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# National & States Affairs

**51.** On October 3, the Election Commission of India (ECI) launched a year-long radio series, “Matdata Junction”, in collaboration with the All India Radio (AIR), to address urban apathy and apprise the voters of fair electoral practices in an interactive format. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar unveiled the 52-episode series produced by the Election Commission of India with a focus on creating voter awareness. The first episode of the program on the theme - ‘Voter Registration’ was set to be broadcast on October 7. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- ECI + AIR = launched a year-long radio series, “Matdata Junction” to utilise the extensive reach of ‘radio’
- HQs of ECI – New Delhi | Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar (25<sup>th</sup>) | Formed on – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950
- HQs of AIR – New Delhi | DG – Vasudha Gupta

**52.** On October 3, a Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance, constituted by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) at the GIFT City, has submitted its final report to Chairperson of IFSCA. The committee, headed by C. K. Mishra, recommends developing a voluntary carbon market, framework for transition bonds, enabling de-risking mechanisms, promoting regulatory sandbox for green fintech and facilitating the creation of a global climate alliance. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Committee of Experts on Sustainable Finance, headed by C. K. Mishra, submitted its final report to Chairperson of IFSCA
- HQs of IFSCA – Gandhinagar, Gujarat | Chairman – Injeti Srinivas

**53.** On October 5, Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani Group, announced the creation of two new subsidiaries - Adani Disruptive Ventures Ltd (ADVL) and Alwar Alluvial Resources Ltd (AARL). ADVL has an initial authorised and paid-up share capital of Rs 5 lakh each, while AARL has an initial authorised and paid-up share capital of Rs 10 lakh each. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Adani Enterprises created 2 new subsidiaries – Adani Disruptive Ventures (ADVL) & Alwar Alluvial Resources (AARL)
- Initial authorised & paid-up share capital: ADVL – Rs 5 lakh each | AARL – Rs 10 lakh each
- HQs of Adani Enterprises – Ahmedabad, Gujarat | Chairman – Gautam Adani | MD – Rajesh Adani

**54.** On October 4, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the Pahari community in Jammu & Kashmir. The reservation will be rolled out after completion of administrative formalities. They are divided into Eastern Pahari (which includes Nepali), Central Pahari, and Western Pahari, consisting of a number of different languages. They constitute of Hindus, Muslims and Sikhs and make up around 10-11% of the population in Jammu and Kashmir. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Home Minister Amit Shah announced ST status for the Pahari community in J & K
- Pahari community constitute around 10-11% of the population in J & K
- J & K: Capital – Srinagar | Lt. Governor – Manoj Sinha



**55.** In furtherance of the pledge of “Sewa Hi Sankalp” by Railway Protection Force (RPF), a pan India month-long drive under the code name “SAMSAR (SAMAJIK SAROKAR)” was conducted in the month of September 2022. The drive incorporates the elements of several focused operations namely Operation “SEWA”, Operation “Dignity”, Operation “Nanhe Fariste”, Mission “Jeewan Raksha” and Operation “Matrishakti”. The RPF personnel assist the elderly citizens, women, physically disabled and provide amenities like wheelchairs, stretchers, medical help, ambulances, Infant food etc under operation “SEWA”. The RPF personnel worked selflessly to provide timely intervention under code name “Operation Dignity” and secured 427 adults (223 Men + 204 Women) during the month of September 2022. RPF personnel, under the code name “Operation Nanhe Fariste”, undertook the noble cause of identifying and rescuing children lost/runaway/separated from their family due to various reasons. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- RPF – conducted a pan India month-long drive “SAMSAR (SAMAJIK SAROKAR)” under its pledge of “Seva Hi Sankalp”
- RPF’s other operations:
  - Operation “SEWA”, Operation “Dignity”, Operation “Nanhe Fariste”, Mission “Jeewan Raksha” & Operation “Matrishakti”
- HQs of RPF – New Delhi, India | Director General – Sanjay Chander

