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## MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

### JULY - 2022

#### CURRENT AFFAIR 1<sup>ST</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022

- 1. International Plastic Bag Free Day 2022- 03 July: The International Plastic Bag Free Day is held on July 3** around the world to spread awareness that a plastic bag free world is possible and that sound environmental alternatives to single use plastic bags are available. 2022 is the 13th edition of the celebrations.
- 2. World Zoonosis Day 2022 observed on 6th July: World Zoonoses Day is marked annually on 6 July to** commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease like influenza, ebola and West Nile virus. Zoonotic diseases are caused by viruses, parasites, bacteria and fungi.
- 3. World Chocolate Day 2022: 7th July: World Chocolate Day is celebrated on July 7 every year to** commemorate the invention of chocolate.
- 4. World Kishwahili Language Day: 07 July: World Kiswahili Day is celebrated on the 7th of July every year** following a declaration by UNESCO member states in this regard. Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa and the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa. Kiswahili is also the only African language that is an official language of the African Union.
- 5. National Fish Farmers' Day 2022: 10 July: National Fish Farmers Day is celebrated on 10th July every year** to demonstrate solidarity with all fisher folk, fish farmers and concerned stakeholders throughout the Country. It is 65th National Fish Farmers Day being celebrated across the Country. National Fisheries Development Board, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India celebrated the National Fish Farmers Day virtually at National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) Hyderabad.
- 6. Government authorised SBI to issue and en-cash electoral bonds: With effect from July 1 to July 10, State Bank of India (SBI), in the 21st phase of sale, has been granted authorization to issue and encash electoral bonds through its 29 authorised branches. Bond sales for the 20th tranche were held from April 1 to April 10, 2022. 2018 March 1–10 saw the selling of the initial batch of electoral bonds.**
  - The only bank permitted to issue electoral bonds is SBI. A voting bond is valid for 15 days after it is issued. If the bond is deposited after the validity time has passed, no payment will be given to any political party, according to the statement. Electoral bonds can be used to finance registered political parties that received at least 1% of the votes cast in the most recent Lok Sabha or legislative assembly elections.

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- An electoral bond is like a promissory note that can be bought by any Indian citizen or company incorporated in India from select branches of State Bank of India. The electoral bonds were introduced with the Finance Bill (2017). On January 29, 2018 the Narendra Modi-led NDA government notified the Electoral Bond Scheme 2018.
  - The bonds will be issued in multiples of Rs 1,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 100,000 and Rs 1 crore (the range of a bond is between Rs 1,000 to Rs 1 crore). The electoral bonds are available for purchase for 10 days in the beginning of every quarter.
  - The first 10 days of January, April, July and October has been specified by the government for purchase of electoral bonds. The electoral bonds will not bear the name of the donor. Thus, the political party might not be aware of the donor's identity. The electoral bonds will not bear the name of the donor. Thus, the political party might not be aware of the donor's identity.
- 7. NMCG Plants 75 Saplings to Create Amrit Vatika:** With the installation of 75 trees as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) established Namami Gange Amrit Vatika at Kalindi Kunj Ghat on the River Yamuna in New Delhi. The Union Government of India authorised the Namami Gange Program, an integrated conservation mission, as a "Flagship Program" in June 2014 with a financial commitment of Rs. 20,000 crore.
- 8. NTPC Commissions India's largest floating solar power project in Telangana:** NTPC Ltd has declared the Commercial Operations Date (COD) of the last part capacity of 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project in Telangana. Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project is India's largest Floating Solar Plant commissioned by NTPC. Now the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region has reached 217 MW. Prior to this, NTPC declared Commercial operation of 92 MW Floating Solar at Kayamkulam (Kerala) and 25 MW Floating Solar at Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh). NTPC Ltd Founded: 7 November 1975, NTPC Ltd Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- 9. QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023: Mumbai tops in India:** According to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Mumbai ranked at 103 has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city. The other Indian cities in the rankings include Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 and New Delhi at 129. London (UK) has topped the list ranked 1 followed by Munich (Germany) and Seoul (South Korea) ranked 2nd and Zurich (Switzerland) ranked 4th. The ranking provides students with independent data regarding a range of factors relevant to their study decisions: affordability, quality of life, the standard of university, and the views of previous students that have studied in that destination.
- 10. Yair Lapid takes over as 14th Prime Minister of Israel:** Leader of Yesh Atid Party, Yair Lapid has been officially became the 14th prime minister of Israel, after replacing the Naftali Benett. He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since 1 July 2022. Israel Capital: Jerusalem, Israel Currency: New Shekel, Israel President: Isaac Herzog.

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- 11. HCL Technologies bags Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022:** HCL Technologies was recognised at Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022, for innovation and implementing customer solutions based on Microsoft technology. HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner). The IT company was also named a finalist in the 2022 Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Internet of Things (domain finalist). HCL Technologies CEO: C Vijayakumar , HCL Technologies Founded: 12 November 1991, HCL Technologies Headquarters: Noida
- 12. Govt revamps Banks Board into Financial Services Institutions Bureau:** The government has transformed Banks Board Bureau (BBB), the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, into Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) by making some amendments. Guidelines for selection of general managers and directors of public sector general insurance companies have been made part of FSIB. The Prime Minister, in 2016, approved the constitution of BBB as a body of eminent professionals and officials to make recommendations for appointment of whole-time directors as well as non-executive chairpersons of public sector banks (PSBs) and state-owned financial institutions.
- 13. BESCOM develops 'EV Mitra' mobile app:** The Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCOM has developed EV Mitra mobile app to provide information about EV charging stations in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The information on charges in each station for the electric vehicles to recharge are also mentioned in the app. The user-friendly app can be used by electric vehicle users to book in advance a slot in the station. BESCOM had earlier introduced the EV Jagruthi Web portal as a joint initiative of NITI Ayog and the United Kingdom. The web portal gives state specific information on the availability of electric vehicles, incentives, support mechanisms and initiatives of the state government regarding electric mobility.
- 14. UK Parliament honours Tanuja Nesari with Ayurveda Ratna award:** Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was awarded with the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament. The UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the award recognising her contribution to promoting the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad.
- 15. Karnataka's Sini Shetty crowned Femina Miss India 2022:** Sini Shetty has won the title of Femina Miss India 2022. She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant. Shetty was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, Manasa Varanasi at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai. Femina Miss India 2022's first runner-up is Rubal Shekhawat from Rajasthan, while the second runner-up is Shinata Chauhan, who hails from Uttar Pradesh.

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- 16. Rahul Narwekar, the youngest Speaker in the country:** Mumbai lawyer and first-time legislator, Rahul Narwekar has been elected as the youngest Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post. Narwekar scripted history to become the youngest legislator to be elected as the 16th Speaker (since 1960) and also is now the youngest ever lawmaker to occupy the coveted top legislative post in the country.
- 17. Start-up ranking 2021: Gujarat, Karnataka emerges as best performers:** Gujarat and Karnataka emerged the “best performers” in the third edition of States’ Start-up ranking, 2021, while Meghalaya bagged the top honour among Northeastern (NE) states. In the second edition of the survey, which was conducted in 2020, Gujarat was the best performer.
- 18. Himachal Pradesh CM launched ‘Nari Ko Naman’ scheme for women:** Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Jai Ram Thakur has launched ‘Naari Ko Naman’ scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) buses to women commuters within the state boundaries. Seema Thakur, the first woman bus driver in the state, drove him in a state transport bus to the event venue.  
The chief minister had announced the 50 per cent concession on bus fares to women on April 15, Himachal Day. The government of HP will also sanction 25 new posts for female drivers in ‘Ride With Pride Government Taxi service’.
- 19. People can receive R. 10 lakh without telling authorities after Center modifies FCRA:** Indians are now permitted to receive up to Rs. 10 lakh annually from relatives who live overseas without telling the authorities, changes made by the Union Home Ministry to certain rules relating to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA). The previous cap was Rs. 1 lakh.  
The home ministry also stated in a notification that instead of 30 days, if the sum surpasses, the people would now have 90 days to notify the government. The new regulations, known as the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2022, were published in the gazette by the home ministry.
- 20. IIT Hyderabad and Greenko inks a pact to establish sustainable sci-tech school:** In order to establish a school where students would be trained toward sustainable goals like climate change mitigation, circular economy, energy transition, among others, the renewable energy company Greenko has partnered with IIT-Hyderabad.  
The Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST) will open toward the end of this year, according to a statement from the company, and by June 2023, the first batch of students will be admitted for the MTech and Ph.D. programmes in sustainable science and technology, followed by the BTech programme. It will be the nation’s first institution solely focused on teaching sustainable science and technology.
- 21. PM Modi inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Gandhinagar:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The theme

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of this Digital India Week is 'Catalyzing New India's Techade' to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Digital India Week 2022 will also have a three-day long orientation program 'India Stack Knowledge Exchange- Showcasing India Stack and India's Digital Products and Service' from 7th July. Mr. Modi has also launched 'Digital India Bhashini' that will enable Indians an easy access to the internet and digital services in vernacular languages. He also launched 'Digital India GENESIS' – Gen-next Support for Innovative Startups- a national deep-tech startup platform.

