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Bank Rate	6.15%	30-9-22
Fixed Reverse Repo	3.35%	08-6-22
CRR	4.5%	21-5-22
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# NATIONAL NEWS

NOVEMBER

## VICE PRESIDENT VISITS CAMBODIA



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made his first foreign visit after assuming office by reaching Phnom Penh, Cambodia on Nov 11 to attend the 19th ASEAN-India Summit and 17th East Asia Summit. This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year. He also visited Siem Reap to review the preservation and restoration work being undertaken by India at Cambodian heritage sites.

*The ASEAN - Association of Southeast Asian Nations is a regional organisation of ten south east Asian nations to address economic and security issues and regional cooperation. It was formed in 1967 with 5 members which later grew to ten. In 2007, the ten members adopted the ASEAN Charter, a constitutional document that provided the grouping with legal status and an institutional framework.*

*Its secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia. It may be noted that India is not a member of ASEAN, but is a member of the East Asia Summit. The ten ASEAN members are - Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand (first 5 members), Brunei (1984), Vietnam (1995), Laos and Myanmar (1997), and Cambodia (1999).*

## INDIA UNVEILS SCO'S WEBSITE

India unveiled the official website of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) on Nov 18 for the year 2022-23. The website highlights the events that will be undertaken under the chairmanship of India next year, including the 23rd edition of the SCO Council of Heads of States Summit 2023.

India will serve as the group's president from September 2022 until September 2023.

The theme selected for the year is "For an SECURE SCO". The acronym SECURE stands for 'S' for security for citizens, 'E' for economic development, 'C' for connectivity in the region, 'U' for unity, 'R' for respect of sovereignty and integrity, and 'E' for environment protection.



## INDIA TAKES CHAIR OF GPAI



India took over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI from France on November 21. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar represented the country at the GPAI meet

ing in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from France. India occupying the chair signifies how the world today perceives it as a Trusted Technology partner and one that has always advocated for the ethical use of technology for transforming citizens lives.

*GPAI is an international initiative that was launched in June 2020 to support responsible and human-centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It aims to bridge the gap between theory and practice on AI by supporting cutting-edge research and applied activities on AI-related priorities. It is a congregation of 25 member countries. AI is expected to add 450 to 500 billion US dollars to India's GDP by 2025 accounting for 10 percent of the country's 5 trillion-dollar GDP target.*

## INDIA JOINS MANGROVE ALLIANCE

India joined the newly launched Mangrove Alliance for Climate (MAC) on Nov 8 at the 27th Session of Conference of Parties (COP27) in Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt. It is an initiative led by the UAE and Indonesia and includes Sri Lanka, Australia, Japan, and Spain. It seeks to educate and spread awareness worldwide on the role of mangroves in curbing global warming and its potential as a solution for climate change.

*Mangrove forests can capture vast amounts of carbon dioxide (4-5 times more than tropical forests) from the atmosphere and their preservation can both aid in removal of carbon from the atmosphere and prevent the release of the same upon their destruction. India holds around 3 percent of South Asia's mangrove population. Besides the Sundarbans in West Bengal, the Andamans region, the Kachchh and Jamnagar areas in Gujarat too have substantial mangrove cover.*

## LOGO AND THEME OF G-20 2023 UNVEILED

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled on Nov 8 India's logo, theme and website for its presidency of the G20, which reflects the country's message and overarching priorities to the world.

The G20 logo, created with the four colours of India's national flag, comprises earth sitting atop a lotus. The lotus is symbolic of what is auspicious, pure, eternal, and detached. The seven petals in the logo signify the seven seas and the coming together of seven continents at G20 India 2023. The earth reflects India's pro-planet approach to life and from this, it derives the theme of G20 India 2023 – 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (One Earth, One Family), drawn from Maha Upanishad. In the logo, it has been expanded as "One Earth. One Family. One Future".

*India will assume the presidency of the grouping of the world's 20 largest economies on December 1, following the G20 Summit hosted by Indonesia in Bali, Nov15-16. India will host the G-20 leaders' summit in New Delhi on September 9-10 in 2023 and is expected to host over 200 meetings across the country, beginning in Dec. this year.*

## WORLD HERITAGE WEEK – NOV 19-25

Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) under the Ministry of Culture celebrated World Heritage week all over India from Nov 19 to 25 to promote the conservation of culture and heritage. The week is also celebrated by UNESCO and several other international organisations.

ASI protects 3,691 monuments in India, of which 40 are listed under the UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

Uttar Pradesh has the highest number, 745, of protected monuments.

Remember!! World Heritage Day is celebrated on April 18.

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## SC UPHOLDS 10% EWS RESERVATION



A majority of a five-judge bench (3:2) of the Supreme Court on Nov 7 upheld the validity of the 103rd Amendment of the Constitution which provides 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in admissions (in both, public and private institutions) and government jobs.

Justice S Ravindra Bhat passed a dissent order calling the law discriminatory and violative of basic structure and the Chief Justice U U Lalit also concurred with his views.

*As many as 40 petitioners, including the state of Tamil Nadu, had questioned several aspects of the EWS quota, including how it could cross the 50 percent national cap on reservation set by the Supreme Court in 1992 and whether it changed the "basic structure" of the constitution.*

*Earlier, a five-judge bench held a marathon six-and-half-day hearing of the case in September this year and reserved its verdict.*

*The 103rd constitutional amendment was cleared by parliament in January 2019 and was instantly challenged in the Supreme Court. The EWS reservation is for that section of the 'General' classes (not covered under OBC, SC or ST) whose annual family income is below Rs. 8 lakhs.*

## 53<sup>rd</sup> FFI HELD AT GOA

The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) began in Goa with a gala opening on Nov 20. The inaugural ceremony was held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium near Panaji. One of Asia's oldest film festivals - IFFI opened with the screening of Austrian Director Dieter Berner's film Alma and Oskar. France has been selected as the 'Country of Focus' for the festival.

A total of 280 films from 79 countries were screened during the 9-day festival. Spanish film director Carlos Saura was honoured with the Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award at the opening ceremony. Veteran actor Chiranjeevi was selected as Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022. The 67 year old veteran actor is immensely popular in Telugu Cinema with incredible performances touching hearts.

## URBAN MOBILITY INDIA CONFERENCE & EXPO

In Kerala, the 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo was held in Kochi from Nov 4 to 6. Senior officers from the central and state governments, policymakers, Managing Directors of Metro Rail Companies, Chief Executives of transport undertakings, and international transport experts participated in the conference. The meet focused on the theme, 'Azadi @ 75 -- Sustainable Aatmnirbhar Urban Mobility'.

## IIT DELHI FIRST CHOICE OF EMPLOYERS

The Global Employability University Ranking and Survey (GEURS) report released by the Times Higher Education (THE), London on Nov 24 placed Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA at the top. It is followed by the California Institute of Technology, USA and Harvard University, USA at second and third spot, respectively. The survey covered 250 universities across 44 countries,

Among Indian institutions, the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi was the highest-ranked Indian university, at the 28th spot. The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, at 58th rank, was the second-highest-ranked Indian university, followed by the IIT, Bombay at 72nd place.

The ranking, designed by the HR consultancy Emerging and published exclusively by THE, reveals that the recruiters at top companies consider which universities as the best for preparing students for the workplace.

## IIT BOMBAY RANKS BEST IN INDIA

The inaugural QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2023 released in London on Oct 26 ranked University of California at the top, followed by University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia in second and third ranks, respectively, among 700 universities covered by it.

IIT-Bombay was ranked as the best educational institution in India in the 281-300 rank range, followed by IIT-Delhi (321-340 rank) and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi at the third rank (361-380). IIT Bombay was ranked best for its excellence in employability, social concern, and environment. A total of 15 Indian universities were listed in the rankings.

This year's ranking is a new framework to evaluate how universities are taking action to tackle the world's most pressing environmental and social issues.

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## HINDI MOST SPOKEN MOTHER TONGUE

The Ministry of Home Affairs completed the Mother Tongue Survey of India (MTSI) with field videography of the country's 576 languages. The MTSI project "surveys the mother tongues, which are returned consistently across two and more Census decades". The analysis of the 2011 language census data in 2018 describes mother tongue as "the language spoken in childhood by the person's mother to the person. If the mother died in infancy, the language "mainly spoken in the person's home in childhood will be the mother tongue."

*As per analysis of 2011 linguistic census data, more than 19,500 languages or dialects are spoken in India as mother tongues. Hindi is the most widely spoken mother tongue, with 52.8 crore people or 43.6% of the population, declaring it as their mother tongue. The next highest is Bengali, mother tongue for 9.7 crore individuals, and accounting for 8% of the population.*

## INDIA CLIMBS TO 8<sup>th</sup> SPOT CLIMATE CHANGE

Germanwatch, New Climate Institute and CAN International released the 18th edition of the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 on Nov 14. India climbed two spots to reach the eighth rank in the Index, due to its low emissions and the increasing use of renewable energy. On the other hand, China, currently the world's biggest polluter, slid 13 places to the 51st position mainly due to massive plans for new coal-fired power plants.

Interestingly, there are no names for the first three places as no country performed well enough in all index categories to achieve an overall very high rating. Denmark was in fourth place followed by Sweden and Chile.

*The CCPI evaluates 59 countries and the European Union, which together generate 92%+ of global greenhouse gas emissions.*

*Using standardised criteria, the CCPI looks at four categories, with 14 indicators: Greenhouse gas emissions (40% of the overall score), Renewable energy (20%), Energy use (20%), and Climate policy (20%).*



## INDIA PERFORMS BETTER IN INTERNET



The Network Readiness Index 2022 report released recently by the Portland Institute of USA, placed USA at the top spot, followed by Singapore and Sweden. India improved its position by six slots to secure 61st rank. Index report states that India has secured the first rank in 'AI talent concentration', second rank in 'Mobile broadband internet traffic within the country' and 'international Internet bandwidth', third rank in 'Annual investment in telecommunication services' and 'Domestic Market Size'.

*The Index maps the network-based readiness landscape of 131 economies based on their performances in four different pillars: Technology, People, Governance, and Impact, covering a total of 58 variables.*

## OCTOBER

### UN SECRETARY-GENERAL VISITS INDIA

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres arrived in India on a three day official visit from Oct 18 to 20. He began his tour by paying tributes to the victims of the 26/11 terror attacks at the hotel Taj Mahal Palace in Mumbai.

He joined Prime Minister Modi at an event relating to the Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) in Gujarat's Kevadiya on October 20. Guterres also delivered a lecture at Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, on the subject - "India @75: UN-India Partnership: Strengthening South-South Cooperation".

He visited t-e"Sun Temple in the country's first solar-powered village, Modhera (Gujarat) and other development projects in the area.

### TWO MORE BEACHES GET 'BLUE FLAG'

In yet another recognition of India's commitment to protect and conserve the pristine coastal and marine ecosystems through holistic management of the resources, the globally recognized and the coveted International eco-label "Blue Flag", has been accorded to two new beaches - Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach- both in Lakshadweep. This takes the number of beaches certified under the Blue Flag certification to 12.

## INTERPOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY HELD IN INDIA



The 90<sup>th</sup> Interpol General Assembly was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi, from Oct 18 to 21. The Assembly is taking place in India after 25 years, as part of the country's 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations. It was last held in India in 1997. The event provides an opportunity to showcase best practices in India's law and order system to the entire world. The Assembly was attended by delegations from 195 INTERPOL member countries, including Ministers, Police Chiefs of countries, Heads of National Central Bureaus and Senior police officers.

*Based in Lyon, France, the INTERPOL – The International Criminal Police Organisation, is an international organisation that facilitates worldwide police cooperation and crime control.*

## 2 APPOINTED UNDER INDUS WATERS TREATY

The World Bank made two appointments under the Indus Waters Treaty as requested by India and Pakistan in relation to the Kishenganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants. The World Bank appointed Michel Lino as Neutral Expert and Sean Murphy as Chairman of the Court of Arbitration under the Indus Waters Treaty. A World Bank release said that the two countries disagree over whether the technical design features of the two hydroelectric plants contravene the Treaty or not.

*The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in 1960 after nine years of negotiations between India and Pakistan with the help of the World Bank, which is also a signatory. The Treaty allocates the Western Rivers (Indus, Jhelum, Chenab) to Pakistan and the Eastern Rivers (Ravi, Beas, Sutlej) to India. At the same time, the Treaty allows each country certain uses on the rivers allocated to the other.*

*Pakistan has objections regarding the technical design features of the Kishanganga and Ratle hydroelectric power plants constructed by India. Kishanganga dam is in Bandipora on River Kishanganga, a tributary of River Jhelum, while Ratle dam is in Kishtwar on River Chenab. Both rivers are part of "Western Rivers". Though, India was allowed to construct the dams after deliberations with the World Bank in August, 2017.*

## 12<sup>TH</sup> DEFEXPO HELD IN GANDHINAGAR

The Defence Ministry organised the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the prestigious Biennial Defence Exhibition – DefExpo 2022 – in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, from October 18 to 22. The theme of 12<sup>th</sup> DefExpo is 'Path to Pride'. Over 50 startups showcased their products at the pavilion. Over 1,300 exhibitors including various Defence PSUs and private industries, start-ups, and states participated in the Expo.

*For the first time, states/union territories were invited to set up pavilions at the event. Live demonstrations showcasing the equipment and skill set of the Armed Forces, DPSUs and Industry were held during the Expo. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the India – Africa Defence Dialogue that was held on the sidelines of the Expo.*

## 415 Million Exited Poverty In 15 Years

The new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released on October 17 by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), has found that in India, 415 million people rose above the poverty line between 2005-06 and 2019-21.

The Index report stated that this "historic change" is a demonstration that the Sustainable Development Goal number one's target of reducing at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty by 2030, is possible to achieve, even at a large scale.

The report said based on 2020 population data for India, it has by far the largest number of poor people worldwide (228.9 million), followed by Nigeria (96.7 million). An absolute majority of India's poor, 205 million, live in rural areas.

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## JUSTICE DY CHANDRACHUD TO BE NEW CJI



President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud as the new Chief Justice of India. His appointment will come into effect from 9<sup>th</sup> of next month, when the current Chief Justice of India Justice Uday Umesh Lalit completes his tenure.

He would be the 50<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of India. Born in 1959, Justice Chandrachud was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court of India on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Earlier, he had served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

## INDIA RE-ELECTED AS PRESIDENT OF ISA

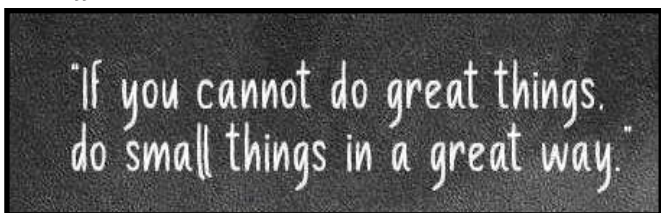
India and France have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). From India, Union Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister R K Singh was re-elected as the President while French Minister of State for Development, Chrysoula Zacharopoulou was re-elected as Co-President.

*The ISA was conceived as a joint effort by India and France in 2015 to mobilise efforts against climate change through deployment of solar energy solutions. ISA is a group of over 110 countries, located on and between tropics for collectively harnessing solar energy. It is based in Gurugram, Haryana, headed by its Director General, Dr Ajay Mathur.*

## STAMP ON GOLDEN JUBILEE OF PIN

A special commemorative postage stamp was released on October 13 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of introduction of PIN Code, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

*PIN code or a Postal Index Number in India is a six digit numeric code that was introduced on 15 August, 1972. The first digit indicates one of the nine regions. The second digit indicates the sub region or one of the postal circles (States). The third digit indicates a sorting /revenue district. The last 3 digits refer to the delivery Post Office.*



## IISC BENGALURU TOPS THE RANKINGS

The Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 released on October 12 have placed the University of Oxford at first rank, for the 7<sup>th</sup> time in a row. It is followed by the University of Harvard (US) and the University of Cambridge (UK). A total of 1,799 universities from as many as 104 countries and regions have been ranked this year which is 137 more than last year's rankings.

The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru retained its spot as the highest-ranking Indian university. With 75 institutes featuring in THE's 2023 ranking, India became the 6<sup>th</sup> most represented country in the list.

*Meanwhile, major IITs including those in Delhi, Roorkee, Kanpur, Mumbai, and Kharagpur continued to boycott the rankings for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row citing issues of 'transparency' in the ranking parameters.*

## IMF LAUDS INDIA'S DBT SCHEME

In a big accolade for the Indian government's Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has termed it a 'logistical marvel' considering the sheer size of the country. IMF's Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs Department, Paolo Mauro said that the way the DBT programme seeks to reach directly to hundreds of millions of people who are at low-income levels, makes it a logistical marvel.

*It may be noted that the DBT scheme makes it possible to directly credit the amount of various government welfare schemes, such as pensions, subsidies, scholarships, etc. to the account of millions of beneficiaries, at a time.*

## MAHAKAL LOK PROJECT INAUGURATED

Creating another landmark in the rich heritage of India, Prime Minister Modi on October 11 dedicated to the nation the Phase I of the Mahakal Lok Project in the premises of the Mahakaleshwar temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The Project aims to decongest the entire area and also put special emphasis on conservation and restoration of heritage structures.



108 stambhs (pillars) depicting Anand Tandav Swaroop of Lord Shiva have been erected alongside the 900-meter-long Mahakal Path. Many religious sculptures depicting the life of Lord Shiva have also been installed along the Mahakal Path.

*Under the project, the temple precinct will be expanded nearly seven times at a total cost of around ₹850 crore. The existing footfall of the temple, which is currently around 1.5 crore per annum, is expected to be doubled, thereby giving a big boost to the economy in the region.*

## UN WORLD GEOSPATIAL INFO CONGRESS



The 2<sup>nd</sup> UN World Geospatial Information Congress, organised by the United Nations and the Departments of Science and Technology and Space, was held in Hyderabad from Oct 10 to 14. The theme of the Congress was 'Geo-Enabling the Global Village: No one should be left behind'. The Congress was attended by over 2000 delegates from over 130 countries across the globe.

*The five-day Congress brought policy makers, scientists, start-ups and NGOs working on geospatial information, to a single platform to deliberate upon the challenges and future plans for making better use of the technology for the betterment of people. Geospatial technology is very useful in fields such as sustainable urban development, managing and mitigating disasters, tracking the impact of climate change, forest management, water management, curtailing desertification, and improving food security.*

## SWACHH BHARAT ABHIYAN 2.0 LAUNCHED

Union youth affairs and sports minister Anurag Thakur launched the month-long Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 from Prayagraj on October 1. The Abhiyan aims to increase awareness about cleanliness, organise people and ensure participation of the countrymen, especially the youth, in making India clean.

*Considering the enthusiasm of the youth displayed in last year's campaign, the department of youth affairs has set a target of collecting and disposing 100 lakh kg plastic waste this year from October 1 to 31.*

## AIR PASSENGERS TOUCHED 4 LAKH FIGURE

On 9 October, the daily number of domestic air passengers touched 4 lakh, nearing the pre-Covid level. It is in fact the highest ever numbers since pre Covid 19 era. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia informed that the country's civil aviation sector is poised for phenomenal growth in terms of passengers, aircrafts and airports.

India is expected to have 40 crore air travellers, including domestic and international, by 2027.

According to IATA (International Air Transport Association), India is a key aviation market for the Asia Pacific region as well as the rest of the world. Based in Montreal, Canada, the IATA is an association of world's airlines with 290 airlines in 120 countries as members.

## NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAIN FLAGGED OFF

A new and upgraded version of Vande Bharat Express train was flagged off from Gandhinagar, Gujarat on September 30. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> such train and will operate between Gandhinagar and Mumbai Central. The other two are currently operating on New Delhi – Varanasi route and New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra route.

The train can attain a maximum speed of 160 kms per hour. It also aims to provide a new travel experience to the passengers with world class amenities. Passengers can enjoy the outer scenery with wider windows and easily adjust their luggage with wider space for them. The coaches for this train have been built by the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai.

## GOVT BANS PFI AND ALL ITS AFFILIATES

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) banned the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates, including the Rehab India Foundation (RIF) and Campus Front of India, for five years, with immediate effect, by issuing a gazette notification on Sep 28 under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 2008.

The notification said the PFI and its associates, affiliates, and fronts have been indulging in unlawful activities, which are prejudicial to India's integrity, sovereignty, and security, have the potential of disturbing public peace and communal harmony, and supporting militancy in the country. The notification also said the PFI cadres have been involved in several terrorist acts and the murder of several people across the country.

*The ban comes after the National Investigation Agency and Enforcement Directorate rounded up 106 top leaders of the PFI on Sep 20 and booked them on charges of money laundering and terror financing. Later, in a sudden crackdown by state police on Sep 27 in seven states, over 170 PFI activists were arrested.*

*It was found that some of the PFI's founding members are the leaders of Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) and PFI has linkages with Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB), both of which are proscribed (unlawful) organisations.*





## SC BANS COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY NEAR TAJ



In a landmark verdict on Sep 27, the Supreme Court has directed the Agra Development Authority to remove all business activities within 500 metres from the boundary/peripheral wall of the Taj Mahal as the mausoleum is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

It may be noted that the 500m-radius of the monument is a no-construction zone, besides having strict regulations on vehicular movement. There is also a ban on the burning of wood near the monument and dropping municipal solid waste and agriculture waste in the entire area.

*It has been observed that the white marbles of Taj Mahal are turning yellow due to increased pollution in the adjoining areas. A study into why the iconic monument is getting discoloured, it was found that nano-sized airborne particles of carbon are causing the marble surface of the Taj Mahal to slowly lose its sheen.*

*Taj Mahal was built by Mughal emperor Shah Jahan in the memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal in 1631.*

## INDIA PRODUCES OWN AVGAS 100 LL

Public sector Indian Oil Corporation became the first oil company in India to launch indigenously-developed aviation fuel AVGAS 100 LL on Sep 25. This will be produced by Indian Oil at its Gujarat refinery. It is a special aviation fuel meant for piston engine aircrafts and unmanned aerial vehicles. The indigenous fuel is superior compared to the imported grades. Currently, India is importing this product from European countries.

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## LIVE STREAMING OF PROCEEDINGS IN SC

The Supreme Court began live streaming of its proceedings for the public from Sep 27. The hearings before three Constitution benches of the Apex Court can be watched on its platform,

webcast.gov.in/10erious/. Initially, the proceedings may be live streamed through YouTube and later, SC will host them on its own server. People will be able to access the proceedings on their cell phones, laptops, and computers without any hassle.

The cases listed before the Constitution benches on Sep 27 included pleas challenging the Centre's decision to grant a 10 per cent quota for the EWS category in admissions and jobs, the Maharashtra political crisis, and control of administrative services in Delhi.

## GOOGLE FINED RS. 1337 Cr BY CCI



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty of over 1,337 crore rupees on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets. The CCI said Google has perpetuated its dominant position in the online search market resulting in the denial of market access for competing search apps. It said, Google has leveraged its dominant position in the app store market for Android Operating System to protect its position in online general search.

## POOR INDIA RICH IN CENTI-MILLIONAIRES

In the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires, conducted by the global financial firm Henley & Partners, India ranks third in the world, notwithstanding its levels of poverty, inflation and hunger. Centi-millionaires are individuals with investable assets of more than \$100 million (Rs 830 crore).

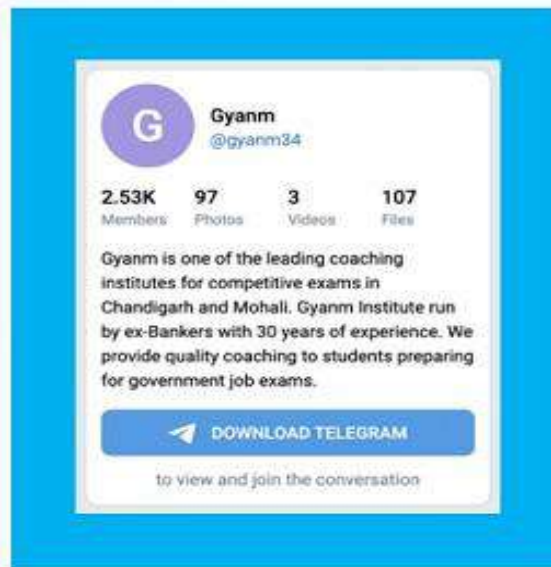
Out of the world's 25,490 centi-millionaires, India has 1,132, beating countries like the UK, Russia and Switzerland. They include a swift growing powerful class of super-rich tech titans, financiers, multinational CEOs, and heirs.

USA ranks at number 1, with home to 9,730 (38%) of global centi-millionaires, despite constituting only 4 percent of the world's total population. Far below at second position is China with 2021 centi-millionaires.



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## INDIA JUMPS TO 40<sup>th</sup> RANK IN INNOVATION



The World Intellectual Property Organisation released the Global Innovation Index 2022 on Sep 29 to rank 132 countries of the world on the basis of their performance in promoting and enriching innovation. The rankings were based on the areas of human and capital research, business sophistication, infrastructure and technology outputs among others.

India climbed to the 40<sup>th</sup> rank in the Index, with a jump of six ranks from last year. India has shown remarkable progress in innovation as it managed a huge leap of 41 places in the last 7 years, from 81<sup>st</sup> in 2015.

Switzerland continues to secure the top rank for the 12<sup>th</sup> successive year. The second position was secured by the US followed by Sweden, the UK, and the Netherlands.

## INDIA MOVES UP IN INTERNET FREEDOM

The “Freedom on the Net” report released on Oct 18 by the US government-funded NGO Freedom House has ranked Iceland at the top with a score of 95 in terms of level of freedom available in internet usage. It is followed by countries like Estonia, Costa Rica and Canada. India’s internet freedom score improved by two points to 51 in the global ranking following efforts to bridge the digital divide in the country.

The improvement in the score is also based on reduced frequency and intensity of internet shutdowns in the country. The report claimed that China was the world’s worst environment for internet freedom for the eighth consecutive year.

## INDIA IMPROVES RANKING IN INEQUALITY

India moved up six places to rank 123 out of 161 countries for reducing inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending, according to the latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII). The 2022 CRII looks at government policies and actions in 161 countries to fight inequality during the first two years of the COVID-19 pandemic. Norway topped the Index followed by Germany and Australia.

## INDIA RANKED VERY LOW IN PENSION INDEX

India was ranked 41<sup>st</sup> out of 44 countries in the Mercer CFA Global Pension Index. The survey released on Oct 18 pointed out that the country needs to strengthen its regulatory framework and boost the coverage under private pension arrangements. With 95 per cent of the total workforce being in the unorganised sector, there is dire need for improvements in pension arrangements.

The index was topped by Iceland, followed by Netherlands and Denmark. The index is made up of three sub-indices – adequacy, sustainability and integrity – to measure each retirement income system based on more than 50 indicators.

## INDIA SLIPS DEEPER IN THE ‘HUNGER’

India ranked 107<sup>th</sup> out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022. With a score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been labelled as “serious”. Further, its child wasting rate at 19.3 per cent, is the highest in the world. Neighbouring countries – Pakistan (99<sup>th</sup>), Bangladesh (84<sup>th</sup>), Nepal (81<sup>st</sup>) and Sri Lanka (64<sup>th</sup>), have all fared better than India. In Asia, Afghanistan with a rank of 109 is the only country behind India. In 2021, India ranked 101 out of 116 countries while in 2020 the country was placed at 94<sup>th</sup> position. The Index ranked Yemen at the bottom while 17 countries shared collective top-rankings with minimal difference in their severity scoring.

*The GHI, jointly published by Concern Worldwide and Welthungerhilfe, comprehensively measures and tracks hunger at the global, regional, and country levels. The GHI score is calculated on four indicators — undernourishment; child wasting (children under age five who have low weight for their height, reflecting acute undernutrition); child stunting (children under the age of five who have low height for their age, reflecting chronic undernutrition); and child mortality (the mortality rate of children under the age of five).*

*The GHI said the world is facing a serious setback in efforts to end hunger with conflict, the climate crisis and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, compounded by the war in Ukraine – are major drivers of hunger.*



# NEWS FROM STATES

NOVEMBER

## KERALA FIRST TO HAVE UNIFORM GOLD RATE



In good news for gold lovers, Kerala has become the first state in India to launch a uniform gold price in the state, based on the bank rate. The decision to introduce uniform price on 916 purity 22 carat gold was taken at a meeting between officials of Malabar Gold and Diamonds, one of the largest gold and diamond retail chains in the country and key members of All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchant Association which sets the board rate for gold. Uniform gold price based on bank rate offers an opportunity to the consumers to purchase gold at a reasonable and transparent price.

## INDIA'S FIRST AQUA PARK IN ARUNACHAL

The union government approved on Oct 28 the establishment of India's first-ever Integrated Aqua Park in Arunachal Pradesh at Tarin (Ziro) in the lower Subansiri District. The project has been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. The overall cost of the project is Rs. 50 crores which includes Centre's share of Rs. 45.11 crores. The park will also include a fish museum which will have all kinds of fish species from the state. It will also serve as a training centre for the fisherfolk.

## SHAHJAHANPUR FIRST IN TAP CONNECTIONS

District Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh became number one in the country in giving the maximum number of tap connections in a month (in October). Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, Shahjahanpur created history by providing tap connections to every household in rural areas. It was ranked on top in the aspirant category for ensuring 28,419 tap connections in October.

*The Jal Jeevan Mission aims to provide functional household tap connection to every rural household with service level at the rate of 55 litres per capita per day. The whole country is to be covered by 2024.*

## DELHI, GOA TOP IN EPFO COVERAGE

The vision document released by the Employee Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on November 1, placed Delhi and Goa at the top in terms of employee coverage of 61.5% and 51.4%, of their working population, respectively, under the social security ambit of the organisation. The EPFO coverage was the lowest in Tripura. In terms of absolute number members of EPFO, Maharashtra leads the list with 11.9 million EPFO subscribers.

*EPFO, a statutory body under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, is one of the world's largest Social Security Organisations in terms of clientele and the volume of financial transactions undertaken. At present it maintains over 25 crore accounts. It administers a contributory provident fund, pension scheme and an insurance scheme for the workforce engaged in the organised sector in India.*

## 7 STATES/UTs TOP IN EDUCATION INDEX

The Ministry of Education released the Performance Grading Index (PGI) for school education 2020-21 on Nov 3 for States/ UTs. It is a unique index for evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education systems across States and UTs. Its prime objective is to promote evidence-based policy-making and highlight course correction to ensure quality education for all.

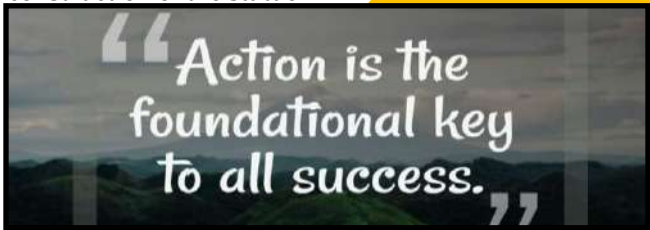
No state, however, could attain the highest level of L1 so far, by scoring more than 950 points out of the total of 1,000. The seven states/UTs which have received L2 grading, scoring in the range of 901 to 950, are Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Chandigarh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.

*The PGI structure comprises 1,000 points across 70 indicators grouped into two categories namely, Outcomes, Governance Management. These categories are further divided into five domains -- Learning Outcomes, Access, Infrastructure/Facilities, Equity and Governance Process.*

## WORLD'S TALLEST STATUE OF LORD SHIVA

A 369-foot-tall statue of Lord Shiva, claimed to be the world's tallest (of Lord Shiva), was unveiled in Nathdwara town of Rajasthan's Rajsamand district on October 29. The statue named 'Viswas Swaroopam' has been constructed by Tat Padam Sansthan.

Built on a hill of 51 bighas, the statue is styled in a sitting posture of meditation. It is said to be visible from as far as 20 kms. The statue is also clearly visible at night as it has been illuminated with special lights. Around 3,000 tonnes of steel and iron and 2.5 lakh cubic tonnes of concrete and sand have been used in the construction of the statue.







## INDIA'S LARGEST WIND TURBINE

India's (also world's) largest Wind Turbine Generator was commissioned in Mundra, Gujarat, on Nov 3 by the Adani New Industries Ltd. Standing 200 meter tall, it is taller than the world's tallest statue, the Statue of Unity (182 meter).

With 78 meter length, its blades are bigger than the wingspan of a jumbo jet making it the longest in the country and form a rotor diameter of 160 meter. With a capacity of 5.2 MW, it will generate power sufficient for approximately 4,000 homes.

## KERALA TO DEVELOP "GREEN HYDROGEN HUB"

India Hydrogen Alliance (IH2A) and the Government of Kerala announced on Nov 14 their proposal to build the Kochi Green Hydrogen (KGH2) Hub. It is the first of its kind in the country, in its current form and scale. IH2A is a Delhi based industry lead coalition for developing the hydrogen economy and an efficient domestic hydrogen supply chain in India.

*The proposal envisages potential capital expenditure of \$ 575 million, to build a 60-tonnes per day (TPD) green hydrogen plant with a 150 MW Electrolyser, storage and infrastructure, which could achieve giga-watt scale and build the hydrogen economy in Kerala.*

## T N GETS ITS 17<sup>th</sup> WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

The Government of Tamil Nadu has declared an area in the reserve forests of Krishnagiri and Dharmapuri as the Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary. Comprising an expanse of 686 sq.km, the sanctuary will be part of a protected landscape contiguous with the forests that currently constitute the Cauvery North Wildlife Sanctuary which is shared between Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

*This is the 17th Wildlife Sanctuary of Tamil Nadu. It is home to 35 species of mammals, including elephants, 238 species of birds, Leith's soft-shell turtles, smooth-coated otters, marsh crocodile, and four-horned antelopes.*

## TERAI ELEPHANT RESERVE, UP

The Union Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change gave its nod on Oct 21 to the establishment of the Terai Elephant Reserve in Uttar Pradesh. The reserve will cover an area of 3049 sq km including Dudhwa Tiger Reserve (DTR) and Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR). It will be the second elephant sanctuary in UP and the 33rd in India. The reserve is part of "Project Elephant" – a centrally sponsored scheme that supports Elephant conservation in India.

## UP GETS 4<sup>th</sup> TIGER RESERVE

The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest, and Climate change approved the creation of a fourth tiger reserve in Uttar Pradesh by the name "Ranipur Tiger Reserve". The tiger reserve, 53rd in the country, is spread across over 529.36 sq km.

*Ranipur Tiger Reserve is covered by northern tropical dry deciduous forests and is home to mammals like megafauna tiger, leopard, bear, spotted deer, sambhar, and chinkara among others.*

## CHHATH PUJA CELEBRATED BY MILLIONS

The four-day celebrations of the immensely popular Chhath Puja concluded on the early morning of Oct 31 with devotees offering prayers to the rising Sun on the river banks in the different parts of the country. After paying oblations to the Sun, devotees broke their 36-hour fast and shared 'Prasad' with all the people around. This ritual is called Paran. People in Bihar and adjoining areas of UP and Jharkhand, celebrate this festival with great fervour and devotion.

*Coming towards the end of the harvest season, the sixth day after Diwali, Chhath (meaning sixth) Puja started as a thanksgiving ritual, to express farmers' gratitude for a bumper crop. Devotees offer their prayers to and seek blessings from Sun God and his sister Chhathi Maiyya.*

## ADB TO FUND ELECTRIC BUSES

The Asian Development Bank gave in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to the Maharashtra government to bring in 5,000 electric buses. The state will invite bids for a per-km price for running buses, awarding contract to the lowest bidder. The buses will be run by bidder's drivers, but the ticketing and collection would be done by the transport undertaking.

## MAHARASHTRA TO GET \$ 350 MN ADB LOAN

ADB approved a \$ 350 million (about Rs 2,900 crore) loan on Nov 4 to improve the road connectivity of key economic centres in Maharashtra. The project will upgrade at least 319 km of state highways and 149 km of district roads, incorporating climate and disaster-resilient features.

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**ANDHRA, ASSAM AMONG 'ACHIEVERS'**

Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Gujarat are among the 15 states and UTs categorised as 'Achievers' in the logistics index chart 2022, according to the 4th LEADS (Logistics Ease Across Different States) 2022 report released on October 13 by the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan are the other states categorised as 'Fast Movers' in the ranking. The 15 states and UTs ranked in the 'Aspirers' category include Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa.

The index is an indicator of the efficiency of logistical services necessary for promoting exports and economic growth. The index aims at enhancing the focus on improving logistics performance across states which is essential for improving the country's trade and reducing transaction cost.

**MAHARASHTRA: FIRST CHOICE OF FOREIGNERS**

The Union Tourism Ministry released a report India Tourism Statistics-2022 on the occasion of World Tourism Day, Sep 27. Report said that Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu registered the most number of foreign tourist visits with 1.26 million and 1.23 million respectively in 2021. The report said that arrivals of non-resident Indians (NRI) increased by 52.6 percent from 2020 to 2021.

**INDORE CLEANEST CITY, ONCE AGAIN**

As per the 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022' declared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on October 2, Indore was adjudged India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row with Surat and Navi Mumbai following in the second and third place, respectively. Gujarat's Ahmedabad and Karnataka's Mysuru were given the award for the cleanest mega city and medium city, respectively. Among states Madhya Pradesh secured the first position, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra in the category of best performing states.

**A&N ISLANDS BECOME FULLY VACCINATED**

UT of Andaman Nicobar Islands became first among all the states/UTs of India to achieve a cent percent coverage of precautionary dose of Corona vaccine. To date, more than 2,87,216 beneficiaries aged 18 and above have been vaccinated with a precautionary dose. The rate of vaccination shot up after the 15th of July when the Government decided to provide precautionary doses free of cost under 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'. Youth in the age group of 15 - 18 and 12-14 have also been fully vaccinated.

**WORLD'S LARGEST WIND-SOLAR PLANT**

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MW capacity on Sep 29 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The plant has a power purchase agreement with Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) at Rs 2.69/kwh for 25 years.

*The project, consisting of 600 MW solar and 150 MW wind plants, will help the country in optimal utilisation of the transmission network.*

**MP FIRST TO LAUNCH MBBS BOOKS IN HINDI**

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to start the MBBS course in Hindi. The first set of medical books in Hindi for medical biochemistry, anatomy and medical physiology were released by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on 16th October, in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He said that the government has taken a very historic decision in the new education policy by giving importance to the mother tongue of the student in primary, technical and medical education.

*A team of 97 experts had been working on the translation of books for the last 232 days at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. At present, the number of medical colleges in India has increased to 596 and the number of MBBS seats has increased to 79,000.*

**COUNTRY'S FIRST SLENDER LORIS SANCTUARY**

The Tamil Nadu government notified the country's first Slender Loris sanctuary on October 12. The sanctuary will cover 11,806 hectares in Kadavur in the Karur and Dindigul districts of the State. Slender Lorises are tiny nocturnal mammals who spend most of their life on trees.

*Averaging 6-10 inches in length, these squirrel-like animals weigh around 150 to 250 grams. They are biological predators of pests of agricultural crops and benefit farmers. The species is considered endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN).*



## FIRST EVER BIRD FESTIVAL IN J&K



A first of its kind Bird Festival 2022 was inaugurated at Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on October 6. The six day festival was organised by the J & K Tourism Department in collaboration with Sanctuary Nature Foundation.

## GREEN HYDROGEN PLANT IN RAJASTHAN

Jakson Green, the Noida based solar energy company, signed a MoU for Rs. 22,400 crore with the Rajasthan government to set up a 3,65,000 tonnes per annum green hydrogen and green ammonia plant in the state's Kota district. The project will develop over 32,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities.

## MP TO FORM DURGAVATI TIGER RESERVE

Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board approved on October 14 a new reserve for tigers of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR), one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the linking of the Ken-Betwa rivers. The 2,339 square kilometres new tiger reserve, to be called Durgavati Tiger Reserve, will spread across Narsinghpur, Damoh and Sagar districts.

## AFSPA EXTENDED IN N'LAND / ARUNACHAL

The central government has extended the application of the disturbed area provisions under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, AFSPA in 12 districts of Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months, beginning October 01. It has also been extended to facilitate the armed forces to continue the anti-insurgency operations.

The AFSPA empowers security forces to arrest a person without a warrant, may open fire when found necessary, enter or search any premises without a warrant, and may destroy the same if required.

## WORLD BANK LOAN FOR ANDHRA PROJECT

The World Bank approved an unconditional loan of \$250 million for the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project. The reforms initiated under the SALT project have brought about a paradigm shift in the way education was imparted and the outcomes have been encouraging.

# GOVT. INITIATIVES

## NOVEMBER

### SINHA PANEL TO REVIEW NREGA SCHEME

With a view to off more work to the nation's poorest regions, the Rural Development Ministry of India has established a panel to restructure MGNREGA, the nation's sole programme that guarantees employment. It will be headed by former PM advisor Amarjeet Sinha. The panel will investigate variables influencing the demand for rural employment as part of the review process.

*The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MNREGA) was passed in 2005, and the demand-driven scheme guarantees 100 days of unskilled work per year per rural household that wants it. There are currently 15.51 crore active workers enrolled under the scheme.*

### NEW NORMS TO CURB FAKE ONLINE REVIEWS

Aimed at curbing the menace of fake/paid reviews on popular online sites, the union government unveiled on Nov 21 a framework of standards to curb fake reviews on e-commerce websites. The framework, 'Indian Standard (IS) 19000:2022', has been prepared by the Bureau of Indian Standards and will come into effect from November 25. The framework of standards will be voluntary initially.

The standards will be applicable to any organisation which publishes consumer reviews online, including suppliers of products and services that collect reviews from their own customers, a third party contracted by the supplier or an independent third party.

*Reviews play a critical role in shopping in e-commerce. They are more important in three sectors — tour and travel; restaurant and eateries; and consumer durables. The standards are expected to benefit all stakeholders in the e-commerce ecosystem i.e., consumers, e-commerce platforms, sellers etc. It will help usher in confidence among consumers to purchase goods online and help them make better purchase decisions.*



## NCE FOR GREEN PORT & SHIPPING



With a view to develop a regulatory framework and alternative technology adoption roadmap for Green Shipping in India, India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping was launched by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping on Nov 19 at New Delhi. It aims to foster carbon neutrality and circular economy (CE) in the shipping sector in India.

*India intends to increase the share of renewable energy to 60% of the total power demand of each of its major ports, from a share of less than 10% at present. This will be achieved through increased solar and wind-generated power. The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) is the knowledge and implementation partner for this project.*

## UGC G/LINES FOR "PROFESSORS OF PRACTICE"

University Grants Commission has asked higher education institutions to initiate necessary steps to engage professionals and industry experts as "Professors of Practice" in their institutes to impart holistic and multidisciplinary education. 'Professor of Practice' position provides a unique opportunity to the educational institutes to bring diverse skills to complement efforts of faculty members of the institutions.

This may require the participation of experienced practitioners / professionals / industry experts etc. in the teaching-learning process.

*According to the guidelines, those eligible to be engaged as 'Professor of Practice' include distinguished experts who have made remarkable contributions in their professions from various fields such as engineering, science, technology, entrepreneurship, commerce, social sciences, media, literature, fine arts, civil services, armed forces, legal profession and public administration, among others. These experts will be hired for a fixed term with a maximum of three years tenure which is extendable by one year.*

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## AADHAAR RULES AMENDED

The government has amended Aadhaar card rules, specifying that supporting documents need to be updated at least once by Aadhaar holders on completion 10 years from the enrolment date. According to gazette notification issued by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, the updation would ensure continued accuracy of Aadhaar-related information in the Central Identities Data Repository. Over 134 crore Aadhaar numbers have been issued till July 2022.

*Aadhaar is a 12-digit unique ID issued to an individual. Aadhaar uses demographic information (name, date of birth, gender and address), photograph of the face, fingerprints and iris to identify a resident. These items of information are mandatory under the Aadhaar Act, 2016,*

## INDIAN BIOLOGICAL DATA CENTER LAUNCHED



India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) was launched on Nov 10 at Faridabad, Haryana. IBDC is mandated to archive all life science data generated from publicly-funded research in India.

Supported by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), it has been established at Regional Centre of Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad with a data disaster recovery site at National Informatics Centre (NIC), Bhubaneswar. It has a data storage capacity of about 4 petabytes and houses the 'Brahm' High-Performance Computing (HPC) facility.

## ATAL NEW INDIA CHALLENGE FOR WOMEN

Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog launched the Women centric challenges on Nov 9 under the 2nd edition of Atal New India Challenge (ANIC). The Woman centric challenges address the major issues faced by women from all spheres of life.

These include driving women hygiene through innovation, innovations to improve women's safety, professional networking opportunities for women, innovations that make working mothers' life better, and easing the life of rural women.

ANIC aims to seek, select, support and nurture technology-based innovations that solve sectoral challenges of national importance and societal relevance through a grant-based mechanism of up to one crore rupees.



## TV CHANNELS TO SHOW SPECIAL CONTENT



The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in its latest uplinking and downloading rules notified on Nov 9, has mandated private TV channels in India, for the first time ever, to run 30-minute daily programmes of national importance and social relevance as part of their new service obligation.

*Eight key areas have been identified on which these shows can be based: health, education, spread of literacy, empowerment of people from weaker sections of the society, environment, national integration, cultural heritage and science & technology. The ministry has clarified that these obligations would not be applicable for sports, wildlife, and foreign channels.*

## DR. K. RADHAKRISHNAN C'TEE SET UP

The Union Government has constituted a committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the country. It will be headed by Dr. K. Radhakrishnan, Chairperson, Board of Governors, IIT Kanpur. The mandate of the Committee is to prepare a road map for the National Accreditation Council envisioned in the National Education Policy.

## IT DEPTT. TO DEVELOP MICRO FORESTS

The Income Tax Department launched the HARIT Aaykar initiative on the occasion of National Unity Day, Oct 31, to increase greenery and develop micro forests. HARIT stands for "Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax". Under this initiative, the Department aims to increase the green cover by planting trees and creating micro-forests in and around the Income Tax Department's buildings and other public areas.



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## OCTOBER

### PM KISAN SAMRUDDHI KENDRA

More than 600 Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendra across India were inaugurated virtually on Oct 17 by Prime Minister Modi at the PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 in Delhi. These will be centres where farmers can buy not only fertilisers and seeds but also farm implements. They will also provide testing facilities for soil, seeds and fertilisers. The Kendras will also help create awareness among the farmers by providing useful information about farming techniques.

