECW
- Number of school-aged children in crisis-impacted countries who require Educational support – 222 million
- 78.2 million (out of 222 million) – are out of school due to often protracted conflicts & emergencies

54. The report, “Creating Jobs and Cutting Bills: The Economic Opportunities of a Clean Energy Transition” was published by the ‘We Mean Business Coalition’ and Cambridge Econometrics. As per the report, a swift shift from fossil fuels to clean energy could lead to creation of 1.5 Cr new jobs in India by 2025 and increase savings on electricity bills. The reduction in per capita energy expenditure in India is projected to be 34 dollars or 31% by 2030 and 74 dollars or 52% by 2035 from the business as usual scenario. The report asked G-7 nations to phase out domestic coal-fired power generation by 2030 and rapidly scale up renewable energy deployment towards achieving 70% of power generation by the next 8 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Creating Jobs and Cutting Bills” report – published by We Mean Business Coalition & Cambridge Econometrics
- Shifting from Fossil Fuels to Clean energy can create 1.5 Cr new jobs in India by 2025
- Reduction in per capita Energy Expenditure in India: 34 dollars (31%) by 2030 & 74 dollars (52%) by 2035

55. According to a report titled “Financing India’s 2030 Renewables Ambition” published by BloombergNEF (BNEF) & Power Foundation of India (PFI), India will need an investment of \$223 billion to meet its non-fossil energy’s target of 500 GW by 2030. India has already invested around \$75 billion in renewable energy in the past 8 years between 2014 to 2021 to install 165 GW of Renewable Energy. At COP26 in November 2021, PM Narendra Modi had announced India’s plans to reduce emission intensity by more than 45% by 2030 below 2005 levels. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Financing India’s 2030 Renewables Ambition” report – published by BloombergNEF & PFI
- Investment of \$223 billion is needed to meet Non-fossil Energy’s target of 500 GW by 2030
- \$75 billion has been invested from 2014 to 2021 – to install 165 GW of Renewable Energy
- India plans to reduce Emission Intensity by more than 45% by 2030, below 2005 levels

56. On June 27, World Bank approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India’s road safety programme called “India State Support Program for Road Safety” for 7 States. The program, financed by the World Bank, will be implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The \$250 million variable spread loan from the World Bank’s arm International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) has a maturity of 18 years including a grace period of 5.5 years. The project will also establish a “National Harmonised Crash Database System” in order to analyse accidents. According to a World Bank study, road crashes are estimated to cost the Indian economy between 5% to 7% of GDP a year. Official government data show that each year road accidents in India kill about 1,50,000 people and injure another 4,50,000. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved \$250 million loan to support Govt’s “India State Support Program for Road Safety” for 7 States
- The loan will be released by – IBRD (World Bank’s arm) | Maturity – 18 years
- The project will also establish a “National Harmonised Crash Database System” to analyse accidents
- According to World Bank: Road crashes are estimated to cost the Indian economy between 5-7% of GDP a year
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

57. On June 27, Mufin Finance, one of the leading NBFCs, has received in-principal approval from the RBI for issuance of semi-closed prepaid payment instruments (PPIs). A semi-closed PPI licence allows digital banks, fintech firms and large consumer-facing applications to roll out features such as Digital Payment Solutions for lending. Mufin Finance is the 4th NBFC to receive such a licence from the RBI, after Bajaj Finserv, Manapurram and Paul Merchants. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Mufin Finance – 4th NBFC to receive in-principal approval from the RBI for issuance of semi-closed PPIs
- [HQs of Mufin Finance – New Delhi](#) | [Founders – Kapil Garg & Rajat Goyal](#)

58. On June 30, NITI Aayog, in its report titled “Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India”, has forecast a 100% penetration of electric two-wheelers (e-2W) in the Indian market by FY 2026–27 in case of an ‘optimistic scenario’. NITI Aayog also forecast that e-2W sales may cross 2.2 Crore units in FY 2028–29 under the ‘optimistic’, ‘same performance’ and ‘battery cost challenged’ scenarios. e-2W sales in FY 2022 stood at 2.31 lakh units, up 460% over FY21. Its penetration was nearly 2% of 2-wheelers sales. Major research firms in India believe that EV penetration will reach 15-20% in total 2Ws by FY 2026 in terms of sales. The report was released in collaboration with the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India” – released by NITI Aayog + TIFAC
- As per the report, 100% penetration of e-2W will happen in the Indian market by FY 2026–27 (in ‘optimistic scenario’)
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer](#) | [Chairperson – Narendra Modi](#) | [VC – Suman Bery](#)
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59. Bengaluru topped the ‘Sustainability Index’ amongst the Indian cities and ranked 14th in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region, according to the latest report on “Active Capital Asia-Pacific - Rising Capital in Uncertain Times, 2021” prepared by Knight Frank. While Bengaluru achieved the Gold standard category, New Delhi (17th), Hyderabad (18th), and Mumbai (20th) achieved the Silver standard category. Singapore, Sydney (Australia), Wellington (New Zealand), Perth (Australia), and Melbourne (Australia), are the top 5 Green-rated cities in the APAC region. They achieved the Platinum standard, the highest category of the index. The report also noted that India’s Green Bonds issuance increased 523% year-on-year (YoY), from \$1.1 billion in 2020 to \$6.8 billion in 2021. India is the 6th largest country in APAC in terms of the total amount of Green Bonds issued in 2021. According to statistics provided by the Climate Bonds Initiative (CBI), APAC issued \$126 billion in Green Bonds in 2021, with China issuing the largest amount, \$68 billion. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Active Capital Asia-Pacific - Rising Capital in Uncertain Times, 2021” – prepared by Knight Frank
- APAC region issued total \$126 billion in Green Bonds in 2021 | Largest amount issued by – China (\$68 billion)
- India – 6th largest country in APAC in terms of the total amount of Green Bonds issued in 2021 (\$6.8 billion)
- India’s Green Bonds issuance increased 523% YoY – to \$6.8 billion in 2021 (from \$1.1 billion in 2020)
- ‘APAC Sustainability Index 2021’: Topped in India – Bengaluru (14th) | Topped in APAC – Singapore
- Top 5 in APAC with Platinum standard: Singapore, Sydney, Wellington, Perth & Melbourne
- In India: Gold standard – Bengaluru | Silver standard – Delhi, Hyderabad & Mumbai