**22. Veteran Bengali filmmaker Tarun Majumdar passes away:** Veteran Bengali film director, Tarun Majumdar has passed away at the age of 92. Tarun Majumdar was known for helming popular Bengali films such as Smriti Tuku Thak, Shriman Prithviraj, Kuheli, Balika Badhu, Dadar Kirti, Chander Bari, among others in his lifetime. He created a significant impact in uplifting the Bengali film industry during the 60s, 70s and 80s. Tarun Majumdar was the recipient of the prestigious Padma Shri Award in 1990.

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

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

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

**26. Odisha tops state ranking for implementation of National Food Security Act 2022:** Odisha has topped in the state ranking for implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) through ration shops, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh. Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' 2022 during a conference of state food ministers on food and nutrition security in India.

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- 27. SBI updates agreement with Air Force for defence compensation package:** The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between State Bank of India (SBI) and the Indian Air Force for the Defence Salary Package (DSP) plan has been extended, according to SBI. All active-duty and former members of the Air Force, as well as their families, will be eligible for a number of advantages and features under this programme from the nation's largest lender. Chief of the Air Staff: Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- 28. PM Narendra Modi launched the 125th Birth Anniversary Celebration of the Legendary Freedom Fighters Alluri Sitarama Raju in Bhimavaram:** Prime minister Narendra Modi announced that the 125th birth anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju and the 100th anniversary of Rampa Kranti will be celebrated throughout the year. To make everyone aware of the legendary contribution of our freedom fighters.
- Alluri Sitarama Raju was an Indian revolutionary who fought against the British army by waging an armed campaign. He was named "Manyam Veerdu" which means Hero of the Jungle by the locals for his heroic exploits. He was born in Andhra Pradesh and he was involved in the freedom fight against the British during the 1882 Madras Forest Act.
- 29. India's first autonomous navigation facility "TiHAN" launched at IIT Hyderabad:** India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, TiHAN inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh at the IIT Hyderabad campus. Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation 'smart mobility' technology.
- 30. Smriti Irani, Jyotiraditya Scindia get additional charges of Minority Affairs, Ministry of Steel:** Union Ministers Smriti Irani and Jyotiraditya Scindia have been assigned additional charges of Minority Affairs and Ministry of Steel respectively after two Union Ministers Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Ram Chandra Prasad Singh resigned from the Union Council of Ministers, with immediate effect. Post their resignations, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind, as advised by PM Modi, accepted the resignations of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Ram Chandra Prasad Singh from Union Council of Ministers.
- 31. India's unemployment rate increase to 7.80 percent, Haryana and Rajasthan at top:** The Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) released a report according to the figures, the nation's jobless rate increased to 7.83% in April from 7.60% in March. According to the figures issued, the jobless rate in urban areas was higher at 9.22% compared to 8.28% in March. India's unemployment rate increased to 7.80 percent, with Haryana and Rajasthan at top in list in unemployment rate. Haryana had the highest unemployment rate (34.5%), followed by Rajasthan (28.8%), Bihar (21.1%), and Jammu & Kashmir (15.6%).
- 32. Native AI-based software created to safeguard defence land from encroachment:** The Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE) has developed a Artificial Intelligence-based

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Change Detection Software that can automatically detect unauthorised constructions & encroachments on the defence land using Satellite Imagery, demonstrating once again how technology has benefited the country's defense-related issues.

For efficient land management and urban planning, the Institute makes use of the most recent surveying technology, including satellite photography, drone imaging, and geospatial tools. The Directorate General of Defence Estates established the Centre of Excellence on Satellite & Unmanned Remote Vehicle Initiative (CoE-SURVEI) at the National Institute of Defence Estates Management at Meerut Cantonment in Uttar Pradesh. CoE-SURVEI is responsible for developing AI-based software.

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

**34. Hariyali Mahotsav" to be organized by Ministry of Environment:** Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change will be organizing "Hariyali Mahotsav" on 8th July, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi in the spirit of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Hariyali Mahotsav, the "Tree Festival" is being organized to create awareness about the importance of trees in sustaining not only the life of the present generations but also to secure the future of forthcoming generations. Ceremonial Plantation drives are being organized with participation of 75 Nagar Vans throughout the country, 75 Police Stations and 75 Schools in Delhi/NCR and 75 degraded plantation sites in the different states as part of this Mahotsav.

**35. Amitabh Kant, former CEO of NITI Aayog, to serve as new G-20 Sherpa:** The former CEO of Niti Aayog, Amitabh Kant, will take on the role of G-20 Sherpa. Piyush Goyal, a Union Minister, would be replaced by Kant because he is expected to resign owing to workload. Later this year, India will preside over the G-20. It should be highlighted that the nation requires a full-time G-20 Sherpa.

**CEO of Niti Aayog:** Parameswaran Iyer.

**Minister of Textiles, Minister of Commerce and Industry and Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution:** Shri Piyush Goyal

**36. Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists':** Gita Gopinath becomes 1st woman to feature on IMF's 'wall of former chief economists': India-born Gita Gopinath became the first woman and second Indian to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The first Indian to achieve the honour was Raghuram Rajan who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006. Gopinath was appointed as IMF Chief

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Economist in October 2018 and was later promoted as the IMF's First Deputy Managing Director in December last year.

- 37. R Dinesh named the Confederation of Indian Industry's new president:** R Dinesh, Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, has been chosen as the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) President Designate for the years 2022–2023. He previously served as the Chairman of the National Committees on Logistics, the CII Family Business Network India Chapter Council, the CII Tamil Nadu State Council, and the CII Institute of Logistics Advisory Council. From 2018 to 2019, he served as the Chairman of the CII Southern Region. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), an advocacy and trade association with its main office in New Delhi, India, was established in 1895.
- 38. Suranjan Das named as the new president of AIU:** The Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor, Suranjan Das was appointed as the president of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). His tenure as president will be for one year from July 1. Association of Indian Universities Formation: 1925 as Inter-University Board.
- 39. Rajasthan government will introduce India's first right-to-health bill:** The Rajasthan government is soon likely to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill, "the first of its kind in India", which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. In January, the government had prepared a draft bill that defines the rights of patients, their attendants and health care providers, as well as a system for addressing grievances of the stakeholders.
- 40. Amit Shah virtually unveils 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya:** Union home minister, Amit Shah virtually unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region. Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer, a south Indian Brahmin born in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur.
- 41. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launches SVANidhi Mahotsav:** On the occasion of second anniversary of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme, the Housing and Urban affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri launched the 'SVANidhi Mahotsav,' which will be celebrated from 9th to 31st of July. The festival will be organized in 75 cities across all states and Union Territories, and showcase various cultural activities, digital training activities and loan melas. It will also have functions for felicitation of distinguished Street vendors.
- 42. UP becomes first state to have 13 expressways in the nation:** Uttar Pradesh's largest expressway network now has a foundation thanks to Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath. The state will soon have better highway connectivity from many other nations throughout the world. The state now boasts 13 expressways, making it the first state in the nation to do so. Six of the 13 expressways totaling 3200 km are in use while the other seven are under construction.



