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National & States Affairs

251. On September 10, Kibithu Military Garrison (Arunachal Pradesh) on the banks of Lohit Valley along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and a 22 Km-road in this mountain hamlet were named after India's first Chief of Defence Staff Gen Bipin Rawat. As a young Colonel, Rawat had commanded his Battalion 5/11 Gorkha Rifles at Kibithu from 1999-2000. The 22 km road stretch from Walong to Kibithu was dedicated as Gen Bipin Rawat Marg by Chief Minister Pema Khandu. A majestic life-size mural of Gen Rawat was also unveiled. Gen Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu on December 8 last year. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Kibithu Military Garrison & 22-km road from Walong to Kibithu – named as 'Gen Bipin Rawat Marg'
- It is located on the banks of Lohit Valley along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Arunachal Pradesh
- Gen Rawat was killed in a helicopter crash near Coonoor in Tamil Nadu on December 8, 2021
- [Arunachal Pradesh: Capital – Itanagar | CM – Pema Khandu | Governor – B. D. Mishra](#)

252. In September 2022, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) launched Operation "Gear Box" and detected 72 hidden packets weighing 39.5 kg of suspected narcotic substance Heroin. The operation was jointly conducted by DRI and ATS Gujarat. The container from Dubai was examined by DRI at Kolkata port, West Bengal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- DRI – launched Operation "Gear Box" & detected 72 hidden packets of narcotic substance Heroin
- The operation was jointly conducted by = DRI + ATS Gujarat
- The container from Dubai was examined by DRI at Kolkata port, West Bengal
- [West Bengal: Capital – Kolkata | CM – Mamta Banerjee | Governor – La. Ganesan](#)

253. An Empowered Committee, headed by NITI Aayog CEO Parameswaran Iyer, approved 32 beneficiaries under the production linked incentive (PLI) scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing, including 10 for mobile manufacturing. The Parameswaran Iyer-headed committee approved the first incentive for mobile manufacturing under the PLI scheme for large scale electronics manufacturing. This is the first-ever disbursement under any PLI scheme. The government has already rolled out the scheme with an outlay of about Rs 2 Lakh Cr for as many as 14 sectors, including automobiles and auto components, white goods, pharma, textiles, advance chemistry cell and speciality steel. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Parameswaran Iyer committee – approved 32 beneficiaries under PLI scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing
- Out of 32 beneficiaries, 10 are for mobile manufacturing
- This is the first-ever disbursement which is made for 'mobile manufacturing' under any PLI scheme
- The government has rolled out the PLI scheme with an outlay of about Rs 2 Lakh Cr for 14 sectors
- [HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery](#)

254. On September 10, Indian Railways introduced the new avatar of high speed train called "Vande Bharat 2". It will be equipped with more advancements and improved features like 0 to 100 Kmpl speed in just 52 second, with maximum speed up to 180 Kmph. In the new design of Vande Bharat Express, photo-catalytic ultra violet air purification system is installed in the roof mounted Roof Mounted Package Unit (RMPU) for air purification. The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 15 February 2019. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Indian Railways introduced the new avatar of high speed train “Vande Bharat 2”
- The train can achieve 0 to 100 Kmpl speed in just 52 second with maximum speed up to 180 Kmph
- The first Vande Bharat Express was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 15 February, 2019
- [HQs of Indian Railways – New Delhi | Chairman & CEO – Vinay Kumar Tripathi](#)

255. On September 13, IIT Madras has become the first Indian institute to join the IBM Quantum Network. This network aims to advance quantum computing skills development and research in India. IIT Madras will now get cloud-based access to IBM’s most advanced quantum computing systems. The Centre for Quantum Information, Communication and Computing (CQuICC) at IIT Madras has been developed to focus on advancing core algorithms in research areas such as Quantum Machine Learning, Quantum Optimization, and applications research in finance. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- IIT Madras – became the first Indian institute to join the ‘IBM Quantum Network’
- IBM Quantum Network – aims to advance quantum computing skills development & research in India
- [Director of IIT Madras – Bhaskar Ramamurthi](#)