60. India will have 122 new unicorns in the next 2 to 4 years, according to the Hurun Research Institute's "ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022". Hurun Research identified 122 future unicorns in 25 Indian cities. The index has classified companies as would-be Unicorns (those founded after 2000 and valued at least \$1 billion), Gazelles (those most likely to become unicorns in 2 years), and Cheetahs (start-ups that could go unicorn in 4 years). India has 84 unicorns, 51 Gazelles, and 71 Cheetahs in the 2022 Index. Bengaluru continues to be the unicorn-capital of India with 46 unicorns. Delhi-NCR and Mumbai are in the 2nd and 3rd spots, with 25 and 16 unicorns. India has emerged as the 3rd largest ecosystem for start-ups, after US and China. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022" – by Hurun Research Institute
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 - Unicorns – those founded after 2000 & valued at least \$1 billion
 - Gazelles – those most likely to become unicorns in 2 years
 - Cheetahs – those start-ups that could go unicorn in 4 years
- In the 2022 Index, India has 84 Unicorns, 51 Gazelles & 71 Cheetahs
- India – the 3rd largest Ecosystem for Start-ups (after US & China)
- Bengaluru – continues to be the unicorn-capital of India with 46 unicorns

61. Bengaluru is the strongest startup ecosystem in India and 8th globally, according to the "Global Startup Ecosystem Index (GSEI) 2022" released by Israel-based StartupBlink in June 2022. The Index has been updated annually since 2017 and is the world's most comprehensive startup ecosystem ranking of 100 countries and 1,000 cities globally. Among Indian cities, Bengaluru was at No. 1. Globally, New Delhi ranks 13th, Mumbai is 17th, Pune is 90th, and Hyderabad is 97th. San Francisco Bay in the US topped the Index globally. In the country-wise rankings for 2022, India is among the top-20 startup ecosystems globally and ranked 19th, while in the Asia Pacific region, it is 4th after Singapore, Australia, and China. The US topped the index, followed by UK & Israel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Global Startup Ecosystem Index (GSEI) 2022" released by – StartupBlink ([Israel](#)) | Top – San Francisco Bay ([US](#))
- Bengaluru – the strongest Startup Ecosystem in India (8th globally) | New Delhi – 13th | Mumbai – 17th
- In Asia-Pacific region: India ranks 4th | 1st – Singapore, 2nd – Australia, 3rd – China
- Globally : India ranks 19th | 1st – US, 2nd – UK, 3rd – Israel
- [Israel](#) – [Jerusalem](#) – [Israeli Shekel](#) | [President](#) – [Isaac Herzog](#) | [PM](#) – [Naftali Bennett](#)

62. The Kerala Bird Monitoring Collective (led by Kerala Agricultural University) and the Bird Count India will conduct the Regional Red List Assessment of birds. Once it gets ready, Kerala will be India's first state to have a Region-specific Red List of birds. Assessment will be done on the basis of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) guidelines. According to the global IUCN Red List, Kerala has 64 threatened species of birds. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kerala Bird Monitoring Collective + Bird Count India – will conduct 'Regional Red List Assessment of Birds'
- Kerala – to be India's first state to have a 'Region-specific Red List of Birds'
- IUCN Red List: Kerala has 64 threatened species of birds
- [Kerala: Capital](#) – [Thiruvananthapuram](#) | [CM](#) – [Pinarayi Vijayan](#) | [Governor](#) – [Arif Mohammad Khan](#)

63. On June 30, the United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-Habitat) released a report titled “World Cities Report 2022”. According to report, India’s urban population is estimated to reach 675 million in 2035, the second highest behind China’s estimated at 1.05 billion. By 2035, the percentage of population in India at mid-year residing in urban area will be 43.2%. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the global urban population is back on track to grow by another 2.2 billion by 2050. The urban population is forecast to grow from 56% of the global total in 2021 to 68% by 2050. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Report “World Cities Report 2022” – released by UN-Habitat
- According to the report: [{Dynamic Data}](#)
- India’s urban population is estimated to reach 675 million in 2035 (2nd highest behind China’s 1.05 billion)
- The percentage of population in India at mid-year residing in urban area will be 43.2% by 2035
- Global urban population will grow by another 2.2 billion by 2050
- The urban population is forecast to grow to 68% of the global total by 2050 (from 56% in 2021)
- [HQs of UN-Habitat – Nairobi, Kenya](#) | [Executive Director – Maimunah Mohd Sharif](#)

64. On June 27, NITI Aayog launched a report titled “India’s Booming Gig and Platform Economy”. The report is a first-of-its-kind study that presents comprehensive perspectives and recommendations on the gig-platform economy in India. The report provides a scientific methodological approach to estimate the current size and job-generation potential of the sector. The report estimates that in 2020-21, 77 lakh (7.7 million) workers were engaged in the gig economy. They constituted 2.6% of the non-agricultural workforce or 1.5% of the total workforce in India. At present, about 47% of the gig work is in medium skilled jobs, about 22% in high skilled, and about 31% in low skilled jobs. Gig workers are expected to form 6.7% of the non-agricultural workforce or 4.1% of the total livelihood in India by 2029-30. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “India’s Booming Gig and Platform Economy” report – by NITI Aayog
- 77 lakh workers were engaged in the gig economy in FY 2020-21 (1.5% of the total workforce in India)
- Gig workers are expected to form 6.7% of Non-agricultural workforce or 4.1% of total livelihood in India by 2029-30
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer](#) | [Chairperson – Narendra Modi](#) | [VC – Suman Bery](#)

65. As on June 27, the “Performance Grade Index-District (PGI-D) 2019-20” was released by the Ministry of Education. The PGI-D report graded 733 districts in 2019-20 across the States/UTs. Rajasthan leads in performance in School Education with all of the three districts with ‘Utkarsh’ grade (scoring 81% to 90% in a scale of 100). The top three districts in terms of performance are Sikar (488), Jhunjhuni (486) and Jaipur (482) out of a score of 1,000 points. The other states whose districts have performed best in the latest index are Punjab with 14 districts in ‘Ati-uttam’ grade (scoring 71% to 80% in a scale of 100), followed by Gujarat and Kerala with each having 13 districts in this category. This is the third PGI report and so far, no districts have managed to secure the ‘Daksh’ grade (districts scoring more than 90% of the total points). The data was sourced from the National Achievement Survey (NAS) and Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ministry of Education – released “Performance Grade Index-District (PGI-D) 2019-20”
- Rajasthan – leads in performance in School Education with all of the three districts with ‘Utkarsh’ grade

