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# National & States Affairs

**101.** On September 6, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Ranjangaon Phase III in Pune at a cost of Rs 500 Cr. The central government assistance for the project would be nearly Rs 208 Cr. The modified EMC 2.0 scheme was notified on April 1, 2020. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- MeitY – approved an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Ranjangaon Phase III in Pune
- Cost – Rs 500 Cr (Rs 208 Cr by Central Govt) | EMC 2.0 scheme was notified on – April 1, 2020
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)

**102.** National e-Governance Division (NeGD), under Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY) organised the 30<sup>th</sup> batch of “Chief Information Security Officers’ (CISOs) Deep Dive Training Programme” in New Delhi under Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative. Cyber Surakshit Bharat initiative was conceptualised with the mission to spread awareness about cyber-crime and build capacities of CISOs and frontline IT officials, across all government departments. Launched in 2018, the CISO training is the first-of-its-kind of partnership between the Government and industry consortium under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- NeGD (MeitY) – organised 30<sup>th</sup> batch of “CISOs Deep Dive Training Programme” in New Delhi under Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative
- CISO training (started in 2018) – first-of-its-kind of partnership between Govt & industry consortium under PPP model
- [Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Ashwini Vaishnaw](#) | [Constituency – Odisha](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology: Rajeev Chandrasekhar](#)

**103.** On September 5, the Corporate Affairs Ministry (MCA) has extended the tenure of the existing Company Law Committee (CLC) by 1 more year up to September 16, 2023. It was set up in September 2019 to promote Ease of Living in India. The 11-member CLC was set up under the Chairmanship of the MCA Secretary (Tarun Bajaj at present). Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj was given additional charge of MCA Secretary in August 2022. [{Read more}](#)

## **Key Points:**

- MCA – extended the tenure of the existing Company Law Committee by 1 more year up to September 16, 2023
- CLC was set up in September 2019 | Chairman of the committee – MCA Secretary (Tarun Bajaj at present)
- Tarun Bajaj (Revenue Secretary) – was given additional charge of MCA Secretary in August 2022
- [Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Nirmala Sitharaman](#) | [Constituency – Karnataka](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Corporate Affairs: Rao Inderjit Singh](#)

**104.** On September 7, Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG) set up a committee under noted energy expert Kirit Parikh to review the current gas pricing formula. In the last revision effective April 1, 2022, the price of natural gas from old and regulated fields was doubled to \$6.1 per million British thermal unit (mBtu). Of natural gas consumed in India, almost 50% is imported LNG. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- MoPNG set up a committee under Kirit Parikh to review the current gas pricing formula
- Of natural gas consumed in India, almost 50% is imported LNG
- [Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas: Hardeep Singh Puri | Constituency – Uttar Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas: Rameswar Teli](#)

**105.** On September 4, PM Narendra Modi laid the foundation for various projects worth Rs 3,800 Cr at Goldfinch city and approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Karnataka. Karnataka is the first State in southern India and only the second state in the country to get the CZMP prepared and approved as per the new CRZ notification. Moreover, the Government has given approval for the development of Maajali Port in Karwar at a cost of Rs 350 Cr. Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada scheme, the Central Government has given approval to supply 100 high speed boats to help deep sea fishing. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Narendra Modi – approved the New Coastal Zone Management Plan (CZMP) for Karnataka
- He also laid the foundation for various projects worth Rs 3,800 Cr at Goldfinch city
- Karnataka – 1<sup>st</sup> State in southern India & only the 2<sup>nd</sup> state in India to get new ‘CZMP’ prepared & approved
- Government gave approval for the development of Maajali Port in Karwar at a cost of Rs 350 Cr
- [Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot](#)

**106.** On September 6, the Union Environment Ministry has extended the deadlines for Thermal Power Plants to install pollution control technologies and comply with new emission norms. This is the third time that the deadlines have been pushed in the last 5 years. The deadline for the power plants within a 10-km radius of Delhi-NCR and cities with a population of more than 10 lakh has been extended from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2024. For the power plants within a 10-km radius of critically-polluted areas or non-attainment cities, the deadline has been pushed from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2025. For all other power plants across the country, the deadline has been pushed from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Environment Ministry – extended the deadlines for Thermal Power Plants to install pollution control technologies
- Deadline for power plants within 10-km radius of Delhi-NCR & cities with population of over 10 lakh – Dec 31, 2024
- Deadline for power plants in 10-km radius of critically-polluted areas or non-attainment cities – Dec 31, 2025
- Deadline for other power plants across India – Dec 31, 2026
- [Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav | Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)