256. On September 10, the two-day “National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition” began in Kota, Rajasthan. The conclave was formally inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Minister of State for Defense Ajay Bhatt. Defense equipment including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery guns, various types of sniper and machine guns and military bridges were displayed in the exhibition. Youth innovating in the defense sector, start-ups and MSMEs also displayed their products. The Drone Light Show was also the highlight of the programme. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition” – began in Kota, Rajasthan
- ‘Drone Light Show’ was one of the highlights of the programme
- [Rajasthan: Capital – Jaipur | CM – Ashok Gehlot | Governor – Kalraj Mishra](#)
- [Ministry of Defence: Rajnath Singh | Constituency – Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Defence: Ajay Bhatt](#)

257. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched a 15-day blood donation drive called the “Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav” on the occasion of PM Narendra Modi’s birthday on September 17. Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya began donating blood at a camp set up at Safdarjung Hospital in New Delhi. The Minister urged citizens to register on the Aarogya Setu app or e-Raktkosh portal to donate blood as part of it. This drive will be held till October 1, National Voluntary Blood Donation Day. The shelf life of the donated blood is 35 to 42 days. Mr. Mandaviya also released a book titled ‘Footprints on the Sands of Time’, showcasing the contribution of Safdarjung Hospital towards healthcare. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- MoHFW – launched a 15-day blood donation drive, “Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav” on PM Narendra Modi’s birthday
- This drive was held till October 1 – National Voluntary Blood Donation Day
- On this occasion, Mansukh Mandaviya released a book titled ‘Footprints on the Sands of Time’
- [Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Mansukh L. Mandaviya | Constituency – Palitana, Gujarat](#)
- [MoS in Ministry of Health & Family Welfare: Bharati Pravin Pawar](#)



258. As stated in a Delhi Gazette notification issued on September 11, the central government has fixed the total number of seats in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi at 250 from the existing figure of 272. Out of 250 seats, 42 seats are for the members of the Scheduled Castes. In July, the Home Ministry had set up a three-member commission for carrying out a fresh delimitation of the municipal wards in Delhi. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Central Govt fixed the total number of seats in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi at 250 from the existing 272
- Out of 250 seats, 42 seats are for the members of the Scheduled Castes

259. On September 9, Uttarakhand government has formed an Expert Committee, headed by retired justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, to examine ways for the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC). The committee has launched a website, seeking public opinion on the plan. Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai is also the current head of the Delimitation Commission. The provision of Uniform Civil Code for all citizens is enacted in 'Article 44' of the Indian Constitution. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Uttarakhand – formed an Expert Committee to examine ways for the implementation of a Uniform Civil Code (UCC)
- The Committee is headed by – Retired justice Ranjana Prakash Desai
- The provision of UCC for all citizens is enacted in 'Article 44' of the Constitution
- Uttarakhand: Capital – Dehradun & Gairsain | CM – Pushkar Singh Dhami | Governor – Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh

International Affairs

260. India will assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from 1 December, 2022 to 30 November, 2023. Under its Presidency, India is expected to host over 200 G20 meetings across the country. The "G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government" is scheduled to be held in September, 2023 in New Delhi. India is currently part of the G20 Troika (current, previous and incoming G20 Presidencies) comprising Indonesia, Italy and India. During our Presidency, India (2023), Indonesia (2022) and Brazil (2024) would form the troika. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India – to assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from 1 December, 2022 to 30 November, 2023
- "G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State/Government" – to be held in New Delhi (in Sep 2023)
- Presidency of G20 Summit: 2022 – Indonesia | 2023 – India | 2024 – Brazil

Banking, Finance, Insurance & Economic Affairs

261. On September 13, Navi Technologies received approval from market regulator SEBI to launch its Rs 3,350 Crore Initial Public Offer (IPO). The funds will also be used to invest in its subsidiaries - Navi Finserv Pvt Ltd and Navi General Insurance Pvt Ltd and other corporate purposes. After exiting Flipkart, Sachin Bansal had founded Navi Technologies in 2018 along with Ankit Agarwal. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Navi Technologies – received approval from the SEBI to launch its Rs 3,350 Crore IPO
- HQs of Navi Technologies – Bengaluru, Karnataka | Founders – Sachin Bansal & Ankit Agarwal



262. On September 12, Nippon Life India Asset Management (Singapore) Pte Ltd and DWS Group collaborated to provide portfolio management and investment advisory services to the European-listed Indian Government Bond Exchange Traded Funds (ETF). Moreover, the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) is a separate channel established by the Reserve Bank of India, in consultation with the Government of India, through which eligible investors can invest in specified Government securities without any investment ceilings. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Nippon Life India AMC (Singapore) + DWS Group = to provide portfolio management & investment advisory services to the European-listed Indian Government Bond ETF
- RBI + GoI = established 'FAR' through which eligible investors can invest in specified Government securities
- HQs of RBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Governor – Shaktikanta Das (25th) | Established on – 1st April, 1935
- HQs of Nippon Life India AML – Mumbai, Maharashtra