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- 43. R K Gupta named as deputy Election commissioner:** Senior bureaucrat R K Gupta was appointed as the deputy election commissioner, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said. He comes in place of T Sreekanth. Gupta, a Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer, will serve as deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level) till 28 February next year, the date of his superannuation. Chief Election Commissioner of India: Rajiv Kumar, Election Commissioner: Anup Chandra Pandey
- 44. 36th National Games: To be held in Gujarat from Sep 27 to Oct 10:** Bhupendra Patel, the chief minister of Gujarat, declared that the 36th National Games will be held in his state from September 27 to October 10 for the first time ever. Due to a number of factors, including the coronavirus pandemic since 2020, the prestigious event is being hosted after a seven-year hiatus; the previous one was in Kerala in 2015.
- 45. Kharchi festival begins in Tripura 2022:** A week-long traditional Kharchi festival, offering prayer to 14 gods and goddess, began with thousands of devotees converging at Khayerpur on the eastern outskirts of the Tripura. Kharchi Puja is predominantly a tribal festival but it owes its origins to Hindu religion. Tripura Capital: Agartala, Tripura Chief Minister: Dr. Manik Saha, Tripura Governor: Satyadeo Narain Arya.

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- 1. World Population Day 2022 observed globally on 11 July:** World Population Day is observed every year on July 11 to raise awareness about global population issues. The theme for this year is "A world of 8 billion: Towards a resilient future for all – Harnessing opportunities and ensuring rights and choices for all".
- 2. World Paper Bag Day 2022 observed on 12th July:** Every year, World Paper Bag Day is observed on July 12 to raise awareness of the importance of using paper bags instead of plastic bags. The theme for Paper Bag Day this year is, "If You're 'fantastic', Do Something 'dramatic' To Cut The 'Plastic', Use 'Paper Bags'."
- 3. World Malala Day 2022 celebrates on 12th July:** International Malala Day is celebrated every year on July 12 on the occasion of young activist Malala Yousafzai's birthday. The United Nations (UN) designated this date to be marked as Malala Day to honour the young woman who has been advocating for female education. The day is used as an opportunity to appeal to world leaders to ensure compulsory and free education for every child. On July 12, 2013, then 16-year-old Pakistani activist delivered a moving speech at the headquarters of the United Nations. Malala Yousufzai was born in Mingora, Pakistan in 1997. She began advocating for women's education in 2008. In 2012, she was attacked by the Taliban. In 2014, at age 17, She became the youngest-ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her efforts for children's rights which had begun even before she was shot. The UN declared her as "the most famous teenager in the world" in its Decade in Review report in late 2019.
- 4. World Youth Skills Day 2022 celebrates globally:** World Youth Skills Day 2022 is observed annually on July 15. It focuses on the strategic importance of equipping young people with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. The theme for 2022 is 'Transforming youth skills for the future'.
- 5. World Day for International Justice 2022:** World Day for International Justice is observed on July 17 to commemorate the organisations that work to bring justice to the victims of international criminal acts. On July 17, 1998, 120 countries came together to sign a treaty titled the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. The establishment came to be known as the International Criminal Court (ICC), which came into force on July 1, 2002.
- 6. Father of Indian Internet' BK Syngal passes away:** Brijendra K Syngal, former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 82. Syngal, who has been acknowledged as the father of the Indian Internet, was known for his strong views and fearlessness in taking on the establishment.
- 7. Pallavi Singh wins the Mrs Universe Divine Crown in South Korea:** India's Pallavi Singh has won the Mrs Universe Divine Title at the finals held at Yeosu City, South Korea. She hails from

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Kanpur, India, and has made her country proud in this contest that saw participation from 110 countries. Pallavi Singh won the title of Mrs India held in Jaipur in 2020.

- 8. First-ever exhibition and seminar on "AI in Defense" organised:** The Department of Defense Production, Ministry of Defense, will host the first-ever Artificial Intelligence in Defence symposium and exhibition in New Delhi, which will be officially inaugurated by Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh. The event will include a demonstration of the most innovative AI-enabled products that have been created by services, research organisations, industry, start-ups, and entrepreneurs.
- 9. UN: India anticipated to overtake China as world's most populated nation next year:** According to a report released by the UN on World Population Day, India is expected to overtake China as the world's most populous nation next year. The world's population is anticipated to exceed eight billion people on November 15, 2022, according to a research by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division. According to the United Nations' most recent estimates, the world's population may reach 8.5 billion people in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.4 billion in 2100. According to the research, India would have a population of 1.412 billion in 2022, compared to 1.426 billion for China. By the middle of the century, India is expected to have a population of 1.668 billion, much exceeding China's 1.317 billion.
- 10. Meenakshi Lekhi launched 'Swadhinta Sangram Na Surviro' book:** Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture, Meenakshi Lekhi has launched a book in Gujarati commemorating the contributions of freedom fighters at a function. The book, 'Swadhinata Sangram Na Surviro', celebrates 75 freedom fighters and shares the stories of the sacrifices made by them for the country.
- 11. Bhagwani Devi, 94, won gold medal in 100-meter sprint in Finland:** Bhagwani Devi Dagar, a 94-year-old Indian sprinter, won the gold medal in the 100-meter sprint at the Tampere, Finland, World Masters Athletics Championships. She finished first in the gold with a timing of 24.74 seconds and took home the bronze in shot-put. For competitors 35 years of age and older, the World Masters Athletics Championships is a competition organised in the sport of track and field.
- 12. India sets world record for building longest double-decker bridge in Nagpur:** The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Maharashtra Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur. The longest viaduct with highway flyover and metro rail supported on single column piers. The maximum metro stations constructed on a double-decker viaduct are recognized by the Asia Book of Records & India Book of Records.
- 13. Ministry of Mines hosts 6th National Conclave on Mines and Minerals:** The 6th National Conclave on Mines & Minerals was held as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav legendary week celebrations in New Delhi, according to the Ministry of Mines. The one-day conclave was officially opened by Union Minister of Mines, Coal, and Parliamentary Affairs Shri Pralhad Joshi.

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- 14. In Rurban Mission's delta rating, Jharkhand ranks first:** According to a formal announcement, Jharkhand came out on top in the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Rurban Mission's delta ranking for the month of June with a composite score of 76.19. As a result, the state has moved up to number eight in the mission's overall ranking. The state's score in the delta ranking increased by 1.93 points from the previous month, the most increase among the 34 states and union territories. The mission was started by the Center in 2016 with the goals of promoting regional economic growth, upgrading essential services, and developing well-planned Rurban clusters.
- 15. Tesla CEO Elon Musk terminates deal to buy Twitter for \$44 billion:** Twitter has hired top law firm to charge legal action against Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk on his decision to terminate the \$44 billion takeover deal. Musk decided to suspend the deal due to multiple breaches of the purchase agreement. **Twitter CEO:** Parag Agrawal; **Twitter formed:** 21 March 2006; **Headquarters of Twitter:** San Francisco, California, United States.
- 16. India's 1st elevated urban expressway "Dwarka" to be operational by 2023:** The Dwarka Expressway, which is being developed as the first elevated urban expressway in India, will be operational in 2023, said Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari. Dwarka Expressway will reduce pressure on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway (part of the Delhi-Jaipur-Ahmedabad-Mumbai arm of the Golden Quadrilateral) and arterial roads that experience severe traffic congestion, primarily from the commuters of West Delhi. It will be a 16-lane access-controlled highway with the provision of a minimum three-lane service road on both sides. The Expressway connecting Dwarka in Delhi to Gurugram in Haryana is being developed at a total cost of Rs 9,000 crores.
- 17. AAI Leh Airport is being built as nation first carbon-neutral airport:** The Airports Authority of India, Leh airport is being built as a carbon-neutral airport, a first in India. A "Geothermal system" in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the New airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes. The main feature of this process is that naturally existing heat is concentrated and used. It is estimated that 900 tons of carbon emissions per year will be reduced after adopting the Geothermal system at the Leh Airport Terminal Building project.
- 18. 75th Independence Day: Govt to start nationwide campaign 'Har Ghar Tiranga':** In order to encourage citizens to raise the national flag at their residences in observance of the nation's 75th Independence Day, the Central government will soon launch the nationwide campaign Har Ghar Tiranga. The initiative was launched under the auspices of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, whose nodal ministry is the Ministry of Culture.  
Minister of Culture: Shri G.Kishan Reddy
- 19. Japan's 'Order of the Rising Sun' award conferred to Narayanan Kumar:** The government of Japan has conferred the 'Order of the Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star' award on Sanmar Group Vice Chairman Narayanan Kumar in recognition of his contribution toward strengthening economic

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relations between Japan and India. Kumar was honoured by the Consul General of Japan in Chennai, Taga Masayuki.