**56.** On October 4, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the name-change proposal by Ayodhya MP Lallu Singh to change the name of Faizabad Cantonment to Ayodhya Cantonment. Faizabad railway station has already been rechristened as Ayodhya Cantt railway station while chief minister Yogi Adityanath had renamed Faizabad as Ayodhya in November 2018. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Rajnath Singh approved the renaming of Faizabad Cantonment to Ayodhya Cantonment, in Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**57.** On October 3, President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth Rs 1,330 Crore at the GMERS campus in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The projects inaugurated will contribute to the people’s welfare. Gujarat holds 20% share in National Agriculture Produce. Moreover, President Draupadi Murmu laid the foundation stone of the Super Specialty Hospital, Trauma Centre and Rain Basera to be built at a cost of Rs 373 Cr at Gandhinagar Civil Hospital. The President also launched “herStart”, a start-up platform of Gujarat University for women entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- President Draupadi Murmu – inaugurated various projects worth Rs 1,330 Cr at GMERS campus in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- President Draupadi Murmu – also launched “herStart”, a start-up platform of Gujarat University
- Gujarat holds 20% share in National Agriculture Produce
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

**58.** In Sugar Season (Oct-Sep) 2021-22, a record of more than 5000 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) sugarcane was produced in India, of which about 3574 LMT of sugarcane was crushed by sugar mills to produce about 394 LMT of sugar (Sucrose). Out of this, 35 LMT sugar was diverted to ethanol production and 359 LMT sugar was produced by sugar mills. With this, India has emerged as the world’s largest producer and consumer of sugar as well as the world’s 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of sugar. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- A record of more than 5000 LMT sugarcane was produced in India during ‘Sugar Season (Oct-Sep) 2021-22’
- With this, India has emerged as the world’s largest producer & consumer of sugar & 2<sup>nd</sup> largest exporter of sugar

**59.** A 136 ft tall Durga puja pandal, situated in Jankipuram, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, is going to be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest ever pandal. This pandal is a replica of the under-construction Chandrodaya temple of Vrindavan, which is being built to be one of the tallest religious monuments in the world with a height of above 700-ft. Till now the title of the world's tallest pandal was held by Kolkata's 125 feet tall pandal. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 136 ft tall Durga puja pandal, situated in Lucknow, UP – is to be recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records as the tallest ever pandal
- Chandrodaya Temple – Vrindavan, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**60.** On October 5, Ministry of Steel, the Government of India, has set up two advisory committees to iron out the challenges in the steel industry to achieve the target of 300 million tonnes (MT) production capacity by 2030. Members of the steel industry, associations, academia, and senior retired government officials are members of the two separate committees formed for Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs) and the Secondary Steel Sector. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Steel set up two advisory committees to iron out the challenges in the steel industry to achieve the target of 300 MT production capacity by 2030
- Two separate committees are formed for Integrated Steel Plants (ISPs) & the Secondary Steel Sector
- Ministry of Steel: Jyotiraditya M. Scindia | Constituency – Guna, Madhya Pradesh
- MoS in Ministry of Steel: Faggansingh Kulaste



## **International Affairs**

**61.** On October 4, Google discontinued its Google Translate services in China due to low usage. The Google Translate app and website now display a generic search bar and a link redirecting Chinese users to its page in Hong Kong, which is blocked on the mainland. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Google – discontinued its 'Google Translate' services in China due to low usage
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998
- China – Beijing – Renminbi | President – Xi Jinping

**62.** On October 4, the Australian government announced a 10-year-plan for Zero Extinction target for its fauna and flora species (animals and plants), hoping to save 110 of them. to prevent all of the country's plant and animal species from going extinct. The objective is a component of a 10-year strategy to safeguard an additional 50 million hectares of land and water by 2027 and to enhance the trajectory of 110 species and 20 locations. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Australia – announced a 10-year-plan for Zero Extinction target for its fauna & flora species
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese

**63.** On October 4, the European Parliament approved new rules to introduce a single charging port for mobile phones, tablets and cameras by 2024 in the European Union. EU lawmakers supported the reform with a large majority, with 602 votes in favour and only 13 against. The vote confirms an earlier agreement among EU institutions and will make USB-C connectors used by Android-based devices the EU standard. USB stands for Universal Serial Bus. The rules will be expanded to include laptops from 2026. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- EU approved new rules to introduce a single charging port for mobile phones, tablets & cameras by 2024 in the EU
- USB-C connectors to be the EU standard | USB – **Universal Serial Bus**
- 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**

**64.** Karnataka Bank launched a special campaign “KBL Utsav 2022-23” in Mangaluru for home, car and gold loans from October 1 to December 31 to cater to the festival demands. Under the ‘KBL Utsav’ campaign, customers can avail of home, car and gold loans with attractive interest rates, reduction in processing charges for car and gold loans, and nil processing charges for a home loan, apart from other benefits. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Karnataka Bank – launched a special campaign “KBL Utsav 2022-23” for home, car and gold loans in Mangaluru
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S. | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Panja

