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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

AUGUST - 2022

CURRENT AFFAIR 1ST – 7TH AUG 2022

- 1. World Breastfeeding Week 2022: 1-7 August:** World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year to emphasize regular breastfeeding for babies. This year breastfeeding week commences on August 1 while it concludes on August 7. This year's World Breastfeeding Week, under its theme 'Step Up for Breastfeeding: Educate and Support.'
- 2. World Lung Cancer Day observed globally on 01st August:** Every year, World Lung Cancer Day is observed on 01st August to raise awareness about the causes and treatment of lung cancer and highlight the issues of lack of sufficient research funding for the ailment. The campaign was first organised in 2012 by the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS), in collaboration with the International Association for the Study of Lung Cancer (IASLC) and also the American College of Chest Physicians.
- 3. Hiroshima Day is observed globally on 6th August:** Hiroshima Day is observed on August 6 to commemorate the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945, at the end of World War II. The horrific incident took place on August 6, 1945, when the United States dropped an atomic bomb named "Little Boy", on the town of Hiroshima in Japan. 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of the world's first atomic bombing.
- 4. National Handloom Day Celebrates on 07 August:** In India, the National Handloom Day is observed annually on the 7th of August to honour the handloom weavers. Handloom is a symbol of our glorious cultural heritage and an important source of livelihood. 2022 marks the 8th National Handloom Day. This year theme of National Handloom Day 2022 is "Handloom, an Indian legacy".
- 5. India observes 2nd 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 07, 2022:** The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) is celebrating the second 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 7, 2022. The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Commonwealth Games 2022: Bindiyarani Devi wins silver medal:** Another Weightlifter of India, Bindiyarani Devi (55kg) has clinched a silver in the women's 55kg as India continued its medal rush at the Commonwealth Games. She lifted a total weight of 202kg (86kg+116kg). Nigeria's

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Adijat Adenike Olarinoye also obliterated the Games record in snatch and total effort with an aggregate of 203kg (92kg+111kg) to win the gold medal.

- 8. 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. Athletes will compete in a total of 329 events in 32 sports. As Paris 2024 aims to be the most gender-balanced Olympic Games in history, the organizers have placed women's competitions in the spotlight.
- 9. 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.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Prime Minister launch the IBU of Deutsche Bank at GIFT-IFSC:** The Gujarat International Finance-Tec City (GIFT City) in Ahmedabad is home to the Deutsche Bank AG's IFSC Banking Unit (IBU), which was opened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The IBU will first offer financial products in the areas of trade finance, fixed income, and currencies, according to Deutsche Bank AG. According to a release, the IBU will offer all authorised international finance products to Deutsche Bank's clients in India and abroad. With its headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany, Deutsche Bank AG is a multinational investment bank and provider of financial services that is dual-listed on the New York Stock Exchange and the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.
- 12. Aurangabad: First smart city in India to receive data from Google's EIE:** The Environmental Insights Explorer (EIE) data from Google was officially released in Aurangabad on Wednesday, according to the Aurangabad Smart City Development Corporation Limited (ASCDCL). This makes Aurangabad the first city in the nation to experience this. The data would aid research groups in formulating sustainable solutions for the city, according to ASCDCL authorities, who noted that the EIE dashboard for Aurangabad was introduced by Google during an event in New Delhi.
- 13. Satyendra Prakash assume charges as new Principal DG, Press Information Bureau:** Senior Indian Information Service officer, Satyendra Prakash has been appointed as the Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau (PIB). A 1988 batch Indian Information Service (IIS) officer, Prakash, the Principal Director General of the Central Bureau of Communication, will succeed Jaideep Bhatnagar, who superannuated. The Press Information Bureau was established

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in June 1919. In 1941, J. Natrajan became the first Indian to be head the Bureau as Principal Information Officer.

- 14. Commonwealth Games 2022:** Indian Team bags gold in Lawn Bowl ::India's lawn bowls women's fours team made history by winning the gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022. This was the country's first medal in the lawn bowls event and the team, made of skipper Rupa Rani Tirkey, Lovely Choubey, Pinki and Nayanmoni Saikia, ended up winning the title itself after beating 2018 silver medallists South Africa. The Indian team won against South Africa with a 17-10 victory.
- 15. Commonwealth Games 2022:** India's paddlers wins gold in Table Tennis ::India's paddlers retained their men's team championship title with a convincing 3-1 win over Singapore in the Table-Tennis Final of the Commonwealth Games 2022. For India, Harmeet Desai and G Sathiyam gave India a great start by registering a win in the doubles match. However, Chew Zhe Yu Clarence won the next game to level Singapore at 1-1. But G Sathiyam and Harmeet Desai ensured India's gold by winning their respective matches.
- 16. A book titled "Lion Of The Skies: Hardit Singh Malik"** by Stephen Barker :A book titled "Lion of the Skies: Hardit Singh Malik, the Royal Air Force and the First World War" is all about an "India's first fighter pilot" who participated in the World War, long before the Indian Air Force was born. The book has been written by author Stephen Barker, who describes in great detail, how challenging it was for an Indian to serve in the British armed forces, fighting racial discrimination – both institutional and interpersonal.
- 17. 4th ONGC Para Games 2022 inaugurated by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri:** The fourth edition of the ONGC Para Games was officially launched in New Delhi's Thyagaraj Sports Complex by Union Minister of Petroleum, Natural Gas, Housing, and Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep Singh Puri. The 4th ONGC Para Games are being held by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) from August 2-4, 2022, and feature 275 Persons with Disabilities (PwD) who work for eight central oil and gas public organisations.
- 18. India to participate combat exercise drill "Pitch Black 2022" in Australia:** India will be part of the mega air combat exercise "Pitch Black 2022" among 17 nations, to be held in the Northern Territory of Australia. India's participation in the exercise, "Pitch Black", has been confirmed by the Australian government. Over 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 nations will be part of the drill. The exercise is scheduled to take place from August 19 to September 6. This year's participants include Australia, Canada, India, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, the UAE, the UK and the US.
- 19. Gol released commemorative postage stamp to honour Tricolour designer P Venkayya:** The government of India released a special commemorative postage stamp to mark the 146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of India's national flag. The stamp was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an event "Tiranga Utsav" organised by the Ministry of

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Culture at Indira Gandhi Stadium, in New Delhi. Pingali Venkayya was born near Machilipatnam (Andhra Pradesh) on August 2, 1876. Pingali had designed many models of the national flag. In 1921, Mahatma Gandhi approved a design during the Indian National Congress meeting in Vijayawada. The national flag that we see today was based upon his design. In 1916, he published a booklet titled 'A National Flag for India'.

- 20. India Navy and France Navy conducted exercise in the Atlantic Ocean:** The Indian Navy guided-missile frigate INS Tarkash, while on her long-range overseas deployment, conducted a Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) with French naval ships in the North Atlantic Ocean on July 29 and 30. INS Tarkash and French Fleet Tanker FNS Somme carried out a replenishment at sea, followed by cooperative air operations with the maritime surveillance aircraft Falcon 50, taking part in several mock missile engagements and air defence drills.
- 21. Commonwealth Games 2022:** Tejaswin Shankar wins India's first High Jump Medal :: India's Tejaswin Shankar won India's first medal in athletics at the Commonwealth games 2022, by clinching a historic bronze in the men's high jump final. Tejaswin, competing for India for the first time in four years nailed a landing of 2.22m to secure a podium finish.
- 22. Suresh N Patel sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner:** Vigilance Commissioner, Suresh N. Patel was appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner. He has been working as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since June this year. He was sworn in as the chief of the Central Vigilance Commission by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Sanjay Kothari had completed his term as the CVC on June 24 last year. Central Vigilance Commission Formed: February 1964, Objectives: To address governmental corruption.
- 23. Senior-most judge of Supreme Court U U Lalit, in line to become next CJI:** Senior-most judge of the Supreme Court of India, Justice U U Lalit, who is in line to become the next Chief Justice of India (CJI). He has been part of several landmark judgements including the one which held the practice of divorce through instant 'triple talaq' among Muslims illegal and unconstitutional. Justice Lalit is in line to become the 49th CJI of India on August 27, a day after incumbent Justice N V Ramana demits the office.
- 24. Commonwealth Games 2022:** Saurav Ghosal wins India's first-ever singles medal in squash :: India's Saurav Ghosal has clinched the bronze medal in squash men's singles by beating James Willstrop of England 11-6, 11-1, 11-4 to take India's Commonwealth Games 2022. This was also India's first-ever medal in squash singles at the Games. He had lost the men's singles semi-final 3-0 (11-9 11-4 11-1) to New Zealand's Paul Coll. Saurav Ghosal (born 10 August 1986, in Kolkata, West Bengal) is a professional squash player from India and reached a career-high world ranking of World No. 10 in April 2019.
- 25. Ramsar sites:** India adds 10 new wetlands in the list: India adds 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make a total of 64 sites in the country. The 10 new sites include Six (6) sites in

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Tamil Nadu and One (1) each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Designation of these sites would help in the conservation and management of wetlands and the wise use of their resources. The sites are Koothankulam Bird Sanctuary, Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve, Vembannur Wetland Complex, Vellode Bird Sanctuary, Vedanthangal Bird Sanctuary and Udhayamarthandapuram Bird Sanctuary, all in Tamil Nadu, Satkosia Gorge in Odisha, Nanda Lake in Goa, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Karnataka, and Sirpur Wetland in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh. Until 2012, India had 26 Ramsar sites, with the last decade witnessing a meteoric rise. On July 26, Mr. Yadav announced that India had added five Ramsar sites. Ramsar wetlands now comprise around 10% of the total wetland area in the country.

