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# National & States Affairs

**151.** On May 7, Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has reported a 20.2% rise in net profit at Rs 18,201 Cr for the quarter ended March 2022 as against Rs 14,995 Cr in the same period of last year. With this, RIL's gross revenue for the fiscal 2021-22 has crossed \$100 billion mark (Rs 7,92,756 Cr), the first Indian listed company to achieve the landmark. RIL's revenue in FY22 has increased 47%. Net profit for the full year was Rs 67,845 Cr (\$9 billion), higher by 26.2%. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- RIL – reported 20.2% rise in net profit for the quarter ended March 2022 against same period of last year
- RIL's gross revenue for the fiscal 2021-22 crossed \$100 billion
- Net profit for the full year was 9 billion higher by 26.2%
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Mukesh Ambani | Founded in – 1973

**152.** On May 5, Nexcharge inaugurated its new manufacturing plant at Prantij in Gujarat. Nexcharge is a joint venture between India's Exide Industries Limited and Switzerland-based Leclanche SA. The company's new state-of-the-art, fully automated manufacturing facility is spread across 6,10,098 sq. feet and is claimed to be the largest in India for the production of lithium-ion battery packs and modules. The company has invested more than Rs 250 Cr in this manufacturing unit. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Nexcharge – inaugurated India's largest manufacturing plant for lithium-ion battery packs in – Prantij, Gujarat
- Nexcharge – a JV of Exide Industries Ltd (India) + Leclanche SA (Switzerland)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

**153.** The IRCTC will run its first Bharat Gaurav Tourist train on June 21, 2022. This train will run on the Ramayana Circuit identified under Swadesh Darshan scheme covering prominent places associated with life of Lord Shri Rama, including the Ram Janaki temple in Janakpur located in Nepal. The proposed 18-day Bharat Gaurav Tourist train tour has its first stop at Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Rama. The train's 18-day journey will cover roughly a distance of around 8000 Kms. Bharat Gaurav Tourist Train is part of the Government of India's initiative Dekho Apna Desh. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- IRCTC – to run its 1<sup>st</sup> Bharat Gaurav Tourist train in June on Ramayana Circuit identified under Swadesh Darshan scheme
- It is part of the Government of India's initiative 'Dekho Apna Desh'
- Train's 18-day journey will cover a distance of around 8000 Kms
- HQs of IRCTC – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Rajni Hasija (addi. Charge)
- Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee | President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari | PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba

**154.** Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting Anurag Singh Thakur announced that the World's largest film restoration project under National Film Heritage Mission (NFHM) with a budget of Rs 363 Cr is awarded on May 4, 2022. Under National Film Heritage Mission, approximately 2,200 films will undergo restoration. [{Read more}](#)

## Key Points:

- Anurag Singh Thakur – announced World's largest film restoration project under 'National Film Heritage Mission'
- Budget – Rs 363 Cr



**155.** On May 5, on the sidelines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 'India-Nordic Summit' in Denmark's capital city Copenhagen, PM Narendra Modi gifted decoration objects that depict India's rich and diverse traditions. He gifted a silver Meenakari bird figure from Varanasi to Crown Princess of Denmark, Mary, a Rogan painting from Gujarat to Denmark's Queen Margrethe, a brass Tree of Life from Rajasthan to his Finland counterpart, Sanna Marin, a Dokra (Dhokra) boat from Chhattisgarh to the Crown Prince of Denmark, a Kashmiri Pashmina stole to the PM of Sweden, a wall hanging with Kutch embroidery to his counterpart from Denmark, a Dhaal with Koftgiri art from Rajasthan to PM of Norway Jonas Gahr Store. Tarkashi (Koftgiri) on metal is a traditional art of Rajasthan and is used as a means of decorating arms and armour. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- On the sidelines of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 'India-Nordic Summit' in Denmark, PM Narendra Modi gifted:
  - Silver Meenakari bird figure (Uttar Pradesh) – to the Crown Princess of Denmark
  - Rogan painting (Gujarat) – to the Queen of Denmark
  - Brass Tree of Life (Rajasthan) – to the PM of Finland
  - Dokra (Dhokra) boat (Chhattisgarh) – to the Crown Prince of Denmark
  - Kashmiri Pashmina stole (J & K) – to the PM of Sweden
  - Wall hanging with Kutch embroidery (Gujarat) – to the PM of Denmark
  - Dhaal with Koftgiri art (Rajasthan) – to the PM of Norway