263. India is likely to become the 3rd largest economy by 2029, up 7 places since 2014 when the country was ranked 10th, according to the report by State Bank of India's (SBI) Research Ecowrap. India is currently ranked 5th largest economy. Indian economy had registered a GDP growth of 20.1% in Q1FY22. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- SBI's Research Ecowrap: India is likely to become the 3rd largest economy by 2029 (currently, 5th largest economy)
- HQs of SBI – Mumbai, Maharashtra | Chairman – Dinesh Kumar Khara
- MDs – Challa Sreenivasulu Setty | Alok Kumar Choudhary | Ashwini Kumar Tewari | Swaminathan Janakiraman

264. On September 12, Canara HSBC Life Insurance launched "iSelect Guaranteed Future", an individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection life insurance plan over company's digital platform. The product is specifically targeted at new-age customers who are internet savvy and prefer digital platform. To take care of the financial dreams and goals of customers, the product comes with "Guaranteed Maturity Benefit" and offers "Boost your Maturity". [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Canara HSBC Life Insurance – launched "iSelect Guaranteed Future" life insurance plan
- The plan comes with "Guaranteed Maturity Benefit" and offers "Boost your Maturity"
- HQs of Canara HSBC Life Insurance – Gurugram, Haryana | MD & CEO – Anuj Mathur

265. In September 2022, Karnataka Bank became part of the Karnataka Government's integrated financial management system (IFMS), "Khajane-II", for implementing single nodal agency (SNA) account system for Centrally-sponsored schemes. Karnataka Bank is actively engaged in government businesses post the appointment as agency bank by Reserve Bank of India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Karnataka Bank – became part of the Karnataka Govt's integrated financial management system (IFMS), "Khajane-II"
- HQs of Karnataka Bank – Mangalore, Karnataka | CEO – Mahabaleshwara M. S. | Chairman – Pradeep Kumar Panja
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot

266. On September 12, Private lender Axis Bank and Square Yards, an integrated real estate platform, launched "Open Doors", a co-branded home buyer ecosystem, which offers one-stop solution from searching to buying a home. 'Open Doors' is a first-of-its-kind unified platform, designed to address the entire gamut of customer queries related to residential property. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Axis Bank + Square Yards = launched “Open Doors”, a co-branded home buyer ecosystem
- HQs of Axis Bank – Mumbai | MD & CEO – Amitabh Chaudhry | Tagline – “Badhti ka Naam Zindagi”

267. In September 2022, HDFC ERGO General Insurance collaborated with Google Cloud to build an online platform for selling insurance, offering tailored digital experiences to customers, responding to regulatory changes faster, and identifying insurance risks using data analytics and machine learning (ML). HDFC ERGO plans to completely migrate to the cloud by 2024. In June, Max Life Insurance announced a partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to allow customers to buy insurance within 30 minutes. [{Read more}](#)

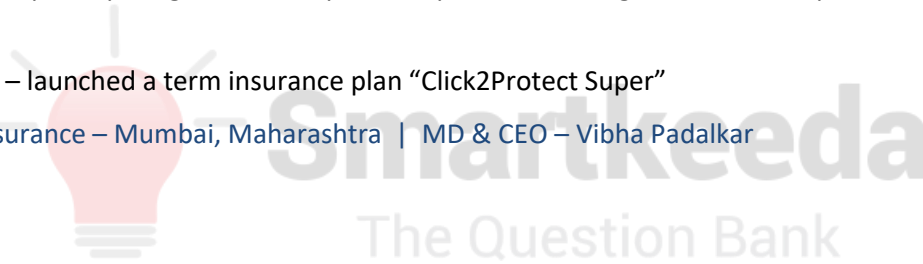
Key Points:

- HDFC ERGO + Google Cloud = partnership to build an online platform for selling insurance using Data Analytics & ML
- Max Life + AWS = partnership to allow customers to buy insurance within 30 minutes (in June)
- HQs of HDFC ERGO General Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Ritesh Kumar
- HQs of Google – California, US | CEO – Sundar Pichai | Founded in – 1998