**107.** Indian Army achieved a remarkable feat by constructing a bridge in 6 days. The construction of the bailey bridge over Sukhtawa river in Narmadapuram, Madhya Pradesh was completed by the Engineers of the Sudarshan Chakra Corps of Indian Army on August 31. The 145-year-old bridge had collapsed in April 2022 due to heavy vehicle traffic. The construction of this bridge will restore the connectivity on NH 46 connecting Bhopal with Nagpur. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- Sudarshan Chakra Corps (Indian Army) – constructed a bailey bridge over Sukhtawa river in Narmadapuram, MP
- The bridge will restore the connectivity on NH 46 connecting Bhopal with Nagpur
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj
- Madhya Pradesh: Capital – Bhopal | CM – Shivraj Singh Chouhan | Governor – Mangubhai Chhaganbhai Patel

**108.** Ladakh is all set to get India's first geothermal power project soon to tap the potential of natural geysers dotting the Puga area/valley, 170 km east of Leh and in Changthang plains. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has embarked upon a journey to generate electricity on a utility scale by tapping steam gushing from the earth's bowels at Puga, a remote valley located at an altitude of over 14,000 feet, off the road to Chumar on the de-facto border with China. This will be India's first geothermal energy project and also the world's highest. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Puga area (Ladakh) – to get India's 1<sup>st</sup> geothermal power project to tap the potential of natural geysers (world's highest)
- ONGC – began journey to generate electricity on a utility scale by tapping steam gushing from earth's bowels at Puga
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

**109.** On September 3, the Uttar Pradesh government made a proposal to develop a 'State Capital Region' (SCR) on the lines of 'National Capital Region'. The proposed SCR will be inclusive of 7 districts - Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Unnao, Sitapur, Rae Bareilly & Barabanki, covering a total area of 28,000 square kilometres. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- UP Govt – made a proposal to develop a 'State Capital Region' (SCR) on the lines of 'National Capital Region'
- UP's SCR will be inclusive of 7 districts: Lucknow, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Unnao, Sitapur, Rae Bareilly & Barabanki
- UP: Capital – Lucknow | CM – Yogi Adityanath | Governor – Anandiben Patel

**110.** On September 6, Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah announced the constitution of a 47-member committee, headed by former Union Cabinet Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, for drafting the National Cooperation Policy document. The new National Cooperative Policy is being formulated to realise the government's vision of 'Sahakar Se Samridhi'. The existing National Policy on Cooperatives was formulated in 2002. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Ministry of Cooperation – constituted a 47-member committee for drafting the 'National Cooperation Policy' document
- The committee is headed by – Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu
- The policy is formulated to realise the government's vision of 'Sahakar Se Samridhi'
- Ministry of Cooperation: Amit Shah | Constituency – Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- MoS in Ministry of Cooperation: B. L. Verma

**111.** In September 2022, the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governing Body Meeting of the BSF's Tear Smoke Unit (TSU) was held under the Chairmanship of Pankaj Kumar Singh, Director General of BSF. In a first, the Border Security Force (BSF) developed a 'Drone-based Tear Smoke Launcher' to control riots and other crowd control situations. It is basically developed by the BSF's TSU located in Tekanpur, Gwalior. It will be used for dropping munitions from Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (drones) which will be a potential force multiplier to the security forces in law-and-order management. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Pankaj Kumar Singh (DG of BSF) – chaired the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governing Body Meeting of the BSF's Tear Smoke Unit (TSU)
- BSF's Tear Smoke Unit (TSU) – developed a 'Drone-based Tear Smoke Launcher' to control riots
- BSF's TSU – located in Tekanpur, Gwalior
- HQs of BSF – New Delhi | DG – Pankaj Kumar Singh | Established on – Dec 1, 1965 | Motto – "Duty Unto Death"

**112.** On September 4, Minister for Road Transport & Highways (MoRTH) Nitin Gadkari unveiled India's first prototype of drone transportation of human organs to facilitate quick organ transplantation in hospitals. The present mode of transporting human organs by road from the airport to the hospital is time-consuming. It can be used to move the box containing organs up to a distance of 20 km. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Nitin Gadkari (MoRTH) – unveiled India's first prototype of drone transportation of human organs in hospitals
- Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: Nitin Gadkari | Constituency – Nagpur, Maharashtra
- MoS in Ministry of Road Transport & Highways: V. K. Singh