- Top three districts in terms of performance – Sikar, Jhunjhuni & Jaipur
- Other top states: Punjab (14 districts in 'Ati-uttam' grade), Gujarat & Kerala (each with 13 districts in 'Ati-uttam' grade)
- No district has managed to secure the 'Daksh' grade (more than 90% of the total points)
- Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar

66. On June 30, NITI Aayog and the UN World Food Program (WFP) launched a report titled "Take Home Ration: Good Practices across the State/Union Territories". The report presents a set of good and innovative practices adopted in the implementation of the Take Home Ration value chain by the States and UTs. Government of India provides Take Home Ration under the Supplementary Nutrition component of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to fill the gap in nutrition among children as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLW). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "Take Home Ration: Good Practices across the State/Union Territories" – released by NITI Aayog + UN WFP
- HQs of UNWFP – Rome, Italy | ED – David Muldrow Beasley | Countries – 36
- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery

67. According to Mercer's "2022 Cost of Living City Ranking" released on June 29, Mumbai (127) is the costliest city in India in terms of both living expenses and accommodation costs. This is followed by New Delhi (155), Chennai (177), Bengaluru (178), and Hyderabad (192). The Cost of Living survey was conducted in March 2022. Mercer revamped its Cost of Living methodology this year with new items such as smartwatches, tablet computers and smartphones added to the basket and non-relevant items such as music CDs and video movie rentals removed. The survey found that Hyderabad had the cheapest housing of all the places examined in India. Moreover, Hong Kong topped list globally, followed by Zurich and Geneva. While Turkey's Ankara closed the ranking at the 227th spot. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "2022 Cost of Living City Ranking" – released by Mercer
- Mumbai – is the costliest city in India (Globally 127th) | New Delhi (155th), Chennai (177th)
- Hong Kong – is the costliest city in the world | 2nd – Zurich, 3rd – Geneva (both located in Switzerland)
- Hyderabad – had the cheapest housing of all the places examined in India

68. In the "QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023" released on June 29, London emerged as the Best City for students looking to study abroad in terms of affordability, student facilities, and university standard among other factors. Munich (Germany) and Seoul (South Africa) are at second & third place respectively. India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103 spot globally, followed by Bengaluru at 114 rank. Chennai and New Delhi have made their entries to the list this year at 125 and 129, respectively. The QS ranks 140 cities around the world. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- "QS Best Student Cities Rankings 2023" – released by Quacquarelli Symonds
- World's Best 3 Student Cities: 1st - London (UK) | 2nd - Munich (Germany) | 3rd – Seoul (South Korea)
- Mumbai – 103rd, Bengaluru – 114th, Chennai – 125th, New Delhi – 129th



Amount & Agreements

1. On June 11, the Indian government extended a Line of Credit (LoC) of \$55 million to Sri Lanka for the procurement of urea fertiliser. An LOC agreement was signed between Government of Sri Lanka (GOSL) and the Export-Import Bank of India (EXIM Bank). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EXIM Bank (India) – extended an LoC of \$55 million to Sri Lanka for the procurement of urea fertiliser
- HQs of EXIM Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD – Harsha Bangari | Founded in – 1982
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Ranil Wickremesinghe | President – Gotabaya Rajapaksa

2. On June 13, Foreign lender HSBC India announced to lend \$250 million to high-growth & tech-led startups in India, the third largest startup ecosystem in the world. The lending will be managed by the lender's commercial banking vertical. The commercial banking vertical in India had witnessed a 42% rise in its profit for 2021 at USD 265 million. Loans to small and medium enterprises tripled to USD 1 billion in 2021 as against USD 300 million in 2018, according to the bank. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HSBC India – announced to lend \$250 million to high-growth & tech-led startups in India
- The commercial banking vertical in India witnessed a 42% rise in its profit for 2021 at \$265 million
- HQs of HSBC India – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Hitendra Dave

3. On June 15, LinkedIn, the world's largest professional network, will invest USD 5,00,000 (Rs 3.88 Cr) in partnership with UN Women to advance women's economic empowerment. The project will be launched on pilot basis in Maharashtra for 15 months to cultivate the digital, soft and employability skills of 2,000 women. It will digitally upskill women, providing them greater access to jobs and equipping them to fully participate in the formal economy. The partnership will be guided by the Women's Empowerment Principles (WEPs). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- LinkedIn – to invest USD 5,00,000 to advance Women's Economic Empowerment (in partnership with UN Women)
- HQs of LinkedIn – California, US | CEO – Jeff Weiner

4. On June 21, GE Steam Power signed a USD 165 million pact with Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) for the supply of 3 Nuclear Steam Turbines out of 6 units for NPCIL's domestic nuclear program. This domestic program includes 12 units of 700 MWe being developed by NPCIL with their own nuclear reactor technology. At present, GE's steam turbine technology operates in 50% of the world's nuclear power plants, producing 200 gigawatts (GWs) for the global grid. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GE Steam Power + BHEL = a \$165 million pact for supply of 3 Nuclear Steam Turbines out of 6 units for NPCIL's domestic nuclear program
- GE's steam turbine technology operates in 50% of the world's nuclear power plants, producing 200 GWs
- HQs of BHEL – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Nalin Shinghal



5. On June 23, BLS International Services, a tech-enabled services partner for governments and citizens, has entered into an agreement with West Bengal government for computerisation and e-governance of registration offices in the State in PPP mode in Presidency Zone. In the project, the company will procure, install and commission the hardware for 81 offices under Presidency Zone. Deployment of manpower, management and maintenance of manpower and hardware will be done for 5 years. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- BLS International Services + West Bengal = an agreement for Computerisation & e-governance of Registration Offices
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata](#) | [CM – Mamta Banerjee](#) | [Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar](#)

6. On June 23, the World Bank has approved a \$245 million loan to support India's efforts to modernise Rail Freight and Logistics Infrastructure. The Rail Logistics project will help India shift more traffic from road to rail. Indian Railways is the 4th largest rail network in the world having transported 1.2 billion tonnes of freight in the fiscal ending March 2020. Yet, 71% of India's freight is transported by road and only 17% by rail. The new Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor-3 (EFDC) is also supported by the World Bank. Moreover, World Bank has approved a project named "Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project" worth ₹1,000 Cr for taking rain-fed farming to new heights in the hilly regions of Uttarakhand. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved \$245 million loan to support India's efforts to modernise Rail Freight & Logistics Infrastructure
- Indian Railways – 4th largest rail network in the world
- 71% of India's freight is transported by Road & only 17% by Rail
- World Bank – approved a project "Uttarakhand Climate Responsive Rain-fed Farming Project" worth ₹1,000 Cr
- [HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Members – 189](#) | [President – David Malpass](#) | [MD & CFO – Anshula Kant](#)