268. On September 12, HDFC Life Insurance launched a term insurance plan “Click2Protect Super”, which enables customisation as per protection needs and you only pay for the benefits/plan options that you have chosen. Click2Protect Super is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, pure risk premium/savings life insurance plan. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HDFC Life Insurance – launched a term insurance plan “Click2Protect Super”
- HQs of HDFC Life Insurance – Mumbai, Maharashtra | MD & CEO – Vibha Padalkar



Defence Affairs

269. On September 9, Army’s Kharga Corps and the Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted a joint exercise ‘Gagan Strike’ in Punjab. The exercise, conducted over 4 days, comprised the deployment of attack helicopters as the aerial arm in support of ground forces carrying out drills. It validated the Apache 64E and Advanced Light Helicopter WSI as potent weapons delivery platforms. The joint exercise was led by General Officer Commanding, Kharga Corps, Lt Gen Pratik Sharma. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- ‘Gagan Strike’, a joint exercise conducted in Punjab by = Army’s Kharga Corps + IAF
- The joint exercise was led by – Lt Gen Pratik Sharma (General Officer Commanding, Kharga Corps)
- Punjab: Capital – Chandigarh | CM – Bhagwant Mann | Governor – Banwarilal Purohit
- HQs of Indian Army – New Delhi | Chief – Lt. Gen. Manoj Pande | Vice Chief – Lt. General Baggavalli Somashekar Raj
- HQs of IAF – New Delhi | Chief – Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari | Vice Chief – Air Marshal Sandeep Singh

270. On September 10, Army chief General Manoj Pande visited the Ladakh sector to review “Exercise Parvat Prahar” and was briefed on operational preparedness by Commanders on ground. The exercise used newly inducted all-terrain vehicles transported by Chinook heavy lift helicopters and K9-Vajra howitzers. [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- Army chief General Manoj Pande reviewed “Exercise Parvat Prahar” – conducted in Ladakh
- Ladakh: Capital – Leh | Lt. Governor – R. K. Mathur

271. On September 11, the 6th edition of “JIMEX 22” (Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022) hosted by Indian Navy commenced in the Bay of Bengal. The Indian Navy was represented by 3 indigenously designed and built warships; Sahyadri, a multi-purpose stealth frigate, and Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes - Kadmatt & Kavaratti. JIMEX 22 involves two Phases; a sea phase in the Bay of Bengal and a harbour phase at Visakhapatnam. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Indian Navy – hosted the 6th edition of “JIMEX 22”, sea phase in the Bay of Bengal & harbour phase at Visakhapatnam
- HQs of Indian Navy – Delhi | Chief – Admiral R. Hari Kumar | VC – S. N. Ghormade | Founded in – 26th Jan, 1950

Sports & Games

272. Sikkim will host three Ranji Trophy matches for the first time in December 2022 at the Mining Cricket Ground near Rangpo. Along with Ranji Trophy matches, Sikkim will also play two Cooch Behar Trophy matches in November 2022, and three Col CK Nayudu Trophy matches at the same venue. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sikkim – will host three Ranji Trophy matches for the first time in December 2022
- Sikkim – will play two ‘Cooch Behar Trophy’ matches in November 2022 & three ‘Col CK Nayudu Trophy’ matches
- Cooch Behar Trophy & Col CK Nayudu Trophy – related to Cricket
- Sikkim: Capital – Gangtok | CM – Prem Singh Tamang | Governor – Ganga Prasad

273. In September 2022, Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 23 runs in the final of “Asia Cup 2022”. The cricket tournament, earlier scheduled in Sri Lanka, was shifted to Dubai, UAE due to the unprecedented economic crisis in the island nation. The 6-nation men’s T20 cricket tournament was named the “DP World Asia Cup 2022”. The UAE hosted the Asia Cup for the fourth time. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sri Lanka – defeated Pakistan in the final of “Asia Cup 2022” or “DP World Asia Cup 2022” – hosted by Dubai, UAE
- The UAE hosted the Asia Cup for the 4th time
- UAE – Abu Dhabi – Dirham | President – Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan





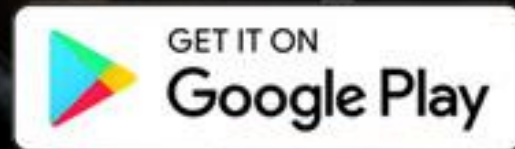
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Persons in News