### INDIA'S FIRST ALUMINIUM RAIL FREIGHT RAKE



India's first aluminium Rail Freight Rake was launched on October 16 at Bhubaneswar Railway Station in Odisha. It is also for the first-time that the rake has been manufactured in India with the property of fully lock-bolted construction with no welding on the superstructure. It has 180 ton extra carrying capacity, much lighter weight, resulting in higher efficiency, lower maintenance and longer life. A single aluminium rake in its lifetime saves over 14,500 tonnes of CO2 due to lower fuel consumption.

*Aluminium is the second most used metal worldwide. It offers durability and is also lightweight and is infinitely recyclable. The metal has clear environmental benefits compared to other similar metals, including steel or plastic.*

### INDIA TO HAVE WORLD CLASS RLY STATIONS

The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000 crore proposal for the redevelopment of the New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus railway stations.

The redevelopment of stations will be done in the engineering-procurement-construction (EPC) model to ensure that there is no additional monetary burden on passengers.

The new design will include a spacious roof plaza over the tracks with all passenger amenities at one place along with spaces for retail, cafeterias, and recreational facilities. There will be segregation of arrival/departures, clutter-free platforms, improved surfaces, fully covered platforms.

*The stations will have facilities like a food court, waiting lounge, playing area for children and a place to sell local products. Development of these stations will use green building techniques, with solar energy, water conservation and recycling and improved tree cover.*

## FOURTH VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS



The fourth Vande Bharat Express train was launched from Una in Himachal Pradesh to New Delhi on Oct 12. The train will operate on six days a week, except Wednesday. The train is equipped with most modern passenger amenities and runs at a speed of 160 kmph.

## TELE-MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE LAUNCHED

The Union Health Ministry launched Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States (Tele-MANAS), a 24\*7 tele-mental service, on the occasion of World Mental Health Day, Oct 10. It will serve as the digital arm of the District Mental Health Programme.

The nationwide network will provide counselling, consultation with a specialist, and e-prescriptions. Patients will be able to access the service by calling the helpline numbers 14416 and 1-800-91-4416. The service will begin with 20 states and UTs and will subsequently be expanded to the whole country.

## ECI LAUNCHES SERIES 'MATDATA JUNCTION'

The Election Commission of India launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program titled 'Matdata Junction' in collaboration with All India Radio. It is a 52-episode radio series which aims to connect with the voters across the country through the medium of radio. It will focus on increasing the participation of urban voters in the electoral process.

## RLYS TO BECOME NET ZERO CARBON EMITTER

Indian Railways has adopted an integrated approach for a Green Environment which plans to gradually reduce its carbon footprint to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030. This reduction will be achieved primarily by shifting to renewable energy.

Other strategies towards Net Zero Emission include taking a multi-pronged approach of electrification of its routes, shifting from diesel to electric traction, promotion of energy efficiency and construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors.

## OPERATION CHAKRA TO CRACK CYBER CRIMES

In an effort to track down cyber criminals who indulge in financial crimes and fraud, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched country wide "Operation Chakra" on Oct 04. The operation intends to dismantle the infrastructure of the international cybercrime gangs in India and bring these perpetrators to justice. The operation was launched against cyber-enabled crime networks on the basis of international inputs provided by Interpol, the FBI, Royal Canadian Mountain Police and the Australian Federal Agency.

## YUVA 2.0 LAUNCHED FOR YOUNG AUTHORS

The second edition of the "Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors - YUVA 2.0" was launched on October 2, to promote reading, writing, and book culture in the country. Launch of YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors) aims to encourage the youth to understand and appreciate India's rich legacy. It will help to develop a stream of writers who can write on a spectrum of subjects to promote the Indian heritage, culture, and knowledge system. Under the scheme, a total of 75 authors will be selected through an All India Contest to be conducted through [www.mygov.in](http://www.mygov.in).

## INDIA WITNESSES DAWN OF 5G

Marking the beginning of a new era in the field of telecommunications, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 5G telephony services in New Delhi on Oct 01. 5G services will usher in the era of ultra high-speed Internet on mobile phones and devices. The services will begin in eight cities, progressively covering the entire country over the next couple of years.

In comparison to 3G and 4G, the 5G network which will be about 10 times faster than 4G, has the efficiency to process a very high volume of data messages with a minimal delay. It is also expected to bring more development in remote data monitoring in sectors such as mining, warehousing, telemedicine, and manufacturing, among others.

*The 5G spectrum refers to the 5th Generation of range of radio frequencies in the sub-6 GHz range and the millimetre wave frequency range that is 24.25 GHz and above. It is one of the fastest, most robust technologies the world has ever seen. It will enable quicker downloads, much lower lag time, making a significant impact on how we live, work and play. Connected cars, smart education platforms, advanced gaming and advanced entertainment channels, they all rely on 5G networks.*

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## CBI SMASHES DRUG NETWORKS



The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda' to dismantle drug networks with international linkages. The operation seeks to target drug networks with international footprints for action against handlers, operatives, production zones and support elements.

The CBI conducted the operation in close coordination with enforcement actions across international jurisdictions through INTERPOL and Narcotics Control Bureau with special focus on the Indian Ocean Region.

*During the Operation, searches, seizures and arrests were carried out across multiple states and UTs in the country. Apart from CBI and NCB, eight states and UT Police including Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi and Manipur also participated in this Operation. Large quantities of illicit drugs and psychotropic substances were seized during the operation.*

## WORLD'S 1<sup>st</sup> CNG TERMINAL IN BHAVNAGAR

Prime Minister Sh Modi laid the foundation stone for the first compressed natural gas (CNG) terminal in the world in Gujarat's Bhavnagar on Sep 29. It will be developed through public-private partnership (PPP) – the Mumbai-based Padmanabhan Mafatlal Group and the UK's Foresight Group will take the lead and the Gujarat Maritime Board (GMB), currently in charge of Bhavnagar Port, will lend support. The project, coming up with an estimated cost of Rs 4,000 crore, will have a cargo handling capacity of 1.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).

## PMGKAY EXTENDED FOR THREE MONTHS

Recognising the fact that most of the people are yet to recover from the hardships of pandemic, government has decided to extend PMGKAY (Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana) for a period of three months, till December 31, 2022 so that poor and vulnerable sections of society are supported for the forthcoming major festivals. 122 lakh tonne of foodgrains will be given out free of cost during this time at a cost of Rs 44,762 crore.

*Under this scheme, 5 kg of food grain per person per month is provided free of cost for all the beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). Government has so far spent Rs 3.45 lakh crore on the PMGKAY scheme since its launch in April 2020.*

## 'JALDOOT' APP TO MEASURE WATER LEVEL

The Rural Development Ministry launched the 'Jaldoot' App on Sep 27 to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country. The App will enable Gram Rojgar Sahayak to measure the water level of a well twice a year – pre-monsoon and post-monsoon. In every village, an adequate number of measurement locations, two or three, need to be selected as representative of the ground water level in that village. The App will facilitate panchayats with robust data, which can be further used for better planning of works.

# ECONOMY & INDUSTRY

## NOVEMBER

### MOODY'S PINCH GROWTH RATE TO 7%

Global rating agency Moody's slashed India's GDP growth projections for 2022 on Nov 11 to 7% from 7.7% made earlier as the global slowdown and rising domestic interest rates are expected to dampen economic momentum. "The downward revision assumes that higher inflation, high-interest rates and slowing global growth will dampen economic momentum by more than what we had previously expected," the agency said in its Global Macro Outlook 2023-24.

### HORTICULTURE PRODUCTION UP BY 7.7 MT

The Union agriculture and farmers welfare ministry released on Oct 28 the 3rd advance estimates of the production of horticultural crops for the year 2021-22. The total production of fruits and vegetables is estimated to be 342.33 million tonnes in the year 2021-22, showing an increase of about 7.73 million tonnes, over the year 2020-21. Production of fruits is estimated to be 107.24 million tonnes while that of vegetables is estimated to be 204.84 million tonnes.

### 4<sup>th</sup> ADV ESTIMATE OF FOODGRAINS PROD.

As per the fourth advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2021-22, released by the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on



Oct 28, production of foodgrains is estimated at a record high of 315.72 million tonnes (MT) which is 4.98 MT more than the 2020-21 level.

*Record production is estimated of rice, maize, gram, pulses, rapeseed and mustard, oilseeds and sugarcane. Total production of Rice during 2021-22 is estimated at a record 130.29 MT, while that of wheat is expected at 106.84 MT.*

## RUSSIA TOPS IN FERTILISER EXPORTS



Russia pushed China to second place to become the top supplier of fertilisers to India for the first time in the first six months of this fiscal year, starting on April 1. India imported 2.15 million metric tonnes of fertilisers from Russia, a surge of 371%, primarily on account of discounts offered by Russia over prevailing global prices. Fertiliser prices across the world jumped massively after western countries imposed sanctions on the fertiliser shipments from Russia and Belarus, major exporters of fertilisers.

## GOVT TO ISSUE GREEN BONDS

The government approved a framework for issuance of the sovereign green bonds on Nov 9 to attract investment in environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects. The proceeds generated from the issuance of such bonds will be deployed in Public Sector projects which help in reducing carbon intensity of the economy.

*The selected projects will be related to renewable energy, energy efficiency, clean transportation, water and waste management, pollution prevention and control and green buildings, among others. The amount of the first tranche will be Rs 16,000 crore, to be issued before March 31, 2023.*

## OCTOBER

## IMF PINCHES GDP GROWTH RATE TO 6.8%

In its World Economic Outlook 2022 report released on Oct 11, the IMF reported that India will be the fastest-growing large economy in the world. Cutting India's GDP growth forecast to 6.8 percent for Financial Year 2023 (from 7% predicted earlier), the IMF said outlook for lower GDP growth in India is due to a weaker-than-expected outturn in the second quarter and more subdued external demand.

However, the IMF predicted that India will continue to remain on track to become one of the fastest-growing economies in the world.

*This is the third downward revision for India. FY23 GDP forecast was downgraded to 7.4% in July from 8.2% estimated in April keeping in view negative changes in external conditions, besides rapid monetary policy tightening. Growth projection was cut in April to 8.2% from 9% owing to higher commodity prices.*

## W B PINCHES INDIA'S GROWTH RATE TO 6.5%

The World Bank projected a growth rate of 6.5% for the Indian economy for the current fiscal, a drop of 1% from its previous 7.5% forecast, citing deteriorating international environment. In its latest South Asia Economic Focus report released on Oct 6, the Bank, however, noted that India is recovering stronger than the rest of the world.

## MSP HIKED FOR RABI CROPS

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA on October 18 approved an increase in Rabi Crops MSP (Minimum Support Price) 2022-23 for Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2023-24. The increase is in line with the Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of fixing the MSP at a level of a minimum of 1.5 times of the all-India weighted average cost of production, ensuring a minimum 50% as margin of profit. MSP is increased in line with the recommendations of M S Swaminathan Commission. Rabi crops are grown in winter and harvested in spring.

Crops	MSP 2022-23	MSP 2023-24	Increase in MSP
Wheat	2015	2125	110
Barley	1635	1735	100
Gram	5230	5335	105
Masur	5500	6000	500
Rapeseed/ Mustard	5050	5450	400
Safflower	5441	5650	209

## INDIA TOPS IN SUGAR PRODUCTION

India has emerged as the world's largest producer and second-largest exporter of sugar.

In the Sugar Season 2021-22, India produced a record of more than 50 crore metric ton of sugarcane. Out of this, 3.59 crore metric ton of sugar was produced by sugar mills, making the country the largest producer of sugar in the world, pushing Brazil to second place.

*The Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ministry reported that the season has proved to be a watershed season for the Indian Sugar Sector. Sugar exports crossed over 1.09 crore metric ton, making the country the second largest exporter of sugar in the world. These exports earned foreign currency of about 40,000 crore rupees.*





## NETHERLANDS: 3<sup>rd</sup> LARGEST EXPORT PARTNER



The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh. It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations in the first five months of this fiscal, doubling exports to \$7.5 billion.

India's exports to the Netherlands were driven mostly by a 238% jump in export of oil products. Even supplies of chemicals and pharmaceuticals remained substantial. India's exports to China contracted sharply by 35.6% until August this fiscal to \$6.8 billion, while those to Bangladesh rose just 8.7% to \$5.8 billion.

Meanwhile, the US and the UAE continue to be the largest and second-largest export destinations, respectively, for India. The exports to the US climbed 18.3% until August to \$35.2 billion, while those to the UAE shot up 27.3% to \$13.8 billion.

## SEBI ALLOWS BSE'S SOCIAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) announced on October 7 that it has given an in-principle nod to the stock exchange BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) to start "social stock exchange" as a separate segment. Social stock exchange will enable the listing of non-profit organisations and for-profit social enterprises that are engaged in 15 broad eligible social activities approved by the SEBI. The eligible activities include eradicating hunger, poverty, malnutrition and inequality; promoting healthcare, supporting education, employability and livelihoods; and several such other activities.

*Corporate foundations, political or religious organisations or activities, professional or trade associations, infrastructure and housing companies, except affordable housing, will not be eligible to be identified as a social enterprise.*

## JIO PUSHED BSNL TO SECOND SPOT

According to a TRAI report released on Oct 18, Reliance Jio toppled state-run BSNL in August to become the largest fixed-line service provider in the country. Jio's landline subscriber base reached 73.52 lakh while that of BSNL was at 71.32 lakh. The wireline subscribers in the country grew to 2.59 crore in August from 2.56 crore in July.

# BANKING & FINANCE

## NOVEMBER

### INTT SUBVENTION EXTENDED FOR 2 YEARS

The Reserve Bank of India approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention Scheme (ISS) for short term crop loans and short term farm loans up to Rs. three lakh, for the financial years 2022-23 and 2023-24. Interest subsidy will be given to banks @ 1.5% per annum on the outstanding loan amount and the farmer will have to pay interest @ 7% only. Further, those who repay loans timely, will be given further subvention of 3%, thus farmers will have to pay only 4% interest.

### BANKS' MD/ED TERM HIKE TO 10 YEARS

As per a government notification dated November 17, the tenure for the appointment of the MD or executive director of a public sector bank has been extended to 10 years, from the earlier 5 years, subject to superannuation age of 60 years. The amendment would be called Nationalised Banks (Management and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Scheme, 2022.

### GOVT SELLS ITS SHARE IN AXIS BANK

The government gathered about Rs 3,839 crore by selling its 1.5% stake in the total issued and paid-up equity share capital of the Axis Bank, held through SUUTI – Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India, one of its promoters. The floor price for the offer was Rs 830.63 per equity share.

### DIGITAL RUPEE LAUNCHED ON PILOT BASIS

The RBI launched the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee on Nov 01 in the wholesale segment on pilot basis. Digital Rupee is a digital form of currency notes issued by a central bank. It is an electronic form of money that can be used in contactless transactions. The Digital Rupee will be used for settlement of secondary market transactions in government securities. Settlement in Digital Rupee will reduce transaction costs and make the inter-bank market more efficient.

*RBI has identified nine banks for participation in the Digital Rupee's wholesale pilot project which are State Bank of India, Bank of Baroda, Union Bank of India, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank, IDFC First Bank and HSBC.*

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## INDIA'S 1ST STICKER-BASED DEBIT CARD



IDFC First Bank launched India's first sticker-based Debit Card- FIRSTAP on Nov 24, in association with the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The card will facilitate transactions by simply tapping the sticker on a Near Field Communication (NFC) enabled point-of-sale terminal.

*The sticker-based debit card can be affixed on any surface chosen by the customer, such as identity cards, cell phones, tabs, wallets, airpod cases, among others. The touch-free way to pay enables payments in seconds for transactions up to Rs. 5,000 without a pin, and those beyond that, with a tap and PIN.*

## AIRTEL BANK STARTS FACE BASED KYC

In a bid to simplify bank account opening process, Airtel Payments Bank has rolled out Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening for customers. Airtel Payments Bank is the first Payments Bank in the country to offer such a facility.

*The new facility will help Business Correspondents (BCs) of the bank to open an account just by undertaking face authentication e-KYC. The authentication is processed using a newly developed mobile application by the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)*

## IRDAI TO LAUNCH 'BIMA SUGAM'

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), recently announced the launch of Bima Sugam—an online marketplace that will house all companies selling life and non-life insurance on a single platform. The portal is scheduled to go live from 1 January 2023. The portal will be promoted by four entities – LIC and General Insurance Council, each will hold 30% equity; public sector banks will hold 35% and remaining 5% will be held by Brokers Association.

The online platform will provide customers with a one-stop destination for all insurance needs, providing services like buying insurance policies, portability facilities, change of insurance agents and settling of claims. It will allow buyers to purchase life, motor or health insurance policies directly. The platform will also give buyers a wide choice to pick and choose policies. It will offer a window to view all your policies (be it life or general), details and renewal dates.

*It will also provide E-Bima or E-IA accounts to enable policy holders to keep their policies in demat format. It will obviate the need to maintain the policies in physical document and ease the process of renewal with no paperwork.*

## OCTOBER

## 75 DBUs DEDICATED TO NATION

Prime Minister Modi dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) in 75 districts to the nation on Oct 16 through video conferencing. The DBUs are being set up with an objective to ensure benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country and will cover all the States and Union territories. Eleven Public Sector Banks, twelve Private Sector Banks and one Small Finance Bank are participating in the endeavour.

*DBUs will enable customers to have cost effective, convenient access and enhanced digital experience of banking products and services all round the year. DBUs will have physical outlets which will provide a variety of digital banking facilities to people such as opening of savings account, balance-check, print passbook, transfer of funds, investment in fixed deposits, loan applications, stop-payment instructions for cheques issued, apply for credit or debit cards, view statement of account, pay taxes, pay bills, make nominations, etc.*

## RBI TO SOON LAUNCH E-RUPEE

With a view to bolstering India's digital economy, making payment systems more efficient, and checking money laundering, the RBI announced on Oct 7 to soon launch on pilot basis, e-rupee for specific use cases. In a concept note on Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), the RBI said CBDC is aimed to complement, rather than replace, current forms of money and is envisaged to provide an additional payment avenue to users, not to replace the existing payment systems.

*Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will soon commence pilot launches of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), referred to as Digital Rupee (₹), for specific use cases.*

## RBI's 'DAKSH' TO IMPROVE SUPERVISION

With a view to further improve the compliance culture in Supervised Entities (SEs) like Banks, NBFCs, etc., the RBI launched a web-based end-to-end workflow application, 'DAKSH', on Oct 6 to make the supervisory processes more effective and efficient. The application will also enable seamless communication, inspection planning and execution. It will expedite cyber incident reporting and analysis, provision of various MIS reports etc., through a platform which enables anytime-anywhere secure access.



## REPO RATE HIKED BY 50 BPS



The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its bi-monthly policy review meeting concluding on Sep 30, announced an increase of the repo rate by 50 basis points (bps) to a three-year high of 5.9 percent. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 5.65 percent and the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.15 per cent. Fixed Reverse Repo rate remains unchanged at 3.35 percent.

*The hike is an attempt to check inflation, which has remained above its tolerance level for the past eight months. The CPI inflation rose to 7.0 per cent (y-o-y) in August 2022 from 6.7 per cent in July as food inflation moved higher. RBI endeavours to retain inflation in the targeted band of 4%, within a band of +/- 2 per cent, while supporting growth.*

*The move will result in raising the cost of funds for banks, forcing them to hike interest rate on loans, leading to lower demand for loans; resulting in lower money supply in the market and causing cooling of inflationary trend.*

## RBI ASKS CICs TO APPOINT INT. OMBUDSMAN

To enhance the effectiveness of its grievance redressal systems, the RBI has asked all Credit Information Companies (CICs) to designate an internal ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023. The IO shall be either a retired or a serving officer, not below the rank of Deputy General Manager or equivalent, with at least seven years of experience in banking, non-banking finance, financial sector regulation or supervision, credit information or consumer protection.

*The tenure of IO will be for a fixed term of not less than three years, but not exceeding five years. The IO will not entertain direct complaints from members of the public. Instead, only complaints that the CIC has already reviewed but rejected in whole or in part, will be handled by the IO, before the final decision is conveyed to the complainant.*

## 3 DRTs TO HANDLE 100CR AND ABOVE CASES

The Central government has transferred the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) jurisdictions of all applications involving debt amounts of ₹100 crores and above to the DRTs at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai. According to a notification issued on Oct 18 by the Ministry of Finance, only the DRTs at Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai will have the jurisdiction to deal with matters involving more than 100 crore.

All high value cases involving amounts of Rs.100 crore or more in all other DRTs shall be transferred to these three designated DRTs. The tribunals have been designated after banks made a request to the government for special DRTs to expedite recovery in high-value cases.

*DRTs are the special tribunals set up for speedy disposal of recovery cases of banks and FIs involving Rs. 20 lakh or more.*

## \$1 BILLION FUND FOR LOAN GUARANTEE

A \$1 billion fund may soon be launched by the government in collaboration with the World Bank, and the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) to provide guarantees against defaults on loans taken to buy electric two or three-wheelers.

*The NITI Aayog will be the facilitating agency of the project. It will aim to facilitate faster and easier financing of EVs. The fund would act as a hedging mechanism for banks in case of defaults of loans on purchase of electric vehicles.*

## KARNATAKA BANK EXCELS IN DIGITALISATION

Karnataka Bank bagged the National Digital Transformation Award at the "DX 2022 Awards" instituted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for best practices in digital transformation under the BFSI segment. DX (Digital Transformation) Award is the ideal platform for organisations that have made outstanding contributions in the digital field to showcase their efforts and achievements.

## SBI TOPS IN HOME LOAN SEGMENT

State Bank of India announced on October 12 that it has added Rs 1 trillion in its assets under management (AUM) under home loans during the past 18 months. It reached a new record level of AUM of Rs 6 trillion in the home loan segment, securing over 33.3% of market share. SBI is the first bank in the country to achieve this landmark.

*The loan book of HDFC, a NBFC, claimed an AUM of Rs 6.71 trillion in the home loan segment as of June 30, 2022.*

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# DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NOVEMBER

**Y 12705 Mormugao**, the second ship of Project 15B Kolkata class stealth guided missile destroyers being built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai, was delivered to the Indian Navy on Nov 24. The 163 metre long ship is fitted with most modern weapons, including BrahMos missiles.



The **Shalimar Works Ltd**, Kolkata, West Bengal delivered the Ferry Craft 'Manjula' to the Indian Navy on Nov 23 in Kolkata. The Ferry Craft, 7th in series, will provide impetus to operational and logistics requirements of the Indian Navy.

**DRDO conducted** a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) interceptor AD-1 missile on Nov 02 from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The AD-1 is a long-range interceptor missile designed for interception of long-range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.

## INDIAN NAVY HELD IPR DIALOGUE

The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was held in New Delhi on Nov 23-25. Globally renowned speakers and eminent panellists explored how the areas of maritime cooperation could be optimally and inclusively operationalized.

*IPRD is the Indian Navy's yearly, top-level international conference to update its global strategic concerns. The National Maritime Foundation, Navy's knowledge partner, is the chief organiser of the event. The theme of IPRD-2022 is the 'Operationalising the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative'.*

## ARMY COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE

An Army Commanders' Conference was held in New Delhi from November 7 to 11 to brainstorm on current and emerging security and administrative aspects and chart the future course for the Indian Army. It is an apex-level biannual institution level event for holding conceptual deliberations for making important policy decisions for the Indian Army.

During the five-day conference, discussions were held on topics such as transformation of the army as a future ready force, progress on capability development and modernisation to promote Atmanirbharta, and future challenges in progressive military training.

## VEERANGANA SEWA KENDRA LAUNCHED

Indian Army has launched a single window facility - Veerangana Sewa Kendra (VSK) for welfare and grievances redressal of Veer Naris. The widow of a member of the armed forces, who has laid down his life for the country, whether in a war or in a military operation, is called 'Veer Nari'.

*Taking yet another step in leveraging technology, the Indian Army with a motto of "Taking Care of Our Own, No Matter What" launched this facility. Veer Naris or the next of kin will have multiple means for approaching the Veerangana Sewa Kendra through SMS, telephone, WhatsApp, posts, e-mail, and walk-ins to seek assistance. To maintain the inherent connection and empathy with the beneficiaries, Veer Naris have been employed as the Veerangana Sewa Kendra Staff.*

## INDIA TO MAKE C-295MW CARGO AIRCRAFT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of a C-295MW military transport aircraft manufacturing project for the Indian Air Force (IAF) at Vadodara in Gujarat on the 30th October. A consortium of European major Airbus and Indian conglomerate Tata will jointly make this aircraft in India.

This is the first project of its kind in which a military aircraft will be manufactured in India by a private company.

*This aircraft can be used for civilian purposes also. This state-of-the-art transport aircraft having a 5 to 10 tons load capacity will strengthen the logistic capabilities of the IAF. All aircrafts will be fitted with an indigenous Electronic Warfare Suite, developed locally by Bharat Electronics Ltd. The aircraft will replace the ageing Avro aircraft of IAF. The total cost of the project will be 21,935 crore rupees.*

*Sixteen of the aircrafts will be delivered from 2023 onwards in a flyaway condition from the Airbus unit in Spain. This delivery will be completed by August 2025. The remaining 40 aircrafts will be manufactured in India by the new facility at Vadodara, from 2026 to 2031.*

**Lance Naik Manju** of Eastern Command from the Corps of Military Police created history by becoming the first woman soldier skydiver of the Indian Army. She jumped from a height of 10,000 ft from the Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv on November 15.



**“Samanvay 2022”:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) conducted its annual joint humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise from November 28 to 30 at Agra, Uttar Pradesh. Representatives from ASEAN also took part in the exercise. The objective of the exercise was to assess the efficacy of institutional disaster management structures and contingency measures.

**South Western Command** of the Indian Army, conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, “Shatrunash” on Nov 21 in Thar Desert of Rajasthan. The exercise witnessed use of multifarious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres.

**Garuda Shakti 22:** The 8th edition of the India-Indonesia bilateral joint training exercise kicked off on Nov 21 at the Sangga Buana training area in west Java’s Karawang in Indonesia. The 13-day exercise aims at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two Special Forces.

**Naseem Al Bahr-2022:** The 13th edition of bilateral exercise between the Indian and the Royal Oman navies commenced on Nov 20 near the coast of Oman. The exercise aims to intensify maritime exchanges between the two countries and enhance maritime security in the region.

**Exercise Yudh Abhyas-22:** Indian and US militaries conducted the battalion-level exercise at Auli in Uttarakhand, just 100 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Soldiers from the Assam Regiment and the US Army soldiers of 2nd Brigade of the 11th Airborne Division participated in the exercise that included high-altitude warfare drills. The exercise was held from 16<sup>th</sup> Nov to 2nd Dec.

**3rd Pan-India Coastal Defence** Exercise Sea Vigil-22 was conducted by the Indian Navy on Nov 15-16 in coordination with the Coast Guard and other ministries to validate various measures that have been instituted towards enhancing maritime security. The exercise was undertaken along the entire 7,516 kilometre coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India. It involved all the coastal states and union territories.

**Exercise Malabar 2022:** The four member countries of the “Quad” conducted the 26th edition of Malabar exercise off Yokosuka in Japan from Nov 8 to 15. The “Quad” member countries include India, Australia, Japan, and the US. The exercise included a strong anti-submarine, rapid deployment, surveillance and force projection element. It was hosted by the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and led by US Navy’s aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan.

**Operation “Sea Sword 2”:** Indian Navy’s warship INS Trikanth participated in the Combined Maritime Forces led Focused Operation “Sea Sword 2” in the Northwest Arabian Sea from 06 to 14 November. CMF is a 34-nation maritime partnership led by USA, based in Bahrain that undertakes counter-terrorism, counter-piracy and regional cooperation.

**Exercise Indo-Pacific Endeavour (IPE):** Australian naval ships with around 1,500 personnel, arrived in Visakhapatnam on Oct 30 to participate in the IPE. The exercise supported by the Australian Defence Force Maritime Task Unit of the Royal Australian Navy, ended on Nov 2.

**SIMBEX-2022:** The Indian Navy hosted the 29th edition of the Singapore-India maritime bilateral exercise from October 26 to 30 at Visakhapatnam. The exercise included advanced naval drills covering a wide spectrum of maritime operations. It was conducted in two phases – Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam from 26 to 27 October, followed by the Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal from 28 to 30 October.

**Garuda VII:** The Indian Air Force and the French Air and Space Force (FASF) conducted a bilateral exercise ‘Garuda VII’ in Jodhpur, Rajasthan from Oct 26 to Nov 12. The FASF participated with four Rafale fighter aircrafts and a contingent of 220 personnel.

**IMT TRILAT:** The first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise was held in the Indian Ocean, off the coast of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27 -29 October. The Indian Navy was represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash.

### **OCEANSAT LAUNCHED SUCCESSFULLY**

ISRO launched its PSLV-C54 on Nov 26 to successfully place the earth observation satellite (Oceansat) into a sun-synchronous orbit. The Earth Observation Satellite-6 is the third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series. It also placed in lower orbit eight nanosatellites which included ISRO Nano Satellite-2 for Bhutan (INS-2B), Anand, Astrocast (four satellites), and two Thybolt satellites





## INDIA'S 1<sup>st</sup> PRIVATE SPACE ROCKET LAUNCHED



India's first-ever private launch of a suborbital rocket was made successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota on Nov 18. The rocket Vikram-S soared to an altitude of over 80 km. It was developed by space technology startup Skyroot Aerospace from Telangana.

The 6-metre tall launch vehicle Vikram-S is named after Vikram Sarabhai, the father of the country's space programme. Named "Mission Prarambh", it carried three customer payloads (satellites) from Space Kidz India, Bazoomq Armenia and N-Space Tech India, weighing a total 83 kg.

## NASA LAUNCHES ITS MOST POWERFUL ROCKET

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) of the USA launched the 100 metre tall 'Artemis', its most powerful rocket ever built. The launch was made on Nov 16 from Cape Canaveral in Florida, for a journey to the Moon in a spectacular blaze of light and sound.

This step marks the start of the US Space Agency's new flagship program, Artemis. The name Artemis comes from Apollo's twin sister in Greek mythology, wherein Apollo is regarded as one of the most powerful Gods.

Artemis will put the space module Orion in a distant retrograde orbit of the Moon. During its 26 day excursion, the capsule will be a mere 100 km from the lunar surface; at its most distant, Orion will be up to 70,000 km from the surface. The capsule is due back on Earth on 11 December, 2022.

## ARTIFICIAL BLOOD CREATED IN LAB

For the first time ever, researchers in the UK in a clinical experiment, have transfused blood grown in a lab from adult stem cells, into two people. The blood has been tagged with a radioactive substance, often used in medical procedures, so scientists can see how long it lasts in the body. It is hoped the lab-grown blood will be more potent than normal.

The process starts with a normal donation of a pint of blood (around 470ml). Magnetic beads are used to fish out flexible stem cells that are capable of becoming a red blood cell. These stem cells are encouraged to grow in large numbers in the labs and are then guided to become red blood cells. The process takes about three weeks and an initial pool of around half a million stem cells results in 50 billion red blood cells, from which only 15 billion are fit for transplantation, measuring hardly 5-10 ml of blood.

## OCTOBER

### AGNI PRIME MISSILE TESTED

India successfully test-fired indigenously-developed new generation medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime from the Odisha coast. The test was conducted by DRDO on October 21, from a mobile launcher at the APJ Abdul Kalam Island. The missile's strike range is between 1,000 to 2,000 km.

### PORTAL 'MAA BHARATI KE SAPOOT'

The Ministry of Defence launched on Oct 14 a website named 'Maa Bharati Ke Sapoot' at a function organised at the National War Memorial Complex in New Delhi. The website is devoted to collecting contributions to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund.

The Tri-Service fund is utilised for grant of immediate financial assistance to the families of armed personnel of three forces who laid down their lives or get grievously injured in active military operations. Popular bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan has been selected as the 'Goodwill Ambassador' of the initiative. Any individual or organisation can make financial contribution on [www.maabharatikesapoot.mod.gov.in](http://www.maabharatikesapoot.mod.gov.in) website.

### AIR FORCE GETS A NEW BRANCH

The government approved on Oct 8 the creation of a new "Weapon Systems" branch in the Indian Air Force. The branch will enhance the war-fighting capability of the Indian Air Force. This is the first time since independence that a new operational branch is being created.

The branch would encompass operators in four specialised streams of Surface-to-Surface missiles, Surface-to-Air missiles, Remotely Piloted Aircrafts, and Weapon System Operators in twin-multi-crew aircrafts. Creation of this branch would result in savings of over Rs 3400 Crores due to reduced expenditure on flying training.

### IAF INDUCTS LCH PRACHAND

Crossing yet another milestone in defence technology, indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) named 'Prachand'(intensely furious) was inducted in the Indian Air Force on Oct 3 at a ceremony held at Air Force Station, Jodhpur in Rajasthan. Developed by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL), it is the only attack helicopter in the world which can land and take-off at an altitude of 5,000 m with a considerable load of weapons and fuel.

Powered by two Shakti engines, it has all-weather combat capability and night attack capability. Stealth features like low radar cross section and minimal infrared signature allow it to go behind enemy lines undetected and attack with precision.

Weighing around 5.8 ton, it has a range of 550 km and an operational ceiling of 6500 mt. It is armed with air-to-air and air-to-ground missiles, 70 mm rockets and also a 20 mm gun.

## INDIA TO EXPORT ARMS TO ARMENIA



India firmed a deal with Armenia for export of missiles, rockets and ammunition, including indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers. The deal has been signed through a government-to-government route, through which the two nations inked contracts for the supply of arms and ammunition to Armenia. India is exporting Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers, developed by the DRDO, for the first time. The government has not revealed the value of the contracts; however, it is estimated to be worth more than Rs 2,000 crore.

## INDIA TESTS INDIGENOUS ATTACK DRONE

India reached a milestone on Sep 22 by successfully demonstrating the attack capability of an advanced drone ALS 50 during tests conducted at Rajasthan's Pokhran. Developed by Tata Advanced Systems Limited, it has been designed for Vertical Take Off and Landing (VTOL) and will soon be inducted into the armed forces.

ALS 50 drone is capable of flying for a very long distance as well as finding and destroying enemy positions by firing at them. It can be easily used in confined places like narrow valleys, mountains, and forests. It has a range of 1,000 km and can carry load upto 23 kg.

**Indian Navy** and Drone Federation of India have collaborated to work towards indigenous development, manufacturing, and testing of drone, counter-drone, and associated technologies for the Indian Navy.

**The Indian Air Force** retired the No. 51 'sword arms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron based in Srinagar on Sep 30. The Squadron had stopped its flying operations from June 30, 2022. Now, the IAF is left with three MiG-21 Bison squadrons, which will be phased out in the next three years.

**Tiger Triumph 2022:** The second edition of the Indo-US Tri-Services Amphibious Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise, was conducted at Visakhapatnam from 18 to 20 October. The joint exercise was in line with the growing strategic cooperation between the two countries.

## NAVY CONDUCTS EXERCISE 'PRASTHAN'

The Eastern Naval Command conducted its Half Yearly Offshore Security Exercise, 'Prasthan' in the Offshore Development Area (ODA) off Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), on October 12. The exercise was conducted in the KG basin involving all stakeholders such as oil and gas operators, the State Marine Police, Dept of Fisheries and the Indian Coast Guard, etc., to validate SOPs, address various contingencies and strengthen the command & control organisation towards Maritime Security.

**The 7th IBSAMAR**, a joint Multi-Nation Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies, was held near Port Elizabeth, off the southern tip of South Africa, from 10 to 12 October. The exercise was aimed at strengthening security, joint operational training and sharing of best practices.

## MANESAR ANTI-TERROR 2022

The National Security Guard (NSG) hosted the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE), "Manesar Anti-Terror 2022" from October 8 to 13 at NSG Manesar Garrison, near Gurugram, Haryana. The exercise was conducted under the framework of SCO Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS).

**Navies of India and South Korea** participated in a maritime partnership exercise in the Bay of Bengal on Oct 01. Indian warship INS Sumedha participated in the exercise with Republic of Korea navy ships Hansando and Dae Cheong.

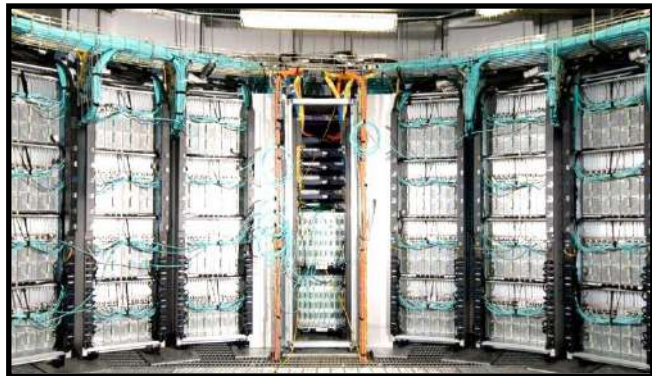
## ISRO LAUNCHES 36 COMMERCIAL SATELLITES

ISRO launched its first dedicated commercial mission of GSLV Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) M2 satellite successfully on Oct 23 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. The heaviest ever rocket of ISRO launched 36 broadband communication satellites of the London-based internet company, OneWeb for their global broadband internet system. All the satellites were unloaded at an altitude of 600km. After some weeks, their ion engines will move them to their operational, 1,200km-high, polar orbits.





## IIT GUWAHATI GETS A SUPERCOMPUTER



A supercomputer named Param-Kamrupa, was inaugurated on October 13 in IIT Guwahati. It has a computing speed of 838 Teraflops. (One Teraflop represents one trillion floating operations per second). It is a High-Performance Computing cluster that is being installed as a joint project of IIT Guwahati and C-DAC. It will play an important role in the field of scientific and engineering applications such as quantum mechanics, climate research, oil and gas exploration, molecular modelling, weather forecasting, spacecraft aerodynamics, computational systems biology and detonation simulations including the handling of large databases using Artificial Intelligence models.

## CHANDRAYAAN-2 DETECTS SODIUM ON MOON

The X-ray spectrometer 'CLASS' (Chandrayaan-2 Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer), on the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter has mapped an abundance of sodium on the moon for the first time, according to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Chandrayaan-1 X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometer (C1XS) detected sodium from its characteristic line in X-rays which opened up the possibility of mapping the sodium on the Moon.

## INDIA'S FIRST FULLY CERTIFIED DRONE

Bengaluru based drone solution company, Asteria Aerospace Ltd. became the first drone manufacturer to receive India's first micro category drone type certification for its indigenously designed A200 drone from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) under the Certification Scheme for Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The A200 drone has been developed for surveying and mapping applications in GIS, agriculture, construction, mining and other industries.

## INDIA'S 1<sup>st</sup> AVALANCHE MONITORING RADAR

The Indian Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment (DGRE), a unit of DRDO, jointly installed India's first avalanche monitoring radar on Sep 20 at an altitude of 15,000 feet in North Sikkim. The radar has the capability to detect avalanches within three seconds of its trigger and will assist in saving troops' lives and reducing damage to property in super high-altitude areas.

*It can see through snow, fog as well as at night, making it an all-weather solution and it covers an area of 2 sq/km. It is also linked to an alarm system enabling automatic control and warning measures in case an avalanche is triggered.*

## INDIA TO MAKE CRYOGENIC ENGINES

The Integrated Cryogenic Engine manufacturing facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) was formally inaugurated on Sep 27 in Bengaluru. India is the sixth nation in the world to have the capability of manufacturing cryogenic engines. These engines are utilised by the ISRO in its satellite launch vehicles.

A Cryogenic rocket engine is far more efficient and provides more thrust for every kilogram of propellant it burns. Cryogenic Engine uses a mixture of liquefied Oxygen and Hydrogen as propellant which needs much less storage space as compared to solid fuel.

## RARE LUNAR CRYSTAL FOUND BY CHINA

Researchers in China have discovered a new type of crystal from the volcanic debris brought down from the near side of the moon. It is a potential fuel source that could help revolutionise the making of clean and efficient energy on Earth.

*The tiny and transparent crystal is named Changesite-(Y), after the Chinese moon goddess Chang. It is about a hundred years old and is as wide as human hair.*

## NASA SPACECRAFT STRIKES AN ASTEROID

After flying in space for 10 months, a NASA spacecraft successfully crashed into an asteroid on Sep 27 in a first-of-its-kind mission to test whether asteroids that might threaten Earth in the future could be nudged safely out of the way.

*The Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) — the world's first planetary defence technology demonstration — targeted the asteroid moonlet Dimorphos, a small body just 160 mt in diameter. The mission's one-way trip confirmed that NASA can successfully navigate a spacecraft to intentionally collide with an asteroid, to deflect it, to avoid its collision with the Earth.*

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NOVEMBER

## 17<sup>th</sup> G-20 SUMMIT HELD IN BALI

The Group of 20 members held their 17th annual Heads of Nations summit on Nov 15-16 at the Indonesian resort Nusa Dua in Bali Island, under the Presidency of Indonesia, led by its President Joko Widodo. The theme selected for the summit was “Recover Together, Recover Stronger”, focusing on collective efforts to push up post pandemic economic recovery across the globe.

PM Modi addressed the first working session of G-20 on Nov 15 on the issue of Food and Energy Security. He also cited climate change, Covid pandemic recovery and Ukraine conflict as important issues of the time. G-20 nations expressed deep concern over the challenges posed to global food security aggravated by current conflicts and tensions and expressed commitment to taking urgent actions to save lives, prevent hunger and malnutrition.

*G20 was founded in 1999 as a forum for Finance Ministers and Central bank Governors after the Asian financial crisis. It is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.*

*It comprises 19 countries and the European Union as members. It does not have a permanent secretariat and hence its Presidency rotates every year. G20 members represent around 85% of the global GDP, over 75% of global trade and about 67% of the world population.*

## GLOBAL FUND TO FIGHT NEXT PANDEMIC

The Health and Finance Ministers of the G-20 group launched a \$1.4 billion Pandemic Fund on November 13, just before the main summit of G-20 nations in Bali, Indonesia, to tackle the next global pandemic. The new dedicated fund is an important tool to support low and middle-income countries to be better prepared for the future global health crisis.

The fund's major donors include the US, Britain, India, China, France, Canada, Australia and Japan. However, concerns were raised at the small amount of fund as the WHO has outlined a sum of \$31 billion required to tackle the next global pandemic.



## 27<sup>th</sup> COP HELD IN SHARM EL-SHEIKH



The 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) of the United Nations Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC) was hosted by Egypt at Sharm el-Sheikh from Nov 6 to 20 (including two days extension).

Faced with a growing energy crisis, record greenhouse gas concentrations, and increasing extreme weather events, COP27 sought renewed solidarity between countries, to deliver on the landmark Paris Agreement, with the theme “Delivering for people and the planet”. It builds on the outcomes of COP26 to deliver action on an array of issues critical to tackling the climate emergency.

The COP27 presidency launched the Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda outlining 30 goals to enhance resilience for four billion people living in the most climate-vulnerable communities by 2030.

On the last day, Governments finalised a breakthrough agreement to provide a “Loss and Damage” fund for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.

*More than 120 world leaders attended the summit. Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav led an Indian delegation to attend the COP 27. He inaugurated India's high-tech pavilion designed with the theme of LiFE- Lifestyle for Environment.*

*The 28th session of the COP 28 will be hosted by the UAE in December 2023.*

## INT’NAL DROUGHT RESILIENCE ALLIANCE

At the initiative of Senegalese President Macky Sall and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, leaders from over 25 countries and 20 organisations launched the International Drought Resilience Alliance to accelerate action and help countries to be better prepared for future droughts. The declaration was made on Nov 7 on the sidelines of the 27th Conference of Parties (COP27) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) at Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

*The mission of the alliance is to give political impetus to make the land's resilience to drought and climate change a reality by 2030. The Alliance called on leaders to make drought resilience a priority in national development and cooperation, including deepening the engagement of stakeholders, such as the private sector, in work on drought resilience.*



## ASEAN ADMITS EAST TIMOR AS 11<sup>th</sup> MEMBER



The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member, more than a decade after the country requested membership of the group. The decision was announced on Nov 11.

The half-island nation, officially called Timor Leste, will also be granted observer status at high-level ASEAN meetings. However, it might take years for East Timor to gain full ASEAN membership. The country is the first new member of the regional grouping in more than two decades, since Cambodia was admitted in 1999.

*East Timor is a tiny half island nation, occupying 14,874 sq km the eastern half of Timor Island, south of Indonesia (Western half is occupied by Indonesia). Having an estimated population of over 13 lakh, it attained freedom from Indonesia in 2002, making it the youngest Asian nation. Dili is the capital city and also the largest city of the country.*

## PATENTS FILING UP BY 3.6% IN 2021

The World Intellectual Property Indicators report released by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on Nov 21 showed that despite the disruption of the coronavirus pandemic, innovators around the world filed 3.4 million patent applications, in 2021, up 3.6 per cent from the previous year. WIPO's offices in Asia received 67.6 percent of all applications. China and India showed strong growth in local patent filings, each registering a growth of 5.5 percent, while South Korea jumped by 2.5 percent.

## TOGETHER, WE CROSSED 8 BILLION MARK

The United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) informed that the population clock flashed 8,000,000,000 (8 billion) on November 15, with the world having added one billion people in the last 12 years. UNFPA Executive Director Natalia Kanem said that a world of 8 billion is a milestone for humanity – the result of longer lifespans, reductions in poverty, and declining maternal and childhood mortality.

*As per the World Population Prospects 2022 report released by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in July this year, the world population is projected to reach a peak of around 10.4 billion people during the 2080s and will remain at that level until 2100.*

*India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country in 2023. The report said that India's population stood at 1.412 billion in 2022, compared with China's 1.426 billion. India is projected to have a population of 1.668 billion in 2050, way ahead of China's 1.317 billion by that time.*

## 'HOMER': CAMBRIDGE'S WORD OF 2022

Homer, an informal American English word for a home run in baseball, has been declared as the "Word of the Year 2022" by the Cambridge Dictionary of UK. The word was searched for nearly 75,000 times on the Cambridge Dictionary website during the first week of May when it was an answer in the online five-letter word puzzle.

Cambridge is the top learner dictionary website in the world, serving 2.6 billion page views a year.

## 'PERMACRISIS' - COLLIN'S WORD OF THE YEAR

Scotland's Collins Dictionary has named "Permacrisis" as the "word of the year" after an extended period which has seen people live through crises including war, inflation, climate change and political instability. Permacrisis is defined as "an extended period of instability and insecurity". The word has seen an increased usage due to the ongoing insecurity in the world.