- 20. WEF's Gender Gap Report 2022: India ranks low at 135th globally:** India ranks 135 among a total of 146 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index 2022 of the World Economic Forum (WEF). It is the worst performer in the world in the "health and survival" sub-index where it is ranked 146. India also ranks poorly among its neighbours and is behind Bangladesh (71), Nepal (96), Sri Lanka (110), Maldives (117) and Bhutan (126). Only Iran (143), Pakistan (145) and Afghanistan (146) perform worse than India in south Asia. The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks gender parity across four key dimensions or sub-indices — economic participation and opportunity, educational attainment, health and survival, and political empowerment. Iceland has retained its position as the world's most gender-equal country, among 146 nations on the index.
- 21. Ahmedabad & Kerala features in TIME Magazine's The World's Greatest Places of 2022:** Two locations from India have been named among "50 extraordinary destinations to explore" this year by TIME Magazine. The southern state of Kerala and Ahmedabad, the capital city of Gujarat were the two Indian entries into the list of the world's greatest places of 2022. Kerala is one of India's most beautiful states. With spectacular beaches and lush backwaters, temples, and palaces, it's known as "God's own country".
- 22. Tripura government launched 'Earn with Learn' Scheme:** The Tripura government has launched a new scheme named 'Earn with Learn' to bring back those who had dropped out of schools following the outbreak of Covid-19. This scheme is a part of the 'Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan' (Let's go to school). The Government attempted to bring back dropouts in 2020 by implementing the Vidyalaya Chalo Abhiyan, which was first started in 2009 but was unable to make any progress due to the pandemic.  
**Tripura Capital:** Agartala; **Tripura Chief Minister:** Manik Saha, **Tripura Governor:** Satyadeo Narain Arya.
- 23. Uttarakhand becomes first state in India to implement NEP at pre-primary level:** Uttarakhand has become the first state in the country to initiate the process of implementing the Centre's New Education Policy. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami has initiated this process by inaugurating 'Bal Vatikas' at Anganwadi Kendra across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system. The implementation of the New Education Policy (NEP) marks the beginning of culture-based education in the country focusing on the overall personality development of students.
- 24. Dr S Jaishankar launches 'Connecting through Culture' at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in Delhi:** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar launched 'Connecting through Culture', an anthology of essays on various aspects of India's soft power strengths, at Sushma Swaraj Bhavan in New Delhi, India. The Minister described the book as the "good cop" in diplomacy and said that it can be used to encourage others to work with India because "it creates a comfort about India."

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- 25. PM Narendra Modi attends first virtual I2U2 summit:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual I2U2 Summit. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where “I” stands for India and Israel, and “U” for the US and the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The main focus of the virtual meeting was on the food security crisis and clean energy. India will provide “appropriate land” for “food parks” across the country that will be built in collaboration with Israel, the United States and the United Arab Emirates.
- 26. Agnikul Cosmos opened India’s first rocket engine factory in Chennai:** Space tech startup, Agnikul Cosmos has inaugurated India’s first-ever factory to manufacture 3D-printed rocket engines in Chennai. The facility will use additive manufacturing technology to build 3D printed rocket engines and will be used to produce engines for its own in-house rockets. It was unveiled by Tata Sons chairman N Chandrasekaran and ISRO chairman S Somanath in the presence of Pawan Goenka, the chairman of IN-SPACe (Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre). Agnikul was founded in 2017 by Srinath Ravichandran, Moin SPM and SR Chakravarthy (professor of IIT-Madras). In December 2020, Agnikul signed an agreement with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) under the IN-SPACe initiative to have access to the space agency’s expertise and its facilities to build rocket engines.
- 27. First E-Waste Eco Park in India to be built in Delhi:** Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai convened a joint review meeting with representatives from the Environment Department and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee. Approximately 21 acres would be used to create India’s first e-waste eco park in Holambi Kalan, a neighbourhood of Delhi, according to Rai.
- 28. UIDAI launched ‘AadhaarFaceRd’ mobile app to perform Aadhaar face authentication:** The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a face authentication feature through a new mobile app called “AadhaarFaceRd”. For authentication, Aadhaar card holders no longer need to physically visit an enrollment centre for iris and fingerprint scans. The UIDAI has started using face authentication as a method of confirming an Aadhaar holder’s identity.
- 29. 7th anniversary of Skill India Mission is being observed on 15th July:** The 7th anniversary of the Skill India Mission is being observed on 15th July. National Skill Development Mission also known as Skill India Mission was launched on this day in 2015. Skill India is an initiative of the central government to empower the youth with skill sets, making them more employable.
- 30. India’s first Monkeypox case reported in Kerala:** The first case of monkeypox was confirmed in India after a person who had returned to Kerala from UAE developed symptoms of the disease. His samples were sent to National Virology Institute in Pune which confirmed the disease. It was first found in monkeys in 1958. According to the WHO, monkeypox is a viral zoonosis (a virus transmitted to humans from animals) with symptoms similar to those seen in the past in smallpox patients, although it is clinically less severe. It is usually a self-limited disease with symptoms lasting two to four weeks.

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- 31. British Parliament felicitated BCCI President Sourav Ganguly:** Former India captain and current BCCI president, Sourav Ganguly was felicitated by the British Parliament. The Indian cricket legend was felicitated on the same date July 13 when he led India to Natwest final win in 2002 and exactly 20 years later on the same day he was honoured in the same city. He was elected as the President of BCCI in 2019. Ganguly was awarded the Padma Shri in 2004, one of India's highest civilian awards.
- Ganguly was awarded with the Banga Bibhushan Award from the Government of West Bengal on 20 May 2013.
- 32. To encourage agricultural trade, Narendra Tomar Launches e-NAM Platform:** On the eve of the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in Bengaluru, Karnataka, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, unveiled the Platform of Platforms (POP) under the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM). A total of 1,018 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) received equity grants totaling more than Rs 37 crore, which will help 3.5 lakh farmers.
- 33. New television series called "Swaraj" being promoted by Anurag Thakur:** Anurag Thakur, Minister of Information and Broadcasting, debuted the trailer for the new television series Swaraj: Bharat Ke Swatantrata Sangram Ki Samagra Gatha in New Delhi. Doordarshan will begin airing this series on August 14th, 2022. The contribution of the liberation warriors and unsung heroes of the freedom movement will be highlighted in the 75-episode drama. The All India Radio will also air this programme.
- 34. Varanasi named 1st cultural and tourism capital of SCO:** The holy city of Varanasi showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages will be declared the first "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation. Varanasi will become the "Cultural and Tourism Capital" of the SCO for 2022-23 under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states. The Beijing-headquartered Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) is an eight-member economic and security alliance comprising China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, India and Pakistan.
- 35. Japan awards Ex-PM Shinzo Abe country's highest order posthumously:** The Japanese government announced its decision to honour former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe with the country's highest decoration "the Collar of the Supreme Order of the Chrysanthemum" posthumously. Shinzo Abe will be the fourth former premier to receive the honour under the postwar Constitution. Before him, former Prime Ministers Shigeru Yoshida, Eisaku Sato and Yasuhiro Nakasone were conferred with the same honour.