274. On September 10, Britain's King Charles bestowed on his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Catherine (Kate) Middleton the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales, which he and his late wife Diana previously held. William, Prince of Wales and Kate, Princess of Wales, both are 40 years old and they also took the titles of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, respectively. Moreover, Camilla Parker-Bowles (Prince Charles' wife) took new title of Queen Consort of the UK. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Britain's King Charles – bestowed on his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Catherine (Kate) Middleton the titles of Prince and Princess of Wales
- William & Kate – also took the titles of Duke and Duchess of Cornwall
- Camilla Parker-Bowles (Prince Charles' wife) – took new title of Queen Consort of the UK
- UK – London – Pound Sterling | PM – Mary Elizabeth Truss (Liz Truss) | New King – King Charles III

Science & Technology

275. On September 12, Hughes Communications India (HCI), a satellite internet service provider, launched India's first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband service powered by ISRO satellites. HTS is a communication satellite that provides more throughput than conventional communication satellites or Fixed Satellite Service. The HTS broadband service from Hughes combines Ku-band capacity from ISRO GSAT-11 and GSAT-29 satellites with Hughes JUPITER Platform ground technology to deliver high-speed broadband. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HCI – launched India's first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband service powered by ISRO satellites
- HTS broadband service combines Ku-band capacity from ISRO 'GSAT-11' & 'GSAT-29' satellites
- HQs of Hughes Communications – Maryland, US | CEO – Pradman Kaul

276. In September 2022, an international team of researchers led by Japan's scientific institution, RIKEN's Cluster for Pioneering Research (CPR), have devised a system that can create cyborg cockroaches, that are part insect and part machine. The team, led by RIKEN CPR's Kenjiro Fukuda, used Madagascar cockroaches for this. It will be able to conduct surveillance in procedures like urban search and rescue, environmental monitoring and inspection of areas dangerous to humans. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- International team of researchers led by RIKEN's CPR (Japan) – devised a system that can create 'Cyborg Cockroaches'
- Researchers have used Madagascar cockroaches for this
- Japan – Tokyo – Yen | PM – Fumio Kishida



Appointments & Resignations

277. In September 2022, Public enterprises selection board (PESB) appointed Ajit Kumar Saxena for the post of Chairman & Managing Director of Schedule “A” Miniratna Category-I Company, MOIL Limited. Currently, he is serving as Director (Operations) in Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL). Mr. Ajit will replace M. P. Chaudhari for this post. MOIL Limited is the largest producer of manganese ore in India. It operates 11 mines in adjoining districts of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Ajit Kumar Saxena – appointed as CMD of MOIL Limited (a Miniratna Category-I Company)
- Ajit Kumar Saxena – currently serving as Director (Operations) in Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- MOIL Ltd – largest producer of manganese ore in India
- HQ of MOIL Ltd – Nagpur, Maharashtra | CMD – Ajit Kumar Saxena

278. On September 10, Central government-managed CSC e-Governance India SPV has appointed its CEO Sanjay Kumar Rakesh as its Managing Director (MD). He is a 1990 batch IAS officer of Tripura cadre. The appointment comes following the resignation of Dinesh Tyagi from the post, who played a key role in the scaling up of CSCs from 60,000 in 2014 to over 5 lakh at present. As of July 2022, there are 5.33 lakh active CSCs across the country, of which, 74,500 are managed by women village level entrepreneurs. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Kumar Rakesh – appointed as Managing Director of CSC e-Governance India Ltd (replacing - Dinesh Tyagi)
- HQs of CSCs – New Delhi | MD & CEO – Sanjay Kumar Rakesh (works under – MeitY)

279. On September 12, Piyush Goyal, the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, appointed Abhishek Mishra as the Member of the Consultative Committee of Food Corporation of India (FCI). Mr. Abhishek is the CEO of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF). Abhishek Mishra has also presided as the Advisory Panel Member for almost half a decade in Central Board of Film Certification, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – appointed Abhishek Mishra as the Member of the Consultative Committee of FCI
- Abhishek Mishra is the CEO of Dadasaheb Phalke International Film Festival (DPIFF)
- HQs of FCI – New Delhi | Chairman & MD – Atish Chandra

280. On September 10, the President of India appointed Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for a period of 4 years. The post of the Chairperson of the Tribunal was vacant since September 2019. Justice Bhandari retired as Chief Justice of Madras High Court on September 12. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Justice Munishwar Nath Bhandari – appointed as the Chairman of the Appellate Tribunal under the ‘PMLA, 2002’
- Justice Bhandari retired as Chief Justice of Madras High Court on September 12