7. On June 24, World Bank approved 3 loans totalling \$562 million (about Rs 4,393.70 Cr) to fund "Gujarat Outcomes for Accelerated Learning (GOAL)", an education project in Gujarat (\$250 million), "RIGHTS" project, a social protection programme in Tamil Nadu (\$162 million) and a project to help recovery in the fisheries sector post the pandemic (\$150 million). In 2020-21, the fisheries sector saw losses of about \$5.5 billion and fish production fell almost 40% in one year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank approved 3 loans totalling \$562 million to fund 'GOAL' project, 'RIGHTS' project & Fisheries Sector
- \$250 million for GOAL ([Gujarat](#)) | \$162 million for RIGHTS ([Tamil Nadu](#)) | \$150 million for Fisheries sector
- [HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US](#) | [Members – 189](#) | [President – David Malpass](#) | [MD & CFO – Anshula Kant](#)

8. On June 23, the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the only multilateral fund focused on biodiversity, has promised to provide \$5.33 billion over the next four years to address problems related to biodiversity worldwide, it announced at the "Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework" meeting in Nairobi, Kenya. The plan is to provide \$1 million per country for in-country work and \$9 million as global technical assistance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- GEF – to provide \$5.33 billion to address problems related to Biodiversity worldwide
- [HQs of GEF – Washington, D.C., US](#) | [CEO – Carlos Manuel Rodriguez](#)

9. On June 24, Hyderabad's Dhruva Space Pvt Ltd and Bengaluru's Digantara Research & Technologies Pvt Ltd were authorised by Indian Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) to launch their payloads. With this, IN-SPACe marked the beginning of Private Space Sector launches in India. Dhruva Space's Dhruva Space Satellite Orbital Deployer and Digantara's ROBust Integrating Proton Fluence Meter (ROBI) were authorised. The payloads were launched onboard 'PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM)' of 'PSLV-C53' on June 30 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. PSLV-C53 is the 55th mission of the ISRO. Meanwhile, National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), ISRO, organised a 3-day training course on "Bhuvan" portal utilisation. Bhuvan is a Geoportal platform of ISRO. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Dhruva Space + Digantara Research & Technologies = authorised by IN-SPACe to launch their payloads
- The payloads were launched onboard – 'PSLV Orbital Experimental Module (POEM)' of 'PSLV-C53'
- 'Bhuvan' – a Geoportal platform of ISRO
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969
- HQs of Dhruva Space – Hyderabad, Telangana | CEO – Sanjay Nekkanti
- HQs of Digantara – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Anirudh Sharma

10. On June 28, the World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved two complementary loans of \$500 million each to support and enhance India's health sector. The two loans, Public Health Systems for Pandemic Preparedness Program (PHSPP) and Enhanced Health Service Delivery Program (EHSDP), are designed to be complementary and transformational in impact. Through this combined financing of \$1 billion, the Bank will support India's flagship Pradhan Mantri-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), launched in October 2021, to improve the public healthcare infrastructure across India. According to World Bank estimates, India's performance in health has improved over time. India's life expectancy was at 69.8 in 2020, up from 58 in 1990. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- World Bank – approved two complementary loans of \$500 million each to support and enhance India's health sector
- These loans will support India's 'PM-ABHIM' (launched in Oct 2021)
- World Bank: India's life expectancy was at 69.8 in 2020 (up from 58 in 1990)
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant



Ordinance, Bills & Acts

1. On June 14, the West Bengal Assembly passed a Bill titled “The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022” to replace the Governor with the Chief Minister as chancellor of all the state-run universities. States like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu too have taken similar steps. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- West Bengal – passed a Bill to replace Governor with CM as Chancellor of all the state-run universities
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata](#) | [CM – Mamta Banerjee](#) | [Governor – Jagdeep Dhankar](#)

2. According to the “Surrogacy (Regulation) Rules, 2022” issued recently, couples who intend to take the surrogacy route to become parents will have to buy a general health insurance coverage in favour of a surrogate mother for a period of 36 months. According to the rules, the number of attempts of any surrogacy procedure on the surrogate mother should not be more than 3 times. The surrogate mother may be allowed for abortion during the process of surrogacy in accordance with the ‘Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971’. The Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021 came into force on January 25, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Surrogacy (Regulation) Act, 2021” came into force on – January 25, 2022
- Couples intend to take surrogacy route will have to buy a general health insurance coverage for surrogate mother for a period of 36 months
- Number of attempts of surrogacy procedure – not more than 3
- Surrogate Mother allowed for abortion – according to ‘Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971’



Acquisitions & Mergers

1. On June 12, Chinese tech giant Tencent bought 0.72% stake worth \$264 million (about Rs 2,060 Cr) in Walmart-owned e-commerce firm Flipkart from its co-founder, Binny Bansal. Flipkart is registered in Singapore and has operations in India only. Binny Bansal now holds 1.84% in Flipkart after this deal with Tencent Cloud Europe BV. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tencent ([China](#)) – bought 0.72% stake worth \$264 million (about Rs 2,060 Cr) in Flipkart
- Binny Bansal now holds 1.84% in Flipkart after this deal
- [HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka](#) | [Chairperson – Binny Bansal](#) | [CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy](#)

2. On June 14, Adani and TotalEnergies of France, entered into a new partnership to jointly create the world's largest Green Hydrogen Ecosystem. In this strategic alliance, TotalEnergies will acquire 25% minority interest in Adani New Industries (ANIL) from Adani Enterprises (AEL) by investing USD 12.5 billion. ANIL's ambition is to invest over USD 50 billion over the next 10 years in green hydrogen and associated ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Adani + TotalEnergies ([France](#)) = partnership to jointly create the world's largest Green Hydrogen Ecosystem
- TotalEnergies will acquire 25% minority interest in Adani New Industries (ANIL) by investing \$12.5 billion
- [HQs of Adani Group – Ahmedabad, Gujarat](#) | [Chairman – Gautam Adani](#) | [MD – Rajesh Adani](#)