**113.** On September 5, Tata Motors launched India's first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicle (M&HCV) trucks in Mumbai. The trucks are equipped with Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS). The trucks are also equipped with collision mitigation system, lane departure warning system and driver monitoring system. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Tata Motors – launched India's first CNG-powered Medium & Heavy Commercial Vehicle (M&HCV) trucks in Mumbai
- The trucks are equipped with **Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS)**
- HQs of Tata Motors – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Non-Executive Director & Chairman – Natarajan Chandrasekaran

## International Affairs

**114.** On September 4, Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in collaboration with Government of Manipur organized an 'In-store Promotion Show' in Dubai, UAE for promotion of Manipur's organic certified fibre rich Kwe variety of pineapples. The in-store export promotion programme was organized at the Lulu hyper market, Dubai's largest supermarket. Besides pineapple, the APEDA has also decided to take forward the promotion of other locally grown unique horticultural products from Manipur to the international market. The other unique products from Manipur are tamenglong orange, kachai lemon, black rice, etc. Besides, Tripura was the first North Eastern state to export its 'queen' variety of pineapple to Dubai and Doha in 2018. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- APEDA + Manipur = organized an 'In-store Promotion Show' in Dubai to promote Kwe variety of pineapples
- Unique products from Manipur – Organic Pineapple, Tamenglong orange, Kachai lemon, Black rice, etc
- Lulu Hyper Market – Dubai's largest supermarket
- Tripura – the first North Eastern state to export its 'queen' variety of pineapple to Dubai & Doha in 2018
- Manipur: Capital – Imphal | CM – N. Biren Singh | Governor – La. Ganesan
- HQs of APEDA – New Delhi | Chairman – M. Angamuthu | Established in – 1986 (functions under Ministry of C&I)



**115.** In the first week of September, Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Gopal Baglay met Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe and reviewed all-round bilateral cooperation. During the meeting, High Commissioner Baglay handed over a statue of Maitri Buddha brought from India to President Wickremesinghe. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Gopal Baglay – met Sri Lanka's President Ranil Wickremesinghe & reviewed all-round bilateral cooperation
- Gopal Baglay – handed over a statue of 'Maitri Buddha' to Sri Lanka's President
- Gopal Baglay – Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka
- Sri Lanka – Colombo/Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – Sri Lankan Rupee
- PM – Dinesh Gunawardena | President – Ranil Wickremesinghe

**116.** On September 6, India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) and the UK Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully designed & conducted the "Cyber Security Exercise on Ransomware Resilience" for 26 Countries. The exercise was conducted as part of the International Counter Ransomware Initiative, "Resilience Working Group", which is being led by India under the leadership of National Cyber Security Coordinator (NCSC). The theme of the exercise is based on 'Energy Sector' in which the respective National Cyber Crisis Management Teams of the CRI Partner Nations will have to deal with a ransomware attack on multiple electricity distribution companies. There are over 26 invitees, from CRI Partner Nations. The aim to organise this virtual is to simulate a large, wide-spread cyber security incident affecting organisations within a country. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NSCS (India) + UK + BAE Systems = successfully designed & conducted the "Cyber Security Exercise on Ransomware Resilience" for 26 Countries
- "Resilience Working Group", an International Counter Ransomware Initiative – led by India
- The theme of the exercise is based on 'Energy Sector'
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Mary Elizabeth Truss (Liz Truss)

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

**117.** On September 5, Reliance General Insurance has now launched one of its flexible and popular products namely "Reliance Health Gain Policy" on Policybazaar's online platform. Initially launched in May 2022, the Reliance Health Gain Policy has witnessed high demand among customers because of its features and benefits. The non-life insurance penetration in India is about 1% of GDP which is quite low in comparison to the global average of 4.1%. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Reliance General Insurance – launched its "Reliance Health Gain Policy" on Policybazaar platform
- HQs of Reliance General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Rakesh Jain