## AMAZON LOSES \$1 TRILLION IN MARKET CAP

US business conglomerate Amazon.com Inc. secured an unwanted distinction by becoming the world's first public company to lose a trillion dollars in market value. The downfall came as a combination of rising inflation, tightening monetary policies and disappointing earnings updates triggered a historic selloff in the stock this year.

*Shares of the company fell by 4.3%, pushing its market value to about \$879 billion, falling from a record high of \$1.88 trillion in July 2021. The stock has lost around 48% of its value this year alone.*

## WORLD'S LONGEST PASSENGER TRAIN

Switzerland created a new world record for running the world's longest passenger train. Measuring 1,910 metres, it has 100 coaches, with a total 4,550 seats. Named 'Alpine Cruise', it is run by the Rhaetian Railway on the 122 km long Albula-Bernina route, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The event marked the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's railway system.



**UK GETS FIRST INDIAN ORIGIN PM**

Rishi Sunak, a former Chancellor of Exchequer of Britain, scripted history on Oct 25 when he was appointed by King Charles III as Britain's first Indian-origin Prime Minister after being elected unopposed as the new leader of the governing Conservative Party. The 42-year-old Sunak, a devout Hindu, is the youngest British prime minister in 210 years. He is the son-in-law of Infosys founder Narayana Murthy.

*Sunak's biggest challenge is to address the economic turmoil he is inheriting following former prime minister Liz Truss' disastrous tax-cutting mini-budget last month. Britain's economy is facing a triple whammy of slowing growth, high inflation triggered by spiralling energy prices in the wake of the Ukraine war and a budget shortfall that has eroded its financial credibility internationally.*

**MYANMAR PUT ON FATF's 'BLACK LIST'**

The Global watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris added Myanmar to the list of high-risk countries, externally known as 'Black List' on October 21 for its 'strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing, since February 2020. FATF called upon its members to apply enhanced due diligence to business relations and transactions in Myanmar. The listing now requires Myanmar to take effective action to counter money laundering, terrorist financing and financing of proliferation. Myanmar is the third country to be added in this list along with North Korea and Iran.

**PAKISTAN OUT FROM FATF's GREY LIST**

Financial Action Task Force (FATF), removed Pakistan from its grey list, after over four years. The decision was taken by the FATF in its plenary session held on Oct. 21 in Paris. This inglorious grey listing adversely impacted Pakistan's imports, exports, and remittances and limited its access to international lending. Pakistan has been on the Paris-based watchdog's grey list for deficiencies in its counter-terror financing and anti-money laundering regimes since June 2018.

**CHINESE PRESIDENT RE-ELECTED, 3<sup>rd</sup> TIME**

Chinese President Xi Jinping, also the General Secretary of China's ruling party, secured an unprecedented third five-year term on Oct 23, at the end of the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. 69 year old Xi will now carry on as China's leader for another five years, after already a decade in power. Xi was also named chairman of the CPC Central Military Commission (CMC), the overall high command of the Chinese military at the session.

**CANADA IMPOSES HANDGUN FREEZE**

In a landmark decision, Canada imposed a ban on sale, purchase or transfer of handguns, wef Oct 21. The handgun freeze is the nation's strongest gun control measures in 40 years aimed at tackling gun violence. Though Canada's gun homicide rate is pretty low yet it is still higher than other wealthy countries and has been rising, with handguns the main weapon used in the majority of firearm-related violent crimes between 2009 and 2020.

**WILDLIFE SUFFERS 69% DROP IN 1970-2018**

The latest Living Planet Report, released by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) on Oct 13 states that monitored wildlife populations — including mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish — have seen a 69-per cent drop between 1970 and 2018. The report finds that the Himalayan region and the Western Ghats are some of the most vulnerable regions in the country in terms of biodiversity loss, and where increased biodiversity loss is expected in future if temperatures are to increase.

Latin America and the Caribbean regions have seen the largest decline of monitored wildlife populations globally, with an average decline of 94% between 1970 and 2018.

*The biennial report, produced by the Zoological Society of London, measures how species are responding to pressure in the environment due to biodiversity loss and climate change. This year's report has tracked 32,000 species populations of 5,230 species, with 838 species and just over 11,000 new populations added.*







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## IMF SLASHES GLOBAL GROWTH PROSPECTS



The International Monetary Fund in its latest World Economic Outlook 2022 report released on Oct 11, projected that global growth will slow from 6 percent in 2021 to 3.2 percent in 2022 and 2.7 percent in 2023. "The worst is yet to come, and for many people 2023 will feel like a recession," the report reads.

The report further said that this will be the weakest growth since 2001, except for the global financial crisis and the acute phase of the pandemic. It said that more than a third of the global economy will see two consecutive quarters of negative growth, while the three largest economies — the United States, the European Union and China — will continue to slow.

The IMF laid out three major events currently hindering growth: Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the cost-of-living crisis and China's economic slowdown. Together, they have created a "volatile" period economically, geopolitically and ecologically.

## WTO CUTS TRADE GROWTH RATE TO 1%

The World Trade Organisation dramatically lowered its global trade forecast for 2023 on Oct 05, as Russia's war in Ukraine and other shocks take their toll on the world economy. WTO economists expect trade volume to grow 3.5 percent in 2022 but it may grow by only one percent in 2023 -- dramatically down from the 3.4 percent forecast in April this year.

Explaining the cut, the WTO said surging energy prices in Europe, stemming from the war in Ukraine, were expected to squeeze household spending and raise manufacturing costs in the continent. Meanwhile, monetary policy tightening in the United States is hitting the housing, motor vehicle and fixed investment sectors, and China is still grappling with Covid-19 outbreaks and production disruptions.

WTO Director-General is Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala (from Nigeria), hq in Geneva.

## IFC LAUNCHES \$6 BN FUND FOR FOOD

Responding to rising food insecurity, World Bank's private sector investment arm, the International Finance Corp. (IFC), Washington DC, USA, launched a new \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen the private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production.

*The war in Ukraine and an uneven global recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic have added to rising levels of hunger and malnourishment. The scenario is already worst hit by climate change and increasingly severe weather events that are damaging harvests and reducing yields, across the world.*

## PERSONS IN NEWS

### NOVEMBER

**Sh. Narendra Modi:** Indian Prime Minister remains the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent, as revealed by the Global Leader Approval Ratings released by a US based consulting firm Morning Consult. The latest approval ratings are based on political intelligence data collected from 16th to 22nd of November.

**Gen. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi:** India has invited Egyptian President as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in 2023. A Chief Guest for the parade is likely after two barren years due to Covid pandemic.



**Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali:** President of Guyana will be the chief guest at the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to be held from 8th to 10th January next year in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The theme of the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is - Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal.

### OCTOBER

**Shiv Nadar:** As per the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022, HCL founder topped as the most generous person in the country with an annual donation of Rs 1,161 cr. Wipro's Azim Premji, 77, slipped to the second position with an annual donation of Rs 484 cr.

**Mallikarjun Kharge:** Veteran Karnataka leader defeated his rival Shashi Tharoor on October 19 to become the first non-Gandhi Congress president in 24 years. Kharge polled 7897 votes against mere 1072 by Tharoor.

*The 80-year-old Gandhi family faithful is the 98th President of the Indian National Congress. He is the first Scheduled Caste chief of the Congress in four decades. He is a former nine term state MLA and a 3 term MP.*



**Pankaj Tripathi:** Mirzapur fame actor was named the "National Icon " of the Election Commission of India on October 4. It is expected to encourage voters and increase the voting percentage in India. The announcement was made by the Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar.

**Akash Ambani:** Chairman of Jio, India's largest telecom company, with over 426 million subscribers, has been included among Time magazine's top 100 global rising stars, worldwide. The eldest of two sons of Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani, he is reportedly the only Indian on the list.

*Every year, TIME magazine publishes the TIME100 Next, a list-inspired by its flagship TIME100—that recognizes 100 rising stars worldwide.*

**Nikhil Kamath:** 36-year-old co-founder of stock broking startup Zerodha, topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List. It is a ranking of the self-made entrepreneurs with a wealth of Rs 1,000 crore aged forty years and under from India.

Kamath's fortune was estimated at Rs 17,500 crore by Hurun. Second on the list is 37 year old Ola Electric co-founder & CEO Bhavish Aggarwal, having an estimated net worth of Rs. 11,700 crore.

**Kuldip Singh Sahota:** 71-year-old adviser to Telford and Wrekin council for 21 years, is set to become both, the first Sikh Labour party peer to wear a turban and the only Sikh on the Labour party benches in the House of Lords. He will now be addressed as Lord Sahota.

**Liz Truss:** The recently elected UK Prime Minister resigned from the post on October 20, just six weeks after her appointment. Truss accepted that she could not deliver the promises she made when she was running for the post. Ms Truss, elected on September 6, becomes the shortest-serving prime minister in British history, just for 45 days.

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# APPOINTMENTS

**NOVEMBER**

## **Dr. C V Ananda Bose:**

The 71-year-old former bureaucrat was appointed Governor of West Bengal on Nov 17, by the President of India. He is a 1977-batch IAS officer (retd) of Kerala cadre. His father Vasudevan Nair



who fought alongside Netaji, named his son Bose out of respect for Subhash Chandra Bose.

*Besides being an outstanding orator, he is a prolific writer too, having 350 publications to his credit, including 45 books in English, Malayalam and Hindi consisting of novels, short stories, poems and essays. He holds a PhD from BITS, Pilani in Rajasthan.*

**Justice Rituraj Awasthi:** Central Government on November 7 appointed the Retired Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court as the Chairperson of the Law Commission of India. The commission's function is to research and advise the Government on legal reforms.

*The first Law Commission was established during the British Raj era in 1834 by the Charter Act of 1833 and was chaired by Lord Macaulay. The first Law Commission of independent India was established in 1955 for a three-year term.*

**Subhrakant Panda:** Elected as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) on Nov 2. He is the Managing Director of Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd. (IMFA).

**Lt Gen Asim Munir:** A former head of Pakistan's spy agency ISI, was appointed as the next chief of Pakistan Army on Nov 24 by the prime minister Shahbaz Sharif. He will succeed incumbent General Qamar Javed Bajwa, 61, who is to retire on Nov 29.

**Anwar Ibrahim:** Long term reformist was sworn in as prime minister of Malaysia on Nov 24.

**Kassym-Jomart Tokayev:** Re-elected as the President of Kazakhstan for a second term.

**Natasa Pirc Musar:** Elected as the first female President of Slovenia on November 13.

**Benjamin Netanyahu:** 73 year old Chief of right-wing Likud Party won majority seats in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, to become the Prime Minister of Israel for a 6th term. Netanyahu is the longest-serving Prime Minister of Israel and has been elected five times over the course of 15 years.

**Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva:** Elected as new president of Brazil by defeating incumbent president Jair Bolsonaro in a very close contest.

## OCTOBER

**Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (Retired):** Appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). He will also function as Secretary, Department of Military Affairs. The post of Chief of Defence Staff has been lying vacant since the death of General Bipin Rawat in a helicopter crash on 8th December last year.

In a career spanning over 40 years, Lt Gen Chauhan held several command, staff and instrumental appointments and had extensive experience in counter-insurgency operations in Jammu and Kashmir and in North-East India.

Born on 18th May 1961, Lt Gen Anil Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981 and retired in May 2021.

*The CDS is a four-star General and Permanent Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee and is the chief military adviser to the Defence Minister, besides giving impartial advice to the apex political leadership.*

**R Venkataramani:** Senior advocate has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India by the President of India, for a period of three years from 1st of October. He will succeed Mr K K Venugopal, whose term ended on Sep 30. *AG is the Indian government's chief legal advisor, and is its chief advocate in the courts.*

**Anish Dayal Singh:** Senior IPS officer appointed as the new Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, ITBP

**Sujoy Lal Thakosen:** Senior IPS officer appointed as the new Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force, CRPF

**Shefali Juneja:** A civil servant from the Indian Revenue Service, 1992 batch has been elected as the Chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Aviation Security Committee. She is also the first woman to lead this strategic committee. *ICAO is a United Nations specialised agency funded and directed by 193 national governments to support their diplomacy and cooperation in air transport.*



**A K Goel:** MD and CEO of Punjab National Bank was re-elected as the chairman of the Indian Banks' Association for a period of one year. It is the professional representative body of all the banks operating in India.

**Ulf Kristersson:** Sweden's parliament Riksdag elected Moderates leader as the country's new Prime Minister.

**Mohammed Shia al-Sudani:** Appointed as the Prime Minister of Iraq by the recently elected President Rashid

**Prince Mohammed bin Salman:** In Saudi Arabia, King Salman bin Abdulaziz named his son and heir Crown as the Prime Minister of the kingdom.

**Giorgia Meloni:** A far-right leader won the general elections in Italy on Sep 27 to become the country's first female Prime Minister. 46 year old Meloni led her just ten year old "Brothers of Italy" party to victory.

**Abdul Latif Rashid:** A Kurdish politician was elected as the 9th President of Iraq by its Parliament.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### NOVEMBER

#### Special Operation Medals announced

The "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for the year 2022 were announced for the four Special Operations. The medal was constituted in 2018 with the objective to recognize those police operations, which have a high degree of planning, high significance for the security of the country/State/UT.

*It is announced on 31st of October every year. In a year, normally 3 Special Operations are considered for the award and in extraordinary circumstances; up to five 5 Special Operations may be considered.*

**Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development-2021:** Awarded to Mumbai based NGO Pratham on Nov 19 in New Delhi, in recognition of its work in ensuring quality education for children of the country, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The prize carries a cash award of Rs 25 lakh.

**5th JCB Prize for Literature:** Won by Khalid Jawed from New Delhi for the translated novel "The Paradise of Food", translated from Urdu by Baran Farooqi. The book, originally published as "Ne'mat Khana" in 2014, is the fourth translation to win the award and the first work in Urdu. Jawed received the prize money of Rs 25 lakh along with a trophy while Farooqi got Rs. ten lakh prize money.

**Champions of the Earth 2022:** Assam's leading conservationist Purnima Devi Barman was awarded the United Nation's highest environmental honour, in the Entrepreneurial Vision Category, for leading the 'Hargila Army' to save the Hargila bird (Greater Adjutant Stork) from extinction. The award is given by the UN Environment Programme, UNEP in five categories.



**UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for 2022:** The prestigious \$ 100,000 prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence, has been given to Ms. Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong from Cameroon, President of the NGOs #Afrogiveness and Positive Youths Africa for her hard work to change the perception related to mental illness by providing psycho-social and educational support.



*The Prize is named after its benefactor, former Indian artist, writer and diplomat Madanjeet Singh (1924-2013) who was also a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.*

**Gandhi Peace Pilgrimage Award:** Indian spiritual Guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, founder of Art of Living, was presented this award in Atlanta, USA in recognition of his efforts to spread the messages of peace and non-violence as espoused by Mahatma Gandhi and Dr Martin Luther King Jr.. The prestigious award is given by the Gandhi Foundation of the USA.

**Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des:** The French government's highest civilian honour awarded to Aruna Sairam, carnatic vocalist, composer, collaborator, humanitarian and speaker from Chennai for not just her singing prowess, but also for her contribution towards development of the Indo-France relationship.

## OCTOBER

### ASHA JI HONOURED WITH PHALKE AWARD

The Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2020 will be awarded to legendary actress Asha Parekh for her exemplary lifetime contribution to Indian Cinema. It is the highest government recognition for honouring the outstanding contribution to Indian cinema.

The awardee gets a Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus); Shawl and cash prize of Rs. Ten lakh. It is given in the memory of Dadasaheb Phalke, who is regarded as the 'Father of Indian Cinema', having made the first Hindi movie, Raja Harishchandra in 1913.

*Starting her career as a child actor, she made her debut as lead heroine in 'Dil Deke Dekho' in 1959. 79 year old Asha ji has acted in over 95 movies including celebrated films like Kati Patang, Teesri Manzil, Love in Tokyo, Aya Saawan Jhoom Ke, Aan Milo Sajna, Mera Gaon Mera Desh.*

**National Intellectual Property Award:** Won by the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras for 2021 and 2022. The prize has been established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The annual award recognises achievers, including individuals, institutions, organisations and enterprises for their IP creations and commercialisation.

**The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize, 2022:** Awarded to Ms. Yunqing Tang, Assistant Professor at the University of California, Berkeley, USA. The award includes a cash prize of \$10,000 and it is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below, who made an outstanding contribution to the field of mathematics. The Award is conferred by the Shanmugha Arts, Science, Technology & Research Academy (SASTRA) of Tamil Nadu, in the honour of legendary mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan Iyengar (1887-1920).

**32nd Bihari Puraskar:** Awarded to Dr Madhav Hada for his 2015 literary criticism book '*Pachrang Chola Pahar Sakhi Ri*'. The award is given every year by KK Birla Foundation for an outstanding work published in the last 10 years by a Rajasthani author in Hindi or Rajasthani. It carries a cash prize of Rs 2.5 lakh, a plaque and a citation.

## NOBEL PRIZES – 2022

**Physiology or Medicine:** Awarded to Swedish geneticist Svante Paabo for discoveries that provide our understanding of how modern-day humans evolved from extinct ancestors. Paabo's key achievements include sequencing an entire Neanderthal genome to reveal the link between extinct people and modern humans.

*Paabo is the son of Sune Bergstrom, who won the Nobel prize in medicine in 1982. The prize is awarded by the Nobel Assembly of Sweden's Karolinska Institute. Every full Nobel prize carries a cash award of 10 million Swedish Kroners (\$9,17,224 approx.).*

**Physics:** Awarded to scientists Alain Aspect (France), John F Clauser (USA) and Anton Zeilinger (Austria) for their work on quantum mechanics. They experimented with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science. They conducted groundbreaking experiments using entangled quantum states, where two particles behave like a single unit even when they are separated. The prize money will be shared equally by the three winners. The prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

**Chemistry:** Awarded jointly to Carolyn Bertozzi, Barry Sharpless (both from USA) and Morton Meldal (Denmark) for their work on snipping molecules together, known as click chemistry. "Click" chemistry is about linking together molecules like those in living cells. These are used to make cancer drugs, map DNA and create materials that are tailored to a specific purpose.

**Literature:** Awarded to 82 year-old French writer Annie Ernaux for the courage and clinical acuity with which she uncovers the roots, estrangements and collective restraints of personal memory. Her literary work maintains close links with sociology. Annie is a pioneer of autofiction, a style of writing that combines two mutually inconsistent narrative forms, namely autobiography and fiction.

**Nobel Peace Prize:** The human rights activist Ales Byalyatski from Belarus, Russian human rights organisation Memorial and Ukrainian human rights organisation Center for Civil Liberties, all three jointly won the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize.

The citation for the award read "The Peace Prize laureates represent civil society in their home countries. They have for many years promoted the right to criticise power and protect the fundamental rights of citizens. They have made an outstanding effort to document war crimes, human right abuses and the abuse of power. Together they demonstrate the significance of civil society for peace and democracy".

*The prize is declared by the Norwegian Nobel Committee in Oslo.*

### Nobel Prize in Economics

Awarded to the former chief of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Ben S. Bernanke and two US-based economists, Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig, for research on banks and financial crises. Their research significantly improved understanding of the role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises, and an important finding in their research is 'why avoiding bank collapses is vital'.

The prize was announced on October 10 by the Nobel panel at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm.

*The award's formal title is Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel. This prize is not part of five Nobel prizes as per the will of Alfred Nobel, instead it has been instituted by the central bank of Sweden in the honour of Alfred Nobel.*

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**2022 Booker Prize:** Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka, 47, was named the winner of this prestigious prize for his second novel 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida', described by judges as a whodunnit and a race against time, full of ghosts, gags and deep humanity.



Karunatilaka became only the second Sri Lankan to win the GBP 50,000 literary prize at a ceremony in London on October 17.

### The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2022

The European Parliament announced on Oct 19 to award this global prize for 2022 to the people of Ukraine. The award citation read, "This award is for those Ukrainians fighting on the ground. For those who have been forced to flee. For those who have lost relatives and friends. For all those who stand up and fight for what they believe in."

*The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is awarded each year by the European Parliament. It was set up in 1988 to honour individuals and organisations defending human rights and fundamental freedoms. It is named in honour of Soviet physicist and political dissident Andrei Sakharov and the prize money is 50,000 Euros.*

**UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award:** Former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen award for her "leadership, courage and compassion" in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of refugees at the height of the Syria crisis.

## BOOKS & AUTHORS

### NOVEMBER

**Nalanda: Until We Meet Again** by Gautam Borah

**Winning the Inner Battle** by Shane Watson, a former cricket veteran from Australia

**Bloodmarked** by Tracy Deonn

**The Lost Metal** by Brandon Sanderson

**The Prisoner** by B A Paris

**Nuclearization of Asia** by Rene Naba

**Engineered in India** Autobiography of B V R Mohan Reddy

**The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times:** Memoirs of Michelle Obama, former first lady of USA

**The World: A Family History** by Simon Sebag Montefiore, noted British historian

**The World We Make** by N K Jemisin

**The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams** by Stacy Schiff



## OCTOBER

**Ambedkar:** A Life by Shashi Tharoor, an autobiography of Dr. B R Ambedkar

**Tagore & Gandhi:** *Walking Alone, Walking Together* by Rudrangshu Mukherjee

**The Last Heroes** by P Sainath, stories of unsung heroes of freedom struggle

**The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida** by Shehan Karunatilaka, winner of 2022 Booker Prize

**The Philosophy of Modern Song** by Bob Dylan, Literature Nobel laureate

**From Dependence to Self-reliance** by Dr. Bimal Jalan, former RBI Governor

**It Starts With Us** by Colleen Hoover

**The Boys from Biloxi** by John Grisham

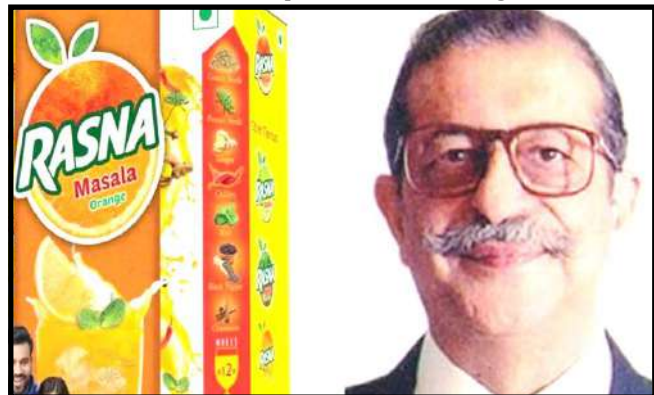
**Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver

**Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult

## OBITUARY

## NOVEMBER

**Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta:** Chairman of the Rasna Group passed away on Nov 19 at the age of 85. Khambatta is known for creating the iconic home-grown beverage brand Rasna, which is now the world's largest soft drink concentrate manufacturer, selling in over 60 countries. Rasna was created in the 1970s as an alternative to soft drink products sold at high costs.



**Elaben Bhatt:** Renowned women's rights activist and the founder of SEWA (Self Employed Women's Association), died in Ahmedabad on Nov 2, due to age-related issues. She was 89. A Padma Bhushan recipient, she was a pioneer in the field of women's empowerment and had received international recognition due to her work. SEWA, a trade union founded by her in 1972 for women working in the unorganised sector, now has two million members.

**Jamshed J Irani:** The former MD of Tata Steel, who was also famously known as the 'Steel Man of India' passed away on October 31 in Jamshedpur. He was honoured with Padma Bhushan in 2007. He was conferred an honorary Knighthood (KBE) by Queen Elizabeth II in 1997.

## OCTOBER

**Mulayam Singh Yadav:** Three-time Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party founder, passed away at a private Gurugram hospital on Oct 10, after a prolonged illness. He was 82. He was elected to the Legislative Assembly in Uttar Pradesh eight times from 1967 to 1996 and seven times to Lok Sabha, since 1996. He was popularly known as "Netaji".

**Tulsi Tanti:** Founder of wind energy giant Suzlon Energy, popularly known as India's 'wind man', died of cardiac arrest at 64 on Oct 1. One of the pioneers of the wind energy business in India and a globally renowned expert on clean energy, Tanti envisioned the opportunity in the renewable energy industry back in 1995 when the global wind energy market was dominated by international players.

## PLACES IN NEWS

## NOVEMBER

**Donyi Polo Airport:** A fourth airport in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated on Nov 19 at its capital Itanagar. The airport is equipped with ultra-modern facilities to ensure all weather operations. The name Donyi-Polo comes from local Gods; Donyi meaning the Sun whereas Polo means the Moon. The airport will give a big boost to trade and tourism and will have a catalytic impact on the economy of Arunachal Pradesh.

**Mawmluh Cave:** The International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), one of the largest scientific organisations of UNESCO, has recognised the Mawmluh Cave, located in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, as one of the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites.

*With a length of 7.2kms, Mawmluh Cave is the fourth longest cave in the Indian subcontinent. The cave is a long maze with many openings and is decorated with stalactites, stalagmites, columns, drapes and moon milk (cave milk).*

**Vadodara:** City in Gujarat became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond on Nov 3 with assistance from the US Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance. India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Municipal Corporation of Vadodara, and the Securities and Exchange Board joined hands to ensure success of the issue.

*The bond will provide funds for infrastructure projects in Vadodara. The bond was oversubscribed by 10 times (₹1007 crore in bids received from 33 bidders) and was priced at a low yield of just 7.15%. Pune was the first city to issue such a bond in 2017.*

**Aibawk:** The cluster of 11 villages, in the Aizawl district of Mizoram, has become the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). Spread over an area of 522 sq. km, and covering a population of around 11,000, it made focused efforts for the construction of agri-link road, pedestrian footpaths, and inter-village road connectivity projects etc. to improve market access.

Special efforts were made to conserve the local environment and sites of historical importance to encourage tourism.

*SPMRM was launched in February 2016 with a vision to provide amenities to rural areas which are perceived to be urban and have the potential to stimulate local economic development. Such clusters were selected for well-planned and holistic development.*

**Mangarh Dham:** A small town located in the district Banswara of Rajasthan, on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, was declared as a 'National Monument' by the Prime Minister Modi on Nov 01. The place is known for the massacre of tribals by British forces that took place on November 17, 1913. Social reformer Govind Guru led the gathering of tribals and forest dwellers in 1913 in Mangarh against the British Raj.

**Morbi:** More than 140 people lost their lives and several others were injured after a century-old suspension bridge on the Machhu river in Gujarat's Morbi city collapsed on Oct 30. The bridge, which reopened four days ago after extensive repairs and renovation, was crammed with an excess number of people when it collapsed, apparently due to massive overload. Due to the Diwali vacation and being a Sunday, there was a huge rush of tourists on the bridge, which is a major tourist attraction.

**Cianjur:** Densely populated town in West Java, Indonesia was struck by a severe 5.6 magnitude earthquake on Nov 21. The tremors destroyed several buildings, leading to the death of at least 268 people and injuring over 1300, including women and children. About 51 educational facilities – including 30 primary schools and an Islamic boarding school – were affected.



**Seoul:** At least 151 people were killed and 82 others were injured, mostly young, in a deadly stampede during Halloween celebrations in South Korea's capital town's Itaewon district on Oct 29. A large number of people rushed into a narrow lane and fell down upon one another. Most of the people were wearing Halloween masks and costumes, thereby hampering the rescue operations.



**Mogadishu:** Capital of Somalia was rocked by two strong car bomb blasts on October 29, killing at least 100 people and injuring over 300 people. Most of the victims were civilians. The Al Shabaab group claimed responsibility for the attack.

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**Cyclone Sitrang:** A strong cyclone devastated southern Bangladesh on Oct 24-25. It damaged more than 10,000 houses, 6,000 hectares of cropland, and 1,000 fishing enclosures. Authorities evacuated close to 1 million people from the 15 coastal districts to safer places.

**Ayodhya:** Holy city in Uttar Pradesh created a new world record on Oct 23 by lighting the most diyas (earthen lamps), over 15 lakh, at the Ram ki Paidi ghats on the banks of River Saryu. Over 20,000 volunteers were involved in lighting 15,76,000 diyas.

The lamps were placed at important intersections and spots in the town as well. Representatives from Guinness World Records handed over the certificate to the UP Chief Minister.

**Hyderabad:** The metro city in Telangana won the overall 'World Green City Award 2022' and another in the category 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' on Oct 14 at the International Association of Horticulture Producers' 2022 World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea.

**Modhera:** A village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, has been declared as India's first 24X7 solar-powered village. Over 1,300 solar panels had been installed in villages atop houses, generating electricity round the clock. The residents will not just generate free electricity for their needs but will also help them earn money by selling extra units of electricity to power distributors.



A protected archaeological site, Modhera's historical Sun Temple, situated on the bank of the Pushpavati River, now has a solar-powered 3-D projection facility to help educate visitors on the history of Modhera.

**The India Expo Centre and Mart:** The mega convention centre in Greater Noida, UP was adjudged the best convention centre by the union ministry of tourism on Sep 28, as part of the National Tourism Awards 2022. The mart has 14 multipurpose halls and 800 permanent showrooms for Indian exporters. It witnesses about two lakh visitors per day during exhibitions.

**Pullampara:** This village in the Thiruvananthapuram district of Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally digitally literate panchayat in the country. Some 3,300 residents between the 14-65 age group were provided digital education by local NSS volunteers from nearby colleges.

*Informal training enabled them to use smart phones, making video calls, using Whatsapp, etc. Digital literacy was imperative for the public to get government services as well as connect with the global knowledge network.*

**Lata Smriti Chowk:** A roundabout named Lata Smriti Chowk, in Ayodhya was dedicated to the melody queen Lata Mangeshkar on Sep 28, her 93rd birthday. A 40-ft-long and 12-metre-high veena, weighing 14 tonnes, has been installed at the intersection. The veena of Maa Saraswati symbolises her devotion to music. Base of the veena has an aesthetic water body decorated with 92 lotuses made of white marble, symbolising 92 years of Lataji's lifespan.

**Chandigarh Airport:** The Chandigarh International Airport was officially named as Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport on Sep 28, as a tribute to the freedom fighter on the occasion of his 115th birth anniversary.

*The ₹485-crore Chandigarh Airport Project, located in Mohali, Punjab, is a joint venture of the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the governments of Punjab and Haryana. Punjab and Haryana have 24.5% share each, while the AAI has 51% share. After the airport's inauguration on September 11, 2015, Haryana had insisted that the international airport, a joint venture of the two states, be named after Chandigarh, the common capital of the two neighbouring states instead of Mohali airport.*



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**Cochin International Airport:** The Airport Council International, Montreal, Canada awarded the Airport Service Quality award 2022 to the Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) for its implementation of the 'Mission Safeguarding' programme. The mission ensured seamless traffic and reinforced passenger satisfaction in the aftermath of the pandemic.

The award is considered to be the highest honour in the global aviation sector. CIAL received the award in the 5-15 million passenger category of airports operating in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Malang:** A stampede at a soccer stadium in Malang in Indonesia on Oct 01 killed over 125 people and injured more than 320, making it one of the world's worst stadium disasters.

Police firing tear gas after an Indonesian soccer match in an attempt to stop violence triggered a disastrous crush of fans making a panicked, chaotic run for the exits, most of them trampled upon or suffocated.

**Hurricane Ian:** A monster Category 4 storm made landfall on the southwest coast of Florida, USA on Sep 28-29 with powerful winds of up to 240 kmph and torrential rains threatening to cause catastrophic damage and flooding. The storm affected several million people across Florida and in the south-eastern states of Georgia and South Carolina. Over 2.5 million people were under mandatory evacuation orders in Florida state.

# SPORTS WORLD

NOVEMBER

## NATIONAL SPORTS AWARDS 2022



The Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry announced the National Sports Awards 2022 on Nov 14. The awards were decided by the Selection Committee headed by Justice A. M. Khanwilkar, Retd. Judge, Supreme Court of India and consisting members from eminent sportspersons, persons having experience in sports journalism and sports administrators.

Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta has been chosen for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest recognition from the government side in sports.

Arjuna Awards have been given to 25 sportspersons. Seven coaches have been chosen for the Dronacharya Award, four in the regular category and three in the lifetime category. Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games has been given to four senior sportspersons.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2022 was given to Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar for the most outstanding performance in the field of sports.

*Arjuna Award is given for outstanding performance in Sports and Games is given for good performance over a period of the previous four years.*

*Dronacharya Award is for outstanding coaches in Sports and Games for their meritorious work.*

*Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games is given to honour sportspersons who have commendable contribution to sports.*

*Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar is given to corporate entities, both in the private and public sector, other Sports Bodies at the State and National level, who have played a visible role in the area of sports promotion and development.*

### Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced on Nov 23 the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021. The award is given in four categories namely, Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement. This time only three awards have been announced:

Ms. Naina Dhakad – Land Adventure  
Shubham D. Vanmali – Water Adventure  
Group Captain Kunwar

Bhawani Singh Samyal – LifeTime Achievement

All three will receive statuettes, certificates and award money of Rs. 15 lakh each.

**Manika Batra**, Indian table tennis champ became the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament on Nov 19 in Bangkok, Thailand. She defeated Hina Hayata of Japan.

**Pramod Bhagat** and Manisha Ramadass, paralympic badminton champions won their respective gold medals on Nov 6 at the BWF Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo, Japan.

**Saurav Ghoshal and Ramit** ever team gold in Squash on Nov 4 at the Asian Squash Team Championships by beating Kuwait in the finals played in Cheongju, South Korea.

**R Praggnanandhaa**, top-seeded Indian Grandmaster and compatriot PV Nandhidhaa won the titles in the open and women's sections, respectively, on Nov 03 at the Asian Continental Chess Championship held in New Delhi.

**Satwiksairaj Rankireddy** and Chirag Shetty bagged the biggest title of their career on Oct 30, claiming the French Open Super 750 crown by defeating China's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in the men's doubles final played in Paris. **Later, the duo also won the doubles title on Nov 3 at the Hylo Open at Saarbrücken, Germany.**

The Men's Singles title was claimed by reigning world and Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark.

**Narayan Jagadeesan**, Tamil Nadu batter shattered the world record for the highest individual score in men's List A cricket in ODI format on Nov 21 by hammering 277 runs against Arunachal Pradesh in Bengaluru in the Vijay Hazare Trophy.

**Virat Kohli** scripted history on Nov 10 by becoming the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals. Kohli reached the landmark of 4008 runs in the second semi-final of the T20 World Cup 2022 against England in Adelaide, Australia.

**Suryakumar Yadav** became the first Indian player on Nov 6 to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year, playing against Zimbabwe in Melbourne, Australia.





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**Suryakumar Yadav** became the world's No. 1 T20I batter on Nov 2 on the back of his unbeaten 51 off 25 balls against the Netherlands in Sydney in the last week of September. He became just the second Indian player to hold the top T20I batter

ranking after Virat Kohli.

**Neeraj Chopra:** Switzerland Tourism has appointed the Olympic Gold medalist as the 'Friendship Ambassador' of the country. In his new role, he will showcase and promote the adventurous, sporty, and stunning outdoors of Switzerland to Indian travellers.

**Mary Kom,** boxing queen, was unanimously elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association on Nov 15. Table Tennis legend Achanta Sharath Kamal was elected as the Vice-Chairperson of the body.

**Achanta Sharath Kamal,** Table Tennis champion, has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF), Lausanne, Switzerland.

**15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022:** India ended their campaign at Championships held in Daegu, South Korea, from Nov 9 to 19, with a rich haul of 25 gold medals, of the 28 available. Overall, India finished at the top of the medal tally, winning 38 of the total 86 medals, including 25 gold, 9 silver and 4 bronze.

**In the Asian Boxing Championships** in Amman Jordan, Indian woman pugilists Praveen Hooda, Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, and Alfiya Pathan claimed gold medals on Nov 11.

**Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy:** Mumbai lifted the trophy by defeating Himachal Pradesh on Nov 05 in the finals played in Kolkata.

**2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup:** Defending champion Spain beat Colombia 1-0 to win the finals played on Oct 30 at the D Y Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.

**Sultan of Johor Cup 2022:** Indian Under 21 men's hockey team lifted the Cup by defeating Australia in a tough final played at Johor Bahru, Malaysia on Oct 29.

**Khelo India National University Games - 2023-2024** will be hosted by Uttar Pradesh in four cities, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Varanasi, and Noida. Around 4,500 athletes representing 150 universities across the country are expected to participate in the games.

## **"Football4Schools" programme launched**

The All India Football Federation, Union Ministry for Education and the FIFA signed a MoU in Navi Mumbai, on October 30, to broadbase football across various schools in the country through the "Football for Schools" programme.

This will see the game of football and all the positive values associated with it being propagated to a large number of schools across the country.

## **BCCI announces match fee parity**

In a historic move, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced on Oct 27 to pay equal match fee to both men and women cricket players of India. The move is aimed at tackling gender discrimination. As per new rules, the payment for Test matches will be 15 lakh rupees, 6 lakh rupees for ODIs, and 3 lakh rupees for T-20. Earlier, the women players received only Rs 1 lakh each for ODIs and T20Is and Rs 4 lakh for a Test match.

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **FIFA WORLD CUP 2022 OPENS IN QATAR**

Football's greatest show on Earth, the 22nd FIFA World Cup 2022 was officially declared open on Nov 20 in a glittering opening ceremony held at the Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar. Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani welcomed the dignitaries, players and spectators from all over the world at the mega event of football.

From India, the Vice President Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar represented the country at the opening ceremony, although India is not part of the tournament.

- It is the world's largest single sports quadrennial event
- It is the first time that an Arab country is hosting the tournament.
- 32 top countries from five regions will compete for the title.
- All 64 matches will be held across eight stadiums in Qatar.
- The opening match was played between Qatar and Ecuador.
- The final will be held on December 18 at the 80,000-seater Lusail Stadium in Lusail, Qatar.
- The FIFA World Cup trophy is the most costly sports trophy in the world, costing about Rs 144 crore. It is made of 18 carat gold and weighs 6.1 kilos.
- FIFA has allocated \$440 million in prize money for the 2022 World Cup
- The winner of the World Cup in Qatar will receive \$42 million (INR 344 crores). The runner-up will get \$20 million (INR 245 crores).
- Even the bottom ranked 16 teams, each will get \$9 million as participation fee.
- All 32 teams will also receive \$1.5 million each for meeting their preparation expenses.



- Qatar is expected to generate \$ 6.5 billion, surpassing all previous tournaments. During the 2018 World Cup in Russia, revenue worth \$ 5.2 billion was generated.
- The event is a boon for FIFA too, as it earned record revenues of \$7.5 billion in the four years of commercial deals tied to this year's tournament. It is \$1 billion more than the 2018 Russia Cup.
- The official mascot of the Qatar World Cup is La'eeb. The Arabic word "La'eeb" means "super-skilled player." It is inspired by the keffiyeh, a traditional headdress made of cloth, worn by Arab men.
- The name of the football to be used during the world cup is Al Rihla (meaning 'Journey' in Arabic). It has been made by the German multinational sports company Adidas.
- France is the defending champion, having won their second title in 2018 after defeating Croatia in the final.
- Canada, Mexico and the United States will host the 2026 tournament.
- FIFA stands for Federation Internationale de Football Association, translated in English as International Federation of Football Association.
- Gianni Infantino, a Swiss-Italian football administrator is the current President of FIFA.
- Headquarters of FIFA are based in Zurich, Switzerland. It has 209 members.

**Cristiano Ronaldo**, 37-year-old Portugal striker became the first male player in FIFA history to score in five World Cups by scoring a goal against Ghana on Nov 24 at Doha.



**Novak Djokovic** (Serbia) defeated Norway's Casper Ruud to secure a record-equalling (of Roger Federer) sixth ATP Finals title on Nov 20 in Turin, Italy, earning the biggest paycheck ever in tennis -- \$4,740,300/-.

**Max Verstappen**, Red Bull's double world champion, won the Mexico City Grand Prix on Oct 30 to set a Formula One record of 14 victories from a single season, as well as the most points scored. With this victory he beat the record for most wins, 13 in a season, set by Michael Schumacher in 2004 and equalled by Sebastian Vettel in 2013. He also won the season ending F1 Abu Dhabi race on Nov 20 in Abu Dhabi, UAE. This was his record 15th title in one year.

**ICC T-20 World Cup:** England created history by winning their second T-20 world cup defeating Pakistan by five wickets in the finals played at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Melbourne, Australia on November 13. Sam Curran of England was named Player of the Match as well as Player of the Series.

**Sebastian Vettel**, German racing driver, announced his retirement from Formula One racing, after his last participation in Abu Dhabi Grand Prix on Nov 20. The 35 year old F1 champ won the F1 World Championship four times, consecutively from 2010 to 2013.

**Greg Barclay**, veteran sports administrator from New Zealand was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Nov 12 for a second two-year term. ICC headquarters are based in Dubai, UAE.

**Mohammad Tayyab Ikram** of Macau (a special administrative region of China) was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief. Currently, he is CEO of Asian Hockey Federation. FIH is based in Lausanne, Switzerland.

### "Phryges" – Mascots for Paris Olympics

Organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics unveiled the mascots for the games on Nov 14 at Paris. They are "Phryges" (*pronounced as fri-jee-uhs*), small Phrygian caps. The soft bright red cap, also known as a liberty cap, is an updated version of a conical hat worn in ancient times.

They represent a strong symbol of liberty, inclusivity and the ability of people to support great and meaningful causes.

The Paralympic mascot has a running blade, making it the first time that a mascot for the Games has had a visible disability.

## OCTOBER

**Teenager Aman Sehrawat**, 16, made history on Oct 23 by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain.

**Sajan Bhanwal** became the first-ever Indian Greco-Roman wrestler on Oct 19 to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship. He defeated Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi in the 77 kg to secure the bronze medal at Pontevedra, Spain.

**Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh**, 16, stunned 5 time world champion Magnus Carlsen in the ninth round of the preliminary phase of the Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament, becoming the youngest player to do so.

**Jyothi Yarraji** of Andhra Pradesh, from Railways, created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles race on Oct 17 at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru.

**Pankaj Advani**, ace cueist secured his 25<sup>th</sup> gold medal on the world stage, winning the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship on Oct 8 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This was his fifth world title in a row.

**Women's Asia Cup 2022:** India lifted the Cup for the 7<sup>th</sup> time after defeating Sri Lanka in the final by 8 wickets on Oct 15 at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh.

**Irani Cup:** Team Rest of India won their 29<sup>th</sup> Irani Cup with an eight-wicket victory over Saurashtra in the finals played in Rajkot, Gujarat on Oct 04. It is the national level test format cricket tournament in India.

### **36th National Games conclude in Surat**

The 36<sup>th</sup> National Games came to a close on October 12 with a glittering ceremony at Surat, Gujarat, chaired by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. Services topped the medal tally with a total of 128 medals including 61 Gold, 35 silver, and 32 bronze medals. Maharashtra secured the number 2 position with 140 medals, followed by Haryana with 116 medals.

Harshika Ramchandran from Karnataka won the Best Female Player award while Sajan Prakash from Kerala won the Best Male Player award. About 7500 players from 36 states and Uts participated in 36 types of sports competitions held in six cities of Gujarat.

**The FIFA U-17 Women World Cup (Football) India 2022** started on Oct 11 with a grand opening ceremony at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. India is hosting this tournament for the first time. On the first day, two matches were played, first between Morocco and Brazil, in the afternoon and second between India and the USA at 8 pm.

The rest of the matches will be played at Nehru Stadium, Fatorda, Margao (Goa) and at DY Patil Stadium, Navi Mumbai. The finals will be played on Oct 30 in Navi Mumbai.

*The official mascot for the tournament is Ibha, designed after an Asiatic lioness. The name Ibha means "one with good vision or judgement" in Khasi, a language spoken primarily in the state of Meghalaya. The official slogan of the event is "Kick Off The Dream".*

### **ISSF World Championship at Cairo, Egypt**

Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won the gold medal in men's 10m air rifle. Udhayveer won both the junior men's 25-metre and standard pistol titles while Esha Singh clinched gold in the junior women's 25-metre pistol. The trio of Rudranksh Patil, Kiran Jadhav and Arjun Babuta won India their fifth gold medal by

winning the men's 10m air rifle team event. Women's 10m air pistol junior team of Esha Singh, Shikha Narwal and Varsha Singh also won Gold Medal.

**Harmanpreet Kaur**, Captain of Indian women cricket team won the "ICC Player of the Month" award for September in women's category.

**Veteran player Roger Binny** was elected the 36<sup>th</sup> president of the BCCI on October 18, taking over from Sourav Ganguly to run the world's richest cricket board.

**Mumtaz Khan**, 19 year old Indian forward hockey player was named the "FIH Women's Rising Star of the Year" on Oct 04 for her stellar role as India's top scorer in the 2022 women's junior hockey World Cup in south Africa and at the FIH Hockey5s Lausanne, earlier this year.

**Star batter Virat Kohli** on Oct 02 became the first Indian to complete 11,000 runs in T20 history. Kohli achieved this feat during the second T20I against South Africa in Guwahati. Virat became the fastest to reach 11,000 T20 runs in just 354 matches.

**Rohit Sharma** achieved yet another milestone in his T20 career by becoming the first-ever Indian to play 400 T20s. He achieved the milestone in the 2<sup>nd</sup> T20I of the series against South Africa in Guwahati.

**Sunil Chhetri:** World football governing body FIFA released a three-episode series "Captain Fantastic" on the life and career of talismanic Indian football team captain to honour his achievements and goalscoring exploits.

**Harmanpreet Singh**, India men's hockey team defender and vice-captain has been voted the FIH Player of the Year, 2021-22 for the second year running. Felice Albers of Netherlands was named the FIH Players of the Year in the women's category.

**PR Sreejesh** and Savita Punia have been voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second year in a row.

**The 5th Khelo India Youth Games -2022** will be held in Madhya Pradesh, from 31<sup>st</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> February, next year. This was by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur on October 20.

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**Women's IPL:** The BCCI in its AGM held on Oct 18 in Mumbai, gave a green signal to conduct Women's Indian Premier League. It will begin as a five-team tournament in 2023 after the conclusion of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup on February 26, 2023.

**37th National Games:** The Indian Olympic Association confirmed that the 37<sup>th</sup> edition of the National Games will be hosted by Goa in October next year.

### INTERNATIONAL

**Ballon d'Or:** Karim Benzema of France won his first top French Football prize on October 17. He plays for Real Madrid FC. Barcelona star Alexia Putellas became the first woman to win back-to-back Ballon d'Or trophies.

**2022 Denmark Open:** Shi Yuqi (China) secured the men's singles and women's title was won by Chinese He Bingjiao.

**Cristiano Ronaldo,** the 37-year-old Portuguese forward footballer, achieved a record 700 club career goals, becoming the first and only player to score 700 goals in football history. He scored 700<sup>th</sup> goal playing for Manchester United FC on October 9.