- 26. IFS officer Shweta Singh appointed as Director of PMO:** According to a Personnel Ministry, 2008 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, Shweta Singh was appointed as a director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved Singh's appointment for a period of three years from the date of her joining.
- 27. Bihar's Langat Singh College astronomy lab included in the Unesco heritage list:** The astronomical observatory at the Langat Singh College, commonly known as L. S. College, Muzaffarpur, Bihar is now included in the UNESCO list of Important Endangered Heritage observatories of the world. The college authorities have requested the state government to conserve the old Astro lab as a specimen of the glorious past of the state and also to preserve and promote it as a heritage structure. **UNESCO Founded:** 16 November 1945, Headquarters: Paris, France, **Members:** 193 countries, Head: Audrey Azoulay.
- 28. India-US Armies to hold mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" in Uttarakhand's Auli:** The Indian Army and the US Army will conduct the 18th edition of the fortnight-long mega military exercise "Yudh Abhyas" from October 14 to 31, 2022, at Auli in Uttarakhand. The exercise is aimed at enhancing understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the two armies. The previous edition of the exercise took place in Alaska, the US, in October 2021.
- 29. Amazon India signed an agreement with Indian Railways to boost delivery:** Amazon India has engaged with the Railway of India to boost its delivery services in the country. Through this partnership, Amazon India will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer. Amazon began working with the Indian Railways in 2019. **Amazon Founder:** Jeff Bezos, **CEO:** Andy Jassy, **HQ:** Seattle, Washington, United States, **Formed:** 5 July 1994.
- 30. IDF World Dairy Summit 2022 to be held in New Delhi:** International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from September 12. India will look to improve its per animal milk productivity by drawing lessons from advanced nations. Currently, the world's largest milk producer with about 210 million tonnes of production per year, India lags behind many advanced countries in dairy productivity.

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- 31. World's largest floating solar power plant going to be built in Khandwa, MP:** The world's largest floating solar power plant is going to be built at Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh. With an aim to increase the power generation capacity of the central state of Madhya Pradesh and address the electricity problems in the region. A floating solar power plant is going to be built in Khandwa which will generate 600 Megawatt power by 2022-23.
- 32. Ravinder Takkar named as Chairman of Vodafone Idea:** Ravinder Takkar, the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi), will replace Himanshu Kapania as the telco's new chairman. He will step down as non-executive chairman of the board with effect from 18 August this month.
- 33. Oil India named Ranjith Rath as new Chairman & MD:** Ranjit Rath has taken over as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of state-run Oil India Ltd (OIL). He replaces Sushil Chandra Mishra who retired on 30 June. The newly appointed OIL CMD has so far been associated with diverse roles spanning from strategy formulation, business development and upstream asset management to the application of geosciences. Oil India Ltd Headquarters: Noida; Oil India Ltd Founded: 18 February 1959
- 34. Commonwealth Games 2022: Bajrang Punia Wins Gold in Men's 65kg Category:** Bajrang Punia has won his 3rd Commonwealth Games medal and his second successive Gold medal in the men's 65kg category. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist beat Lachlan McNeil of Canada in the final (9-2). He had won silver in his maiden CWG in 2014 and then bettered the colour four years ago in Gold Coast by winning a gold.
- 35. Commonwealth Games 2022: Sakshi Malik Wins Gold in Women's Wrestling:** Star Indian wrestler, Sakshi Malik has won the gold medal in the Women's Wrestling Freestyle 62Kg at the 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games. She defeated Ana Godinez Gonzalez of Canada in the final. The 29-year-old defeated England's Kelsey Barnes 10-0 via technical superiority in the quarter-final and then beat Cameroon's Berthe Emilienne Etane Ngolle 10-0 via technical superiority in the semi-final.
- 36. Commonwealth Games 2022: India's Deepak Punia won a gold medal in Wrestling:** India's wrestler Deepak Punia has won the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games 2022 by defeating Pakistan's Muhammad Inam by 3-0 in the men's 86 kg category in the final. In the semifinal earlier, Deepak saw out Canada's Alexander Moore 3-1 as he gained early points. This is India's third gold medal in wrestling.
- 37. Haryana government developed the Cheerag programme for EWS Students:** The "Chief Minister Equal Education Relief, Assistance and Grant (Cheerag)" programme was recently introduced by the administration of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. It was put in lieu of a comparable programme started by the Bhupinder Singh Hooda administration in 2007 under Rule 134 A of the 2003 Haryana School Education Rules. According to the plan, government

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students from the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) who attend private schools will receive a free education.

- 38. Uttarakhand govt decides to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each district:** Uttarakhand government has decided to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each of the 13 districts in the state. Citizens of these villages will be trained by experts to use the ancient Indian language as a medium of daily communication, Uttarakhand's Minister for Sanskrit Education. Sanskrit teachers will be sent to the selected villages to teach locals how to communicate in the language. They will also be taught the Vedas and the Puranas to help them acquire proficiency in Sanskrit. To be called "Sanskrit Gram", each of these villages will be a centre of ancient Indian culture. Sanskrit is the second official language of Uttarakhand. The first language is Hindi.
- 39. Jagdeep Dhankhar Elected as the 14th Vice-President of India:** Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected as the 14th Vice President of India. Jagdeep Dhankhar was the candidate nominated by the NDA from BJP. He will be administering the oath to the office on August 11, just after the tenure of incumbent Vice President Venkaiah Naidu ends. Jagdeep Dhankhar was serving as the Governor of West Bengal before getting nominated for the Vice President Elections 2022. The Opposition of Vice President Elections 2022 was Margaret Alva who is an ex-Union Minister and former five-times Congress MP.
- 40. Commonwealth Games 2022: Priyanka Goswami wins India's 1st medal in race walk:** Priyanka Goswami wins silver at Commonwealth Games 2022 in a 10000m race walk. She becomes the first Indian woman to win a medal in the race walk, Athletics at Commonwealth Games 2022. Priyanka records 43:38:82, which is a new Indian National record in a 10000m race walk. The national record in India was previously held by Khushbir Kaur, with 44:35.5 in 2017. Australia's Jemima Montag won Gold in race walk with a record of 42:34:00 at Commonwealth Games 2022. She previously won a 20km race walk at Gold Coast in 2018.
- 41. Commonwealth Games 2022: Eldhose Paul becomes the first Indian to win gold in the triple jump :** India's Eldhose Paul scripted history by winning the first-ever gold medal in Men's Triple Jump at the Commonwealth Games 2022. With the best effort of 17.03m, he left everyone in awe of his stunning jump. Paul's statemate Aboobacker won silver with a 17.02m jump (wind assistance +1.2) in his fifth attempt. Bermuda's Jah-Nhai Perinchief won bronze with a jump of 16.92m.

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- 1. Nation observes 80th anniversary of Quit India movement:** The 80th anniversary of the August Kranti Din or Quit India Movement, which is considered as one of the important milestones in the history of the freedom struggle of our country, is being observed on 8 August 2022. The slogans “Quit India” and “Do or Die” became battle cries for the freedom fighters during the Quit India movement. The Quit India movement was supposed to be a peaceful and non-violent movement that only aimed to urge the British to leave India and grant Independence. On 8 Aug 1942, Mahatma Gandhi gave a clarion call to end British rule and launched the Quit India Movement at the session of the All-India Congress Committee in Mumbai. Although the movement was suppressed by 1944, it played an important role in uniting the common people across the country against British rule.
- 2. International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples: 09 August:** International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples is celebrated on 09th August across the world. The celebration highlights the role of indigenous people and the importance of preserving their rights, communities and knowledge they gathered and passed down over centuries. The theme of International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples this year is “The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge.”
- 3. World observed Nagasaki Day on 09th August:** Japan commemorates the 9th of August every year as Nagasaki day. On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. It was code-named “Fat Man” due to the design of the bomb as it had a wide, round shape. On August 9, 1945, a US B-29 bomber dropped an atomic bomb on the city, killing nearly 20,000 people. The year 2022 will mark the 77th anniversary of the incident and will pay tribute to all those who lost their lives in the attack or were left alive to die slowly in the horrible nuclear radiation.
- 4. World Lion Day observed globally on 10th August:** World Lion Day is observed globally on 10th August. The day aims to spread awareness of lions and the urgent need to strive toward their conservation. Lions are silently in danger of going extinct worldwide. Lions supposedly wandered amiably through Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East some three million years ago. The purpose of World Lion Day, as previously indicated, is to increase public awareness of the significance of lion conservation. Lions are designated as a vulnerable species on the Red List of Threatened Species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- 5. World Biofuel Day observed globally on 10 August:** World Biofuel Day is commemorated on 10 August every year to raise awareness about the use of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. During this day, the government and private organisations come together to spread awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as a different source of energy.