**118.** On September 7, homegrown electronic Agri mandi, Agribazaar, launched farmer-centric card - "Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card". The Kisan Safalta card is a quick and hassle-free instrument that helps farmers meet their pre and post-harvest farm requirements and allied expenses. Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card comes with a 12-month repayment period, which offers adequate time to clear the outstanding amount. The card amount for marginal farmers is adjustable, ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000. In the first phase, it will be available to farmers in the states of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Delhi NCR region. Later, it will be offered to farmers at a pan-India level. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Agribazaar – launched farmer-centric card - “Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card”
- Repayment period – 12 months | Credit Range – from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000
- HQs of Agribazaar – New Delhi | CEO – Amith Agarwal

**119.** On September 5, Bank of India (BOI) became the first public sector bank to go live on Income Tax Department’s new Direct Tax Collection System called “Tin 2.0”. With this technological integration of BOI on the TIN 2.0 platform, taxpayers will now get a single platform for their tax payments as well as the e-filing of tax returns. The process is simple and fast, making it easier for taxpayers to make the payments at their convenience in just a few clicks. Tax Information Network, “TIN 2.0 (e-filing)” is the official portal of the Income Tax Department, Ministry of Finance. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- BOI – became the first PSB to go live on Income Tax Department’s new Direct Tax Collection System called “Tin 2.0”
- “TIN 2.0 (e-filing)” – the official portal of the Income Tax Department
- HQs of BOI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Atanu Kumar Das | Tagline – “Relationship Beyond Banking”

**120.** On September 7, Axis Bank partnered with technology-based company PayNearby to boost its credit growth with an aim to ensure meeting its Priority Sector Lending (PSL) targets organically. Banks are required to extend 40% of their overall lending to priority sectors, which include loans to agriculture and MSME sectors. PayNearby, which offers distribution-as-a-Service (DaaS), has a network of over 50 lakh micro-entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Axis Bank + PayNearby = partnership to boost the bank’s PSL targets
- Banks are required to extend 40% of their overall lending to priority sectors like agriculture & MSME sectors
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”
- HQs of PayNearby – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Anand Kumar Bajaj

**121.** On September 6, Private sector lender IDFC First Bank joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), an initiative of the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, to enable early adoption of the network among its customers. The bank has enabled a platform for buyers which will help them discover sellers in the ONDC network as it develops over time. ONDC, a ‘Section 8’ company, has been set up to democratize e-commerce and will transition e-commerce from a platform centric model to an open network model, similar to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for payments. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- IDFC First Bank – joined the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
- ONDC, a ‘Section 8’ company, is an initiative of Ministry of Commerce & Industry
- HQs of IDFC First Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – V. Vaidyanathan | Established in – 2018

**122.** On September 7, WAAREE Energies Ltd (WAAREE), India’s largest Solar Panel manufacturer, entered into an agreement with State Bank of India (SBI) for availing unsecured financing for solar projects through “Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme” and providing working capital for Channel Partners under EDFs (Electronic dealer finance scheme). WAAREE intends to leverage over 500 Cr of a credit line through the scheme. WAAREE has also been recognized as ‘India’s Best Brand’ in the Renewable Energy industry by The Economic Times. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- WAAREE + SBI = an agreement to avail unsecured financing for solar projects via “Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme”
- WAAREE – recognized as ‘India’s Best Brand’ in the Renewable Energy industry by The Economic Times
- HQs of WAAREE Energies Ltd – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Vivek Srivastava
- HQs of SBI Bank – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

**123.** On September 6, ESAF Small Finance Bank Ltd launched a “Rainbow Savings Account” exclusively for the transgender community. It offers a host of features, including high savings rate and advanced debit card facilities. In 2015, the RBI had directed all banks to include a separate column ‘third gender’ in all their forms and applications. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- ESAF SFB – launched a “Rainbow Savings Account” exclusively for the transgender community
- RBI had directed all banks to include a separate column ‘third gender’ in all their forms in 2015
- HQs of ESAF SFB – Thrissur, Kerala | MD & CEO – K. Paul Thomas | Chairman – P. R. Ravi Mohan

**124.** On September 7, Lord’s Mark Insurance Broking Private Limited, the insurance division of Lord’s Mark Industries, has received direct insurance broking licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for selling life and general insurance products. The direct broking licence marks Lord’s Mark Industries’ foray into the insurance space. Lord’s Mark Insurance Broking will launch the products on its platform called ‘Policy King’. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Lord’s Mark Insurance Broking – received direct insurance broking licence from the IRDAI
- Lord’s Mark Insurance Broking will launch the products on its platform called ‘Policy King’
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