**Max Verstappen of team Red Bull** won the Japanese Formula One Grand Prix at the Suzuka Circuit in Suzuka, central Japan, on October 9, recording his second successive Formula One World Champion title for 2022. *Verstappen's win in Japan was his 12<sup>th</sup> from 18 races. With four races left for 2022, the Dutchman is on course to beat the record for most wins in a season which, shared by Michael Schumacher and Sebastian Vettel, stands at 13.*

**FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup:** The United States defeated China (83-61) to win the world cup in the finals played on Oct 01 at the Sydney Superdome, Australia.

### Tazuni: FIFA Women's World Cup mascot

FIFA unveiled Penguin Tazuni as the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup in Australia and New Zealand. The design is based on the Eudyptula minor species of Penguin found in both host countries, and the name combines the Tasman Sea and the word Unity. The World Cup is due to be held from July 20 to August 20 next year.

**The Asian Football Confederation (AFC)** Executive Committee in its meeting on Oct 17, confirmed the Qatar Football Association (QFA) as the host association for AFC Asian Cup 2023.

### ICC & UNICEF to push gender equality

The International Cricket Council (ICC) and UNICEF launched a global partnership to empower women and girls and promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket. The ICC will use its global platform to drive greater awareness of the importance of empowering

women and girls and gender equity, giving some of the world's best players the opportunity to get involved in driving greater social change.

UNICEF and ICC will also launch 'Cric4 Good', a cricket for development curriculum giving girls and boys the opportunity to have a fun first experience of the game whilst learning gender-based life-skills essential for gender equity.

## DAYS & DATES

DECEMBER 2022	
Date	Event/ Day
1	World AIDS Day
2	National Pollution Control Day, World Computer Literacy Day, International Day for Abolition of Slavery
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities National Conservation Day Bhopal Gas Tragedy Day Mokshda Ekadashi, Gita Jayanti
4	National/Indian Navy Day, International Day of Banks
5	World Soil Day International Volunteer Day
6	Dr. Ambedkar's Mahaparinirvan Divas
7	Armed Forces Flag Day, International Civil Aviation Day
8	Girl Child Day; SAARC Day Maghi Purnima
9	International Anti-Corruption Day, National Submarine Day
10	Human Rights Day
11	International Mountain Day, UNICEF Day
12	International Universal Health Coverage Day
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14	The National Energy Conservation Day
15	International Tea Day
16	Vijay Diwas Dhanu Sankranti
17	----
18	Minorities Rights Day, International Migrants Day
19	-----
20	International Human Solidarity Day
21	Shortest Day of the year
22	National Mathematics Day
23	National Farmers' Day (Kisan Diwas) Paush Amavasya
24	National Consumer Day
25	Good Governance Day, Christmas
26	Vinayaka Chaturthi
27	The International Day of Epidemic Preparedness
28	-----
29	-----
30	Masik Durgashtami
31	-----

## NOVEMBER

### November 1: World Vegan Day



Celebrated annually by vegans across the globe. It is observed to motivate people to follow a vegan lifestyle, which is beneficial for animal welfare and the environment. Being a vegan is to follow a plant-based diet and avoid meat and any kind of animal products at all. They do not consume even dairy products such as milk, cheese, eggs, etc.

*Veganism also keeps the environment safe, prevents rare species from going extinct, keeps a healthy and balanced ecosystem besides saving water. The day marks the founding day of The Vegan Society in 1944 in the United Kingdom. This year's theme will be based on the animal rights-focused campaign 'Future Normal'.*

### November 5: World Tsunami Awareness Day

Observed every year to promote national and local risk reduction plans against Tsunami calamity. The UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) facilitates the observance of this day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system. In 2022, the theme selected for the Day is "Early Warning and Early Action Before Every Tsunami".

*The term 'Tsunami' is a Japanese term which means "harbour wave". It refers to a series of very high strong ocean waves caused by earthquakes or undersea volcanic eruptions or underwater landslides. Tsunami waves can travel at the speed of 800 km/hour and their height could reach up to 300 feet.*

### November 07: National Cancer Awareness Day

The day, first announced by the Indian government in September 2014, is dedicated to spreading awareness on preventing the spread of cancer and how one can detect any symptoms early.

*Cancer is among the leading causes of death globally. One of the major causes of cancer in India is consumption of tobacco. Chewing tobacco has shown a direct link with cancer.*

*The day also commemorates the birth anniversary of Marie Curie, the eminent scientist who received two Nobel Prizes; in Physics (1903) for her research in radioactivity*

*and in Chemistry (1911) for her discovery of the elements Polonium and Radium,. Her deep research in Radiology led to one of the most effective ways to treat cancer through radiation therapy.*

### November 08: International Day of Radiology

This day is celebrated to mark the discovery of X-radiation or X-ray on this day in 1895 by German scientist Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen. Due to the unknown nature of these rays at that time, Röntgen labelled them as "X-rays". He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1901 for this discovery.

This day is organised by the International Society of Radiographers and Radiological Technologists. This day raises awareness about radiology and the critical role it plays in various high end diagnostic procedures such as X-ray, CT scan, MRI scans, ultrasounds, etc.

*This year's theme for the Day is "Radiographers at the Forefront of Patient Safety". It highlights the role that radiographers play in promoting and maintaining radiation safety and general patient safety in all aspects of the patient journey.*

### November 08: World Town Planning Day

Also known as World Urbanism Day, it aims at promoting the role of planning in creating liveable urban communities. It also creates awareness of the environmental impact created by the development of cities and territories. It brings together professional planners and the general community to see how we can shape the world into an ideal place that we want to live and work in.

*This year's theme for the Day is "Think Global, Plan Local". It aims to promote UN-Habitat Sustainable Development Goal 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities.*

### November 09: National Legal Services Day

The day is celebrated every year by all Legal Services Authorities, to highlight the role of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which came into effect on this day in 1995.

This act enforces the provisions of Article 39 A of the Constitution which provides for the free legal aid to the deprived sections of the society like the poor and economically weaker sections.

It aims to make people aware of the various provisions under the Act and to offer free of charge, proficient and legal services to the people belonging to weaker sections of society.





### November 10: World Science Day for Peace and Development



Supported by UNESCO, the Day aims to raise the importance and relevance of science in our day to day lives. This day highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The day aims to ensure that people are kept up-to-date about scientific developments.

The theme of this year is "Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development". This year's theme has been decided in the context of the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development, which started on July 8, 2022.

### November (10): World Usability Day

Also known as 'Make Things Easier' Day, it is observed on the second Thursday of November. "Usability" is a quality that evaluates how efficiently and effectively a person can use a product, as well as how satisfied he or she is with the experience. The theme chosen for the Day this year is "Our Health".

### November (10): World Quality Day

It is observed every year on the second Thursday in November, giving us an opportunity to focus on the significance of quality management in our lives. The day is observed primarily by people in the corporate and commercial sectors, to emphasise the importance of quality in work, and life, and improve the firm's standards and goodwill.

This year's theme is "Quality Conscience, doing the right thing". It focuses on how corporate culture can be key to helping organisations make the right ethical decisions on behalf of all stakeholders.

### November 11: National Education Day

The day commemorates the birth anniversary of independent India's first Education Minister (1947-58), Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (1888-1958). The first IIT, IISc, School of Planning and Architecture and the University Grants Commission were established under his tenure as the education minister.

*Besides being an educationist, he was an accomplished journalist, freedom fighter, and politician. For his immortal contribution – both as an educationist and as a freedom fighter – he was awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1992.*

### November 12: Public Service Broadcasting Day

The day is celebrated every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio, Delhi in 1947. The Father of the Nation wanted to address 2.5 lakh Indian refugees camping in Kurukshetra on Nov 12, 1947. However, he could not reach Kurukshetra due to certain unavoidable reasons. Thus, an arrangement was made for Gandhiji's live broadcast from All India Radio for them. In the year 2001, the day was officially declared as Public Service Broadcasting Day.

### November 12: World Pneumonia Day

Observed every year to raise awareness about pneumonia, the world's leading infectious killer of children under the age of 5. Pneumonia was the single biggest infectious killer of adults and children - claiming the lives of 2.5 million, including 672,000 children, in 2019.

The theme for this year is "Pneumonia Affects Everyone", with an aim to amplify the effect of awareness campaigns by illuminating monuments worldwide.

*Pneumonia is a preventable and treatable infectious disease that causes infection in one or both lungs. It can be serious and life-threatening.*

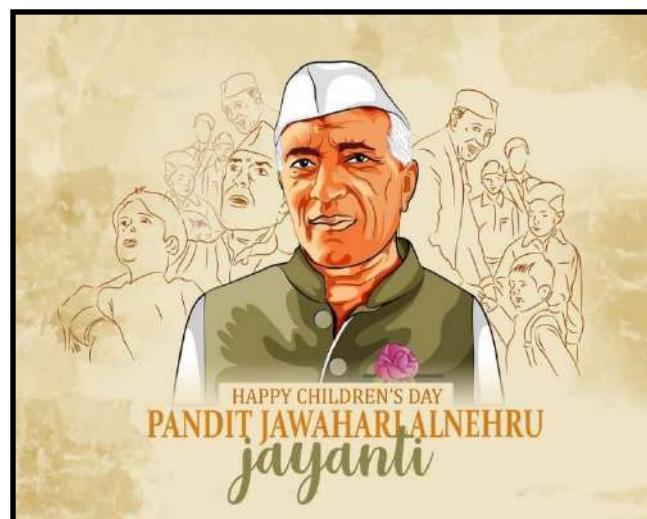
### November 13: World Kindness Day

Celebrated to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us. The day aims at encouraging people across the globe to better understand "the pains of others" and touch their lives "positively". The theme for the day in 2022 is 'Be kind whenever possible.'

### November 14 - Children's Day

The day is celebrated across the country to increase awareness about the rights, care and education of children. The day commemorates the birth anniversary of the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru as he was very affectionate with children.

**Remember !** World Children's Day is observed on Nov 20.



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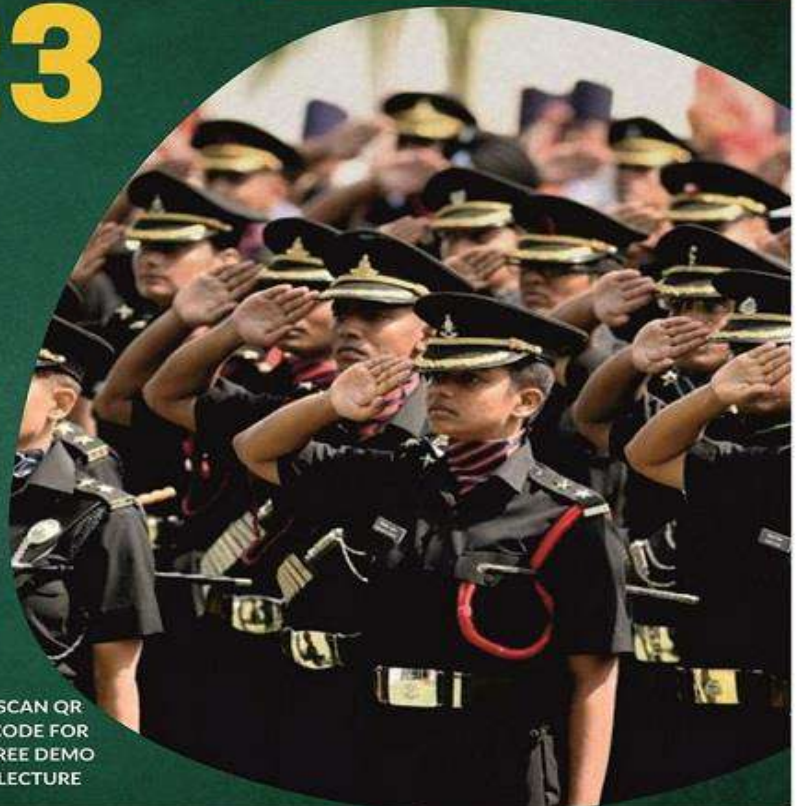
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### November 14 - World Diabetes Day



Observed all over the world, supported by the WHO to generate awareness about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. The day marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. The theme selected for the three year bloc 2021-23 is "Access to Diabetes Care".

*Diabetes is a metabolic and chronic disease that indicates a higher level of blood glucose and loss of insulin production by the body.*

### November 15: Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

The union cabinet approved on Nov 10, 2021 the celebration of this day every year to highlight the rich cultural heritage and glorious history of tribal communities. The Day aims to recognize the efforts of the tribals in the preservation of their cultural heritage and promotion of Indian values of national pride, valour, and hospitality.

*The day also marks the birth anniversary of the tribal hero Birsa Munda (15-11-1875- 09-06-1900). Hailing from Munda tribe in Jharkhand region, he fought for India's independence against the exploitative regime of the British colonial system and spearheaded the freedom movement. He is revered as 'God' by tribal communities across India.*

### November 16: Audit Diwas

The first Audit Diwas was celebrated in 2021 to mark the historic origins of the institution of CAG (Comptroller & Auditor General) and the contribution it has made to the governance, transparency, and accountability over the past several years. It was on this day in 1860 that the first Auditor-General of India, Sir Edward Drummond took charge.

*CAG is an autonomous body constituted under Article 148 of the Constitution of India. CAG is appointed by the President with tenure of 6 years or 65 years of age, whichever is earlier. CAG audits all the government expenditure and places its report in the Parliament to ensure accountability of the government. Sh. Girish Chandra Murmu is the current CAG of India.*

### November 16: National Press Day

The day is celebrated to honour the existence of free and responsible press media in India. The Press is considered as the 4th pillar of democracy, after the

legislature, the executive and the judiciary. It was on this day in 1966 that the Press Council of India started functioning as a moral watchdog for the press.

The Council has been mandated by Parliament to improve the standards of journalism and maintain its freedom. It ensures that the press maintains high standards and is not fettered by any influences or threats.

**Remember!!** World Press Freedom Day is observed on May 03.

### November 16: International Day for Tolerance

As the name suggests, the day is observed to build tolerance among the cultures and people. The day was started by the United Nations General Assembly in 1995. Tolerance should be encouraged on both a personal and professional level, to make the world a better place to live in.

The day marks the anniversary of UNESCO's Declaration of Principles on Tolerance on this day in 1995 in Paris. The Declaration states "*Tolerance is respect, acceptance, and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human*".

### November (16): World COPD Day

COPD stands for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. This day is celebrated on the third Wednesday of November in collaboration with health experts and patients with COPD. This day raises awareness about COPD disease and helps you to understand the condition of the patient suffering from COPD and ways to improve their health. The theme selected for this year is "Your Lungs for Life". It aims to highlight the importance of lifelong lung health.

*COPD is a chronic, progressive, life-threatening lung disease characterised by breathlessness, wheezing (whistling sound while breathing), chest tightness, and chronic cough with mucus in smokers (smoker's cough). Cigarette smoking is the single most serious risk factor for causing COPD while air pollution is another major cause for COPD.*

### November 17: National Epilepsy Day

The day is celebrated by the Epilepsy Foundation, to create awareness about epilepsy. The month of November is observed as 'National Epilepsy Awareness Month'. Theme for the month this year is "There is no NEAM without ME". As per the government data, about 10 million people in India suffer from seizures associated with epilepsy.

*Epilepsy is a disorder that affects the central nervous system of the brain. People affected by epilepsy suffer from abnormal brain activity that ultimately leads to fits or seizures, lack of consciousness, and unusual behaviour, at times.*

**Remember!!** International Epilepsy Day is observed every year on the second Monday of February.

### November 17: International Students Day

The day is celebrated every year to focus on providing education to all students. The Day commemorates the deadly attack by Nazis' on the University of Prague (Czech Republic) in 1939 during World War-II, killing 9 students protesting against the German occupation of Czechoslovakia. The day is an opportunity for every student to raise his voice for equal rights and freedom.

**Remember!** World Students Day is celebrated on October 15 to mark the birthday of former President A. P. J. Abdul Kalam.

### November (17): World Philosophy Day 2022

It is observed on the third Thursday of November. UNESCO proclaimed it as an International day in 2005. The Day aims to encourage people in learning about philosophy and how to speak out their philosophical thoughts. The theme for this year is "The Human of the Future".

### November 18: Naturopathy Day

The Union Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) celebrated the first Naturopathy Day in 2018 with the aim of promoting the drug-less system of medicine to prevent diseases by altering the diet and lifestyle. Sh Sarbananda Sonowal is the current Ayush minister.

*Naturopathy is a system of healthcare developed in harmony with constructive principles of nature on physical, mental, moral, and spiritual aspects of life. It was on this day in 1945, when Mahatma Gandhi became lifetime Chairman of the All-India Nature Cure Foundation Trust (later renamed as the National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune).*

### November 19: World Toilet Day

The day is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. The 6th Sustainable Development Goal of UNO aims to ensure availability and sustainable management of sanitation and water for all by 2030. It aims to raise public awareness of broader sanitation systems such as wastewater treatment, stormwater management.

*Today, 3.6 billion people are still living with poor quality toilets that ruin their health and pollute their environment.*

*The theme for this year's celebrations is 'Making the Invisible Visible', focusing on how inadequate sanitation systems spread human waste into rivers, lakes and soil, contaminating the water resources.*



### November 19: Women's Entrepreneurship Day



Observed every year to celebrate, recognise and appreciate all women entrepreneurs around the world. The day aims to empower and support women in business and to encourage them in alleviating poverty across the world. Women are important agents of change and they can be crucial for the sustainable and inclusive recovery of economies and societies from the Covid crisis. The theme selected for this year's campaign #Choosewomen focuses on businesses and start-ups led by women and extending them support they deserve.

### November 19: International Men's Day

The day is observed to commemorate the achievements and contributions of men and boys to the nation, society, community, family, marriage, and childcare. It is also the day when awareness is created on men's wellbeing and health, and they are celebrated for their works.

*In India, the inaugural celebration of the day was organised by the leading Indian Men's rights organisation named Indian Family on 19 November, 2007. This day's theme for 2022 is "Helping Men and Boys".*

### November 20: Awaas Diwas

Celebrated every year to mark the launch of the Rural Housing Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin (PMAY-G) on this day in 2016 at Agra, Uttar Pradesh. The scheme aims to provide "Housing for All" by 2022 by the completion of 2.95 crore houses with all basic amenities by the year 2022. By now 2.72 crore houses have been completed.

The scheme provides for a unit size of not less than 25 sq. mt. (269.1 sq ft) and financial grant of Rs. 1.20 lakh in plains and Rs.1.30 lakh in hilly states, difficult areas for construction of a new house.

### Nov. 20: World / Universal Children's Day

Supported by UNICEF, this day is observed around the world to improve child welfare and promote children's rights around the world. It also commemorates the anniversary of the date on which the UN General Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989. This year, the theme for the Day is 'Inclusion: For every child'. It aims to empower children to call for a better future and a more equal, inclusive world.



### November 21: World Fisheries Day



Observed across the world by the fisherfolk community to ensure sustainable stocks of fisheries and healthy oceans ecosystems. The Day aims to focus on changing the way the world manages global fisheries to ensure sustainable stocks and healthy ecosystems.

A recent United Nations study reported that more than two-thirds of the world's fisheries have been overfished or are fully harvested. Further, loss of required fish habitats, increasing pollution, and global warming, all are posing a big threat to survival of fish.

*In May, 2020, Indian government launched the "Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) with a budget of over Rs. 20,050 crores for a period of five years.*

### November 21: World Television Day

The day is observed to highlight the increasing impact of television on decision-making capabilities of people. It brings world attention to conflicts and threats to peace and in sharpening the focus on economic and social issues. UNO has acknowledged Television as a major tool in influencing public opinion and world politics. The television was invented in 1924 by John Logie Baird of Britain.

### November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

This day marks the launch of the "UNiTE to End Violence against Women" campaign (Nov 25- Dec 10); an initiative of 16 days of activism concluding on the day that commemorates the International Human Rights Day (10 December).

The initiative aims to raise public awareness around the issue of violence against women and promoting both, policymaking and resources dedicated to ending this social evil worldwide.

*This year's theme for the two week campaign is "UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls". It aims to mobilize all societies to become activists for the prevention of violence against women, and to stand in solidarity with women's rights activists.*

### November 26: National Milk Day

Celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, promoter of India's most successful dairy enterprise - AMUL (Anand Milk Union Ltd). Credit goes to him for making India world's largest milk producer by launching 'Operation Flood'.

He is also known as the 'Father of the White Revolution' in India. He was awarded the Padma Shri in the year 1965, the Padma Bhushan in 1966 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. He passed away on September 9, 2012, at the age of 90.

**Remember!** World Milk Day is observed on June 01.

### November 26: The Constitution Day

On this day in 1949, India's constitution was adopted by the constituent assembly and it came into force on January 26, 1950, marking the beginning of a new era in the history of India. On November 19, 2015, the government formally notified November 26 as Constitution Day.

On this day tributes are paid to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, regarded as the father of Indian Constitution. He was Chairman of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution which prepared the world's lengthiest and bulkiest constitution, comprising 448 Articles and 12 Schedules.

*Before 2015, the day was observed as National Law Day as Dr. Ambedkar was also the first Law Minister of India.*

### November 27: Indian Organ Donation Day

The day aims to promote organ donation for those who are in need of them and create awareness for removing the taboo around organ donation. Many people could live to see a new day if more and more people with healthy organs resolve to donate their organs, especially after their death.

**Remember!** World Organ Donation Day is observed on August 13.

### November (27): NCC Day

Observed on the fourth Sunday of November to commemorate the raising of the first unit of the National Cadet Corps in 1948 in New Delhi. The NCC aims at developing character, comradeship, discipline, a secular outlook, the spirit of adventure and ideals of selfless service amongst young citizens. The multifaceted activities and varied curriculum of the NCC, provides unique opportunities to the youth for self-development. Currently, NCC has over 15 lakh cadets on its rolls.



## OCTOBER

### October 01: National Pension System Diwas



Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority, PFRDA has decided to observe 1st of October as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas) to promote pension and retirement planning among the citizens. PFRDA is organising this campaign under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

*The pension regulator aims to encourage every citizen, whether working professionals or self-employed professionals, to plan towards creating a pension corpus to ensure a financially sound future after retirement. NPS subscribers will enjoy the benefits of tax deduction on contribution, power of compounding and reap the benefits of regular income after retirement.*

*In another initiative, the government has launched a 'Donate a Pension' scheme under Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-Dhan (PM-SYM) for people to contribute to the pension fund of their support staff.*

*Under this, citizens can donate the premium contribution of their immediate support staff such as domestic workers, drivers, helpers etc*

### Oct 1: National Voluntary Blood Donation Day

This day aims at spreading awareness about the importance of donating blood and the benefits associated with this noble cause. It is organised by the National Blood Transfusion Council (NBTC) and National AIDS Control Organisation, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

*Transferring or donating blood or parts of it to the needy has become an integral part of humanity in the modern health care system, particularly in these days of Covid pandemic*

### October 01: International Coffee Day

This day is celebrated to educate people about the plight of the farmers who grow coffee beans. This day is an opportunity to appreciate the aromatic drink and support the millions of farmers whose livelihoods depend on this aromatic crop. The International Coffee Organisation (ICO) was set up in 1963 in London, under the auspices of the United Nations (UN) to administer the International Coffee Agreement.

### Oct 01: International Day of Older Persons

The day aims to create awareness about challenges faced by the elderly and the abuses they face. The day additionally celebrates and honours the contributions that older individuals make to society.

The United Nations General Assembly adopted the day on December 14, 1990. The theme selected for this year is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World." It aims to highlight the strength of older women in the face of environmental, social, economic and lifelong inequalities

### October 01: The World Vegetarian Day

This day is celebrated to promote vegetarian diet to emphasise environmental considerations, animal welfare and rights issues and personal health benefits to encourage people into avoiding animal products. The Day was first started back in 1977 by the North American Vegetarian Society and it was endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978.

*A vegetarian diet focuses on vegetables, fruits, legumes, fruits, nuts and grains and also includes animal products such as eggs, dairy and honey, that are obtained without involving the death of an animal or the consumption of its meat.*

*A vegetarian diet is low in fat, rich in fibres, vitamins and minerals. It is low on cholesterol and also helps in improving the immune system.*

### October 02: International Day of Non-violence

Observed to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence or Ahimsa. He had said "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man". The principle of non-violence — also known as non-violent resistance — rejects the use of physical violence in order to achieve social or political change.

*The UN General Assembly in a resolution on 15 June 2007, commemorated the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi as the International Day of Non-violence.*

### October (3): World Habitat Day

This day is an UN initiative observed on the first Monday of every October for promoting the basic right to adequate shelter and housing for everyone. According to the United Nations, around 1.8 billion people were already living in slums and informal settlements, inadequate housing or in homelessness in cities across the world before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic.

*The theme for 2022 is "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind". It looks at the problem of growing inequality and challenges in cities and human settlements, particularly as an outcome of the recent Covid crisis.*





#### October 4: World Animal Day



Celebrated every year for the welfare of animals and aims at raising awareness about their significant role in nature and for maintaining the ecological balance. The day highlights the importance of caring, protecting, and spreading awareness about animals. It is a reminder that the plight of animals- both in the domestic and wild world- must be addressed and required work must be done for their protection.

It is the feast day of the patron saint of animals, St Francis of Assisi. It was first celebrated in 1925 in Berlin, Germany. Since 2003, the UK-based Animal welfare charity, Naturewatch Foundation, supervises the day's international celebrations. The theme for the year 2022 is a "shared planet". It means that the world belongs to every living creature and not just humans.

#### October 5: World Teachers' Day

The day is observed to acknowledge the services of the teachers and their contributions to education. It is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education but also to reflect on the support they need to fully deploy their talent and vocation, and to rethink the way ahead for the profession globally. The theme for this year is "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers."

**Remember!** India celebrates the Teachers' Day on Sep 05 to mark the birthday of former President, Dr. S Radhakrishnan.

#### October 05: Ganga River Dolphin Day

Observed every year to raise awareness and encourage conservation of Ganga River Dolphins. It was on this day in 2009, that Ganga Dolphin was declared "National Aquatic Animal" of India. River Dolphins survive only in fresh water of rivers.

*A good number of them are found in the Bihar portion of River Ganges. A stretch of the Ganges River between Sultanganj to Kahlgaon in Bihar has been declared a dolphin sanctuary, named Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary, the first such protected area. They are on the verge of extinction and are categorised in the 'endangered' category.*

#### October 07: World Cotton Day

The day was launched by the World Trade Organisation and the International Cotton Advisory Committee in

2019. It highlights the advantages of cotton, ranging from its qualities as a natural fibre to the benefits people obtain from its production, transformation, trade and consumption.

It aims to increase preference and demand for cotton and educate key audiences on the benefits and value of cotton.

*Every year, India produces an average of 6 million tonnes of cotton, making it the world's largest producer of cotton, accounting for around 22% of world's total cotton production. The theme chosen for this year is "Weaving a better future for cotton". It focuses on cotton cultivation that is sustainable in order to improve the lives of cotton labourers, smallholders, and their families.*

#### October 8: Air Force Day

The day is celebrated to commemorate the raising of the Indian Air Force on this day in 1932 as the supporting force of the Royal Air Force of the United Kingdom. Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee was the first Indian Chief of the Indian Air Force, from 1954 to 60.

Its current complement of personnel and aircraft assets makes it the third largest air force in the world, next only to the USA and Russia. At present it is headed by Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.

#### October (08): World Migratory Bird Day

The day is celebrated twice a year, on the second Saturday in May and in October. The day is an occasion to highlight the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats. Migratory birds are beneficial to us and the planet's ecosystems because they provide critical services such as seed dispersal, pollination, pest control and more.

*This year's theme is "Impact of Light Pollution on Migratory Birds". Activities to mark the day will be held globally throughout the day under the theme "Dim the Lights for Birds at Night". Every year, light pollution contributes to the death of millions of birds. It alters the natural patterns of light and dark in ecosystems. It can change birds' migration patterns, foraging behaviours, vocal communication, and can increase predation.*



### October 9: Indian Foreign Service Day



It was on this day in 1946 that the Indian government established the Indian Foreign Service for India's diplomatic, consular and commercial representation overseas. Ambassador, High Commissioner, Consul General, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations and Foreign Secretary are some of the offices held by the members of the Indian Foreign Service. Currently, Dr S Jaishankar holds the charge of Ministry of External Affairs.

### October 9: World Post Day

Celebrated each year on the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) on this day in 1874 in the Swiss capital, Bern. It was declared World Post Day by the UPU Congress held in Tokyo, Japan in 1969. The day aims to create awareness of the role of the postal sector in people's and businesses' everyday lives and its contribution to social and economic development. The theme for 2022 is "Post for Planet".

*India has the largest postal network of the world having more than 1,56,000 offices. History of formal postal services in India can be traced back to 1727 when Calcutta G.P.O. started under a Postmaster General. The first postal stamp in India was introduced on 1 July 1852. On November 21, 1947, Independent India got its first ever official postage stamp printed, featuring the Indian flag with the nationalist cry "Jai Hind."*

### October 10: World Mental Health Day

The day is observed with the support of WHO to raise awareness about the common psychological conditions and remove stigma attached to them. The pandemic in recent years has made mental health more critical. Mental health is one of the most neglected areas of public health. About 1 billion people are living with mental disorders. This year the theme selected for the day's campaign is "Making Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority".

### October 11: International Day of the Girl Child

Observed every year to focus on issues like female infanticide to gender inequality to sexual abuse that the girls across the globe are exposed to. The Day focuses attention on the need to address the challenges girls face and to promote girls' empowerment and the fulfilment of their human rights. The theme for this year is "Our time is now—our rights, our future".

*According to the United Nations, girls are more likely to be cut off, pointing to a gender divide within the digital divide. It was also stated that girls are less likely than boys to be given digital devices, which affects their numbers in tech-related skills and jobs.*

**Remember!** In India, National Girl Child Day is celebrated on January 24 every year.

### October 12: World Arthritis Day

The day is celebrated to raise awareness about arthritis, an inflammatory condition which causes pain and stiffness in joints which can worsen with age. The theme for this year is "It's in your hands, take action". It aims to encourage people with arthritis, their caregivers, families, and the general public to avail every opportunity to take action to improve their lifestyle.

*Arthritis is an inflammatory joint disorder, which affects the joints tissues around the joint, and other connective tissues, causing joint pain and stiffness. More than 100 types of arthritis exist, but the most common are Osteoarthritis and Rheumatoid arthritis.*

### October 13: The National Philately Day

The day marks the collection, appreciation and research activities on stamps and other philatelic products. India Post celebrates National Postal Week from 9th to 16th October every year.

The celebration is aimed at generating a broad awareness about India Post's role and activities among the public and media at national level.

*The Philately is the study of postage stamps and postal history.*

### Oct 13: International Day for Disaster Reduction

Observed across the world every year with support from the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, to promote a global culture of risk-awareness and disaster reduction. Good disaster risk governance can be measured in the lives saved, reduction in the number of disaster-affected people, and reduced economic losses. The theme chosen for this year's celebrations will focus on Target G of the Sendai Framework: "Substantially increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments to people by 2030."

*The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 is the global blueprint to prevent new and reduce existing disaster risk. The Framework was adopted at the Third UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction in Sendai, Japan, on March 18, 2015.*





### October (13): World Sight Day



The day is observed on the second Thursday of October, to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment. Reduced or absence of eyesight can have major and long-lasting effects on all aspects of life. Around 1 billion people in the world have a preventable vision impairment or one that has yet to be addressed. The theme for this year is 'Love your eyes.' The theme is dedicated to informing people to put their eye health first for better vision and getting an accessible health care facility.

### October 14: World Standards Day

Also called International Standards Day, it is celebrated globally to raise awareness among regulators, industry and consumers as to the importance of standardisation in the global economy. These standards helped to drive the industrial revolution and nowadays it drives the advancement of all technologies from automotive to telecommunications.

Adopting common standards facilitates global cooperation in numerous fields. The theme for this day in 2022s is 'Shared Vision For a Better World.' It aims to increase understanding about how standardisation is important to achieve the United Nations' sustainable development goals.

*In India, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the National Standards Body of India under Department of Consumer affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution. It was established on April 1, 1987 under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986.*

*This act was repealed in 2016 and replaced with a new Bureau of Indian standards (BIS) Act 2016. It aims at harmonious development of the activities of standardisation, marking and quality certification of goods and for matters connected therewith.*

### October 14: International E-Waste Day

The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of repairing or correctly disposing of used appliances with the aim to increase re-use, repair, recovery and recycling. It has been developed by the WEEE Forum, an international association of electronic waste collection schemes. WEEE denotes Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. The theme chosen for this year is "Recycle it all, No matter how small!", focusing on small items of e-waste.

*According to the UN, in 2021 each person on the planet will produce on average 7.6 kg of e-waste, meaning that a massive 57.4 million tonnes will be generated worldwide. E-waste is the fastest growing stream of waste — but it is also the most valuable stream of waste. A tonne of E-waste may have more silver than a tonne of silver ore.*

### October (14) World Egg Day

The day is celebrated on the second Friday in October every year to raise awareness about the benefits of eggs and their importance in human nutrition. The day was established at the International Egg Commission's 1996 conference in Vienna.

*Eggs are a great source of choline, a nutrient which can help in memory and brain development. This year's celebrations are focussed on the theme 'Eggs for a better life', highlighting the importance of including an egg in our daily diet.*

### October 15: Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas

Supported by the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry, this day is observed to recognise the contribution of women farmers in various aspects of agriculture including sowing, planting, fertilising, plant protection, harvesting, weeding, and storage.

*The day aims to increase the active participation of women in agriculture. In rural India, over 80% of women depend on agriculture for their livelihood. In the farmer community, around 30% women are farmers themselves and over 45% work as agricultural labour.*

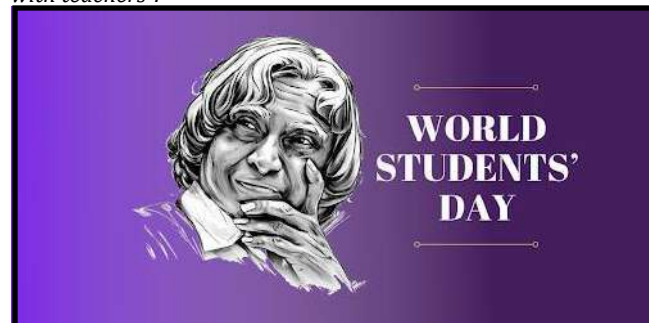
### October 15: International Day of Rural Women

The day recognizes the crucial role of women and girls in ensuring the sustainability of rural households and communities, improving rural livelihoods and overall wellbeing. The theme this year is "Rural Women, key for a world free from hunger and poverty." Rural women and girls play a vital role in the food systems of the world. Rural women ensure food security for their communities, build climate resilience and strengthen economies.

### October 15: World Students' Day

Celebrated every year to commemorate the birthday of 11th president (2002-07) APJ Abdul Kalam (1931-2915). He is best known for promoting education and his love for students. The United Nations declared October 15 as World Students' Day in 2010.

*He was dedicated to teaching and identified himself first as a teacher and then as anything else. The theme of World Students' Day 2022 is "The transformation of education begins with teachers".*



### October 15: Global Handwashing Day



Celebrated every year to raise awareness on handwashing with soap, motivate people worldwide to develop hand washing habits, and highlight the state of handwashing in countries worldwide.

The day is of special importance this year in view of protection offered against Coronavirus by washing hands with soap. This year's theme, "Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene", calls on all of society to work together to scale up hand hygiene.

### October 16: World Food Day

Celebrated every year around the world to commemorate the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations on this day in 1945 in Quebec City, Canada. This year's World Food Day takes place at a time when global food security is facing multiple threats. We need to respond collectively to transform our agrifood systems for better production, better nutrition, a better environment, and a better life for all, leaving no one behind. The theme for this year's WFD is "Leave No One Behind". It aims to provide enough nutritious food for everyone, everywhere on a regular basis. FAO has its headquarters in Rome, Italy. Mr. QU Dongyu is the current Director General of the FAO.

### October 17: International Poverty Eradication Day

The day is observed across the world to raise awareness about the efforts being made to eradicate poverty in the world community. The UN General Assembly passed a resolution on Dec 22, 1992 to celebrate this day on October 17.

Covid-19 plunged millions into poverty, national and household economies have been battered by job losses, skyrocketing food and energy prices, all are darkening shadows of a global recession. At the same time, the climate crisis and raging conflicts are causing immense suffering, with the poorest people bearing the brunt.

According to a recent report from the World Bank, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic have caused between 88 to 115 million more individuals to fall below the poverty line.

The theme for this year's celebration is "Dignity For All in Practice: The commitments we make together for social justice, peace, and the planet".

### October 17: World Trauma Day

The day aims to emphasise saving lives during accidents and ensure safety in emergency situations. It attempts to provide education on how to avoid traumatic injury and loss of life. The Day was established in 2011 in New Delhi.

*In medical terms, Trauma is considered a grave physical injury. Any accident or physical harm causes trauma. These incidents include road accidents, domestic violence, natural disasters, etc.*

### October 20: National Solidarity Day

This day is observed to honour the Armed Forces, who displayed exemplary valour in the Sino- Indo war against China, that started on this day in 1962. The war continued for one Month, ending on 21st November. The day is an occasion to salute and honour our brave soldiers who protect our country and make us feel safe.

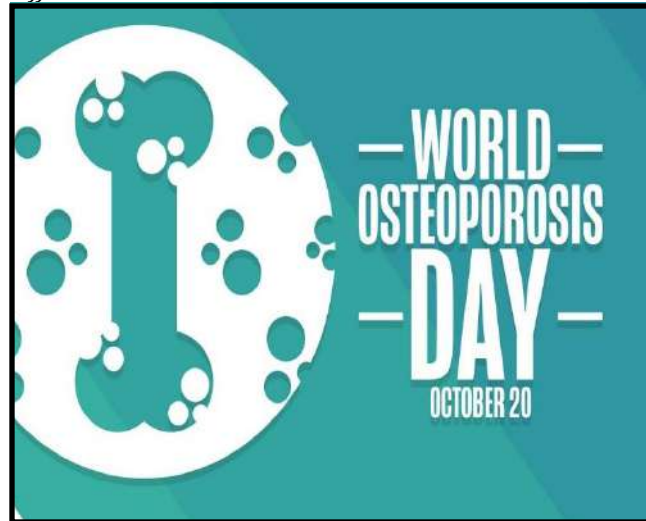
### October 20: The International Chefs Day

The day aims to celebrate and honour the noble profession of cooking and educate people around the world about eating healthy. It is an opportunity for experienced chefs to pass on their knowledge and culinary skills to the next generation with a sense of pride and commitment. The theme selected for the year 2022 is "Growing A Healthy Future."

### October 20: World Osteoporosis Day

The day aims to raise global awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis and metabolic bone disease. The day is organised by the International Osteoporosis Foundation of Switzerland. The theme selected for the 2022 campaign is "Step Up For Bone Health", intending to encourage people to check for bone density and bone health status regularly.

*Osteoporosis literally means 'porous bone'. It is a condition where bones become thin and lose their strength, as they become less dense and their quality is reduced. This can lead to broken bones, which cause pain, disability, and make everyday activities extremely difficult.*





### October 20: World Statistics Day



This Day is observed every five years, beginning 2010 when it was started by the United Nations Statistical Commission to put light on the importance of statistics for better decision-making for the times to come. Next time this day will be observed in 2025.

Government of India has designated 29th June every year, coinciding with the birth anniversary of great statistician, Prof PC Mahalanobis, Bharat Ratna, as “National Statistics Day”

### October 21: Police Commemoration Day

The day is observed every year to honour the loyalty and supreme sacrifice of police personnel for the nation. It was on this day in 1959 when CRPF led a saga of valour and sacrifice in the inaccessible, inhospitable terrain of Hot Springs in Ladakh confronting the Chinese Army. In this battle, ten CRPF men were martyred in defence of the country.

*The CRPF came into existence as Crown Representative's Police on 27th July 1939. It became the Central Reserve Police Force on enactment of the CRPF Act on 28th December 1949. The Force has grown into a big organisation of over three lakh personnel in 246 Battalions, including 6 all women battalions, 15 Rapid Action Force battalions and 10 CoBRA battalions.*

*It functions under the union home ministry with headquarters in New Delhi. It is headed by a Director General, Dr.Sujoy Lal Thakosen, IPS, at present.*

### October 22: International Stuttering Awareness Day

This Day is observed to raise awareness about stutterers and educate the public about the causes. Stuttering, also known as stammering, is a condition where fluency of speech is affected. It is a communication disorder in which repetitions or abnormal interruptions of sounds and syllables — break the flow of speech.

*There may also be unusual facial and body movements associated with speaking. The theme chosen for 2022 is “Being seen, being heard: Representation and normalisation of stuttering in the mainstream”. The theme highlights the fact that stuttering is something that affects many in society and is nothing abnormal.*

### October 23: International Snow Leopard Day

Observed every year to protect and conserve snow leopards and other wildlife of the Himalayas. They are usually found in high, rugged mountain landscapes at elevations of 3,000 – 4,500m. Ladakh is called the Snow Leopard capital of the world. It is the state animal of Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh. On this day in 2013, leaders from 12 countries where Snow Leopard is found, endorsed the 'Bishkek Declaration' on the conservation of snow leopards. Bishkek is the largest city and capital of Kyrgyzstan.

### October 23: Mole Day

The day, popular amongst chemistry enthusiasts, marks the discovery of Mole or Avogadro's number. It represents ( $6.022 \times 10^{23}$ ), which defines the number of particles present in a single mole of a substance. A mole is a standard unit of measurement used to calculate large quantities of very small micro entities such as atoms, molecules, etc. Amedeo Avogadro (1776-1856) was an Italian scientist. He also formulated Avogadro's law, which states that equal volumes of gases under the same conditions of temperature and pressure will contain equal numbers of molecules. The theme for the occasion is 'Finding NeMole!'

### October (23): National Ayurveda Day

It is observed on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) every year since 2016. It falls on the second last day before Diwali. The day marks the birthday of Lord Dhanwantari who according to Vedas and Puranas, is regarded as the physician of the Gods and the God of Ayurveda. The day aims to introduce Ayurvedic principles of healing to the younger generation and to establish awareness among them. This year, India will celebrate Ayurveda Day under the theme of “Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda”.

### October 24: The United Nations Day

This day is observed to mark the anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations on this day in 1945. The UN Charter, signed on June 26, 1945, is the founding document of this great non-partisan institution that has been working towards global peace and equality.

*The day aims to bring attention to the work, role and achievements of the UNO and its family of specialised agencies. Antonio Guterres is the current Secretary-General of the United Nations, having 193 members, with headquarters in New York, USA.*





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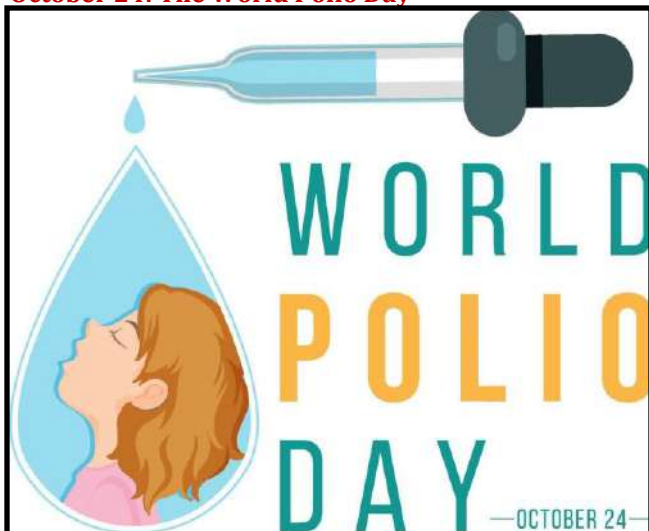
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### October 24: The World Polio Day



It is celebrated annually to raise awareness for polio vaccination and eradication of polio. The Day was established by Rotary International to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. The theme for this year is "Together, Let's End Polio!"

India was declared polio-free in January 2014, after three years of zero cases.

*Polio, or poliomyelitis, is a crippling and potentially deadly infectious disease caused by the poliovirus that invades the brain and spinal cord, causing paralysis. The virus spreads from person-to-person and only affects humans; children are especially susceptible. Because polio has no cure, vaccination is the only way to protect children and stop the disease from spreading.*

### October (26): World Sustainability Day

Observed on the fourth Wednesday of October, this day aims to remind the community of the importance of caring for the environment and how to make it more sustainable, i.e. lasting for a longer time. IIT Madras launched a 'Punch the Plastic' campaign, on this day to deploy a new method to collect clean and dry plastic packaging for recycling options such as pyrolysis.



### October 27: Infantry Day

Army establishments across the country celebrate this day to pay homage to the thousands of infantry soldiers who laid down their lives in the line of duty. It was on this day in 1947 that first Indian infantry soldiers took part in an action to defend Indian territory from external aggression and repelled the attack by the Pakistani invaders in Kashmir. The victory was accomplished by the jawans of the First Battalion of the Sikh Regiment.

### Oct. 27: The World Day for Audio-visual Heritage

Observed with support from UNESCO to raise general awareness of the need to take urgent measures and to acknowledge the importance of audio-visual documents such as films, radio, and television programmes, etc.

They provide a window to the world, allowing us to observe events we cannot attend, hear voices from the past who can no longer speak.

The theme for the year 2022 is "Your Window to the World: Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies."

### October 27: World Occupational Therapy Day



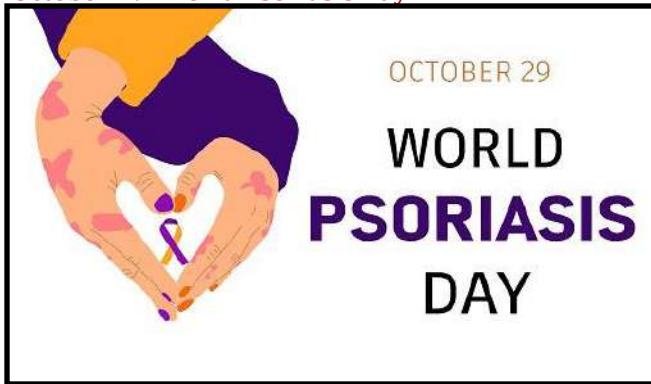
The day promotes and celebrates the occupational therapy profession and heightens its visibility. On this day, occupational therapists take part in activities to promote the profession or an aspect of it. The theme for this year's celebrations is "Opportunity + Choice = Justice".

