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National & States Affairs

51. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) posted the proceedings of its Q2 FY 2022-23 earnings call on the metaverse. This is the first time in the history of corporate India that a company has used metaverse to engage with its stakeholders. The RIL metaverse was produced in partnership with GMetri, a no-code metaverse creation platform. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Reliance Industries the first Indian company to post the proceedings of its Q2 FY 2022-23 earnings call on 'metaverse'
- RIL metaverse was produced in partnership with GMetri
- HQs of Reliance Industries Ltd Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman Mukesh Ambani | Founded in 1973

52. On November 3, Karnataka government directed to the schools and pre university colleges in the state to mandatorily ensure 10 minutes meditation session for students. The step is taken to increase concentration, health, and good thoughts. It will also help students to beat stress and acquire knowledge freely in schools and pre-university colleges. {Read more} Key Points:

- Karnataka directed to the schools & pre university colleges to ensure 10 minutes meditation session for students
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM Basavaraj Bommai | Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot

53. The 369 feet (112m) tall Shiva statue named 'Vishwas Swaroopam' (Statue of Belief) was unveiled at Nathdwara in Rajasthan's Rajsamand district. It is claimed to be the tallest Shiva statue in the world. Ramkatha Vachak Morari Bapu unveiled the monument with Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. The statue is visible from 20 kilometres away. It took 10 years to build this grand statue. {Read more}

- 'Vishwas Swaroopam' (Statue of Belief), a 369 feet (112m) tall Shiva statue unveiled at Nathdwara, Rajasthan
- It took 10 years to build this grand statue
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra

54. On November 4, President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a permanent North-East Campus of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) at Aizawl, Mizoram. The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, is a premiere Institute of Journalism in India. With the main Campus in New Delhi, IIMC has five regional campuses at Dhenkanal in Odisha, Aizawl in Mizoram, Jammu in J&K, Kottayam in Kerala and Amravati in Maharashtra. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Droupadi Murmu inaugurated a permanent North-East Campus of Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) at Aizawl, Mizoram
- IIMC (New Delhi) an autonomous body under the Ministry of I&B
- Mizoram: Capital Aizawl | CM Zoramthanga | Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati

55. On November 1, PM Narendra Modi declared Mangarh Dham a National Monument and attended a public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' at Mangarh Hill, Banswara, Rajasthan, to pay homage to the sacrifices of the unsung tribal heroes and martyrs of the freedom struggle. Mangarh Hill holds special importance for the Bhil community and other tribes of Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Madhya Pradesh. {Read more}



Key Points:

- Narendra Modi attended a public programme 'Mangarh Dham ki Gaurav Gatha' at Mangarh Hill in Rajasthan
- Mangarh Hill holds special importance for the Bhil community | 'Mangarh Dham', a National Monument in Rajasthan
- Rajasthan: Capital Jaipur | CM Ashok Gehlot | Governor Kalraj Mishra

56. Gujarat government presented a proposal to constitute a committee to evaluate all aspects of implementing the Uniform Civil Code (UCC), similar to the move by Uttarakhand, another BJP-ruled State. The committee will be headed by a retired High Court judge and will have 3 or 4 members. Both Ministers asserted that the proposed UCC would not violate the fundamental rights guaranteed under the Constitution. They held that the Hindu Marriage Act and Muslim personal laws would be covered under the UCC as these laws were not part of the Constitution. Uniform Civil Code (UCC) means that all people irrespective of the region or religion they belong to will be under one set of civil laws. The provision of Uniform Civil Code for all citizens is enacted in 'Article 44' of Part IV of the Indian Constitution. The part contains Directive Principles of State Policy (DPSPs). {Read more}

Key Points:

- Gujarat Govt formed a committee to study all aspects of Uniform Civil Code (UCC)
- The provision of UCC for all citizens is enacted in 'Article 44' of the Constitution
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Bhupendra Patel | Governor Acharya Dev Vrat

57. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath inaugurated north India's first hyperscale data center 'Yotta D1' built at a cost of Rs 5,000 Cr at the upcoming Data Centre Park in Greater Noida. MoUs worth Rs 39,000 Cr were also signed between the UP government and Hiranandani Group to be spent on projects in the next five years. The data center will increase data storage capacity of the country, which until now stood at 2% only despite the fact that 1.5 billion mobile phone and 650 million internet users in the world are from India using 20% of data. This data center park, by Hiranandani Group, will have a total of six data centers. The seven-storey Yotta D-1 is the first part of this episode and it will be the first pillar of North India's 5G revolution. According to an estimate, India's data analytics industry is estimated to reach more than \$16 billion by the year 2025. Data Center Policy was notified in 2021. Under the policy, the work of setting up of 4 Data Center Parks by various investors is currently under process. {Read more}