**125.** In September 2022, Insurance Ombudsmen, an alternative mode of resolving disputes over insurance claims, disposed of 32% or 40,527 more complaints against insurance firms in 2021-22 year-on-year, compared with 30,596 in 2020-21. Health insurance made up a third of the total number cases disposed of by ombudsmen in 2020-21. The Delhi office settled 3,830 complaints in 2021-22, or 9.4% of the all India figure. Of this, almost 30%, or 1,129 complaints, related to health insurance. Currently, there are 17 insurance ombudsman across India. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Insurance Ombudsmen disposed of 32% or 40,527 more complaints against insurance firms in 2021-22
- Health insurance made up a third of the total number cases disposed in 2021-22
- Delhi office settled 3,830 complaints or 9.4% of the all India figure in 2021-22
- Currently, there are 17 insurance ombudsman across India *{dynamic data}*
- HQs of IRDAI – Hyderabad, Telangana | Chairman – Debasish Panda

**126.** On September 7, HDFC Bank introduced its state-of-the-art “Bank on Wheels” service in Gujarat’s Ankleshwar to take its banking services to unbanked villages. The van will be operational at each location for a specific period and will cover 3 villages in a day. This van is part of the pilot project and more such vans are planned to be rolled out in various states. [{Read more}](#)



**Key Points:**

- HDFC Bank – introduced its state-of-the art “Bank on Wheels” service in Ankleshwar, Gujarat (pilot project)
- HQs of HDFC Bank – Mumbai, MH | MD & CEO – Sashidhar Jagdishan | Tagline – “We understand your World”
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

## **Sports & Games**

**127.** On September 4, Anishka Biyani won Gold medal in the “Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship” in ‘Under-6 Open’ category at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Six-year-old Anishka is a first grade student of Dhirubhai Ambani International School in Mumbai. Participants from as many as 8 countries took part in the competition. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Anishka Biyani – won Gold medal in the “Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship” in ‘Under-6 Open’ category
- Anishka Biyani (Mumbai) – is a 6-year old first grade student
- Malaysia – Kuala Lumpur – Ringgit | PM – Ismail Sabri Yaakob | King – Al-Sultan Abdullah

**128.** On September 4, Ladakh hosted the first-ever Mountain Bicycle World Cup - the “UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup” in Leh. It was jointly organised by Ladakh Police, the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh and the Cycling Federation of India. Ladakh leg of the Eliminator world cup is part of a series of 10 professional races held in various cities across the world. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- “UCI MTB Eliminator World Cup” - first-ever Mountain Bicycle World Cup – hosted by Leh, Ladakh
- Organised by = Ladakh Police + Administration of Ladakh + Cycling Federation of India
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur
- HQs of CFI – New Delhi | President – Parminder Singh Dhindsa | Secretary General – Maninder Pal Singh

**129.** On September 6, Indian cricketer Suresh Raina has announced his retirement from all formats of Cricket. He will no longer play in the Indian Premier League (IPL). He had already ended his international cricket on August 15, 2020. Raina is the first Indian batsman to register centuries across all three formats (Test, ODI & T20I). Suresh Raina was felicitated with the prestigious ‘Sports Icon’ award at the Maldives Sports Awards 2022 by the Government of Maldives. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Suresh Raina – announced his retirement from all formats of Cricket
- Suresh Raina – the first Indian batsman to register centuries across all three formats (Test, ODI & T20I)
- Suresh Raina – felicitated with the prestigious ‘Sports Icon’ award at the ‘Maldives Sports Awards 2022’





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## Science & Technology

**130.** On September 6, NASA and American space infrastructure developer Axiom Space signed a pact for the second private astronaut mission to the International Space Station (ISS), to take place in the second quarter of 2023. The spaceflight, designated as “Axiom Mission 2 (Ax-2)”, will be launched from NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida, US. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- NASA + Axiom Space (US) = a pact for the second private astronaut mission to the ISS (to be launched in Q2 2023)
- HQs of NASA – Washington D.C., US | Administrator – Bill Nelson | Founded in – 1958