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- 6. International Youth Day celebrates on 12th August:** International Youth Day is celebrated on 12 August every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth. The objective of International Youth Day 2022 is to amplify the message that action is needed across all generations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and leave no one behind.
- 7. World Elephant Day observed globally on 12 August:** World Elephant Day is celebrated on 12 August every year to raise awareness about the plight of elephants all over the world. The day tries to highlight why these animals should be protected and what laws and measures can be enacted to ensure their survival.
- 8. World Organ Donation Day celebrates on 13th August:** World Organ Donation Day is observed globally on the 13th of August. This day is observed to spread awareness about the importance of donating organs. It also plays a pivotal role in debunking various misconceptions about donating organs. Donating organs of the deceased like kidneys, heart, pancreas, eyes, lungs, etc can help save the lives of those who are facing chronic illnesses. This year's theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives".
- 9. International Lefthanders Day observed on 13th August:** International Lefthanders Day is observed on August 13 across the world. The day is observed to raise awareness about the lefty people's experience with living in a right-hand dominant world. The day aims to raise awareness about being left-handed in a predominantly right-handed world.
- 10. World Sanskrit Day 2022:** World Sanskrit Day is celebrated on Sawan Purnima in the Hindu calendar. As per the calendar, Friday, August 12 marks the occasion. It was first celebrated in 1969 when the government decided to illuminate the world about the language that is deeply rooted in the Hindu culture. Sanskrit is believed to be originated in India around 3500 years ago. The first World Sanskrit Day was celebrated on 1969. Sanskrit is divided into two periods, the Vedic and classical. Vedic Sanskrit is a part of the Rig Veda, the Upanishads, and the Puranas. The Vedas were composed from 1000 to 500 BCE.
- 11. Commonwealth Games 2022: India's Final Medal Tally and Rank:** India contingent completed its Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign in Birmingham. India won 61 medals in the overall Commonwealth Games 2022 medal table. India finished its CWG 2022 campaign as the fourth-best country on the medals table. India won 22 gold medals, 16 silver and 23 bronze medals at the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. India's Commonwealth Games 2022 campaign is its fifth-best in terms of the number of medals won. India's best finish was at its home games in Delhi in 2010, where it won 101 medals. India's best CWG campaigns:., 2010, New Delhi: 101 medals, 2002, Manchester: 69 medals, 2018, Gold Coast: 66 medals, 2014, Glasgow: 64 medals, 2022, Birmingham: 61 medals. Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 after she topped the 49kg category. Paddler Sharath Kamal won India's last gold

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medal in Commonwealth Games 2022 with a gold medal in the Table Tennis men's singles competition.

12. CWG 2022: Nikhat Zareen and Sharath Kamal India's flagbearers at the closing ceremony:

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced table tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal and Boxer Nikhat Zareen as the Flagbearers of India for the closing ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham. Achanta Sharath Kamal won gold in Commonwealth Games 2022 at Birmingham by defeating Liam Pitchford in the finals and Nikhat Zareen also won gold by defeating Mc Naul in the finals of the boxing light flyweight event under the 50kg category at Commonwealth Games 2022.

13. 2022 SAFF U20 Championship: India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to clinch the trophy:

India beat Bangladesh 5-2 after extra time to clinch the 2022 SAFF U20 Championship title, at Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. India was the host of the 4th edition of the SAFF U-20 Championship. SAFF U-20 Championship is an international football competition for men's under-18 national teams organized by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF). Sibajit Singh Leimapokpam was the captain of the Indian team and Som Kumar was the goalkeeper. South Asian Football Federation Founded: 1997, Headquarters: Dhaka, Bangladesh.

14. UP Govt Plans to Double Farmers income under 'Panchamrut Yojana':

Uttar Pradesh government announced that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's 'Panchamrut Yojana' will help to achieve the goal of doubling farmers' income through the introduction of cost-effective technical measures and the promotion of the co-cropping method. As per the press note released by the UP government, the Panchamrut scheme seeks to reduce the production cost of sugarcane, as well as increase productivity and the fertility of the land, through five techniques, including an integrated trench method for sowing of sugarcane, ratoon management and trash mulching, drip irrigation and co-cropping.

15. Govt Launches: Mission Vatsalya Scheme: The Ministry of Women and Child Development is implementing a centrally-sponsored scheme "Mission Vatsalya" erstwhile Child Protection Services (CPS) scheme, since 2009-10 for the welfare and rehabilitation of children. The objective of Mission Vatsalya is to secure a healthy and happy childhood for each and every child in India, ensure opportunities to enable them to discover their full potential and assist them in flourishing in all respects in a sustained manner, foster a sensitive, supportive and synchronized ecosystem for the development of children, assist States/UTs in delivering the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Act 2015 and achieve the SDG goals. Components under Mission Vatsalya include improvement in the functioning of statutory bodies, Strengthening service delivery structures; Upscale institutional care/services.

16. Spiritual leader Dalai Lama honoured with Ladakh's highest civilian award: Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama was honoured with the 'dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh. This award is given for his immense contribution to humanity, especially towards the

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union territory. The sixth award was conferred by Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh which celebrated the 'dPal rNgam Duston' with great fervour on the occasion of its foundation day at Sindhu Ghat.

- 17. Indian-American Aarya Walvekar crowned Miss India USA 2022:** Indian American from Virginia, Aarya Walvekar has crowned Miss India USA in 2022 in New Jersey. Saumya Sharma, a second-year premedical student at the University of Virginia, was declared first runner up and Sanjana Chekuri of New Jersey was the second runner-up. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the pageant which is the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India. It was started by New York-based Indian-Americans Dharmatma and Neelam Saran under the banner of Worldwide Pageants.
- 18. Goa CM Pramod Sawant announced to implement 100% NEP in higher education:** Goa Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant has announced that the state government will implement 100% of the syllabus in higher education institutes along the lines of the National Education Policy (NEP). The implementation of NEP from the college to university level has already started. From the next academic year, a hundred per cent of the syllabus in the higher education institutes would be online with the NEP.
- 19. Google launches 'India Ki Udaan' to mark 75 years of Independence:** Tech giant, Google has launched 'India Ki Udaan' to mark 75 years of Independence. The project has executed by Google Arts & Culture celebrates the country's achievements and is "themed on the unwavering and undying spirit of India over these past 75 years". As part of the country-wide celebrations, Google also announced its collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. It was officially launched at a glittering event held at the Sunder Nursery in Delhi in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister G Kishan Reddy and senior officials of the culture ministry and Google.
- 20. 12th edition of Defence Expo to be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat:** The Ministry of Defence has announced that the 12th edition of the Defence Expo, India's flagship exhibition on Land, Naval and Homeland Security systems, will be held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The event will be held between October 18 and 22, 2022. The theme for this edition is 'Path to Pride' invoking nationalistic pride and encouraging citizens to partake in nation-building through establishing a capable indigenous Defence industry.
- 21. Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise 'Vajra Prahar 2022 begins in Himachal Pradesh:** The India-US Joint Special Forces exercise "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022", began on August 08, 2022, at the Special Forces Training School in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh. Ex Vajra Prahar 2022 is the 13th edition of the annual exercise. The main objective of this joint exercise is to share the best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational tactics.
- 22. Prof Ramadhar Singh becomes 1st Indian Social Psychologist on US Heritage Wall of Fame:** Ahmedabad University Professor, Ramadhar Singh becomes the first Indian Social Psychologist on the US Heritage Wall of Fame of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology (SPSP) in

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the United States. He is currently a professor at the Amrut Mody School of Management, Ahmedabad University.

- 23. India's GDP Growth to be fastest in Asia in FY23: Morgan Stanley:** According to analysts at Morgan Stanley, India's GDP growth will average 7% during this time, which is the strongest among the largest economies, and India will contribute 28% and 22% to both Asian and global growth, respectively. This makes India the fastest-growing Asian economy in the Asian region in 2022–2023. They claimed that due to the release of dormant demand, the Indian economy is poised for its strongest performance in more than a decade.
- 24. "UMEED Market Place" launched by Manoj Sinha as part of AVSAR Program :** UMEED Market Place as part of the AVSAR Scheme of the Airport Authority of India launched by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Srinagar International Airport in Jammu and Kashmir. The Jammu Airport now has a marketplace that is comparable, and both locations will feature goods from all 20 districts, which is UMEED Market Place. The Lt. Governor previously unveiled a 20X20-foot LED video wall at the airport in Srinagar.
- 25. SPARK: New Virtual Space Museum Launched By ISRO:** The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has launched a digital platform called the 'SPARK' space museum for showcasing several ISRO missions with an interactive interface. The digital platform known as the 'SPARK' space museum was launched by the Chairman of ISRO, S Somnath. This idea by ISRO is a new initiative while celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav marking 75 years of Independence. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is the national space agency of India and it is operated under the Department of Space (DOS) which is directly overseen by the Prime Minister of India.
- 26. 1st Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) to be held at Major Dhyanchand Stadium:** The first Khelo India Women's Hockey League under-16 is scheduled to be held at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in New Delhi from August 16 to 23, 2022. The Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) is yet another endeavour by the Khelo India's Sports for Women component, which takes the most necessary steps to power in more female participation in a wide array of sports competitions.
- 27. IAF to Participate in Military Drills 'Udarashakti' with Malaysia:** Indian Air Force (IAF) contingent left for Malaysia to participate in a four-day bilateral exercise 'Udarashakti' with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF). The exercise will give an opportunity to the IAF contingent members to share and learn best practices with some of the best professionals from the RMAF, while also discussing mutual combat capabilities.
- 28. Ministry of Social Justice launches SMILE-75 initiative:** The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, has identified 75 Municipal Corporations to implement comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in the act of begging under "SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise" named as "SMILE-75 Initiative". The

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objective of SMILE- 75 is to make our cities/towns and municipal areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging through the coordinated action of various stakeholders.

29. Nation celebrates 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022: This year India is celebrating 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022 to mark the country's freedom from nearly two centuries of British colonial rule. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading the celebrations from Red Fort in New Delhi and is addressing the nation from Red Fort in New Delhi. This is his ninth address as the prime minister. To celebrate the 75 years of Independence the Government of India has started an initiative called "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". On March 12, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence that started a 75-week countdown to our anniversary of independence. This means that India will celebrate its 76th Independence Day on August 15, 2022, and mark the end of its 75 years of freedom.