**65.** On October 5, the Department of Financial Services (DFS), under the Ministry of Finance modified the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by increasing the loan limit to Rs 1,500 Crore from Rs 400 Crore under the scheme. The limit has been raised to help the Covid-hit industry tide over liquidity stress. As per the modified ‘ECLGS 3.0’, an airline would be eligible for 100% of their fund based or non-fund-based loan outstanding as on the reference dates or Rs 1,500 Cr, whichever is lower. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Finance – modified the ECLGS by increasing the loan limit to Rs 1,500 Cr under the scheme (from Rs 400 Cr)
- Ministry of Finance: Nirmala Sitharaman | Constituency – Karnataka
- MoS in Ministry of Finance: Pankaj Chaowdhary & Bhagwat Kishanrao Karad





## Defence Affairs

**66.** On October 6, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) tested 3 remotely unmanned, weaponised boats at Bhama Askhed Dam in Pune, Maharashtra. These three remote-controlled armed boats were tested with no man on the vessel. The boats are useful for surveillance purposes, patrols, and reconnaissance of overall maritime security. The boats were developed by DRDO in collaboration with Sagar Defence Engineering. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- DRDO – tested 3 remotely unmanned, weaponised boats at Bhama Askhed Dam in Pune, Maharashtra
- The boats were developed by = DRDO + Sagar Defence Engineering (Mumbai)
- HQs of DRDO – New Delhi | Chairman – Samir V. Kamat | Established in – 1958

## Sports & Games

**67.** On October 1, in the finals of the “Federation Internationale de Basketball (FIBA) Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022”, the USA defeated China by 83-61 to register their fourth title in a row. The championship was held in Australia. The Americans claimed their 11<sup>th</sup> title in total and have also sealed a spot at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- “FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022” – held in Australia
- The tournament was won by – USA (11<sup>th</sup> title) | 2<sup>nd</sup> – China
- [Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar](#) | [PM – Anthony Albanese](#)

**68.** On October 5, Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) has chosen Saudi Arabia to host the “2029 Asian Winter Games” at the planned mountain resort, Trojena. Saudi Arabia plans to build a mountain resort “Trojena” in the Gulf Arab state’s \$500bn flagship project, “Neom”. Neom is Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman’s most ambitious project under the Saudi kingdom’s Vision 2030 development plan to reduce reliance on oil and transform the economy, including by developing sports. The Trojena development is expected to be completed in 2026. Paris will hold the 2024 summer Olympics while Italy’s Milan and Cortina D’Ampezzo will stage the 2026 winter Games. The 2028 summer Games will be held in Los Angeles while Brisbane, Australia, will host the 2032 summer Olympics. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Saudi Arabia – to host the “2029 Asian Winter Games” at the planned mountain resort, ‘Trojena’
- “Trojena” mountain resort – being built by Saudi Arabia under \$500bn project “Neom” (to be completed in 2026)
- Upcoming Olympics Venues:
  - 2024 Summer Olympics – Paris, France | 2026 Winter Olympics – Milan & Cortina D’Ampezzo, Italy
  - 2028 Summer Olympics – Los Angeles, US | 2032 Summer Olympics – Brisbane, Australia
- [Saudi Arabia – Riyadh – Saudi Riyal](#) | [Saudi Crown Prince – Mohammed bin Salman](#)



**69.** In October 2022, the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games 2022 is being held across 6 cities in Gujarat - Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar. In Women's Pole Vault, Rosy Meena Paulraj from Tamil Nadu set a new National Record with the jump of 4.20m. She broke 8-year-old record that was set by V. S. Surekha. While Long Jumper Jeswin Aldrin won the men's long jump gold medal with a meet record leap of 8.26m, which also helped him qualify for the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Andhra Pradesh's Jyothi Yarraji won the women's 100m gold medal. Jyothi Yarraji is the national record holder in the women's 100m hurdles. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 36<sup>th</sup> National Games 2022 – held in 6 cities of Gujarat (Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar, Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot & Bhavnagar)
- Rosy Meena Paulraj (Tamil Nadu) – set a new National Record in women's Pole Vault with the jump of 4.20m
- Jeswin Aldrin (Tamil Nadu) – won the men's Long Jump gold medal
- Jyothi Yarraji (Andhra Pradesh) – won the women's 100m gold medal
- 2023 World Athletics Championships – to be held in Budapest, Hungary