Key Points:

- 'Yotta D1', North India's first hyperscale data center inaugurated in Greater Noida, UP
- Yotta D1 will be the first pillar of North India's 5G revolution & is set up by Hiranandani Group
- UP + Hiranandani Group = signed MoUs worth 39,000 Cr to be spent on projects in the next five years
- Data Center Policy was notified in 2021 under which 4 Data Center Parks are being set up
- UP: Capital Lucknow | CM Yogi Adityanath | Governor Anandiben Patel

58. In November 2022, PM Narendra Modi inaugurated Arunachal Pradesh's first greenfield airport, Donyi Polo Airport, in Itanagar. This is Arunachal's third airport after Tezu and Passighat and the 16th airport for the northeast. He also dedicated to the nation the 600 MW Kameng hydro power station in Itanagar. Built at a cost of Rs 645 crore, this airport can handle 300 passengers during peak hours and is equipped for all weather operations. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi inaugurated Arunachal Pradesh's first greenfield airport, Donyi Polo Airport, in Itanagar
- It is Arunachal's 3rd airport & the 16th airport for the Northeast
- Arunachal Pradesh: Capital Itanagar | CM Pema Khandu | Governor B. D. Mishra



59. A biopic of life of Dr Vijay Sankeshwar, the owner of largest fleet of commercial vehicles, is all set to release. The film is titled Vijayanand and is directed by Rishika Sharma. Vijay Sankeshwar owns VRL Group of companies, Vijaya Vani newspaper in Kanada language and a news channel called Dighvijaya 24x7. Vijay Sankeshwar was awarded Padma Shri by the government of India in year 2020. Renowned Composer Gopi Sundar, has composed music for Vijayanand. The film will be starring Nihal R, Bharath Bopanna, Anant Nag, Ravi Chandran, Prakash Belawadi, Siri Prahalad, Vinaya Prasad, Archana Kottige, Anish Kuruvilla and Bharath Bopanna among others. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- 'Vijayanand', a biopic on the life of Padma Shri Dr Vijay Sankeshwar to be released soon
- The film is directed by Rishika Sharma
- Vijay Sankeshwar owns VRL Group of companies, Vijaya Vani newspaper (Kanada) & Dighvijaya 24x7 news channel

60. On November 4, Gujarat's Vadodara (aka Baroda) became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond with assistance from the US Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance. The bond will provide funds for infrastructure projects in Vadodara. The bond was oversubscribed by 10 times (₹1007 Crore in bids received from 33 bidders) and was priced at a low yield of just 7.15%. Pune was the first city to issue such a bond in 2017. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Vadodara became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond with assistance from the US Treasury Department
- Pune was the first city to issue such a bond in 2017
- Gujarat: Capital Gandhinagar | CM Bhupendra Patel | Governor Acharya Dev Vrat

61. On November 1, The Airport Authority of India (AAI) issued an Aeronautical Information Publication Supplement (AIP) stating the change of Mangalore city and airport with effect from December 1. The name of city 'Mangalore' is changed to 'Mangaluru' and name of the airport 'Mangalore' Airport is changed to 'Mangaluru International Airport, Mangaluru'. AIP is the basic aviation document intended primarily to satisfy international requirements for the exchange of permanent aeronautical information and long duration temporary changes essential for air navigation. The AAI handed over the airport in October 2020 to Adani Group to operate, manage and develop for 50 years. {Read more}

- AAI changed the name of the of city & airport from Mangalore to Mangaluru with effect from December 1
- AAI handed over the airport in October 2020 to Adani Group to operate, manage & develop for 50 years
- HQs of AAI New Delhi | Chairman Sanjeev Kumar

International Affairs

62. On November 1, Ghana's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Harold Adlai Agyeman, reiterated Ghana's commitment to ensuring global peace and security as the country assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the month of November 2022. He made these remarks when he addressed the Press Corps of the United Nations (UN) in New York. India will assume the Presidency of the UNSC in December, 2022. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Ghana assumed the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for November 2022
- India to assume the Presidency of the UNSC in December, 2022
- HQs of UNSC New York, US | Presidency in November Ghana (October Gabon | December India)



Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

63. On November 1, Zaggle partnered with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to issue contactless credit cards on Rupay network. Zaggle is a B2B SaaS FinTech company digitizing spends to drive growth and unlock value through automated and innovative workflows. Under this partnership, Zaggle would be involved in enhancing the user journey via digitized onboarding and instant issuance. Other features including In-App customer experience, spend insights, credit score, etc, will also be incorporated. Customers are likely to get a string of offers including cashback points, accelerated reward points, air miles, etc. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Zaggle + NPCI = partnered to issue contactless credit cards
- HQs of NPCI Mumbai | Chairman Biswamohan Mahapatra | MD & CEO Dilip Asbe | Established in 2008
- HQs of RuPay New Delhi | Launched by NPCI in 2012 | Tagline "One Life. One RuPay."

64. On November 4, in a bid to ease the process of filing an income tax return (ITR), the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has issued a draft proposal to introduce a common ITR form for most taxpayers. The CBDT has proposed to merge all the existing ITR forms except ITR 7 (applicable to charitable trusts). However, the current ITR 1 (applicable to Salaried individuals) and ITR 4 (applicable to Presumptive tax regime) will continue and will be optional with the proposed common ITR form. {Read more}

Key Points:

- CBDT issued a draft proposal to introduce a 'Common ITR Form' for most taxpayers
- CBDT proposed to merge all the existing ITR forms except 'ITR 7' (applicable to charitable trusts)
- ITR 1 (Salaried individuals) & ITR 4 (Presumptive tax regime) will continue & will be optional
- HQs of CBDT New Delhi | Chairman Nitin Gupta | Formed in 1944

65. On November 1, South Indian Bank launched foreign outward remittance service through mobile banking. Non-resident external (NRE) and resident savings bank account holders can make foreign outward remittance through the bank's 'SIB Mirror+' mobile banking application. The service is also available on its Internet banking platform 'SIBERNET'. The feature allows outward remittance 24x7 in dollars, and in other currencies during market hours. Per day limit for resident customer is \$10,000 and in a FY \$25,000; for NRIs the daily limit is \$25,000 and FY limit is \$100,000, within the Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) limit. {Read more}

Key Points:

- South Indian Bank launched foreign outward remittance service through 'mirror+' mobile banking application
- The service is also available on its Internet banking platform 'SIBERNET'
- HQs of South Indian Bank Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO Murali Ramakrishnan

Defence Affair

66. Ministry of Defence has approved a new research centre at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT Roorkee) for technological upgradation and self-reliance in the defence sector. The facility will be known as 'DRDO Industry Academia-Centre of Excellence' (DIA-CoE). {Read more}



Key Points:

- Ministry of Defence approved a new research centre at IIT Roorkee for technological upgradation & self-reliance
- Director of IIT Roorkee Ajit K. Chaturvedi

67. On November 3, Indian Army has obtained the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for its new combat uniform and is also training civil and military tailors for stitching as per the specified design. The process for registration of the new camouflage pattern and design to establish ownership has been completed by the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademark, Kolkata. The new Digital Pattern Combat Uniform for the Indian Army soldiers was unveiled this Army Day on January 15, 2022. Workshops to train civil and military tailors are organised in coordination with instructors from the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) in Delhi. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Indian Army obtained the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for its new combat uniform
- Workshops to train civil and military tailors are organised in coordination with NIFT
- HQs of Indian Army New Delhi | Chief Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

68. On November 4, Indian Army approved Project Sanction Orders (PSOs) of 5 'Make II' projects to provide impetus to "Make Projects" as the prime drivers of infusion of niche technologies through indigenous development. Make II projects are essentially Industry funded projects involving design, development and innovative solutions by Indian vendors for development of prototypes. The 5 projects include - High Frequency Man Packed Software Designed Radio (HFSDR), Drone Kill System, Infantry Training Weapon Simulator (IWTS), 155mm Terminally Guided Munitions (TGM) & Medium Range Precision Kill System (MRPKS). Indian Army is already progressing 43 ongoing projects under the Make II procedure of Capital Acquisition. {Read more}

Key Points:

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- Indian Army is already progressing 43 ongoing projects under the Make II procedure of Capital Acquisition
- HQs of Indian Army New Delhi | Chief Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raju