3. In June 2022, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the acquisition of 24.98 percent stake in IIFL Wealth Management (IIFLWM) by BC Asia Investments X Ltd. BC Asia Investments X Ltd is indirectly held by Bain Capital Investors LLC. The CCI also approved the sale of the global biosimilars portfolio of Viatris Inc to Biocon Biologics Limited. In another notice, the CCI approved the corporate restructuring of GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Holdings Ltd (JVCO) under a green channel route. Moreover, Air India got the CCI's approval to acquire entire stake in AirAsia India. Tata Sons Private Limited (TSPL) holds 83.67% of the equity share capital of AirAsia India at present. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved the acquisition of 24.98 percent stake in IIFL Wealth Management – by BC Asia Investments X Ltd
- CCI – approved the sale of the global biosimilars portfolio of 'Viatris Inc' – to Biocon Biologics Ltd
- CCI – approved the corporate restructuring of GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Holdings Ltd under 'Green Route'
- CCI – approved Air India's proposal to acquire entire stake in AirAsia India
- [HQs of CCI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta](#) | [Established in – 2003](#)

4. In recognition of his outstanding impact on the sport of tennis as a player, promoter, and humanitarian, India's Vijay Amritraj has been named the recipient of the "Golden Achievement Award 2021". The Golden Achievement Award is presented annually by the International Tennis Hall of Fame (ITHF) and International Tennis Federation (ITF) to a person who has made important contributions internationally to tennis in the fields of administration, promotion, or education and has devoted long and outstanding service to the sport. The award was presented at a special celebration hosted in Amritraj's honour in London. Vijay Amritraj was the first Indian player to turn professional on the ATP Tour. Amritraj remains the highest-ranked ATP singles player from India in ATP history (No. 16), and he captured the most titles by an Asian singles player (15) during his career. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Vijay Amritraj ([Tennis Player](#)) – received the “Golden Achievement Award 2021” – presented by ITHF & ITF
- Vijay Amritraj – the first Indian player to turn professional on the ATP Tour
- Vijay Amritraj – remains the highest-ranked ATP singles player from India in ATP history
- [HQs of ITF – London, UK](#) | [President – David Haggerty](#) | [Founded in – 1913](#)

5. On June 28, State Bank of India (SBI), HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank acquired a 9.54% stake each in Perfios Account Aggregation Services Private Limited (Perfios AA). These banks acquired 8,05,520 equity shares each by paying Rs 4.03 Cr each for the stakes. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI + HDFC Bank + ICICI Bank – acquired a 9.54% stake each in Perfios AA (by paying Rs 4.03 Cr each)

6. On June 30, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Google International LLC’s proposed acquisition of a minority and non-controlling stake of 1.28% of in telecom major Bharti Airtel. Google International LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google. Along with the investment agreement, both companies through their affiliates have also entered into certain commercial deals. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CCI – approved Google International LLC’s proposed acquisition of 1.28% in Bharti Airtel
- Google International LLC – a wholly-owned subsidiary of Google
- [HQs of CCI – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – Ashok Kumar Gupta](#) | [Established in – 2003](#)
- [HQs of Google – California, US](#) | [CEO – Sundar Pichai](#) | [Founded in – 1998](#)



MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. 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

5. On June 2, the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an agreement with WiSig Networks Private Limited and VVDN Technologies Private Limited for collaboration in the area of Open RAN-based Radio Network for 5G solution. This engagement will augment the indigenous Intellectual Property and create new avenues for wider adoption and monetization of home-grown 5G products and solutions. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- C-DOT + WiSig Networks + VVDN Technologies = collaborated for 'Open RAN-based Radio Network' for 5G solution
- HQs of C-DOT – New Delhi | Executive Director – Rajkumar Upadhyay

6. On June 1, the Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu, arrived in Senegal's capital Dakar. This was the first ever high level Indian visit to Senegal and it took place at a time when both countries were celebrating 60 years of their diplomatic relations. During these talks, three MoUs were signed by both sides on - Cultural Exchange, Cooperation in Youth Matters and Visa Free Regime for Officials. M. Venkaiah Naidu announced 'Phase II' of the upgradation of Entrepreneurial Training & Development Centre (CEDT) at Dakar. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Senegal = signed MoUs on Cultural Exchange, Cooperation in Youth Matters and Visa Free Regime for Officials
- Venkaiah Naidu – announced 'Phase II' of upgradation of "Entrepreneurial Training & Development Centre" at Dakar
- Senegal – Dakar – CFA franc | President – Macky Sall

7. On June 3, Union Territory of Chandigarh and the Indian Air Force (IAF) signed an MoU for setting up 'IAF Heritage Centre' at Chandigarh to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars and its overall functioning. This heritage centre will have artefact, simulators and interactive boards to highlight various facets of IAF. This joint project is planned to be completed by October, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Chandigarh + IAF = signed an MoU for setting up 'IAF Heritage Centre' in Chandigarh
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

8. On June 3, IIM Ahmedabad collaborated with an e-marketplace for agricultural land, SFarms India, to develop a "Farm Land Price Index" based on the sales and purchases done on the platform. The index has been designed to record and present the quality-controlled data on prices of agricultural land in India. The Misra Centre for Financial Markets and Economy at IIM-A will host this on its official website and it will be called "IIM-Ahmedabad SFarmsIndia Land Price Index (ISALPI)". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIM Ahmedabad + SFarms India = to develop "Farm Land Price Index"
- The index will be called "IIM-Ahmedabad SFarmsIndia Land Price Index (ISALPI)"

9. On June 3, Easy Home Finance (EASY) entered into a co-lending partnership with ICICI Home Finance Company (ICICI HFC) to disburse affordable home loans in India. The partnership will benefit customers in numerous ways such as eradicating the hassle of long home loan procedures and paperwork. Easy Home Finance earlier had announced a MaaS (Mortgage as a Service) partnership with ESAF Bank, and now with ICICI Home Finance. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Easy Home Finance + ICICI HFC = partnership to disburse affordable home loans in India
- HQs of ICICI Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sandeep Bakhshi | Taglines – “Hum Hain Na!” & “Khayal Apka”

10. In June 2022, SBI Foundation launched “UpSchool”, a digital learning program for students from classes 1 to 10 in partnership with Khan Academy. This program will be available in English, Hindi and Kannada languages aiming to reduce learning gaps and build a solid foundation in math and reading for their current academic year. The initiation of this partnership took place in Punjab. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI Foundation + Khan Academy = launched a digital learning program “UpSchool” for students from classes 1 to 10
- This program will be available in – English, Hindi & Kannada
- HQs of SBI Foundation – Mumbai, Maharashtra | President – Lalit Mohan
- HQs of Khan Academy – California, USA | Founder & CEO – Sal Khan

