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## National

### NTPC Commissions India's largest floating solar power project in Telangana

- NTPC Ltd has declared the **Commercial Operations Date (COD)** of the last part capacity of **20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project** in Telangana. Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project is India's largest Floating Solar Plant commissioned by NTPC.
- Now the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region has reached 217 MW. Prior to this, NTPC declared Commercial operation of 92 MW Floating Solar at **Kayamkulam (Kerala)** and **25 MW Floating Solar at Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh)**.



### QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023: Mumbai tops in India

- According to the **QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023**, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), **Mumbai** ranked at 103 has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city.
- The other Indian cities in the rankings include **Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 and New Delhi at 129**.
- **London (UK)** has topped the list ranked 1 followed by **Munich (Germany)** and **Seoul (South Korea)** ranked 2nd and **Zurich (Switzerland)** ranked 4th.
- The ranking provides students with independent data regarding a range of factors relevant to their study decisions: affordability, quality of life, the standard of university, and the views of previous students that have studied in that destination.



### Rahul Narwekar, the youngest Speaker in the country

- Mumbai lawyer and first-time legislator, **Rahul Narwekar** has been elected as the youngest Speaker of **Maharashtra Legislative Assembly** and also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post.
- Narwekar scripted history to become the youngest legislator to be elected as the 16th Speaker (since 1960) and also is now the youngest ever lawmaker to occupy the coveted top legislative post in the country.
- Narwekar received a total of **164 votes** in support and 107 went to Shiv Sena candidate's account. During the Speaker elections, 12 members were absent and 3 legislators abstained from the voting.



### Start-up ranking 2021: Gujarat, Karnataka emerges as best performers

- **Gujarat and Karnataka** emerged the "best performers" in the third edition of **States' Start-up ranking, 2021**, while **Meghalaya** bagged the top honour among Northeastern (NE) states.
- In the second edition of the survey, which was conducted in 2020, Gujarat was



the best performer. The rankings are based on the initiatives taken to develop the startup ecosystem for promoting entrepreneurs.

- These initiatives include the Startup India initiative, multiple funding and incubation support, and the government announcing January 16 as Startup Day.

### ParshottamRupala inaugurates India's first ever Animal Health Summit

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **ParshottamRupala** inaugurating **First India Animal Health Summit 2022**, he called for greater use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health.
- First India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held at NASC Complex, New Delhi understanding the significance of animal health towards the broader objective of the country's food and nutrition security, rural incomes and prosperity and overall economic development.



### Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, to serve as new G-20 Sherpa

- The former CEO of NitiAayog, **Amitabh Kant**, will take on the role of G-20 Sherpa. **PiyushGoyal**, a Union Minister, would be replaced by **Kant** because he is expected to resign owing to workload.
- Later this year, India will preside over the G-20. It should be highlighted that the nation requires a full-time **G-20 Sherpa**, which **Goyal** is unlikely to provide as he already holds a number of cabinet positions.
- The **Sherpa** would need to dedicate a lot of time to several meetings that will be held in various regions of the country because India will hold the G-20 presidency this year.



### Key Points

- CEO of NitiAayog: **ParameswaranIyer**
- Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution: **ShriPiyushGoyal**

### Mangarh Hillock to be declared monument of national importance

- A team from **National Monuments Authority** led by Shri **Tarun Vijay**, Chairman, National Monuments Authority, submitted a report on declaring **Mangarh hillock** in **Rajasthan** as a monument of National Importance in the year of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav.
- This report carries relevant details about the Mangarh hillock and recommendations by National Monuments Authority.



### Delhi to host India's biggest shopping festival in 2023

- **Delhi** will host its first ever government-backed **shopping festival** from January 28 to February 26 next year, chief minister **ArvindKejriwal** announced.
- The festival will have 200 concerts for entertainment, food walks and will also offer huge discounts on products. This will be the biggest ever shopping festival in India.



- The Delhi Shopping Festival was one of the ambitious projects proposed in the Rozgaar Budget 2022-23 presented by deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia in March this year.

### UP becomes first state to have 13 expressways in the nation

- **Uttar Pradesh's** largest expressway network now has a foundation thanks to Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath**.
- The state will soon have better highway connectivity from many other nations throughout the world.
- The state now boasts **13 expressways**, making it the **first state in the nation** to do so. Six of the 13 expressways totaling 3200 km are in use while the other seven are under construction.



### Western Railways opened longest skywalk connecting Mumbai's Bandra Terminus to Khar station

- The **Western Railway's (WR)** longest skywalk from the **Khar Road railway station** to the nearby **Bandra Terminus** has been opened for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily.
- The skywalk spans **314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide**. Western Railway's noted that the skywalk will allow passengers to reach Bandra (T) directly by deboarding at Khar station & taking south Foot Over Bridge.
- The new skywalk was built at an estimated cost of Rs 14 crore. Around 510 MT structural steel, 20 MT Reinforcement steel and 240 cum of concrete was used for the construction. This skywalk will connect all foot over bridges of Bandra Terminus.



### Rajasthan government will introduce India's first right-to-health bill

- The **Rajasthan government** is soon likely to introduce in the **Assembly the Right to Health Bill, "the first of its kind in India"**, which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers.
- In January, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the rights of patients, their attendants and health care providers, as well as a system for addressing grievances of the stakeholders.



### PM Narendra Modi unveils National Emblem on the roof of New Parliament Building

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has unveiled the **National Emblem** cast on the **roof of the New Parliament Building**.
- He also interacted with the **Shramjeevis** involved in the construction work of the new Parliament. It has been cast at the top of the Central Foyer of the New Parliament Building.
- The National Emblem is made of bronze with a total weight of **9500 kilograms and is 6.5 meters in height**.
- A supporting structure of steel weighing around 6500 kilograms has also been constructed to support the Emblem.



### Akasa Air gets Air Operator Certificate from DCGA to take off

- Billionaire investor **RakeshJuhunjhunwala**-owned, **Akasa Air** has been cleared for take-off. The no-frills airline received its **air operator certificate (AOC)** from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA).
- The airline will start its operations at the end of July. The grant of the AOC is the final step of a comprehensive process laid down by the DGCA. The airline inducted its first **Boeing 737 Max aircraft** on June 21.



### Key Points

- Akasa Air Founded: December 2021;
- Akasa Air Headquarters: Mumbai.

### India sets world record for building longest double-decker bridge in Nagpur

- **The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)** and **Maharashtra Metro** achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur.
- The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on single column piers. The maximum metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct are recognized by the **Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records**.
- The development is the fulfilment of the promise by Prime Minister **Shri Narendra Modi's** Government on building world-class infrastructure in New India.



### PM inaugurated Deoghar Airport and several other development projects

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** officially inaugurated and set the cornerstone for a number of construction projects totaling more than **16,800 crores** of rupees in **Deoghar**.
- At a public event held on the grounds of Deoghar College, the prime minister declared that the government is funding religious institutions in order to preserve our culture and faith for future generations.
- The inauguration of flights to **Ranchi, Delhi, and Patna**, as well as the trip from Deoghar to Kolkata, made the prime minister happy. He revealed that work was ongoing on the airports in **Bokaro and Dumka**.



### Uttarakhand becomes first state in India to implement NEP at pre-primary level

- **Uttarakhand** has become the first state in the country to initiate the process of implementing the **Centre's New Education Policy**.
- Uttarakhand CM **Pushkar Singh Dhami** has initiated this process by inaugurating '**BalVatikas**' at Anganwadi Kendra across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system.
- The NEP replaces the Macaulay system of education which was



followed in the country for decades. “It offers children an opportunity to pursue choice-based education. They can now study the subjects of their choice in the language they are conversant with.

### Ahmedabad & Kerala features in TIME Magazine’s The World’s Greatest Places of 2022

- Two locations from India have been named among “**50 extraordinary destinations to explore**” this year by TIME Magazine. The southern state of **Kerala and Ahmedabad**, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world’s greatest places of 2022.
- The list also includes **Ras Al Khaimah, UAE; Park City, Utah; Seoul; Great Barrier Reef, Australia; The Arctic; Valencia, Spain; Trans Bhutan Trail, Bhutan; International Space Station; Bogota; Lower Zambezi National Park, Zambia; Istanbul and Kigali, Rwanda.**



### Himachal Governor Rajendra Vishwanath unveils book ‘The McMahon line’

- The Governor of Himachal Pradesh, **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar**, recently released a book titled “**The McMahon line: A century of discord**”.
- The book has been authored by General JJ Singh (Retd), the former Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and former Chief of Army Staff (CoAS).
- The book is based on the experiences and research of General JJ Singh on the India-China border dispute. A short film related to the McMahon line was also screened. This is the second book written by him.



### WEF’s Gender Gap Report 2022: India ranks low at 135th globally

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where “**I**” stands for **India and Israel**, and “**U**” for the **US and the UAE**.
- **PM Modi** was joined by United States President **Joe Biden**, Israeli PM **Yair Lapid** and UAE President **Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.

### India’s first Monkeypox case reported in Kerala

- The first case of **monkeypox** was confirmed in India after a person who had returned to **Kerala from UAE** developed symptoms of the disease. His samples were sent to **National Virology Institute in Pune** which confirmed the disease. It was first found in monkeys in **1958**.
- According to the WHO, monkeypox is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe. It is usually a self-limited disease with symptoms lasting two to four weeks.