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- 1. Nelson Mandela International Day 2022 observed on 18 July:** Every year on July 18 the world marks Nelson Mandela International Day. The day is a remembrance of the first democratically elected President of South Africa and his long years of struggle for justice against apartheid. As a human rights lawyer, a political prisoner, a global mediator, and the first democratically elected leader of a free South Africa, he had dedicated his life to serving humanity. The theme for Nelson Mandela International Day 2022 is "Do what you can, with what you have, where you are". A human rights activist, lawyer, and international promoter of peace, Nelson Mandela was the first people's leader of South Africa. He was born in the year 1918 on July 18.
- 2. International Moon Day observed on 20 July:** The General Assembly declared International Moon Day, a United Nations-designated international day to be observed annually on 20 July. International Moon Day 2022 is chosen as the day to educate and promote awareness on the status and prospects for humanity.
- 3. World Chess Day 2022 celebrates globally on 20 July:** World Chess Day is celebrated annually on July 20 globally. The day marks the date of the establishment of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in Paris in 1924.
- 4. World Brain Day celebrates globally on July 22:** World Brain Day celebrates globally on July 22. World Brain Day (WBD) 2022 is dedicated to the theme "Brain Health for all" as our brains continue to be challenged by pandemics, wars, climate change and the myriad of disorders impacting human existence globally.
- 5. National Broadcasting Day 2022 celebrates on 23rd July:** National Broadcasting Day is observed on July 23 in India. The day aims to remind Indian citizens about the impact of radio on our lives. Akashvani or All India Radio (AIR) is India's homegrown national radio broadcasting service which reaches millions of homes across the nation.
- 6. Aaykar Diwas or Income Tax Day celebrates by CBDT on July 24:** The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) observed the 162nd Income Tax Day (also known as Aaykar Diwas) on 24 July 2022. On 24 July 1860, Income Tax was introduced for the first time in India by Sir James Wilson. The Central Board of Direct Taxes is a statutory authority functioning under the Central Board of Revenue Act, 1963. Central Board of Direct Taxes chairman: Nitin Gupta.
- 7. Govt establishes commission to build a framework for right to repair:** The Department of Consumer Affairs has formed a committee under the leadership of Additional Secretary Nidhi Khatri in an effort to provide an overall framework for the Right to Repair. Creating a framework for the right to repair in India aims to empower local consumers and product buyers, harmonise commerce between original equipment makers and third-party buyers and sellers, place an emphasis on establishing sustainable use of products, and reduce e-waste.



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- 8. Consumer Affairs Department launches Jagriti, its new mascot:** Jagriti is a mascot created by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) with the goal of empowering customers and raising awareness of their rights. Jagriti will be shown as an educated consumer who is advocating for her rights and finding answers to the issues she encounters. 2019 saw the adoption of the revised Consumer Protection Act by Parliament. The Consumer Protection Act of 1986 was replaced when it went into effect in July 2020.
- 9. 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022 open by MoS Culture Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal:** 22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav India is celebrating the 75th year of Independence as Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. This is celebrated by the Ministry of Culture, and on this occasion, the National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi, organized "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav-22nd Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2022" from 16th July to 14th August 2022. The occasion was facilitated by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Culture, Government of India, Shri. Arjun Ram Meghwal. Bharat Rang Mahotsav was established two decades ago by the National School of Drama. It aims to stimulate the growth and development of theatre across the country.
- 10. First-Ever 'Made In India' surgical robotic system installed at Rajiv Gandhi Institute:** Rajiv Gandhi Cancer Institute and Research Center, New Delhi (RGCI) have installed the first-ever Made-in-India Surgical Robotic System, "SSI-Mantra", devised by the new-age Indian med-tech start-up SS Innovations. The ingenious SSI Mantra, a brainchild of World-renowned robotic cardiac surgeon Dr Sudhir P Srivastava, will be signifying the beginning of a new era of surgical procedures in India, making robotic surgery accessible and affordable for the people of our country.
- 11. Kerala becomes first state to have own internet service:** Kerala is now the first and only state in the country to have its own internet service, according to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, who made the announcement. The announcement followed the Department of Telecommunications' granting of an Internet Service Provider (ISP) licence to the IT infrastructure project of the Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd (K-Fon), which aims to provide everyone in the state access to the internet. K-Fon or Kerala Fiber Optic Network Ltd is a state government initiative that aims to eliminate the digital gap. As per the government, the infrastructure created by this project is expected to complement the state's current telecom ecosystem.
- 12. Expat Insider Rankings for 2022-India ranks 36th:** Mexico has topped the Expat Insider Rankings for 2022, which was released by the InterNations recently, while India has been ranked on 36th position out of the 52 countries on the list, with a high affordability score. Kuwait is the worst country for expats in the ranking. The survey takes a look at some of the best possible expat destinations around the world, which offer the best quality of life to the people who move abroad to improve their quality of life.

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- 13. Renowned Ghazal Singer Bhupinder Singh passes away:** Legendary ghazal singer, Bhupinder Singh passed away due to suspected colon cancer and COVID-19-related complications. He was 82. Singh was best known for songs such as 'Duniya Chhute Yaar Na Chhute'.
- 14. Ashish Kumar Chauhan named as the next MD & CEO of NSE:** The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has announced the appointment of Ashish Kumar Chauhan as its new managing director and CEO. He will succeed Vikram Limaye whose 5-year term ended on 16 July 2022. He was one of the founders of NSE where he worked from 1992 to 2000. He is best known as the father of modern financial derivatives in India due to his work at NSE. National Stock Exchange Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra, Founded: 1992, Chairperson: Girish Chandra Chaturvedi.
- 15. Telangana government and UNDP collaborate on the DiCRA:** Data in Climate Resilient Agriculture (DiCRA), the newest entry in the Digital Public Goods Registry, was announced by the Telangana State government in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The platform, which uses artificial intelligence to power it, aims to improve food security and food systems. Climate change has multiple effects on agriculture, impacting crop output, nutrient quality, and livestock productivity. DiCRA can distinguish between farms that are highly vulnerable to climate change and those that are climate change-resilient using remote sensing and pattern identification algorithms.
- 16. Facebook-owner Meta released first annual human rights report:** Facebook owner Meta released its first annual human rights report, following years of accusations that it turned a blind eye to online abuses that fueled real-world violence in places like India and Myanmar. The report, which covers due diligence performed in 2020 and 2021, includes a summary of a controversial human rights impact assessment of India that Meta commissioned law firm Foley Hoag to conduct. Facebook Founded: February 2004, CEO: Mark Zuckerberg, Headquarters: California, United States.
- 17. First mountain warfare training school established in NE by ITBP:** As part of its mission to train its troops in high-altitude combat and survival techniques, the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), which is tasked with securing the Line of Actual Control with China, has established its first mountain warfare training facility in northeast India and its second overall. The facility was built nearly 50 years after the founding of the first institution of its kind, the Mountaineering and Skiing Institute (M&SI), which opened in Auli, near Joshimath, in 1973–74. The new centre is situated in Sikkim, which shares a frontage of 220 kilometres with the India-China LAC, at a height of 10,040 feet with distant Dombang, which borders the LAC. Chief of Army Staff: General Manoj Pande.
- 18. Manoj Kumar assumes charge as KVIC's new chairman:** Manoj Kumar, former expert member of marketing at Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC), has been promoted to take charge as Chairman of the Government of India's statutory body. KVIC's former Chairman Vinai Kumar Saxena has moved on to take charge as the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. The Khadi and

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Village Industries Commission is a statutory body formed in April 1957 by the Government of India, under the Act of Parliament, 'Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of 1956'. KVIC Founded: 1956, KVIC Headquarters: Mumbai.

- 19. Mairaj Ahmad Khan of India writes history by winning gold medal in skeet:** Indian shooter Mairaj Ahmed Khan made history by becoming the first person to ever win a men's skeet gold medal at an ISSF World Cup. The 46-year-old from Uttar Pradesh shot 37 in the 40-shot final to finish ahead of Minsu Kim from Korea (36), who took second place, and Ben Llewelin from Britain (26), who took third place.
- 20. Rajasthan introduces the first digital Lok Adalat in India:** During the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' convention, which was held here, National Legal Services Authority Chairman Uday Umesh Lalit unveiled the first digital Lok Adalat driven by artificial intelligence. Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority's (RSLSA) digital Lok Adalat was created by Jupitice Justice Technologies, the organization's technological partner. N V Ramana, the Chief Justice of India, opened the two-day event in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, the Union Minister of Law and Justice, and Ashok Gehlot, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan.
- 21. NAARM received Sardar Patel Award of ICAR:** The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) has bagged the Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institute Award 2021 (in the Large Institute Category) for its overall performance. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director of NAARM, received the award from the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar in New Delhi. The awards were given away at a function to mark the 94th Foundation Day of the ICAR. The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management is a national-level Natural Resource Service training institute for ARS cadre located in Hyderabad, Telangana, India. It was established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in 1976.
- 22. Launch of WhatsApp banking service by SBI:** State Bank of India (SBI) will soon provide its customers with WhatsApp-based banking. Dinesh Khara, the chairman of SBI, announced this while announcing a few retail initiatives. In addition, Khara stated that they would soon introduce API (application programming interface) banking to corporate clients and aggregators. A peer-to-peer money transfer tool called WhatsApp Payments (marketed as WhatsApp Pay) is presently only accessible in India. In order to enable users to make in-app payments and money transfers utilising the Unified Payments Interface, WhatsApp got authorization from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) in July 2017. (UPI).
- 23. West Bengal Governor La Ganesan assigned additional charge:** Following the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar, who has been selected by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) as its vice presidential candidate, La. Ganesan took the oath of office as the new governor of West Bengal. In the presence of the speaker, Mamata Banerjee, various state ministers, and Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, Prakash Shrivastava, he was sworn into office.