11. On June 3, India and Canada signed an MoU to increase bilateral cooperation on Climate Action, Environmental Protection & Conservation. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and his Canadian counterpart Steven Guilbeault signed the MoU at the Stockholm+50 Meeting. The meeting was held to commemorate 50 years of the “Stockholm Conference”, the first United Nations conference on Environment. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Canada = an MoU to increase bilateral cooperation on Climate Action, Environmental Protection & Conservation
- The meeting was held to commemorate 50 years of the “Stockholm Conference”
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau
- Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan
- MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey

12. On June 7, the Department of Science and Technology (DST), in collaboration with National Informatics Centre (NIC), launched the Self Certification Portal for conveying adherence to provisions of Geospatial Guidelines by individuals, companies, organisations, and government agencies. The portal is expected to substantially reduce the time it takes for Geospatial enterprises, researchers, universities, and innovators to receive permissions and approvals in order to carry out geospatial-related operations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DST + NIC = launched the ‘Self Certification Portal’ for conveying adherence to provisions of Geospatial Guidelines
- HQs of NIC – New Delhi | Director General – Rajesh Gera | works under – MeitY | Established in – 1976

13. On June 6, Tata Motors signed an agreement with BluSmart Electric Mobility for the delivery of 10,000 XPRES T electric vehicles. This is the biggest order in India by far for delivering EV fleet. Recently, BluSmart Electric Mobility raised USD 50 million in ‘Series A’ funding. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Tata Motors + BluSmart Electric Mobility = an agreement for the delivery of 10,000 XPRES T electric vehicles
- BluSmart Electric Mobility – raised USD 50 million in ‘Series A’ funding
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | Non-Executive Director & Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran



14. On June 6, India and Poland signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on Criminal Matters to help both countries in investigation and prosecution of crimes, including those related to terrorism. Poland became the 45th country to sign an MLAT on criminal matters with New Delhi. Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) is the nodal ministry for concluding MLATs in criminal matters. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Poland = signed a Mutual Legal Assistance Treaty (MLAT) on Criminal Matters
- Ministry of Home Affairs – the nodal ministry for concluding MLATs in criminal matters
- Poland – Warsaw – Polish Zloty | President – Andrzej Sebastian Duda

15. On June 7, the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) renewed the MoU in New Delhi to support innovative approaches for developing new preventions, therapies and interventions needed to solve health (human and animal), food and nutritional inequities. The MoU was originally signed in 2012. Under the renewed MoU, the partnership pledges a combined USD 50 million investment to the joint initiative, to continue to explore and expand funding arenas. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DBT + BMGF – renewed the MoU to accelerate research & innovation for Global Health Needs
- The partnership pledges a combined USD 50 million investment to the joint initiative

16. On June 9, an MoU was signed between the National Highways Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Roorkee for sharing knowledge on innovative ideas as well as technologies in the field of highway engineering. The MoU will play a major role in realizing the aims and objectives of the government's "GatiShakti", the National Master Plan launched recently. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NHIDCL + IIT Roorkee = an MoU for sharing knowledge on technologies in the field of highway engineering
- HQs of NHIDCL – New Delhi | MD – Chanchal Kumar
- Director of IIT Roorkee – Ajit K. Chaturvedi

17. On June 8, India and Vietnam signed an MoU on mutual logistics support in presence of the two Defence Ministers during the ongoing visit of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to the Southeast Asian nation. Rajnath Singh signed the 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030' which will significantly enhance the scope and scale of existing defence cooperation. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India + Vietnam = an MoU on mutual logistics support
- Rajnath Singh – signed the 'Joint Vision Statement on India-Vietnam Defence Partnership towards 2030'
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc

18. On June 12, Assam government signed an MoU with Neyveli Lignite Corporation (now NLC India Ltd) to set up a Joint Venture Company (JVC) to produce 1 GW plus solar power with an investment of Rs 5000 Cr. This will be the first such initiative among PSUs in energy sector. NLC India will hold 51% stake in the JVC. Assam cabinet also gave approval for implementation of 'Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS)' with Rs 8,727 Cr as project cost and state share of Rs 263 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Assam + NLC India = an MoU to set up a JVC to produce 1 GW plus solar power (Investment - Rs 5000 Cr)
- Assam: Capital – Dispur | CM – Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor – Jagdish Mukhi
- HQs of NLC India Ltd – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | CMD – Rakesh Kumar

19. On June 10, Spices Board, under its initiative Flavourit Spices Trading Limited (FSTL), signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) with Flipkart to enhance market access and help promote farmers and grassroots organisations working in the spices sector. The ToU was signed under the 'Flipkart Samarth Program', which aims to empower MSMEs, artisans, entrepreneurs, and rural seller and farmer communities. Spices Board is a flagship organization of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Spices Board + Flipkart = signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) to enhance market access & help promote farmers
- Spices Board – a flagship organization of Ministry of C&I
- HQs of Spices Board of India – Kochi, Kerala | Chairman – A. G. Thankappan
- HQs of Flipkart – Bangalore, Karnataka | Chairperson – Binny Bansal | CEO – Kalyan Krishnamurthy

20. On June 9, the Union Cabinet approved the transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from the Government of India to NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL), a Public Sector Enterprise under the administrative control of the Department of Space. The Union Cabinet also approved increasing the authorised share capital of NSIL from Rs 1,000 Cr to Rs 7,500 Cr. NSIL is the commercial wing of the ISRO. Moreover, the Union Cabinet also approved the signing of several MoUs, including between India and UAE on cooperation in industries and advanced technologies, between National Institute for Environment Studies (NIES), Japan and Aryabhata Research Institute for Observational Sciences (ARIES), India for joint research on air quality and climate change, and between India & Australia on technical cooperation for Australia-India Water Security Initiative (AIWASI). Moreover, the cabinet also approved signing of an MoU between the governments of India and the US in the field of health care. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- In June 2022, the Union Cabinet approved:
 - transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from GoI to NSIL
 - to increase the authorised share capital of NSIL from Rs 1,000 Cr to Rs 7,500 Cr
 - an MoU between India & UAE on cooperation in Industries & Advanced Technologies
 - an MoU between NIES (Japan) & ARIES (India) for joint research on Air Quality & Climate Change
 - an MoU between India & Australia on technical cooperation for 'AIWASI'
 - an MoU between India & US in the field of Health Care