### Varanasi named 1st cultural and tourism capital of SCO

- The holy city of **Varanasi** showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first "**Cultural and Tourism Capital**" of the **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation**.
- Varanasi will become the "**Cultural and Tourism Capital**" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.
- The Beijing-headquartered Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an eight-member economic and security alliance comprising **China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan**.



### Kerala becomes first state to have own internet service

- **Kerala** is now the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service, according to Chief Minister **Pinarayi Vijayan**, who made the announcement.
- The announcement followed the Department of Telecommunications' granting of an **Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence** to the IT infrastructure project of the **Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd (K-Fon)**, which aims to provide everyone in the state access to the internet.
- **K-Fon or Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd** is a state government initiative that aims to eliminate the digital gap. As per the government, the infrastructure created by this project is expected to complement the state's current telecom ecosystem.



### Rajasthan introduces the first digital LokAdalat in India

- During the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, which was held here, National Legal Services Authority Chairman **Uday Umesh Lalit** unveiled the first digital **LokAdalat** driven by artificial intelligence.
- Rajasthan **State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA)** digital LokAdalat was created by **Jupitice Justice Technologies**, the organization's technological partner.
- The oldest pending case in the nation was recently resolved by a district court in Bihar after 108 years of deliberation.
- The **NITI Aayog** report also estimated that it would take 324 years to resolve every case now outstanding in India.



### Key Points

- Chief Justice of India: **N V Ramana**
- Union Minister of Law and Justice: **Kiren Rijju**

### Margaret Alva to run for vice president on opposition's behalf

- **Margaret Alva**, a former Union minister and governor of **Rajasthan**, will run for vice president as a joint candidate of the opposition parties.





- **Jagdeep Dhankar**, the governor of West Bengal, has been nominated by the **NDA** as a joint contender for the position of vice president. At a gathering of 17 opposition party leaders at the home of NCP supremo **Sharad Pawar**, the decision was made to run Alva.

### Instagram's new payments feature lets users buy products via direct messages

- Meta CEO **Mark Zuckerberg** announced that the company is launching a new “payments in chat” feature on **Instagram**. With this new feature, users can purchase products from small businesses and track orders via direct messages on Instagram.
- According to Meta, every week, one billion people message businesses across Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp. To use the new feature, users can start by sending a direct message to a qualified small business they're interested in buying from. In that same chat thread, they'll then be able to pay, track their order and ask the business any follow-up questions.



### India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped

- **Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh** topped the third edition of NITI Aayog's **India Innovation Index**, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance.
- NITI Aayog Vice Chairman **Suman Bery** released the India Innovation Index 2021 in presence of apex public policy think tank member **Dr VK Saraswat**, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and senior adviser Neeraj Sinha.
- Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the 'North East and Hill States' category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.



### Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List: Gautam Adani surpasses Bill Gates

- As per the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List, India's richest person, **Gautam Adani** has now also become the fourth richest person in the world, leaving behind Microsoft founder **Bill Gates**.
- This increment came as Gates announced that he would be donating \$20 billion of his wealth to his non-profit organisation — Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.
- **Elon Musk** is the richest person with a **\$230 billion** net worth, followed by **Bernard Arnault of Louis Vuitton** at the second spot and **Amazon's Jeff Bezos** at third on the list.
- **Mukesh Ambani** was placed 10th on the Forbes list (net worth: \$88 billion).



### Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th

- The **Henley Passport Index** has recently released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022.
- Three Asian nations **Japan, Singapore and South Korea** bagged the top three positions on the list, reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were



dominated by European nations.

- **India** is ranked **87th** on the list of the **world's most powerful passports in 2022**, according to the latest **Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners**, an immigration consultancy.

### Sanjay Agarwal to chair the committee Center established to strengthen MSP system

- A committee on the **Minimum Support Price (MSP)** was established by the government eight months after it made a similar commitment in exchange for repealing three divisive agriculture policies.
- **Sanjay Agrawal**, a former agricultural secretary, will preside over the committee.
- The government has made a provision for **Sanyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM)** to have three representatives on the committee, but the farm organisation has not yet provided any candidates for the group.



### Jawaharlal Nehru Port becomes first 100% Landlord Major Port of India

- **Jawaharlal Nehru Port** has become the first **100 per cent Landlord Major Port of India** having all berths being operated on the PPP model.
- The PPP model of investment in Indian ports has made remarkable progress in the last 25 years, beginning from the Jawaharlal Nehru Port, resulting in capacity addition and productivity improvement.
- JNP is one of the leading container ports in the country and is ranked 26th among the top 100 global ports (as per **Lloyds List Top 100 Ports 2021 Report**).



### NITI Aayog: India's R&D expenditures one of the lowest worldwide

- According to a report by the government think tank **NITI Aayog** and the Institute for Competitiveness, India has among of the lowest R&D expenditures worldwide. In fact, R&D spending in India has decreased, falling from 0.8 per cent of GDP in 2008-09 to 0.7 per cent in 2017-18.
- According to data, India has a lower GERD than the other BRICS countries. Spending amounts for **Brazil, Russia, China, and South Africa** are respectively 1.2 per cent, 1.1 per cent, over 2 per cent, and 0.8 per cent. Around 1.8 per cent is the global average.



### WHO Report: India was top remittance recipient in 2021 receiving \$87 billion

- **India** was the top recipient country for remittances inflows in **2021**, in current US dollars, among the low and middle-income countries, according to a report released by **World Health Organisation**. India received remittances worth **US\$ 87 billion** in 2021, as per the "first World report on the health of refugees and migrants".
- **China (\$53 billion), Mexico (\$53 billion), the Philippines (\$36 billion) and Egypt (\$33 billion)** were the top five nations in the list.



- The **United States** was the largest source country for remittances in 2020, followed by the **United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia and Switzerland**. Remittances increase or maintain consumer spending and soften the blow of economic hardship, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Key Points

- WHO Director-General: Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus;
- WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland;
- WHO Founded: 7 April 1948.

### Center modifies Flag Code of India 2002 to permit tricolour to be displayed constantly

- **National flag** is flown in the open and is raised by a member of the public, it may now fly through the night. The **Flag Code of India 2002** was revised by the **Ministry of Home Affairs** to permit the flying of the national flag even at night as the federal government begins its **Har Ghar Tiranga** campaign. The flag could previously only be flown between sunrise and dusk.
- The ministry stated that clause XI of paragraph 2.2 of the **Flag Code** has been substituted by the following phrase: “where the flag is displayed in the open or displayed on the house of a member of the public, it may be flown day and night.”

### Key Points

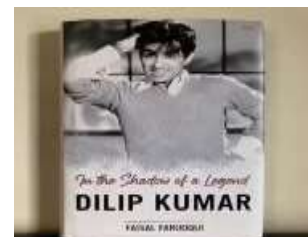
- Home Secretary: **Ajay Bhalla**

### MP's Burhanpur becomes the first district to certify 'Har Ghar Jal'

- **Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh**, popularly known as the '**Darwaza of Dakhin**', became the first Certified '**Har Ghar Jal**' district in the Country.
- Only district in the country, people from each of 254 villages in Burhanpur have declared their villages as 'HarGharJal' through a resolution passed by Gram Sabhas. Accordingly, it certifies that all people in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that 'No One is Left Out'.

### A book titled "Dilip Kumar: In the Shadow of a Legend" by Faisal Farooqui

- A new book on the legendary actor of Indian cinema, **Yusuf Khan**, better known as **Dilip Kumar**, has been released by author **Faisal Farooqui**. The book is titled "**In the Shadow of a Legend: Dilip Kumar**".
- The book is a tribute to Dilip Kumar the man more than Dilip Kumar the actor. Farooqui is the founder and CEO of Mouthshut.com, one of India's leading review and rating platforms.



### GoI Designates 5 New Ramsar Sites, taking total number to 54

- **Five new wetlands** of International importance have been designated in India. With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country have been increased from **49 to 54 Ramsar sites**.



- The new sites are **Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest & Pichavaram Mangrove** in Tamil Nadu, **Pala wetland** in Mizoram and **SakhyaSagar** in Madhya Pradesh.

### Mastercard set to replace Paytm as BCCI title sponsor

- **Mastercard** is all set to replace **Paytm** as the title sponsor for all international and domestic cricket matches organised by the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)**. Paytm held the rights till the end of 2023.
- Paytm requested BCCI to assign its India Home Cricket title rights to credit card major Mastercard. Paytm had reportedly missed the July deadline to request a reassignment. However, BCCI has been willing to consider its delayed request due to their **'long standing' relationship**.



### Key Points

- Mastercard Founded: 16 December 1966, United States;
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States;
- Mastercard Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga.

### HDFC Bank to be among global top 10 banks after merger

- According to Times of India report, **HDFC Bank** will be among the **world's top 10 most valuable banks** after its merger with the parent, mortgage lender **Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC)**, at the current valuations and will also be the first Indian bank to make it to the Top 10 club.
- The combined market cap of **HDFC Bank and HDFC** would be around **USD 160 billion**.