30. PM Narendra Modi Observes Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2022: In his last year's Independence Day speech, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared August 14 to be observed as "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" to remind the nation of the sufferings and sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947. The day, which coincides with Pakistan's Independence day, will be observed in memory of the "struggles and sacrifices of our people".

31. 11 new Indian wetland sites take Ramsar list to 75: Eleven Indian sites have been added to the Ramsar list, taking the number of wetlands of international importance in the country to 75 on the 75th year of Independence with Tamil Nadu topping the total list having (14 sites), followed by Uttar Pradesh (10). The breakup of the latest 11 sites shows that four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu and Kashmir and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. The new Indian wetlands of international importance are Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary, Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex, Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary and Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu; Tampara Lake, Hirakud Reservoir and Ansupa Lake in Odisha; Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve and Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir; Thane Creek in Maharashtra and Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh, according to a statement from the Union Environment Ministry. On August 8, India had added 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make a total 64 sites covering an area of 12,50,361 ha in the country. The 10 new sites included six (6) sites in Tamil Nadu and one (1) each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. A total of 26 sites were added to the Ramsar list from 1982 to 2013. Since 2014, 49 sites have bagged the coveted tag. Twenty-eight Indian sites have been declared wetlands of international importance this year itself. Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of Ramsar sites (14), followed by Uttar Pradesh (10). The 75 Ramsar sites in the country cover an area of 13,26,677 hectares. India is one of the contracting parties to the Ramsar Convention, signed in Ramsar, Iran, in 1971. New Delhi signed it on February 1, 1982.

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- 1. World Photography Day celebrates on 19th August:** World Photography Day is celebrated on August 19 each year. The aim of World Photography Day is to create awareness, share ideas and encourage people to take up photography. The annual celebration pays tribute to the art of photography and also encourages those who are passionate about it to come together and share their work. The inception of this day dates back to 1837 when Frenchmen Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre invented the 'daguerreotype' which was the world's first-ever photographic process.
- 2. World Humanitarian Day observed on 19th August:** World Humanitarian Day is celebrated on August 19 every year to recognise all aid and health workers who volunteer to help victims of disasters and crises against all odds. The day aims to spread awareness about the need for humanitarian assistance worldwide. The UN hopes that the day will serve as a reminder to people of the risk taken by some to save lives and support humanitarian causes. The 2022 campaign, according to the United Nations, shines a light on "thousands of volunteers, professionals and crisis-affected people who deliver urgent health care, shelter, food, protection, water and much more."
- 3. World Mosquito Day Observed On 20th August:** The monsoon season is when mosquito-borne illnesses including malaria, dengue fever, and chikungunya are most prevalent. World Mosquito Day reminds us of the Millions of people worldwide are in danger of dying from it, despite the fact that it is treatable and preventable. World Mosquito Day is recognised in honour of Sir Ronald Ross, who in 1897 identified the connection between mosquitoes and the spread of malaria. His research revealed that female mosquitoes spread malaria among people.
- 4. Sadbhavana Diwas 2022:** The birth anniversary of India's Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is celebrated as 'Sadbhavana Diwas' or Harmony Day' on 20 August. Sadbhavana Diwas is marked with the objective to promote peace, national integration and communal harmony among all Indians. 'Sadbhavana' in English means goodwill. Rajiv Gandhi became the youngest Prime Minister of India when he assumed the post at the age of 40.
- 5. World Senior Citizen Day 2022 celebrates on 21st August:** World Senior Citizens' Day is celebrated on August 21 every year. It is also known as National Senior Citizens' Day in the United States (US). The day is observed with the intent to highlight the contributions of elderly people in human society and honour them.
- 6. International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism:** International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is observed on August 21 each year in memory of the victims of terrorism. The day is observed to show the victims of terrorism that they are not forgotten and they are respected and recognised across the world. The theme for 2022's

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International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism is “memories,” as mentioned in a United Nations (UN).

- 7. World's Highest Chenab Railway Bridge Inaugurated:** The golden joint of the world's highest railway bridge over River Chenab was inaugurated. For the first time ever since independence, Srinagar will be linked to the rest of India after the overarch deck on the world's highest single-arch railway bridge over River Chenab. The bridge will be 35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower. The Chenab is formed by the confluence of two streams, Chandra and Bhaga, in the western (Punjab) Himalayas in India's Himachal Pradesh state. It flows west through Jammu and Kashmir union territory—the Indian-administered portion of the disputed Kashmir region—between the steep cliffs of the Shiwalik Range (south) and the Lesser Himalayas (north). After receiving the Jhelum River near Trimmu, the Chenab empties into the Sutlej River, a tributary of the Indus River. Afcons is building 16 additional railway bridges for Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) in the dangerous terrain of Jammu and Kashmir in addition to the Chenab Bridge. All the bridges are part of the Udhampur Srinagar Baramulla Rail Link (USBRL) project.
- 8. IAS Piyush Goyal named NATGRID CEO by the Union government:** IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, Piyush Goyal has been appointed by the Central Government as the new CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid). NATGRID is the central organization for intelligence gathering with the aim of enhancing India's counter-terrorism capabilities. It is the integrated intelligence master database structure for counter-terrorism purposes connecting databases of various core security agencies under the Government of India collecting comprehensive patterns procured from 21 different organizations that can be readily accessed by security agencies round the clock. Formed: 2009, Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- 9. Kolkata To Host 23rd Edition Of India International Seafood Show(IISS):** Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) in association with the Seafood Exporters' Association of India (SEAI) will hold the 23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS) in Kolkata, the City of Joy from February 15 to 7 next year. During 2021-22, India exported 13,69,264 tonnes of marine products worth US\$ 7.76 billion, registering an all-time high export by value, while production of shrimp crossed one million MT.
- 10. Defence forces, RBI and PM Office Most Trusted Institutions:** Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister of India are the three most trusted institutions in the country, according to a survey by Ipsos India. The Supreme Court of India came fourth and it was followed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Defence Forces with at least 2 in 3 (65 per cent of respondents) reposing faith in them was ranked first, followed by Reserve Bank of India with 1 in 2 (50 per cent). Prime Minister of India as an institution was at the third spot with 49 per cent citizens having trust in it, the survey said. Smack in the middle was the Parliament (33 per cent) ranked 7th, ranked 8th was the media (32 per cent) and placed 9th was the Election Commission of India (31 per cent), it said. The institutions at the bottom of the heap were politicians (16 per cent), political parties (17 per

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cent), community leaders (19 per cent) and religious leaders (21 per cent). The survey was conducted by Ipsos India via a quantitative survey using a structured questionnaire and interviewed 2,950 adults including females.

- 11. Veteran stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passes away:** Veteran stock market investor, Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passed away at the age of 62. Often referred to as 'India's Warren Buffett' and the Big Bull of Indian markets, Jhunjhunwala's net worth was \$5.8 billion. An investor with a Midas touch, Jhunjhunwala was the 48th richest man in the country. He was Born on July 5, 1960 in a Rajasthani family, Jhunjhunwala grew up in Bombay, where his father worked as a commissioner of Income Tax.
- 12. State Bank of India launched "Utsav fixed deposit scheme":** The largest lender in the nation, State Bank of India (SBI) has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "Utsav Deposit Scheme". This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time. This programme is introduced on the occasion of the nation's 76th year of Independence, celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. SBI is offering an interest rate of 6.10% per annum on fixed deposits with a tenure of 1000 days. And senior citizens will be eligible to get an additional interest rate of 0.50% over and above the regular rate. These rates are effective as of 15th August 2022 and the scheme is valid for a period of 75 days. Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara, Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 1 July 1955.
- 13. Indian Railway Protection Force Launched "Operation Yatri Suraksha":** Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF), have launched a pan-India operation known as Operation Yatri Suraksha. Under this initiative, several steps are taken to provide round-the-clock security to passengers. To kickstart Operation Yatri Suraksha, the RPF launched a month-long pan-India drive against criminals who loot passengers in July 2022. Minister of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnav.
- 14. Dadabhai Naoroji's London home gets Blue Plaque honour:** London home of Dadabhai Naoroji will get a 'Blue Plaque', an honour that is reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London. Naoroji was the first Asian who was elected as a Member of Parliament in Britain. The Blue Plaque scheme, run by the English Heritage charity, honours the historic significance of particular buildings across London. Naoroji's plaque was unveiled to coincide with the 75th-anniversary celebrations of Indian Independence. Naoroji often referred to as the "grand old man of India", is reported to have moved to Washington House, 72 Anerley Park, Penge, Bromley, at a time when his thoughts were turning increasingly towards full independence for India in 1897. The Blue Plaque was erected at the homes of Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Mahatma Gandhi, Sri Aurobindo, Jawaharlal Nehru, and BR Ambedkar among others. Gandhi's house was commemorated with the Blue Plaque in 1986. India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru's home at 60 Elgin Crescent, Notting Hill received the Blue Plaque in 1989.