**156.** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has formed an Advisory Committee for advising on Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) related matters pertaining to the securities markets. The committee will be chaired by Navneet Munot, the CEO of HDFC Asset Management Company. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SEBI formed an Advisory Committee for advising on ESG related matters pertaining to the securities markets
- The committee will be chaired by Navneet Munot (CEO of HDFC AMC)
- HQs of SEBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Madhabi Puri Buch | Established in – 1992

**157.** The Delhi Jal Board announced to provide free sewer connections to 25,000 households in Karawal Nagar and Mustafabad and installing 30 reverse osmosis (RO) plants in Jhuggi-Jhopri (JJ) clusters to provide clean drinking water to their residents. The utility has earmarked Rs 19 Cr under the 'Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojna'. It will prevent 2.5 Cr litres of sewage from directly falling into the Yamuna River. The Kejriwal government has also planned to create a lake in 100 acres of land at Iradatnagar which will be fed from treated water of this STP. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delhi – to provide free sewer connections to 25,000 households & 30 RO plants in Jhuggi-Jhopri
- Delhi – announced 'Mukhyamantri Muft Sewer Connection Yojna'
- Delhi: CM – Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor – Anil Baijal | Chief Secretary – Naresh Kumar

**158.** On May 5, Tata Motors has launched the all-new Ace EV, the electric version of its mini truck ACE. The new Ace EV, zero-emission, four-wheel small commercial vehicle (SCV), is a green and smart transport solution ready to serve a wide variety of intra-city applications. The Ace EV is the first product featuring Tata Motors' EVOGEN powertrain that offers a certified range of 154 kilometres. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Tata Motors – launched “Ace EV”, the electric version of its mini truck ACE
- Ace EV – the first product featuring Tata Motors’ EVOGEN powertrain
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, MH | Non-Executive Director & Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran

**159.** On May 9, Ministry of Home Affairs launched ‘CAPF Punarvaas’ through the Welfare and Rehabilitation Board (WARB), with an aim to facilitate retired Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and Assam Rifle personnel to secure employment with private security agencies. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Home Affairs – launched ‘CAPF Punarvaas’ to facilitate retired CAPF & Assam Rifle personnel
- Ministry of Home Affairs: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Home Affairs: Nityanand Rai, Ajay Kumar & Nisith Pramanik

**160.** Alstom delivered India’s first semi high-speed regional train for National Capital Region Transport Corporation’s (NCRTC) 82.5 km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Phase 1. The rollout ceremony was held at Alstom’s manufacturing unit at Savli in Gujarat. Designed and built to move passengers at 180 kmph, these trains are expected to reduce the travel time between Delhi and Meerut by 40%. Alstom SA is a French multinational rolling stock manufacturer operating worldwide in rail transport markets. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Alstom – delivered India’s 1<sup>st</sup> semi high-speed regional train for NCRTC 82.5 km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS Phase 1
- Rollout ceremony was held at Alstom’s manufacturing unit at Savli in Gujarat
- HQs of Alstom – Saint-Ouen, France

## **International Affairs**

**161.** As on May 2022, the UK now has an airport namely “Air-One” for flying taxis and drones, the first of its kind in the world. Air-One, made by startup Urban-Air Port in connection with Coventry City Council, is a fully functioning “vertiport”. Air-One is the first fully-operational “pop-up” vertiport. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UK – has the world’s first airport for flying taxis & drones, namely “Air-One”
- Built by = Urban-Air Port + Coventry City Council
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Boris Johnson

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

**162.** On May 7, Indian Bank has unveiled digital broking solution “E-Broking”. E-Broking, an instant and paper-less demat and trading account opening is integrated in the bank’s mobile banking app “IndOASIS”. The product was launched in association with the bank’s financial technology partner Fisdom. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Indian Bank – unveiled digital broking solution “E-Broking” for paper-less demat & trading account opening
- E-Broking – integrated in the bank’s mobile banking app “IndoASIS”
- HQs of Indian Bank – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Shanti Lal Jain | Tagline – “Your Own Bank”