**131.** On September 5, a new I-STEM (Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map) initiative called “Women in Engineering, Science, and Technology (WEST)” was launched by Dr. Parvinder Maini, Scientific Secretary in office of the Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India. The WEST programme will cater to women with a STEM background and empower them to contribute to the science, technology, and innovation ecosystem. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Government launched a new I-STEM initiative called “**Women in Engineering, Science & Technology (WEST)**”
- I-STEM – Indian **S**cience **T**echnology and **E**ngineering facilities **M**ap

**132.** On September 7, Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) approved India’s first intra-nasal Covid vaccine called “iNCOVACC (BBV154)” for emergency use in adults. The vaccine is manufactured by Bharat Biotech in partnership with Washington University-St Louis. It has been designed to not only protect against infection but also reduce transmission of the virus. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- DCGI approved India’s first intra-nasal Covid vaccine called “iNCOVACC (BBV154)” for emergency use in adults
- The vaccine is manufactured by = Bharat Biotech + Washington University-St Louis
- The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) – V G Somani

## Appointments & Resignations

**133.** On September 5, the UK’s Conservative party announced that British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss (Mary Elizabeth Truss) is the UK’s next Prime Minister and leader of the party. Ms. Truss won a vote share of 57% or 81,326 votes versus former Chancellor, Rishi Sunak’s 42% or 60,399 votes. Ms. Truss became Britain’s 56<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister and the 3<sup>rd</sup> woman to hold the position. [{Read more}](#)

### **Key Points:**

- Liz Truss (Mary Elizabeth Truss) – elected as the 56<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of the UK (defeating - Rishi Sunak)
- She is associated with Conservative party | She is 3<sup>rd</sup> woman to hold the position
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Mary Elizabeth Truss (Liz Truss)



**134.** In September 2022, Ministry of External Affairs announced that Senior diplomat Sibi George was appointed as the next Indian ambassador to Japan. George, who is currently the Ambassador of India to Kuwait, replaces Sanjay Kumar Verma. Besides, Senior IFS officer Neeta Bhushan was named as the new High Commissioner of India to New Zealand. Bhushan succeeds Muktesh Pardeshi. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Sibi George – appointed as next Indian ambassador to Japan
- Neeta Bhushan – appointed as the High Commissioner of India to New Zealand
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida
- New Zealand – Wellington – Dollar (NZD) | PM – Jacinda Ardern

**135.** On September 5, President Draupadi Murmu appointed Justice M. Duraiswamy as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, replacing Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari. However, later on September 22, Justice T. Raja was named acting Chief Justice of the Madras High Court, replacing M. Duraiswamy who retired on September 21, 2022. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- On Sep 22, T. Raja was appointed as acting Chief Justice of Madras HC (succeeding - M. Duraiswamy)
- On Sep 5, M. Duraiswamy was appointed as Chief Justice of Madras HC (succeeding - Munishwar Nath Bhandari)
- Present Chief Justice of Madras High Court – Justice T. Raja (acting)

**136.** On September 4, United Nations chief Antonio Guterres appointed former Kyrgyzstan President Roza Otunbayeva as his new envoy to Afghanistan. Otunbayeva has been appointed for the position of Special Representative for Afghanistan and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA). Otunbayeva succeeds Deborah Lyons of Canada. She has also served with the United Nations as Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia (UNOMIG) (2002-2004). [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Roza Otunbayeva (former Kyrgyzstan President) – appointed as UN Chief's (Antonio Guterres) new envoy to Afghanistan
- Roza's position: Special Representative for Afghanistan & Head of the UNAMA
- She succeeds Deborah Lyons of Canada
- HQs of UN – New York, US | Secretary-General – Antonio Guterres | Formed in – October 24, 1945
- Afghanistan – Kabul – Afghani | Care taker President – Amrullah Saleh | Interim PM – Mullah Hasan Akhund

**137.** On September 6, Amit Kumar, an IFS officer of the 1995 batch, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea. Besides, Sandeep Arya was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Amit Kumar – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to South Korea (Republic of Korea)
- Sandeep Arya – appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Vietnam
- South Korea – Seoul – Korean Republic won | President – Yoon Suk-yeol
- Vietnam – Hanoi – Vietnamese dong | PM – Pham Minh Chinh | President – Nguyen Xuan Phuc



**138.** In September 2022, Football Delhi President Shaji Prabhakaran was appointed the new Secretary General of the All India Football Federation (AIFF). Sunando Dhar was appointed as the new Deputy Secretary General of this sports body.