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- 24. Lt Gen (Retd) Raj Shukla appointed as member of UPSC:** Retired Army officer Raj Shukla has been appointed as a member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). UPSC Chairperson: Manoj Soni, UPSC Founded: 1 October 1926.
- 25. Henley Passport Index 2022: India ranks 87th:** The Henley Passport Index has recently released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022. Three Asian nations Japan, Singapore and South Korea bagged the top three positions on the list, reversing pre-pandemic rankings that were dominated by European nations. India is ranked 87th on the list of the world's most powerful passports in 2022, according to the latest Henley Passport Index from Henley & Partners, an immigration consultancy. Henley Passport Index has ranked all the world's 199 passports according to the number of destinations their holders can access without a prior visa.
- 26. Tamil Nadu tops in Smart City Fund utilisation:** Tamil Nadu tops the list of states so far as utilisation of funds under the government's flagship Smart City Mission is concerned. While Tamil Nadu has spent over Rs 3932 crore out of the Rs 4333 crore released by the Centre, Uttar Pradesh is in the second position with the utilisation of Rs 2699 cr out of the Central share release of Rs 3142 crore. The Central government launched the Smart Cities Mission (SCM) on 25 June 2015. One hundred Smart Cities have been selected through 4 rounds of competition from January 2016 to June 2018. As per SCM guidelines, the Central government will provide financial support to the extent of Rs 48,000 crore over five years which is on an average Rs 100 crore per city per year.
- 27. Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List: Gautam Adani surpasses Bill Gates:** As per the Forbes Real-Time Billionaires List, India's richest person, Gautam Adani has now also become the fourth richest person in the world, leaving behind Microsoft founder Bill Gates. This increment came as Gates announced that he would be donating \$20 billion of his wealth to his non-profit organisation — Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Elon Musk is the richest person with a \$230 billion net worth, followed by Bernard Arnault of Louis Vuitton at the second spot and Amazon's Jeff Bezos at third on the list. Mukesh Ambani was placed 10th on the Forbes list (net worth: \$88 billion).
- 28. Morgan Stanley cuts India's FY23 GDP forecast to 7.2%:** American brokerage Morgan Stanley cut its FY23 real GDP expansion estimate for India by 0.40 per cent to 7.2 per cent on slower global growth and GDP growth will slow down to 6.4 per cent in FY24. A majority of watchers are expecting FY23 GDP growth to come at over 7 per cent levels. The RBI estimate also stands at 7.2 per cent.
- 29. \$1 billion loan from the World Bank approved for the PM ABHIM:** Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya informed the Rajya Sabha that the World Bank had granted a loan of USD \$1 billion to fund India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM). Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centers (AB-HWCs), a revised comprehensive primary health care model, will be used to boost service delivery in order to improve household access to primary healthcare facilities.

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- 30. India Innovation Index 2021: Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped:** Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh topped the third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index, which ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance. NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery released the India Innovation Index 2021 in presence of apex public policy think tank member Dr VK Saraswat, CEO Parameswaran Iyer. Karnataka topped in the 'Major States' category and Manipur emerged as a winner in the 'North East and Hill States' category. Chandigarh was the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.
- 31. FICCI downgrades India's GDP growth forecast for 2022-23 to 7%:** Industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) has downgraded India's economic output estimate for this financial year by 40 basis points to 7% for 2022-23. In April, FICCI had estimated India's growth at 7.4% for 2022-23. Owing to geopolitical uncertainties and their impact on Asia's third largest economy.
- 32. ADB cuts India GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 7.2%:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB), has slashed India's GDP growth forecast to 7.2 per cent for FY23. Earlier this was estimated at 7.5 per cent. Meanwhile, the Manila-based multilateral development bank has revised down FY24 growth forecast to 7.8 per cent, from 8 per cent estimated earlier.
- 33. Zero coupon, zero principal bond declared by Govt as securities:** The government has designated "zero coupon zero principal instruments" as securities in preparation for the creation of a social stock exchange. A Not for Profit Organization (NPO) that will be registered with the social stock exchange segment of a recognised stock exchange will issue a zero coupon, zero principal instrument. According to a formal announcement released on Friday, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) will establish the laws that would apply to these instruments. The Social Stock Exchange (SSE), a revolutionary idea in India, aims to benefit private and nonprofit sector providers by increasing their access to money.
- 34. Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma launched 'Swanirbhar Naari' scheme:** Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched 'Swanirbhar Naari', a scheme to empower indigenous weavers in Assam's Guwahati. The state government will procure handloom items directly from indigenous weavers via a web portal under the scheme. The scheme will help in preserving the heritage of handlooms and textiles in the state. Capital: Dispur, Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma, Governor: Prof Jagdish Mukhi.
- 35. Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem named as new Kuwait's Prime Minister:** Kuwait's Emir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah has issued a decree to appoint Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al Salem as a new Prime Minister. The appointment of a new PM comes three months after former Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Hamad Al-Sabah submitted his resignation, the fourth in the past two years and a half. Capital: Kuwait City, Currency: Kuwaiti dinar.
- 36. 68th National Film Awards 2022 Announced:** The winners of the 68th National Film Awards were announced in New Delhi. This year's awards ceremony honoured films from 2020 as well

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due to COVID-19-related delays. The event is organised by the Directorate of Film Festivals, which comes under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur announced the award winners. Best Feature Film: Soorarai Pottru, Best Director: Sachidanandan KR, Ayyappanum Koshiyum, Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Tanhaji, Best Actor: Suriya for Soorarai Pottru and Ajay Devgn for Tanhaji, Best Actress: Aparna Balamurali, Soorarai Pottru. Madhya Pradesh (Rajat Kamal & Certificate) wins the Most Film Friendly State award while Uttarakhand (Certificate) and Uttar Pradesh (Certificate) get Special Mention. The National Film Awards is the most prominent film award ceremony in India. Established in 1954.

- 37. Report titled “Digital Banks” released by NITI Aayog:** The “Digital Banks” paper from NITI Aayog presents a rationale for a licencing and regulatory framework for digital banks as well as a template and a path for implementing it. It focuses on preventing any regulatory or policy arbitrage and provides both incumbents and challengers with an even playing field. In front of other officials, the report was released by Suman Bery, CEO of NITI Aayog, Parameswaran Iyer, Senior Advisor Anna Roy.
- 38. PM Narendra Modi unveils India’s first Passenger Drone “Varuna”:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled Varuna, India’s first passenger drone. Varuna, India’s first drone that can carry a human payload, has a range of 25 km. The drone can carry a 130 kg payload and has 25-33 minutes of flight time.
- 39. HP becomes the 1st Indian state to connect all registered commercial vehicles:** Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in the country to connect all registered commercial vehicles equipped with Vehicle Location Tracking Device (VLTD) with Emergency Response Support System (ERSS). Now, these vehicles can be tracked anywhere in the country through VLTD. More than 9,423 vehicles have been registered and linked with ERSS. Now it will be monitored by both the police and the transport department. The Vehicle Location Tracking Device with Emergency Panic Button System and Command Control Center has been connected with Emergency Response Support System 112.
- 40. First Khelo India Fencing Women’s League to begin on July 25, 2022:** The first Khelo India Fencing Women’s League, which will begin on 25 July, 2022, will be hosted by Talkatora Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. The first-of-its-kind national fencing competition for women will take place through the 29th of this month, according to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. It will take place in three stages.