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- 15. William Ruto is declared Kenya's next president:** Kenyan Deputy President, William Ruto is now the country's president-elect after he was declared the winner of the last presidential election over five-time contender Raila Odinga. Kenya Capital: Nairobi; Kenya Currency: Shilling.
- 16. India Can Be USD 5 Trillion Economy By FY29 If GDP Grows At 9% For 5 Years:** India may become a USD five trillion economy by 2028-29 only if the GDP grows at nine per cent per annum consistently for the next five years, former RBI Governor D Subbarao said on Monday. Speaking at Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry on India @75- Marching Towards USD 5 Trillion Economy on the occasion of 75 years of Indian Independence. He said there are eight key challenges for India to overcome to achieve the dream of 5 trillion economy. The challenges are increasing investment, improving productivity and education and health outcomes, creating jobs, raising agriculture productivity, maintaining macroeconomic stability, managing global mega trends and improving governance.
- 17. India To Start Supplying Petrol With 20% Ethanol From April 2023:** India will start supplying petrol with 20 per cent ethanol at select petrol pumps from April next year and will ramp up supplies thereafter as it looks to cut oil import dependence and address environmental issues. E20 petrol (petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol) in some quantity will be available from April 2023 and the rest to be covered by 2025. On the occasion of World Biofuel Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the 2nd generation (2G) ethanol plant in Panipat, Haryana. The plant is part of a long series of steps taken by the government over the years to boost the production and use of biofuels in the country.
- 18. 4 independent directors reappointed by Govt to RBI's central board:** Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, and Sachin Chaturvedi have all been renominated by the national government to serve as part-time, non-official directors on the RBI's central board or central board of the Reserve Bank of India. The RBI said on its website that Gurumurthy and Marathe have been renominated for another term of four years, until further instructions for RBI's central board. After the RBI's central board current terms expire on September 18, 2022, Iyer and Chaturvedi have been renominated for another four years. Anand Mahindra, the chairman of the Mahindra & Mahindra group, Venu Srinivasan, Pankaj Patel, the chairman of Zydus Lifesciences, and Ravindra Dholakia, a former member of the Monetary Policy Committee, were nominated by the government in June to serve as part-time non-official directors on the RBI's central board. Members of the RBI's central board offer a bigger picture for the central bank rather than getting personally involved in monetary policy decisions.
- 19. Durand Cup 2022: Asia's Oldest Football Tournament Begins:** Asia's Oldest Football Tournament Durand Cup has begun. The 131st edition of the Durand Cup 2022 has been kicked off, the Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Army Staff General Manoj Pande will visit Manipur to be a spectator of the inaugural match. The inaugural match will be held at the Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal. West Bengal, Assam, and Manipur are hosting the Durand Cup 2022.

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The former Foreign Secretary of British India, Mortimer Durand founded the Durand Cup in 1888. The Durand Cup was initially played only by the Armed services but in later years, the game was officially made open for the Professional Football Clubs. The Durand Cup is annually organized by the Durand Cup Football Tournament in association with the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

- 20. Union Minister Jitendra Singh unveils India's first Saline Water Lantern:** Union Minister of Earth Sciences, Jitendra Singh has launched India's first saline water lantern, 'Roshini', which uses seawater to power Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps. The minister unveiled the first-of-its-kind lantern during his visit to Sagar Anveshika, a coastal research vessel operated by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) Chennai for marine research. Saline water lanterns use seawater as an electrolyte between specially designed electrodes to power LED lamps. The technology will help bring 'Ease of Living' to the poor and needy, especially the fishing community living along the 7,500-km-long coastal line of India.
- 21. State Bank of India introduced its first dedicated branch to support start-ups:** The country's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru. SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara launched the branch in Koramangala near HSR Layout and Indiranagar which are the biggest start-up hubs in the city. After Bengaluru, the next branch will be opened in Gurgaon and the third one will be in Hyderabad. These branches would support the needs of the entire start-up ecosystem.
- 22. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh gives "F-INSAS" system to Indian Army:** Defence Minister of India, Rajnath Singh handed over to the Indian Army the much-awaited Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS) at the unveiling ceremony of various defence and strategic systems held in Delhi. The full gear of the F-INSAS includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle.
- 23. PM Modi announced 'Panch Pran' goal for the next 25 years:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to the nation from the Red Fort for the ninth time in a row on August 15, 2022. PM Modi, in his 88-minute speech, outlined his "Panch Pran Targets" (Five Resolves) to make India a developed country by the time it celebrates its 100th Independence Day in 25 years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi discussed the Panch Pran Goal. PM Modi requested every individual to follow Panch Pran. The Panch Pran are as follows: Advance with greater conviction and the determination of a developed India. Get rid of any signs of slavery, Take pride in India's history. the power of unity duties of citizens, such as those of the PM and CMs.
- 24. Medicine from the sky':** First Pilot Project Launched in Arunachal Pradesh :: Medicine from the sky' pilot project drone service launched by the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu. 'Medicine from the sky' is also a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The first successful flight was conducted from Seppa to Chaoyang Tajo in the East Kameng district. He also mentioned in the Bharat Drone Mahotsav, that India has the

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potential of becoming the world's drone hub. This drone service or the first pilot project aims to provide medicine and essential services to people in need with the help of drones.

- 25. Vostok-2022: Indo-China military drills to be held in Russia:** The People's Liberation Army of China will take part in the Vostok-2022 strategic command and staff exercise in Russia, which also includes the armies of India, Belarus, Tajikistan, and Mongolia, according to the country's defence ministry. China's People's Liberation Army will send some troops to Russia to participate in the Vostok-2022 (East) strategic exercise, in accordance with the two countries' yearly military cooperation plan and agreement.
- 26. Bal Aadhar Initiative:** 79 Lakh Children Enrolled under UIDAI: More than 79 lakh children between the age group 0-5 years were enrolled under the Bal Aadhar Initiative by Unique Identification Authority (UIDAI). The Bal Aadhar Initiative is a new effort by the government of India to reach out to more children in the age group of 0-5, this will also help the parents and children to avail of various facilities and benefits. Bal Aadhar is issued to children below the age of 5 years. It is a blue-colored card which differentiates it from the Aadhar card issued to adults. The Bal Aadhar doesn't require any biometric details of children below 5 years.
- 27. National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM):** The National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) was launched by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on 8th December 2021. The National Intellectual Property Awareness Mission (NIPAM) aims to provide awareness and training on Intellectual Property (IP). On 31st July 2022, the scheme met its goal of training one million students before the deadline on 15th August 2022. The number of students or faculty trained under the Intellectual Property Awareness Mission is 10,05,272 and 3663 educational institutions have been covered.
- 28. Gol unveils "Manthan" platform for better industry and R&D collaboration:** The government of India unveiled the "Manthan" platform to drive collaboration between the industry and research institutes to implement technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in the country. The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to augment our efforts to build and nurture industry participation in R&D, is also a testimony of our commitment to the UN's SDG goals. The Manthan platform will help scale up interactions among stakeholders, facilitate research and innovation, and share challenges in various emerging technologies and scientific interventions, including those that make a social impact.
- 29. HDFC Bank introduced "Vigil Aunty" to promote secure banking practices:** HDFC Bank launched a new campaign called "Vigil Aunty". Vigil Aunty Campaign attempts to motivate citizens all around the nation to adopt secure banking practices. This will go along with the bank's "Mooh Band Rakho" campaign, which implores consumers to keep their banking information private. A campaign to promote Vigil Aunty and persuade people to follow her on social media and/or WhatsApp will be run for four to six weeks. Vigil Aunty will be active in the digital ecosystem and

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keep its clients informed about the many tactics used by financial fraudsters and how to avoid them.

- 30. Country first electric double-decker bus launched in Mumbai:** Union Transport Minister, Nitin Gadkari has launched India's first electric double-decker bus at YB Centre in south Mumbai. The name of the bus is "Switch EiV 22", the double-decker bus will be run by the Mumbai civic transport body from September. Nitin Gadkari said 35 per cent of the pollution is because of diesel and petrol, and the introduction of these buses will reduce pollution. Two new electric buses, including the first air-conditioned double-decker bus in the country, will join the fleet of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST).
- 31. Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched 'Make India No. 1' mission:** Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal has formally unveiled his Aam Aadmi Party's national ambition with the launch of the 'Make India No 1' campaign. At an event organised at Talkatora stadium here, he proposed a five-point vision for good governance. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor termed the campaign a "national mission" and appealed to the masses to join.
- 32. Goa, first state in India to receive "Har Ghar Jal" certification:** The people of all the villages in Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D) declared their village to be a "Har Ghar Jal" through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps and ensuring that "No One is Left Out." All 85,156 of the 85,635,000 rural households in Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, and Goa have access to potable water via a tap connection with Har Ghar Jal. The Government of India's flagship programme, Jal Jeevan Mission, was unveiled on August 15, 2019, from the Red Fort's ramparts by its forward-thinking Prime Minister.
- 33. Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' organised by NMCG:** The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organised the event "Yamuna Par Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" at the water sports club in New Delhi. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, presided over the gathering of Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Shekhawat was given a guard of honour by BSF members on the occasion. To commemorate the occasion of Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, he also raised the national flag, Tiranga.
- 34. BRO to build First Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh:** The Border Road Organization (BRO) will build Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh based on the Pilot project. The Steel Slag Road is the first of its kind Project which aims to make durable roadways that can withstand heavy rain and adverse climatic conditions. Arunachal Pradesh has some treacherous areas and locations which suffer from heavy rain and adverse climatic conditions, the Steel Slag Road project will help to resolve the connection between the help centres and the affected areas.
- 35. Scotland becomes first nation to make period products available to everyone:** Local governments of Scotland are now required by law of Scotland to offer free sanitary products

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(Period Products) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them. As the Period Products Act takes effect in Scotland, goods will be supplied through councils and educational institutions. The Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Bill was unanimously approved by MSPs in November 2020.