**163.** On May 6, the RBI issued a No-Objection Certificate (NoC) with subject to proposal for voluntary merger of ESFB (Equitas Small Finance Bank) & its parent EHL (Equitas Holdings Ltd). The merger is being effected to comply with the RBI norms on small finance banks, mandating the promoter to reduce the stake in the subsidiary to 40% within 5 years of commencement of operations by the SFB. According to RBI’s guidelines, equity shares of SFBs should be listed on recognised stock exchange(s) within 3 years from the date the net worth of SFB reaches Rs 500 Cr. EHL held 74.59% stake in ESFB at end of March 2022. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- RBI – issued an NoC for voluntary merger of Equitas SFB & its parent Equitas Holdings Ltd
- EHL – held 74.59% stake in Equitas SFB at end of March 2022
- HQs of Equitas SFB – Chennai, Tamil Nadu | MD & CEO – Vasudevan Pathangi Narasimhan
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, MH | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25<sup>th</sup>) | Established in – 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1935
- Total Deputy Governors (4) – Mahesh Kumar Jain | T. Rabi Sankar | Michael D. Patra | M. Rajeshwar Rao

## Defence Affairs

**164.** The Indian Coast Guard Director General V. S. Pathania commissioned its second Air Squadron named “845 Squadron (CG)”, of Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III at an event held at Nedumbassery in Kochi, Kerala. The first ALH Mk-III squadron of the Coast Guard is in Bhubaneswar. The 845 Sqn (CG) is commanded by Commandant Kunal Naik. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- V. S. Pathania – commissioned its 2<sup>nd</sup> Air Squadron named “845 Squadron (CG)” of ALH Mk-III – in Kochi, Kerala
- The 845 Sqn (CG) is commanded by – Commandant Kunal Naik
- The first ALH Mk-III squadron of the Coast Guard is in – Bhubaneswar
- HQs of ICG – New Delhi | DG – Virender Singh Pathania | Founded in – 1977

## Sports & Games

**165.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Khelo India University Games (KIUG) 2021, the biggest ever sporting events of India envisaged by the Prime Minister of India and hosted by JAIN University, concluded on May 3, 2022 in Bengaluru, Karnataka. JAIN University topped the medals tally by winning a total of 27 medals with 16 gold, 6 silver, and 5 bronze. A total of 20 sports were played in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of KIUG, in which indigenous sports like Yogasana and Mallakhamba were given prominence for the first time in the history of any sports event. The mascot of KIUG 2021 was ‘Veera’, an elephant, and the Logo featured the iconic Vidhana Soudha building, Legislative House in Bengaluru. [{Read more}](#)





**Key Points:**

- KIUG (2<sup>nd</sup> edition): hosted & Topped by – JAIN University | Total 20 sports were played | Mascot – ‘Veera’, an elephant
- Odisha hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> edition in 2020
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

**166.** The Asian Games 2022, which were scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, has been postponed until 2023 due to Covid-19 pandemic. India finished 8<sup>th</sup> on the medal table with a total of 69 medals at the ‘2018 Asian Games’ which were held in Jakarta and Palembang cities of Indonesia. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “Asian Games 2022” (scheduled to be held in Hangzhou, China in Sep) – postponed until 2023
- ‘2018 Asian Games’ – held in Jakarta & Palembang, Indonesia (India’s rank in medal tally 8<sup>th</sup> - with 69 medals)

**167.** On May 8, Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur launched the mascot “Dhakad” along with official logo and official jersey of the 4<sup>th</sup> “Khelo India Youth Games” at Panchkula, Haryana. Haryana will host the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Khelo India Youth Games from June 4 to June 13 at Panchkula and other cities. Five traditional games Gatka, Thang-ta, Yogasana, Kalaripayattu, and Mallakhamb will be included in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Anurag Thakur – launched the mascot “Dhakad”, official logo & official jersey of the 4<sup>th</sup> “Khelo India Youth Games”
- Haryana – to host the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Khelo India Youth Games at Panchkula & other cities
- 5 indigenous games – Yoga, Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta & Mallakhamb | Total games – 25
- Haryana: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Manohar Lal Khattar | Governor – Bandaru Dattatraya