**70.** On October 2, Indian javelin thrower Shivpal Singh has been suspended by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for 4 years, till October 2025 due to a doping violation. As per the Olympics.com he subsequently tested positive for the banned substance methandienone, a performance-enhancing steroid. The Uttar Pradesh-based athlete is a silver-medallist at the 2019 Asian Championships, where he achieved his personal best throw of 86.23m. Shivpal Singh is the fifth notable Indian athlete to be caught in the doping net this year, after Discus thrower Navjeet Kaur Dhillon, sprinter Dhanalakshmi Sekar, quarter-miler M. R. Poovamma and Discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Shivpal Singh (UP - Javelin Thrower) – suspended by NADA till October 2025 due to a doping violation
- Shivpal Singh – 5<sup>th</sup> Indian athlete to be caught in the doping net in 2022
- Other 4 suspended players in 2022:
  - Navjeet Kaur Dhillon (Discus thrower)
  - Dhanalakshmi Sekar (Sprinter)
  - M. R. Poovamma (Quarter-miler)
  - Kamalpreet Kaur (Discus thrower)

**71.** On October 5, India's Savita Punia and PR Sreejesh were named the "FIH Goalkeepers of the Year 2021-22" in their respective categories by the international hockey federation (FIH). This is the second-straight year that both Savita Punia and PR Sreejesh have won the honour. Savita Punia won 37.6 points in the final tally, comfortably beating Argentina's Belen Succi by over 10 points. Savita is now only the third athlete to win the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year (women) for consecutive years since the inception of the award in 2014. PR Sreejesh polled 39.9 points, outscoring second-placed Loic Von Doren of Belgium by 13 points. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Savita Punia & PR Sreejesh – named the "FIH Goalkeepers of the Year 2021-22" in their respective categories
- HQs of FIH – Lausanne, Switzerland | President – Seif Ahmed | CEO – Thierry Weil | Founded in – 1924

**72.** On October 3, Serbia's Novak Djokovic defeated Marin Cilic of Croatia to clinch men's singles title at the "Tel Aviv Open 2022" (also known as Tel Aviv Watergen Open 2022) held in Tel Aviv, Israel. Djokovic won his 3<sup>rd</sup> title on the tour in 2022. Moreover, Rohan Bopanna and his partner Matwe Middelkoop won the men's doubles title in Tel Aviv. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Novak Djokovic – won men's singles title at the "Tel Aviv Open 2022" in Israel (defeating - Marin Cilic)
- Rohan Bopanna (India) + Matwe Middelkoop (Netherlands) = won the men's doubles title at the "Tel Aviv Open 2022"

# Science & Technology

**73.** On October 4, Iran launched a space tug namely “Saman” capable of shifting satellites between orbits. The Saman test spacecraft was built by Iran’s Space Research Center and launched by the Defense Ministry. Iran unveiled the craft in 2017. A space tug can transfer a satellite from one orbit to another. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Iran – launched “Saman” test spacecraft capable of shifting satellites between orbits
- Iran – Tehran – Rial | President – Ebrahim Raisi | Supreme Leader – Ali Khamenei

**74.** On October 2, Tesla’s CEO Elon Musk unveiled a prototype Tesla bot, a robot code-named “Optimus”, at Tesla AI Day 2022. Tesla bots can walk, wave and even grip with fingers. The robot is expected to be launched within 3 to 5 years at a price of \$20,000. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Tesla’s CEO Elon Musk – unveiled a prototype robot code-named “Optimus” (to be launched within 3 to 5 years)
- HQs of Tesla – California, USA | CEO – Elon Musk | Founded in – 2003

**75.** On October 3, Scientists at the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (NBFGR) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) discovered a new catfish species of the genus Pangasius from the Cauvery river. The newly discovered fish species is named as “Pangasius Icaria” after the ICAR. The species has been described based on specimens collected through exploration of the river at Mettur in Tamil Nadu and in upstream of Shivanasamudra Falls at Chamarajanagar in Karnataka. The fish is known among the local people as Aie Keluthi in Tamil and as Eyegirlu in Karnataka. The discovery was published in the international journal ‘PeerJ’. A total of 22 species of Pangasius are known from the river basins of South East and South Asia. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- “Pangasius Icaria”, a new catfish species of the genus Pangasius – discovered by NBFGR & ICAR from Cauvery
- The specimens of the species were collected from – Cauvery river, Tamil Nadu & Shivanasamudra Falls, Karnataka
- The discovery was published in the international journal ‘PeerJ’