69. To empower over 10 million youth and aligning with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to make India the drone superpower, Delhi-based IG Drones developed India's first indigenous Drone Simulator. IG Drones launched it at Defence Expo 2022. This drone simulator will help pilots avoid the frustration of a damaged drone while providing the most realistically simulated flying experience using technologically advanced software. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- IG Drones developed India's first indigenous Drone Simulator
- HQs of IG Drones New Delhi | CEO Bodhisattwa Sanghapriya



Sports & Games

70. Indian shooters ended their "ISSF World Championship 2022" campaign in Cairo, Egypt with the best-ever record of 38 medals, placing them second in the medal tally behind China. Esha Singh emerged as the most successful Indian shooter with three gold and one silver medal. India also bagged three 2024 Paris Olympic quotas while they had won two Tokyo Games quota places from the Changwon worlds. Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil won a quota in the men's 10m air rifle competition, Swapnil Kusale won a quota in the men's 50m rifle 3 positions, and Bhowneesh Mendiratta won a quota in the men's trap in Osijek. {Read more}

Key Points:

- India ranked 2nd at the "ISSF World Championship 2022" in Cairo, Egypt | Top China
- Esha Singh emerged as the most successful Indian shooter at the Championship (3 Gold + 1 Silver)
- 2024 Paris Olympic quotas won by Rudrankksh Balasaheb Patil, Swapnil Kusale & Bhowneesh Mendiratta
- HQs of ISSF Munich, Germany | President Vladimir Lisin

71. On November 1, Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan launched the digital resurvey of land across Kerala as part of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government's policy of 'Land for all, Document for all and Smart Delivery of Services'. When a survey was conducted as part of the 'LIFE Housing Project', 3.41 lakh landless people were identified. The digital resurvey would be completed in 1,550 out of a total of 1,666 villages in the State in the next 4 years. All the land-related services of the Survey, Revenue and Registration departments would be available for the public through 'Ente Bhoomi', an online single window portal. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Kerala launched the digital resurvey of land as part of LDF government's policy of 'Land for all, Document for all and Smart Delivery of Services'
- 'LIFE Housing Project' & 'Ente Bhoomi' portal belongs to Kerala estion Bank
- Kerala: Capital Thiruvananthapuram | CM Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor Arif Mohammad Khan

72. Indian Badminton player Sankar Subramanian Muthusamy lost to Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan Lin in the men's U19 Singles at the "BWF World Junior Championships 2022" held in Santander, Spain. Sankar Muthusamy is the second Indian to win Silver in Boys' Singles at the BWF World Juniors, after Siril Varma in 2015. Overall, he became only the 4th Indian to win a Silver medal in the competition. Aparna Popat (1996), Saina Nehwal (2006) and Siril Verma (2015) are the other Silver medallists from India with Saina bagging the only World Junior Crown for India in 2008. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Sankar Muthusamy won Silver medal in Men's U19 Singles at the "BWF World Junior Championships 2022" in Spain
- Gold Kuo Kuan Lin (China) | Sankar is the 2nd Indian male & overall 4th Indian to win Silver medal in this competition



Science & Technology

73. "Francy's Reedtail" (Protosticta francyi), a new species of damselfly, was discovered in the Kanichar grama panchayat of Kannur district that formed a part of the Brahmagiri Hills of Coorg landscape, in Kerala. The discovery has been named after Francy K. Kakkassery, a retired Professor of Zoology of St. Thomas College, Thrissur, and a pioneer in odonate studies in the State, for his contributions to odonate conservation and popularising the subject. The discovery was published in the journal Entomon. Francy's Reedtail is the third Protosticta species to be described by TORG researchers. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- "Francy's Reedtail" (Protosticta francyi), a new species of damselfly discovered in Kannur, Kerala
- The discovery has been named after Francy K. Kakkassery (a retired Professor of Zoology of St. Thomas College)

74. China launched its third lab module called "Mengtian" (Dreaming of the Heavens) for its space station that is currently under construction. It was launched by 'Long March-5B Y4', one of China's biggest rockets from Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on the coast of the southern island province of Hainan. Also, the Mengtian will carry the world's first space-based set of cold atomic clocks consisting of a hydrogen clock, a rubidium clock and an optical clock. 'Wentian' lab, second lab module, which was sent earlier focused more on biological and space life sciences. While 'Tianhe' was the first or main lab module. Once ready, China will be the only country to own a space station. China Space Station (CSS) is also expected to be a competitor to the International Space Station (ISS) built by Russia. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- China launched its 3rd lab module "Mengtian" by 'Long March-5B Y4' for its space station that is under construction
- 1st lab module Tianhe | 2nd lab module Wentian (Quest for the Heavens)
- China Beijing Renminbi | President Xi Jinping