**168.** In May 2022, Spanish Carlos Alcaraz won men’s singles title at the “Madrid Open 2022”, beating defending champion Alexander Zverev. Earlier, Tunisia’s Ons Jabeur clinched women’s singles title to become the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event. She defeated American Jessica Pegula. Moreover, the pair of Wesley Koolhof and Neal Skupski defeated Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah to win the men’s doubles tennis title at the Madrid Open. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Carlos Alcaraz ([Spain](#)) – won men’s single title at the “Madrid Open 2022” (defeating - Alexander Zverev)
- Ons Jabeur ([Tunisia](#)) – won women’s single title at the “Madrid Open 2022” (defeating - Jessica Pegula)
- Wesley Koolhof + Neal Skupski = won men’s doubles title at the “Madrid Open 2022”
- Ons Jabeur – became the first African player to win a WTA 1000 event

**169.** On May 9, Red Bull driver & Formula One world champion Max Verstappen won the inaugural “F1 Miami Grand Prix” held in May 2022. Max Verstappen defeated Charles Leclerc to win first Miami Grand Prix. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Max Verstappen ([Red Bull - Netherlands](#)) – won the inaugural “F1 Miami Grand Prix” (defeating - Charles Leclerc)



**170.** On May 5, Indian karateka Supriya Jatav won a Gold medal in 'mixed event' category and an individual bronze medal in the '55-61 kg Kumite' category at the "US Open Karate Championships" in Las Vegas, USA. Last year, she became the first senior Indian to win a gold medal in the individual Kumite category. And this year, she became the first Indian to win a Gold medal in the karate mixed event category. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "US Open Karate Championships" – held in Las Vegas
- Supriya Jatav – won a Gold medal in 'mixed event' category & a Bronze medal in 'Individual Kumite' category
- She became the first Indian to win a Gold medal in both categories

**171.** On May 8, Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh emerged champion in the 1<sup>st</sup> Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament held in Spain. It was a hat-trick of titles for him after he had recently won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open. He settled for a draw with Armenian GM Haik M Martirosyan in the final round to win the title with eight points. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022" chess tournament – held in Spain
- D. Gukesh – settled for a draw with Haik M. Martirosyan ([Armenia](#)) in the final round & won the Championship
- [Spain – Madrid – Euro](#) | [PM – Pedro Sanchez](#)

**172.** On May 5, Olympian Discus Thrower Kamalpreet Kaur was provisionally suspended by Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for testing positive for a banned substance. She was suspended for the presence/use of prohibited substance stanozolol in her sample. Kaur had made it to the Tokyo Olympics final, finishing sixth with a throw of 63.7m. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Kamalpreet Kaur ([Discus Thrower](#)) – provisionally suspended by AIU for testing positive for a banned substance

## Science & Technology

**173.** As part of its modernisation and network-centric warfare and communications programme, the Indian navy plans to acquire a dedicated earth imaging satellite - Geo Imaging Satellite-2 (GISAT-2), this fiscal. Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV)-F12 will be the launching vehicle. The Gisat-2, is among 21 planned procurements, including some long-term acquisitions as per information from the Ministry of Defence (MoD). The navy has been allotted Rs 45,250 Cr for modernisation under budget estimates for 2022-23. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Indian navy – to acquire 'GISAT-2', an Earth Imaging Satellite | it will be launched by – 'GSLV-F12'
- Indian navy – has been allotted Rs 45,250 Cr for modernisation under budget estimates for 2022-23
- [HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi](#) | [Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar](#) | [VC – S. N. Ghormade](#) | [Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950](#)
- [Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh](#) | [Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt](#)



**174.** A team led by scientists from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the US discovered a rare “Triple Black Widow” system - a pair of stars that rapidly circle each other before one is consumed by the other. It is located some 3,000 light-years away. The star system named “ZTF J1406+1222” has the shortest known orbit of any black widow binary i.e. 62 minutes. The system derives its name from the “black widow” spiders. The study used HiPERCAM, a high-speed camera developed by researchers at the University of Sheffield. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Scientists from MIT (US) – discovered a rare “Triple Black Widow” system - a pair of stars named “ZTF J1406+1222”
- The system derives its name from the “black widow” spiders