**76.** On October 5, an international team of researchers has found new evidence for the possible existence of liquid water beneath the south polar ice cap of Mars using NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO). The discovery was published in the journal Nature Astronomy. The team, including researchers from the University of Nantes, University College, Dublin, and the Open University, used a range of techniques to examine data from NASA’s Mars Global Surveyor satellite. The satellite has an ice-penetrating radar called “MARSIS”, which can see through Mars’ southern ice cap. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- A new evidence for the possible existence of liquid water beneath the south polar ice cap of Mars using NASA’s Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO)
- NASA’s Mars Global Surveyor satellite was used to examine data
- The satellite has an ice-penetrating radar called “MARSIS”
- MARSIS – **Mars Advanced Radar for Subsurface and Ionosphere Sounding**
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958





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# Appointments & Resignations

**77.** On October 4, Senior IFS officer Gloria Gangte (IFS: 2000), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, is appointed as the Indian High Commissioner to Malta. India and Malta have maintained cordial relations, cooperating both at the bilateral level and at United Nations and multilateral fora. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Gloria Gangte – appointed as the Indian High Commissioner to Malta
- [Malta – Valletta – Euro](#) | [PM – Robert Abela](#)

**78.** On October 4, National Award-winner Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been declared as the ‘National Icon’ of the Election Commission of India (ECI). The actor was chosen for the honour by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar, during his address at an event on ‘Voter Awareness Program’. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Pankaj Tripathi – declared as the ‘National Icon’ of the Election Commission of India (ECI)
- [HQs of ECI – New Delhi](#) | [Chief Election Commissioner – Rajiv Kumar \(25<sup>th</sup>\)](#) | [Formed on – 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1950](#)

**79.** On October 2, Senior bureaucrat Ajay Bhadoo was appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner up to July 24, 2024, as part of a senior level bureaucratic reshuffle made by the Centre. As many as 35 civil servants from different services have been appointed as joint secretaries in the central government departments as part of the reshuffle. Akash Tripathi was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of MyGov, under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. Basant Garg was named Additional CEO of National Health Authority (NHA), under the Department of Health & Family Welfare. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Ajay Bhadoo – appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner
- Akash Tripathi – appointed as the CEO of MyGov (under MeitY)
- Basant Garg – appointed as Additional CEO of National Health Authority (NHA)
- [MyGov platform was launched on – 26 July, 2014](#) | [CEO – Akash Tripathi](#)
- [HQs of NHA – New Delhi](#) | [CEO – Ram Sevak Sharma](#) | [Founded in – 2018](#)

**80.** On October 4, Sanjeev Kishore, a 1985 batch officer of the Indian Ordnance Factory Service (IOFS), took over as the Director General Ordnance at the Directorate of Ordnance (Coordination & Services), Kolkata. He replaced M. K. Garg. Before taking over the charge of DGO (C&S), Kishore was the additional director general ordnance at the Directorate of Ordnance (C&S), Kolkata. Mr. Sanjeev has been awarded Santu Sahaney Memorial Shield and Ayudh Bhushan award for his meritorious services for enhancing defence production. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Sanjeev Kishore – took over as the DG Ordnance at the Directorate of Ordnance (C&S), Kolkata (replacing - M. K. Garg)
- [HQs of Directorate of Ordnance – Kolkata, West Bengal](#) | [DG – Sanjeev Kishore](#)

**81.** On October 4, Bolt Games Pvt Ltd owned Fire-Boltt, India’s No. 1 wearable watch brand, has announced the appointment of actor Kiara Advani as its new brand ambassador. Advani will be part of the marketing campaigns of the brand alongside Virat Kohli and Vicky Kaushal. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Kiara Advani – appointed as new brand ambassador of Fire-Boltt (owned by Boltt Games)
- Other brand ambassadors of Fire-Boltt – Virat Kohli & Vicky Kaushal

**82.** On October 4, SBI General Insurance Company appointed Kishore Kumar Poludasu as its new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Poludasu replaced Paritosh Tripathi. Kishore Kumar Poludasu has been associated with State Bank of India since 1991. Prior to his current role at SBI General under State Bank Group, he was the Deputy Managing Director, as the Country Head of State Bank of India, Singapore Operations. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Kishore Kumar Poludasu – appointed as MD & CEO of SBI General Insurance
- HQs of SBI Gen Ins. – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Kishore Kumar Poludasu | Tagline – “Suraksha aur Bharosa Dono”