*Occupational therapists work in diverse settings such as schools, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, mental health clinics, and even in homes.*

### October 28: International Animation Day

The day is celebrated to commemorate the first public animation performance, Théâtre Optique at the Musée Grévin on this day in Paris in 1892. The day was initiated by the International Animated Film Association (ASIFA) in 2002 to promote appreciation for the novel art of animation. Our childhood has a lot of memories associated with cartoons, all of which are created by animation.

### October 29: World Psoriasis Day



Celebrations of this day are supported by the International Federation of Psoriasis Associations (IFPA), Geneva, Switzerland to promote awareness, empowerment, and action for improving the quality of life for people with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. The theme for the year 2022 is "Mental Health. United, we unload the burden of psoriatic disease".

*Psoriasis is a skin disease that causes red, itchy scaly patches, most commonly on the knees, elbows, trunk and scalp. It is a common, long-term (chronic) disease with no cure.*

### October 29: World Stroke Day

This day tries to spread awareness about the prevention steps for this serious medical condition. This year's theme for celebrating the day is #Precioustime: Learn the Stroke Signs." It aims to raise awareness of stroke signs and the benefits of timely access to emergency medical care because when somebody has a brain stroke, every second that passes by is very critical.

*More than one-third of people over the age of 70 may have a silent stroke and this perhaps is the second leading cause of disability.*

### October 29: International Internet Day

The day is observed to commemorate the anniversary of the first internet transmission that took place on this day in 1969. Charley Kline, a student programmer at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), transmitted the first-ever electronic message on October 29, 1969.

*While the internet may not have been possible without a million other monumental inventions that came before it, it's hard to find any other invention that has had such a monumental impact on mankind. With over 800 million users, India is the second largest online market.*

### October 30/31: World Savings Day

Previously known as World Thrift Day, this day is celebrated across the world on either 30th or 31st October, depending upon the working day in banks. In India it is observed on October 30. This day is dedicated to promote the importance of financial savings and learn more about the same.

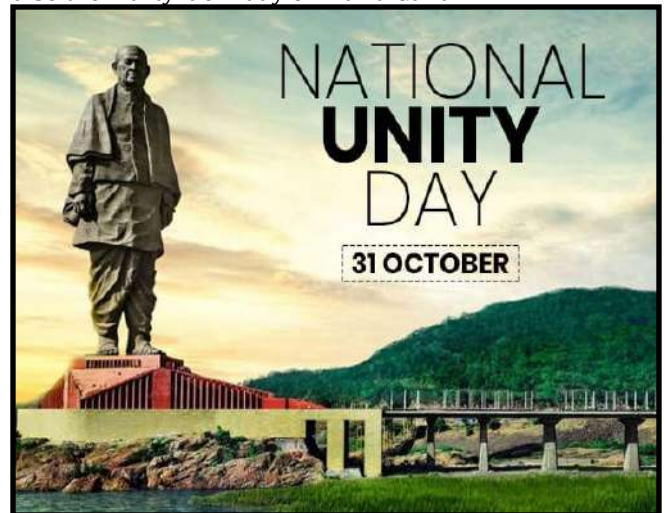
*It is an important day to promote the idea of saving among all social classes. As financial resources are never available in abundance, it is always imperative to safeguard money and to learn ways to save it.*

### October 31: World Cities Day

Observed across the world to work together for planned and sustainable urban life in the wake of rapid growth of population and problems. The main Global Observance will be co-hosted by UN-Habitat and China and will take place in Shanghai. The theme for this year is "Act local to go Global".

### October 31: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Observed to celebrate the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the first Deputy Prime Minister and the home minister of independent India. Patel played a crucial role in India's freedom movement and in the integration of 560 princely states with India. The day is also the martyrdom day of Indira Gandhi.



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## NATIONAL NEWS

### SEPTEMBER

- The Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit. On the last day, she visited Ajmer to offer prayers at Khwaja Gharib Nawaz Dargah Sharif.
  - ✓ 2 projects, Maitree Super Thermal Power Plant at Rampal, and 5.13 km Rupsha rail bridge over the river Rupsha in Khulna, both in Bangladesh were also inaugurated.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22nd SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at Samarkand in Uzbekistan.
- India took over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation -SCO, for the first time, from September 2022 to September 2023.
- Creating a historical milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, eight Cheetahs brought from Namibia were introduced in the Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh on Sep17.
- The Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister (EAC-PM) on August 30 came out with a roadmap titled "Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100".
  - ✓ It is based on the competitiveness framework developed by Professor Michael E. Porter from Harvard Business School, USA.
- The "India Hypertension Control Initiative got the "2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award" at the UN General Assembly on Sep 21.
- The Gujarati film Chhello Show has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2023. The film is titled as "Last Film Show" in English.
- Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) approved India's first intranasal Covid vaccine -iNCOVACC for restricted use in emergency situations among people aged above 18 years.

- ✓ Manufactured by Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad, the company behind Covaxin, the new vaccine has been approved for primary immunisation.

### AUGUST

- NDA candidate Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the 14th Vice-President of India on August 6 as he defeated joint opposition candidate Ms. Margaret Alva.
  - ✓ 71-year-old Dhankhar, a former Governor of West Bengal (2019-22), was administered oath of office on Aug 11 by the President, Ms. Draupadi Murmu.
- President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih arrived in New Delhi on August 1 on a four-day official visit.
  - ✓ A Line of Credit of \$100 million was granted to Maldives, for the completion of development projects in a time-bound manner.
- The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17<sup>th</sup> Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January next year.
- Everest, a sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's first own font "Bharat " on Independence Day.
  - ✓ India is the only country to get its own national font after Sweden which has a font of its own.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites on August 13, to make a total 75 Ramsar sites.
  - ✓ Tamil Nadu now has the maximum number of Ramsar sites at 14, followed by UP at 10.
- The Union Cabinet approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution, NDC to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
  - ✓ The update aims at achieving India's long-term goal of reaching net zero emissions by 2070.
- The Parliament passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022 on August 01 to bring Indian research stations in the Antarctic region under domestic laws of the country.

- ✓ *India has two active research stations in the Antarctic region - Bharti and Maitri.*
- The auction for the 5G spectrum of radio waves ended on July 29 after 4 days of bidding by 4 players – Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, Vodafone Idea and Adani Data Networks.
  - ✓ *The govt received bids worth Rs 1,49,855 crore. Reliance Jio acquired the largest share of spectrum by bidding for ₹88,078 crore.*
- In a recent report published by the State of Global Air on air quality and health in cities, New Delhi and Kolkata ranked first and second most polluted cities, in the world.

## JULY

- Honourable Madam Droupadi Murmu was elected as the 15<sup>th</sup> President of India on July 21. Smt. Murmu is the first scheduled tribe (Santhal tribe) person and the youngest (64) to become the President of India.
- Country's largest statue of the National Emblem was unveiled on July 11 on the roof of the new Parliament building in New Delhi.
  - ✓ *The emblem has been installed 33 meter above ground level. Cast in high purity bronze, it stands 6.5 meter tall and weighs around 9500 kg.*
  - ✓ *National Emblem of India is an adaptation from the Sarnath Lion Capital of Emperor Ashoka which is preserved in the Sarnath Museum at Varanasi.*
  - ✓ *It became emblem of dominion of India in December 1947 and emblem of Republic of India on January 26, 1950.*
- The website of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) was ranked first among all the Central Ministries Portal in a National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment.
- The National Institutional Ranking Framework, NIRF ranked IIT Madras, Chennai-4<sup>th</sup> time in row, as the Overall Best Institute in education. Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, was ranked as Best University.
- The first India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held 06<sup>th</sup> July in New Delhi to highlight the importance of animal health to the country's food and nutrition security, rural income and prosperity.
- The Union Home Ministry amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) to allow relatives abroad to send up to 10 lakh rupees without informing the government.
- The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its approval for India's first mRNA vaccine GEMCOVAC-19 on June 28.
  - ✓ *A two-dose vaccine, it has been allowed for restricted use in emergency situations for all adults aged above 18 years.*
- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Gender Gap Index for 2022 on July 10. It ranked India at 135 out of 146 countries covered.

- PM Modi visited Germany on June 26 to attend G-7 Summit under the German Presidency, at Schloss Elmau, Germany.
- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu embarked on a three-nation tour to Gabon, Senegal and Qatar on May 30. In all the three countries, he attended a business round table and addressed the Indian community.
- Europe's biggest start-up conference – Vivattech 2020 selected India as the "country of the year" to honour the contribution of the Indian start-ups to the world.
- India and Vietnam launched the joint logo for the celebration of 50 Years of India-Vietnam Diplomatic Relations on June 18.
- *The logo represents sketch of a peacock, India's national bird and that of a Chim Lac, a legendary ancient crane from Vietnam.*
- PM Modi virtually launched a global initiative "Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement", on the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5.
- *The vision of LiFE is to live a lifestyle that is in tune with our planet and does not harm it and those who live such a lifestyle are called Pro-Planet People.*
- NHAI entered Guinness World Records for laying 75 Km long Bituminous Concrete Road in less than five days.
- *The NH-53 section between Amravati and Akola in Maharashtra was built in a record time of 4 days, 9 hours and 33 minutes.*
- Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport has become the first airport in India to run entirely on hydro and solar power as it switched to renewable sources for its energy needs.
- India launched its first educational metaverse, Bharat Blockchain Network (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse) on June 6.
- World's first population estimation of the fishing cat, conducted outside the protected area network, was done in the Chilika Lake, Odisha.
- *Fishing Cat is about twice the size of a typical house cat and is an adept swimmer and enters water frequently to prey on fish as its name suggests.*
- CORBEVAX, the Covid vaccine manufactured by Hyderabad-based Biological E', became India's first vaccine to get DCGI approval as a heterogeneous COVID-19 booster dose.
- The Mumbai International Film Festival 2022 started in Mumbai on May 29. It is the oldest and largest festivals of non-feature films in South Asia.



# NEWS FROM STATES

## SEPTEMBER

- With the construction of 8,462 Amrit Sarovars (village ponds), Uttar Pradesh has topped the states in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar.
- The Pacific Area Travel Writers Association conferred West Bengal with the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'.
- Tamil Nadu notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' on Sep 21. The reserve has been notified in Palk Bay.
  - ✓ *Dugongs are the largest herbivorous marine mammals which primarily thrive on seagrass beds.*
- A joint venture of Vedanta and Taiwanese chip giant Foxconn signed an MoU with the Gujarat government on Sep 13 to set up India's largest semiconductor and display manufacturing unit in the state.
  - ✓ *Vedanta-Foxconn would invest Rs 1,54,000 crore to set up the facility which would create over one lakh job opportunities.*
- Country's first modified bio-village, Daspara, has been developed in Tripura. The village, solely dependent on agriculture and fishery, converted to a nature-based lifestyle and minimised the use of chemical fertilisers.
  - ✓ *The bio-village project aims for application of climate-friendly technologies like solar-powered agricultural equipment, energy-saving electrical devices, biogas and biofertilizers.*
- India's first 'Dark Sky Reserve' or Night Sky Sanctuary is being set up in the cold desert regions of Ladakh in Henley in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.
  - ✓ *A Dark Sky Reserve, is a place which is developed specially with a distinguished nocturnal environment and starry nights.*
- Warangal from Telangana and two cities from Kerala, Thrissur and Nilambur, have joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities.
  - ✓ *They have been selected in recognition of their outstanding efforts to make lifelong learning a reality for all at the local level.*

## AUGUST

- Jharkhand became the first state in the country to deploy a production-grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme developed by the global blockchain technology company, SettleMint.
- The NITI Aayog has declared district Haridwar in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District under the Aspirational Districts Programme.

- Jammu and Kashmir has become the first amongst States/UTs to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the NITI Aayog.
- Goa has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu the first such UT in the country.
- Tribal region Mandla in MP has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district.
  - ✓ *All adults in the Mandla can now do basic tasks like write their names, count and read and write in Hindi.*
- The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) in Mumbai has become the first transport corporation in India to operate India's first electric double decker AC bus.
- Asia's largest Compressed Biogas Plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in Sangrur, Punjab. The plant uses paddy straw and other farm wastes to convert them into usable biogas.
- The Assam and Mizoram signed a joint statement on August 9, in Aizawl, Mizoram to resolve the boundary dispute between the two states.
- Bihar's Mithila Makhana (fox nuts) was awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It has been registered in the name of Mithilanchal Makhana Utpadak Sangh.

## JULY

- Karnataka secured top rank; Manipur topped amongst northeast and hill states and Chandigarh stood first among Uts in the Innovation Index 2022 released by NITI Aayog on July 21.
- The 'State Ranking Index for National Food Security Act' ranked Odisha at the top rank followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- The "States' Startup Ranking 2021" released by the ministry of Commerce, ranked Gujarat as the 'Best Performer' while Kerala was ranked 'Top Performer'.
- HP became India's first state to connect all the commercial vehicles registered in the state with Vehicle Location Tracking Device and with the Emergency Response Support System, number 112.
- Kerala has now become the first and the only state in the country to have its own internet service through the Kerala Fibre Optic Network Ltd, - KFON.
- With the inauguration of the 296-km-long Bundelkhand Expressway on July 16, Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to have 13 expressways, having a total length of 3,200 kilometers.
- Uttar Pradesh became the first state to link its One District One Product scheme to Commerce Ministry's Open Network for Digital Commerce platform.

- The NHAI and Nagpur Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct, a flyover highway and metro rail above it, all supported on a single-column pier, running for 3.14 km.
- Tata Power Solar Systems, a subsidiary of Tata Power, commissioned India's largest floating solar power project of 101.6 MW peak capacity in backwaters of Kayamkulam, Kerala.

## JUNE

- The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', started in five villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. It is managed by girls in the 11-21 age group and aims at promoting social and political development of the girl child.
- Himachal Pradesh became the first state to approve 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the hill state.
- The Fortune-500 company Rajesh Exports entered into an agreement with the Telangana government to set up India's first display fabrication facility in Hyderabad by making investments worth Rs 24,000 crore.
- In a first of its kind attempt to utilize wind energy at the airport, the Mumbai International Airport launched a Vertical Axis Wind Turbine along with a solar panel.
- Country's first of its kind and the largest desalination plant with 100 MLD (million litres per day) capacity was inaugurated at Dahej in Gujarat.
- In a first, India Post delivered mail using a drone as part of a pilot project in Gujarat's Kutch district. It took 25 minutes to deliver the parcel over a distance of 46 km.
- Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited, commissioned India's first wind-solar hybrid power plant (390 MW) in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- India's first Lavender Festival was held in Bhaderwah in district Doda of J&K. Lavender cultivation in J&K started under the government initiative of 'Aroma Mission or Purple Revolution'.
- FSSAI released the 4<sup>th</sup> State Food Safety Index on the occasion of World Food Safety Day on June 7.
- *Among the larger states, Tamil Nadu stood first. Among the smaller states, Goa stood first while among Uts, J&K was at top.*
- Jharkhand has been selected for 'World No Tobacco Day Award-2022' by the World Health Organisation for achieving considerable reduction in tobacco consumption in the state.
- The world-famous Valley of Flowers, a World Heritage Site located in Chamoli, Uttarakhand was opened for tourists from 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

- *Declared as a National Park, more than 500 species of colourful flowers bloom here during the season.*
- Assam became the 36<sup>th</sup> State to implement One Nation One Ration Card-ONORC scheme on June 20, making the scheme operational in all over India.
- *Beneficiaries under National Food Security Act get subsidised foodgrains under ONORC and those under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyana Anna Yojna get free foodgrains under this scheme.*

## GOVT INITIATIVES

### SEPTEMBER

- The Centre formed a committee on Sep 21 headed by Dr. VK Paul, member (health), NITI Aayog to review marketing practices of pharmaceutical companies.
  - ✓ *It will examine how all the codes, rules, and regulations related to malpractices in pharma industry can be curtailed.*
- The Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) app launched on Sep 20 at the Central Leather Research Institute (CLRI), Chennai.
  - ✓ *The app aims to provide a one-stop solution for the skilling, learning, assessment, and employment needs of the leather industry.*
- A first-of-its-kind National Maritime Heritage Complex is being set up at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal in Gujarat.
- NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute, India, launched on Sep 08 the country's first national electric freight platform, e-FAST India (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport - India).
- A committee headed by Dr. Kirit S Parikh set up to review the formula that dictates the pricing of natural gas produced by companies like ONGC and Reliance.
- The three km stretch of the Central Vista, Rajpath, in New Delhi, from the Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate, was renamed as 'Kartavya Path' on Sep 08.
  - ✓ *Kartavya Path will exhibit beautified landscapes, refurbished canals, new public amenity blocks, improved signages and vending kiosks, to make it more tourist friendly.*

### AUGUST

- An online marketplace feature - 'Aqua Bazar' was launched in mobile app "Matsya Setu" on Aug 18 to connect various stakeholders in the aquaculture industry.
  - ✓ *It will assist in locating inputs such as fish seed, feed, medicines, and services required for fisheries.*
- The Narcotics Control Bureau developed portal NIDAAN (National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders) as a one-stop solution for all narcotics offenders' related data.



- Govt launched “Paalan 1000 - Journey of First 1000 Days for a Child” campaign and “Paalan 1000” parenting app on Aug 16 to promote early childhood development.
- The Union Cabinet approved additional interest subvention of 1.5 per cent on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. 3 lakh for 2022-23 to 2024-25.
- The project “SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise” was launched on August 12 in New Delhi.
  - ✓ *It aims to make urban areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging.*
- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to December 31, 2024. The continuation of the scheme will help in completion of already sanctioned 122.69 lakh houses.
- Government launched a 'Common Registration Facility' for ration cards on a trial basis for 11 states/UTs.
  - ✓ *This Web-based facility will allow them to collect data on people who want to register for NFSA inclusion, including migrants living in other states.*
- “State University Research Excellence” (SURE) scheme launched on Aug 3 to augment the research capabilities in state and private universities and colleges to create a robust Research and Development ecosystem.
  - ✓ *Since a large number of the state universities are in rural areas, grassroot level research by them would benefit the local industry and local farmers and focus on finding innovative solutions for local problems.*
- The 11<sup>th</sup> Agricultural Census (2021-22) was launched on July 28. It is conducted every 5 years to collect data such as the number and area of land holdings, class-wise distribution, land use, tenancy and cropping pattern, etc.
  - ✓ *This is the first time that data collection for agricultural census will be conducted on smartphones and tablets, so that final data is available in time.*

## JULY

- The Women and Child Development Ministry launched the Mission Shakti on July 14 for the safety, security and empowerment of women.
- The Women and Child Dev. Ministry issued fresh guidelines for the Mission Vatsalya (formerly known as Child Protection Services Scheme).
  - ✓ *The Mission aims to secure a healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in the country, focusing on children in distress.*

- Government has formulated a “National Action Plan for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem”-NAMASTE scheme for cleaning of sewers and septic tanks.
  - ✓ *It aims that no sanitation workers should come in direct contact with human faecal matter and all sewer and septic tank sanitation workers have access to alternative livelihoods.*
- Government plans to launch the ‘DIGI YATRA’ scheme to achieve contactless, seamless processing of passengers at Airports, based on Facial Recognition Technology.
- The Dept. of Consumer Affairs launched “Jagriti”, a mascot in the form of a young lady, for empowering consumers and generating awareness of their rights.
- The UIDAI has launched a new mobile app named “AadhaarFaceRd” to perform face authentication through mobile app from anywhere and at any time.

## JUNE

- The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs launched National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) on June 20 in New Delhi.
- *The initiative aims at creating a future labour force for the construction industry which will propel innovation and large-scale development.*
- India's first private train service, under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme, started on June 14 from Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu for Sainagar Shirdi of Maharashtra.
- Govt plans to set up 15,000 PM Shri Schools to prepare students for the future. These schools will function as the laboratory of NEP 2020 and will follow the 5+3+3+4 model of education as prescribed in the NEP.
- Govt launched Rashtriya Puraskar Portal to invite nominations for various awards instituted by various ministries, departments, and agencies.
- *Some of the main awards on the portal include Padma Awards, Sardar Patel National Unity Award, and Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award.*
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute on June 7 in New Delhi.
- *It will be a premier national level institute for all tribal concerns, issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.*
- Jan Samarth Portal launched on June 6 for bringing all credit-linked govt schemes on a single platform. It will directly connect the loan seekers/beneficiaries to the lenders (generally banks).
- *Some major schemes on the portal include Education loans, Farmer loans and loans for business and self-employment.*
- Govt has asked all the states and UTs to phase out single-use plastic (SUP) and appealed to them to contribute to improve the environment for achieving a "Clean and Green" India.



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- The Ministry of social justice and empowerment launched “Scheme for Residential Education for Students in High Schools in Targeted Areas” (SRESHTA) on June 3.
- *It aims to provide quality education in the best private residential schools, free, to the poor SC students, whose parental annual income is not more than Rs 2.5 lakh.*
- Premium rates revised for Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, PMJJBY and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, PMSBY. PMJJBY: Rs 436; PMSBY: Rs 20

## ECONOMY

### SEPTEMBER

- The Ministry of Finance granted ‘Maharatna’ status to the public sector power financier Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. (REC), New Delhi, on Sep 22.
- The govt granted ‘in-principle’ approval to the three States viz, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Bulk Drug Parks under the Scheme for “Promotion of Bulk Drug Parks”.
- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs revised the threshold limit for paid up capital and turnover of small companies on Sep 15.
  - ✓ *As per the revised definition, a small company will be one whose paid up capital does not exceed Rs 4 crore (earlier 2 cr) and the turnover does not exceed Rs. 40 crore (earlier 20cr).*
- The Adani group of 9 companies overtook the Tata group’s 23 companies to become India’s most valuable conglomerate in terms of market capitalisation as on close of business on BSE on Sep 16.
  - ✓ *The market value of Adani Group stood at Rs 22.27 trillion, higher than Tata Group’s Rs 20.77 trillion.*
- India’s first Lithium cell manufacturing facility was inaugurated on Sep 16 at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
  - ✓ *These cells are used in power banks and in other consumer electronic products such as mobile phones and other wearable devices.*
- According to the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14, TCS was ranked as the most valuable Indian brand in 2022.

### AUGUST

- As per the 4th advance estimates of production of major agricultural crops for the year 2021-22, the production is estimated at over 315 million tonnes (MT).

- The Government has ordered the implementation of the ‘One Nation, One Fertiliser’ scheme. The new scheme aims to bring uniformity in naming of fertiliser brands in the country under the single brand name ‘Bharat’.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane at Rs. 305 per quintal for sugar season 2022-23 (October - September).
- The Railways tested its heaviest and longest freight train, Super Vasuki, on August 15. The train combined five trains to form a 3.5-km-long freight train with 295 loaded wagons carrying over 27,000 tonnes of coal.
  - ✓ *It ran from Korba in Chhattisgarh to Rajnandgaon in Nagpur. The train run by the South East Central Railway covered a distance of 267 km.*
- India’s first international bullion exchange, the ‘India International Bullion Exchange’(IIBX), was inaugurated on July 29 at the GIFT City near Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
  - ✓ *It will facilitate trading in physical gold and silver and is only the third such exchange in the world.*
  - ✓ *The exchange will be open only for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore and above. In the initial stage, gold 1 kg with 995 purity and gold 100 grams with 999 purity will be traded.*
- The National Stock Exchange’s (NSE) flagship index, the Nifty futures contracts on Singapore Exchange (SGX) was launched on July 29 for trading in GIFT City.
- Biscuit brand Parle remained the most chosen brand among FMCGs in India in 2021, as per the rankings released by Kantar India on July 28 in its annual Brand Footprint report.

### JULY

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai has become the first 100% Landlord Major Port of India, where all berths are being operated on PPP (public-private partnership) model. Here public means government ownership.

### JUNE

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA approved on June 8 an increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23. Some major crops rates are as under:

Crop name	Rate in Rs/Quintal	
	Old	New
Paddy (Common)	1940	2040
Maize	1870	1962
Tur (Arhar) Dal	6300	6600
Moong Dal	7275	7755
Groundnut	5550	5850
Cotton (Medium)	5726	6080

# BANKING & FINANCE

## SEPTEMBER

- Kolkata based public sector lender UCO Bank became the first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee-based trade settlements.
  - ✓ *The UCO Bank will open a special Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees.*
- HDFC Bank became the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG) in partnership with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL).

## AUGUST

- Based on the recommendations of the Working Group on 'digital lending including lending through online platforms and mobile apps', RBI released on August 10 detailed guidelines for the digital lending entities.
  - ✓ *The guidelines covered issues related to unbridled engagement of third parties, mis-selling, breach of data privacy, unfair business deals, charging of exorbitant interest, and unethical recovery practices.*
- The RBI's digital payments index rose to 349.30 in March 2022, compared to 304.46 for September 2021, indicating digital payments are on the rise, led by UPI.

## JULY

- Government has decided to transform the Banks Board Bureau into Financial Services Institutions Bureau.
  - ✓ *It will make recommendations for appointments of whole-time directors and non-executive chairman of public sector banks and financial institutions, including insurance companies.*
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the computerization of all Primary Agriculture Credit Societies – PACS in the country.
- State Bank of India launched its WhatsApp Banking services to make banking easier for its customers. This service can be activated by sending 'Hi' on the number 90226-90226.
- The Union Bank of India became first Indian bank to launch the Metaverse Virtual Lounge and Open Banking Sandbox environment techno features for its customers.
- State Bank of India received in-principle approval from the RBI for setting up its "operations support subsidiary" aimed at improving the cost-to-income ratio.

## JUNE

- RBI raised the Additional Factor of Authentication limit on June 16 from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions, with immediate effect.
- On June 8, RBI allowed credit cards to be linked with the UPI, so that more and more people can make payments using the popular platform.
- The Union Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) has declared IT resources of ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank and UPI managing entity NPCI as 'Critical Information Infrastructure' (CII).
  - ✓ *IT resources under CII include Core Banking Solution, RTGS and NEFT and Financial Messaging Server.*

# DEFENCE, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

## SEPTEMBER

- The Hindustan Shipyard at Visakhapatnam handed over to the Indian Navy two diving support vessels, Nistar and Nipun on Sep 22, built first time in India.
- The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield on September 18.
- BSF became the world's first battle force to have an all-female camel riding squad. It will be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. Mumbai, launched 'Taragiri', the third Nilgiri class Stealth Frigate of Project 17A on Sep 11 for water testing.
- The Indian Army and the DRDO successfully tested, for the sixth time, an indigenous quick reaction surface-to-air missile (QRSAM) system, off the Odisha coast.
  - ✓ *It has a range of 30 km and can neutralise objects like missiles, drones, etc. up to an altitude of 10 km.*
- For the first time in the history of Indian armed forces, the Indian Navy received its first lot of fully locally manufactured complete gun ammunition.
  - ✓ *The 30 mm ammunition, to be used by the AK 630 guns fitted on its warships, has been manufactured by Economic Explosives Limited, Nagpur.*
- The Indian Navy received its new Naval Ensign (flag) on September 02 on the occasion of the commissioning of India's first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard.



- ✓ *The new ensign has the national flag on the upper canton. A blue octagonal shape seal with twin golden borders occupies the right half of the flag.*
- ✓ *In this seal, an image of the national Lion emblem sits atop an anchor, with the navy's motto "Sam no Varunah" (सं नो वरुणः) inscribed at bottom.*
- The Indian Army is planning to induct indigenous light tank named 'Zorawar', designed specially to operate in High Altitude Area such as Ladakh and Arunachal.
  - ✓ *These tanks have been named after legendary Zorawar Singh, a military general who served under Raja Gulab Singh of Jammu in the early 19th century.*
- INS Ajay, the anti-submarine warfare corvette of the Indian Navy was decommissioned on Sep 19 after rendering 32 years of glorious service.
- Coast Guard ships from India and America conducted joint exercise Abhyas 01/22 off the coast of Chennai, from Sep 16 to 19.
- Parvat Prahar Exercise conducted by the Indian Army in eastern Ladakh in Sep, to test deployment of all new major inductions of the Army.
- INS Tarkash participated in a Joint Maritime Exercise with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships in the Gulf of Guinea in south of Nigeria on Sep 12-13.
- Ex Kakadu: India took part in the Multinational Naval Exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Navy near Darwin in North Australia, beginning on Sep 13.
- Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22): The sixth edition of joint operation of India and Japan navies began on Sep 11 near Visakhapatnam and ended on Sep 18.
- Ex Vostok 2022: The Indian Army contingent of the Gorkha Regiment troops took part in the Exercise Vostok - 2022 at the training grounds of the Eastern Military District of Russia, from 01 to 07 September.
- Ex Gagan Strike: Army's Kharga Corps and the Air Force conducted joint exercise in Punjab in areas bordering Ambala, Haryana, in 1<sup>st</sup> week of September.
- The 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 was carried out by the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) on August 28, off the Chennai coast.
- US IT giant IBM, New York, announced on Sep 12 that IIT-Madras has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network to advance quantum computing skills development and research in India.
  - ✓ *Quantum computing refers to computer-based technologies centred around the principles of quantum theory. It can work in a much faster manner than even the fastest of the computers.*

- ISRO has successfully demonstrated a new technology with Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD). It is a game-changer with multiple applications for future missions including to Mars and Venus.
- The world's most powerful telescope, James Webb Telescope, captured the first image of an Exoplanet (a planet-like body outside our Solar System).
  - ✓ *The Exoplanet dubbed HIP 65426 b is 12 times larger than Jupiter, and is the largest planet in the Milky Way, located some 315 lightyears away.*

## AUGUST

- In a milestone event, the Cochin Shipyard handed over India's first indigenously built aircraft carrier Vikrant, to the Indian Navy on July 28.
  - ✓ *It has been designed by the Navy's in-house Directorate of Naval Design. It was formally commissioned on September 02.*
- DRDO and the Indian Navy successfully flight tested indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on August 23 at the ITR, Chandipur, off the Odisha coast. Of Odisha.
- India's first Composite Indoor Shooting Range was inaugurated on August 18 at INS Karna at Visakhapatnam.
  - ✓ *It is the 1<sup>st</sup> and the only defence force in the country to develop and operationalize an indoor shooting range.*
- The Indian Navy received the first lot of two MH-60 R (Romeo) most advanced multirole helicopters from the United States at Cochin International Airport on July 28.
  - ✓ *Built by Lockheed Martin Corp. USA, it is an all-weather helicopter designed to support multiple missions with state-of-the-art avionics and sensors.*
- Tata Advanced Systems delivered the first lot of the indigenously developed Quick Reaction Fighting Vehicles (QRFVs) to the Indian Army.
  - ✓ *They will provide "protected mobility" to soldiers in various terrain, when exposed to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats.*
- Indian Navy's women officers created history after they completed the first-ever all-women independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier 228 aircraft.
- The Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems across the country from July 25 to July 29 during the exercise codenamed Skylight.
- Exercise Pitch Black 2022: India participated in a 17-nation military exercise "Pitch Black 2022" held in Australia. It is Australian Air Force's International Engagement activity with forces participating from a wide range of partner and allied nations.

- A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was held by the Navies of India and Australia from August 15 to 20 in the Indian Ocean near Perth, Australia.
- Ex Udarshakti: Indian Air Force took part in its first ever bilateral exercise with the Royal Malaysian Air Force on August 13 at Kuantan air base of Malaysia.
- Ex Vajra Prahar 2022: The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise was held at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh, from August 8 to 29.
- Ex VINBAX 2022: The 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise was held at Chandimandir army cantonment, Haryana from August 01 to 20.
- Exercise AL NAJAH -IV: The joint military exercise between Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman was held from Aug 1-13 at Mahajan Field Firing Range in Bikaner, Rajasthan.
- A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defence Force and Indian Navy on July 23 in the Andaman Sea.
- India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The Bus has been developed by the international mobility expert KPIT and CSIR in Pune.
- Uttarakhand signed a MoU with Digantara, a space sector start-up, to set-up India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory " in Garhwal region.
  - ✓ *It will be able to track objects as small as 10 cm in size, orbiting the earth and can track military satellites hovering over the region.*
- A team of scientists in Hyderabad developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea. It was transplanted successfully into a rabbit's eye.
- India's first Saline Water Lantern which uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps, was unveiled at Chennai harbour on August 13.
  - ✓ *Named 'Roshni', this unique application of technology uses the sea water as the electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power the LED lamps.*
- ISRO launched a 3D virtual space tech park called SPARK on August 10. The park includes a museum, a theatre, an observatory, life-sized rockets, a lakeside café, children's play area along with all vital information about ISRO.
- German officials have confirmed the launch of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet. It will replace 15 diesel trains.
- Russia has decided to quit the International Space Station (ISS) after 2024. Russia's space agency Roscosmos's newly-appointed chief Yuri Borisov announced the decision to quit ISS.

## JULY

- India's first human carrying platform — a pilot-less drone, 'Varun' made its debut on July 19 in New Delhi. It has a range of 25 kms with a payload of 130 kgs; and around 25-33 minutes of flight time.
- The DRDO & Indian Army successfully flight-tested indigenously developed High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) named 'Abhyas', off the Odisha coast.
  - ✓ *ABHYAS is a drone that will be used as a test target for various missile systems.*
- The submarine, INS Sindhudhvj was decommissioned on July 16 after serving Indian Navy for a period of 35 years.
- The fourth and latest ship of the Indian Navy's 17A Frigates, the Dunagiri, was launched on July 15 into the Hooghly River at the yard of Kolkata's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited.
- The Indian Navy commissioned Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 at INS Dega, Visakhapatnam, with MK III Dhruv helicopters. The squadron has been named as 'Kestrels', after a bird species.
- The DRDO successfully flight tested India's first UAV fighter aircraft, "Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator" from the Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- Indian multi-role stealth frigate INS Satpura and a P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft took part in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercise held at Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, USA.
- ISRO launched 3 Singaporean satellites on June 30 from Sriharikota, onboard rocket PSLV-C53.
- Indian space tech startup Agnikul Cosmos launched on July 13 India's first rocket factory to make 3D-printed rocket engines end-to-end.
- NASA released one of the first images of the early universe taken from the James Webb Space Telescope, on July 12.
  - ✓ *It is the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the galaxy cluster named SMACS 0723 till date, going back 13 billion years.*
- On June 29, NASA launched microwave oven-sized CubeSat to test elliptical lunar orbit as part of CAPSTONE. It weighs just 25 kg.
  - ✓ *CAPSTONE: Cislunar Autonomous Positioning System Technology Operations and Navigation Experiment*
  - ✓ *CubeSats are a class of research spacecraft called nanosatellites*

## JUNE

- The Cabinet Committee on Security approved the Agnipath Scheme on June 14 to recruit 'Agniveers' for the Indian Armed Forces, for a fixed period of four years. Over 46,000 of them will be recruited in 2022.



- Naval warships INS Nishank and INS Akshay were decommissioned on June 3 after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation.
- The Defence Ministry placed order with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad for supply of the indigenously developed Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air to air missiles.
- **INS Gomati:** The Godavari class guided-missile frigate, one of the oldest warships, was decommissioned on May 28 at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai.
- **EX KHAAN QUEST 2022:** A multinational military exercise, with participants from 16 countries including India, was hosted by Mongolia from June 6 to 19.
- **'EX SAMPRITI-X':** A joint military training exercise between India and Bangladesh commenced on June 5 at Jessore military station in Bangladesh.
- **The 38<sup>th</sup> India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Corpat)** between the Indian and Indonesian Navy was held from June 13 to 24, first in the Andaman Sea and later in the Strait of Malacca in Indonesia.
- China launched its third and most advanced, indigenously built aircraft carrier named 'Fujian' on June 17.
- The ISRO successfully launched satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana on June 23. It is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.
- The Uttarakhand Forest Department discovered a rare carnivorous plant – 'Utricularia Furcellata', commonly known as bladderworts, in Mandal valley of Chamoli.
- Scientists have discovered the world's largest known single cell bacteria, first to be visible with the naked eye. Named Thiomargarita Magnifica, it is in the form of white filaments, almost the size of human eyelashes.
- The ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines, in Hisar, Haryana has developed India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals, named "Anocovax".
- A Liquid-Mirror Telescope has been commissioned in India at Devasthal Observatory Campus, Nainital in Uttarakhand. It is the only liquid mirror telescope that is operational anywhere in the world.
- A US-built supercomputer named 'Frontier' dethroned Japan's 'Fugaku' on May 30 as the world's fastest computer that achieved a computing speed of 1.1 Exaflops (EXA Floating point Operations per Second).
- *As per the TOP500 list published by an international conference of computer experts, Frontier has more than double the speed of Fugaku that had achieved a speed of 0.442 Exaflops. (exaflop is 10<sup>18</sup>)*

# INTERNATIONAL

## SEPTEMBER

- Iran signed an MoU to become the ninth full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) during its two-day summit held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on September 15 and 16.

## AUGUST

- For the first time in the history of Bangladesh, women outnumbered men in its total population. 6th population census of Bangladesh recorded 8.33 crore women, 8.17 crore men, and 12,629 hijras in the total population.
- The UN General Assembly adopted a resolution on July 28 that declares access to a "Clean, healthy and sustainable environment" a universal human right.
- On July 23, the WHO Director-General declared the escalating global monkeypox outbreak as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern".
- ✓ *This means that the outbreak is a significant enough threat to global health and needs a coordinated international response is needed.*

## JULY

- The Henley Passport Index released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports 2022. Japan's passport was ranked as the most powerful among 199 countries. India was ranked 87<sup>th</sup>.
- The first virtual summit of the four-nation grouping 'I2U2' (India-Israel; USA-UAE) was hosted by the US President Joe Biden on July 14, during his visit to Israel.
- Kenya and Portugal, co-hosted the 2022 UN Ocean Conference from 27 June to 1 July in Lisbon, Portugal.
  - ✓ *The theme of the Conference was: "Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions."*
- Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London ranked London at the top city for students looking to study abroad, in the list of Best Student Cities for 2023.
- The Global Liveability Index 2022 released by the EIU, London has ranked Vienna (Austria) at first spot. New Delhi was ranked at 112<sup>th</sup> position while Mumbai was ranked at 117<sup>th</sup> position.

## JUNE

- The 48<sup>th</sup> G-7 annual Summit was held on June 26-28 at Schloss Elmau, in Germany's Bavarian Alps, under the Presidency of Germany.

- The 26<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) was hosted by Rwanda on June 24-25 at its capital city, Kigali with the theme 'Delivering a common future: Connecting, innovating, transforming'.
- Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23-24, under the theme of 'Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'.
- The 12<sup>th</sup> World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference was held in Geneva, Switzerland, from June 12 to 15.
- The five countries - Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique and Switzerland, were elected to the UN Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 two year term.
- The New York state legislature, for the first time in the world, passed the law for digital electronics, the "Right to repair" bill.
- *It requires digital electronics product makers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to customers and repair businesses.*
- President Recep Tayyip Erdogan of Turkey announced that his country's name has been changed to "Türkiye", the way it is spelled and pronounced in Turkish.

## PERSONS IN NEWS

### SEPTEMBER

**Gautam Adani:** Business conglomerate Adani Group's chairman pushed Amazon Chief Jeff Bezos to fourth position to rank at third spot in the Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires List as on Sep 25.

- ✓ *His reported net worth was \$143.1 billion, just behind Elon Musk (\$254.6 bn) and Bernard Arnault (\$144.0 bn). Bezos reported a net worth of \$ 137.2 bn.*

**Miss Divita Rai:** The 23-year-old beauty queen from Karnataka won the coveted "Miss Diva Universe 2022" title on August 28 in Mumbai.

### AUGUST

**Roshni Nadar Malhotra:** As per the Kotak Private Banking-Hurun's Leading Wealthy Women list released on July 27, the chairperson of HCL Technologies, was crowned as the wealthiest woman in India with a fortune of ₹84.3 crore in 2021.

### JULY

- **Boris Johnson:** British prime minister announced his resignation on July 7 as Conservative Party leader.

### JUNE

**Ramkrishna Mukkavilli:** Founder MD of Maithri Aquatech, Hyderabad has become the first Indian to be recognised as the Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for water stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC).

**A R Rahman:** Music maestro has been named the ambassador of the British Council's 'India-UK Together Season of Culture'.

**Harini Logan:** The 13-year-old eighth-grader Indian-American from San Antonio, Texas won the Scripps National Spelling Bee 2022 contest in a historic tie-breaker, carrying home prizes and gifts worth more than \$ 50,000.

**HM Queen Elizabeth II:** Britain's Queen became the first royal in Britain to celebrate 70 years, Platinum Jubilee of her reign on June 2.

**Khaby Lame:** The 22-year-old video creator from Senegal has become the most followed person on TikTok, with a whopping 142.4 million followers.

## APPOINTMENTS

### SEPTEMBER

Conservative Party leader and former foreign secretary of the UK, Ms. Liz Truss was sworn-in as 56th prime minister of the United Kingdom on Sep 06. **However, she resigned on Oct 20 and was replaced by Rishi Sunak.**

### AUGUST

**Dr Krishnamurthy Subramanian:** Appointed to the post of Executive Director (India) at the IMF by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He is ex- Chief Economic Adviser of India.

**Dr. Samir V Kamat:** Distinguished materials scientist was appointed Secretary of the Deptt. of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the DRDO.

**Justice Uday Umesh Lalit:** Appointed as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI). He took over from incumbent CJI N V Ramana, wef August 27, 2022 and will demit office on November 9, 2022 on superannuation.

**Vikram Doraiswami:** Senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom.

**Rajesh Verma:** Odisha cadre IAS officer has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu.

**Dr Kalaiselvi N:** Appointed as the first woman Director-General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi.



**Suresh N. Patel:** Sworn in as the Central Vigilance Commissioner on August 03.

**William Ruto:** Won the Presidential election in Kenya.

**Gustavo Petro:** A former member of M-19 guerrilla group, was sworn in as the President of Colombia.

## JULY

**Eknath Shinde:** Elected as the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra on June 30 after Uddhav Thakrey submitted his resignation on June 29.

**Samant Kumar Goel:** Re-appointed as the Chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (RAW), foreign intelligence agency of India, for another year from June 24.

**Dinkar Gupta:** Former Punjab DGP was appointed as the new Chief of National Investigation Agency-NIA.

**Nitin Gupta:** Senior Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer has been appointed as the new Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

**Indermit Gill:** Appointed by the World Bank as its Chief Economist and Senior Vice President for Development Economics, from September 1, 2022.

**Ranil Wickremesinghe:** The six-time Sri Lanka Prime Minister and leader of the main opposition party, United National Party, was elected as the new Sri Lankan President on July 20.

**Dinesh Gunawardena:** Took the oath as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on July 22. He has been appointed by the newly elected President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

**Yair Lapid:** Elected as the 14<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Israel.

**Ferdinand Marcos Jr:** Sworn in as the 17<sup>th</sup> President of the Philippines in Manila on June 30.

**T Raja Kumar:** A senior Indian origin diplomat from Singapore took over as President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris.

## JUNE

**Parameswaran Iyer:** Retired IAS officer has been appointed as the new CEO of Niti Aayog.

**Tapan Kumar Deka:** Senior IPS officer has been appointed Director of Intelligence Bureau, India's domestic internal security and counter-intelligence agency under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Zulfiqar Hasan:** Senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS).

**Sujoy Lal Thaisen:** A 1988 batch IPS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, was appointed as the new Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

**Ms. Ruchira Kamboj:** Senior Diplomat has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations.

**Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai:** Retired judge of the Supreme Court, has been appointed as the chairperson of the Press Council of India.

**Gustavo Petro:** A former 76 guerrilla commando won Colombia's Presidential elections.

**Hamza Abdi Barre:** A former chairman of the Jubbaland state election commission, was appointed as the Prime Minister of Somalia.

**Maj Gen Bajram Begaj:** Albania's Chief of Armed Forces was elected as the President of the country, by its Parliament.

**Csaba Korosi:** Hungarian diplomat has been elected the President of the upcoming 77<sup>th</sup> session of the UN General Assembly.

## AWARDS & HONOURS

### SEPTEMBER

**The 67th Filmfare Awards, 2022**

Best Film (Popular Category): Shershaah

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan for Shershaah

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh for 83

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon for Mimi

Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: Subhash Ghai, noted film producer

**31st Vyas Samman:** Awarded to noted Hindi writer Dr. Asghar Wajahat for his play Mahabali, published in 2019.

**Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur:** The French government conferred the highest French civilian award (Knight of the Legion of Honour) on scientist-industrialist Dr Swati Piramal, Vice-Chairperson of the Piramal Group on Sep 16 in Mumbai.

**Breakthrough Prizes -2023**

Announced on Sep 22 in three categories: fundamental physics, mathematics, and life sciences. At \$3 million each, the prizes are the world's most lucrative monetary awards for achievements in science.

Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences: Awarded to Clifford P. Brangwynne and Anthony A. Hyman; Demis Hassabis and John Jumper; Emmanuel Mignot and Masashi Yanagisawa.

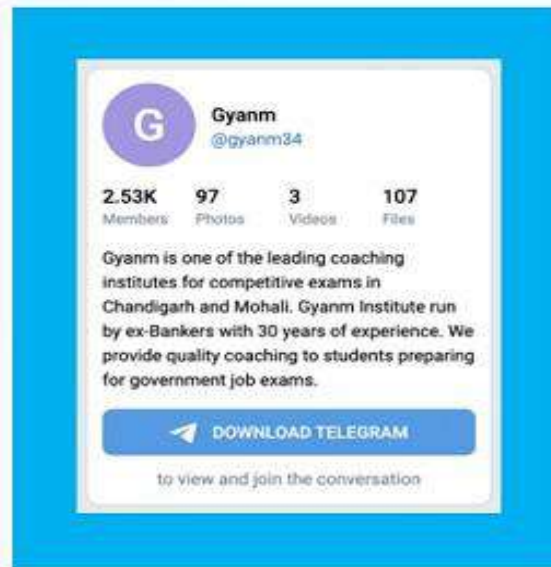
Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics: Awarded to Daniel A. Spielman.

Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics: Awarded to Charles H. Bennett, Gilles Brassard, David Deutsch and Peter Shor.



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**Ramon Magsaysay Awards-2022:** Awarded to four persons on August 31 to honour their path breaking contributions for the welfare of the society. Sothea Chhim, a mental health advocate from Cambodia; Tadashi Hattori, a sight-saving humanitarian from Japan; Gary Benchehib, an anti-pollution (rivers) crusader from Indonesia and Bernadette J. Madrid, a child rights activist from the Philippines

## AUGUST

**Shashi Tharoor:** The French government selected senior Congress leader for conferring France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur upon him for his writings and speeches.