**175.** In May 2022, Scientists from the Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology & Natural History (SACON) in Coimbatore carried out a survey of slender loris populations in Tamil Nadu’s Dindigul forest division. The gray slender loris (*Loris lydekkerianus*) belongs to the family Loridae. It is a species of primate. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- SACON (Coimbatore) – carried out a survey of slender loris populations in Tamil Nadu’s Dindigul forest division
- The gray slender loris – belongs to the family Loridae (species of primate)
- HQs of IIFL Finance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Nirmal Jain | MD – Venkataraman Rajamani

**176.** Paleontologists in Argentina have discovered the fossil of the largest dinosaur from the Raptor family, the Megaraptor named ‘Maip macrothorax’. This raptor measured 33 feet long and weighed over 5 tons. The fossil of the megaraptor were uncovered in El Calafate, a city in Argentina. Maip 's name was chosen by Aranciaga Rolando. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Paleontologists – discovered the fossil of the largest dinosaur from the Raptor family the Megaraptor named ‘Maip macrothorax’ from – Argentina
- Argentina – Buenos Aires – Peso | President – Alberto Fernandez

## **Appointments & Resignations**

**177.** On May 7, City Union Bank Ltd announced that RBI has approved the appointment of M Narayanan as the part-time Chairman of the Bank for two years with effect from May 4, 2022. Narayanan was inducted into the Board on May 3, 2016, as an Independent Director. Narayanan will succeed R Mohan. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- M. Narayanan – appointed as the part-time Chairman of City Union Bank for two years (Succeeding - R. Mohan)
- HQs of CUB – Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu | CEO – Dr. N. Kamakodi

**178.** On May 5, Google appointed Archana Gulati as a new Public Policy Head in India. Archana has worked as a joint secretary for digital communications at NITI Aayog. Before that, between 2014 and 2016, she worked as a senior official at India’s antitrust body, the Competition Commission of India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Archana Gulati – appointed as Google’s new Public Policy Head in India
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998



**179.** On May 8, the former World Bank economist Rodrigo Chaves sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica, promising to fight corruption and revive the economy. He is associated with the Social Democratic Progress Party (SDPP). He succeeded former President Jose Maria Figueres. San Jose is the capital of the country, while Costa Rican Colon (CRC) is its official currency. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rodrigo Chaves – sworn in as the new President of Costa Rica
- [Costa Rica – San Jose – Costa Rican colon](#) | [President – Rodrigo Chaves](#)

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

**180.** Gurusamy Krishnamoorthy, Madurai native and CEO of Penlon (a British medical device manufacturing firm), is set to receive the “Member of the Royal Order of British Empire (Civil Division) Award 2022” from the Queen Elizabeth II for his service during pandemic. He led the consortium that delivered 11,700 ventilators to the U.K. government in 12 weeks. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gurusamy Krishnamoorthy – to receive the “Member of the Royal Order of British Empire (Civil Division) Award 2022”
- [UK – London – Pound Sterling](#) | [PM – Boris Johnson](#)

## **Schemes & Initiatives**

**181.** 7<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of three social security (Jan Suraksha) schemes, Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY), Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) were observed on May 9, 2022. PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY were launched by PM Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015 from Kolkata, West Bengal. The PMJJBY and PMSBY provide access to low cost life/accidental insurance cover to the people, while the APY provides an opportunity for saving in the present for getting a regular pension in old age. Age criteria is 18-50 years for PMJJBY, 18-70 years for PMSBY & 18-40 years for APY. While the benefit under PMJJBY is a life cover of Rs 2 Lakh, accidental death cum disability cover of Rs 2 lakh under PMSBY & the guaranteed minimum monthly pension of Rs 1000 or Rs 2000 or Rs 3000 or Rs 4000 or Rs 5000 at the age of 60 years under APY. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- May 9 – marked the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of three social security (Jan Suraksha) schemes: PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY
- PMJJBY: Age criteria – 18-50 years, Benefit – Life cover of Rs 2 Lakh
- PMSBY: Age criteria – 18-70 years, Benefit – Accidental death cum disability cover of Rs 2 lakh
- APY: Age criteria – 18-40 years, Benefit – Guaranteed minimum monthly pension at the age of 60 (from 1000 to 5000)
- PMJJBY, PMSBY & APY were launched by PM Narendra Modi on May 9, 2015 from Kolkata