[{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Shaji Prabhakaran – appointed as new Secretary General of the All India Football Federation (AIFF)
- HQs of AIFF – Dwarka, Delhi | President – Kalyan Chaubey | Secretary General – Shaji Prabhakaran

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

**139.** On September 7, Kerala's Nilambur and Thrissur, along with Warangal in Telangana, have become the first Indian towns to join the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities (GNLC) by promoting lifelong learning among its people. The three Indian towns were among the 77 new members from 44 countries to join the GNLC this year. The UNESCO GNLC has 294 cities in 76 countries that share inspiration, know-how and best practice among each other. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nilambur & Thrissur (Kerala) + Warangal (Telangana) = 1<sup>st</sup> Indian towns to join 'Global Network of Learning Cities'
- 77 new members from 44 countries joined the UNESCO's 'GNLC' in 2022 (Now total – 294 cities from 76 countries)
- HQs of UNESCO – Paris, France | Director-General – Audrey Azoulay | Founded in – 1945 | Members – 193 Countries

**140.** On September 6, West Bengal has bagged the "International Travel Award 2023" for the best destination for culture. The trophy will be conferred by Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA) at the "World Tourism & Aviation Leaders' Summit" in Berlin, Germany in March 2023. The PATWA is an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

[{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- West Bengal – bagged the "International Travel Award 2023" for the best destination for culture – by PATWA
- "World Tourism & Aviation Leaders' Summit" – to be held in Berlin, Germany (in March 2023)
- HQs of UNWTO – Madrid, Spain | Secretary-General – Zurab Pololikashvili
- West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan

**141.** Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the "International Documentary and Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)" at the Kairali theatre in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Culture Minister V. N. Vasavan presided over the function. Around 1,200 delegates and around 250 filmmakers took part in the festival. The CM presented the Lifetime Achievement Award to the documentary director and editor Reena Mohan on the occasion. The opening film, "Mariu Polis 2", which focuses on the war in Ukraine and the humanitarian crisis created by the war, was shown to a packed audience.

[{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Pinarayi Vijayan – inaugurated the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of "International Documentary & Short Film Festival of Kerala (IDSFFK)"
- V. N. Vasavan (Culture Minister) – presided over the function | Opening film – "Mariu Polis 2"
- Reena Mohan – was awarded the 'Lifetime Achievement Award'
- Kerala: Capital – Thiruvananthapuram | CM – Pinarayi Vijayan | Governor – Arif Mohammad Khan





**142.** On September 5, President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari conferred the honorary rank of “General of the Nepal Army” to General Manoj Pande, Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army. Conferring the honorary rank, the title of ‘Honorary General’, is a long tradition of exchange of visits by the Army Chiefs of Nepal and India. The tradition started in 1950. India also confers the honorary rank of “General of Indian Army” to the Nepal Army Chief. Archana Pande, the Chairperson of the Army Wives Welfare Association of the Indian army, accompanied Gen. Pande. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Nepal – conferred the honorary rank of “General of the Nepal Army” to General Manoj Pande
- Archana Pande – Chairperson of the Army Wives Welfare Association of the Indian army
- [Nepal – Kathmandu – Nepalese Rupee](#) | [President – Bidhya Devi Bhandari](#) | [PM – Sher Bahadur Deuba](#)
- [HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi](#) | [Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande](#) | [Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj](#)

**143.** On September 4, the former President of the United States Barack Obama won “Emmy Award” for his narration in the Netflix documentary “Our Great National Parks”. Obama already has two Grammys and he is now halfway to an EGOT - the achievement of having won all four of the major American entertainment awards - an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar & a Tony. Only 17 people have an EGOT till date. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- Barack Obama – won “Emmy Award” for his narration in the Netflix documentary “Our Great National Parks”
- Four major American entertainment awards are known as ‘EGOT’ (Emmy, Grammy, Oscar & Tony)
- Only 17 people have an EGOT till date
- [US – Washington, D.C. – US Dollar](#) | [46<sup>th</sup> President – Joe Biden](#) | [49<sup>th</sup> VP – Kamala Harris](#)