**The University of Hyderabad** has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking.

**UNESCO Peace Prize:** Formally known as "Félix Houphouët-Boigny-UNESCO Peace Prize", conferred upon former German Chancellor Angela Merkel for her support to more than 1.2 million refugees in 2015.

## JULY

### 68<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards

**Overall Best Feature Film:** Soorai Potru, (Tamil) by Sudha Kongara (*Soorai Potru means Praise the Brave*)

**Best Hindi Film:** Toolsidas Junior by Mridul Mahendra

**Best Director:** Sachy for Ayyappanum Koshiyum (Malayalam)

**Best Popular Film:** Tanhaji (Hindi) by Om Raut

**Best Actor:** Suriya for Soorai Potru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji

**Best Actress:** Aparna Balamurali for Soorai Potru

**Most Film Friendly State:** Madhya Pradesh

**Ms. Sini Shetty** from Karnataka was crowned Femina Miss India 2022 winner on July 03 at the Jio Convention Centre in Mumbai.

**Pallavi Singh:** The beauty queen from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh won the Mrs Universe Divine Title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea.

## JUNE

**Golden Conch Award:** The Dutch documentary film "Turn Your Body to the Sun", won the award for the Best Documentary Film at MIFF 2022 (Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation Films).

**Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga:** Awarded to two individuals, Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh and Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil.

**Prince Sultan Bin Abdulaziz International Prize for Water:** Prof. Thalappil Pradeep of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras has been named the 10<sup>th</sup> laureate of this coveted prize.

### IIFA Awards announced in Abu Dhabi on June 4

Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)

Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi)

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Shershaah)

Best Film: Shershaah (Vishnuvardhan)

**Palme d'Or:** Golden Ball Award for the 'Best Film' at the Cannes Film Festival was won by 'Triangle of Sadness' directed by Ruben Ostlund of Sweden.

**2022 L'Oeil d'Or:** 'Best Documentary Award' at the Cannes Film Festival won by Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary, "All That Breathes".

## OBITUARY

## SEPTEMBER

**Raju Srivastava:** Comedy King who made a mark as a stand-up comedian died on Sep 21 after spending more than 40 days in hospital. He was 58.

**Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati:** Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya passed away on Sep 11 at Shridham Jhoteswar Ashram in Narsinghpur in Madhya Pradesh. He was 99 years old.

**Prof. B B Lal:** Veteran archaeologist and a former Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India, from 1968 to 1972, Professor Brij Basi Lal died at his Delhi residence on Sep 10 at the age of 101.

**Cyrus Mistry:** A publicly-shy business tycoon who once headed the Tata Group, died in a ghastly road accident on Sep 04, when he was returning to Mumbai from Ahmedabad.

**Abhijit Sen:** Veteran Economist, a former member of the Planning Commission (2004-14) and Professor at the JNU's Centre for Economics and Planning, passed away in New Delhi on August 29 at the age of 72.

**Queen Elizabeth II:** The longest-serving monarch of the United Kingdom, passed away at her Scottish estate Balmoral on Sep 8, after reigning for 70 years. At 96, she was the world's oldest and longest-serving head of state.

**Mikhail Gorbachev:** Veteran Russian statesman died on August 30 at the age of 91 in Moscow. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990.

✓ He coined two terms, "Glasnost" (openness) allowing freedom of media, and "Perestroika", meaning "restructuring," of the economy and political system.

## AUGUST

**Rakesh Jhunjhunwala:** Veteran stock market investor, popular as the “Big Bull of Dalal Street”, passed away on August 14 in Mumbai. He was 62.

## JULY

**Bhupinder Singh:** Veteran ghazal singer passed away in Mumbai on July 18. 82-year old Singh sang scores of Bollywood numbers in his heavy bass voice.

**Pallonji Mistry:** Head of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, died on June 28 at the age of 93 at his residence in Mumbai. Mistry was the largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with a 18.4 percent holding in the conglomerate. He received the Padma Bhushan in 2016 for his contribution in the field of industry and trade.

**Shinzo Abe:** Former prime minister of Japan, was shot dead on July 8 in the city of Nara in western Japan where he was delivering a speech. He served as prime minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party from 2006 to 2007 and again from 2012 to 2020, becoming the longest-serving prime minister in Japan's history.

## JUNE

**V Krishnamurthy:** Leading technocrat, popularly known as “Father of Indian PSUs”, passed away on June 26 at his Chennai home. He was 97.

*He headed three major PSUs: BHEL, Maruti Udyog and SAIL and was conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Padma Vibhushan for his meritorious services.*

**Prof. Gopi Chand Narang:** One of the most respected Urdu critics, theorists and linguists, passed away on June 15. He was 91.

**KK - Krishnakumar Kunnath:** Popularly known as KK, noted Bollywood singer passed away after a live performance in Kolkata on May 31.

## PLACES IN NEWS

### SEPTEMBER

**Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park:** The zoo in Darjeeling, West Bengal, bagged the top position among the zoos in the country among about 150 zoos across the country.

**Astana:** Name of the capital of Kazakhstan has been changed from Nur Sultan to Astana, its earlier name.

**Typhoon Nanmadol:** One of the biggest storms in recent decades made landfall on the southern island of Kyushu, Japan on Sep 18. The super typhoon destroyed homes, and disrupted transport and businesses.

## AUGUST

**Aurangabad:** City in Maharashtra has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer data from Google to measure the carbon emission sources.

**Padang:** Singapore declared the iconic green site Padang, from where Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose gave the slogan of ‘Delhi Chalo’ in July 1943, as its 75th national monument on August 09.

## JULY

**Burhanpur:** This district of Madhya Pradesh became the first district in the country where all people from each of 254 villages have access to safe drinking water through taps.

**Varanasi:** The holy city will be declared the first “Cultural and Tourism Capital” of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

## JUNE

**Mawsynram:** A small town in the East Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, set a new rainfall record of highest single-day rainfall 1003.6 mm, since 1966, breaking Cherrapunji's record as the wettest place on earth.

**Sir M Visvesvaraya Railway Terminal:** Built on the scale of international airports, the ultra-luxurious railway station in Bengaluru became operational on June 13 with Ernakulam Tri-Weekly Express chugging through the station.

## SPORTS WORLD

### SEPTEMBER

**Vinesh Phogat** became the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships after clinching a bronze in the 53-kilogram category on Sep 14 in Belgrade, Serbia.

**On Sep 18, Bajrang Punia** captured a bronze medal in the men's 65 kg category, becoming the only Indian to have won four medals in wrestling at the international level.

**Neeraj Chopra**, the Indian javelin ace, achieved yet another historic feat on Sep 08 becoming the first Indian to win the gold at the prestigious Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland.

**Devendra Jhaharia**, champion para javelin thrower clinched a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco on Sep 17.

**Pranav Anand and A R Ilamparathi** won titles in the Open under-16 and under-14 categories, respectively, on Sep 16 in the World Youth Chess Championship held in Mamaia in Romania. With this win, Pranav became the 76th Grand Master from India.



**Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram** emerged champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament held in Dubai on September 04.

**Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi** won the 28th Abu Dhabi Masters Chess Tournament on August 25 by defeating Spain's GM David Anton Guijarro with 7.5 points.

**Duleep Trophy:** The West Zone defeated the South Zone on Sep 25 in Coimbatore to win the Duleep Trophy for a record 19<sup>th</sup> time.

**131<sup>st</sup> Durand Cup:** Bengaluru FC defeated Mumbai City FC in the finals played in Kolkata on Sep 18 to win their first Durand Cup Trophy.

**Leh, in UT of Ladakh,** hosted the first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union- Mountain Bike) event in India on Sep 04.

**Star batter Virat Kohli,** after playing the T20 match against Pakistan on August 28 at Dubai, became the first Indian (and second in world) to have played a hundred matches for India in all the three formats, T20, ODI and test, of the game. Virat is second only to Ross Taylor of New Zealand.

**Jhulan Goswami:** Legendary pacer (fast bowler) announced her retirement from the glorious career of cricket on Sep 24, after playing her last international match against England at Lords, London.

✓ *Hurling the ball at 115 to 120 kmph, Jhulan is the fastest woman bowler in the world, earning her the nickname "Chakdaha Express", after her native village near Kolkata.*

**Cricketer Suresh Raina** announced his retirement on Sep 06 from all formats of cricket.

**The mascot and the anthem** for the 36<sup>th</sup> National Games was unveiled on September 04 in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named 'Savaj' which means little lion in Gujarati. The anthem is based on the theme of "*Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat*". The theme of the games is 'Celebrating Unity Through Sports'.

**Dilip Tirkey,** a former India hockey captain and member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games, was unanimously elected as President of Hockey India.

#### INTERNATIONAL

**Eliud Kipchoge,** two-time Olympics champion from Kenya, bettered his own world record in the Berlin Marathon on Sep 25. The 37-year-old runner clocked 2 hours, 1 minute, 9 seconds to shave 30 seconds off his previous best timing.

**Daihatsu Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championship:** Men's and women's singles titles won by Kenta Nishimoto and Akane Yamaguchi, respectively.

**BWF World Championships** concluded in Tokyo on August 28. Viktor Axelsen of Denmark won the men's singles title. Akane Yamaguchi of Japan won the women's singles title.

#### UEFA Player of the Year-2022

Men's winner: Karim Benzema, French striker from FC Real Madrid

Women's winner: Alexia Putellas, Spanish midfielder from FC Barcelona

#### US OPEN CONCLUDES AT NEW YORK

**Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz,** 19, beat Casper Ruud of Norway on Sep 11 to win the Men's Singles title, becoming the youngest world number one.

Women's singles title was won by world number one, Iga Swiatek of Poland by defeating Tunisia's Ons Jabeur.

**15<sup>th</sup> Asia Cup (T20 cricket):** Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 23 runs to lift their 6th Asia Cup title at the Dubai International Stadium on Sep 11.

**SAFF Women's Football Championship:** Bangladesh won a historic victory to lift their maiden title by defeating Nepal in the finals played on Sep 19 at Dashrath Rangasala Stadium in Kathmandu. SAFF: South Asian Football Federation, Dhaka, Bangladesh

**SAFF under-17 Football Championship:** India clinched the title for the fourth time, defeating Nepal 4-0 in the final played on Sep 14 in Colombo.

**Roger Federer, veteran tennis icon** from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41. He played his last match in the Laver Cup (Sep 23-25) in London. He won 20 Grand Slam titles and held the record for most consecutive weeks-237-at No-1 in the ATP Rankings.

## AUGUST

**Neeraj Chopra,** became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Lausanne Diamond League in Switzerland with a best throw of 89.08 metre.

**Linthoi Chanambam,** 15-year-old girl from Manipur, claimed a historic gold on August 26 in the 57 kg category at the World Cadet Judo Championship in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, becoming the first Indian to win a medal in the tournament across any age group.

**R Praggnanandhaa,** Indian chess master, defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen on August 22 in the last round of the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, USA.

**Para shuttlers** Mandeep Kaur, Manisha Ramadass and Nithya Sre, all three won individual gold in their respective categories on August 20 at the Thailand Para Badminton International Tournament in Pattaya.

**Antim Panghal**, 17-year-old Haryana wrestler scripted history on August 19 by becoming the first ever Indian woman wrestler to win a Gold medal in 53 kg category at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship, held in Sofia, Bulgaria.

**Para athlete** javelin thrower Sumit Antil and discus thrower Yogesh Kathuniya created new World Records on August 19 at the 4th Indian Open National Para-Athletics Championships 2022 in Bengaluru.

**V Pranav**, the 16-year-old chess prodigy from Chennai became India's 75th Grand Master on August 07 by winning the Limpedea Open in Baia Mare, Romania.

**Pooja Ojha, the para-canoeing athlete** made history on August 05 by winning India's first ever medal in canoeing at the 2022 ICF Canoe Sprint World Championships in Dartmouth, Canada.

**Suraj Vashishth**, 16-year-old wrestler from Rohtak, Haryana created history on July 27 by becoming the first ever Indian to win Gold in the Greco-Roman U-17 World Wrestling Championship in Rome, Italy.

#### INDIA SECURES 22 GOLD IN C'WEALTH GAMES

The 22nd edition of the Commonwealth Games kicked off with a glitzy opening ceremony on July 28 at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, UK.

- Prince Charles declared open the 22<sup>nd</sup> Commonwealth Games.
- PV Sindhu and Manpreet Singh were India's flag-bearers at the parade of the opening ceremony.
- A 215-member Indian contingent, competed in 15 sporting events.
- More than 5,000 athletes from 72 nations competed for 280 medals.
- The event concluded on 8th of August.
- Australia topped the final standings with 178 medals including 67 gold, 57 silver, 54 bronze.
- India finished fourth in the medals tally with 61 medals comprising 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze.

#### Uzbekistan, Ukraine win Chess Olympiad

The 44<sup>th</sup> FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. The Uzbekistan team won the gold medal in the open section while Armenia and India-2 team won the silver and bronze, respectively.

*In the women's section, Ukraine won the gold, Georgia the silver, while India won the bronze. It was for the first time that the Chess Olympiad was held in India, the place where the game began.*

**SAFF U20 Football Championship:** India trounced Bangladesh 5-2 in the finals played at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. **SAFF:** South Asian Football Federation.

**AIFF - All India Football Federation** declared National captain Sunil Chhetri as AIFF Men's Footballer of the Year, 2021-22 for the seventh time while Manisha Kalyan was picked for her maiden title as the AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year.

**Viswanathan Anand**, Indian chess legend was elected as the Deputy President of FIDE, the world governing body of chess, on August 07.

#### INTERNATIONAL

**Oleksandr Usyk**, 35-year-old former world heavyweight boxing champion from Ukraine beat the current world champion, Britain's Anthony Joshua in a rematch held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on August 21 to retain his WBA, WBO, IBF and IBO world heavyweight boxing belts.

**Kieron Pollard**, former West Indies captain became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket.

**Serena Williams**, American tennis legend, announced her retirement from professional tennis, after playing the forthcoming US Open, starting on August 29. 41-year-old Serena has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most by any player in the open era. She had been ranked world number one by the Women's Tennis Association (WTA) for 319 weeks, consecutively.

**FIDE** - The International Chess Federation, has announced that the 2026 Chess Olympiad shall be hosted by Uzbekistan.

**Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022:** The prestigious Hockey tournament will be held from November 16 to 25 this year in Ipoh, Malaysia.

**Organisers of the Paris Olympics 2024** unveiled the official slogan for the upcoming games as "Games Wide Open". This is the 33rd edition of the Olympics, scheduled to take place from 26 July to 11 August 2024.

#### JULY

**Neeraj Chopra** created history by becoming first Indian to win a Silver medal on July 24 in men's javelin throw event at World Athletics Championships. He also clinched his first-ever Silver medal at the Diamond League meet in Stockholm, Sweden.

**PV Sindhu**, ace Indian shuttler clinched Women's Single title of Singapore Open on July 16.

**Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa** won the Paracin Open 'A' chess tournament 2022 on July 16 in Serbia.

**Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram** emerged winner in the 41st Villa De Benasque International Chess Open in Spain, on July 16.

**Harshada Garud**, just 18 years old, clinched the gold in the women's 45kg category on July 18 at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championship in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

**Alfiya Pathan and Gitika**, India's champion girl boxers won gold medals at the inaugural edition of the Elorda Boxing Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

**Bhagwani Devi**, a 94-year-old sprinter from India, won the gold medal in the 100 m sprint at the World Masters Athletics Championships held in Tampere, Finland, with a timing of 24.74 seconds.

**Ronaldo Singh**, the 20 year old Cycling Champion from Manipur scripted history on June 22 by becoming first Indian to win Silver in the sprint event at the Asian Cycling Championships 2022, held in New Delhi.

**Indian skipper Rohit Sharma** scripted a new world record by becoming the first captain in the history of cricket to win 14 successive T20 Internationals.

**The International Cricket Council** announced that India will host the 2025 ICC Women's ODI World Cup.

Gujarat has been declared as the host for the 36th National Games which will be held from September 27 to October 10 for the first time ever.

## INTERNATIONAL

**Tour de France:** Jonas Vingegaard (of Denmark) claimed his maiden title on July 24 after finishing the 3,328km cross country marathon race at the Champs Elysees, Paris.

**Novak Djokovic** became the first tennis player to win 80 matches at each of the four Grand Slam tennis tournaments with a 1st round win at Wimbledon in London, UK.

### Curtains down for Wimbledon on July 10

**Men's Singles title:** Won by Serbian star Novak Djokovic after beating Australia's Nick Kyrgios

**Women's Singles title:** Won by Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan by defeating Ons Jabeur of Tunisia.

**The World Athletics Championships** were held at US city Eugene from July 15 to 24. USA topped the medal tally with 33 medals, including 13 gold medals.

**Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022** concluded on July 3 at the Axiata Arena, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Viktor Axelsen (Denmark) won the men's singles title while Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand) won the women's singles title.

**Ben Stokes**, England all-rounder and captain of the test team, announced retirement from ODI (One Day International) Cricket on July 18, 2022.

**Eoin Morgan**, England's 2019 ICC World Cup Winning Captain, announced his retirement on June 28 from international cricket.

**The 2028 Summer Olympics** and Paralympic Games will be hosted in July, 2028 in Los Angeles, United States.

**The Olympic Council** of Asia announced that China will host the postponed 19th edition of the Asian Games in September 2023 in Hangzhou.

**The World Athletics Council** decided to award hosting rights for the 2025 World Athletics Championships to Tokyo, the capital city of Japan.

## JUNE

**Navjeet Dhillon**, Indian women's discus thrower, won the gold medal on June 25 with a throw of 56.24 m. at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

**Archers Jyothi Surekha Vennu** and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal in compound mixed team event at the World Cup Stage- 3 in Paris on June 25.

**Saanapathi Gurunaidu**, 16 year old boy from Andhra became the first Indian to win a Gold medal at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico.

**Neeraj Chopra**, Tokyo Olympics gold medalist ace Javelin thrower set a new national record of 89.30 metres at Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland.

**R. Praggnanandhaa**, top-seeded Grand Master won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event on June 10.

**Ranji Trophy:** Madhya Pradesh defeated 41 times champions Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title in the finals played at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on June 25.

**In Hero Asia Cup-2022**, (men's hockey), team India secured the bronze medal on June 01 by routing Japan 1-0 in Jakarta, capital of Indonesia.

**FIH Hockey 5s championship:** India beat Poland 6-4 in the final on June 5 to clinch the inaugural edition of 5s championship in Lausanne, Switzerland.

**Gujarat Titans** led by Hardik Pandya won the IPL Trophy in its 15<sup>th</sup> season on May 29 after a seven-wicket victory over Rajasthan Royals in the final played in Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad.

**The 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021** concluded on June 13. The medal tally was topped by host state Haryana by securing 137 medals that included 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze medals.

**Mithali Raj**, Indian icon of women's cricket, 39 year old veteran cricketer from Hyderabad, announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket.



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## NOVEMBER GK TEST - 01

- The Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought carries a cash award of \_\_\_\_\_ Euros:**  
a. 10,000      b. 33,000  
c. 50,000      d. 75,000  
e. 1,00,000
- The global watchdog FATF, Paris added which country to the list of high-risk countries, externally known as 'Black List' on October 21?**  
a. Myanmar      b. Iraq  
c. North Korea      d. Mexico  
e. Iran
- Who has been re-elected as the chairman of the Indian Banks' Association for a period of one year?**  
a. Bhanu Pratap Sharma  
b. Debasish Panda  
c. N S Vishwanathan  
d. Pradeep K Panja  
e. A K Goel
- Teenager \_\_\_\_\_ Sehrawat, 16, made history on Oct 23 by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain:**  
a. Pawan      b. Aman  
c. Deepak      d. Mukesh  
e. Vijay
- The coveted eco-label "Blue Flag", has been accorded to two new Indian beaches on Oct 26. They are located in which UT/State?**  
a. Puducherry      b. Goa  
c. Kerala      d. Lakshadweep  
e. Tamil Nadu
- Who is the author of the New York Best Seller novel titled "It Starts With Us"?**  
a. John Grisham

- IRDAI announced the launch of an online portal \_\_\_\_\_ as a one-stop platform for all companies selling life and non-life insurance products:**  
a. Samarth      b. Bima Kosh  
c. Bima Sugam      d. InsuBazaar  
e. Bima Bazaar
- Portfolio Management Services (PMS) offered by banks to their customers are subject to regulation by \_\_\_\_\_**  
a. Competition Commission of India (CCI)  
b. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)  
c. Forward Markets Commission (FMC)  
d. Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India - FIMMDA  
e. Reserve Bank of India
- Which of the following is not a organization associated with the UNO?**  
a. ILO      b. AIIB  
c. IAEA      d. WTO  
e. WHO
- Foundation stone of a project for manufacturing the C-295MW aircraft was laid on Oct 30 at Vadodara in Gujarat. What type of aircraft is it?**  
a. Trainer jet      b. Fighter jet  
c. Passenger aircraft  
d. Surveillance aircraft  
e. Transport, Cargo
- Indian Under 21 men's hockey team lifted the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 on Oct 29. Which country hosted this tournament?**  
a. Malaysia      b. Brunei

- A deadly bridge collapse in Gujarat's Morbi city on Oct 30 claimed over 140 lives. The bridge spanned which river?**  
a. Morvi      b. Mahi  
c. Machhu      d. Sabarmati  
e. Tapi
- World's tallest statue of Lord Shiva has been unveiled in Nathdwara town in which state?**  
a. Madhya Pradesh  
b. Gujarat      c. Chhattisgarh  
d. Rajasthan      e. Bihar
- Finals of the 2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup were played on Oct 30 in which city?**  
a. Mumbai      b. Panaji  
c. Bengaluru      d. Navi Mumbai  
e. Bhubaneswar
- Max Verstappen, Red Bull's double world champion, won the Mexico City Grand Prix on Oct 30 to set a new Formula One record of \_\_\_\_\_ victories from a single season:**  
a. 8      b. 10  
c. 12      d. 14  
e. 16
- The union government approved on Oct 28 the establishment of India's first-ever Integrated Aqua Park in which state?**  
a. Arunachal Pradesh  
b. Maharashtra  
c. Kerala      d. Goa  
e. Tamil Nadu
- The term bridge loan refers to:**  
a. Loan given to a bridge company  
b. Loan given for construction of a bridge  
c. Short-term loan given before main loan



- d. Loan given to bridge the gap in term loan  
e. Loan given to meet shortfall of capital
18. What is the number of member countries in the multi-lateral group ASEAN - Association of South East Asian Nations?  
a. 9                      b. 10  
c. 11                    d. 12  
e. 13
19. Mangarh Dham, a small town located in the district Banswara of \_\_\_\_\_, was declared as a 'National Monument' by the Prime Minister Modi on Nov 01:  
a. Gujarat  
b. Maharashtra  
c. Madhya Pradesh  
d. Rajasthan  
e. Chhattisgarh
20. Scotland's Collins Dictionary has named "\_\_\_\_\_" as the "word of the year":  
a. Permacrisis  
b. Partygate  
c. Warm Bank  
d. Carolean  
e. Sportswashing
21. Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to be held from 8th to 10th January next year in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He is President of which country?  
a. Peru                      b. Chile  
c. Guyana                  d. Indonesia  
e. Brunei
22. The EWS reservation is for that section of the 'General' classes (other than OBC, SC/ST) whose annual family income is below Rs. \_\_\_\_ lakhs:  
a. Four                    b. Six  
c. Eight                   d. Ten  
e. No such limit
23. Which country created a new world record for running the world's longest passenger train, measuring 1,910 mts?  
a. Germany              b. France  
c. Switzerland          d. Japan  
e. Australia
24. What is the title of the book for which Shehan Karunatilaka won the 2022 Booker Prize?  
a. The Philosophy of Modern Song  
b. The Boys from Biloxi  
c. Demon Copperhead
- d. The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida  
e. You cannot Win it Alone
25. Which of the following best describes fiscal deficit?  
a. Total income less government borrowing  
b. Total expenditure less total revenues  
c. Total payments less capital receipts  
d. Total expenditure minus total taxes  
e. Total receipts minus total payments
26. These days we hear a lot about "Paraali Burning" in news papers and TV channels. It refers to what?  
a. Burning of trees for land clearance  
b. Burning of plastic waste  
c. Burning of garbage waste  
d. Burning of paddy stubble  
e. Burning of wheat stubble
27. In which state Aibawk, a cluster of 11 villages, became the first cluster to be completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission?  
a. Mizoram              b. Manipur  
c. Jharkhand            d. Meghalaya  
e. Odisha
28. Subhrakant Panda has been elected as the President of which of the following?  
a. CII                      b. FICCI  
c. ASSOCHAM          d. NASSCOM  
e. CAIT
29. India's (also world's) largest Wind Turbine Generator was commissioned in which place in Gujarat, on Nov 3?  
a. Valsad                  b. Morbi  
c. Valsad                  d. Surat  
e. Mundra
30. Government has constituted a committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the country. It will be headed by \_\_\_\_\_:  
a. Dr V Narainsamy  
b. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan  
c. Prof Vinay Kumar  
d. Dr. V K Paul  
e. Rajiv Mahirshi
31. Benjamin Netanyahu has been re-elected as the Prime Minister of Israel for the record \_\_\_\_\_ time:  
a. Second                  b. Fourth  
c. Fifth                    d. Sixth
- e. Third
32. Which university won the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2022 for the most outstanding performance in the field of sports  
a. Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar  
b. Panjab University, Chandigarh  
c. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi  
d. University of Hyderabad  
e. Anna University, Chennai
33. Which of the following is NOT a banking-related term?  
a. SWIFT                  b. CAMELS  
c. TRIPS                  d. CAR  
e. STRIPS
34. The headquarters of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization are in which of the following cities?  
a. Brussels, Belgium  
b. Geneva, Switzerland  
c. Montreal, Canada  
d. New York, USA  
e. Rome, Italy
35. November 08 is observed as the International Day of Radiology. Who is credited with the discovery of X-rays?  
a. Louis Pasteur  
b. Blaise Pascal  
c. Alfred Kastler  
d. Marie Curie  
e. W C Rontgen
36. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Law Commission of India?  
a. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel  
b. Justice Jasti Chelameswar  
c. Justice Rituraj Awasthi  
d. Justice Amitava Roy  
e. Justice R.K. Agrawal
37. The government approved a framework for issuance of the sovereign green bonds on Nov 9 to attract investment in environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects. Which of the following is NOT an eligible project for green bond funding?  
a. Renewable energy  
b. Clean transportation  
c. Rainwater harvesting  
d. Thermal power projects  
e. Pollution prevention
38. India will assume the presidency of the G-20, grouping of the world's 20 largest economies on which date?  
a. December 1, 2022  
b. January 01, 2023



- c. 26th January, 2023  
d. Feb 01, 2023  
e. April 1, 2023
39. Which two countries took the initiative to launch the International Drought Resilience Alliance to accelerate action and help countries to be better prepared for future droughts?  
a. Chile and Spain  
b. France and Italy  
c. Peru and Gambia  
d. Spain and Senegal  
e. UK and Canada
40. Indian Army has launched a single window facility \_\_\_\_\_ Sewa Kendra for welfare and grievances redressal of war widows:  
a. Veerangana b. Veer Naari  
c. Shakti d. Humwatan  
e. Shaheed
41. Which of the following terms is not covered under general insurance?  
a. Marine Insurance  
b. Fire Insurance  
c. Motor Insurance  
d. Health Insurance  
e. Life Insurance
42. Find the miss match pair from the following?  
a. Japan - Tokyo  
b. Kenya - Nairobi  
c. Afghanistan - Kabul  
d. Australia - Sydney  
e. Canada - Ottawa
43. As per the Mother Tongue Survey of India, Hindi is the most widely spoken mother tongue, with 52.8 crore people or 43.6% of the population, declaring it as their mother tongue. Which is the next most common mother tongue language?  
a. Telugu b. Gujarati  
c. Bangla d. Tamil  
e. Malayalam
44. Which city hosted the 2nd Army Commanders' Conference of 2022 from November 7 to 11?  
a. Bengaluru b. New Delhi  
c. Puri d. Gwalior  
e. Gandhinagar
45. Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog launched on Nov 9 the 2nd edition of Atal New India Challenge (ANIC). Which is the target group of ANIC?  
a. New startups  
b. Rural artisans training

- c. Women centric challenges  
d. Green transport options  
e. Innovations in renewable energy
46. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made his first foreign visit after assuming office by visiting which city on Nov 11?  
a. Manila b. Jakarta  
c. Hanoi d. Phnom Penh  
e. Vientiane
47. The government has amended Aadhaar card rules, specifying that supporting documents need to be updated at least once by Aadhaar holders on completion \_\_\_\_\_ years from the enrolment date:  
a. 7 b. 9  
c. 10 d. 12  
e. 15
48. Which of the following is NOT a source of tax revenue collected by the Government of India?  
a. Custom Duty b. GST  
c. Corporate Tax  
d. Income Tax e. Dividends
49. Name the former Chief Election Commissioner who transformed the face of electoral process in the country by introducing the voter id card?  
a. N T Seshan b. T N Seshan  
c. T N Sheshadri d. N T Sheshadri  
e. None of these
50. India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Center (IBDC) was launched on Nov 10 in which city?  
a. Gurugram b. Bhubaneswar  
c. Indore d. Pune  
e. Faridabad

#### NOVEMBER GK TEST - 02

1. Greg Barclay, veteran sports administrator from \_\_\_\_\_ was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Nov 12:  
a. England b. New Zealand  
c. South Africa d. Australia  
e. West Indies
2. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first state in India to launch a uniform gold price in the state, based on the bank rate:  
a. Kerala b. Tamil Nadu  
c. Karnataka d. Andhra Pradesh  
e. Telangana
3. The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held

in Goa from November 20 to 28. Which is the 'Country of Focus' of the festival this year?

- a. Italy b. Japan  
c. France d. Argentina  
e. Poland
4. Khelo India National University Games - 2023-2024 will be hosted by which state?  
a. Karnataka b. Rajasthan  
c. Odisha d. Uttar Pradesh  
e. Assam
5. When a bank returns a cheque unpaid, it is called?  
a. Mutation of cheque  
b. Dishonour of cheque  
c. Cancelling of cheque  
d. Countermanding of cheque  
e. Truncation of cheque
6. Which day is celebrated every year to commemorate the birthday of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first Education Minister of India?  
a. National Education Day  
b. Rashtriya School Divas  
c. Bhartiya Shiksha Divas  
d. National Students Day  
e. Indian Schools Day
7. India joined the newly launched \_\_\_\_\_ Alliance for Climate (MAC) on Nov 8 at the 27th Session of Conference of Parties (COP27) in Sharm-El-Sheikh, Egypt:  
a. Biome b. Forest  
c. Tropical d. Mangrove  
e. Environmental
8. Who scripted history on Nov 10 by becoming the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals?  
a. Rohit sharma b. Virat Kohli  
c. M J Guptil d. Babar Azam  
e. A J Finch
9. Recently formed Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?  
a. Tamil Nadu b. Karnataka  
c. Kerala d. Andhra Pradesh  
e. Telangana
10. Which country has selected Neeraj Chopra, Olympic Gold medalist, as the 'Friendship Ambassador' of the country?  
a. France b. Italy  
c. Japan d. Switzerland  
e. Sweden
11. England won the ICC T-20 World Cup on Nov 13 at Melbourne. Who was named Player of the

- Match as well as Player of the series?**  
a. Babar Azam b. Moeen Ali  
c. Sam Curran d. Ben Stokes  
e. Jos Buttler
- 12. A Non-Performing Asset in banking business means:**  
(I) A fixed asset of bank that is not earning any income  
(II) A deposit that has not been encashed after maturity  
(III) A loan in which interest and/or installments remains unpaid for more than 90 days  
Select the right option:  
a. Only I b. Only II  
c. Only III d. Only II & III  
e. only I & II
- 13. Parliament of which of the following countries is named as 'Shura'?**  
a. Afghanistan b. Pakistan  
c. Bangladesh d. Maldives  
e. Kuwait
- 14. The Health and Finance Ministers of the G-20 group launched a \$1.4 billion fund on November 13 at Bali, Indonesia, for what purpose?**  
a. To reduce carbon footprints  
b. To promote green energy projects  
c. To feed hungry people in poor countries  
d. To tackle the next global pandemic  
e. To handle natural calamities
- 15. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Nov 15 commemorates the birthday of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. He hailed from which tribe?**  
a. Bhil b. Santhal  
c. Birsa d. Gond  
e. Munda
- 16. University Grants Commission has asked higher education institutions to initiate necessary steps to engage professionals and industry experts as "Professors of \_\_\_\_\_" in their institutes to impart holistic and multidisciplinary education:**  
a. Profession b. Expertise  
c. Practice d. Experience  
e. Merit
- 17. Who is the sole winner of the 2022 Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, the highest recognition from the government side in sports?**  
a. P V Sindhu b. Neeraj Chopra  
c. Rohit Sharma d. Savita Punia  
e. Sharath Kamal
- 18. Organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics unveiled the mascots for the games as "Phryges" on Nov 14 at Paris. What do they represent?**  
a. Dancing Doll b. Flying Eagle  
c. Ancient cap d. French hat  
e. Bumble Bee
- 19. Lack of access to financial services is technically known as\_\_\_\_\_:**  
a. Financial inequality  
b. Financial dryness  
c. Financial instability  
d. Financial exclusion ssss  
e. Financial paucity
- 20. Though no date is fixed for the presentation of the Union Budget, it is now-a-days presented generally on \_\_\_\_\_ day of February?**  
a. 5th Day b. 1st Day  
c. 10th Day d. Last Day  
e. Any day of February
- 21. India celebrates Audit Diwas every year on Nov 16. Who is the current Comptroller & Auditor General of India?**  
a. Shashi Kant Bhatia  
b. Amitabh Kant  
c. G C Murmu  
d. V C Pandey  
e. Rajiv Mehrishi
- 22. The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 released on Nov 14 placed India at which spot?**  
a. 8<sup>th</sup> b. 12<sup>th</sup>  
c. 17<sup>th</sup> d. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
e. 29<sup>th</sup>
- 23. ASEAN has agreed in principle to admit East Timor as the group's 11th member on Nov 11. East Timor attained freedom from which country in 2002?**  
a. Malaysia  
b. Papua New Guinea  
c. Australia d. Indonesia  
e. Philippines
- 24. Who has been elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association on Nov 15?**  
a. P V Sindhu b. Savita Punia  
c. Mary Kom d. Sharath Kamal  
e. Bajrang Punia
- 25. NASA launched its most powerful rocket ever built, the 100 metre tall \_\_\_\_\_, on Nov 14:**  
a. Joventis b. Marshello  
c. Artemis d. Pioneer  
e. Orion
- 26. Which of the following is not an Indian credit rating agency?**  
a. ICRA b. CARE  
c. SMERA d. CRISIL  
e. FITCH
- 27. What is the main aim of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003?**  
1. To keep a check on the expenditure of the government  
2. To keep a check on the borrowing powers of the government  
3. To keep a check on the fiscal deficit of the government  
a. Only 1 b. Only 2  
c. Only 1 and 2 d. Only 1 and 3  
e. All of these
- 28. Which of the following gases form 99 percent of total atmospheric gases?**  
a. Nitrogen and Hydrogen  
b. Oxygen and Hydrogen  
c. Nitrogen and Oxygen  
d. Oxygen and Carbon dioxide  
e. None of these
- 29. The annual G-20 Heads of Nations summit held on Nov 15-16 in Bali was which one in series?**  
a. 12<sup>th</sup> b. 14<sup>th</sup>  
c. 17<sup>th</sup> d. 19<sup>th</sup>  
e. 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 30. Who became the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation?**  
a. Mouma das b. Manika Batra  
c. Sharath Kamal d. G Sathiyam  
e. Soumyajit Ghosh
- 31. The government gathered about Rs 3,839 crore by selling its 1.5% stake in which bank?**  
a. Axis Bank b. PNB  
c. SBI d. BoB  
e. None of these
- 32. Which US MNC achieved an unwanted distinction by becoming the world's first public company to lose a trillion dollars in market value?**  
a. Tesla Motors b. Walmart Inc.  
c. Twitter d. Amazon  
e. Meta
- 33. Dr. C V Ananda Bose, the 71-year-old former bureaucrat was appointed Governor of which state on Nov 17?**  
a. Meghalaya b. West Bengal  
c. Odisha d. Karnataka  
e. Uttarakhand

34. What does the letter 'I' denote in the term DICGC as used in the banking sector?  
a. India                      b. Industrial  
c. Infrastructure              d. Insurance              e. Indian
35. Which of the following correctly define the biometric features approved by the government for issuing Aadhar Card?  
a. 10 finger prints and iris scan  
b. Only ten finger prints  
c. Two thumb prints and iris scan  
d. 10 finger prints and eye scan  
e. Five finger prints and eye scan
36. Lance Naik Manju created history by becoming the first woman soldier skydiver from which of the following forces?  
a. Indian Air Force  
b. Paratroopers Regiment  
c. Naval Skyjumpers  
d. Indian Army  
e. National Security Guards
37. To which state government the Asian Development Bank gave in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to bring in 5,000 electric buses?  
a. Andhra Pradesh  
b. Gujarat                      c. Maharashtra  
d. Punjab                      e. Rajasthan
38. India's first-ever private launch of a suborbital rocket was made successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota on Nov 18. What was its name?  
a. Agnikul                      b. Vikram-S  
c. Skyroot                      d. Vyom-I  
e. Dhruva-II
39. The Donyi-Polo Airport was inaugurated on Nov 19 in which state?  
a. Jharkhand                      b. Nagaland  
c. Chhattisgarh                      d. Odisha  
e. Arunachal Pradesh
40. Which of the following is/are a benefit of cheque truncation?  
1) It speeds up the process of collection of cheques resulting in better service to customers  
2) It reduces the scope for clearing-related frauds  
3) It lowers the cost of collection of cheques  
4) It minimizes loss of instruments in transit  
Select the correct option:  
a. Only 1                      b. Only 2  
c. Only 3 and 4                      d. Only 1 and 2  
e. All of the above

41. Under Standup India scheme, every bank branch is required to sanction at least two loans, with preference to SC/ST persons and women entrepreneurs. What is the maximum permissible amount of such loans?  
a. 50 lakh                      b. 1 crore  
c. 2 crore                      d. 25 lakh  
e. 75 lakh
42. What was the central theme of the COP-27 held in Sharm el-Sheikh?  
a. Save Earth: Save Future  
b. Think Green, Think Climate  
c. Climate Change – Now or Never  
d. Delivering for People and the Planet  
e. Act Now to Save the Planet
43. Which country hosted the 15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022 in Daegu from Nov 9 to 19?  
a. South Korea                      b. Laos  
c. Vietnam                      d. Cambodia  
e. Japan
44. Naval Operation Sea Sword 2 was held from Nov 6 to 14 in which area?  
a. Bay of Bengal  
b. Northwest Arabian Sea  
c. Indian Ocean  
d. East of Gulf of Aden  
e. South of Laccadive Sea
45. Of late, White Label ATMs are being installed in India. What is meant by a white label ATM?  
a. ATMs which are set up by non-banking entities.  
b. ATMs which are white in colour.  
c. ATMs which are set up by foreign banks  
d. ATMs which are set up by Reserve Bank of India.  
e. ATMs which are installed by group of bankers
46. Headquarters of the Global Organization "International Solar Alliance" are located in which city?  
a. Gurugram                      b. Noida  
c. Paris                      d. Geneva  
e. Sydney
47. The theme of G20 India 2023 has been selected as "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam". It has been taken from which Upanishad?  
a. Skanda                      b. Savitri  
c. Maha                      d. Garbha  
e. Mudgala
48. Under Marginal Standing Facility, banks can take temporary loan from

- a. Reserve Bank of India  
b. State Bank of India  
c. Indian Banks Association  
d. Union ministry of Finance  
e. All of the above

49. The abbreviation 'NAV' stands for  
a. Nominal Average Value  
b. National Average Value  
c. Net Asset Value  
d. Net Asset Vector  
e. Net Average Value
50. Under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana every account holder gets a free accidental insurance cover of Rs. 2 lakh provided the Rupay Card issued in the account has been used at least once in \_\_\_\_ days?  
a. 30 days                      b. 90 days  
c. 40 days                      d. 60 days  
e. 45 days

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Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	C	2	A	3	E	4	B	5	D
6	B	7	C	8	B	9	B	10	E
11	A	12	C	13	D	14	D	15	D
16	A	17	C	18	B	19	D	20	A
21	C	22	C	23	C	24	D	25	B
26	D	27	A	28	B	29	E	30	B
31	D	32	A	33	C	34	A	35	E
36	C	37	D	38	A	39	D	40	A
41	E	42	D	43	C	44	B	45	C
46	D	47	C	48	E	49	B	50	E

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Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.	Q.	A.
1	B	2	A	3	C	4	D	5	B
6	A	7	D	8	B	9	A	10	D
11	C	12	C	13	A	14	D	15	E
16	C	17	E	18	C	19	D	20	B
21	C	22	A	23	D	24	C	25	C
26	E	27	E	28	C	29	C	30	C
31	A	32	D	33	B	34	D	35	A
36	D	37	C	38	B	39	E	40	E
41	B	42	D	43	A	44	B	45	A
46	A	47	C	48	A	49	C	50	B

Without failure there is no sweetness in success.  
There's no understanding of it.