### Key Points

- HDFC Bank Ltd MD & CEO: Sashidhar Jagdishan;
- HDFC Bank Ltd Establishment: 1994;

### Union Cabinet adopts a \$1.6 billion BSNL revitalization plan

- **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**, the Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology, said that the Union Cabinet approved the Rs. 1.64 lakh crore revival package for **Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**.
- Package announced by the government in 2019 has contributed to stabilising BSNL's financial situation. The loss of clients has come to an end.

### Key Points

- Union Minister of Railways, Communications, Electronics and Information Technology: **Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw**

### India's first all-women-run cooperative bank coming up in Rajasthan

- The first all-women-run financial institution in the cooperative sector is coming soon in **Rajasthan** following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) has signed with the **Telangana government's StreeNidhi Credit Cooperative Federation**.

- The new body will promote women's empowerment by supporting their enterprises.
- The Rajasthan MahilaNidhi will be set up on the lines of the StreeNidhi of Telangana.

### Key Points

- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra;
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur;
- Rajasthan Chief Minister: Ashok Gehlot.

### Kargil Vijay Diwas 2022: All you need to know about India's victory over Pakistan

- **Kargil Vijay Diwas** is the celebration of India's historic win over **Pakistan on July 26, 1999**. The Indian Army successfully removed Pakistani forces who were illegally occupying a hilltop at the Indian side of the **Line of Control (LoC) at Kargil, Ladakh**.
- To commemorate this victory and remember those who sacrificed their lives for this country, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually in India on July 26.



### India Received the Highest Annual FDI Inflows Of USD 84.8 billion In FY 21-22

- **India** received the highest annual **Foreign direct investment (FDI)** inflows of almost **\$85 billion in FY 21-22**. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for FDI in the manufacturing sector.
- FDI Equity inflow in Manufacturing Sectors have increased by 76% FY 2021-22 (\$ 21.34 billion) compared to previous FY 2020-21.
- Foreign direct investment (FDI) is an investment made by a company or an individual in one country into business interests located in another country. FDI is an important driver of economic growth.



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### Parle Still the leading FMCG company in India

- According to **Kantar India's annual Brand Footprint** study, locally produced biscuit brand Parle continued to be the most popular brand among fast-moving consumer goods in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the eleventh year in a row.
- Based on **Consumer Reach Points (CRPs)**, the report assessed the **FMCG** brands that consumers will choose in 2021. **CRP** are evaluated based on the actual purchases made by customers and the regularity with which they occur throughout a given year.
- In other words, CRP gauges a brand's mass appeal based on its penetration and how consumers feel about it based on how frequently they purchase it.



**Kerala leads in hosting legislative sessions in 2021**

- **Kerala**, which dropped to eighth place in terms of convening Assembly sessions during the initial **COVID-19** pandemic in 2020, regained first place in 2021 with the nation's longest House session at 61 days.
- The **PRS Legislative Research**, a think tank with its headquarters in New Delhi, published the research on the **operation of State Assemblies for 2021**.
- Karnataka came in second with 40 sitting days, followed by **Tamil Nadu** with 34, and **Odisha** with 43.
- The guidelines for how legislatures should operate were set forth by the **National Commission** to Review the Working of the Constitution (2000–2002), which was presided over by former Chief Justice of India **M.N. Venkatachaliah**.
- The Houses of State/UT legislatures should convene for at least 50 days a year for those with fewer than 70 members, like **Puducherry**, and at least 90 days for those with more members.

**Indian Women Savitri Jindal replaces China's Yang Huiyan to become Asia's Richest Woman**

- **Savitri Jindal**, the Chairperson Emeritus of **OP Jindal Group**, has surpassed **China's Yang Huiyan** to become Asia's richest woman, as per the real-time **Bloomberg Billionaires Index**. The 72-year-old Savitri Jindal who also holds the position of the richest woman in India has a total fortune of **\$11.3 billion**.
- The fortune of Yang Huiyan, owner of China's largest real estate developer 'Country Garden Holdings', dropped by more than half in 2022, from \$ 24 billion to \$11 billion. She had been Asia's richest woman for the past five years.



## International

### Ferdinand Marcos Jr. takes oath as Philippine president

- **Ferdinand Marcos Jr.**, the son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr, won the elections on 9th May with 31.6 million votes and was sworn as the **17th President of the Philippines**.
- He took the oath at the National Museum of Fine Arts in Manila before the Supreme Court Justice, Alexander Gesmundo.
- The former President's daughter and his running mate, Sara Duterte-Carpio, swore as vice president on 19th June. The two will be serving the nation until 2028..



### NATO Summit 2022 Concludes in Madrid

- The **2022 NATO Madrid Summit** was held in **Madrid, Spain**, from June 28 to 30, 2022. This was the **32nd** edition of the summit, since the first summit meeting held in Paris in 1957. The Summit was chaired by **NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg**.
- The heads of state and heads of government of NATO member and partner countries participated in the three-day Summit. NATO summit meetings is a platform for member countries to evaluate and provide strategic direction for Alliance activities.



### Key Points

- NATO Formation: 4 April 1949;
- NATO Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium;
- NATO Secretary General: Jens Stoltenberg;
- NATO Total Member: 30;
- NATO Last member of NATO: North Macedonia.

### S Jaishankar to attend the G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Indonesia

- The **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)** will be held in **Bali, Indonesia**, and it will be attended by External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar**.
- According to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs, the meeting's foreign ministers will discuss topics of current relevance, such as advancing multilateralism and current global concerns, such as the security of food and energy.
- India will assume the G-20 presidency on December 1, 2022, and host the inaugural G20 Leaders' Summit in 2023, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.



### Indian-American Billionaire on Forbes' List of America's Richest Self-Made Women

- Indian-American **Jayshree Ullal**, CEO of Arista Networks, an American computer networking company, and a member of the board of directors of Snowflake, was ranked near the top of **8th annual Forbes' America's**



**Richest Self-Made Women**, with a net worth of **\$1.7 billion** as of May 2022.

- The list, released in June 2022, ranks her at **#15**, below Alice Schwartz, co-founder of Bio-Rad Laboratories, and above reality TV star Kim Kardashian.
- Other Indian American women who made it to the Forbes list are **Neerja Sethi**, co-founder of Syntel; **Neha Narkhede**, co-founder and former CTO of Confluent; former PepsiCo CEO **Indra Nooyi**, and **Reshma Shetty**, co-founder of Ginkgo Bioworks. **Diane Hendricks**, co-founder and chairman of ABC Supply, topped the list for the fifth year.

### Ruling party in Japan records significant victory in the legislative vote

- In a parliamentary election in **Japan**, the ruling party and its coalition partner achieved a significant victory. In the 248-seat chamber, the **Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)** and its minor coalition partner **Komeito** increased their combined share to 146, well exceeding the majority in the elections for half of the upper house seats.
- Japanese Prime Minister **Kishida Fumio** expressed his gratitude for the decision. He pledged to handle the nation's most pressing problems, such as the pandemic, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and the rising cost of life.



### Key Points

- Prime Minister of Japan: Kishida Fumio
- Capital of Japan: Tokyo
- Currency of Japan: Japanese Yen

### Tesla CEO Elon Musk terminates deal to buy Twitter for \$44 billion

- **Twitter** has hired top law firm to charge legal action against **Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk** on his decision to terminate the **\$44 billion** takeover deal. Musk decided to suspend the deal due to multiple breaches of the purchase agreement.
- The two parties are likely set for a protracted court battle, according to lawyers. Musk could also be faced with paying a **\$1 billion breakup fee** for walking away.



### Key Points

- Twitter CEO: Parag Agrawal;
- Twitter formed: 21 March 2006;
- Headquarters of Twitter: San Francisco, California, United States.

### 1st Webb Telescope image reveals earliest galaxies formed after Big Bang

- US President **Joe Biden** has released one of the **James Webb Space Telescope's** first images in a preview event at the White House in Washington.
- This first image from **NASA's James Webb Space Telescope** is the deepest and sharpest infrared image of the distant universe to date.
- Known as Webb's First Deep Field, this image of galaxy cluster **SMACS 0723** is overflowing with detail. Thousands of





galaxies including the faintest objects ever observed in the infrared have appeared in Webb's view for the first time.

### Samsung created fastest graphics DRAM chip in the world

- **Samsung** announced the creation of a new graphics dynamic random-access memory (DRAM) chip with increased speed and power efficiency.
- According to a statement from the manufacturer, the 24-gigabit **Graphics Double Data Rate 6 (GDDR6)** uses third-generation, 10-nanometer technology and boasts a data processing speed that is over 30% quicker than competing products.



### Key Points

- **Samsung Founder:** Lee Byung-chul
- **Samsung Chairman:** Lee Kun-hee

### Kamal Haasan honoured by the UAE, obtains a Golden Visa

- **Kamal Haasan**, a prominent figure in the Tamil cinema industry, has been given the prestigious Golden Visa by the **United Arab Emirates**. The Golden Visa has been given to others besides actor **Kamal Hasan**.
- Actors **Nasser, Mammooty, Mohanlal, Tovino Thomas, Parthiepan, Amala Paul, and Shah Rukh Khan** all have received it before Kamal Hasan.
- The **UAE Golden Visa** is an extended resident visa programme which lasts between five and ten years.
- The visa is perpetually extended. It is given to high performers in a variety of industries, as well as to professionals, investors, and those with potential skills.