## Awards, Rewards, Recognition & Prizes

**83.** On October 4, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that the “2022 Nobel Prize in Physics” was awarded to France’s Alain Aspect, USA’s John F. Clauser and Austria’s Anton Zeilinger for their work on Quantum Mechanics. It was awarded for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities, and pioneering quantum information science. Created in the will of Swedish dynamite inventor and wealthy businessman Alfred Nobel, the prize is given in 6 fields - Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature & Peace, since 1901, while the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was added in 1968. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Alain Aspect (France), John F. Clauser (USA) & Anton Zeilinger (Austria) – received the “2022 Nobel Prize in Physics” for their work on Quantum Mechanics
- Nobel Prize is given in 6 fields: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace, Economic Sciences
- Nobel Prize started in 5 fields – in 1901 & Economic Sciences was added – in 1968

**84.** On October 4, Lucknow’s Teenager Mumtaz Khan was named the “FIH Rising Star of the Year 2021-22” in the women’s category by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). France’s Timothee Clement was named the “FIH Rising Star of the Year 2021-22” in the men’s category. Mumtaz Khan is the third Indian woman to win the award after Lalremsiami in 2019 and Sharmila Devi in 2020-21. In the men’s category, Vivek Sagar Prasad had won the honour in both 2019 and 2020-21. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Mumtaz Khan (Uttar Pradesh) – named the “FIH Rising Star of the Year 2021-22” in the women’s category
- Timothee Clement (France) – named the “FIH Rising Star of the Year 2021-22” in the men’s category
- FIH Rising Star of the Year 2020-21: Sharmila Devi (in women’s) & Vivek Sagar Prasad (in men’s)



**85.** Dipti Mahapatro, the General Manager of Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), Bhubaneswar, received an international award called the “UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award 2022”. The award was received by Dipti Mahapatro in the ceremony that took place at Global Observance of World Habitat Day in Balikesir, Turkey which was hosted by the Government of Turkey and UN-Habitat. Mahapatro received the award for her innovative leadership in turning a failing public-private transport service into inclusive, accessible, cleaner and safer urban mass rapid transit system. Earlier in September, the Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), which operates the Mo Bus service, received the Centre’s “Smart Solution Challenge and Inclusive Cities Award, 2022”, from Union Housing & Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri, in New Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Dipti Mahapatro – was awarded with the “UN-Habitat Scroll of Honour Award 2022”
- Dipti Mahapatro – General Manager of Capital Region Urban Transport (CRUT), Bhubaneswar
- CRUT – received the Centre’s “Smart Solution Challenge & Inclusive Cities Award 2022”
- HQs of UN-Habitat – Nairobi, Kenya | Executive Director – Maimunah Mohd Sharif
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

**86.** On October 4, former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees’ (UNHCR) prestigious “Nansen Refugee Award 2022”, receiving praise for her determination to protect asylum seekers. She received the award for providing asylum to more than 1.2 million refugees and asylum seekers in 2015 and 2016 during the Syrian crisis. Asylum means protection that a government gives to people who have left their own country. Merkel received her award and the \$150,000 in prize money at a ceremony in Geneva on October 10, where 4 regional winners were also honoured. The Nansen Refugee Award, awarded annually, was created in 1954 in honour of the first UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Norwegian Arctic explorer and humanitarian, Fridtjof Nansen. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Angela Merkel (German Chancellor) – winner of the UNHCR’s “Nansen Refugee Award 2022”
- HQs of UNHCR – Geneva, Switzerland | Head – Filippo Grandi

**87.** India Expo Centre & Mart, Greater Noida, received the prestigious “National Tourism Award 2018-19” for ‘Best Standalone Convention Centre’ by the Ministry of Tourism at the “National Tourism Awards 2022” ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The award was received by Rakesh Kumar, Chairman, India Exposition Mart Ltd and Sudeep Sarcar, CEO, India Exposition Mart Ltd. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “National Tourism Awards 2022” ceremony – held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- India Expo Centre & Mart (Greater Noida) – received the “National Tourism Award 2018-19” for ‘Best Standalone Convention Centre’
- Location of India Exposition Mart Ltd – Greater Noida, UP | CEO – Sudeep Sarcar | Chairman – Rakesh Kumar