281. On September 12, American Express Banking Corp (AEBC) India announced the appointment of Sanjay Khanna as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Country Manager for India. Khanna heads the country executive team and is responsible for driving growth across the organisation's consumer and commercial businesses. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Sanjay Khanna – appointed as CEO & Country Manager for American Express India (AEBC India)
- [HQs of AEBC India – Mumbai](#) | [CEO \(India\) – Sanjay Khanna](#)

282. On September 13, Senior diplomat Prakash Chand has been appointed the next ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea. Previously, Chand was the Consul General of India in Bali since 2019. Chand has also served as First Secretary (Consular) in Philippines from 2010 to 2014. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Prakash Chand – appointed as the next ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea
- [Eritrea – Asmara – Nakfa](#) | [President – Isaias Afwerki](#)

Important Days & Dates

283. Every year India celebrates Hindi Diwas or National Hindi Day on September 14. This day shows the importance of the Hindi Language and inspires younger generations to adopt the language more and more. This day also marks the birth anniversary of a renowned Hindi-stalwart Beohar Rajendra Simha. More than 420 million people around the globe speak Hindi as their first language and around 120 million people speak it as a second language. In 1949, the constituent Assembly of India recognized Hindi as the official language of the country and adopted an Indo-Aryan language written in the Devanagari script as the Hindi language. The day was first celebrated in 1953. Besides, Vishwa Hindi Diwas or World Hindi Day is celebrated on January 10. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- September 14 – “Hindi Diwas” or “National Hindi Day” (since 1953)
- The day marks the birth anniversary of – Beohar Rajendra Simha (a renowned Hindi-stalwart)
- January 10 – World Hindi Day

Books & Authors

284. On September 12, during the 4th Governing Council Meeting of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in New Delhi, Minister for Commerce & Industry, Piyush Goyal released a handbook on “Safety in Electrical Installations” to create awareness about electrical safety. The book has also simplified a technical document on ‘National Building Code of India 2016 (NBC 2016)’. The handbook is jointly prepared by BIS and International Cooper Association (ICA) India. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Piyush Goyal – addressed the 4th Governing Council Meeting of BIS – in New Delhi
- Piyush Goyal – released a handbook on “Safety in Electrical Installations” (prepared by = BIS + ICA India)
- The book has also simplified a technical document on ‘National Building Code of India 2016 (NBC 2016)’



285. Former Indian women’s hockey coach Sjoerd Marijne authored a book titled, “Will Power”, sharing the inside story of the Indian Hockey Team’s incredible turnaround at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The book was published by HarperCollins India in September 2022. Marijne was appointed the chief coach of the women's team in 2017. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Will Power” book – authored by Sjoerd Marijne (Former Indian women’s hockey coach)

286. On September 13, PC Balasubramanian, the entrepreneur-cum-author has come out with his third book titled “Rajini’s Mantras: Life lessons from India’s most-loved Superstar”. In 2010, he authored his first book “Rajini’s Punctantra”, along with Raja Krishnamoorthy, which went on to become a national bestseller. It was followed by another book “Grand Brand Rajini”, along with Ram N Ramakrishnan, and released on December 12, 2012. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- “Rajini’s Mantras: Life lessons from India’s most-loved Superstar” – authored by PC Balasubramanian
- His other books: “Rajini’s Punctantra” & “Grand Brand Rajini”

Obituaries

287. On September 13, Film director Jean-Luc Godard, the godfather of France’s New Wave cinema, passed away at the age of 91. Godard was among the world’s most acclaimed directors, known for classics such as ‘Breathless’ and ‘Contempt’. He received Academy Award in 2011, Golden Lion in 1983 and Golden Bear in 1965. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Jean-Luc Godard – a renowned French-Swiss Film Director – passed away
- Awards: Academy Award, Golden Lion, Golden Bear

Meetings, Conferences & Summits

288. On September 10, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the first “National Conference on Sustainable Coastal Management” in India in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The Conference was focused on enhancing climate resilience of India’s coastal communities and discussion on steps that shall be taken towards coastal management. ‘Enhancing Climate Resilience of India’s Coastal Communities’ (2019-2024) is a 6-year project, implemented by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) with support UNDP. [{Read more}](#)