### Russia decides to leave the International Space Station after 2024

- President **Vladimir Putin** was informed by the newly appointed head of Moscow's space agency that Russia has made the decision to leave the **International Space Station** after 2024.
- The declaration comes amid heightened hostilities between **Moscow** and the West over Moscow's military action in **Ukraine** and several rounds of previously unheard-of sanctions against Russia.
- One of the few areas where cooperation between Russia, the United States, and its allies had not been ruined by tensions over **Ukraine** and other issues up until now was space exploration.
- One of the Soviet space program's major achievements and a significant source of national pride in **Russia** is the launch of the first satellite in 1957 and the sending of the first man into space in 1961.



### Largest pink diamond in 300 years "Lulo Rose" found in Angola

- A rare pure **pink diamond**, believed to be the **largest found in 300 years**, has been unearthed in **Angola**, a country in **Central Africa**. The Lulo Rose is a **type 2a diamond**, meaning it has few or no impurities.



- It is the fifth largest diamond recovered from the Lulo mine – a joint venture between **Australia’s Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government.**

#### **Dimensions of Lulo Rose:**

- It is a **170-carat** pink diamond & has been named ‘The Lulo Rose’.
- It weighs **34 grams.**
- Similar diamonds have been bought for tens of millions of dollars in the past, with one – known as Pink Star – selling at a Hong Kong auction for \$71.2m (£59m) in 2017.

#### **Zimbabwe launched gold coins as legal tender to tackle inflation**

- **Zimbabwe** has launched **gold coins** to be sold to the public in a bid to tame runaway inflation that has further eroded the country’s unstable currency.
- The unprecedented move was announced by the country’s central bank, the **Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe**, to boost confidence in the local currency.
- The coin is called ‘**Mosi-oa-Tunya**’ which refers to **Victoria Falls** in the local Tonga language.
- The coins will have liquid asset status so that they could be easily converted to cash and locally and internationally tradable. The cost of one coin was **\$1,824 at the time of launch.**



## Defence

### DRDO conducted successfully tests out Autonomous Aircraft's Maiden Take-Off

- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the Maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator from Aeronautical Test Range at Chitradurga in Karnataka.
- The flight operated in a fully autonomous mode. The aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including take-off, way point navigation and a smooth touchdown.
- It has been designed and developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, one of the research laboratories of DRDO.



### Key Points

- DRDO Founded: 1 January 1958;
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi;
- DRDO Chairman: G. Satheesh Reddy;
- DRDO Motto: Strength's Origin is in Knowledge.

### IAF Father-daughter team of fighter pilots makes history

- Father and daughter pair Flying Officer Ananya Sharma, who was commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021, and Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, an experienced fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), made aviation history by flying in the same jet formation.
- At Air Force Station, Bidar, they flew in the same formation of Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT).



### Rajnath Singh launched Project 17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri'

- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the fourth P17A stealth frigate 'Dunagiri' into the Hooghly River in Kolkata. The Project 17A frigate is built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders Limited.
- The P-17A class is a follow-on of the P-17 Shivalik Class with improved stealth features & advanced weapons.
- The first two ships of the P17A Project were launched in 2019 and 2020 at MDL and GRSE respectively. The third ship (Udaygiri) was launched at MDL on 17 May 22 earlier this year.



### India-Japan conducted a Maritime Partnership exercise (MPX) in the Andaman Sea

- A Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) was conducted between Japan Maritime Self Defense Force and Indian Navy in the Andaman Sea.
- INS Sukanya, an offshore patrol vessel and JS Samidare, a Murasame class destroyer, undertook various exercises



including seamanship activities, aircraft operations and tactical manoeuvres as part of the operational interaction.

- The two countries have been carrying out regular exercises in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) aimed towards reinforcing maritime association. The exercises conducted were aimed at enhancing interoperability and streamlining seamanship and communication procedures.

### **Rajnath Singh announces the formation of combined tri-service theatre commands**

- **Rajnath Singh**, Minister of defence, to improve coordination between the armed forces, announced the creation of unified theatre commands of three services.
- India is fast transitioning from being the world's top importer of defence equipment to an exporter. The defence minister was addressing at a ceremony held by the **Jammu & Kashmir People's Forum** in this city to honour the Indian Armed Forces martyrs.

#### **Key Points**

- **Defence Minister of India:** Rajnath Singh
- **Chief of Army Staff:** General Manoj Pandey

### **INS Vikrant: Navy receives India's first indigenous aircraft carrier**

- The indigenous aircraft carrier **Vikrant**, which was created by the Navy's own **Directorate of Naval Design** and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, was delivered to the Navy by the **Cochin Shipyard**.
- It bears the name of the **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant**, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes. The aircraft carrier has a top speed of 28 knots and is propelled by four gas turbines with a combined 88 MW of power.

#### **Key Points**

- Chief of the Naval Staff: **Admiral R. Hari Kumar**

### **Two MH-60 Romeo helicopters delivered to the Indian Navy**

- At Cochin International Airport, the American Navy delivered two **MH-60 R** multipurpose helicopters to the Indian Navy. All **24 MH 60R** helicopters will be delivered by the end of 2025, with the third helicopter due to arrive in August of this year.
- Under its **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** programme, the US Department of State has authorised the sale of **24 MH-60R** multi-mission helicopters to India. The potential is about USD 2.6 billion.



### **Kargil War: Point 5140 at Dras in Kargil sector named as Gun Hill**

- **Indian Armed Forces** and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in "Operation Vijay", **Point 5140 at Dras in the Kargil sector** has been christened as **Gun Hill**.



- Regiment of Artillery of the Indian Army, with lethal and accurate firepower, was able to have a telling effect on the enemy troops and their defences including Point 5140, which was the key factor in the early completion of operations.

#### **4th India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' begins**

- The **4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV'** begins in **Rajasthan** at the **Foreign Training Node of Mahajan Field Firing Ranges**.
- The exercise takes place between contingents of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman from **August 01 to 13, 2022**. The 3rd edition of Ex AL NAJAH IV was held at Muscat from 12 to 25 March 2019.
- The Indian Army will be represented by troops from the **18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion** at the **AL NAJAH-IV**.
- The Royal Army of Oman contingent will be represented by the **Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment**.



## Appointments or Resign/Retired

### Ek Nath Shinde to take oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra

- **Ek Nath Shinde**, a rebel Shiv Sena MLA, will be sworn in as the new chief minister of Maharashtra, **Devendra Fadnis** told the press. The dissident Shiv Sena faction led by **Ek Nath Shinde** and the BJP will form Maharashtra's new government after nearly ten days of intense power struggles.
- The MahaVikasAghadi government's authority in the state came to an end the day after **Uddhav Thackeray** resigned as chief minister. The Shinde camp announced that talks with the BJP have begun and that they will form the government.



### Ketanji Brown Jackson sworn in, becomes 1st Black woman on US Supreme Court

- **The United States** made history as **Ketanji Brown Jackson** was sworn in as the **first Black woman** to serve on the **Supreme Court**. The 51-year-old's appointment by Democratic President Joe Biden means white men are not in the majority on the nation's highest court for the first time in 233 years.
- Four of the justices on the nine-member court are now women, making it the most diverse bench in history — although they all attended the elite law schools of Harvard or Yale.



### Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel

- Leader of YeshAtid Party, **Yair Lapid** has been officially became the **14th prime minister of Israel**, after replacing the **Naftali Benett**. He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since 1 July 2022.
- **Yair Lapid's** term could be the short one as he take over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which was scheduled to take place on November 1.



### Key Points

- Israel Capital: Jerusalem;
- Israel Currency: New Shekel;
- Israel President: Isaac Herzog.

### Singapore's T. Raja Kumar is new president of FATF

- **T. Raja Kumar** of Singapore has been appointed as the president of **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, the anti-money laundering watchdog. Kumar has replaced **Marcus Pleyer** who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next two years.
- Kumar has been working against global terror financing for quite a long time. Soon after taking over the charge, Kumar presented his objectives for the coming Plenary period (July



2022 -June 2024) to strength the FATF.

### Key Points

- FATF Headquarters: Paris, France;
- FATF Purpose: Combat money laundering and terrorism financing;
- FATF Founded: 1989.

### PT Usha, Ilayaraja among four nominated to Rajya Sabha

- The ruling **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** has nominated four noted personalities from the southern states to the **Rajya Sabha**.
- The move is being seen as the BJP's attempt to make inroads into South India — the party's final frontier that it still has to conquer.
- Sports icon **PT Usha**, music maestro **Ilayaraja**, spiritual leader **Veerendra Heggade**, and screenwriter **KV Vijayendra Prasad** were the four picks of the BJP for the Rajya Sabha.



### Smriti Irani, Jyotiraditya Scindia get additional charges of Minority Affairs, Ministry of Steel

- Union Ministers **Smriti Irani** and **Jyotiraditya Scindia** have been assigned additional charges of **Minority Affairs** and **Ministry of Steel** respectively after two Union Ministers **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** and **Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** resigned from the Union Council of Ministers, with immediate effect.
- Post their resignations, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind, as advised by PM Modi, accepted the resignations of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Ram Chandra Prasad Singh from Union Council of Ministers. This is the first time two sitting ministers are out of both Houses of Parliament.