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- 1. World Drowning Prevention Day 25th July:** World Drowning Prevention Day is observed every year on July 25 and was established by the UN General Assembly Resolution “Global drowning prevention” from April 2021. This international advocacy event provides a platform to draw attention to the devastating and deep effects drowning has on families and communities while also outlining life-saving strategies to stop it. On World Drowning Prevention Day this year, WHO is encouraging everyone to “do one thing” to prevent drowning.
- 2. International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem 2022:** International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem is observed every year on July 26. The day is observed to raise awareness of the importance of mangrove ecosystems as “a unique, special and vulnerable ecosystem” and to promote solutions for their sustainable management, conservation and uses.
- 3. World Hepatitis Day 2022 observed globally on 28th July:** World Hepatitis Day is observed each year on 28 July to raise awareness of viral hepatitis, which causes inflammation of the liver that leads to severe disease and liver cancer. This day is an opportunity to step up national and international efforts on hepatitis, encourage actions and engagement by individuals, partners and the public and highlight the need for a greater global response as outlined in the WHO’s Global hepatitis report of 2017. The theme for world hepatitis day 2022 is ‘Bringing hepatitis care closer to you.’
- 4. World Nature Conservation Day 2022 celebrates globally: World Nature Conservation Day is observed on July 28 every year.** The objective is to spread awareness regarding the preservation of nature and biodiversity for a healthy environment which is required for stable and prospering humankind. It is also marked as the day to create positive opinions about climate change. This year World Nature Conservation Day will be celebrated under the theme “Cut Down on Plastic.”
- 5. International Tiger Day 2022 observed globally on 29 July:** International Tiger Day is observed globally on 29th July every year. The day is celebrated to raise awareness among individuals, organisations, and governments about the importance of the conservation of tigers. This year’s theme for International Tiger Day 2022 is “India launches Project Tiger to revive the tiger population”.
- 6. World Day Against Trafficking in Persons 2022 30 July : World Day Against Trafficking is observed annually on 30 July to make people aware of who is being trafficked.** The day aims to educate people that trafficking in persons is considered to be a crime, including the exploitation of women and children for tragic jobs of forced labour and sex. This year’s theme “Use and abuse of technology” focuses on the role of technology as a tool that can both enable and impede human trafficking.

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- 7. International Friendship Day 2022 observed globally on 30 July:** International Friendship Day is celebrated annually on July 30 and it was first proposed way back in the year 1958 by World Friendship Crusade, an international civil organisation. In India as well as many other countries, Friendship Day is also celebrated on the first Sunday of August. This year it falls on August 7, 2022.
- 8. World Ranger Day 2022 is observed globally on 31 July:** World Ranger Day is observed on 31st July every year. The International Ranger Federation established this day to honour the contribution of Park Rangers to the preservation of nature. World Ranger Day offers a chance to support their vital work, which ranges from environmental campaigning to education. A ranger is a person, who is tasked with maintaining and guarding parks and other naturally protected places. Rangers typically collaborate with staff personnel and other volunteers to maintain footpaths, bridges, stiles, and gates.
- 9. 9) Center modifies Flag Code of India 2002 to permit tricolour to be displayed constantly:** If the national flag is flown in the open and is raised by a member of the public, it may now fly through the night. The Flag Code of India 2002 was revised by the Ministry of Home Affairs to permit the flying of the national flag even at night as the federal government begins its Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. The flag could previously only be flown between sunrise and dusk. The flag code has already been altered by the government to permit the use of polyester and machine-made flags.
- 10. Kargil Vijay Diwas 2022:** Kargil Vijay Diwas is the celebration of India's historic win over Pakistan on July 26, 1999. The Indian Army successfully removed Pakistani forces who were illegally occupying a hilltop at the Indian side of the Line of Control (LoC) at Kargil, Ladakh. To commemorate this victory and remember those who sacrificed their lives for this country, Kargil Vijay Diwas is celebrated annually in India on July 26. July 26 is celebrated as "Kargil Vijay Diwas" every year to mark the successful completion of "Operation Vijay" that ended the 3-month war along the Line of Control. Nearly 490 Indian army officers, soldiers and jawans were martyrs during the course of the battle. Operation White Sea was also launched during the Kargil war, in 1999. During the operation, the Indian Air Force jointly acted with the Indian Army to flush out regular and irregular troops of the Pakistani army.
- 11. MP's Burhanpur becomes the first district to certify 'Har Ghar Jal':** Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh, popularly known as the 'Darwaza of Dakhin', became the first Certified 'Har Ghar Jal' district in the Country. Only district in the country, people from each of 254 villages in Burhanpur have declared their villages as 'Har Ghar Jal' through a resolution passed by Gram Sabhas. Accordingly, it certifies that all people in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps, ensuring that 'No One is Left Out'. When Jal Jeevan Mission was launched on August 15, 2019, only 37,241 rural households (36.54%) out of a total of 1,01,905 households in



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Burhanpur had potable drinking water through tap connections. Now, within a span of 34 months, all the 1,01,905 rural households have access to potable drinking water through tap connections.

### **12. Gen. Naravane and former US Defense Secretary honoured for fostering Indo-US relations:**

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

### **13. SAI starts "Create for India" campaign to cheer for Team India in Birmingham:**

The Sports Authority of India (SAI) has started a new initiative to cheer for Team India, under which SAI has launched the campaign "Create for India" to cheer Indian contingents participating in the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. A 215-member Indian athlete contingent is set to participate across 16 disciplines in this sports event, which is scheduled to take place from July 28, 2022, to August 08, 2022. The motto of the CWG 2022 is "Games for Everyone."

### **14. India's Indermit Gill named as World Bank's Chief Economist:**

The international financial institution, World Bank has appointed Indermit Gill, as its chief economist and senior vice-president for development economics at the multilateral development bank. His appointment will be effective September 1, 2022. Gill will be only the second Indian to serve as chief economist at the World Bank. Kaushik Basu was the first, having served in the job from 2012-2016.

### **15. World Airport Traffic Dataset 2021: New Delhi among top 20 busiest airports:**

The Airports Council International (ACI) World has released the annual World Airport Traffic Dataset to reveal the global air traffic rankings of the top 20 aviation industries for the full year 2021. The World Airport Traffic Dataset is the industry's most comprehensive airport statistics dataset featuring airport traffic for over 2,600 airports in more than 180 countries and territories. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) has topped the 2021 Ranking with 7.6 crore passengers in terms of passenger footfall in the year 2021. From India, the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi has been ranked among the top 20, as the 13th busiest airport.

### **16. India will host ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025:**

International Cricket Council (ICC) has confirmed that India will host the ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025. The hosts were selected via a competitive bidding process overseen by a Board sub-committee chaired by Martin Snedden along with Clare Connor, Sourav Ganguly and Ricky Skerritt. Bangladesh will host the 2024 Women's T20 World Cup, while the 2026 edition will be held in England. Sri Lanka has secured hosting rights for the Women's T20 Champions Trophy, slated for 2027, provided it qualifies for the event.

### **17. GoI Designates 5 New Ramsar Sites, taking total number to 54 : Five new wetlands of International importance have been designated in India.**

With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country have been increased from 49 to 54 Ramsar sites. Union Minister of

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Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav said, "Delighted to inform that 5 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar recognition as wetlands of international importance." The five newly designated wetlands are: Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Tamil Nadu, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest, Tamil Nadu, Pichavaram Mangrove, Tamil Nadu, Pala wetland, Mizoram, Sakhya Sagar, Madhya Pradesh. A Ramsar Site is a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. The name Ramsar comes from the Ramsar City of Iran, where this treaty was signed. The Convention on Wetlands is also known as the Ramsar Convention. It is an intergovernmental environmental treaty established in 1971 by UNESCO and came into force in 1975.

**18. Professor Kaushik Rajashekara won Global Energy Prize 2022:** Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, Kaushik Rajashekara has won the prestigious Global Energy Prize. Rajashekara was given the award in the New Ways of Energy Applications category for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions. The awarding ceremony will be held during Russian Energy Week in Moscow on October 12-14.

**19. Prime Minister to lay the cornerstone for the IFSCA's Gujarat headquarters: Gujarat's IFSCA (International Financial Services Centres Authority) Headquarters Building** will officially break ground thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. IFSCA is the centralised regulatory body in India's international financial services centres for the creation and supervision of financial products, financial services, and financial institutions. The Prime Minister will open India's first international bullion exchange in GIFT-IFSC, the India International Bullion Exchange.