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- “Enhancing Climate Resilience of India’s Coastal Communities” (2019-2024) project – implemented by MoEFCC & UNDP
- [Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Bhupender Yadav](#) | [Constituency – Rajasthan](#)
- [MoS in Ministry for Environment, Forest & Climate Change: Ashwini Kumar Choubey](#)



289. In September 2022, European Commissioner for Energy, Kadri Simson, and India's Minister for Power and Renewable Energy, R. K. Singh, inaugurated the first "EU-India Green Hydrogen Forum" in New Delhi. The targets set by the Hydrogen Strategy have been further raised by the REPowerEU plan: the grouping is now targeting the production of 1 million tonnes of renewable hydrogen by 2024, and 20 million tonnes by 2030. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- EU + India = inaugurated the first "EU-India Green Hydrogen Forum" in New Delhi
- 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

290. On September 15, the 22nd Summit of the Council of Heads of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Member States (SCO-CoHS) was held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. This will be the first in-person summit since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. The SCO Summit was attended by the leaders of SCO member states, observer states, secretary general of the SCO, executive director of the SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS), president of Turkmenistan and other invited guests. India will assume the presidency of the SCO until September 2023. [{Read more}](#)

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- At the end of this summit, India assumed the presidency of the SCO & will hold until September 2023
- HQs of SCO – Beijing, China | SG – Zhang Ming | Present Member Countries – 8 | Current Presidency – India
- Uzbekistan – Tashkent – So'm | President – Shavkat Mirziyoyev

Ranks, Reports & Surveys

291. On September 9, India's trucking market is expected to grow over four times by 2050, according to a NITI Aayog's report titled "Transforming Trucking in India: Pathways to Zero-Emission Truck Deployment". As road freight travel continues to grow, the number of trucks is expected to more than quadruple, from 4 million in 2022 to roughly 17 million trucks by 2050. Road transport (i.e. trucks) carries the bulk of India's goods, 70% of today's domestic freight demand. According to the report, currently, India transports 4.6 billion tonnes of freight annually. [{Read more}](#)

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- HQs of NITI Aayog – New Delhi | CEO – Parmameswaran Iyer | Chairperson – Narendra Modi | VC – Suman Bery



292. The report “Jobs for Clean Air: National Programme for Capacity Development for Air Quality Management” released by International Forum for Environment, Sustainability and Technology (iFOREST), highlights the need of a national-level programme to develop the capacity of all stakeholders - cities, State and Central government agencies, private sector, NGOs and media - to effectively tackle the air pollution problem. The report was prepared by the iForest with the support of the World Bank Group. India will need to train at least a million people over the next 6 years for air quality management. The report has also mapped the Air Quality Management (AQM) sector. It highlighted 42 specific job roles needed to control air pollution in the country. A major thrust of the Centre to address pollution in India is the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) that aims to reduce Particulate Matter by 20-30% by 2024 compared to 2017. [{Read more}](#)

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- [Location of iFOREST – New Delhi](#)
- [HQs of World Bank – Washington D.C., US | Members – 189 | President – David Malpass | MD & CFO – Anshula Kant](#)

293. On September 14, Dr. Vinod K. Paul, Member (Health) of NITI Aayog, released 6th report of the National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India for 2018-19. The report was prepared by National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC). According to the report, government spending as percentage of total health expenditure increased by more than 11% points over the previous 5 years, from 23.2% in 2013-14 to 34.5% in 2018-19. But it dropped from 40.8% in 2017-2018. The government’s spending on health as proportion of the country’s GDP went down to 1.28% in 2018-19 from 1.35% in 2017-2018. The total health spending (by both government and non-government agents) declined from 3.9% of the GDP in 2013-14 to 3.2% in 2018-19. Moreover, people paying for healthcare expenses out-of-pocket made up for 48.2% of the total health expenses in the year 2018-19, down from 48.8% in the previous year (2017-18). [{Read more}](#)

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294. On September 13, Arignar Anna Zoological Park near Chennai, popularly referred to as the Vandalur Zoo, has secured top rank in India with highest MEE score of 82% among the ‘Large Zoo’ category in the “Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE-ZOO) Report 2022” released by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC). Vandalur Zoo is followed by Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden in Karnataka and Sakkarbaug Zoological Park in Gujarat. In the ‘Medium Zoo’ category, Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park in West Bengal secured the highest MEE score of 83%, followed by Alipore Zoological Garden in West Bengal and Madras Crocodile Bank Trust/Centre for Herpetology in Tamil Nadu. Currently, there are 147 recognized zoos in India, categorized as large (17), medium (23), small (33), mini zoos (60) and rescue centres (14). [{Read more}](#)