### Lt. General Mohan Subramanian appointed as Force Commander of UN Mission in South Sudan

- India's Lieutenant General, **Mohan Subramanian** has been appointed the Force Commander in the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**. He succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India.
- United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment on July 5. Almost 20,000 peacekeepers serve with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan to protect civilians and build durable peace in the conflict-affected country.



### Boris Johnson resigns as United Kingdom Prime Minister

- **United Kingdom** Prime Minister, **Boris Johnson** has announced his resignation as **Conservative Party** leader after he was abandoned by his



close allies in the wake of a series of scandals that rocked his government, triggering a leadership election for a new Tory leader who will go on to become his successor.

- Johnson will remain in charge at 10 Downing Street until the process of electing a new leader is completed – expected by the time of the Conservative Party conference scheduled for October.

### Suranjan Das named as the new president of AIU

- The Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor, **Suranjan Das** was appointed as the president of the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**. His tenure as president will be for one year from July 1.
- Das said he will take up the issue of executing the **new education policy's (NEP)** salient features, raising central funding for state varsities involved in important research activities, and work on taking the standards of Indian universities to global levels. Das, an eminent historian, was appointed the vice-president of AIU a year ago.



### Key Points

- Association of Indian Universities Secretary General: Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal;
- Association of Indian Universities Formation: 1925 as Inter-University Board.

### Sri Lanka PM Ranil Wickremesinghe announces resignation

**i. Ranil Wickremesinghe** has resigned as **Sri Lankan prime minister** to make way for an all-party government to take over. He will resign after an all-party government is established and the majority is secured in Parliament.

**ii. Wickremesinghe** will continue as Prime Minister until then.

Meanwhile, 16 MPs of President Rajapaksa's Sri Lanka

Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party in a letter requested him to resign immediately and make way for a leader who could command the majority in Parliament to lead the country.



### Rajendra Prasad takes charge as MD of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited

- **Rajendra Prasad** has been appointed as the **Managing Director of National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL)** after the government dismissed Satish Agnihotri over corruption allegations.
- He is working as Director of Project with NHSRCL since November 2017 and is overall in charge of civil engineering works of the Mumbai Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Project, popularly known as the **Bullet Train Project**.



### Key Points

- National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited Founded: 12 February 2016;
- National High-Speed Rail Corporation Limited Headquarters: New Delhi.



### West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar is NDA's vice-presidential pick

- The BJP has announced West Bengal Governor, **Jagdeep Dhankhar** as the NDA's **vice-presidential candidate**, with party chief J P Nadda lauding him as a **"Kisan Putra (farmer's son)"** who had established himself as "a people's governor".
- With the NDA having a clear majority in the electoral college comprising MPs of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Dhankhar is expected to win the August 6 election to vice-president. He will succeed **M Venkaiah Naidu**, whose term ends on August 10



### Ashish Kumar Chauhan named as the next MD & CEO of NSE

- **The National Stock Exchange (NSE)** has announced the appointment of **Ashish Kumar Chauhan** as its new **managing director and CEO**. He will succeed **Vikram Limaye** whose 5-year term ended on 16 July 2022.
- He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE.



#### Key Points

- National Stock Exchange Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- National Stock Exchange Founded: 1992;
- Chairperson of National Stock Exchange: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi.

### Narinder Batra resigned as FIH, IOA president and IOC member

- Veteran sports administrator, **Narinder Batra** has resigned as President of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**, President of the **International Hockey Federation (FIH)**, as well as a member of the **International Olympic Committee (IOC)**, citing "personal reasons".
- Mr Batra ceased to be President of the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** when the Delhi High Court, on May 25, struck down the post of 'Life member' in Hockey India, courtesy of which he had contested the IOA elections and won back in 2017.



### Lt Gen (Retd) Raj Shukla appointed as member of UPSC

- Retired Army officer **Raj Shukla** has been appointed as a member of the **Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)**.
- The UPSC recommends candidates to the government for appointment to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and the Central Services — Group A and Group B.



#### Key Points

- UPSC Chairperson: Manoj Soni;
- UPSC Founded: 1 October 1926.

### Former SC judge Vineet Saran appointed as new BCCI ethics officer

- Former Supreme Court judge, **Vineet Saran** has taken over as the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) ethics officer and ombudsman**. He has succeeded Justice (Retd) **D. K. Jain**, whose term ended in June last year.
- Saran, 65, is a former Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, and also served as a judge in Karnataka and Allahabad High Court.



#### Key Points

- BCCI President: Sourav Ganguly;
- BCCI secretary: Jay Shah;
- BCCI Headquarters: Mumbai;
- BCCI Founded: December 1928.

### 15th President of India: Draupadi Murmu

- Daughter of a tribal family coming from a very ordinary house in Odisha, **Draupadi Murmu** has been elected as the **15th President of India**.
- The 2022 Indian Presidential Election was the **16th presidential election** that was held in India on the 18th of July 2022. Murmu becomes India's first woman tribal president.
- She also becomes the second woman to hold the post after Pratibha Patil. The tenure of incumbent president **Ram Nath Kovind** will end on 24 July.

### Sri Lanka: Ranil Wickremesinghe elected as 9th President

- Veteran **Sri Lankan** politician and six-time Prime Minister, **Ranil Wickremesinghe** has been elected as the **9th President of the Island nation** by the Parliament. He secured 134 votes in the presidential election by the 225-member parliament.
- The 73-year-old Wickremesinghe will serve the remaining term of former President **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**, which ends in 2024.



#### Key Points

- Sri Lanka Capitals: Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte;
- Sri Lanka Currency: Sri Lankan rupee.

### Dinesh Gunawardena sworn in as the 15th Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

- Senior politician, **Dinesh Gunawardena** has been appointed as the new and **15th Prime Minister** of Sri Lanka, by President **Ranil Wickremesinghe**.
- He succeeds former prime minister **Ranil Wickremesinghe**, who has been sworn in as the country's 9th president.



- Gunawardena, parliamentarian of the **Sri Lanka PodujanaPeramuna (SLPP) party**, took his oath in the capital Colombo in the presence of other senior legislators.

### Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem named as new Kuwait's Prime Minister

- Kuwait's Emir **Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah** has issued a decree to appoint **Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem** as a new **Prime Minister**. The appointment of a new PM comes three months after former Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Hamad Al-Sabah submitted his resignation, the fourth in the past two years and a half.
- Sheikh Mohammed Sabah was born in 1955 and is the **fourth son of the 12th Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah Al Salem Al Sabah**, who ruled Kuwait from 1965 until 1977. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Claremont College in California, and a PhD in Economics and Middle Eastern Studies from Harvard University.



### Key Points

- Kuwait Capital: Kuwait City;
- Kuwait Currency: Kuwaiti dinar.

### Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi resigned

- Prime Minister of **Italy, Mario Draghi** has stepped down from his post after key coalition parties withdrew their support for his government on measures tackling the high cost of living. Draghi submitted his resignation to President **Sergio Mattarella**.
- However, Draghi's government will continue to function under a caretaker capacity till a new leader is elected. He was elected as Prime Minister of Italy in February 2021.



### Key Points

- Italy Capital: Rome;
- Italy Currency: Euro.

### Egypt's Seif Ahmed named as FIH acting president

- **The International Hockey Federation (FIH)** has appointed **Egypt's Seif Ahmed** as its acting president following **Indian** administrator **Narinder Batra's** resignation from the post.
- Batra resigned as FIH president and also quit as **Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief**. He also gave up his International Olympic Committee (IOC) membership which was directly linked with his IOA position.



### Key Points

- International Hockey Federation Headquarters: Lausanne, Switzerland;
- International Hockey Federation CEO: Thierry Weil;

- International Hockey Federation Founded: 7 January 1924, Paris, France.

### RavinderTakkar to be replaced by AkshayaMoondra as CEO of Vodafone Idea

- **Vodafone Idea**, a telecom Company, said that **AkshayaMoondra**, who currently serves as chief financial officer, has been promoted to CEO with effect from August 19.
- According to the filing, RavinderTakkar, the business's current managing director and chief executive officer, will remain on the board of the company when his tenure is up as a non-executive and non-independent director.

### Key Points

- Vodafone Founder: **Gerry Whent and Ernest Harrison**
- Vodafone CEO: **RavindraTakkar (AkshayaMoondra to take charge soon)**

### India's Indermit Gill named as World Bank's Chief Economist

- The international financial institution, **World Bank** has appointed **Indermit Gill**, as its chief economist and senior vice-president for development economics at the multilateral development bank. His appointment will be effective September 1, 2022.
- Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as chief economist at the World Bank. KaushikBasu was the first, having served in the job from 2012-2016. Gill, currently vice-president for equitable growth, finance, and institutions at the Bank, leads the work on macroeconomics, debt, trade, poverty, and governance.



### Sanjay Arora to join as the new Delhi Police commissioner

- **Sanjay Arora**, a Tamil Nadu-cadre IPS officer who oversaw the paramilitary **ITBP**, will assume control of the Delhi Police as **Delhi Police commissioner**. He is scheduled to retire in 2025.
- **Sanjay Arora** was named **commissioner of the Delhi Police**, replacing the previous Delhi Police Commissioner **RakeshAsthana**, an IPS officer from the **Gujarat Cadre** who retired after nearly 38 years of service.
- **RakeshAsthana**, the departing commissioner of the Delhi Police, said that despite his retirement, he still has a strong desire to serve the public and the force.
- The **IPS** officer from the Gujarat cadre class of 1984 has made some significant reforms to the Delhi Police over the past year, including combining Police Control Room units with police stations and removing law and order from the investigative section.