- 36. Dahi-Handi" Recognised as an Official Sport of Maharashtra:** Chief Minister Eknath Shinde announces that 'Dahi-Handi' will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra. The state is set to organize a 'Pro- Dahi Handi' competition. The Maharashtra Government also announces that the Govindas will get a job under the sports category and if any Govinda loses his life insurance of Rs 10 lakh will be given, also if they end up being partially handicapped insurance of Rs 5 lakh will be given by the Government of Maharashtra.
- 37. HDFC Bank opened the first all-women branch in north Kerala:** HDFC Bank inaugurated an all-women branch in Kozhikode, north Kerala. Mayor of the city Corporation Beena Philip opened the branch of HDFC Bank. As of March 31, 2022, women made up 21.7% (21,486) of the workforce, according to the bank. By 2025, the private lender wants to raise it to 25%. Deals beyond a certain threshold require regulator approval, which keeps an eye on unethical business practises in the marketplace.
- 38. India's First Portal On Arrested Narco Offenders 'NIDAAN':** A first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. The portal—NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders—has been developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). It is part of the narcotics coordination mechanism (NCORD) portal that was launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah on July 30 in Chandigarh during the national conference on 'Drug trafficking and national security'.

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- 1. 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 to be held at Indore :** According to External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi, the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on the 9th of January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1915. Since 2015, its format has been revised to celebrate the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas(PBD) once every two years and to hold theme-based Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Conferences during the intervening period with participation from overseas diaspora experts, policymakers, and stakeholders. The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held during 21–23 January 2019 at Varanasi, India.
- 2. International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition:** The International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is an international day celebrated on August 23 of each year. The day was chosen by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade. The theme for this year is 'Decolonisation.' The fundamental right to self-determination is identified by the United Nations as core to decolonization, allowing not only independence, but also other ways of decolonization.
- 3. World Water Week 2022: 23 August to 1 September:** World Water Week 2022 takes place from 23 August to 1 September. The World Water Week is an annual event organized by Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991 to address the global water issues and related concerns of international development. The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: "Seeing the unseen: The value of water", which helps us view water in new and fascinating ways.
- 4. World Gujarati Language Day 2022: 24 August:** World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 24 August. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat 'Veer Narmad'. 'Gujarati Diwas' is celebrated because the poet Narmad was considered to be the creator of the Gujarati language. He has made Gujarati literature international. People pay tribute to the poet who contributed significantly to the speech by also making a new Gujarati dictionary amid extreme tribulations. The dictionary contains words of all dialects with their diverse usages.
- 5. Internaut Day celebrates ever year on 23 August :** Internaut Day is being celebrated around the world to mark the invention of the World Wide Web. An "internaut" is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history. August 23 marks the day when the World Wide Web was opened to the public back in the year 1991 for the first time by WWW inventor Tim Berners Lee as he allowed its access, CERN announced that the internet would be free to everyone and there would be no fee for its use.

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- 6. International Dog Day 2022 celebrates on 26th August:** International Dog Day is celebrated annually on August 26 to promote the adoption of dogs instead of buying them from pet shops. The day was founded by Animal Welfare Advocate and Pet Lifestyle expert Collen Paige.
- 7. Women's Equality Day 2022:** Women's Equality Day 2022 is celebrated all over the world to celebrate women's empowerment and equality. This year, Women's Equality Day will be celebrated on 26th August 2022. In 1973, the first Women's Equality Day was celebrated across the world. Every year 26th August is celebrated as Women's Equality Day because on this day the United States gave women the right to vote. The day highlights the continuous efforts of women to achieve complete equality in society. Women's Equality Day 2022 will be celebrated on the 26th of August and every year it is based on themes. Women's Equality Day 2022 theme is "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow".
- 8. Geothermal energy to be used to supply energy to Ladakh:** At 14,000 feet in Ladakh, ONGC is getting ready to pump geothermal energy. State-run explorer ONGC has set out on a mission to harness the steam streaming from the earth's core at Puga, a lonely valley off the road to Chumar on the de facto boundary with China, at a height of more than 14,000 feet. In India, geothermal energy is nothing new. The Indian government first provided a report on the nation's geothermal hotspots in 1973. This occurred after shallow drilling exploration by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) revealed prospective hot spring and geothermal areas. According to estimates, India has the ability to produce 10 gigawatts of geothermal energy.
- 9. Matsya Setu App's Aqua Bazaar function introduced by Govt:** During the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board, Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy, introduced the "Aqua Bazar" online market place feature in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana was used to fund the development of the MatsyaSetu app by the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with assistance from the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad (PMMSY). The Aqua Bazar, online market will assist fish farmers and other interested parties in locating the inputs—such as fish seeds, feed, medicines, etc. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying: Shri Parshottam Rupala.
- 10. Mandla becomes India's first fully 'functionally literate' district:** Madhya Pradesh's tribal-dominated Mandla region has become the first fully "functionally literate" district in the country. Another report of 2020 highlights that, more than 2.25 lakh people in this district were not literate, most of them were tribals from forest areas. Mandla is the first district of India to reach this mark, where people were able to write their names, read and count.
- 11. Govt grants GI Tag to Bihar's Mithila Makhana:** The Central government has awarded Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Mithila Makhana. With this move, growers will get the maximum price for their premium produce. Over five lakh farmers of the Mithila region of Bihar will be benefitted from this decision. Makhana registered with GI Tag, farmers will get profit and it will be easier to earn. AGI or

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Geographical Indication is a name or a sign given to certain products that relate to a specific geographical location or origins like a region, town or country.

- 12. Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched 'Vidya Rath – School on Wheels' project:** Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched the 'Vidya Rath -School on Wheels' project. This project aims at providing economically challenged underprivileged children to access elementary education for a period of 10 months. The project was launched at a function held at the premises of Gauhati High Court in Assam.
- Assam Capital:** Dispur; **Chief Minister:** Himanta Biswa Sarma; **Governor:** Prof Jagdish Mukhi.
- 13. Punjab & Haryana agree to be name Chandigarh airport after Bhagat Singh:** The Punjab and Haryana governments have agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The decision was taken during a meeting between Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann & Haryana deputy CM Dushyant Chautala. The Punjab government has already declared a state holiday on March 23, the martyrdom day of legendary freedom fighter Bhagat Singh.
- 14. National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) :** The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs have started a joint initiative scheme called the National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE). National Action for Mechanism Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) aims to work in Urban India for the safety and dignity of sanitation workers. This scheme will achieve the goal by creating an enabling ecosystem that recognizes Sanitation workers as one of the key contributors to the maintenance and operations of sanitation infrastructure. NAMASTE scheme will reduce the vulnerabilities of Sanitation workers by providing access to alternative livelihoods support and entitlements. The scheme will enable sanitation workers to access self-employment and skilled wage employment opportunities and break the intergenerationally.
- 15. International Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad: India ranks 3rd:** Indian team secured the third rank in the medal tally at the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA). India held the third position jointly with Singapore with students winning three gold and two silver medals. In the medals tally, India was placed jointly in the third position along with Singapore, behind Iran's official team (5 golds) and guest team (4 golds, 1 silver). Raghav Goyal from Chandigarh, Md Sahil Akhtar from Kolkata and Mehul Borad from Hyderabad bagged gold in the event.
- 16. Rashtriya Puruskar Portal Launched by Union Government:** Union Government has launched Rashtriya Puruskar Portal to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies of the Government of India. The Rashtriya Puruskar Portal will make sure that all the awards are under one platform to ensure transparency and public partnership or Jan Bhagidari. The portal allows every citizen and organization to nominate individuals and organizations for various categories of Awards instituted by the Government of India.
- 17. UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List: India nominated Garba:** India has nominated the Indian dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list. Last year,

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Durga Puja was included in UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list and for 2022, India has nominated 'Garba'. The next UNESCO meeting will be held in November. In July, India was elected by UNESCO to serve on the distinguished intergovernmental Committee of the 2003 Convention for the safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. A total of 14 elements from India are inscribed on UNESCO'S list of Intangible Cultural Heritage and Humanity. These elements include music, dance, theatre, festivals, rituals, and storytelling.

- 18. Rajesh Verma named as Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu:** Odisha cadre 1987-batch IAS officer, Rajesh Verma has been appointed as the Secretary to President Droupadi Murmu. He replaces the incumbent Kapil Dev Tripathi, a 1980-batch IAS officer. He is currently serving as Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs & has also served as principal secretary to Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik.
- 19. South Korea and the United States Began their Largest Joint Military Drills:** South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training. This year, the annual summertime exercise has been renamed 'Ulchi Freedom Shield' and it is scheduled to end on 1st September 2022. South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol has vowed to normalize the combined exercises and boost deterrence against the North.
- 20. UP government to build India's first education township:** The Uttar Pradesh government is planning to build an education township in the state. As per the Yogi Adityanath government, the education township will be developed on the idea of 'Single Entry, Multiple Exit'. The move will provide high-quality education to the youth and equip them with a variety of professional skills in a single place. Besides, it will provide accommodation and many other facilities to both students and teachers.
- 21. Amrita Hospital, Asia's biggest hospital in Faridabad, Haryana unveiled by PM Modi:** A 2,600-bed Amrita hospital Faridabad, Asia's biggest hospital with state-of-the-art technology, including a centrally located, fully automated laboratory, was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This Amrita hospital Faridabad will significantly improve the NCR region's healthcare infrastructure.
- 22. Onam 2022:** Onam is a harvest festival in Kerala and it is celebrated for 10 days. Onam will start from 30th August and will last till 8th September. It is the most famous and biggest festival of Kerala which symbolizes the annual homecoming of demon king Mahabali. Onam is celebrated for ten days among the Malayalis with great enthusiasm. This year, Onam 2022 will be celebrated from 30th August 2022 and will end on 8th September 2022.
- 23. Transgenders will be covered under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY :** According to the government of India, transgenders will be brought under the ambit of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY). The National Health Authority (NHA) under Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Department of Social Justice and Empowerment has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide inclusive and composite health package for transgenders under Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY.