**88.** On October 3, Vedanta founder Anil Agarwal was honoured with the “Global Indian Award” worth \$50,000 by the Canada-India Foundation. Agarwal donated the award money to a Canadian health charity working for the welfare of native Indians. Ratan Tata, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and Deepak Chopra among the past recipients of the Global Indian Award started by this premier Indo-Canadian organization in 2007. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Anil Agarwal – honoured with the “Global Indian Award” worth \$50,000 by the Canada-India Foundation
- Canada – Ottawa – Canadian Dollar | PM – Justin Trudeau



**89.** As announced on October 3, the “SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022” will be awarded to Yunqing Tang, Assistant Professor with the University of California, Berkeley, USA. Yunqing Tang was born in China. The award, instituted by the Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) in 2005 with a cash prize of \$10,000, is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below, who made outstanding contributions in the field of mathematics. Krishnaswami Alladi is the Chair of SASTRA Ramanujan Prize Committee. The prize will be awarded at the ‘International Conference on Number Theory’ during December 20-22, 2022 at SASTRA University. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022” – will be awarded to Yunqing Tang (Assistant Professor at University of California)
- The award was instituted in 2005 with a cash prize of \$10,000 in the field of Mathematics
- Krishnaswami Alladi – Chair of SASTRA Ramanujan Prize Committee | SASTRA University – Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu

## **Schemes & Initiatives**

**90.** On October 6, Gujarat Government introduced the “Aatmanirbhar Gujarat” scheme to provide assistance and various incentives to industries. The scheme was launched by the state’s Chief Minister, Bhupendra Patel to boost the manufacturing sector, ahead of the Gujarat assembly polls scheduled to be held by the end of 2022. For MSMEs, the incentives include capital subsidy up to Rs 35 lakh for micro-Industries, interest subsidy of up to Rs 35 lakh per annum for up to 7 years, Employees’ Provident Fund (EPF) reimbursement for 10 years and incremental incentives to women entrepreneurs, young entrepreneurs, startups and differently-abled entrepreneurs. The incentives for large enterprises under this scheme include interest subsidy of up to 12% on fixed capital investment, EPF reimbursement for 10 years, net State GST reimbursement of up to 75% of fixed capital investment over 10 years. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gujarat – introduced the “Aatmanirbhar Gujarat” scheme to provide assistance & various incentives to industries
- Incentives for micro-Industries: Capital subsidy up to Rs 35 lakh, Interest subsidy up to Rs 35 lakh/annum
- Incentives for large enterprises: Interest subsidy up to 12% on fixed capital investment
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

## **Important Days & Dates**

**91.** Karnataka Beary Sahitya Academy organised “Beary Language Day” celebrations on October 3 at the Mangaluru University College, Hampanakatte. The programme was inaugurated by Academy Administrator V. N. Mallikarjuna Swamy and organised in association with the Beary Study Chair of Mangalore University. On the occasion, “Beary Vachanamaale”, authored by Ashiruddin Alia and Bajal, was released. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October 3 – Beary Language Day – organized by Karnataka Beary Sahitya Academy
- “Beary Vachanamaale” book authored by – Ashiruddin Alia & Bajal
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thawarchand Gehlot





**92.** World Teachers' Day, also known as International Teachers' Day, is celebrated on October 5 every year. In 2022, the theme is "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers". This year marks the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of World Teachers' Day. October 5 was proclaimed as World Teachers' Day by UNESCO in 1994. While India observes "National Teachers' Day" or "Shikshak Divas" on September 5. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- October 5 – 28<sup>th</sup> World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Day (since 1994)
- 2022's Theme – "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers"
- September 5 – National Teachers' Day (Shikshak Divas)
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries

## **Books & Authors**

**93.** On October 5, a new book, "Against All Odds: The IT story of India", co-written by Infosys co-founder Kris Gopalakrishnan gives readers an insider's account and an anecdote-rich history of Indian IT over the last six decades. Published by Penguin Random House India (PRHI), the book is co-written by N. Dayasindhu and Krishnan Narayanan, co-founders of itihaasa Research and Digital. The book's introduction is written by noted author-commentator Gurcharan Das. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- "Against All Odds: The IT story of India" book – co-written by Kris Gopalakrishnan + N. Dayasindhu + Krishnan Narayanan
- Published by – Penguin Random House India | The book's introduction is written by – Gurcharan Das