## Honours/ Awards

### Karnataka's SiniShetty crowned Femina Miss India 2022

- **SiniShetty** has won the title of **Femina Miss India 2022**. She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant. Shetty was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, **Manasa Varanasi** at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai.
- Femina Miss India 2022's first runner-up is **RubalShekhawat** from Rajasthan, while the second runner-up is **ShinataChauhan**, who hails from Uttar Pradesh.



### Michelle Poonawalla received the coveted Shiromani Award

- **Michelle Poonawalla** has received the **Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022** in the United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of art.
- In addition to Poonawalla, the Shiromani Award was also awarded to **Shri Sadhu Bhramvihari, Lord Rami Ranger, RitaHindujaChhabria**.
- The Shiromani Award was instituted in 1977 and has been bestowed on Mother Teresa, Chief Marshal Manekshaw, Raj Kapoor, Sunil Gavaskar, Sachin Tendulkar, KapilDev, PT Usha, Leander Paes, VishwanathanAnand, The Dalai Lama, Jaya Bachchan and AshaBhosle in the past.



### Ukrainian mathematician MarynaViazovska wins prestigious Fields Medal 2022

- Ukrainian maths professor, **MarynaViazovska**, who won the top mathematics prize, the **Fields Medal 2022**.
- Viazovska and three other mathematicians received the Fields Medal, dubbed the Nobel prize in maths, in Helsinki after the ceremony was moved from Saint Petersburg to the Finnish capital in response to Moscow's war.



### The four awardees of the prestigious prize include:

- France's **Hugo Duminil-Copin** (36 years)- Institut des HautesÉtudesScientifiques
- US-based **June Huh** (39 years) – Princeton University
- Britain's **James Maynard** (35 years) – University of Oxford
- Ukraine's **MarynaViazovska** (37 years) – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

### Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists'

- India-born **Gita Gopinath** became the **first woman and second Indian** to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**.
- The first Indian to achieve the honour was **RaghuramRajan** who Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006.
- Gopinath was appointed as IMF Chief Economist in October 2018 and was later promoted as the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director in



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### Japan's 'Order of the Rising Sun' award conferred to Narayanan Kumar

- The government of Japan has conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award on Sanmar Group Vice Chairman **Narayanan Kumar** in recognition of his contribution toward strengthening economic relations between Japan and India. Kumar was honoured by the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Taka Masayuki.
- Masayuki lauded Kumar's dedicated efforts in promoting friendship, goodwill and mutual understanding between Japan and India.
- Kumar also heads the Indo-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He had served the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as its president and was among the 'Spring 2022 Imperial Decorations recipients'.



### Maharashtra Gov presents Mother Teresa Memorial Award to Dia Mirza & Afroz Shah

- The United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) National Goodwill Ambassador Ms **Dia Mirza**, and Environmental Activist **Mr Afroz Shah** were felicitated with the prestigious Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice 2021.
- The award is given by the Governor of Maharashtra Hon. **Bhagat Singh Koshyari** at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. Both were awarded for their commendable and notable achievements in Environmental Sustainability.
- Harmony Foundation hosts the Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice. This is a platform to acknowledge and recognize the extraordinary work of individuals or organizations who aim to promote peace, harmony and social justice.



### Japan awards Ex-PM Shinzo Abe country's highest order posthumously

- The Japanese government announced its decision to honour former Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** with the country's highest decoration "the Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum" posthumously.
- Shinzo Abe will be the fourth former premier to receive the honour under the postwar Constitution. Before him, former Prime Ministers **Shigeru Yoshida**, **Eisaku Sato** and **Yasuhiro Nakasone** were conferred with the same honour.



### British Parliament felicitated BCCI President Sourav Ganguly

- Former India captain and current BCCI president, **Sourav Ganguly** was felicitated by the **British Parliament**.
- The Indian cricket legend was felicitated on the same date July 13 when he led India to Natwest final win in 2002 and exactly



20 years later on the same day he was honoured in the same city. He was elected as the **President of BCCI in 2019**.

### Filmmaker KP Kumaran honoured with JC Daniel Award 2022

- Malayalam filmmaker, **KP Kumaran** has been honoured with Kerala's highest film award, the **JC Daniel Award**. Kumaran won the award for his contribution to the Malayalam film industry.
- The award comprises of a cash prize of **Rs 5 lakh**, a citation, and plaque. The 2021 jury included singer **P Jayachandran**, director **Sibi Malayil**, film academy chairman **Ranjith**, and **Rani George**, the principal secretary of the Department of Cultural Affairs.
- JC Daniel Award is Kerala's highest award in Malayalam cinema. It is presented annually by the **Kerala State Chalachitra Academy**, a nonprofit institution under the Department of Cultural Affairs. **Instituted in 1992**, the award is given to honour the recipients for their outstanding contribution to Malayalam cinema.



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### Awards News Gen. Naravane and former US Defense Secretary honoured for fostering Indo-US relations

- The **US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF)** has recognised former Indian Army Chief **General Manoj Mukund Naravane** for his contribution to fostering ties between India and the US.
- The public service award has also been given to former US Defense Secretary **General Jim Mattis** in addition to **Naravane**. The USISPF gave prizes for public service and global leadership to those who had a significant impact on advancing connections between the US and India.

### Key Points

- President and CEO of USISPF: **Mukesh Aghi**

### Professor Kaushik Rajashekara won Global Energy Prize 2022

- Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, **Kaushik Rajashekara** has won the prestigious **Global Energy Prize**.
- Rajashekara is joined as a 2022 laureate by **Viktor Orlov**, chief specialist of the Centre for Innovative Technologies (Rosatom in Russia) and pioneer in thermonuclear physics; and **Mercouri Kanatzidis**, professor of chemistry and materials science at Northwestern University and senior researcher at the Argonne National Laboratory.
- Rajashekara was given the award in the New Ways of Energy Applications category for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions. The awarding ceremony will be held during Russian Energy Week in Moscow on October 12-14.



### Boris Johnson gives Churchill Leadership Award to Ukraine's Zelenskyy

- British Prime Minister, **Boris Johnson** has presented Ukrainian President **Volodymyr Zelenskyy** with the **Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award**, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crisis.
- Zelenskyy accepted the award by video link during a ceremony at Johnson's London office that was attended by members of the Churchill family, Ukrainian Ambassador **Vadym Prystaiko** and Ukrainians who have received training from British soldiers.
- The Churchill leadership award was first presented in **2006**. Past recipients include **Prince Charles**, former British Prime Ministers **Margaret Thatcher** and **John Major**, and former US Secretary of State **Madeleine Albright**.





## Sports

### AdaniSportsline is principal sponsor of Indian Olympic Association

- **AdaniSportsline**, the sports arm of the Adani Group, has inked a long-term principal sponsorship deal with the **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)**.
- It will be the official partner of the Indian contingent during the upcoming **Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022**, the **Hangzhou Asian Games 2022**, and the **Paris Olympic Games 2024**.
- The group had earlier been associated with the Indian contingent during the Tokyo Olympics in 2021.



### HCL Technologies bags Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022

- **HCL Technologies** was recognised at **Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022**, for innovation and implementing customer solutions based on **Microsoft technology**.
- HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner).
- The IT company was also named a finalist in the 2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Internet of Things (domain finalist).

### JaspritBumrah breaks Lara's world record smashes Broad for 29 runs

- India captain **JaspritBumrah** bludgeoned a hapless **Stuart Broad** for **29 runs** to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket, beating the legendary Brian Lara's feat by one run.
- The world record stayed with Lara for 18 years, he had hit South African left-arm spinner Robin Peterson for **28 runs** in a Test match in 2003-04, which included four fours and two sixes off six legal deliveries.
- Broad, who had also been hit for six sixes in an over by Yuvraj Singh in the inaugural World T20 in 2007, gave away **35 in the 84th over** of the Indian first innings in the fifth rescheduled Test here.



### 36th National Games: To be held in Gujarat from Sep 27 to Oct 10

- **Bhupendra Patel**, the chief minister of Gujarat, declared that the **36th National Games** will be held in his state from September 27 to October 10 for the first time ever.
- Due to a number of factors, including the coronavirus pandemic since 2020, the prestigious event is being hosted after a seven-year hiatus; the previous one was in **Kerala** in 2015.
- The chief minister claimed in another post that **Gujarat** has world-class athletic facilities and that the sporting world is experiencing a resurgence. The government will do everything possible to make the national games the best athletic event ever.



**Ferrari’s Charles Leclerc wins Austrian Grand Prix 2022**

- Ferrari’s **Charles Leclerc** held off world champion Max Verstappen to win the **Austrian Grand Prix 2022**.
- Red Bull’s **Max Verstappen** had to settle for second and Mercedes’ seven-time world champion **Lewis Hamilton** was a distant third, after starting eighth, to complete the podium for the third race in a row.
- Leclerc, whose victory is his first in Formula 1 had not started on pole position, has now closed the gap to Verstappen in the drivers’ championship standings to 38 points.