21. On June 12, Telangana government signed an MoU with Bengaluru-based Elest to set up India's first display fabrication unit called 'Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB' in Hyderabad with an investment of Rs 24,000 Cr to manufacture next generation displays for smartphones, tablet computers, and laptops. Elest is promoted by Rajesh Exports, a Global Fortune 500 company. The Display FAB would be set up under the India Semiconductor Mission Programme of the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Telangana + Elest ([Bengaluru](#)) – an MoU to set up India's 1st display fabrication unit 'Generation 6 AMOLED Display FAB'
- The display fabrication unit will be set up with an investment of Rs 24,000 Cr under 'Semiconductor Mission Programme'

22. On June 13, a navigation firm MapmyIndia collaborated with India's space agency ISRO to enhance the quality of its 3D maps. The company is developing new maps as part of its foray into the metaverse. The company serves Indian market under MapmyIndia brand and overseas market under the brand Maapls. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MapmyIndia + ISRO = collaborated to enhance the quality of its 3D maps
- HQs of MapmyIndia – New Delhi | CEO – Rohan Verma | CMD – Rakesh Verma
- HQs of ISRO – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director – S. Somanath | Formed on – August 15, 1969

23. On June 14, the Union Cabinet approved the Agreement on Cooperation in the field of youth work among the authorized bodies of the member states the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO). The official working language of the SCO Secretariat is Russian and Chinese. Moreover, the cabinet approved the proposal for development of Phase I of New Greenfield Airport at Dholera, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs 1305 Cr, to be completed within 48 months. The Airport is planned for operationalization from the year 2025-26. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Cabinet approved the Agreement in the field of youth work among the authorized bodies of the SCO members
- Cabinet approved the proposal for development of Phase I of 'New Greenfield Airport' at Dholera, Gujarat
- Estimated cost of the airport – Rs 1305 Cr | To be functional – from 2025-26

24. On June 17, to check the depleting groundwater level in the state, the Israel and Haryana government agreed to work together in the field of integrated water resource management and capacity building. Israel will transfer knowledge, capacity building and technologies for the development of the water management sector in the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Israel + Haryana = agreed to work together in the field of Integrated Water Resource Management & Capacity Building
- Israel – Jerusalem – Israeli Shekel | President – Isaac Herzog | PM – Naftali Bennett
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

25. On June 14, Pontaq, an innovation fund that invests in early-stage technology businesses in the UK, India, US & Canada, signed an MoU with the Tamil Nadu Startup and Innovation Mission, which is backed by state government. The TN government will help Pontaq-supported companies expand business operations in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Pontaq + Tamil Nadu = an MoU to help Pontaq-supported companies expand business operations in the State
- Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai | CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin | Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi



26. On June 14, the Union Cabinet approved the proposal for the signing of an agreement between the Government of India and the United Nations on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). The project of development of the application has been conceptualized as donation from India to the UN on the occasion of its 75th anniversary in 2020. In another decision, the Cabinet also approved a Memorandum of Association (MoA) by India for the establishment of the "BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (TTF)". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Gol + UN = an agreement on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, UN
- Union Cabinet – approved an MoA for the establishment of "BIMSTEC Technology Transfer Facility (TTF)"
- HQs of UN – New York, United States | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945

27. On June 17, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Ministry of Earth Sciences, signed an MoU with Indian Navy, Ministry of Defence for 'Cooperation on Numerical Model Based Applications in Meteorology and Oceanology'. NCMRWF would provide support to two of the premier establishments of Indian Navy located at Kochi, i.e., Naval Operations Data Processing and Analysis Centre (NODPAC) and Indian Naval Meteorological Analysis Centre (INMAC) in developing advanced numerical weather prediction systems. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCMRWF + Indian Navy = MoU for 'Cooperation on Numerical Model Based Applications in Meteorology & Oceanology'
- NCMRWF – under Ministry of Earth Sciences
- MoS I/C in Ministry of Earth Sciences: Dr. Jitendra Singh | Constituency – Udhampur, J&K
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

28. On June 20, the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) partnered with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to activate e-commerce in the agriculture domain. As one of the first initiatives to drive ONDC enablement in the domain, ONDC and NABARD have come together to host the "NABARD-ONDC Grand Challenge" which aims to establish market linkages for the enabled players with market ready FPOs in India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ONDC + NABARD = partnership to activate e-commerce in the Agriculture Domain
- HQs of NABARD – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Govinda Rajulu Chintala | Founded in – 1982

29. On June 16, Andhra Pradesh government signed a pact with education and tech company Byju's to impart quality education to students of government schools. The students of Classes 4 to 10 would benefit from the quality content provided by Byju's and help them perform better. The Andhra Pradesh CM also announced that the students studying in Class 8 now and would write their Class 10 examinations in CBSE syllabus in 2025, would be given tabs. Students in government schools would have the advantage of receiving the tabs free of cost unlike their counterparts in private schools who had to pay ₹20,000 to ₹24,000 per annum towards subscription to the app. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Andhra Pradesh + BYJU'S = signed a pact to impart free & quality education to students of government schools
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital – Amravati | CM – YS Jaganmohan Reddy | Governor – Biswabhusan Harichandan
- HQs of BYJU'S – Bengaluru, Karnataka | CEO – Byju Raveendran | Founded in – 2011

30. On June 19, Odisha (Department of Mission Shakti) signed an agreement with Apparel Made-ups and Home Furnishing Sector Skill Council (AMHSSC), New Delhi to launch an initiative for skill development of 10,000 Mission Shakti SHG members on apparel manufacturing. This initiative is titled as “Skill-based training of Mission Shakti Women Self Help Group Members as Sewing Machine Operators”. The initiative will ensure the generation of skilled manpower in the apparel sector and provide self-employment opportunities across the state. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Odisha + AMHSSC = agreement to launch “Skill-based training of Mission Shakti Women Self Help Group Members as Sewing Machine Operators”
- The initiative is for skill development of 10,000 Mission Shakti SHG members on apparel manufacturing
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