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- 24. For The First Time, India TO Take Over The G20 Presidency By December 2022:** The Union cabinet approved the setting up of a G20 Secretariat and related structures that will implement policy decisions and be responsible for arrangements for India's forthcoming presidency of the group in 2023. India will hold the presidency of the G20 from December 1, 2022, to November 30, 2023, culminating with the G20 Summit in India next year. The G20 is an international forum, made up of 19 countries and the European Union, representing the world's major developed and emerging economies. Together, the G20 members represent 85% of global GDP, 75% of international trade and two-thirds of the world's population.
- 25. Union Minister Anurag Thakur launched 'Azadi Quest' online games:** Union Minister Anurag Thakur has launched "Azadi Quest", a series of online educational games based on India's freedom struggle, developed in collaboration with Zynga India. These games are an effort to tap into the huge market of online gamers and to educate them through games.
- 26. RBI To Launch Digital Rupee Soon:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will very likely introduce its digital rupee, the Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), in this fiscal year itself. Talks of a digital rupee in the country have been swirling since Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced it during her Budget 2022 speech back in February. At the time, she had said that the digital rupee would be launched in 2022-2023. The digital rupee blockchain, being developed by the Reserve Bank, would be able to trace all transactions, unlike the current system of mobile wallet offered by private companies. China's digital RMB was the first digital currency to be issued by a major economy. As of July 2022, four central banks have launched a CBDC: the Central Bank of The Bahamas (Sand Dollar), the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (DCash), the Central Bank of Nigeria (e-Naira) and the Bank of Jamaica (JamDex).
- 27. World's first fleet of hydrogen passenger trains by Germany:** The world's first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains was launched by Germany. The first fleet of hydrogen-powered passenger trains has replaced 15 diesel trains that were previously operated on nonelectrified tracks in Lower Saxony, Germany. The engine of the trains is powered by electricity generated using hydrogen fuel cells.
- 28. Former German chancellor Angela Merkel wins Unesco Peace Prize 2022 :** Former German chancellor Angela Merkel has been awarded the Unesco Peace Prize 2022 for "her efforts to welcome refugees". In the summer of 2015, as refugees were streaming into Europe, Merkel opened her country's borders and famously declared to Germans "Wir schaffen das", "We can do this."
- 29. Uttar Pradesh CM Yogi govt to set up country's first night safari in Lucknow:** The cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath approved the proposal of the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department to start the country's first night safari in the capital Lucknow. Tourism and Culture Minister Jaiveer Singh said that on the lines of Singapore's world's first night safari, this night safari in Lucknow will be developed on 350 acres in the Kukrail forest area spread over an area of 2027.46 hectares and a zoological park will be built in 150 acres.

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- 30. M Venkaiah Naidu launched a book titled "A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19":** Former Vice President, M Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled "A New India: Selected Writings 2014-19", a compilation of selected articles of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley on his death anniversary. The event was also attended by Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, and Union civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who also released the book along with Naidu. The book has been published by Juggernaut.
- 31. PM Modi Inaugurates Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital in Mohali:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 300-bed Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre at Mullanpur, Mohali in Chandigarh. The Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital and Research Centre has been built at a cost of over ₹660 crores by the Tata Memorial Centre which is an aided institute under the Union Department of Atomic Energy. Chief Minister of Punjab Bhagwant Mann was also present during the inaugural ceremony of the Bhabha Cancer Hospital.
- 32. Indian scientist Samir V Kamat appointed as DRDO Chairman:** According to a Personnel Ministry order, Distinguished scientist Samir V Kamat was appointed as Secretary of the Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Kamat, who is Director General, Naval Systems & Materials, at the DRDO will succeed G Satheesh Reddy who has been named as scientific adviser to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.
- 33. INS Vikrant To Be Commissioned On Sept. 2:** The first indigenous carrier which has been constructed by Cochin Shipyard Ltd, will soon be commissioned as INS Vikrant on September 2. The warship will play the role of ensuring peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region. The aircraft landing trials on board INS Vikrant will begin in November and will be completed by mid-2023. INS Vikrant will be commissioned in Cochin in the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the vice chief said, adding the equipment for the aircraft carrier has been manufactured in 18 states and union territories
- 34. Fourth Edition of India's Clean Air Summit Begins in Bangalore :** The fourth edition of India's Clean Air Summit (ICAS) took place in Bangalore with global experts. With the help of India's Clean Air Summit, global experts are set to discuss an integrated approach to resolving air pollution and increasing climate change. India's Clean Air Summit will continue till 26th August 2022. The Centre for Air Pollution Studies (CAPS) and the Centre for Study of Science, Technology, and Policy (CSTEP), think-tanks have organized the summit.
- 35. 35) India's 1st 3D Printed Post Office to soon come up in Karnataka:** India's first 3D-printed post office is slated to come up in Bengaluru, Karnataka and will cost around one-fourth of the amount spent on a traditional building. The new post office building in Cambridge Layout in Halasuru, Bengaluru will be built using 3D printing and is likely to be completed within the next month. The Post Office building is being constructed by Larsen & Toubro, which is the only company currently in India utilising 3D printing technology for construction.

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36. Justice Uday Umesh Lalit takes oath as 49th Chief Justice of India: Justice Uday Umesh Lalit took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India. Newly elected President of India Smt Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union ministers were present at the ceremony. Justice Lalit's predecessor, Justice NV Ramana, was also present at the oath-taking ceremony.

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- 1. National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas 2022: 29th August:** The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29th August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905. It was 2012 when the day was first designated and celebrated as India's National Sports Day. The nation celebrates the day honouring our sports stars. The president gives away sports awards such as the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award, Arjuna Award, Dronacharya Award, and Dhyan Chand Awards on this occasion.
- 2. National Small Industry Day celebrates on 30th August:** In India, the National Small Industry Day is celebrated on 30 August every year, to support and promote small Industries for their overall growth potential and opportunities received for their development in the year. The day recognises the contribution of small industries to the country's growth. The day motivates and shapes government policies to enhance the efficiency of the small-scale sector. Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) are an integral part of the value chain and to foster the ecosystem, the government is working tirelessly.
- 3. National Nutrition Week 2022: 1st to 7th September:** In India, the first week of September every year is celebrated as National Nutrition Week. The week is observed every year from September 1-7. The purpose of this week is to raise awareness among the general public about the value of healthy eating practices and proper nutrition for upholding a healthy lifestyle. The theme for this year is Celebrate a "World of Flavors". Every year, as part of National Nutrition Week, the government also introduces a special theme that focuses primarily on that year's theme.
- 4. 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 celebrating from Sep 1 to 30th September:** Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from 1st September till 30th September. Rashtriya Poshan Maah serves as a platform to bring focus to the discourse of nutrition and good health. The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is "Mahila aur Swasthya" and "Bacha aur Shiksha". Poshan Maah is being celebrated as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, the Central Government's flagship programme which aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

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- 5. 5) World Coconut Day 2022 observed on 2nd September:** World Coconut Day is celebrated on 2nd September every year. The day is observed to emphasise and spread knowledge of the value and advantages of coconuts. The World Coconut Day theme for this year is "Growing Coconut for a Better Future and Life".
- 6. PM Modi to inaugurate pedestrian-only 'Atal Bridge' on Sabarmati river:** In Gujarat's Ahmedabad city, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will officially open the pedestrian-only "Atal Bridge" over the Sabarmati River. PM Modi is at his home state for a two-day visit. Later, PM Modi made a spur-of-the-moment trip to the bridge. The Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation constructed the 300-meter Atal Bridge and gave it the former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's name. Atal Bridge will link the future arts and culture centre on the river's eastern side with the event venue and floral park on its western bank.
- 7. NITI Aayog declared Haridwar as the best aspirational district in India:** The NITI Aayog has declared the holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district on five parameters. The letter by NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme director Rakesh Ranjan to Uttarakhand chief secretary SS Sandhu and the district collector of Haridwar underlines that the district has secured the first rank in basic infrastructure theme and has become entitled to receive an additional allocation of Rs 3 crore.
- 8. UP Govt to Develop Kannauj into Tourist Destination:** Kannauj will be developed into a tourist destination as per the decision taken by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. This decision was taken in order to emphasize the importance of perfume industries in India. The government of Uttar Pradesh has also decided to organize an international perfume fair in Kannauj in December. The perfume of Kannauj has international demands and it comes under the 'One District, One Product' initiative. The perfume park will be functional from 15th November 2022.
- 9. Professor Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan appointed as SEBI whole-time Member:** The Appointments Committee of Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan, an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He will hold office for three years from the date he assumes charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. **SEBI Founded:** 12 April 1992, **Headquarters:** Mumbai, **Chairperson:** Madhabi Puri Buch.
- 10. 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 launched by LG Sinha:** The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo & Summit 2022 was officially opened by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha in New Delhi. The 8th India International MSME Start-up Expo and Summit 2022 gives SMEs, startups, business, industry, and service providers a much-needed platform to discover new prospects, connect with buyers and sellers, and exchange information about federal, state, and local programmes, among other things.
- 11. PM Narendra Modi dedicates India's first earthquake memorial:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated India's first earthquake memorial, named Smruti Van at Bhuj in Gujarat. Smruti Van is a

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unique memorial carrying the names of more than 12 thousand people who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake that struck here in January 2001. The earthquake simulator will provide real like the experience of earthquake tremors to visitors. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and State BJP President C. R. Patil was present on the occasion. The museum showcases Gujarat's topography, rebuilding initiatives and success stories after the 2001 earthquake, and informs about different kinds of disasters and future readiness for any type of disaster.