**Wimbledon 2022: Novak Djokovic wins the seventh title**

- **Serbia Novak Djokovic** won a seventh **Wimbledon men’s title** and **21st Grand Slam** crown with a four-set triu
- mph over **Nick Kyrgios**.
- Kyrgios gave his best to challenge the more experienced rival in his first Major final, but he could take only one set, propelling Djokovic toward the 21st Major crown.



**Here is the Complete List of Winners in Different Categories:**

S.No	Category	Winner	Runner up
1	<b>Men’s Singles</b>	N. Djokovic	N. Kyrgios
2	<b>Women’s Singles</b>	E. Rybakina	O. Jabeur
3	<b>Men’s Doubles</b>	M. Ebden& M. Purcell	N. Mektić& M. Pavić
4	<b>Women’s Doubles</b>	K. Siniaková& B. Krejčíková	S. Zhang & E. Mertens
5	<b>Mixed Doubles</b>	D. Krawczyk& N. Skupski	M. Ebden& S. Stosur

**Jonny Bairstow&MarizanneKapp named ICC Players of the Month for June**

- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has announced the ICC Player of the Month awards for June 2022.
- England’s in-form batter **Jonny Bairstow** bagged the Men’s Player of the Month title while South Africa’s power-hitting batter **MarizanneKapp** was awarded with Women’s Player of the Month.



**Key Points**

- ICC Founded: 15 June 1909;

- ICC Chairman: Greg Barclay;
- ICC CEO: Geoff Allardice;
- ICC Headquarters: Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

### Mohammed Shami becomes fastest Indian bowler to take 150 ODI wickets

- **Mohammed Shami** became the fastest Indian bowler to **150 ODI wickets** in first India vs England ODI at the Kennington Oval.
- The seamer needed 80 matches to 150 ODI wickets. Shami achieved the feat with his second wicket of the match. Overall, Shami is third joint-fastest to reach 150 ODI wickets.
- Shami also became the joint-third fastest ever to take 150 ODI wickets along with Afghanistan's **Rashid Khan**.
- Australia's **Mitchell Starc (77 matches)** and Pakistan's **Saqlain Mushtaq (78 matches)** hold the top-two positions for the fastest bowlers to reach 150 ODI wickets.



### Fastest Indian to take 150 wickets in ODI format

- Mohammed Shami: 80 games
- Ajit Agarkar: 97 games
- Zaheer Khan: 103 games.

### Rohit Sharma sets a world record and becomes the first captain to win 13 straight T20I matches

- **Rohit Sharma**, the captain of India, became the first captain in cricket history to win 13 straight T20Is. This accomplishment was made by **Rohit** in Southampton's first T20I of a three-match series against England.
- **Rohit Sharma** led the Men in Blue to victories over New Zealand, the West Indies, Sri Lanka, and now England after taking over as captain from **Virat Kohli**.



### IOA named 322-member Indian contingent for Commonwealth Games

- **Indian Olympic Association (IOA)** has announced a **322-member** Indian contingent including 215 athletes and 107 officials and support staff to represent the country at the **Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham, United Kingdom**.
- The Games are scheduled to be held in British city from July 28 to August 8, 2022. Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para-sports category.
- **Rajesh Bhandari**, vice president of the Boxing Federation of India (BFI), is the **Chef de Mission of the squad**. Team India will compete in 15 sporting disciplines as well as four disciplines in the para-sports category.



### Singapore Open 2022: PV Sindhu wins first Super 500 title

- **PV Sindhu** won the first **Super 500** title of her career when she defeated reigning Asian champion **Wang Zhi Yi** of China 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 in the final of the **Singapore Open**.
- **Anthony Sinisuka Ginting** won the men's singles title at badminton's Singapore Open 2022. Olympic bronze medallist Ginting from Indonesia beat unseeded Japanese player **Naraoka Kodai** in a closely fought final.



### 2025 World Athletics Championships: Tokyo's Olympic Stadium to host event

- The **World Athletics Council** has selected **Tokyo (Japan)** to host the **2025 World Athletics Championships**.
- At the World Athletics Council Meeting in Oregon, USA, the Council also announced that the 2024 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in Medulin and Pula in Croatia and the 2026 World Athletics Cross Country Championships will be held in **Tallahassee, Florida**.
- The 18th edition of the World Athletics Championships begins in Oregon USA while Budapest in Hungary will host the 2023 event.



### Mairaj Ahmad Khan of India writes history by winning gold medal in skeet

- Veteran Indian shooter **Mairaj Ahmed Khan** made history by becoming the first person to ever win a men's skeet gold medal at an **ISSF World Cup**.
- The 46-year-old from Uttar Pradesh shot 37 in the 40-shot final to finish ahead of **Minsu Kim** from Korea (36), who took second place, and **Ben Llewellyn** from Britain (26), who took third place.
- In the bronze medal match, the Indians easily defeated the Austrian team of **Sheileen Waibel**, **Nadine Ungerank**, and **Rebecca Koeck** 16-6 to take the podium spot. But Khan unquestionably owned the day.



### Los Angeles to host 2028 Summer Olympic Games

- The **2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games** will be hosted in **Los Angeles, United States**. The opening ceremony for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics will take place on **July 14, 2028, and continue till July 30**.
- However, Los Angeles has previously hosted the Olympics in 1984 and 1932. The LA28 Games will feature more than 3,000 hours of live sport across 800 events in more than 40 sports. 15,000 athletes are expected to compete in the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles, according to LA 28.



### Max Verstappen wins the title of 2022 French Grand Prix

- Charles Leclerc of Ferrari crashed out of the race on lap 18 but was unharmed, and **Max Verstappen** of Red Bull took first place at Paul Ricard. **Lewis Hamilton** and **George Russell** of Mercedes finished third and fourth, respectively.
- At Le Castellet, where the track temperature was high, tyre management was essential. After Verstappen pitted on Lap 17, it was up to Leclerc to step up.
- His race was finished in a harsh snap of oversteer at Turn 11, which also caused him to shout in rage and brought out the Safety Car. **Hamilton** and Red Bull's Sergio Perez pitted and started chasing **Verstappen** after the restart. Verstappen continued to run and took over the lead.



### Neeraj Chopra wins a silver medal in the javelin at the world championships

- **Neeraj Chopra** makes history by winning silver in the **World Athletics Championships** for the first time ever. **Neeraj Chopra** grinned after his 88.13m throw in the fourth round.
- His greatest throw in the men's javelin throw final in Eugene, US, allowed him to move into the provisional podium spot in second place, which helped to lessen the tension.



### AR Rahman unveils anthem 'Vanakkam Chennai' for 44th International Chess Olympiad

#### Olympiad

- Grammy and Oscar-winning music composer, **AR Rahman** has come up with the '**Vanakkam Chennai**' (**Welcome Anthem**) for the upcoming International Chess Olympiad, 2022.
- Directed by **VigneshShivan**, the music video features chief minister MK Stalin, grandmaster VishwanathanAnand, and music maestro AR Rahman, who has composed and sung the theme song.
- The music video also features director Shankar's daughter as a Bharatanatyam artiste. The terrific music video has been praised by netizens for showing the culture of Tamil Nadu impressively.



### India will host ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025

- **International Cricket Council (ICC)** has confirmed that **India** will host the **ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025**. BCCI will leave no stone unturned to make it a memorable event for everyone concerned.
- The infrastructure is in place and will have a very successful edition of the World Cup. The hosts were selected via a competitive bidding process overseen by a Board sub-committee chaired by **Martin Snedden** along with **Clare Connor**, **SouravGanguly** and **Ricky Skerritt**.
- **Bangladesh** will host the **2024 Women's T20 World Cup**, while the 2026 edition will be held in **England**.



- **Sri Lanka** has secured hosting rights for the **Women's T20 Champions Trophy**, slated for **2027**, provided it qualifies for the event.

### PV Sindhu named India's flagbearer for 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games

- Ace India badminton player **P.V. Sindhu** has been chosen as the **flagbearer of the Indian contingent** for the opening ceremony of the **Commonwealth Games 2022**. The opening ceremony will be held on July 28, 2022, at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham.
- She was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, where she won silver in the women's singles event.
- Olympic champion **Neeraj Chopra**, who was also the defending champion in the Commonwealth Games having won the gold in Gold Coast four years ago, was expected to be the flag-bearer.



### US wins most Gold, India places 33rd at the 2022 World Athletics Championships

- The **World Athletics Championships** were held in America for the first time. And in terms of medals, **Team USA** made the most of their time over the last 10 days.
- More than three times as many as any other nation in the competition, and more than any other nation has ever won at a global championship, the **United States** finished the competition with a total of 33 medals.
- This includes 13 golds, the most of any nation. India in 33<sup>rd</sup> place among participating countries and fourth best in Asia only behind China, Japan and Kazakhstan.

### Asia Cup 2022 shifted from Sri Lanka to the UAE

- As informed by the **Asian Cricket Council (ACC)**, the **Asia Cup 2022** will now be held in **United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in **Sri Lanka**.
- However, due to the economic crisis in the island nation, the tournament has been shifted to UAE. But the hosting rights of the game will still remain with Sri Lanka.
- The tournament will be held from **August 27 to September 11, 2022**, in the T20 format. This is the second consecutive time that the tournament will be played in the UAE.