## **Schemes & Initiatives**

**144.** On September 8, Union Cabinet approved a new centrally sponsored scheme called “PM SHRI Schools” (PM Schools for Rising India). Under the scheme, 14,500 schools across India will be upgraded to showcase components of the “National Education Policy (NEP), 2020”. A centrally sponsored scheme “PM SHRI Schools” is one in which the cost of implementation is mostly split in a 60:40 ratio between the Union government and the states/UTs. PM SHRI will be implemented at a cost of Rs 27,360 Cr over the next 5 years, in which the Centre’s share will be Rs 18,128 Cr. The NEP for schools envisages a curricular structure and teaching style categorised in four stages: foundational, preparatory, middle, and secondary. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

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- “PM SHRI Schools” scheme cost is split in a 60:40 ratio between Central Govt & State/UT Govt
- [Ministry of Education: Dharmendra Pradhan](#) | [Constituency – Madhya Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Education: Subhas Sarkar](#)

**145.** On September 5, Odisha government launched the “Community Harnessing and Harvesting Rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA)” scheme, which was recently approved by the state cabinet at an investment of Rs 270 Crore. Under the scheme, a target has been set to harvest 373.52 Crore litres of water in 5 years. The scheme has been conceptualized to address the increasing stress on groundwater and to improve the depleting groundwater table. [{Read more}](#)



### Key Points:

- Odisha launched “Community Harnessing & Harvesting Rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA)” scheme
- Outlay of the scheme – Rs 270 Crore | Target – to harvest 373.52 Crore litres of water in 5 years
- Odisha: Capital – Bhubaneswar | CM – Naveen Patnaik | Governor – Ganeshi Lal

## Important Days & Dates

**146.** The 3<sup>rd</sup> “International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies” was celebrated on September 7, 2022, under the theme of “The Air We Share”. It focuses on the transboundary nature of air pollution highlighting the need for collective accountability and collective action. 7 million people die each year due to air pollution, with 90% of them in low- and middle-income countries. The day was designed by the UNGA on November 26, 2019. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- September 7 – 3<sup>rd</sup> International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies
- 2022’s Theme – “The Air We Share”

## Meetings, Conferences & Summits

**147.** On September 4, Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the 6<sup>th</sup> “All India Prison Duty Meet” in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The 3-day biennial Meet was organised by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) at TransStadia in Ahmedabad’s Kankaria. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- Amit Shah – inaugurated the 6<sup>th</sup> “All India Prison Duty Meet” in Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- The biennial Meet was organised by – Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D)
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

**148.** Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is on a 4-day visit to Australia, participated in “Dialogue with Group of Eight: Building successful Australia-India research collaboration” at University House, Melbourne. “Dialogue with Group of Eight” is a research collaboration between India and Australia. He also participated in the “VET: Policy Dialogue on Developing Skills for the Future” at Kangan Institute, Melbourne, Australia. During the visit, Pradhan co-chaired the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the “Australia-India Education Council” with Australian counterpart Jason Clare. [{Read more}](#)

### Key Points:

- During his 4-day visit to Australia, Dharmendra Pradhan participated in the:
  - “Dialogue with Group of Eight”
  - “VET: Policy Dialogue on Developing Skills for the Future”
  - 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the “Australia-India Education Council”
- Australia – Canberra – Australian Dollar | PM – Anthony Albanese



**149.** In September 2022, Six MoUs were signed between Indian and Australian companies to collaborate in the private space sector, at the inaugural session of the “Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX), 2022” in Bengaluru, Karnataka. This 7<sup>th</sup> edition of BSX was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with ISRO, and NSIL and IN-SPACE. The exclusive exhibition was held with the theme of “Nurturing the NewSpace in India”. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> edition of “Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX), 2022” – organised by CII + ISRO + NSIL + IN-SPACE
- Theme – “Nurturing the NewSpace in India”
- Indian companies + Australian companies = 6 MoUs to collaborate in the Private Space Sector

## **MoUs, Collaborations & Partnership**

**150.** On September 5, the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE) and the Indian School of Business (ISB) collaborated to offer two entrepreneurial programmes - Business Foundations & Entrepreneurial Skills, and Behavioural Skills. Their partnership seeks to offer World Class Management Education through Entrepreneurial Programmes targeted at youth, job seekers and budding entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

**Key Points:**

- NIESBUD + IIE + ISB = collaborated to offer World Class Management Education through two Entrepreneurial Programmes
- Location of NIESBUD – Noida, Uttar Pradesh | DG – Krishna Kumar Dwivedi
- Location of IIE – Guwahati, Assam
- Locations of ISB – Hyderabad & Mohali | Chairperson – Harish Manwani





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