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1. Which armed force of India conducted exercise "Samanvay 2022" from Nov 28 to 30? **Indian Air Force**
2. Exercise Samanvay was held at which place? **Agra, UP**
3. India celebrates NCC day annually on the 4<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ of November: **Sunday**
4. ISRO launched its PSLV-C54 on Nov 26 to successfully place which satellite in space? **Earth Observation Satellite Oceansat**
5. Oceansat was placed in which kind of orbit? **Sun-synchronous orbit**
6. The Constitution Day on Nov 26 marks the birthday of which great leader? **None**
7. Who was the first Law Minister of the independent India? **Dr. B R Ambedkar**
8. The Rural Development Ministry of India has formed Amarjeet Sinha panel to examine the restructuring of which central mega scheme? **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme**
9. India has invited Egyptian \_\_\_\_ Gen. Abdel Fattah El-Sisi as the Chief Guest at the Republic Day Parade in 2023: **President**
10. National Milk Day on Nov 26 commemorates birth anniversary of "Milkman of India". What was his name? **Dr. Verghese Kurien**
11. World over, which day is observed as World Milk Day? **June 01**
12. The Global Employability University Ranking and Survey report released by the Times Higher Education (THE), London on Nov 24 placed which institution at the top? **Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA**
13. Which Indian institution secured highest ranking in the above ranking? **IIT Delhi, 28<sup>th</sup>**
14. The RBI approved the continuation of the Interest Subvention Scheme for how many more years? **Two, 2022-23 and 24**
15. Farmers will get interest subsidy of \_\_\_\_ % on short term loans up to Rs. \_\_\_\_ lakh: **1.5; Three**
16. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai, handed over Y 12705 Mormugao to Indian Navy on Nov 24. What type of warship is it? **Kolkata class stealth guided missile destroyer**

17. Who has been appointed as the next chief of Pakistan Army on Nov 24 by the prime minister Shahbaz Sharif? **Lt Gen Asim Munir**
18. Which bank has rolled out Face Authentication-based savings bank account opening for customers? **Airtel Payments Bank**
19. Who was voted as the world's most popular leader with an approval rating of 77 percent, as revealed by the Global Leader Approval Ratings? **Sh. Narendra Modi**
20. Which bank launched India's first sticker-based Debit Card- FIRSTAP on Nov 24, in association with the NPCI? **IDFC First Bank**
21. Anwar Ibrahim was sworn in as prime minister of which southeastern country on Nov 24? **Malaysia**
22. Which ministry announced on Nov 23 the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for the year 2021? **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports**
23. Who is the current minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry? **Anurag Thakur**
24. What is the amount of cash award given in the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award? **Rs. 15 lakh**
25. Which company delivered Ferry Craft 'Manjula' to the Indian Navy on Nov 23 in Kolkata? **Shalimar Works Ltd, Kolkata**
26. The fourth edition of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) was held in \_\_\_\_ on Nov 23-25: **New Delhi**
27. \_\_\_\_ pushed China to second place to become the top supplier of fertilisers to India for the first time in the first six months of this fiscal year: **Russia**
28. What was the name of the 8th edition of the India-Indonesia bilateral joint training exercise that kicked off on Nov 21? **Garuda Shakti 2022**
29. Which country hosted the exercise Garuda Shakti 2022? **Indonesia**
30. Which organisation under the Ministry of Culture celebrated World Heritage week all over India from Nov 19 to 25? **Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)**
31. Which Indian state has the highest number, 745, of protected monuments? **Uttar Pradesh**

32.	Which veteran F1 driver announced his retirement from F1 racing, on Nov 20? <b>Sebastian Vettel, Germany</b>
33.	Noted conservationist Purnima Devi Barman was awarded Champions of the Earth 2022 award. She hails from which state? <b>Assam</b>
34.	Ms Barman has been awarded for her devoted efforts to save which bird from extinction? <b>Hargila (Greater Adjutant Stork)</b>
35.	With which country India participated in Naseem Al Bahr-2022 naval exercise? <b>Oman</b>
36.	The union government unveiled on Nov 21 a framework of standards to curb _____ on e-commerce websites: <b>Fake reviews</b>
37.	South Western Command of the Indian Army, conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, "Shatrunash" on Nov 21 in which area? <b>Thar Desert of Rajasthan</b>
38.	Cianjur, a densely populated town in West Java, Indonesia was in news on Nov 21 due to what reason? <b>It was struck by a massive earthquake</b>
39.	John Logie Baird, inventor of Television, hailed from which country? <b>Britain</b>
40.	Which is the central government's flagship programme for promoting fisheries? <b>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana</b>
41.	From which country India took over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI on Nov 21? <b>France</b>
42.	Name the Tamil Nadu batter who create new world record for the highest individual score in men's List A cricket in ODI format on Nov 21 by hammering 277 runs: <b>Narayan Jagadeesan</b>
43.	Universal Children's Day is observed on which day of November? <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
44.	Awaas Diwas on Nov 20 marks the launch of which central rural housing scheme for poor on this day in 2016? <b>Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana - Gramin - PMAY-G</b>
45.	Under PMAY-G, the beneficiaries are allotted a piece of land not less than _____ sq mt: <b>25</b>
46.	Opening ceremony of the FIFA World Cup 2022 was held in which stadium? <b>Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar</b>
47.	Opening match of FIFA World Cup 2022 was played between Qatar and which other country? <b>Ecuador</b>
48.	Who is the current President of FIFA? <b>Gianni Infantino</b>
49.	Headquarters of FIFA are located in which city? <b>Zurich, Switzerland</b>
50.	Which was the opening film at the 53 <sup>rd</sup> IFFI on Nov 20? <b>Alma and Oskar, from Australia</b>
51.	Which veteran actor was honoured as the Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 on the opening day of IFFI? <b>Chiranjeevi</b>

52.	Egypt hosted the 27th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 27) of the UNFCCC in which city? <b>Sharm el-Sheikh</b>
53.	Who represented India at the COP-27? <b>Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister, Bhupender Yadav</b>
54.	The 28th session of the COP will be hosted by the _____ in December 2023: <b>UAE</b>
55.	COP-27 members agreed to provide a "_____" fund for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change: <b>Loss and Damage</b>
56.	Which organisation was given the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development-2021 on Nov 19? <b>Mumbai based NGO Pratham</b>
57.	The Network Readiness Index 2022 report placed India at which spot? <b>61<sup>st</sup></b>
58.	India's first National Centre of Excellence for Green Port & Shipping was launched on Nov 19 by which union ministry? <b>Ministry of Ports, Shipping</b>
59.	Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta, chairman of the _____ Group passed away on Nov 19 at the age of 85: <b>Rasna</b>
60.	Who became the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament on Nov 19 in Bangkok? <b>Manika Batra</b>
61.	Which international day is observed on Nov 19 to celebrate, recognise and appreciate all women entrepreneurs around the world? <b>Women's Entrepreneurship Day</b>
62.	What is the theme selected for this year's World Toilet Day (Nov 19)? <b>Making the Invisible Visible</b>
63.	What is the name of the new greenfield airport that was inaugurated on Nov 19 in Arunachal Pradesh in its capital Itanagar? <b>Donyi-Polo Airport</b>
64.	What does name Donyi-Polo represent locally in Arunachal Pradesh? <b>Sun and Moon</b>
65.	Which country topped the medal tally in the 15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022? <b>India</b>
66.	Which country hosted the 15th Asian Airgun Championship 2022? <b>South Korea</b>
67.	What is the amount of cash award in the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize? <b>US \$ 100,000/-</b>
68.	The 2022 UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize was won by Ms. Franca Ma-ih Sulem Yong. She is from which country? <b>Cameroon</b>
69.	UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Prize for Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence is awarded every two years on which occasion? <b>International Day of Tolerance on November 16</b>

70.	Kassym-Jomart Tokayev has been re-elected as the President of which Central Asian country for a second term? <b>Kazakhstan</b>
71.	What was the name of the India's first-ever private suborbital rocket launched on Nov 18? <b>Vikram-S</b>
72.	Which space startup developed the Vikram-S rocket? <b>Skyroot Aerospace, Telangana</b>
73.	India celebrates Naturopathy Day on Nov 18. Who is the current head of the Ministry of Ayush? <b>Sarbananda Sonowal</b>
74.	What is denoted by letter 'S' in the acronym AYUSH? <b>Siddha</b>
75.	India unveiled the official website of the SCO on Nov 18 for the year 2022-23. What is expansion of SCO? <b>Shanghai Cooperation Organization</b>
76.	What is the theme selected by India for its tenure of SCO for 2022-23? <b>For a SECURE SCO</b>
77.	The Asian Development Bank gave in-principle approval for a \$400-million loan to the _____ government to bring in 5,000 electric buses: <b>Maharashtra</b>
78.	Who won this year's 5th JCB Prize for Literature? <b>Khalid Jawed for his novel The Paradise of Food</b>
79.	The Paradise of Food was written originally in which language? <b>Urdu</b>
80.	What is the cash reward given with the JCB Prize for Literature? <b>Rs 25 lakh</b>
81.	Which district in Uttar Pradesh became number one in the country in giving the maximum number of tap connections in a month (in October)? <b>Shahjahanpur</b>
82.	_____ has been declared as the "Word of the Year 2022" by the Cambridge Dictionary of UK: <b>Homer</b>
83.	What does the word 'Homer' represent? <b>It's an informal American English word for a home run in Baseball</b>
84.	Which is the 'Country of Focus' for the 53rd International Film Festival of India? <b>France</b>
85.	As per a government notification dated November 17, the tenure for the appointment of the MD or ED of a public sector bank has been extended to ____ years: <b>Ten</b>
86.	Name the 71-year-old former bureaucrat who was appointed Governor of West Bengal on Nov 17: <b>Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose</b>
87.	National Press Day on Nov 16 is associated with which apex institution in the field of journalism? <b>Press Council of India</b>
88.	Press is often referred to as _____ pillar of democracy? <b>Fourth</b>
89.	World Press Freedom Day is observed on which date? <b>May 03</b>

90.	NASA launched its most powerful rocket ever built on Nov 16. What was its name? <b>Artemis</b>
91.	Artemis will place which space module in Moon's orbit? <b>Orion</b>
92.	Which UN agency supports the celebration of International Day for Tolerance on Nov 16? <b>UNESCO</b>
93.	India conducted Exercise Yudh Abhyas-22 from Nov 16 with which other country: <b>USA</b>
94.	Military exercise Yudh Abhyas-22 was held at which place? <b>Auli, Uttarakhand</b>
95.	The Group of 20 members held their 17th annual Heads of Nations summit on Nov 15-16 at which place? <b>Bali, Indonesia</b>
96.	What was the theme of this year's G-20 summit? <b>Recover Together, Recover Stronger</b>
97.	Which country was handed over the presidency of G-20 for the year 2022-23? <b>India</b>
98.	International Students Day is observed on ____ of November: <b>17<sup>th</sup></b>
99.	Which mega MNC secured an unwanted distinction by becoming the world's first public company to lose a trillion dollars in market value? <b>Amazon.com.Inc</b>
100.	The government gathered about Rs 3,839 crore by selling its 1.5% stake in which private bank? <b>Axis Bank</b>
101.	Who became the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)? <b>Achanta Sharath Kamal</b>
102.	India observes which special day on Nov 16 to mark the historic origins of the institution of CAG (Comptroller & Auditor General)? <b>Audit Diwas</b>
103.	Who is the current CAG of India? <b>Sh. Girish Chandra Murmu</b>
104.	World COPD Day is celebrated on the third Wednesday of November (16). What is full form of COPD? <b>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</b>
105.	Who has been elected as the Chairperson of the Athletes Commission of the Indian Olympic Association on Nov 15? <b>Mary Kom</b>
106.	On Nov 15, the UN population clock flashed which landmark figure? <b>8 billion</b>
107.	The four member countries of the "Quad" conducted the 26th edition of _____ exercise off Yokosuka in Japan from Nov 8 to 15: <b>Malabar</b>
108.	Lance Naik Manju created history by becoming the first woman soldier _____ of the Indian Army: <b>Skydiver</b>
109.	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on Nov 15 marks the birthday of which legendary tribal hero? <b>Birsa Munda</b>
110.	Birsa Munda hailed from which tribe? <b>Munda, from Jharkhand</b>



<b>111.</b>	What was the name of the 3rd Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise conducted by the Indian Navy on Nov 15-16? <b>Sea Vigil-22</b>
<b>112.</b>	Sea Vigil-22 was conducted in which area? <b>Along entire Indian coast</b>
<b>113.</b>	The Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2023 released on Nov 14, placed India at which spot? <b>8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>114.</b>	Operation "Sea Sword 2" of the Combined Maritime Forces was held in which area from Nov 06 to 14? <b>Northwest Arabian Sea</b>
<b>115.</b>	Who is the sole winner of Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, 2022? <b>Sharath Kamal Achanta</b>
<b>116.</b>	Sharath Kamal Achanta is a top-rated player of which sport? <b>Table Tennis</b>
<b>117.</b>	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar won which national trophy for its overall best performance in sports? <b>Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2022</b>
<b>118.</b>	Which country secured top position in the CCPI 2023? <b>Denmark</b>
<b>119.</b>	What is the full form of CCPI: <b>Climate Change Performance Index</b>
<b>120.</b>	Which state government plans to set up first of its kind Green Hydrogen (KGH2) Hub? <b>Kerala</b>
<b>121.</b>	World Diabetes Day on Nov 14 marks the birthday of which great scientist associated with discovery of Insulin? <b>Sir Frederick Banting</b>
<b>122.</b>	Organisers of the 2024 Paris Olympics and Paralympics unveiled the mascots for the games on Nov 14 at Paris. What is its name? <b>Phryges</b>
<b>123.</b>	Phryges has been designed after which item? <b>Ancient red conical cap</b>
<b>124.</b>	India celebrates Children's Day on Nov 14. When does the world celebrate 'Children's Day'? <b>Nov 20</b>
<b>125.</b>	Which city hosted the finals of the ICC T-20 World Cup on Nov 13? <b>Melbourne, Australia</b>
<b>126.</b>	England defeated which country to lift ICC T-20 World Cup? <b>Pakistan</b>
<b>127.</b>	Which player won both, Player of the Match as well as Player of the Series title in the ICC T-20 World Cup? <b>Sam Curran, of England</b>
<b>128.</b>	Natasia Pirc Musar was elected as the first female President of which country? <b>Slovenia</b>
<b>129.</b>	The Health and Finance Ministers of the G-20 group launched a \$1.4 billion Fund on November 13 for what purpose? <b>To tackle the next global pandemic</b>
<b>130.</b>	Who has been re-elected as Chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) on Nov 12 for a second two-year term? <b>Greg Barclay</b>
<b>131.</b>	Where in world are the headquarters of the ICC? <b>Dubai, UAE</b>

<b>132.</b>	What was the name of the bilateral exercise conducted by the Indian and the French Air Forces in Jodhpur, Rajasthan? <b>Garuda VII</b>
<b>133.</b>	India celebrates November 12 as the Public Service Broadcasting Day. Which is the apex holding organisation for All India Radio and Door Darshan? <b>Prasar Bharati</b>
<b>134.</b>	What is the theme of this year's World Pneumonia Day observed on Nov 12? <b>Pneumonia Affects Everyone</b>
<b>135.</b>	Switzerland Tourism has appointed which Indian Olympian as the 'Friendship Ambassador' of the country? <b>Neeraj Chopra</b>
<b>136.</b>	ASEAN agreed in principle to admit which country as the group's 11th member, on Nov 11? <b>East Timor</b>
<b>137.</b>	East Timor attained freedom from which country in 2002? <b>Indonesia</b>
<b>138.</b>	National Education Day on Nov 11 marks the birthday of which great freedom fighter? <b>Maulana Abul Kalam Azad</b>
<b>139.</b>	Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar made his first foreign visit on Nov 11, after assuming office, to which country? <b>Cambodia</b>
<b>140.</b>	Sh Dhankhar visited Cambodia for what purpose? <b>To attend 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit and 17<sup>th</sup> East Asia Summit</b>
<b>141.</b>	Permanent secretariate of ASEAN is located in which city? <b>Jakarta, Indonesia</b>
<b>142.</b>	India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Centre (IBDC) was launched on Nov 10 in which city? <b>Faridabad, Haryana</b>
<b>143.</b>	_____ has become the first state in India to launch a uniform gold price in the state, based on the bank rate: <b>Kerala</b>
<b>144.</b>	As per the amended Aadhaar rules, supporting documents need to be updated at least once on completion ____years from the enrolment date: <b>Ten</b>
<b>145.</b>	UGC asked higher education institutions to engage professionals and industry experts as "Professors of _____": <b>Practice</b>
<b>146.</b>	In which state Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary has been established recently? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>
<b>147.</b>	Which batter scripted history on Nov 10 by becoming the first batter in history to reach 4000 runs in T20 Internationals? <b>Virat Kohli</b>
<b>148.</b>	World Usability Day, also known as 'Make Things Easier' Day, is observed on the second ____of November: <b>Thursday</b>
<b>149.</b>	National Legal Services Day on Nov 9 marks the enactment of which law? <b>Legal Services Authorities Act,1987</b>
<b>150.</b>	Government has mandated private TV channels in India, for the first time ever, to run 30-minute

daily programmes on which issue? <b>National importance and social relevance</b>
<b>151.</b> Which outfit of NITI Aayog launched the Women centric challenges on Nov 9 under the 2 <sup>nd</sup> edition of Atal New India Challenge? <b>Atal Innovation Mission</b>
<b>152.</b> The government approved a framework for issuance of the sovereign green bonds on Nov 9 to attract investment in which type of projects? <b>Environmentally sustainable and climate-suitable projects</b>
<b>153.</b> Indian Army has launched a single window facility - Veerangana Sewa Kendra for welfare and grievances redressal of ____: <b>War widows</b>
<b>154.</b> For the first time ever, researchers in which country have successfully transfused blood grown in a lab from adult stem cells, into two people? <b>Britain</b>
<b>155.</b> As per the Mother Tongue Survey of India, which is the second most spoken mother tongue language in India, after Hindi? <b>Bengali</b>
<b>156.</b> Praveen Hooda, Lovlina Borgohain, Saweety Boora, and Alfiya Pathan are noted sportswomen from which field? <b>Boxing</b>
<b>157.</b> India joined the newly launched ____ Alliance for Climate on Nov 8 at the 27th Session of COP27? <b>Mangrove</b>
<b>158.</b> Mangrove forests can capture vast amounts of which gas from the atmosphere? <b>Carbon-di-Oxide</b>
<b>159.</b> India's logo, theme and website for its presidency of the G20 was unveiled on Nov 8. It depicts ____ sitting over a ____ flower: <b>Earth; Lotus</b>
<b>160.</b> The logo depicts which Vedic phrase to convey the theme of the G20 India 2023? <b>'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'</b>
<b>161.</b> The phrase 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' has been taken from which Upanishad? <b>Maha Upanishad</b>
<b>162.</b> India will assume the presidency of the G-20 from which date? <b>December 1, 2022</b>
<b>163.</b> India will host the G-20 leaders' summit in ____ on ____ 9-10 in 2023: <b>New Delhi; September</b>
<b>164.</b> Which international day on Nov 8 aims at promoting the role of planning in creating liveable urban communities? <b>World Town Planning Day</b>
<b>165.</b> International Day of Radiology is observed on Nov 8. What does letter X denotes in X-ray? <b>Nothing specific</b>
<b>166.</b> Who is credited with the discovery of X-rays? <b>Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen, German Scientist</b>
<b>167.</b> An Army Commanders' Conference was held in ____ from Nov 7 to 11 to brainstorm on current

and emerging security and administrative challenges for the Indian Army: <b>New Delhi</b>
<b>168.</b> Which state has been given the hosting rights for the Khelo India National University Games - 2023-2024? <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
<b>169.</b> Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Law Commission of India? <b>Justice Rituraj Awasthi (retd.)</b>
<b>170.</b> The first Law Commission of independent India was established in ____ for a three-year term: <b>1955</b>
<b>171.</b> India celebrates National Cancer Awareness Day on Nov 7. This happens to be the birthday of which great scientist associated with cancer treatment? <b>Ms. Marie Curie</b>
<b>172.</b> Marie Curie was awarded second Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911 for discovery of which two elements? <b>Polonium and Radium</b>
<b>173.</b> Leaders from over 25 countries and 20 organisations launched the International ____ Resilience Alliance on Nov 7 at COP 27: <b>Drought</b>
<b>174.</b> A majority of a five-judge bench (3:2) of the Supreme Court on Nov 7 upheld the validity of the ____ Amendment of the Constitution which provides 10% reservation for EWS: <b>103rd</b>
<b>175.</b> Mohammad Tayyab Ikram from Macau has been elected as the new President of which apex world sports body? <b>International Hockey Federation, FIH</b>
<b>176.</b> FIH is based in which place? <b>Lausanne, Switzerland</b>
<b>177.</b> Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass, paralympic ____ champions won their respective gold medals on Nov 6 at an international event: <b>Badminton</b>
<b>178.</b> The 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo was held in ____ from Nov 4 to 6: <b>Kochi, Kerala</b>
<b>179.</b> Who became the first Indian player on Nov 6 to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year? <b>Suryakumar Yadav</b>
<b>180.</b> Which specialised UN agency supports the celebration of the World Tsunami Awareness Day on Nov 5? <b>UN Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)</b>
<b>181.</b> Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is associated with which sports? <b>Cricket</b>
<b>182.</b> This trophy is played in which format? <b>T20</b>
<b>183.</b> Which team lifted the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 Trophy on Nov 5? <b>Mumbai</b>
<b>184.</b> Saurav Ghoshal and Ramit Tandon won their first-ever team gold in ____ on Nov 4 at the Asian ____ Team Championships: <b>Squash, Squash</b>
<b>185.</b> Aibawk, a cluster of 11 villages, in the Aizawl district of ____, became the first cluster to be

completed under the Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission: <b>Mizoram</b>
186. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are the noted player of which sports? <b>Badminton</b>
187. ADB approved a \$ 350 million loan on Nov 4 to improve the road connectivity of key economic centres in which state? <b>Maharashtra</b>
188. India's (also world's) largest Wind Turbine Generator was commissioned in _____, Gujarat, on Nov 3: <b>Mundra</b>
189. Which city in Gujarat became the second Indian city to issue a municipal bond on Nov 3? <b>Vadodara</b>
190. Which was the first Indian city to issue such a bond in 2017? <b>Pune</b>
191. Which Indian spiritual Guru has been honoured with the Gandhi Peace Pilgrimage Award: <b>Sri Sri Ravishankar</b>
192. Sri Sri Ravishankar is the founder of which spiritual movement/ setup? <b>Art of Living</b>
193. What is the name of the unique index for evidence-based comprehensive analysis of school education systems across States and UTs, released on Nov 3? <b>Performance Grading Index, PGI</b>
194. The PGI placed how many states in the top bracket L1, for scoring above 950 marks? <b>None</b>
195. Which country created a new world record for running the world's longest passenger train, measuring 1,910 metres? <b>Switzerland</b>
196. Subhrakant Panda has been elected as the President of which national level industry organisation on Nov 2? <b>FICCI</b>
197. What is the full form of the acronym FICCI? <b>Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry</b>
198. DRDO conducted a successful maiden flight-test of Phase-II Ballistic Missile Defence, _____ AD-1 missile on Nov 02: <b>Interceptor</b>
199. Name the renowned women's rights activist and the founder of SEWA, who died in Ahmedabad on Nov 2: <b>Ela Bhatt</b>
200. What is the expansion of the acronym SEWA? <b>Self Employed Women's Association</b>
201. Naval ships of which country participated in the Exercise Indo-Pacific Endeavour, from Oct 30 to Nov 2? <b>Australia</b>
202. Exercise Indo-Pacific Endeavour was held in which place? <b>In Bay of Bengal, near Visakhapatnam</b>
203. Which Indian cricketer became the world's no. one T20I batter on Nov 2? <b>Suryakumar Yadav</b>
204. Scotland's Collins Dictionary has named "_____" as the "word of the year": <b>Permacrisis</b>

205. The EPFO on November 1, placed which state/UT at top for highest coverage under EPFO of their working population? <b>Delhi</b>
206. EPFO is a statutory body under which union ministry? <b>Ministry of Labour and Employment</b>
207. Name the small town located in the district Banswara of Rajasthan, on the Gujarat-Rajasthan border, that was declared as a 'National Monument' on Nov 01: <b>Mangarh Dham</b>
208. World Vegan Day is observed on which day of November? <b>First</b>
209. The RBI launched the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) or Digital Rupee on Nov 01 in the _____ segment on pilot basis: <b>Wholesale</b>
210. RBI has identified how many banks for participation in the Digital Rupee's wholesale pilot project? <b>Nine</b>
211. Benjamin Netanyahu, 73 year old Chief of right-wing Likud Party, became the Prime Minister of which country for a record 6th term? <b>Israel</b>
212. The Income Tax Department launched the HARIT Aaykar initiative for what purpose? <b>To increase greenery and develop micro forests</b>
213. What is the full form of the acronym HARIT? <b>Hariyali Achievement Resolution by Income Tax</b>
214. Government has constituted _____committee for strengthening the assessment and accreditation of Higher Educational Institutions in the country: <b>Dr. K. Radhakrishnan</b>
215. The "Union Home Minister's Special Operation Medal" for the year 2022 were announced on Oct 31 for how many Special Operations? <b>Four</b>
216. The immensely popular Chhath Puja concluded on the early morning of Oct 31 with devotees offering prayers to which deity? <b>The rising Sun</b>
217. As per the Hindu Puranas, who is 'Chhathi Maiyaa', the main deity for Chhath Puja? <b>Sister of Sun God</b>
218. Which F1 driver set a new Formula One record on Oct 30, of <b>15</b> victories from a single season? <b>Max Verstappen</b>
219. What is the name of the MoU signed by the AIFF, Ministry for Education and the FIFA on October 30, to broad base football across various schools in the country? <b>Football4Schools</b>
220. The French government's highest civilian honour, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des was awarded to Aruna Sairam, a veteran _____ : <b>Carnatic vocalist</b>
221. The International Union of Geological Sciences of UNESCO has recognised the Mawmluh Cave as one of the first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites. It is in which state? <b>Meghalaya</b>
222. Which team won the 2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup on Oct 30? <b>Spain</b>



223.	Which Indian city hosted the finals of 2022 U-17 Women's World (Football) Cup? <b>Navi Mumbai</b>
224.	Government has invited Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali to be the chief guest at which major event in India? <b>17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention</b>
225.	Dr. Ali is the President of which country? <b>Guyana</b>
226.	What is the theme of 2023 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas? <b>Diaspora: Reliable Partners for India's Progress in Amrit Kaal</b>
227.	Government approved the creation of a fourth tiger reserve by the name "Ranipur Tiger Reserve" in which state? <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
228.	_____ J Irani, the former MD of Tata Steel, who was also famously known as the 'Steel Man of India' passed away on October 31: <b>Jamshed</b>
229.	The Indian Navy hosted the 29th edition of the Singapore-India maritime bilateral exercise from October 26 to 30 in Bay of Bengal, near which place? <b>Visakhapatnam</b>
230.	The foundation stone of a C-295MW military aircraft manufacturing project for the Indian Air Force (IAF) was laid at _____ in Gujarat on the 30th October: <b>Vadodara</b>
231.	What type of aircraft is C-295MW? <b>Transport, Cargo</b>
232.	A consortium of European major Airbus and Indian conglomerate _____ will jointly make this aircraft in India: <b>Tata</b>
233.	More than 140 people lost their lives and several others were injured after a century-old suspension bridge on the Machhu river in Gujarat's _____ collapsed on Oct 30: <b>Morbi</b>
234.	Indian junior men's hockey team defeated which country to lift the Sultan of Johor Cup on Oct 29? <b>Australia</b>
235.	Which country is the permanent host of the Sultan of Johor Cup? <b>Malaysia</b>
236.	In which city at least 151 people were killed and 82 others were injured, mostly young, in a deadly stampede on Oct 29 during Halloween celebrations? <b>Seoul, South Korea</b>
237.	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been elected as the new President of which South American country? <b>Brazil</b>
238.	The union government approved on Oct 28 the establishment of India's first-ever Integrated Aqua Park at Tarin in which state? <b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>
239.	The aqua park is to be set up under which fisheries promotion scheme of central government? <b>Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana</b>
240.	The first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise, was held in the

	Indian Ocean, near Dar Es Salaam on Oct 27 -29. It is in which country? <b>Tanzania</b>
241.	World's tallest (369-foot) statue of Lord Shiva, was unveiled in Nathdwara town, in which state? <b>Rajasthan</b>
242.	In a historic move, the BCCI announced on Oct 27 to pay equal match fee to both men and women cricket players of India. Who is the current President of BCCI? <b>Roger Binny</b>
243.	The inaugural QS World University Rankings: Sustainability gave highest ranking to which Indian university among Indians? <b>IIT Bombay</b>
244.	In the above rankings released on Oct 26, which university was placed at the top? <b>University of California</b>
245.	Government gave its nod on Oct 21 to the establishment of the Terai Elephant Reserve in which state? <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
246.	IRDAI recently announced the launch of _____, a common online marketplace for all companies selling life and non-life insurance: <b>Bima Sugam</b>
247.	Among four promoters of Bima Sugam, _____ will hold largest share of 35%: <b>Public sector Banks</b>
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248.	Which international day on Oct 31 aims to work for planned and sustainable urban life in the wake of rapid growth of urbanization? <b>World Cities Day</b>
249.	Which national day is observed on Oct 31 to celebrate the birthday of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel? <b>Rashtriya Ekta Diwas</b>
250.	A 3,65,000 tonnes per annum green hydrogen and green ammonia plant is being set up which district of Rajasthan? <b>Kota</b>
251.	_____ of China won the men's singles title at the 2022 Denmark Open: <b>Shi Yuqi</b>
252.	The coveted International eco-label "Blue Flag", has been accorded to India's two new beaches on Oct 26. They are from which area? <b>Lakshadweep</b>
253.	Who is the author of the book titled "The Philosophy of Modern Song"? <b>Bob Dylan, Literature Nobel laureate</b>
254.	Which Indian has been elected as the first woman Chairperson of the International Civil Aviation Organisation's Aviation Security Committee? <b>Shelfali Juneja</b>
255.	"It Starts With Us" is popular novel on the New York Best Sellers list. Who is its author? <b>Colleen Hoover</b>
256.	India celebrates Infantry Day on Oct 27 to mark which event? <b>First operation by Indian Infantry in 1947 against Pakistani invaders</b>
257.	Rishi Sunak scripted history on Oct 25 by becoming first British Prime Minister of Indian

origin. He had resigned from which important office in July 2022? <b>Chancellor of Exchequer</b>
258. Which strong cyclone devastated southern Bangladesh on Oct 24-25? <b>Sitrang</b>
259. Which day of October is observed as the World Polio Day? <b>24<sup>th</sup></b>
260. In which year India was declared "Polio Free" by the WHO? <b>2014</b>
261. Which international day is observed on Oct 24 to mark the establishment of UNO? <b>The United Nations Day</b>
262. The UNO was established in which year? <b>1945</b>
263. As per recent data, which country emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh? <b>The Netherlands</b>
264. Which national day is observed on the occasion of Dhanwantari Jayanti (Dhanteras) every year since 2016? <b>National Ayurveda Day</b>
265. Lord Dhanwantari is regarded as the ____ of the Gods: <b>Physician</b>
266. Teenager ____ Sehrawat, 16, made history on Oct 23 by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain: <b>Aman</b>
267. Holy city of Ayodhya created a new world record on Oct 23 by lighting the most diyas (earthen lamps), over 15 lakh, on the banks of which river? <b>River Saryu</b>
268. ISRO launched 36 satellites on Oct 23 of which London-based internet company? <b>OneWeb</b>
269. These 36 satellites would be used for what purpose? <b>Broadband communication</b>
270. Mole Day on Oct 23 is associated with which discipline of science? <b>Chemistry</b>
271. Who is credited with the discovery of Mole or Avogadro's number? <b>Amedeo Avogadro (1776-1856)</b>
272. A mole represents ____, number of particles present in a single mole of a substance: <b><math>6.022 \times 10^{23}</math></b>
273. International Snow Leopard Day is celebrated on which date? <b>October 23</b>
274. Snow Leopard is the state animal of which UT / State? <b>Ladakh / Himachal</b>
275. Which place is known as the Snow Leopard capital of the world? <b>Ladakh</b>
276. October 22 is observed as the International ____ Awareness Day: <b>Stuttering (stammering)</b>
277. India successfully test-fired which indigenously-developed new generation medium-range ballistic missile on Oct 21 from the Odisha coast? <b>Agni Prime</b>
278. What is the official mascot of next year's FIFA Women's World Cup? <b>Tazuni</b>

279. Which two countries are the host for the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023? <b>Australia and New Zealand</b>
280. Tazuni has been designed after which animal? <b>Penguin</b>
281. Chinese President Xi Jinping, is also the ____ of China's ruling party, Chinese Communist Party-CPC: <b>General Secretary</b>
282. Xi Jinping has now been allowed to carry on as China's President for another ____ years: <b>Five</b>
283. The Global watchdog Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Paris added which country to the 'Black List' on Oct 21? <b>Myanmar</b>
284. Which is the capital of Myanmar? <b>NayPieDaw</b>
285. FATF removed which country from the Black List on Oct 21? <b>Pakistan</b>
286. In a landmark decision, ____ imposed a ban on sale, purchase or transfer of handguns, wef Oct 21: <b>Canada</b>
287. Police Commemoration Day observed on Oct 21 is associated with which armed police force of India? <b>CRPF, Central Reserve Police Force</b>
288. Who has been re-elected as the Chairman of the Indian Banks' Association? <b>A K Goel</b>
289. A K Goel is the current MD & CEO of which bank? <b>Punjab National Bank</b>
290. Which day of October is observed as the World Statistics Day: <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
291. India celebrates "National Statistics Day" on which date? <b>June 29</b>
292. ____ is a condition where bones become less dense and they lose their strength: <b>Osteoporosis</b>
293. Which day of October is observed as World Osteoporosis Day? <b>20<sup>th</sup></b>
294. Which day is observed on Oct 20 to honour the Armed Forces who displayed exemplary valour in the Sino- Indo war against China? <b>National Solidarity Day</b>
295. The 5 <sup>th</sup> Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in ____, from 31st January to 11th February, next year: <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
296. UN Secretary-General ____Guterres arrived in India on a three-day official visit from Oct 18 to 20: <b>Antonio</b>
297. Mr. Guterres started his India visit from which city? <b>Mumbai</b>
298. The Central government transferred the Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) jurisdictions of all applications involving debt amounts of ₹100 crores and above to the DRTs at which three centres? <b>Delhi, Mumbai and Chennai</b>
299. DRTs are the special tribunals set up for speedy disposal of recovery cases of banks and FIs involving Rs. ____ lakh or more: <b>Twenty</b>

300.	Who was the top philanthropist as per the EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List? <b>Shiv Nadar</b>
301.	Shiv Nadar is associated with which corporate? <b>HCL Technologies</b>
302.	Sajan Bhanwal became the first-ever Indian _____ wrestler on Oct 19 to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship: <b>Greco-Roman</b>
303.	On October 19, Mallikarjun Kharge became the first non-Gandhi Congress President in 24 years. He comes from which state? <b>Karnataka</b>
304.	What is the formal official name of the Congress party? <b>Indian National Congress</b>
305.	Which top IIT won the National Intellectual Property Award for 2021 and 2022? <b>IIT Madras</b>
306.	The Competition Commission of India (CCI) imposed a penalty of over 1,337 crore rupees on which tech giant for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets? <b>Google</b>
307.	The Government on October 18 approved an increase in Rabi Crops MSP. MSP is increased in line with the recommendations of _____ Commission: <b>M S Swaminathan</b>
308.	MSP of wheat has been increased by Rs. 110 to Rs. _____ per quintal: <b>2125</b>
309.	Which lentil enjoys the highest MSP of Rs. 6,000 per quintal? <b>Masur</b>
310.	Who has been elected the 36th president of the BCCI on October 18? <b>Roger Binny</b>
311.	Which city hosted the 90th Interpol General Assembly from Oct 18 to 21? <b>New Delhi</b>
312.	What is the full form of INTERPOL? <b>International Criminal Police Organisation</b>
313.	Interpol is based in _____, France: <b>Lyon</b>
314.	The Defence Ministry organised the 12th edition of the prestigious Biennial Defence Exhibition - DefExpo 2022 in which city? <b>Gandhinagar, Gujarat</b>
315.	What was the theme of the DefExpo 2022? <b>Path to Pride</b>
316.	Which union minister has been elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA)? <b>R K Singh</b>
317.	Mr. R K Singh heads which union ministry? <b>Power and New and Renewable Energy</b>
318.	Headquarters of International Solar Alliance are situated in which city? <b>Gurugram, Haryana</b>
319.	The prestigious Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought is given by which organisation? <b>European Parliament</b>
320.	European Parliament awarded the Sakharov Prize to _____ : <b>People of Ukraine for bravely facing Russian aggression</b>
321.	In the world's first-ever global study on the rise of centi-millionaires, India was ranked at which spot? <b>Third</b>

322.	Which two countries participated in the Tiger Triumph 2022 HADR exercise held from Oct 18 to 20? <b>India and USA</b>
323.	What is the expansion of HADR? <b>Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief</b>
324.	Tiger Triumph 2022 exercise was held at which place? <b>Visakhapatnam</b>
325.	The BCCI in its AGM held on Oct 18, gave green signal to conduct which new tournament? <b>Women's Indian Premier League</b>
326.	India was ranked _____ out of 44 countries in the Mercer CFA Global Pension Index released on Oct 18: <b>41<sup>st</sup></b>
327.	Which country topped the Pension Index? <b>Iceland</b>
328.	According to a TRAI report released on Oct 18, _____ toppled BSNL in August to become the largest fixed-line service provider in the country: <b>Reliance Jio</b>
329.	The "Freedom on the Net " report released on Oct 18 placed which country at the top spot? <b>Iceland</b>
330.	More than 600 Pradhan Mantri Kisan _____ Kendra across India were inaugurated virtually on Oct 17 by Prime Minister Modi: <b>Samruddhi</b>
331.	Who won the men's Ballon d'Or, top French Football prize on October 17? <b>Karim Benzema</b>
332.	Karim Benzema hails from which country? <b>France</b>
333.	Alexia Putellas became the first woman to win back-to-back Ballon d'Or trophies. She plays for which Football Club? <b>FC Barcelona</b>
334.	Alexia Putellas hails from which country? <b>Spain</b>
335.	Which international day on Oct 17 aims to emphasise saving lives during accidents and ensure safety in emergency situations? <b>World Trauma Day</b>
336.	Which global organisation released the new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) on October 17? <b>United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</b>
337.	What is the theme of this year's International Poverty Eradication Day? <b>Dignity For All in Practice</b>
338.	Sri Lankan author _____ Karunatilaka, 47, was named the winner of the 2022 Booker Prize: Shehan
339.	Shehan Karunatilaka won the Booker Prize for which novel? <b>The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida</b>
340.	What is the amount of cash award given with the Booker Prize? <b>GBP 50,000/-</b>
341.	Jyothi Yarraji created history by becoming the first Indian woman on Oct 17 to clock a sub-13 second time in which athletic event? <b>100-meter hurdles race</b>



342.	India's first aluminum Rail Freight Rake was launched on October 16 at _____ Railway Station in Odisha: <b>Bhubaneswar</b>
343.	Prime Minister Modi dedicated 75 DBUs in 75 districts to the nation on Oct 16. What is a DBU? <b>Digital Banking Unit</b>
344.	Digital Banking Units will be functioning in virtual online mode or in the brick-and-mortar physical mode? <b>Physical mode</b>
345.	Which UN agency supports the celebration World Food Day on Oct 16? <b>FAO - Food and Agriculture Organisation</b>
346.	FAO is based in which city? <b>Rome, Italy</b>
347.	_____ has become the first state in the country to start the MBBS course in Hindi: <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
348.	Who has appointed as the new Chief Justice of India? <b>Dr. Justice DY Chandrachud</b>
349.	Justice Chandrachud has become the ____ <sup>th</sup> CJI of India: <b>50<sup>th</sup></b>
350.	Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the AFC Asian (football) Cup 2023? <b>Qatar</b>
351.	Who has been appointed as 'Neutral Expert' by the World Bank under the Indus Waters Treaty? <b>Michel Lino</b>
352.	World Bank appointed Sean Murphy as _____ of the Court of Arbitration under the Indus Waters Treaty: <b>Chairman</b>
353.	The Indus Waters Treaty was signed in which year? <b>1960</b>
354.	Pakistan has objections to construction of which two hydroelectric power plants for whose resolution Indus Waters Treaty was signed? <b>Kishenganga and Ratle power projects</b>
355.	The Indus Waters Treaty allocates three Western Rivers to Pakistan and three Eastern Rivers to India. Name these rivers: Western Rivers: Indus, Jhelum, Chenab. Eastern Rivers: <b>Ravi, Beas, Sutlej</b>
356.	Which state announced on Oct 14 formation of a new Durgavati Tiger Reserve? <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
357.	India lifted the Women's Asia Cup (cricket) for the 7th time after defeating which country? <b>Sri Lanka</b>
358.	Which country hosted the Women's Asia Cup 2022? <b>Bangladesh</b>
359.	The ICC joined hands with which global organisation to launch a global partnership to promote inclusion and gender equality through cricket? <b>UNICEF</b>
360.	Which Indian metro city won the overall 'World Green City Award' on Oct 14 at the World Green City Awards 2022 held in Jeju, South Korea? <b>Hyderabad</b>

361.	The Ministry of Defence launched a website on Oct 14 named '_____ Ke Sapoot': <b>Maa Bharati</b>
362.	www.maabharatikessapoot.mod.gov.in website has been launched for what purpose? <b>To collect contributions to the Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund</b>
363.	India ranked _____ out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index 2022, with a score of 29.1: <b>107<sup>th</sup></b>
364.	Which country topped the Global Hunger Index 2022? <b>None, almost 17 countries shared collective top-rankings with minimal difference</b>
365.	Which international day is celebrated on Oct 15 to mark the birthday of Shri APJ Abdul Kalam? <b>World Students' Day</b>
366.	India observes which national day on October 15 to recognise and appreciate the contribution of women farmers in promotion of agriculture? <b>Rashtriya Mahila Kisan Diwas</b>
367.	Which international day is observed on Oct 15 to recognise the crucial role of women and girls in improving the sustainability of rural households and communities? <b>International Day of Rural Women</b>
368.	What is the tagline of Mahila Kisan Diwas: <b>'Sashakt Mahila, Sashakt Bharat' (empowered women, empowered India)</b>
369.	The theme of International Day of Rural Women for 2022 is: <b>Millet: Empowering Women and Providing Nutritional Security</b>
370.	The Global Handwashing Day is celebrated annually on which day of October? <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
371.	World Egg Day is observed on _____ Friday of October: <b>Second</b>
372.	Which international day on Oct 14 aims to raise awareness about the importance of repairing or correctly disposing of used appliances with the aim to increase re-use, repair, recovery and recycling? <b>International E-Waste Day</b>
373.	October 14 is observed as World Standards Day. Which is the apex National Standards body of India? <b>Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)</b>
374.	A supercomputer named Param-Kamrupa, was inaugurated on October 13 in which IIT of India? <b>IIT Guwahati</b>
375.	Param-Kamrupa has a computing power of 838 TeraFlops. How many transactions per second are represented by one teraflop? <b>One trillion</b>
376.	What is the expansion of term FLOP? <b>Floating operations per second</b>
377.	Which global organisation released the Living Planet Report on October 13? <b>World Wildlife Fund (WWF)</b>
378.	The Living Planet Report finds that the Himalayan region and the _____ Ghats are the most

	vulnerable regions in the country in terms of biodiversity loss: <b>Western</b>
379.	Globally, which regions have seen the largest decline of monitored wildlife populations: <b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>
380.	World Sight Day is observed on ____ Thursday of October: <b>Second</b>
381.	What is the theme of this year's World Sight Day? <b>Love Your Eyes</b>
382.	A special commemorative postage stamp was released on October 13 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of which event? <b>Introduction of PIN Code</b>
383.	What is represented by the first digit of the six digit PIN code number? <b>One of the nine postal regions in India</b>
384.	International Day for Disaster Reduction on Oct 13 promotes provisions of which international protocol? <b>The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030</b>
385.	The Sendai Framework was adopted in Sendai in 2015, in which country? <b>Japan</b>
386.	India celebrates National Philately Day on which day of October? <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
387.	Abdul Latif Rashid was elected as the 9th President of ____ by its Parliament: <b>Iraq</b>
388.	The World Bank approved an unconditional loan of \$250 million for the "Supporting ____ Learning Transformation" (SALT) project: <b>Andhra's</b>
389.	In India, which is the only educational institution to secure a place in 251-300 bracket in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2023 released on October 12? <b>Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru</b>
390.	Which university topped the World University Rankings 2023 in the world? <b>University of Oxford, UK</b>
391.	Which bank announced on October 12 that it became first bank to reach a new record level of AUM of Rs 6 trillion in the home loan segment? <b>State Bank of India</b>
392.	What is the full form of AUM? <b>Assets Under Management</b>
393.	In AUM, Assets represent what in bank? <b>Loans and advances</b>
394.	The 36th National Games came to a close on October 12 with a glittering ceremony at ____, Gujarat: <b>Surat</b>
395.	While Services topped the medal tally, which state secured second rank in the final medal tally of the 36th National Games: <b>Maharashtra</b>
396.	Which international day is observed on Oct 12 to raise awareness about an inflammatory condition which causes pain and stiffness in joints which can worsen with age? <b>World Arthritis Day</b>

397.	Country's first Slender Loris sanctuary was notified on October 12 in which state? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>
398.	Slender Lorises are tiny nocturnal ____ who spend most of their life on trees: <b>Mammals</b>
399.	The Eastern Naval Command conducted its Half Yearly Offshore Security Exercise, on Oct 12 with what name? <b>'Prasthan'</b>
400.	Exercise Prasthan was conducted in sea waters near which city? <b>Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh</b>
401.	The fourth Vande Bharat Express train was launched from Una in Himachal Pradesh to ____ on Oct 12: <b>New Delhi</b>
402.	The latest Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index ranked India at which spot? <b>123<sup>rd</sup></b>
403.	Which country topped the Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index? <b>Norway</b>
404.	International Day of the Girl Child is observed on which date? <b>October 11</b>
405.	India celebrates National Girl Child Day annually on which date? <b>January 24</b>
406.	Which global organisation released its latest World Economic Outlook 2022 report on Oct 11? <b>IMF</b>
407.	IMF projected that global growth will slow from 6 percent in 2021 to ____ percent in 2022: <b>3.2</b>
408.	Prime Minister Modi on October 11 dedicated to the nation the Phase I of the Mahakal Lok Project in the premises of which temple? <b>Mahakaleshwar temple</b>
409.	Mahakaleshwar temple is situated in which city? <b>Ujjain</b>
410.	The FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022 started on Oct 11 with a grand opening ceremony at Kalinga Stadium in ____, Odisha: <b>Bhubaneswar</b>
411.	India played its first match in FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022 against which country? <b>USA</b>
412.	What is the name of the official mascot for the FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022? <b>Ibha</b>
413.	Ibha has been modelled after which animal? <b>An Asiatic lioness</b>
414.	What is the official slogan for the FIFA U-17 Women World Cup India 2022? <b>Kick off the Dream</b>
415.	The Nobel Prize in which field is not given by the Nobel Trust? <b>Economics</b>
416.	What is the formal name for the Nobel Prize in Economics? <b>Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel</b>
417.	Sveriges Riksbank represents which organisation on Sweden? <b>Central Bank of Sweden</b>
418.	The 2022 Nobel in Economics has been awarded for research in which field? <b>Role of banks in the economy, particularly during financial crises</b>

419. The Union Health Ministry launched Tele MANAS, a 24x7 tele-mental service, on Oct 10. Expand MANAS: <b>Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States</b>	439. Air Force Day on October 8 commemorates which landmark event in the history of Indian Air Force? <b>Raising of the Indian Air Force on this day in 1932</b>
420. The 7th IBSAMAR, a joint Multi-Nation Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies, was hosted by which country? <b>South Africa</b>	440. Which paramilitary force hosted the multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE) 2022 from October 8 to 13? <b>National Security Guard (NSG)</b>
421. In a big accolade for the Indian government, IMF termed which welfare scheme as a 'logistical marvel' considering the sheer size of the country? <b>Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme</b>	441. Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE) 2022 was held at which place? <b>Manesar, Haryana</b>
422. Mulayam Singh Yadav, three-time Uttar Pradesh chief minister and Samajwadi Party founder, passed away on Oct 10. He was popularly known as _____. <b>Netaji</b>	442. October 7 is observed as World _____ Day? <b>Cotton</b>
423. World Mental Health Day is observed on which day of October? <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	443. The RBI announced on Oct 7 to soon launch e-rupee on pilot basis, generally known as CBDC. Expand CBDC: <b>Central Bank Digital Currency</b>
424. The 2nd UN World Geospatial Information Congress was held in which Indian city from Oct 10 to 14? <b>Hyderabad</b>	444. SEBI announced on October 7 to allow BSE to start "_____stock exchange" as a separate segment: <b>Social</b>
425. October 9 is observed as the World Post Day. What was its theme for this year? <b>Post for Planet</b>	445. World Migratory Bird Day is celebrated twice a year, on the second _____ in May and in October: <b>Saturday</b>
426. Which footballer on Oct 9 became the first and only player to score 700 goals in football history? <b>Cristiano Ronaldo</b>	446. A first of its kind Bird Festival 2022 was inaugurated at which place in J&K on October 6? <b>Pahalgam</b>
427. Who won his second successive Formula One World Champion title for 2022? <b>Max Verstappen</b>	447. The X-ray spectrometer on which ISRO spaceship mapped an abundance of sodium on the moon for the first time? <b>Chndrayaan-2</b>
428. Max Verstappen drives for which F1 team? <b>Red Bull</b>	448. Which global body released the South Asia Economic Focus report on Oct 6? <b>World Bank</b>
429. Which Indian women cricketer won the "ICC Player of the Month" award for September? <b>Harmanpreet Kaur</b>	449. The Election Commission of India launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program titled _____ : <b>Matdata Junction</b>
430. Indian Foreign Service Day on October 9 marks which event? <b>Establishment of the Indian Foreign Service on this day in 1946</b>	450. ECI launched Matdata Junction programme in collaboration with which other apex organisation? <b>All India Radio</b>
431. Currently, who is holding the charge of Ministry of External Affairs? <b>Dr. S Jaishankar</b>	451. Which is the National Aquatic Animal of India? <b>Ganga River Dolphin</b>
432. On October 9, the daily number of domestic air passengers touched ____ lakh, the highest ever in recent times before Covid: <b>Four</b>	452. India celebrates Ganga River Dolphin Day on Oct 5. Which state has India's only Dolphin Sanctuary? <b>Bihar</b>
433. The Indian Olympic Association announced that the 37th edition of the National Games will be hosted by _____ in October next year: <b>Goa</b>	453. What is the name of India's only Dolphin Sanctuary? <b>Vikramshila Gangetic Dolphin Sanctuary</b>
434. Which Indian cueist won the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship on Oct 8 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia? <b>Pankaj Advani</b>	454. The RBI has asked all _____ Companies to designate an Internal Ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023: <b>Credit Information</b>
435. Which day of October is celebrated as the Air Force Day? <b>October 8</b>	455. <b>Select True or False:</b> The IO will not entertain direct complaints from members of the public: <b>True</b>
436. Who was the first Indian chief of the Indian Air Force? <b>Air Marshal Subroto Mukerjee</b>	456. <b>Select True or False:</b> The tenure of IO will be for a fixed term of not less than three years, but not exceeding five years: <b>True</b>
437. Who is the current chief of the Indian Air Force? <b>Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari</b>	457. World Teachers' Day is observed on which date? <b>October 5</b>
438. The government approved on Oct 8 the creation of a new branch in the Indian Air Force by which name? <b>Weapon Systems</b>	458. Which day of October is celebrated as the World Animal Day? <b>4<sup>th</sup></b>