### Formula-one champion Sebastian Vettel announces retirement

- Four-time Formula One champion, **Sebastian Vettel** who is currently a part of **Aston Martin** announced his retirement. The 35-year-old German driver declared that he will retire at the end of the season.
- He is one of the most successful drivers in the F1 race is currently third on the list of all-time Grand Prix winners with 53 victories, trailing only Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher.



### 22nd Commonwealth Games kicks off at Birmingham, UK

- The **22nd edition** of the **Commonwealth Games** kicked off with a glitzy opening ceremony at the **Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, United Kingdom**. The Prince of Wales, reading out from the Queen's letter, declares the Games open.
- A total of 72 teams took part in the parade into Birmingham's Alexander Stadium. **PV Sindhu and Manpreet Singh** were India's flag-bearers at the parade of the CWG opening ceremony.



### Commonwealth Games 2022: Weightlifter Sanket Sargar wins silver

- India's **Sanket Sargar** has scripted history, by becoming the first athlete from India to win a medal at **Commonwealth Games 2022**.
- He won a silver medal in the men's **55kg event** with a total of 248kg (113kg in snatch, 135 in clean and jerk) to finish behind Malaysia's **Aniq Mohamad**, who took gold with a total of 249 kg (107kg in snatch, 142kg in clean and jerk).



### Commonwealth Games 2022: Mirabai Chanu wins India's first gold medal

- Daughter of India, weightlifter **Mirabai Chanu** has won **India's first Gold Medal** at the **Commonwealth Games 2022** in the **Women's 49Kg** weightlifting category.
- She aggregated a total of 201kg (88kg+113kg) to stamp her authority in the competition and achieve a Commonwealth Games record in the process.
- The silver went to Mauritius' **Marie Hanitra Roilya Ranaivosoa** (172kg) and the bronze to Canada's **Hannah Kaminski** (171 kg).



### Commonwealth Games 2022: Jeremy Lalrinnunga wins Gold in men's 67 kg weightlifting

- India's **Jeremy Lalrinnunga** has won the **gold medal** in **men's 67 kg category** weightlifting at the **2022 Commonwealth Games**. The 19-year-old Youth Olympic champion lifted a total of 300kg (140kg+160kg) to get the first position.
- This is the second gold for the country and fifth medal overall. Samoan weightlifter **Vaipava Nevo Ioane** secured a silver medal with a lift of 293 (127kg + 166kg) and Nigeria's **Edidiong Joseph Umoafia** won bronze, 290kg (130kg+160kg).



**Commonwealth Games 2022: Weightlifter AchintaSheuli clinch gold medal**

- India's weightlifter, **AchintaSheuli (73 Kg)** representative) bagged the **gold medal in The Commonwealth Games 2022**. The 20-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a combined effort of **313 Kilograms** (143kg in snatch and 170kg in clean & jerk).
- India has been performing exceptionally well in weightlifting as the contingent has already bagged **6 medals** in this edition.
- Malaysia's **ErryHidayat Muhammad**, who gave Sheuli a tough competition, ended as the second-best lifter in the event. He had the best effort of 303kg (138kg 165kg). Canada's **Shad Darsigny** was third with a total lift of 298kg (135kg 163kg).

**'Games Wide Open' unveiled as Paris Olympics 2024 official slogan**

- The organizers of the **2024 Paris Olympics** unveiled "**Games Wide Open**" as their official slogan. The 2024 Summer Olympics are scheduled to take place from **July 26 to August 11, 2024**.
- The slogan was released alongside a video promising the Olympics and Paralympics would be "faster", "higher" and "stronger" — as well as "more inclusive, more brotherly, more beautiful."

**England beats Germany in Women's Euro 2022**

- The European Championship final saw **England** defeat **Germany** 2-1 to claim its first significant women's soccer championship.
- After **Germany** failed to successfully clear a corner, **Chloe Kelly** scored the game-winning goal on a rebound in the second period of extra time.
- At **Wembley Stadium**, the score was tied 1-1 after 90 minutes thanks to goals from Germany's **LinaMagull** and England's **Ella Toone**. The result was decided in extra-time.



## Obituaries

### Former Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe passes away

- **Shinzo Abe**, Former **Japan's Prime Minister**, who was shot at during an election campaign in western **Japan's Nara city**, has passed away. The Nara fire department had earlier said that the 67-year-old Abe was in cardiopulmonary arrest before he was taken to the hospital.
- They said that he had been wounded on the right side of the neck and the left clavicle. Abe, the country's longest-serving prime minister until he resigned in 2020, was flown to hospital by helicopter after the attack. It was the first assassination of a sitting or former Japanese premier since the days of prewar militarism in the 1930s.



### 'Father of Indian Internet' BK Syngal passes away

- **Brijendra K Syngal**, former Chairman of **Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL)**, passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 82. Syngal, who has been acknowledged as the **father of the Indian Internet**, was known for his strong views and fearlessness in taking on the establishment.
- As the Chairman of VSNL, he was unofficially known as the '**bulldozer**' for his ability to push through bureaucratic hurdles, as a result of which VSNL grew from a \$125 million company in 1991 into a \$1.65 billion communications giant by 1998.



## Important Days with theme

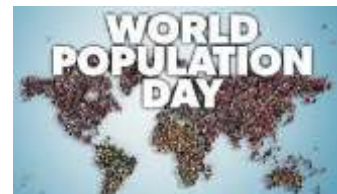
### National Doctor's Day celebrates on 1st July

- India celebrates **National Doctor's Day on July 1**, the birth anniversary of **Dr Bidhan Chandra** Roy, an eminent physician, academician, freedom fighter and politician. Doctor's Day is celebrated globally on different dates.
- The date changes from country to country. National Doctor's Day marks the role of doctors who work tirelessly to ensure that patients remain in good health.
- The day celebrates the efforts taken by the healthcare staff for their hardwork and dedication. Each year a new theme is given. For 2022, the theme for National Doctor's Day is **"Family Doctors on the Front Line."**



### World Population Day 2022 observed globally on 11 July

- **World Population Day** is observed every year on **July 11** to raise awareness about global population issues.
- The major purpose of this day is to raise awareness of all the negative impacts that population growth has had on the steady development of nature.
- Globally, this day is celebrated by organising seminars, discussions, educational sessions, public contests, slogans, workshops, debates, songs, etc.
- The theme for this year is **"A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all"**.



### World Day for International Justice 2022

- **World Day for International Justice** is observed on **July 17** to commemorate the organisations that work to bring justice to the victims of international criminal acts. It also commemorates the establishment of modern court systems in the world.
- **On July 17, 1998**, 120 countries came together to sign a treaty titled the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The establishment came to be known as the **International Criminal Court (ICC)**, which came into force on **July 1, 2002**.



### International Moon Day observed on 20 July

- The General Assembly declared **International Moon Day**, a United Nations-designated international day to be observed annually on **20 July**.
- International Moon Day 2022 is chosen as the day to educate and promote awareness on the status and prospects for humanity.
- In cooperation with **United Nations Office for Outer Space**



**Affairs (UNOOSA)**, the International Moon Day 2022 will be observed as an annual event and general public celebrations will be held all over the world.

### World Brain Day celebrates globally on July 22

- The **World Federation of Neurology (WFN)** celebrates **World Brain Day** on every **July 22**, focusing on a different theme each year.
- According to WHO, good brain health is a state in which every individual can realize their own abilities and optimize their cognitive, emotional, psychological and behavioural functioning to cope with life situations.
- World Brain Day (WBD) 2022 is dedicated to the theme **“Brain Health for all”** as our brains continue to be challenged by pandemics, wars, climate change and the myriad of disorders impacting human existence globally.



### AaykarDiwas or Income Tax Day celebrated by CBDT on July 24

- The **Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)** observed the **162nd Income Tax Day** (also known as AaykarDiwas) on **24 July 2022**.
- The purpose of this tax was to compensate for the losses incurred by the British regime during the first war of independence against British Rule in 1857. The day was first celebrated in 2010.



Central Board of Direct Taxes  
(CBDT)

#### Key Points

- Central Board of Direct Taxes chairman: Nitin Gupta;
- Central Board of Direct Taxes Established: 1924;

### CRPF 84th Raising Day Observes on 27 July 2022

- The **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**, observed its **84th Raising Day** on **27 July 2022**. The day celebrates the immense and unparalleled contribution of the force in upholding the unity, integrity, and sovereignty of the nation.
- CRPF is India's largest Central Armed Police Force, which operates under the authority of the **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)**.
- CRPF came into existence as the **‘Crown Representative’s Police’** on **27 July 1939**. After Independence, it became the Central Reserve Police Force on the enactment of the **‘CRPF Act’** on **28 December 1949**, which constituted CRPF as an armed force of the Union.



#### Key Points

- CRPF Director General: IPS Kuldieep Singh.

**International Tiger Day 2022 observed globally on 29 July**

- **International Tiger Day** is observed globally on **29th July** every year. The day is celebrated to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers.
- This day aims to encourage all to take appropriate action to save the wild cats. As per **World Wildlife Fund**, approximately 95 per cent of the population of tigers has declined in the last 150 years.
- This year's theme for International Tiger Day 2022 is "**India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population**". They support initiatives that collaborate with regional people to safeguard tigers and also take strong action against poaching and illegal trade.