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## Important Days & Dates

**182.** The 161<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore was observed on May 7, 2022. Rabindranath Tagore, India's first Nobel Prize winner, was born in Kolkata on May 7, 1861. He was a poet, writer, playwright, composer, philosopher, social reformer and painter. Tagore was known as the Bard of Bengal and Gurudev. In 1913, Tagore became the first non-European to win a Nobel Prize in Literature. The Bengali poet was awarded a 'Knighthood' by King George V in 1915, however, he repudiated it after the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 7 – 161<sup>st</sup> birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore (a Bengali poet) | India's first Nobel Prize winner (1913)
- Tagore – the first non-European to win a Nobel Prize in Literature

**183.** The two-day global observance called the "United Nations (UN)'s Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War" was marked on May 8 and 9, 2022 to pay tribute to the victims of World War-II. The 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2 was marked in 2022. VE Day (Victory in Europe) is celebrated every 8 May and May 8, 1945 is the day on which Allied forces formally announced the surrender of Germany, which brought the Second World War to an End in Europe. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- "UN's Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War" – marked on May 8 & 9, 2022
- 2022 marked the 77<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of WW2
- May 8 – VE (Victory in Europe) Day

**184.** Every year World Thalassaemia Day is observed on May 8. The day creates awareness to honour the struggle of patients suffering from the disease. The day was announced by Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) on May 8, 1994. In 2022, the theme is "Be Aware. Share. Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassaemia knowledge". [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 8 – World Thalassaemia Day (since 1994)
- 2022's Theme – "Be Aware. Share. Care: Working with the global community as one to improve thalassaemia knowledge"

**185.** World Red Cross Day also known as Red Crescent Day is celebrated on May 8 every year. This date marks the birth anniversary of Henry Dunant, who is the founder of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He is also the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. The theme of World Red Cross Day 2022 is 'BeHumanKind'. The day was first celebrated on May 8, 1948. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- May 8 – World Red Cross Day or Red Crescent Day (since 1948) | Birth anniversary of – Henry Dunant
- 2022's Theme – "BeHumanKind"

**186.** On May 7, 2022, the 63<sup>rd</sup> Raising Day of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) was celebrated. The capital budget of BRO was recently increased by 40% to Rs 3,500 Cr in Financial Year 2022-23. BRO is a leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with a primary role of providing road connectivity in the border areas. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- May 7 – 63<sup>rd</sup> raising day of BRO
- Capital budget of BRO was recently increased by 40% to Rs 3,500 Cr in Financial Year 2022-23
- HQs of BRO – New Delhi | Director General – Major Gen Rajeev Chaudhary | Founded on – May 7, 1960

## Books & Authors

**187.** The Bengali translation of French novel “Meursault, contre-enquete” (The Meursault Investigation) has won the 5<sup>th</sup> Romain Rolland Book Prize during the French LitFest 2022. The award was given to translator Trinanjan Chakraborty and publisher Patra Bharati. The Meursault Investigation is a debut novel of Algerian writer and journalist Kamel Daoud. Romain Rolland Book Prize, started in 2017, aims at awarding the best translation of a French title into any Indian language, including English. The French LitFest 2022 was part of the ongoing ‘Bonjour India’, an art and culture summer festival which celebrates the relationship India and France share. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Bengali translation of French novel “Meursault, contre-enquete” – won the 5<sup>th</sup> Romain Rolland Book Prize
- The award was given to = Trinanjan Chakraborty (translator) + Patra Bharati (publisher)



## Obituaries

**188.** On May 8, Eminent Odia litterateur Rajat Kumar Kar, a Padma Shri awardee, died in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He was 88 years old. He was conferred with Padma Shri in 2021 for Literature & Education. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Rajat Kumar Kar – Eminent Odia litterateur – passed away (Padma Shri award in 2021)

## Meetings, Conferences and Summits

**189.** On May 6, Plastindia Foundation announced PLASTINDIA 2023, the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of international plastics exhibition, conference & convention, to be held from February 1 to 5, 2023, at the newly built State of the Art International Exhibition Centre at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. PLASTINDIA 2023 will focus on innovation, sustainability, and growth, facilitating modern techniques that will help to maintain a cleaner environment and lead to sustainable economic growth. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Plastindia Foundation – announced 11<sup>th</sup> ‘PLASTINDIA 2023’ to be held in New Delhi (from Feb 1-5, 2023)