75. The flight acceptance hot test of 'CE-20' engine has been carried out in the High-Altitude Test facility of ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC) at Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu. The engine is assigned for the 'LVM3-M3' mission identified for launching the next 36 OneWeb India-1 satellites. These satellites of OneWeb are expected to be launched by the NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the ISRO's commercial arm, aboard LVM3 in 2023. LVM3, ISRO's heaviest rocket, is capable of launching a four-ton class of satellite to Geosynchronous Transfer orbit. {Read more}

Key Points:

- The flight acceptance hot test of 'CE-20' engine has been carried out at ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri, TN
- The engine is assigned for the 'LVM3-M3' mission identified for launching the next 36 OneWeb India-1 satellites
- HQs of ISRO Bengaluru, Karnataka | Director S. Somanath | Formed on August 15, 1969

76. NASA is targeting October 2023 for the launch of its 'Psyche' mission. The mission aims to investigate the metal-rich asteroid Psyche, which might be the exposed core of a long-dead planet. According to Forbes, 16 Psyche, a 226km wide asteroid could contain a core of iron, nickel and gold worth \$10,000 quadrillion. The prefix '16' in '16 Psyche' signifies that it was the sixteenth minor planet in order of discovery. {Read more}

Key Points:

- NASA is targeting October 2023 for the launch of its 'Psyche' mission
- 16 Psyche is a 226km wide asteroid
- HQs of NASA Washington D.C., US | Administrator Bill Nelson | Founded in 1958





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Appointments & Resignations

77. On November 1, Amrit Lal Meena took charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal. He replaced Anil Kumar Jain. Before taking over as coal secretary, Meena was holding the charge of Special Secretary (Logistics), Department for Promotion of Industry & Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce & Industry. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Amrit Lal Meena appointed as the Secretary of the Ministry of Coal (succeeding Anil Kumar Jain)
- Ministry of Coal: Pralhad Joshi | Constituency Dharwad, Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Coal: Danve Raosaheb Dadarao

78. On November 9, Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud was sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Droupadi Murmu. He succeeded Justice Uday Umesh Lalit. Justice Chandrachud as CJI will have a term of two years and will head India's judiciary until November 10, 2024, a day before he completes 65 years. His father, Y.V. Chandrachud, holds the distinction of being the longest serving CJI, who headed the judiciary from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985. Recently, a Bench headed by him expanded the scope of the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act to include unmarried women for abortion between 20-24 weeks of pregnancy. {Read more}

- Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of India
- He will have a term of two years and will head India's judiciary until November 10, 2024
- Y.V. Chandrachud (his father) is the longest serving CJI (from February 22, 1978 to July 11, 1985)
- Present Chief of Justice of the Supreme Court of India Justice Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud (50th)
- Retirement age: Chief Justices & Judges of HC 62 years | Chief Justice of India & judges of the SC 65 years

Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

79. Chennai-based defence and aerospace electronics solution provider Data Patterns (India) received 'The Raksha Mantri Award' for excellence for 2021-22. The award was given for their best innovation in the medium scale industry & for Excellence in the defence & aerospace sector. Data Patterns put forward its development of the Precision Approach Radar (PAR), which assists military aircraft to land, especially in the context of poor visibility due to adverse weather conditions. A total of 22 awards were given under various categories including Indigenisation/Import substitution, Innovation/ Technological Breakthrough and Exports. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Data Patterns received the 'Raksha Mantri Award' for excellence for 2021-22
- The award was given to Data Patterns for development of the Precision Approach Radar (PAR)
- Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt

80. Former Chairman of ISRO K. Sivan, actors Avinash, Sihi Kahi Chandru, and writers A. R. Mitra and Krishne Gowda are among the 67 achievers, who have been selected for the 67th Rajyotsava Award, announced by Karnataka government. 10 organisations, including Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Mysuru, have also been selected for the award. The award carries a purse of ₹5 lakh, 25 gm of gold, besides a plaque. {Read more} Key Points:

- 67 achievers have been selected for the 67th Rajyotsava Award by Karnataka government
- Karnataka: Capital Bangalore | CM Basavaraj Bommai | Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot

81. On November 1, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 70th Foundation Day of EPFO held at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi. The Union Minister inaugurated an exhibition named "EPFO @70 - The journey", displaying the 70 years of EPFO history. A documentary film on the 70 years of existence of the organization titled EPFO @70 was also played on the occasion highlighting the organization's achievements over the decades. A special cover commemorating 70 years of organization was released by the Union Minister in collaboration with the Department of Post. He also launched the document EPFO Vision @ 2047 and a booklet on the Chintan Shivir organized to layout the roadmap for EPFO for the next 25 years. Bhavishya Nidhi Award-2022 were also distributed in the event. Salem was awarded the Best Performing Regional Office in Large category whereas Uduppi was given the award in Small Category. Jamnagar was awarded the Best Performing District Office. Jammu was given the award for being the Best Performing Remote Office. Best Performing Zonal Office was given to Punjab & Himachal. Noida won the Bhavishya Nidhi Swachhata Award-2022. For complete list of awardees: {Read more}

Key Points:

- Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the 70th Foundation Day of EPFO held in New Delhi
- A special cover commemorating 70 years of organization was released in collaboration with Dept of Post
- 'EPFO Vision @ 2047' document was launched to layout the roadmap for EPFO for the next 25 years
- 'Bhavishya Nidhi Award 2022' were also given in the function:
 - Best Performing Regional Office (Large) Salem
 - Best Performing Regional Office (Small) Uduppi
 - Best Performing District Office Jamnagar
 - Best Performing Remote Office Jammu
 - Best Performing Zonal Office Punjab & Himachal
 - Bhavishya Nidhi Swachhata Award-2022 Noida
- HQs of EPFO New Delhi | CEO Neelam Shami Rao | Established in 1952

82. On November 1, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred the prestigious 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on former US Senator Edward M. Kennedy posthumously in Dhaka for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh. The honour was handed over to his son Edward M Ted Kennedy Junior. {Read more} Key Points:

- Bangladesh conferred 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on former US Senator Edward M. Kennedy (posthumously)
- Bangladesh Dhaka Taka | PM Seikh Hasina | President Abdul Hamid



Schemes & Initiatives

83. On November 4, the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), under the Ministry of Finance, notified a scheme named "India Infrastructure Project Development Fund Scheme (IIPDF Scheme)" for financial support for project development expenses of PPP Projects. IIPDF Scheme will aid development of quality PPP projects by providing necessary funding support to the project sponsoring authorities, both in the Central and State Governments, for creating a shelf of bankable viable PPP projects for achieving the vision of modern infrastructure for the country. The total outlay of the scheme from 2022-23 to 2024-25 is Rs 150 Crore. {Read more}

Key Points:

- DEA (Finance Ministry) notified 'IIPDF Scheme' for financial support for project development expenses of PPP Projects
- Outlay of 'IIPDF Scheme' from 2022-23 to 2024-25 Rs 150 Crore
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chaowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad

Important Days & Dates

84. Every year, World Vegan Day is celebrated on November 1. In 1994, World Vegan Day was announced to be celebrated every year by the then Chair of The Vegan Society in the United Kingdom Louise Wallis to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the organisation. She also coined the terms vegan and veganism. The day is celebrated a day after Halloween which falls on October 31. The day is celebrated to advocate the benefits of avoiding and banning the exploitation of animals, extending our love and care to other species and the natural environment. The Theme for 2022 was "Future Normal". {Read more}

Key Points:

November 1 – World Vegan Day (since 1994)

• 2022's Theme – "Future Normal"

85. On November 1, Zojila Day was commemorated at Zojila War Memorial near Drass to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in 'Operation Bison' in 1948 which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila Pass, the gateway to Ladakh. {Read more}

Key Points:

- November 1 Zojila Day | 'Operation Bison' (1948) conducted at Zojila Pass (Ladakh)
- Zojila War Memorial located at Gumri village, Jammu & Kashmir (on Srinagar-Leh highway)
- Ladakh: Capital Leh | Lt. Governor R. K. Mathur

86. Ministry of Jal Shakti organized the 7th edition of India Water Week (IWW) from 1st to 5th November by. The theme of 7th India Water Week was "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity". {Read more} **Key Points:**

- November 1 to 5 7th India Water Week
- Theme "Water Security for Sustainable Development and Equity"



87. On November 1, seven states including Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh and Union territories of Chandigarh, Lakshadweep and Puducherry observed their foundation day. As part of celebrations, states have announced the launch of various projects and events. Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan unveiled plans to build 'new Kerala' as Kerala prepares for a fresh land project. Chhattisgarh, which was carved out of Madhya Pradesh, will host a National Tribal Dance festival to celebrate its 22nd state anniversary. {Read more}