**20. Kerala will start taking steps to ensure every citizen fully digitally literate: Kerala government has made the decision to start initiatives to promote full digital literacy in the State.** Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan while addressing a school programme in Thiruvananthapuram explained that the campaign aims to educate people, particularly youngsters, about the dangers and traps online.

Kerala Chief Minister: Pinarayi Vijayan, Kerala Literacy Rate 2022: 96.2 %, Kerala Capital: Thiruvananthapuram

**21. 36th National Games:** 36th National Games also known as National Games Gujarat 2022, will be hosted by Gujarat. The Indian Olympic Association (IOA), announced that the games will be held on 27 September to 10th October 2022 in six cities of Gujarat. This is the first time the state is hosting a national sporting event. The National Games will have more than 34 sporting events in six different venues. The previous National Games was the 35th edition which was held in Kerala and there were 33 sports included in the event. The first edition of the Indian Olympic Games took place in Lahore before the independence of India in 1924.

**22. IMF cuts Indian economic growth forecast by 80 bps to 7.4%:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has slashed India's growth forecast for 2022-23 (FY23) by 80 basis points to 7.4 per

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cent from 8.2%, citing less favourable external conditions and rapid policy tightening by the central bank. IMF Formation: 27 December 1945; IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States; IMF Member Countries: 190; IMF MD: Kristalina Georgieva.

- 23. PV Sindhu named India's flagbearer for 2022 Birmingham Commonwealth Games:** Ace India badminton player P.V. Sindhu has been chosen as the flagbearer of the Indian contingent for the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Games 2022. The opening ceremony will be held on July 28, 2022, at Alexander Stadium in Birmingham. She was the flag-bearer at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Commonwealth Games on the Gold Coast, where she won silver in the women's singles event. Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra, who was also the defending champion in the Commonwealth Games having won the gold in Gold Coast four years ago, was expected to be the flag-bearer.
- 24. Roshni Nadar retained as India's richest woman for 2nd year in a row:** HCL Technologies' Chairperson, Roshni Nadar Malhotra has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row according to the third edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at Rs 84,330 crore. Roshni Nadar was followed by Nykaa-owner Falguni Nayar, overtaking Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw of Biocon, with a total wealth of Rs 57,520 crore. Falguni Nayar is the world's tenth richest self-made woman.
- 25. England's Leicester Cricket Ground named after Sunil Gavaskar:** England's Leicester Cricket Ground has been named after India's legendary cricketer, Sunil Gavaskar. The Leicester Cricket Ground, the ownership of which lies with Bharat Sports and Cricket Club, has decided to name the ground after Gavaskar to acknowledge his immense contribution to uplifting Indian Cricket to a certain height. The former Indian cricket team captain Gavaskar is often considered one of the most skilled batters ever. He was the first cricketer to score 10,000 runs.
- 26. Asia Cup 2022 shifted from Sri Lanka to the UAE:** As informed by the Asian Cricket Council (ACC), the Asia Cup 2022 will now be held in United Arab Emirates (UAE). Earlier this event was scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka. However, due to the economic crisis in the island nation, the tournament has been shifted to UAE. But the hosting rights of the game will still remain with Sri Lanka. The tournament will be held from August 27 to September 11, 2022, in the T20 format. This is the second consecutive time that the tournament will be played in the UAE.
- 27. Padma Shri awardee Sushovan Banerjee passes away:** Padma Shri Sushovan Banerjee famous as Bengal's 'one rupee doctor' has passed away. Based in Bolpur, Birbhum district, Banerjee was known for treating patients for nearly 60 years at Re 1 per visit. In 2020, he was conferred with the Padma Shri for his contribution in the field of medicine. In the same year, his name found a place in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients.
- 28. INS Vikrant: Navy receives India's first indigenous aircraft carrier:** The indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant, which was created by the Navy's own Directorate of Naval Design and will likely be commissioned on Independence Day, was delivered to the Navy by the Cochin Shipyard. It bears

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the name of the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971. The 262-meter-long carrier is significantly larger and more modern than her predecessor, with a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes. The aircraft carrier has a top speed of 28 knots and is propelled by four gas turbines with a combined 88 MW of power.

- 29. Tamil Nadu govt rolls out 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme':** Tamil Nadu government has issued an order to implement the first phase of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme at 1,545 government primary schools for the benefit of over 1.14 lakh children in Classes I-V during 2022-23. The cost would be Rs. 33.56 crores. Breakfast consisting of a meal with sambar and vegetables will be provided to children in all working schools.
- 30. Kerala govt to launch "Kerala Savari" online cab service:** The Kerala government is all set to come up with an alternative to the popular corporate online cab service by launching its own e-taxi service next month, considered to be the first such initiative by any state government in the country. The service named 'Kerala Savari', the online taxi hiring service is being rolled out by the state. This is the first time that a state government is launching an online taxi service in the country.
- 31. India's first teaching robot, introduced by Indus International School:** As part of a collaborative learning strategy at its schools, Indus International School has launched the innovative and first Teaching Robot in India, the Eagle Robot. Three of the Indus Schools have 21 Eagle Robots deployed, with seven in each of Hyderabad, Bangalore, and Pune. Eagle Robot is very interactive, personalises the experience, and emulates emotions through the digital face.
- 32. Anahat Singh: Youngest Player of Commonwealth Games 2022:** Anahat Singh is the youngest player at the Commonwealth Games 2022. She has been playing badminton since she was 6 with her sister Amira. Later, Anahat developed an interest in Squash. She liked to play badminton and squash but as her affection for squash grew more, she showed remarkable success in Squash. She is currently studying in 9th standard and she joined the Commonwealth Games 2022 with the Indian contingent. She's just 14 years old, and with her extraordinary performance, she was able to get her foot in Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022.
- 33. Chhattisgarh CM launched 'Mahtari Nyay Rath' for women rights awareness:** To educate the state's women about their constitutional rights and laws, the Chhattisgarh Women Commission will host the Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath Yatra. On the occasion of the Hareli Tihaar festival, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will set off the "Mukhyamantri Mahtari Nyay Rath". Through short films, messages, and booklets, the chariots will visit all of the districts to educate people about the legal protections for women and their constitutional rights.
- 34. Largest pink diamond in 300 years "Lulo Rose" found in Angola:** A rare pure pink diamond, believed to be the largest found in 300 years, has been unearthed in Angola, a country in Central Africa. The Lulo Rose is a type 2a diamond, meaning it has few or no impurities. It is the fifth

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largest diamond recovered from the Lulo mine – a joint venture between Australia's Lucapa Diamond Company and the Angolan government. It is a 170-carat pink diamond & has been named 'The Lulo Rose'. It weighs 34 grams.

- 35. Gujarat becomes first Indian state to launch semiconductor policy 2022-27:** The Gujarat government has announced a dedicated 'Gujarat Semiconductor Policy 2022-27' with a view to generating at least 2,00,000 new employment opportunities during a period of five years. The Gujarat government has also decided to develop a "semicon city" which would be a part of the Dholera Special Investment Region. The projects approved under the Design-linked Incentive scheme of the Government of India will not be eligible for availing of the benefits under the new policy.
- 36. Commonwealth Games 2022:** Mirabai Chanu wins India's first gold medal: 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.
- 37. 3rd India-Vietnam Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" begins in Haryana:** The 3rd edition of Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" is conducted at Chandimandir, Haryana from August 1 to 20, 2022. The theme of Ex VINBAX 2022 is the "Employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations". The exercise will further strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Vietnam.
- 38. Parle Still the leading FMCG company in India:** According to Kantar India's annual Brand Footprint study, locally produced biscuit brand Parle continued to be the most popular brand among fast-moving consumer goods in India in 2021, topping the rankings for the eleventh year in a row. Based on Consumer Reach Points (CRPs), the report assessed the FMCG brands that consumers will choose in 2021. After Parle, the other top brands on the list are Amul, Britannia, Clinic Plus, and Tata Consumer Products. For a record-breaking tenth year in a row, Parle is in first place with a CRP score of 6531 (million).

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