## **Meetings, Conferences & Summits**

**94.** The "Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers", along with the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC 2022), was held on October 1 in New Delhi and was inaugurated by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. After the inaugural session of IMC 2022, the "Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers" was held under the Chairmanship of the Minister for Communications, Electronics and Information Technology and Railways, Ashwini Vaishnaw, in the presence of IT Ministers from 12 States and UTs. Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the government's focus is on creating employment, achieving the target of a \$1 trillion Digital Economy and 1 Crore Digital Jobs by 2026. The government has approved Rs 26,000 Crore for installation of 25,000 mobile towers in 500 days. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi inaugurated the "Digital India Conference of State IT Ministers" in New Delhi
- Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Ashwini Vaishnaw & in the presence of IT Ministers from 12 States/UTs
- Government's target: \$1 trillion Digital Economy & 1 Crore Digital Jobs by 2026
- Government has approved Rs 26,000 Cr for installation of 25,000 mobile towers in 500 days



## Ranks, Reports & Surveys

**95.** As on October 4, the gender gap in infant mortality rate (IMR), the number of babies who die before their first birthday, for India has reached 28 for every 1,000 live births, girls or boys. This demonstrates Equal infant mortality rate - a shift in attitude towards the girl child. There is still work to be done before India, and each state, for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) target of 25 or less deaths per 1,000 live births by 2030. Madhya Pradesh (43) has the highest IMR, while Kerala (6) has the lowest. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Gender gap in infant mortality rate (IMR) for India – reached 28 for every 1,000 live births, equal for both, Girls & Boys
- SDG target: 25 or less child deaths (under-5 mortality) per 1,000 live births by 2030
- Highest IMR – Madhya Pradesh (43) | Lowest IMR – Kerala (6)

**96.** On October 6, the World Trade Organization (WTO) announced that the growth in world trade is expected to slow down to 1% in 2023, down sharply from the previous estimate of 3.4%, due to global uncertainties. WTO has also projected a growth of 3.5% in global trade in 2022, as against the April's estimate of 3%. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- WTO's estimate for the growth in world trade: declined to 1% in 2023 & increased to 3.5% in 2022
- HQs of WTO – Geneva, Switzerland | 7<sup>th</sup> DG – Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (Nigeria) | Members – 164 | Founded – 1995

## Amount & Agreements

**97.** On October 4, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank's private sector investment arm, launched a new \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production. A core part of the financing, which will be provided through the new Global Food Security Platform, will support sustainable production and delivery of food stocks to countries affected by food instability. The platform will supplement the World Bank's commitment of US\$30 billion in response to the food crisis. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- IFC – launched a new \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen private sector's ability to respond to the food crisis
- HQs of IFC – Washington, D.C., U.S. | MD – Makhtar Diop | IFC India's Head – Wendy Werner

## Acquisitions & Mergers

**98.** On October 4, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved the amalgamation of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited (ZEE) and Bangla Entertainment Private Limited (BEPL) with Culver Max Entertainment Private Limited (CMEPL) (formerly known as Sony Pictures Networks India Private Limited). [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- CCI approved the amalgamation of ZEE & BEPL – with Culver Max Entertainment Pvt Ltd
- HQs of ZEE – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Punit Goenka
- HQs of CMEPL – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – N. P. Singh



# MoUs, Collaborations & Partnerships

**99.** On October 4, the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DoAFW) and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) signed an MoU in New Delhi to promote Millets, keeping in view the initiative of “International Year of Millets 2023” proposed by the Government of India to the United Nations (UN). [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- DoAFW + NAFED = an MoU to promote Millets as part of “International Year of Millets 2023” initiative
- HQs of NAFED – New Delhi | MD – Rajbir Singh Panwar | Chairman – Bijender Singh

**100.** On October 2, Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission signed an agreement with Tata Technologies Ltd to develop Technical Educational Institutions (polytechnics and ITIs) into Technological Hubs and upgrade Agricultural Research and Innovation Centres. A strategy and policy assistance unit under the SPC has been constituted to establish coordination between various departments. Under the agreement, 23 short-term technical courses will be started in the state. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- Chhattisgarh SPC + Tata Technologies = an MoU to develop Technical Educational Institutions into Technological Hubs
- Chhattisgarh: Capital – Raipur | CM – Bhupesh Baghel | Governor – Anusuiya Uikey
- HQs of Tata Technologies – Pune, Maharashtra | Chairman – S. Ramadorai | MD & CEO – Warren Harris



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