459.	Which Indian hockey player was named the “FIH Women’s Rising Star of the Year” on Oct 04? <b>Mumtaz Khan</b>
460.	What is the name of the indigenously-developed Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) inducted in the Indian Air Force on Oct 3? <b>Prachand</b>
461.	CBI launched country wide “Operation Chakra” on Oct 04 for what purpose? <b>To track down cyber criminals</b>
462.	The Nobel Peace Prize 2022 has been awarded jointly to human rights activist Ales Byalyatski from _____, and two other organisations: <b>Belarus</b>
463.	Which are the two human rights organisations selected for the Nobel Peace Prize 2022? <b>Memorial from Russia and Ukrainian Centre for Civil Liberties</b>
464.	The first Monday of every October is observed as World _____ Day: <b>Habitat</b>
465.	What is the nick name of the second edition of the “Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors” launched on October 2? <b>YUVA2.0</b>
466.	What is the full form of the YUVA2.0? <b>Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors</b>
467.	The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 has been awarded to scientists Alain Aspect (France), John F Clauser (USA) and Anton Zeilinger (Austria) for their work in which field? <b>Quantum mechanics.</b>
468.	Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2 is observed as which international day supported by the UNO? <b>International Day of Non-violence</b>
469.	Which city topped the ‘Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022’ declared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on October 2? <b>Indore</b>
470.	Who has been voted the FIH Player of the Year, 2021-22? <b>Harmanpreet Singh</b>
471.	Who became the first Indian on October 2 to complete 11,000 runs in T20 history? <b>Virat Kohli</b>
472.	This year’s first Nobel Prize was Declared on October 01, for which field? <b>Physiology or Medicine</b>
473.	Who won 2022 Nobel Prize in Medicine? <b>Swedish geneticist Svante Paabo</b>
474.	Every full Nobel prize carries a cash award of _____million Swedish Kroners: <b>10</b>
475.	The government plans to launch a dollar one billion fund in collaboration with the World Bank, and which Indian financial institution? <b>Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)</b>
476.	This dollar one billion fund is to be launched for what purpose? <b>To provide guarantees against defaults on loans taken to buy electric two or three-wheelers</b>
477.	Tulsi Tanti, popularly known as India’s ‘wind man’, died of cardiac arrest at 64 on Oct 1. He was

	the founder of which big wind power company? <b>Suzlon Energy</b>
478.	Sujoy Lal Thaoson, Senior IPS officer has been appointed as the new Director General of which para military force? <b>Central Reserve Police Force, CRPF</b>
479.	Who has been made the new Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police, ITBP? <b>Anish Dayal Singh</b>
480.	A stampede at a soccer stadium in which city of Indonesia on Oct 01 killed over 125 people and injured more than 320, making it one of the world's worst stadium disasters? <b>Malang</b>
481.	Navies of India and South Korea participated in a maritime partnership exercise in _____ on Oct 01: <b>Bay of Bengal</b>
482.	Marking the beginning of a new era in the field of telecommunications, 5G telephony services were launched in India on Oct 01 from which city? <b>New Delhi</b>
483.	Name the 82-year-old lady writer who has been honoured with the 2022 Nobel Prize in literature? <b>Annie Ernaux</b>
484.	Annie Ernaux hails from which country? <b>France</b>
485.	2022 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded for research work on snipping molecules together, known as _____chemistry: <b>Click</b>
486.	India has pushed which country to second place to become largest producer of Sugar in the world? <b>Brazil</b>
487.	Of the six Nobel Prizes, except the _____ prize, all five are decided by the apex bodies in Sweden? <b>Peace</b>
488.	Who decides the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize? <b>A Parliamentary Committee of Norway</b>
489.	UT of _____became first among all the states/UTs of India to achieve a cent percent coverage of precautionary dose of Corona vaccine: <b>Andaman Nicobar Islands</b>
490.	India firmed a deal with which country for export of missiles, rockets and ammunition, including indigenous Pinaka multi-barrel rocket launchers? <b>Armenia</b>
491.	For what purpose the RBI launched a web-based end-to-end workflow application, 'DAKSH', on Oct 6? <b>To further improve the compliance culture in SEs</b>
492.	What does term SEs refer to? <b>Supervised Entities; like Banks, NBFCs, etc., institutions supervised by RBI</b>
493.	The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize is associated with which field? <b>Mathematics</b>
494.	The SASTRA, a deemed university, is located in which state? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>
495.	Who has been honoured with this year’s SASTRA Ramanujan Prize? <b>Ms. Yunqing Tang</b>

496.	Ms. Yunqing Tang is associated with which university? <b>University of California, Berkeley, USA</b>
497.	Indian Railways has decided to gradually reduce its carbon footprint to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by which year? <b>2030</b>
498.	The World Trade Organisation dramatically lowered its global trade growth forecast for 2023 on Oct 05, to what level? <b>01%</b>
499.	Who is the current Director General of the WTO? <b>Ms. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala</b>
500.	Ms. Iweala hails from which country? <b>Nigeria</b>
501.	Who has been named the "National Icon " of the Election Commission of India on October 4: <b>Noted actor Pankaj Tripathi</b>
502.	Irani Cup is associated with which sports? <b>Cricket</b>
503.	Irani cup tournament is played in which format? <b>Test Format</b>
504.	Which team won the Irani Cup in 2022: <b>Rest of India</b>
505.	Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner of India? <b>Rajiv Kumar</b>
506.	Which village in Mehsana district of Gujarat, has been declared as India's first 24X7 solar-powered village? <b>Modhera</b>
507.	Modhera is known for which historical heritage monument? <b>Sun Temple</b>
508.	Which is the most famous sun temple in India: <b>Konark Sun Temple, Odisha</b>
509.	October 01 is celebrated as World Vegetarian Day. A vegetarian diet is usually low in → fat, fibres, vitamins, minerals: Select the correct option: <b>Fat</b>
510.	International Day of Older Persons is observed on which day of October? <b>First</b>
511.	Who is the winner of this year's UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award? <b>Angela Merkel, former German chancellor</b>
512.	October 01 is devoted to raising awareness about the plight _____ growers: <b>Coffee</b>
513.	Which global agency launched a new \$6 billion financing facility to strengthen the private sector's ability to respond to the crisis and help support food production? <b>The International Finance Corp.</b>
514.	Headquarters of the International Finance Corp. are located in which city? <b>Washington DC, USA</b>
515.	India has selected which day of October to celebrate National Voluntary Blood Donation Day? <b>First</b>
516.	The month-long Swachh Bharat Abhiyan 2.0 was launched on October 1 from which place in Uttar Pradesh? <b>Prayagraj</b>
517.	PFRDA has decided to observe ____ of October as the National Pension System Diwas (NPS Diwas): <b>First</b>

518.	The central government extended the application of the AFSPA in 12 districts of _____ and Arunachal Pradesh for another six months, beginning October 01: <b>Nagaland</b>
519.	Which country hosted the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup? <b>Australia</b>
520.	Which country won the FIBA Women's Basketball World Cup? <b>USA</b>
521.	The Indian Air Force retired the No. 51 'sword arms' MiG-21 fighter Squadron on Sep 30. It is based at which place? <b>Srinagar, J&amp;K</b>
522.	Who has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India? <b>R Venkataramni</b>
523.	Who has been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)? <b>Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (Retired)</b>
524.	The CDS will also function as Secretary, Department of _____ Affairs: <b>Military</b>
525.	A new and upgraded version of Vande Bharat Express train was flagged off from which place on September 30? <b>Gandhinagar, Gujarat</b>
526.	RBI hiked the key policy rate Repo rate on Sep 30 to ____ percent, highest in last three years: <b>5.9</b>
527.	The foundation stone for the first compressed natural gas (CNG) terminal in the world was laid in Gujarat's _____ on Sep 29: <b>Bhavnagar</b>
528.	The Global Innovation Index 2022 released on Sep 29 ranked India at which spot? <b>40<sup>th</sup></b>
529.	Who became the first-ever Indian to play 400 T20s? <b>Rohit Sharma</b>
530.	FIFA released a three-episode series "Captain Fantastic" on the life and career of which Indian footballer? <b>Sunil Chhetri</b>
531.	Hurricane Ian, a monster Category 4 storm made landfall on which US state on Sep 28-29? <b>Florida</b>
532.	The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000 crore proposal for the redevelopment of which three railway station? <b>New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus</b>
533.	Government has decided to construct these three railway stations on EPC mode. Expand EPC: <b>Engineering-Procurement-Construction</b>
534.	Which company commissioned the world's largest wind-solar power plant of 600 MV capacity on Sep 29 in Rajasthan? <b>Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL)</b>
535.	This mega solar plant is located at which place in Rajasthan? <b>Jaisalmer</b>
536.	Which village in Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally digitally literate panchayat in the country? <b>Pullampara</b>
537.	In which city a roundabout named Lata Smriti Chowk, was dedicated to the melody queen Lata Mangeshkar on Sep 28, her 93rd birthday? <b>Ayodhya</b>

538.	A 12-metre-high statue of which musical instrument has been installed at the Lata Smriti Chowk? <b>Veena</b>
539.	What is the name of the multi-phase operation launched by CBI to dismantle drug networks with international linkages: <b>Operation Garuda</b>
540.	PR _____ and _____ Punia have been voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second year in a row: <b>Sreejesh, Savita</b>
541.	The India Expo Centre and Mart was adjudged the best convention centre by the union ministry of tourism on Sep 28. It is in which state? <b>Uttar Pradesh, in Greater Noida</b>
542.	The Chandigarh International Airport was officially named as _____ International Airport on Sep 28: <b>Shaheed Bhagat Singh</b>
543.	Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport is a joint venture of Punjab and Haryana government and Airports Authority of India. Who among these is the majority shareholder @51%? <b>Airports Authority of India</b>
544.	The Ministry of Home Affairs banned the PFI and its associates for five years, wef Sep 28. Expand PFI: <b>Popular Front of India</b>
545.	A NASA spacecraft successfully crashed, as planned, into an asteroid on Sep 27 in a first-of-its-kind mission. What was the name of this mission? <b>DART</b>
546.	Expand the acronym DART: <b>Double Asteroid Redirection Test</b>
547.	In a major first, in which place the Integrated Cryogenic Engine manufacturing facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd was inaugurated on Sep 27? <b>Bengaluru</b>
548.	Giorgia Meloni became the first female Prime Minister of which European country on Sep 27? <b>Italy</b>
549.	The Rural Development Ministry launched the _____ App on Sep 27 to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country: <b>Jaldoot</b>
550.	Government has decided to extend PMGKAY (Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana) for a period of three months, till what date? <b>December 31, 2022</b>
551.	The Supreme Court began live streaming of its proceedings for the public from Sep 27 for which of its benches? <b>Constitution Benches</b>
552.	In a landmark verdict on Sep 27, the Supreme Court directed to remove all business activities within 500 metres from the boundary/peripheral wall of which iconic world heritage monument? <b>The Taj Mahal</b>
553.	Nikhil Kamath, co-founder of stock broking startup _____, topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun India 40 & Under Self-Made Rich List: <b>Zerodha</b>

554.	Who has been declared as the winner of the 2020 Dada Saheb Phalke Award? <b>Veteran actress Asha Parekh</b>
555.	What is the amount of cash reward given with the Dada Saheb Phalke Award? <b>Rs. ten lakh</b>
556.	What is the name of the trophy given with the Dada Saheb Phalke Award? <b>Swarna Kamal</b>
557.	Prince Mohammed bin Salman has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which Arabian nation? <b>Saudi Arabia</b>
558.	Who is the only Indian to be listed in the Time magazine's top 100 global rising stars, worldwide? <b>Akash Ambani, Chairman of Jio</b>
559.	Researchers from which country discovered a new type of crystal from the volcanic debris brought down from the near side of the moon? <b>China</b>
560.	For the first time in India, indigenously-developed AVGAS 100 LL was launched on Sep 25. What is it? <b>Aviation fuel</b>
561.	As per the India Tourism Statistics-2022, which state received the highest number of foreign tourist visitors? <b>Maharashtra</b>
562.	Who is the winner of 32nd Bihari Puraskar: <b>Dr Madhav Hada</b>
563.	The prestigious Bihari Puraskar is awarded to Hindi authors from state of _____ only: <b>Rajasthan</b>
564.	India reached a milestone on Sep 22 by successfully demonstrating the attack capability of an advanced ALS 50. What type of weapon is it? <b>Drone</b>
565.	The Indian Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment, jointly installed India's first avalanche monitoring radar on Sep 20 at which place? <b>North Sikkim</b>
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566.	September 30 is observed as the International Translation Day. Who is regarded as the patron saint of translators? <b>St. Jerome</b>
567.	Which International organisation supports the celebrations of the World Maritime Day on Last Thursday of September? <b>International Maritime Organisation</b>
568.	Headquarters of International Maritime Organisation are situated in which city? <b>London</b>
569.	What is the theme of this year's World Heart Day celebrated on Sep 29? <b>Use Heart for Every Heart</b>
570.	_____ became the first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee based trade settlements: <b>UCO Bank</b>
571.	The UCO Bank will open a special Vostro account with which Russian bank for trade settlement in Indian rupees? <b>Gazprom Bank</b>
572.	Headquarters of UCO Bank are situated in which city? <b>Kolkata</b>



573.	World Rabies Day is observed on which day of September? <b>28<sup>th</sup></b>
574.	The official celebrations for this year's World Tourism Day on Sep 27 will be held in which city? <b>Bali, Indonesia</b>
575.	The World Bank approved a \$ 350 million loan to which state for augmenting health services? <b>Gujarat</b>
576.	Which global rating agency issued the Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific report on Sep 26? <b>S&amp;P Global Ratings</b>
577.	Duleep trophy is associated with which sport? <b>Cricket</b>
578.	Which team won the Duleep Trophy for 2022 on Sep 25? <b>West Zone</b>
579.	Name the two-time Olympics champion who created a new world record in the Berlin Marathon on Sep 25: <b>Eliud Kipchoge</b>
580.	Eliud Kipchoge hails from which country? <b>Kenya</b>
581.	Which legendary pacer (fast bowler) announced her retirement from the glorious career of cricket on Sep 24? <b>Jhulan Goswami</b>
582.	What is the nickname given to Jhulan Goswami, complimenting her high bowling speed? <b>Chakdaha Express</b>
583.	Recently, which public sector company was granted the status of 'Maharatna' on Sep 22? <b>Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd.</b>
584.	Registered office of the Rural Electrification Corporation Ltd. Is located in which city? <b>New Delhi</b>
585.	As on date, there are how many Maharatna enterprises in India? <b>12</b>
586.	The Breakthrough Prizes are the world's most lucrative monetary awards for achievements in science. What is the amount of a single Breakthrough Prize? <b>US Dollar Three million</b>
587.	Breakthrough Prizes are awarded in three fields - fundamental physics, mathematics, and _____. <b>Life sciences</b>
588.	They are awarded by which organisation? <b>Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences Board</b>
589.	Who has been elected as the President of Hockey India, governing body of Hockey in India? <b>Dilip Tirkey</b>
590.	World Rivers Day is observed on _____ Sunday of September: <b>Last</b>
591.	Which Sunday of September is observed as the Happy Daughters' Day? <b>Fourth</b>
592.	Antyodaya Diwas on Sep 25 marks the birth anniversary of which prominent national leader? <b>Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya</b>
593.	What is the theme of this year's International Day of Sign Languages? <b>Sign Languages Unite Us!</b>

594.	The Hindustan Shipyard Limited handed over to the Indian Navy two _____ vessels, Nistar and Nipun on September 22: <b>Diving support</b>
595.	The Hindustan Shipyard Limited is located at which place? <b>Visakhapatnam</b>
596.	Which Indian state is home to largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? <b>Assam</b>
597.	Which National Park is home to largest number of Greater one-horned Rhinos? <b>Kaziranga National Park, Assam</b>
598.	Celebration of World Rose Day on Sep 22 is associated with which dreaded disease? <b>Cancer</b>
599.	Which project of National Health Mission won an award at an UN General Assembly side event on September 21? <b>India Hypertension Control Initiative</b>
600.	What is the theme selected for this year's International Day of Peace or World Peace Day observed on Sep 21? <b>End racism. Build peace</b>
601.	The World Alzheimer's Day is observed on Sep 21. Alzheimer is associated with which ailment? <b>Gradual loss of memory</b>
602.	Which state notified the country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' on Sep 21? <b>Tamil Nadu</b>
603.	Country's first 'Dugong Conservation Reserve' has been opened in which area? <b>Palk Bay near Rameswaram</b>
604.	The Centre formed a high-level committee on Sep 21 headed by Dr. VK Paul, for what purpose? <b>To review marketing practices of pharmaceutical companies</b>
605.	Name the Comedy King who made a mark as a stand-up comedian, died on Sep 21: <b>Raju Srivastav</b>
606.	Which state allowed Adani Ports to develop a mega greenfield deep-sea port at Tajpur? <b>West Bengal</b>
607.	The Skill Certification Assessment for Leather Employees (SCALE) app was launched on Sep 20 at the Central Leather Research Institute in _____. <b>Chennai</b>
608.	The World Bank approved a loan of \$ 150 million on Sep 20 to which Indian state for better management of its financial resources and improved access to public services? <b>Punjab</b>
609.	What type of warship was INS Ajay that was decommissioned on September 19? <b>Anti-submarine warfare corvette</b>
610.	What is a corvette in context of Navy: <b>Small warship</b>
611.	Which team won the SAFF Women's Football Championship? <b>Bangladesh</b>
612.	Which country hosted the SAFF Women's Football Championship? <b>Nepal</b>
613.	Which Indian film has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2023? <b>Chhello Show</b>

614.	Chhello Show is a film made in which language? <b>Gujarati</b>
615.	What is the English title of the film Chhello Show? <b>Last Film Show</b>
616.	Name of the capital of Kazakhstan has been changed from Nur Sultan to ____ : <b>Astana</b>
617.	Coast Guard ships from India and America conducted joint exercise ____ from Sep 16 to 19: <b>Abhyas 01/22</b>
618.	Abhyas 01/22 was conducted at which place? <b>Off the Chennai coast</b>
619.	On Sep 18, The Indian Army activated satellite broadband-based internet service on the_____, the world's highest battlefield: <b>Siachen Glacier</b>
620.	India is the world's _____ largest cultivator of bamboo: <b>Second</b>
621.	Which UN Agency supports the celebration of the International Equal Pay Day on Sep 18? <b>ILO – International Labour Organisation</b>
622.	Typhoon Nanmadol devastated Kyushu Island on Sep 18 in which country? <b>Japan</b>
623.	Name the Indian male wrestler who was the sole medal winner among men at the World Wrestling Championships held at Belgrade, Serbia: <b>Bajrang Punia</b>
624.	Durand Cup is associated with which sport? <b>Football</b>
625.	Which city hosted the finals of the Durand Cup on Sep 18? <b>Kolkata</b>
626.	Which team won the 2022 Durand Cup? <b>Bengaluru FC</b>
627.	Creating a historical milestone in the wildlife scenario of India, how many Cheetahs were introduced in the Kuno National Park on Sep 17? <b>Eight</b>
628.	Kuno National Park is situated in which Indian State? <b>Madhya Pradesh</b>
629.	The Cheetahs introduced in the Kuno National Park were brought from which country? <b>Namibia</b>
630.	The Ministry of _____ revised the threshold for paid up capital and turnover of small companies: <b>Corporate Affairs</b>
631.	Which champion para javelin thrower secured a silver medal in the World Para Athletics Grand Prix, in Morocco on Sep 17? <b>Devendra Jhajharia</b>
632.	The International Coastal Clean-up Day is observed on which Saturday of September? <b>Third</b>
633.	What was the theme selected for this year's World Patient Safety Day on Sep 17? <b>Medication Safety</b>
634.	Which Indian industrialist was honoured with Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur on Sep 16? <b>Dr Swati Piramal</b>
635.	Dr Swati Piramal is the vice chairperson of which corporate group? <b>Piramal Group</b>

636.	India's first lithium cell manufacturing facility was inaugurated on Sep 16 at which place in Andhra Pradesh? <b>Tirupati</b>
637.	Which corporate group became largest in India in terms of market capitalisation as on close of business on BSE on Sep 16? <b>Adani Group</b>
638.	World Ozone Day is observed on which date? <b>Sep 16</b>
639.	The Indian Army conducted this 20-day long routine exercise in eastern Ladakh in September? <b>Parvat Prahar Exercise</b>
640.	Ozone Layer is formed mainly in the lower portion of the _____, at approximately 15 to 35 kilometres above Earth: <b>Stratosphere</b>
641.	Which country signed a MoU on Sep 16 to become the ninth full member of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)? <b>Iran</b>
642.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 22 <sup>nd</sup> SCO Summit on 15-16 Sep at _____ in Uzbekistan: <b>Samarkand</b>
643.	Which country has taken over the rotational Presidency of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation –SCO for 2022-23? <b>India</b>
644.	Which day of September is denoted for celebrating International Day of Democracy? <b>15<sup>th</sup></b>
645.	India celebrates the Engineer's Day on Sep 15 to mark the birth anniversary of which acclaimed civil engineer? <b>M. Visvesvaraya</b>
646.	Bharat Ratna M Visvesvaraya excelled in which field of civil engineering? <b>Dams and hydro projects</b>
647.	Which company topped in the Kantar BrandZ Top 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands 2022 report released on Sep 14? <b>TCS - Tata Consultancy Services</b>
648.	Who became the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships after clinching a bronze in the 53 kilogram category on Sep 14? <b>Vinesh Phogat</b>
649.	Final match of SAFF under-17 Football Championship (men's) was played on Sep 14 in which city? <b>Colombo</b>
650.	India defeated which team to win the SAFF under-17 Football Championship? <b>Nepal</b>
651.	Hindi Diwas on Sep 14 commemorates the adoption of Hindi as the official language of India on this day in which year? <b>1949</b>
652.	Which two companies have joined hands to set up India's largest semiconductor and display manufacturing unit? <b>Vedanta and Foxconn</b>
653.	Foxconn Company is registered in which country? <b>Taiwan</b>
654.	This mega plant is being set up in which Indian state? <b>Gujarat</b>

655.	What was the name of the two week long multi nation maritime exercise hosted by Australia, beginning Sep 13? <b>Ex Kakadu</b>
656.	Which Armed Force recently launched its all-female camel riding squad? <b>BSF</b>
657.	Indian Navy's INS Tarkash participated in a Joint Maritime Exercise with Nigerian Navy Patrol Ships on Sep 12-13 in which area? <b>Gulf of Guinea</b>
658.	Gulf of Guinea is located in which part of the world? <b>South of Nigeria, in Atlantic Ocean south west of Africa</b>
659.	_____ became the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG): <b>HDFC Bank</b>
660.	The person at whose request the bank issues a BG, is known as: <b>Applicant</b>
661.	Who is the 'beneficiary' in the process of issuance of BG? <b>Govt Deptt/Company in whose favour the BG is issued</b>
662.	_____ has become the first Indian institution to join the IBM Quantum Network in USA: <b>IIT Madras</b>
663.	India's first National Maritime Heritage Complex is coming up at the historic Indus Valley civilisation region of Lothal in which state? <b>Gujarat</b>
664.	_____ topped the states in the implementation of Prime Minister's ambitious Mission Amrit Sarovar: <b>Uttar Pradesh</b>
665.	Public sector shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd. Mumbai, launched 'Taragiri', the third Nilgiri class _____ of Project 17A on Sep 11: <b>Stealth Frigate</b>
666.	15 <sup>th</sup> Asia Cup (Men's T20 cricket) was hosted by which country? <b>UAE</b>
667.	Sri Lanka defeated which country to lift their 6th Asia Cup title? <b>Pakistan</b>
668.	Finals of the 15 <sup>th</sup> Asia Cup were played in which place? <b>Dubai</b>
669.	What was the name of the joint operation of India and Japan navies that began on Sep 11? <b>JIMEX 22</b>
670.	JIMEX 22 was held at which place? <b>In Bay of Bengal, near Visakhapatnam</b>
671.	The National Forest Martyrs Day on Sep 11 marks the massacre of over 360 people for opposing felling of Khejri trees in which state? <b>Rajasthan</b>
672.	Last Grand Slam of Tennis, US Open concluded on Sep 11 in which city? <b>New York</b>
673.	Who won men's Singles title at the US Open? <b>Carlos Alcaraz</b>
674.	Carlos Alcaraz hails from which country? <b>Spain</b>
675.	After the end of US Open, who became the youngest world number one in men's tennis? <b>Carlos Alcaraz</b>
676.	Name the women's number one tennis player who won the single's title at the US Open: <b>Iga Swiatek</b>

677.	Iga Swiatek hails from which country? <b>Poland</b>
678.	Name the Shankaracharya of the Dwarka-Sharda Peeth who passed away on Sep 11: <b>Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati</b>
679.	World First Aid Day is observed annually on second _____ of September: <b>Saturday</b>
680.	What was the theme of the World First Aid Day observed on September 10? <b>Lifelong First Aid</b>
681.	Which day of September is observed as the World Suicide Prevention Day? <b>10<sup>th</sup></b>
682.	Name the veteran archaeologist who died at his Delhi residence on Sep 10 at the age of 101: <b>Prof B B Lal</b>
683.	Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park secured first rank among 150 zoos of India. It is located in which place? <b>Darjeeling</b>
684.	Which veteran tennis icon from Switzerland, announced his retirement from professional tennis at the age of 41? <b>Roger Federer</b>
685.	September 09 is observed as World EV Day. Which company is the largest electric car seller in the world? <b>BYD Co. Ltd., China</b>
686.	Which multi-nation organisation released the Human Development Index-2021 on Sep 08? <b>UNDP - United Nations Development Programme</b>
687.	Which country topped the Human Development Index-2021? <b>Switzerland</b>
688.	India was placed at which spot in the HDI 2021? <b>132<sup>nd</sup></b>
689.	Celebration of the International Literacy Day on Sep 8 is supported by which UN agency? <b>UNESCO</b>
690.	Who became the first Indian to win a gold at the Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland? <b>Neeraj Chopra</b>
691.	Which Indian state won the International Travel Award 2023 for 'Best Destination for Culture'? <b>West Bengal</b>
692.	The Indian Army and the DRDO successfully tested the quick reaction surface-to-air missile. What is its strike range? <b>30 km</b>
693.	Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Kartavya Path on Sep 08 in New Delhi. What is its approximate length? <b>Three km</b>
694.	What is the name of the country's first national electric freight platform launched on Sep 8 by NITI Aayog, in collaboration with World Resources Institute? <b>E-FAST</b>
695.	What is the full expansion of e-FAST? <b>Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport</b>
696.	International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies is celebrated on which day of September? <b>Seventh</b>
697.	Karim Benzema, winner of UEFA Player of the Year prize, Men's, is from which country? <b>France</b>



698.	Alexia Putellas, winner of UEFA Player of the Year prize, women's, plays for which Football Club? <b>FC Barcelona</b>
699.	The government has set up a panel headed by _____ to review the formula that dictates the pricing of natural gas: <b>Dr. Kirit S Parikh</b>
700.	What is the theme of this year's International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies? <b>The Air We Share</b>
701.	Name the 35 year old left handed Indian batsman who announced his retirement on Sep 06 from all formats of cricket: <b>Suresh Raina</b>
702.	Ms. Liz Truss was sworn-in as _____ prime minister of the United Kingdom on Sep 06: <b>56<sup>th</sup></b>
703.	Ms. Liz Truss held which post before becoming prime minister? <b>Foreign Secretary</b>
704.	The Indian Science Technology and Engineering facilities Map (I-STEM) launched WEST mission on Sep 5. Expand WEST: <b>Women in Engineering, Science &amp; Technology</b>
705.	Daihatsu Yonex Japan Open Badminton Championship was hosted by which city in first week of September? <b>Osaka</b>
706.	What is the name of the India's first intranasal Covid vaccine approved by CDSCO on Sep 05? <b>iNOVACC</b>
707.	iNOVACC has been manufactured by which pharma company? <b>Bharat Biotech, Hyderabad</b>
708.	What is the full form of CDSCO? <b>Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation</b>
709.	Name the Prime Minister of Bangladesh who arrived in New Delhi on September 5, on a four-day official visit: <b>Sheikh Hasina</b>
710.	The 5.13 km Rupsha rail bridge over the river Rupsha has been inaugurated in which country? <b>Bangladesh</b>
711.	International Day of Charity on Sep 05 marks the death anniversary of which revered saint? <b>Saint Mother Teresa</b>
712.	Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was the first _____ of India: <b>Vice President</b>
713.	On which date we observe World Teachers' Day? <b>October 05</b>
714.	Country's first modified bio-village, Daspara, has been developed in which state? <b>Tripura</b>
715.	Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd _____ Open chess tournament held in Dubai on Sep 04: <b>Dubai</b>
716.	India hosted the first-ever official UCI MTB (International Cyclist Union- Mountain Bike) event on Sep 04 in which place? <b>Leh, Ladakh</b>
717.	What is the name of the mascot for the 36th National Games that was unveiled on Sep 04? <b>Savaj</b>
718.	Savaj has been modelled after which animal? <b>Small lion</b>

719.	Name the business tycoon who once headed the Tata Group, died in a road accident on Sep 04: <b>Cyrus Mistry</b>
720.	ISRO successfully demonstrated a new technology with IAD. What is IAD? <b>Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator</b>
721.	The IAD was launched overboard which sounding rocket? <b>Rohini</b>
722.	The IAD was launched from _____ Equatorial Rocket Launching Station in Kerala: <b>Thumba</b>
723.	Army's Kharga Corps and the Air Force conducted joint exercise 'Gagan Strike' in first week of September in which state? <b>Punjab</b>
724.	Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers granted 'in-principle' approval to the three States viz, Himachal Pradesh, _____ and Andhra Pradesh for setting up of Bulk Drug Parks: <b>Gujarat</b>
725.	India's first 'Dark Sky Reserve' or Night Sky Sanctuary is to be set up in which place? <b>In Henley in the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary</b>
726.	The Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state/UT? <b>Ladakh</b>
727.	How many Indian cities joined the UNESCO's Global Network of Learning Cities recently? <b>Three</b>
728.	Of these three cities, which one is from Telangana? <b>Warangal</b>
729.	International Vulture Awareness Day is observed on first _____ of September? <b>Saturday</b>
730.	Presence of residuals of which medicine in cattle carcasses caused en-masse death of vultures in India in 1990s? <b>Diclofenac</b>
731.	World Coconut Day is observed on Sep 02. India is _____ largest producer of coconuts, producing over 20.3 billion nuts annually: <b>The (top)</b>
732.	The Indian Navy received its new Naval Ensign (flag) on September 02. What is the shape of the seal that occupies the right half of the flag? <b>Octagonal</b>
733.	The octagonal seal is inspired from the seal of which great Indian Emperor? <b>Shivaji Maharaj</b>
734.	What is the motto of the Indian Navy? <b>"Sam no Varunah" (शं नो वरुणः)</b>
735.	The Indian Army contingent of the Gorkha Regiment troops took part in the Exercise Vostok - 2022 in which country? <b>Russia</b>
736.	According to the provisional estimates released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation on August 31 for the quarter ending June 30, 2022, GDP in this Qr grew by _____ percent: <b>13.5</b>
737.	Which major sector of economy registered highest growth of 25.7% in Qr. ending June 30? <b>Services</b>

738.	Which space telescope captured the first image of an Exoplanet, a planet-like body lying outside the realm of our Solar System? <b>James Webb Telescope</b>
739.	The ADB approved a loan of Rs. 4,000 crore to which state for setting up medical colleges? <b>Maharashtra</b>
740.	As per IMF data, India leaped past which country to become the fifth-largest economy in the world? <b>United Kingdom</b>
741.	Which film won the Filmfare award for the Best Film? <b>Shershaah</b>
742.	Who was honoured with this year's Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award: <b>Subhash Ghai, noted film producer</b>
743.	Which apex agency released the "Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100" on August 30? <b>Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister</b>
744.	Who is the current head of the Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister? <b>Dr Bibek Debroy</b>
745.	Miss Divita Rai, the 23-year-old beauty queen from _____ won the coveted "Miss Diva Universe 2022" title: <b>Karnataka</b>
746.	Ramon Magsaysay Awards are given in which country? <b>Philippines</b>
747.	Which organisation sponsors the Ramon Magsaysay Awards? <b>Rockefeller Brothers Fund, USA</b>
748.	How many Ramon Magsaysay Awards were given this year? <b>Four</b>
749.	The Indian Coast Guard carried out its 10th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-22 at which place? <b>Off the Chennai coast</b>
750.	Name the veteran Russian statesman who ended the Cold War without bloodshed in 1990s, who died on August 30: <b>Mikhail Gorbachev</b>
751.	Gorbachev was famous for which two terms coined by him? <b>Glasnost and Perestroika</b>
752.	What did the terms Glasnost and Perestroika represented? <b>Openness and Restructuring, respectively</b>
753.	According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, _____ is now the world's third-richest person on August 30: <b>Gautam Adani</b>
754.	Abhijit Sen, veteran Economist, a former member of the Planning Commission (2004-14) and Professor at the JNU's Centre for Economics and Planning, was in news recently, for what reason? <b>He passed away</b>
755.	For the first time in the history of Indian armed forces, the _____ received its first consignment of complete gun ammunition manufactured by local industry: <b>Indian Navy</b>
756.	Whale Sharks are found in large numbers near the coast of which Indian state? <b>Gujarat</b>

757.	Who became the first Indian (and second in world) to have played a hundred matches for India in all the three formats, T20, ODI and test? <b>Virat Kohli</b>
758.	The Indian Army is planning to induct Indigenous Indian Light Tank named _____, designed specially to operate from High Altitude Area: <b>Zorawar</b>
759.	BWF World Championships concluded in _____ on August 28: <b>Tokyo</b>
760.	Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi of India won the 28th _____ Masters Chess Tournament on August 25: <b>Abu Dhabi</b>
761.	Who was awarded this year's Vyas Samman? <b>Dr Asghar Wajahat</b>
762.	What is the cash prize given in the Vyas Samman? <b>Rs. Four lakh</b>
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763.	National Sports Day on August 29 marks the birthday of which great sportsperson? <b>Major Dhyan Chand, Wizard of Hockey</b>
764.	The International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on which day of August? <b>29th</b>
765.	Neeraj Chopra won the javelin throw competition on August 26 at the Lausanne Diamond League in which country? <b>Switzerland</b>
766.	Linthoi Chanambam, 15 year old girl from _____, claimed a historic gold on August 26 in the 57 kg category at the World Cadet Judo Championship in Sarajevo: <b>Manipur</b>
767.	Sarajevo is the capital of which country? <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>
768.	Women's Equality Day on August 26 commemorates the granting of voting rights to women in which country? <b>USA</b>
769.	Which UT/State has become the first to establish an Atal Tinkering Lab (ATL) in partnership with the government think tank NITI Aayog? <b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>
770.	The NITI Aayog has declared district _____ in Uttarakhand as India's Best Aspirational District: <b>Haridwar</b>
771.	What is the new common brand name for the fertilisers under the Central Government's 'One Nation, One Fertiliser' scheme? <b>Bharat</b>
772.	Which country recently launched of the world's first-ever hydrogen-powered passenger train fleet? <b>Germany</b>
773.	DRDO and the _____ successfully flight tested indigenously designed and developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) on August 23: <b>Indian Navy</b>
774.	India's first commercial "Space Situational Awareness Observatory" is being set up in which state? <b>Uttarakhand</b>

775.	Which Indian chess master, defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen on August 22 in the last round of the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami, USA? <b>R Praggnanandhaa</b>
776.	Vikram Doraiswami, senior diplomat has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country? <b>United Kingdom</b>
777.	The Union Government has awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to which agro product of Bihar? <b>Mithila Makhana</b>
778.	The Asian Development Bank granted a 96.3 million dollar loan to which state to improve water supply and sanitation services? <b>Himachal Pradesh</b>
779.	Who is the winner of this year's UNESCO Peace Prize? <b>Angela Merkel</b>
780.	India's first indigenously developed Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus was launched on 21st August in which city? <b>Pune</b>
781.	Who became the new world heavyweight boxing champion on August 21 in rematch held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia? <b>Oleksandr Usyk</b>
782.	Who has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu, by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet? <b>Rajesh Verma</b>
783.	What was the name of the three-week-long 17 nation military exercise held in the Northern Territory of Australia? <b>Exercise Pitch Black 2022</b>
784.	Which day of August is observed as World Senior Citizens Day? <b>21<sup>st</sup></b>
785.	Mandeep Kaur, Manisha Ramadass and Nithya Sre, all three won individual gold in their respective categories on August 20 at an international event in which sports? <b>Para Badminton</b>
786.	Which international day commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans? <b>World Mosquito Day, August 20</b>
787.	According to the National Health Portal of India, Aedes, Anopheles, and Culex mosquitoes act as _____ and spread many diseases: <b>Vectors</b>
788.	The External Affairs Ministry has announced that the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held in _____, Madhya Pradesh: <b>Indore</b>
789.	India observes August 20 as Akshay Urja Diwas. Who is current minister for New & Renewable Energy? <b>Sh. Raj Kumar Singh</b>
790.	Who scripted history on August 19 by becoming the first ever Indian woman wrestler to win a Gold medal in 53 kg category at Under-20 World Wrestling Championship? <b>Antim Panghal</b>

791.	_____ has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State in the country where every household has been provided water tap connection: <b>Goa</b>
792.	Among UTs, _____ has become first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified UT of the country? <b>Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu</b>
793.	Sadbhavna Diwas on August 20 commemorates birthday of which statesman? <b>Sh. Rajiv Gandhi</b>
794.	Sh. Rajiv Gandhi was India's Prime Minister during which years? <b>1984 -89</b>
795.	The Central Government launched which app and campaign to promote and support early childhood development? <b>Paalan 1000</b>
796.	The 131st edition of Asia's oldest football tournament, Durand Cup, started on August 16 in which city? <b>Kolkata</b>
797.	What is the name of the Indian Railway's heaviest and longest freight train, test operated on August 15? <b>Super Vasuki</b>
798.	Which zone of Indian Railway recently operated its heaviest and longest freight train, measuring 3.5 km? <b>South East Central Railway</b>
799.	A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was held by the Navies of India and Australia from August 15 to 20 in the Indian Ocean near _____, Australia: <b>Perth</b>
800.	Which day of August is observed as World Photography Day? <b>19<sup>th</sup></b>
801.	Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated _____ district has become the country's first fully "functionally literate" district: <b>Mandla</b>
802.	Which UN Office supports celebration of the World Humanitarian Day on August 19? <b>UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs</b>
803.	Government has launched Aqua Bazar app on August 18 for what purpose? <b>To promote logistics support for fish farmers</b>
804.	Which Malaysian city will host the prestigious Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022? <b>Ipoh</b>
805.	Sultan Azlan Shah Cup is associated with which sports? <b>Hockey</b>
806.	As per the fourth advance estimate of production of foodgrains for the year 2021-22, released on August 17, total production is estimated at over _____ million tonnes: <b>315</b>
807.	A team of scientists and researchers in _____ developed India's first 3D-printed Cornea: <b>Hyderabad</b>
808.	In a recent report published by the State of Global Air on air quality and health in cities, which two cities have ranked first and second, respectively, in the world? <b>New Delhi and Kolkata</b>
809.	A sister agency of the advertising giant Rediffusion, launched India's own font. What is its name? <b>Bharat</b>



<b>810.</b>	India's first electric double decker AC bus has been launched for public transport in which city? <b>Mumbai</b>
<b>811.</b>	_____ has become the first state in the country to deploy a production-grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme: <b>Jharkhand</b>
<b>812.</b>	The Union Cabinet approved interest subvention of 1.5% on Short Term Agriculture Loans upto Rs. ____ lakh: <b>Three</b>
<b>813.</b>	Name the veteran stock market investor, popular as the "Big Bull of Dalal Street", who passed away on August 14 in Mumbai: <b>Rakesh Jhunjhunwala</b>
<b>814.</b>	Asia's largest Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant began its commercial operations on August 13 at village Bhuttal Kalan in _____, Punjab: <b>Sangrur</b>
<b>815.</b>	What is the main raw material consumed by the CBG plant in Bhuttal Kalan? <b>Paddy straw and stubble</b>
<b>816.</b>	Indian Air Force conducted Ex Udarshakti with which country, beginning on August 13? <b>Malaysia</b>
<b>817.</b>	World Sanskrit Day is observed annually on the Poonima of which month of the Hindu calendar? <b>Shravana (Sawan)</b>
<b>818.</b>	India added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites on August 13, to make a total ____ Ramsar sites in India: <b>75</b>
<b>819.</b>	Government has launched National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders. What is its short name? <b>NIDAAN</b>
<b>820.</b>	World Organ Donation Day is observed on which day of August? <b>13<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>821.</b>	India celebrates its own National Organ Donation Day on which date? <b>November 27</b>
<b>822.</b>	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the project "SMILE" on August 12 for what purpose? <b>To make cities and towns free from beggars</b>
<b>823.</b>	What is the full expansion of the acronym SMILE? <b>Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise</b>
<b>824.</b>	International Youth Day is observed on which date? <b>August 12</b>
<b>825.</b>	India celebrates her own National Youth Day on which Date? <b>January 12</b>
<b>826.</b>	Which species of Elephants is regarded as the largest land animal? <b>African Elephant</b>
<b>827.</b>	Which Indian state has the largest number of Elephants? <b>Karnataka</b>
<b>828.</b>	Which country has the largest number of elephants? <b>Botswana</b>
<b>829.</b>	Which university has been ranked first among Indian Universities in the latest Nature Index 2022 ranking? <b>University of Hyderabad</b>
<b>830.</b>	The French government selected which senior Congress leader for conferring France's highest

	civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur? <b>Shashi Tharor</b>
<b>831.</b>	Dr Kalaiselvi N has been appointed as the first woman Director-General of which apex research organisation? <b>Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)</b>
<b>832.</b>	CSIR is based at which place? <b>New Delhi</b>
<b>833.</b>	William Ruto won the Presidential election in which African country? <b>Kenya</b>
<b>834.</b>	RBI released on August 10 detailed guidelines for which lending entities? <b>Digital</b>
<b>835.</b>	Which tennis legend, announced her retirement from professional tennis, after playing the forthcoming US Open, starting on August 29? <b>Serena Williams</b>
<b>836.</b>	What is the name of the 3D virtual space tech park launched by the ISRO on August 10? <b>SPARK</b>
<b>837.</b>	August 10 is observed as World Biofuel Day. Name the three most popular bio fuels: <b>Ethanol, Biodiesel and Biogas</b>
<b>838.</b>	August 10 is devoted to raise awareness for the protection and conservation of which wild animal? <b>Lion</b>
<b>839.</b>	Which Indian state has largest population of Lions? <b>Gujarat</b>
<b>840.</b>	Apart from August 10, which other date is observed as National Deworming Day? <b>February 10</b>
<b>841.</b>	Which anti worm tablet is administered orally to children on National Deworming Day? <b>Albendazole</b>
<b>842.</b>	Assam government signed a joint statement on August 9 with which state to resolve boundary dispute with that state? <b>Mizoram</b>
<b>843.</b>	Singapore government declared on August 9, the iconic green site _____, as its 75th national monument: <b>Padang</b>
<b>844.</b>	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples observed on August 09 is popularly also known as World _____ Day: <b>Tribal</b>
<b>845.</b>	The 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad hosted by Chennai, concluded on August 9. Which nation won the gold in the open section? <b>Uzbekistan</b>
<b>846.</b>	India won which medal in the open section of 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? <b>Bronze</b>
<b>847.</b>	Which team won the gold in women's section in the 44th FIDE Chess Olympiad? <b>Ukraine</b>
<b>848.</b>	The International Chess Federation granted hosting rights for the 2026 Chess Olympiad to which country? <b>Uzbekistan</b>
<b>849.</b>	The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) up to which date? <b>December 31, 2024</b>
<b>850.</b>	PMAY-U is the flagship programme of which union ministry? <b>Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs</b>

851. Who is the current head of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs? **Sh. Hardeep Singh Puri**
852. Which state notified its 5th Elephant Reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district? **Tamil Nadu**
853. What is the name of the India's first Saline Water Lantern which uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps? **Roshni**
854. Gustavo Petro has been sworn in as the President of which country? **Colombia**
855. What was the name of the 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces exercise that started on August 8? **Ex Vajra Prahar 2022**
856. Who became the first cricketer on August 8 to play 600 matches in T20 cricket? **Kieron Pollard**
857. India won how many gold medals in the Commonwealth Games concluded on August 8? **22**
858. Lovely Choubey, Pinki, Nayanmoni Saikia, Rupa Rani Tirkey, all four won India's first gold in which event at the Commonwealth Games? **Women's Lawn Bowls**
859. In which sports Indian players won highest number – 7 gold medals, in the Commonwealth Games? **Wrestling**
860. Which state hosted the Ex Vajra Prahar 2022? **Himachal Pradesh**
861. Which city hosted the SAFF U20 Football Championship: **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**
862. India trounced which country to win the SAFF U20 Football Championship: **Bangladesh**
863. Which city in Maharashtra has become the first in the country to witness the official release of the Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google? **Aurangabad**
864. Under which exercise the Indian Army tested the operational readiness of its satellite-based systems deployed across the country? **Skylight**
865. Name the 16 year old chess prodigy from Chennai who became India's 75th Grand Master on August 07: **V Pranav**
866. Viswanathan Anand, Indian chess legend was elected as the \_\_\_\_\_ of FIDE: **Deputy President**
867. Headquarters of the world chess body FIDE are located in which place? **Lausanne, Switzerland**
868. Who has been re-elected as the President of FIDE? **Arkady Dvorkovich (Russia)**
869. For the first time, a US Navy Ship arrived at L&T's Shipyard on August 07 for what purpose? **For undertaking necessary repairs and allied services**
870. This shipyard of L&T is located at which place? **Kattupalli, Chennai**

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