- 12. NPCI and ICICI Bank collaborate to offer RuPay credit cards:** In order to launch a variety of credit cards on the domestic payments network RuPay, ICICI Bank established a partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The ICICI Bank RuPay Credit Card is initially offered in the Coral variant of the Bank's Gemstone series; Rubyx and Saphiro variants will follow soon. The contactless card known as the "ICICI Bank Coral RuPay Credit Card" offers a variety of privileges and benefits.
- 13. Vajra Prahar 2022: India and USA joint exercise concluded in Himachal Pradesh:** The 13th edition of the India-US joint special forces exercise Vajra Prahar 2022 concluded at Himachal Pradesh's Bakloh. Special forces from the two countries participated in a 21-day joint training exercise. The joint training provided an opportunity for the forces from both nations to train in airborne operations, special operations and counter-terrorism operations in a joint environment under the United Nations Charter. The 12th edition was conducted in Washington, the USA in October 2021.
- 14. NITI Aayog to establish 500 Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K:** Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and NITI Aayog will be establishing more than 500 Atal Tinkering Labs (ATLs) in Jammu and Kashmir to nurture an innovative mindset among high school students. ATL is the flagship initiative of the AIM launched by the Centre to nurture an innovative mindset amongst high school students across India. **Aayog Vice Chairman:** Suman Bery, **NITI Aayog CEO:** Parameswaran Iyer.
- 15. Santosh Iyer to serve as MD and CEO of Mercedes-Benz India in January 2023:** Santosh Iyer will take over as managing director and chief executive officer of Mercedes-Benz (The German luxury automaker) India's operations on January 1, 2023. Martin Schwenk, who will take over as President and Chief Executive Officer of Mercedes-Benz Thailand, will be replaced by Santosh Iyer. Santosh Iyer was appointed vice president of the firm for customer services and retail training in 2016.
- 16. World's largest religious monument to open in West Bengal:** The largest religious monument in the world, the Temple of Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), will also have the world's biggest dome. The Vedic Planetarium will offer guests a tour of the various parts of the cosmic creation.
- 17. Uttarakhand CM launched 'CM Udyman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana':** Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has launched the "Mukhyamantri Udyaman Khiladi Unnayan Yojana" on the occasion of National Sports Day. The Chief Minister Sports Development Fund will be established to be given financial benefits to the students according to accelerated rules. Uttarakhand Capitals: Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer), **Uttarakhand Governor:** Lt Gen Gurmit Singh

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- 18. Bloomberg Billionaires Index: Gautam Adani becomes world third richest person:** India's Gautam Adani is now the third richest person in the world. The rankings by Bloomberg Billionaires Index come as business conglomerate Adani Group's chairman overtakes Louis Vuitton chairman Bernard Arnault. With a total net worth of USD 137.4 billion, 60-year-old Adani is now just behind business magnate Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos in the ranking. This is the first time an Asian person has broken into the top three of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. In the latest Bloomberg Billionaires Index, Reliance chief Mukesh Ambani is at number 11 with a total of USD 91.9 billion worth. The index is a daily ranking of the world's richest people. The net worth of Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos is currently at USD 251 billion and USD 153 billion, respectively.
- 19. Eminent economist Abhijit Sen passes away:** Renowned economist and former Planning Commission member, Abhijit Sen has passed away at 72. He was a member of the Planning Commission from 2004 to 2014, during the tenure of PM Manmohan Singh. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for public service in 2010.
- 20. A book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence" by Dr Ashutosh Raravikar:** Director of the Department of Economic & Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Dr Ashutosh Raravikar has authored a new book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 years of Independence". The book is published by Aswad Prakashan Private Limited. Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India has written the foreword of the book.
- 21. Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal launched virtual school:** Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has launched a virtual school and students from across the country will be eligible for admission. The application process for the Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS) began on August 31. The school is for Classes 9-12. Admission to the schooling platform will be open for students across India and they will also be prepared by experts for entrance exams like NEET, CUET and JEE along with skill-based training. The first virtual school in the country will prove to be a milestone in the education sector. The classes will be online and recorded lectures will also be uploaded online.
- 22. Indian Railway installed 'Meghdoot' machines at Mumbai stations:** Indian Railways have set up 'Meghdoot' machines at Dadar, Thane and other stations of the Mumbai Division. The unique 'Meghdoot' machines use innovative technology to convert water vapour in the air into potable water. The contract for setting up 17 'MEGHDOOT', Atmospheric Water Generator Kiosks' over Mumbai Division of Central Railway under NINFRIS policy for a period of 5 years has been awarded to Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd. An Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) is a device that extracts water from ambient air. The technology utilizes the science of condensation to extract water vapour from the surrounding atmosphere. Maithri Aquatech's MEGHDOOT – AWG uses innovative technology to convert water vapour in the air into fresh and clean drinking water".
- 23. Jammu and Kashmir Police launched online Mobile app 'JK Ecop':** The Jammu & Kashmir Police has launched an online Mobile application "JK Ecop". The App enables the common citizens to use a

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host of services ranging from registering a complaint to downloading a copy of an FIR. A citizen can also make requests like obtaining a character certificate, employee verification, or tenant verification through this App. Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor: Manoj Sinha.

- 24. Rajasthan govt introduce 'Mahila Nidhi' to help women entrepreneurs:** Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has launched 'Mahila Nidhi', a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans. Under the scheme, apart from everyday necessities, easy credit will be available to women for business expansion and starting new businesses. In the budget 2022-23, the government said it will establish 'Mahila Nidhi' through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council. Rajasthan is the second state in the country after Telangana, where Mahila Nidhi has been established.
- 25. SBI Card launches 'cashback SBI Card' in India:** Indian credit card issuer SBI Card has announced the launch of the 'CASHBACK SBI Card' in India. As the company claims CASHBACK SBI Card is the industry's first Cashback-focused credit card that enables cardholders to earn 5 per cent cashback on all online spending without any merchant restrictions. Consumers across India, including tier 2 and 3 cities, can easily get CASHBACK SBI Card instantly through the digital application platform 'SBI Card SPRINT'.
- 26. Nuakhai Festival Being Celebrated in Western Odisha:** Nuakhai is an annual harvest festival in Odisha. Nuakhai is celebrated to welcome the approaching new season and welcome the season's new rice. Nuakhai is celebrated a day after Ganesh Chaturthi, and it is one of the most awaited festivals in Odisha. The festival is celebrated with Nabanna offering to Goddess Samaleswari during a particular time.
- 27. A book titled "Science Behind Surya Namaskar" unveiled by Dr Kalubhai:** Minister of State for AYUSH, Dr Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai has released a book titled "Science Behind Surya Namaskar" a collection of evidence-based research on one of the most well-known Yoga asanas at the AIIA. The book was compiled by the All-India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, at AIIA.
- 28. India Surpasses UK to Become World's 5th Largest Economy:** India has surpassed Britain to become world's fifth largest economy, Bloomberg reported. The change in ranking has pushed the United Kingdom to the sixth spot as the country continues to grapple under the brutal cost-of-living shack. The Indian economy is forecast to grow more than 7 per cent this year. On an adjusted basis and using the dollar exchange rate on the last day of the relevant quarter, the size of Indian economy in "normal" cash terms in the quarter through March was USD 845.7 billion. On the same basis, UK was USD 816 billion, according to the report. According to the International Monetary Fund, these are the highest ranking countries in the world in nominal GDP:
1. **United States (GDP: 22.49 trillion),**
 2. **China (GDP: 16.4 trillion),**
 3. **Japan: (GDP: 5.27 trillion),**
 4. **Germany: (GDP: 4.30 trillion)**
 5. **India: (GDP: 3.21 trillion),**
 6. **United Kingdom: (GDP: 3.2 trillion)**
- 29. Starbucks named Indian-origin executive Laxman Narasimhan as CEO:** The coffee giant Starbucks has appointed its new Indian-origin Chief Executive Officer, Laxman Narasimhan. He will join

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Starbucks on October 1, after replacing Howard Schultz who will continue as interim chief until April 2023. The 55-years-old Indian, Narasimhan, has served as chief executive of Lysol and Enfamil baby formula, UK-based Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC. Starbucks Corporation is an American multinational chain of coffeehouses and roastery reserves headquartered in Seattle, Washington.

- 30. Reliance Industries to build world's largest carbon fibre plant:** Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has announced to build of India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat. The plants will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA based on Acrylonitrile feedstock. Overall, in the Oil to Chemical segment (O2C), Ambani Ambani announced an investment of Rs 75,000 crore over the next five years to expand capacities in existing and new value chains. These value chains are – Polyester value chain, Vinyl chain, and New Materials. The first phase of the plant will be completed in 2025.
- 31. Tata Steel and Punjab govt inked an MoU to establish steel facility in Ludhiana:** Tata Steel and Punjab Govt signs an MoU: The Tata steel company and the Punjabi government have agreed to establish a 0.75 million tonne per year (MnTPA) long products steel facility with an electric arc furnace (EAF) powered by scrap. Tata Steel's decision to build the greenfield facility at Kadiana Khurd in Ludhiana's Hitech Valley is a part of the company's commitment to investing in a circular economy and switching to low-carbon steel making through steel recycling.
- 32. India to Host Quad Senior Officials' Meeting:** The Quad group meeting will be hosted by India in New Delhi with Japan, U.S, and Australia in the coming week. The Quad meeting is the first such "Senior Officers Meeting" (SOM) to be held after tensions rose between China and Taiwan. The Quad SOM meeting is one of several meetings to be held between India and Indo-Pacific Partners.

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