31. In June 2022, Zomato and Jio-bp signed an agreement to support Zomato’s commitment towards the Climate Group’s “EV100” initiative of 100% EV fleet by 2030. Jio-bp, the fuel and mobility joint venture between Reliance Industries Ltd and bp, will provide EV mobility services to Zomato and access to ‘Jio-bp pulse’ battery swapping stations for last-mile delivery. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Zomato + Jio-bp = an agreement to support towards the Climate Group’s “EV100” initiative of 100% EV fleet by 2030
- Jio-bp – a fuel & mobility JV between Reliance Industries Ltd & bp
- HQs of Zomato – Gurugram, Haryana | Founder & CEO – Deepinder Goyal | Founded in – 2008

32. On June 22, the Karnataka government signed two MoUs with the objective of strengthening the economic activities of women self-help groups (SHGs) and facilitating organic farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers. One was with IIM Bangalore, and the other was with Subhiksha, one of the country’s first vertically integrated multi-State cooperative society which promotes organic farming. Sanjeevini-KSRLPS (Karnataka State Rural Livelihood Promotion Society) exchanged MoUs with the institutions. The aim of the initiative was to scale up at least 100-150 existing women-owned/women-led enterprises in the State. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka – signed two MoUs with IIM Bangalore & Subhiksha to scale up women-led Enterprises/SHGs
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

33. The Delhi government in collaboration with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has set up an Oxygen Generation Plant at Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital, to augment the facility’s oxygen supply capabilities. The plant will cater to 750 beds in the hospital which is a super-speciality tertiary care centre. The oxygen plant utilises Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) technology to produce up to 1,050 litres of oxygen per minute. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Delhi + UNDP = collaboration to set up an ‘Oxygen Generation Plant’ at Govind Ballabh Pant Hospital
- New Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar
- HQs of UNDP – New York, US | Administrator – Achim Steiner | Founded in – 1965

34. On June 25, the National Commission for Women (NCW) in collaboration with Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) organized a one-day seminar on 'Anti Human Trafficking Awareness' in New Delhi. Ms Rekha Sharma (Chairperson of NCW) and Balaji Srivastava (DG of BPR&D) presided over the seminar. Moreover, in April 2022, the NCW established its own 'Anti-Human Trafficking Cell (AHTC)' to improve effectiveness in tackling cases of human trafficking. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- NCW + BPR&D = organized a one-day seminar on 'Anti Human Trafficking Awareness' in New Delhi
- In April, the NCW also established its own 'Anti-Human Trafficking Cell (AHTC)'
- HQs of NCW – New Delhi | Chairperson – Rekha Sharma | Founded in – 1992
- HQs of BPR&D – New Delhi | DG – Balaji Srivastava

35. On June 29, Social media giant Meta and Ministry of Tribal Affairs announced to extend their collaboration to launch the 2nd phase of "Going Online As Leaders (GOAL)" programme. The second phase of the GOAL programme was launched by Union tribal affairs minister Arjun Munda. The 'GOAL 2.0' will look to digitally upskill, connect and empower 10 lakh youth and women from the tribal communities of India. Tribal population constitutes about 8.6% of the total population in India. Through this programme, the identified GOAL participants will have access to 'Meta Business Coach', a WhatsApp-based learning bot, which will give the participants an opportunity to learn skills on how to build and expand their business using Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Meta + Tribal Affairs Ministry = collaborated to launch 2nd phase of "Going Online As Leaders (GOAL)" programme
- GOAL participants will have access to 'Meta Business Coach', a WhatsApp-based learning bot
- Tribal population constitutes about 8.6% of the total population in India
- HQs of Meta – California, US | CEO – Mark Zuckerberg | Founded in – 2004
- Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Arjun Munda | Constituency – Khunti, Jharkhand
- MoS in Ministry of Tribal Affairs: Renuka Singh Saruta & Bishweswar Tudu

36. In June 2022, Chennai-based drone startup Garuda Aerospace Pvt Ltd partnered with Malaysia-based HiiLSE Global Sdn Bhd (HiiLSE Drones) to set up a Drone Factory in Malaysia with an investment of Rs 115 Crore. Garuda Aerospace recently deployed "White Knight Delivery Drones" in Assam to support the state disaster management department's rescue efforts amid the ongoing floods. Moreover, in February 2022, PM Narendra Modi had launched 'Kisan Drone Yatra', a project by Garuda Aerospace that sent 100 drones to various locations in India to apply pesticides on farms. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Garuda Aerospace (Chennai) + HiiLSE Drones (Malaysia) = to set up a Drone Factory in Malaysia
- Garuda Aerospace – deployed "White Knight Delivery Drones" in Assam
- 'Kisan Drone Yatra' – an initiative of Garuda Aerospace

37. On June 29, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) signed an MoU to create a Collaborative Ecosystem for imparting skill development training in the Capital Goods Sector. The partnership is aimed at facilitating training in several engineering trades through Qualification Packs (QPs) developed by MHI related Sector Skill Councils under the "Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Capital Goods Sector Phase II". MHI, on its part, will provide grants to Sector Skill Councils (SSCs) for developing new industry-led National Skills Qualifications Framework (NSQF) Level 6 and QPs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MSDE + MHI = an MoU to create a Collaborative Ecosystem to impart skill development training in Capital Goods Sector
- 'Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Capital Goods Sector' – belongs to MHI
- Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Dharmendra Pradhan | Constituency – Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship: Rajeve Chandrasekhar
- Ministry of Heavy Industries: Mahendra Nath Pandey | Constituency – Chandauli, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Heavy Industries: Krishan Pal

38. On June 29, Maharashtra government's Energy Department signed an MoU with Adani Green Energy Group Ltd (AGEL) to generate 11,000 MW Green Power in the next 5 years. It would entail an investment of Rs 60,000 Cr and provide employment to 30,000 persons. The AGEL will set up 'Pumped Storage Projects (PSP)' under the agreement. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Maharashtra + Adani Green Energy (AGEL) = an MoU to generate 11,000 MW Green Power in next 5 years
- It would entail an investment of Rs 60,000 Cr
- AGEL – to set up 'Pumped Storage Projects (PSP)' under the agreement
- Maharashtra: CM – Uddhav Thackeray | Governor – Bhagat Singh Koshyari
- HQs of Adani Green Energy Ltd – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | MD & CEO – Vneet S. Jaain

39. On June 30, the UK government announced a partnership with leading businesses in India to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in the UK from September 2022, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Additionally, the British Council in India is offering around 18 scholarships for women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) covering over 12,000 courses across more than 150 UK universities. Along with these, the British Council is also offering 6 English scholarships. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- UK + India = partnership to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in UK from Sep 2022
- British Council in India is offering around 18 scholarships for women in STEM + 6 English scholarships
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson





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