**190.** On May 6, PM Narendra Modi addressed the inaugural session of Jain International Trade Organisation’s “JITO Connect 2022” via video conferencing. During the session, PM Modi gave a new dimension to the term “Earth”. He further highlighted the benefits of transparent ‘faceless’ tax assessment, one nation-one tax, productivity linked incentive schemes. The theme of the summit was “Together Towards Tomorrow”. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Narendra Modi – addressed the inaugural session of “JITO Connect 2022”
- During the session, PM Modi gave a new dimension to the term “Earth”
- Theme of the summit – “Together Towards Tomorrow”
- [Location of JITO – Mumbai, Maharashtra](#)

**191.** On May 4, Ministry of Textiles organised a “National Conference on PM Mega Integrated Textile Regions and Apparel Park (PM MITRA) Parks Scheme”. The conference was inaugurated by U. P Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles. The Conference provided a platform for making presentation by officials from 13 State Governments. PM MITRA Park will offer the opportunity to create an Integrated Textiles Value Chain right from spinning, weaving, processing/dyeing and printing to garment manufacturing etc. at one location and will reduce logistics cost of Industry. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Ministry of Textiles – organised a “National Conference on PM MITRA Parks Scheme”
- [Ministry of Textiles: Piyush Goyal](#) | [Constituency – Maharashtra](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Textiles: Darshana Vikram Jardosh](#)

**192.** Union Minister for MSMEs Narayan Rane inaugurated “Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022” in Tamil Nadu. Tamil Nadu is one of the leading hubs for the coir industry. Coir is also called Coconut fibre. The government planned to do more for the coir cluster in the State. The coir industry provided employment to more than 7 lakh people in the rural areas of the coconut growing States. Almost 80% of these artisans were women. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Narayan Rane – inaugurated “Enterprise India National Coir Conclave 2022” in Tamil Nadu
- [Tamil Nadu: Capital – Chennai](#) | [CM – Muthuvel Karunanidhi Stalin](#) | [Governor – Ravindra Narayan Ravi](#)
- [HQs of Coir Board – New Delhi](#) | [Chairman – D. Kuppuramu](#)

## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**193.** On May 6, the National Statistical Office (NSO) released the 13<sup>th</sup> Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS). Unemployment Rate (UR) in urban areas for persons of age 15 years and above decreased to 8.7% in October-December (Q3) 2021 from 10.3% in Q3 2020. During Q3 2021, the UR among females was 10.5% and among males, the UR was 8.3%. Moreover, the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) in CWS (Current Weekly Status) was 43.2% in Q3 2021. While the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in CWS was 47.3% in Q3-2021. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

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- UR in urban areas for persons of age 15 years & above decreased to 8.7% in Q3 2021 from 10.3% in Q3 2020
- UR among females – 10.5% | UR among males – 8.3%
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- Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) in CWS was 47.3% in Q3-2021
- [HQs of NSO – New Delhi](#) | [Chairperson – Bimal Kumar Roy](#)





**194.** As on May 2022, Rajasthan became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations, as per Mercom's "India Solar Project Tracker". The state has a total of 32.5 GW of installed power capacity, with renewables contributing 55%, followed by thermal energy at 43%, and nuclear energy making up for the remaining 2%. According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, Rajasthan has over 16 GW of solar projects under development. Moreover, THDC India recently signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to build 10 GW solar power projects through a 74:36 joint venture with Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited, entailing an investment of Rs 100 billion. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "India Solar Project Tracker" – by Mercom
- Rajasthan – became the first state in India to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations
- Rajasthan has a total of 32.5 GW of installed Power Capacity (RE - 55%)
- THDC India + Rajasthan = an LoI to build 10 GW solar power projects with an investment of Rs 100 billion (74:36 JV)
- Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra

**195.** The "2022 Global Gas Flaring Tracker", a leading global and independent indicator of gas flaring, produced by the World Bank's Global Gas Flaring Reduction Partnership (GGFR) finds that the top 10 flaring countries accounted for 75% of all gas flared. The report finds that reductions in both absolute flare volumes and flaring intensity have stalled in the last decade. In 2021, 144 billion cubic meters of gas was needlessly burnt in flares at upstream oil and gas facilities across the globe. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "2022 Global Gas Flaring Tracker" – produced by World Bank
- Top 10 flaring countries accounts for 75% of all gas flared
- 144 billion cubic meters of gas was needlessly burnt in flares across the globe in 2021
- HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant

**196.** Delimitation Commission for J&K UT, headed by Chairperson Justice (Retd.) Ranjana Prakash Desai, set up by the Centre submitted its final report for the delimitation of Assembly and parliamentary constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir. Delimitation became necessary when the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 increased the number of seats in the Assembly to 90 seats, besides the 24 reserved for PoK. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Delimitation Commission for J&K – submitted its final report for the delimitation of Assembly and parliamentary constituencies in J & K
- The commission is headed by – Chairperson Justice (Retd) Ranjana Prakash Desai
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**197.** Air Works Group, an Indian maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) company, partnered with the Boeing India to undertake heavy maintenance checks on three Indian Navy P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircrafts simultaneously at Hosur, Tamil Nadu. Established in 1951, Air Works Group is India's biggest independent MRO with a pan-Indian presence across 27 cities. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Air Works Group + Boeing India = partnered to undertake heavy maintenance checks on 3 Indian Navy 'P-8I' long-range maritime patrol aircrafts
- Air Works Group – India's biggest independent MRO
- HQs of Boeing – Chicago, US | CEO – Dave Calhoun | Founded in – 1916

**198.** Ministry of Home Affairs and Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) signed an MoU to undertake the Solar Rooftop Photovoltaic (PV) power plants in the campuses of the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and National Security Guard (NSG). The MoU will support MHA in implementing rooftop solar plants under RESCO model. SECI is also the designated implementing agency for many Government Renewable Energy schemes like - VGF schemes, ISTS schemes, CPSU schemes etc. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- MHA + SECI = an MoU to undertake Solar Rooftop PV power plants in the campuses of CAPF & NSG under RESCO model
- Ministry of External Affairs: S. Jaishankar | Constituency – Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of External Affairs: Rajkumar Ranjan Singh, V. Muraleedharan & Meenakshi Lekhi
- HQs of SECI – New Delhi | Chairman – Jatindra Nath Swain | MD – Suman Sharma | Founded on – Sep 9, 2011

**199.** On May 7, Railway Protection Force (RPF) signed an MoU with Association for Voluntary Action (AVA) to work on the project to end human trafficking through railways in India. The AVA, which is also known by the name Bachpan Bachao Andolan, is associated with Nobel laureate Kailash Satyarthi's Children Foundation. More than 50,000 children have been rescued by the RPF under "Operation Nanhe Frishte" from across India since 2018 working with different stakeholders. RPF has recently also launched a nationwide drive against trafficking, called "Operation AAHT (Action against Human Trafficking)" to take stringent action against human trafficking through rail. Besides all this, the RPF has also set up Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at more than 740 locations across India. The Indian Railway is the primary transporter for the nation and therefore is a major route for human traffickers. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- RPF + AVA = an MoU to work on the project to end human trafficking through railways in India
- AVA – also known as 'Bachpan Bachao Andolan' which is associated with Kailash Satyarthi's Children Foundation
- RPF – launched a nationwide drive against trafficking called "Operation AAHT (Action against Human Trafficking)"
- RPF – set up Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at more than 740 locations across India
- HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India | Director General – Sanjay Chander
- Ministry of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnav | Constituency – Odisha
- MoS in Ministry of Railways: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao & Darshana Vikram Jardosh



**200.** On May 5, Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah, on the first day of his two-day visit to West Bengal, inaugurated the Narmada, Sutlej and Cauvery Floating Border Outposts (BOP) on the Indo-Bangladesh border to protect inaccessible areas of Sundarbans. Amit Shah flagged off the Floating Boat Ambulance, laid the foundation stone of Maitri Sangrahalaya and addressed the 'Seema Prahari Sammelan' at Haridaspur BOP on the Indo-Bangladesh Border. Three floating BOPs Sutlej, Kaveri and Narmada have been built by Kochi Shipyard Ltd. The cost of each BOP is Rs 38 Cr. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Amit Shah – inaugurated the Narmada, Sutlej & Cauvery Floating Border Outposts (BOP) on Indo-Bangladesh border
- Three floating BOPs built by – Kochi Shipyard Ltd (Cost – Rs 38 Cr)





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