- November 1 Foundation Day of 7 states + 3 UTs
- 7 states are: Chhattisgarh, Punjab, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala & Andhra Pradesh
- 3 UTs Chandigarh, Lakshadweep & Puducherry
- Chhattisgarh (carved out of MP) to host a National Tribal Dance festival to celebrate its 22nd state anniversary

88. On November 1, The University Grants Commission (UGC) instructed all the higher educational institutions to observe a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' on December 11 every year in order to celebrate language harmony and promote Indian languages. {Read more}

Key Points:

- December 11 to be observed as "Bharatiya Bhasha Divas" instructed by the UGC
- HQs of UGC New Delhi | Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar | Founded in 1956

Obituaries

89. As of November 2, Jamshed J Irani, the 'Steel Man of India' who reinvented Tata Steel and made it the lowest-cost steel producer in the world competing in the international market, died in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. Irani, conferred with the Padma Bhushan in 2007 for his contribution to industry, retired from the board of Tata Steel in June 2011, leaving behind a legacy of 43 years. Irani also received an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II in 1997 for his contributions to India-British trade and cooperation. He also served as the National President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) during 1992-93. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Jamshed J Irani ('Steel Man of India') Indian industrialist passed away (National President of CII)
- Awards: 'Padma Bhushan' (in 2007), Honorary Knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II (in 1997)

90. Assam's eminent artist Neel Pawan Baruah passed away. Baruah was born in Jorhat to Assam's eminent poet Binanda Chandra Baruah, popularly called 'Dhwani Kobi', and Labanya Prava Baruah. He was a versatile artist with his oeuvre ranging from painting, pottery, mask-making and writing poetry. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Neel Pawan Baruah Assam's eminent Artist passed away
- Assam: Capital Dispur | CM Himanta Biswa Sarma | Governor Jagdish Mukhi



Meetings, Conferences and Summits

91. On November 3, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the '12th Biennial International Exhibition and Conference India Chem 2022' at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. India is progressing and industry-friendly atmosphere is being created by the government with holistic approach. The theme of the conference was "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India". {Read more}

Key Points:

- Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated '12th Biennial International Exhibition & Conference India Chem 2022'
- The conference was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi
- Theme "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India"
- Delhi: CM Arvind Kejriwal | Lt. Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena | Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar
- Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency Palitana, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers: Bhagwanth Khuba

92. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hosted the "Indian Ocean Region (IOR) + Defence Ministers' Conclave" on the sidelines of 12th DefExpo in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The conclave was attended by 40 countries, with 22 ministers addressing the conference. The theme was "Challenges Opportunities and Collaborations in the Indian Ocean". It facilitated dialogue towards fostering a stable and peaceful Indian Ocean, in line with PM Narendra Modi's vision of Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR). The conclave was organised by the Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence. {Read more}

Key Points:

- Rajnath Singh hosted the "Indian Ocean Region (IOR) + Defence Ministers' Conclave" in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Theme of the Conference "Challenges Opportunities and Collaborations in the Indian Ocean"
- SAGAR Security And Growth for All in the Region

93. The "Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Conference 2022" was organised in Germany. The conference announced its commitment to a comprehensive and sustainable global climate observing system in light of the rapid pace of climate change. GCOS Conference was hosted by Germany-based Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT). Moreover, 'GCOS Implementation Plan 2022', released by the WMO, identified gaps in earth observations and areas that require improvement. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Conference 2022" organised in Germany by EUMETSAT (Germany)
- 'GCOS Implementation Plan 2022' released by the WMO
- Germany Berlin Euro | President Frank-Walter Steinmeier

94. With the theme "Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local", a three-day "Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Conference" hosted by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), took place in Goa from November 1 to 3, 2022. Delegates and Exhibitors from the Asia Pacific region and beyond discussed and collaborated on the key issues that will help shape the future of Asia's aviation industry and turn the Complete Air Traffic System (CATS) Global Council's vision for the skies of 2045 into a reality. {Read more}



Key Points:

- AAI hosted the 3-day "Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation (CANSO) Conference" in Goa
- Theme "Think Global, Collaborate Regional, Accomplish Local"
- HQs of AAI New Delhi | Chairman Sanjeev Kumar