Key Points:

- “Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE-ZOO) Report 2022” – released by MoEFCC
- Arignar Anna Zoological Park or Vandalur Zoo (Tamil Nadu) – topped among the ‘Large Zoo’ category
- Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (West Bengal) – topped among the ‘Medium Zoo’ category
- Currently, there are total 147 recognized zoos in India (as of Sep 13, 2022)

Amount & Agreements

295. On September 8, the Army’s Western Command has signed a long term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with NTPC (Renewable Energy) to draw 25MW solar power directly from the National Solar Grid of the country for the next 27 years. The MoU was inked at the Command Headquarters in Chandimandir. The solar energy being provided to the command will be sourced from Sholapur in Maharashtra. This move will decarbonize upto 38% of the energy portfolio of the Western Command. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Army’s Western Command + NTPC = a PPA to draw 25MW solar power from National Solar Grid for next 27 years
- HQs of Army’s Western Command – Chandimandir, Haryana
- HQs of NTPC – New Delhi | CMD – Gurdeep Singh | Founded in – 1975

MoUs, Collaborations & Partnership

296. On September 11, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a productive meeting with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Secretary-General Nayef Falah Mubarak Al-Hajraf. During the meeting, the two leaders signed an MoU on the mechanism of consultations between India and the GCC. The GCC is a regional, intergovernmental, political, and economic union comprising 6 nations - Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. During 2020-21, India’s exports to GCC were \$28.06 billion. The bilateral two-way trade during the period was \$87.36 billion. [{Read more}](#)

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297. On September 10, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) collaborated with the Indian Army for implementing a CSR project ‘Kargil Ignited Minds’ to coach and mentor less-privileged girl students in Kargil. The project aims to prepare 50 girl students for various national-level engineering and medical entrance examinations. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- HPCL + Indian Army = collaborated for implementing a CSR project ‘Kargil Ignited Minds’
- The project aims to prepare 50 girl students for various national-level engineering/medical entrance examinations
- HQs of HPCL – Mumbai, MH | CEO & Chairperson – Pushp Kumar Joshi | Founded in – 1974



298. On September 13, Indian conglomerate Vedanta and electronics manufacturing giant Foxconn signed an MoU with the Gujarat government to set up a semiconductor and display FAB manufacturing unit in the state. Both the companies would invest ₹1,54,000 Crore to set up the facility in Gujarat, which would create 1 lakh job opportunities. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- Vedanta + Foxconn + Gujarat = an MoU to set up a semiconductor and display FAB manufacturing unit in the state
- Both the companies would invest ₹1,54,000 Crore to set up the facility in Gujarat
- HQs of Vedanta – Mumbai, Maharashtra | CEO – Sunil Duggal | Founder & Chairman – Anil Agarwal
- HQs of Foxconn – Taipei, Taiwan | Chairman & CEO – Young Liu
- Gujarat: Capital – Gandhinagar | CM – Bhupendra Patel | Governor – Acharya Dev Vrat

299. On September 12, India and Madagascar signed an MoU for the training of diplomats. The MoU was signed between the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, under Ministry of External Affairs and the Foreign Affairs Ministry of Madagascar. This MoU is a step towards realising our common vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth For All in the Region). [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- India (Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service) + Madagascar = an MoU for the training of diplomats
- The MoU is a step towards realising a common vision of 'SAGAR'
- Madagascar – Antananarivo – Malagasy Ariary | President – Andry Rajoelina

300. On September 12, Karnataka government's cyber security centre of excellence, CySecK (Cyber Security Karnataka), and IT company Dell Technologies entered into an MoU to create enhanced cyber security practices, especially for students. The MoU will help impart cyber security awareness and practices among students, startups, and public offices. Dell also has the objective of contributing to the startup ecosystem of the State through its 'Ascend' initiative. [{Read more}](#)

Key Points:

- CySecK + Dell Technologies = an MoU to create enhanced cyber security practices, especially for students
- HQs of Dell Technologies – Texas, US | CEO – Michael S. Dell
- Karnataka: Capital – Bangalore | CM – Basavaraj Bommai | Governor – Thaawarchand Gehlot





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