95. On November 2, Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti held Technical Session on "Rural WASH Partnerships – the way forward" on the second day of the 7th India Water Week. The session was chaired by Minister of Jal Shakti. He also launched the toolkit for Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG) 2023 and the web portal for the 'Twinpit to Retrofit Abhiyan' at the session. The India Water Week is an annual activity of Ministry of Jal Shakti and this year, the 7th Water Week was inaugurated on 01/11/2022 at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The event also had sessions on various program elements of JJM and SBM(G) phase-II. An important initiative under Swachh Bharat Mission is the Swachh Survekshan Grameen (SSG). DDWS has been conducting SSG since 2018 onwards to rank the States and Districts on the basis of their performance. {Read more}

Key Points:

- DDWS, Ministry of Jal Shakti held Technical Session on "Rural WASH Partnerships the way forward"
- Gajendra Singh Sekhawat launched the toolkit for SSG 2023 & the web portal for the 'Twinpit to Retrofit Abhiyan'
- DDWS has been conducting SSG since 2018
- Ministry of Jal Shakti: Gajendra Singh Sekhawat | Constituency Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- MoS for Jal Shakti & Food Processing Industries Prahlad Singh Patel



96. As of November 3, according to the US News and World Report, out of 85 nations, India has bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking. Attributes are grouped into 10 sub-categories, including adventure, agility, entrepreneurship, open for business, social purpose and quality of life. India featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category. India has been ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost ahead of China and Vietnam, according to a report. In the overall Best Countries ranking, Switzerland has topped the chart, followed by Germany, Canada, US and Sweden. {Read more}

Key Points:

- According to the US News and World Report: India bagged the 31st position in the overall Best Countries ranking
- 1st Switzerland, 2nd Germany, 3rd Canada
- India featured at the 37th spot in the 'Open for Business' category
- India ranked as the nation with the cheapest manufacturing cost

97. Delhi and Goa topped the chart in terms of the Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) coverage, with 61.5% and 51.4% of their working population, respectively, under the social security ambit of the organisation, according to the vision document of EPFO released on November 1. Haryana is at the third spot with 35.3% of its working population under EPFO. The EPFO coverage is the lowest in Tripura, Assam, and Meghalaya. In terms of absolute number of working age population covered by EPFO, Maharashtra leads the chart with 11.9 million EPFO subscribers, followed by Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. {Read more}



Key Points:

- Delhi topped the chart in terms of the EPFO coverage with 61.5% of their working population
- 2nd Goa (51.4%), 3rd Haryana (35.3%)
- The EPFO coverage is the lowest in Tripura, Assam & Meghalaya
- Maharashtra topped the chart in terms of absolute number of working age population covered by EPFO

98. Global efforts in adaptation planning, financing and implementation are not enough to prepare vulnerable communities around the world to adapt to the rising risks from the impacts of climate change, according to United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) "Adaptation Gap Report, 2022: Too Little, Too Slow" released on November 3. Developing countries' estimated annual adaptation needs are \$160-\$340 billion by 2030 and \$315-\$565 billion by 2050. A third of the 197 parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) have incorporated quantified and time-bound targets on adaptation. {Read more}

Key Points:

- "Adaptation Gap Report, 2022: Too Little, Too Slow" released by UNEP
- Developing countries' estimated annual adaptation needs are \$160-\$340 billion by 2030 & \$315-\$565 billion by 2050
- HQs of UNEP Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director Inger Andersen | Founded in 1972

Acquisitions & Mergers

99. Tech giant Google has acquired Alter, an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup that was working on using AI to generate avatars for social media users and brands to express their virtual identity. Google buys the startup for about \$100 million in an effort to improve its content game and compete with TikTok. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- Google acquired an artificial intelligence (AI) avatar startup, Alter, for about \$100 million
- HQs of Google California, US | CEO Sundar Pichai | Founded in 1998

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

100. Bharat Electronics (BEL) signed an MoU with Munitions India (MIL) to jointly address the requirements of Indian Defence and export markets in the areas of ammunition, explosives and related systems. Munitions India is a defence public sector undertaking (DPSU) under Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence. MIL is India's largest manufacturer & market leader in designing, developing and manufacturing various types of ammunition and explosives. BEL is a Navratna PSU under the Ministry of Defence. It manufactures electronic products and systems for the Army, Navy and the Air Force. The Government of India held 51.14% stake in BEL as on 31 March 2022. {Read more} **Key Points:**

- BEL + MIL = an MoU for Indian Defence and export markets in the areas of ammunition, explosives & related systems
- HQs of BEL Bengaluru, Karnataka | CMD Bhanu Prakash Srivastava



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