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MONTHLY CURRENT AFFAIRS

JUNE - 2022

CURRENT AFFAIR 1ST – 6TH JUNE 2022

- 1. International Day of UN Peacekeepers observed on 29th May:** International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed globally on 29th May. The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers also offers a chance to honour around 4,200 peacekeepers who lost their lives serving under the UN flag since, including 135 who lost the battle last year. UN Secretary-General António Guterres said that this year, the focus is on the Power of Partnerships. The theme for this year's Day is "People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships."
- 2. World No Tobacco Day observed on 31st May:** World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31st May globally. This yearly celebration aims to raise awareness amid the global citizens about not only the dangers of using tobacco but also the business practices of tobacco companies. The theme for 2022 is Tobacco: Threat to our environment.
- 3. World Milk Day 2022 observed on 1st June:** The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations adopted June 1 as World Milk Day. The day is marked to recognise milk as global food and to celebrate the dairy industry. The day has been observed on June 1 each year since 2001. The theme of World Milk Day 2022 is to bring attention to the climate change crisis and how the dairy sector can reduce its impact on the planet. The aim is to achieve 'Dairy Net Zero' by reducing greenhouse gas emissions over the next 30 years and improving waste management in order to make the dairy sector sustainable.
- 4. World Bicycle Day 2022 observed on 3rd June:** World Bicycle Day is marked on 3rd June every year to recognise bicycling as a way to get a sustainable form of travelling that also ensures one's physical well being. The day celebrates the tradition of cycling and its significant role in keeping our health fit. The theme for the year 2022 for World Bicycle Day is to celebrate the bicycle's originality, diversity and endurance being utilised for more than 200 years.
- 5. International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression:** Every year on June 4th, the United Nations (UN) observes the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression to raise awareness of the children who have been victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse around the world.
- 6. 50th World Environment Day 2022 observed on 5th June:** 50th World Environment Day 2022 observed on 5th June. The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the nodal agency that organises and supports events across the world. Sweden is the host this year and the theme is 'Only One Earth,' focusing on the need to live sustainably in harmony with nature.

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- 7. Justice Mohanty gets additional charge of Lokpal chairperson:** President Ram Nath Kovind has given justice Pradip Kumar Mohanty the additional charge of Lokpal chairperson after justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose completed his term as the Lokpal chief. At present, there are six members in the Lokpal. President Ram Nath Kovind had on March 23, 2019, administered the oath of office to justice Ghose as the Lokpal chairperson. The Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, which envisages the appointment of a Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayuktas in states to look into cases of corruption against certain categories of public servants, was passed in 2013. A Lokpal chief and members are appointed for a term of five years or until attaining the age of 70 years.
- 8. Ease of living: Common platform called Jan Samarth to be launched soon:** The government intends to launch Jan Samarth, a unified platform for the delivery of multiple initiatives administered by several ministries and departments, in order to make life easier for the average man. The new portal will initially enrol 15 credit-linked government initiatives, as part of the Narendra Modi government's objective of minimum government maximal governance.
- 9. Jaisalmer: Adani Green commissions India's first wind-solar hybrid power facility:** Adani Green subsidiary Adani Hybrid Energy Jaisalmer One Limited has commissioned a 390 MW wind-solar hybrid power facility in Jaisalmer, contributing significantly to India's green energy effort. The plant will be India's first hybrid wind-solar power producing facility. The hybrid power plant, which combines solar and wind generating, unlocks the full potential of renewable energy by eliminating generation intermittency and providing a more stable option to meet rising power demand.
- 10. North India's first Industrial Biotech Park inaugurated at Kathua in J&K:** Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha and Union minister Jitendra Singh inaugurated the north India's first Industrial Biotech Park constructed at Ghatti near Kathua. The Industrial Biotech Park at Kathua will transform the economy and enable scientists to tackle the challenges of climate change. The enabling infrastructure will fuel a new wave of innovation and impact various sectors, from health and agriculture to cosmetics and materials.
- 11. Shaunak Sen's documentary 'All That Breathes' wins L'Oeil d'Or award at Cannes Film Festival:** Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary All That Breathes, India's only entry at Cannes Film Festival 2022, has won the 2022 L'Oeil d'Or, the festival's top prize for documentaries. "L'Oeil d'Or goes to a film that, in a world of destruction, reminds us that every life matters, and every small action matters. The award includes a cash prize of 5,000 euros (₹4.16 lakh approximately). The L'Oeil d'Or documentary award, also known as The Golden Eye award, was created in 2015 by the French-speaking authors' society LaScam in collaboration with the Cannes Film Festival.
- 12. INS Gomati decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai:** INS Gomati was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard under the command of Captain Sudip Malik. INS Gomati derives her name from the vibrant river Gomti and was commissioned on 16 April 1988 by then Defence Minister, KC Pant, at Mazgaon Dock Ltd, Bombay. The third ship of the Godavari class guided-missile frigates, INS Gomati was also the oldest warrior of the western fleet when decommissioned. INS Gomati was twice awarded

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the coveted Unit Citation, in 2007-08 and again in 2019-20, for remarkable spirit and stellar contribution to national maritime security.

- 13. 13) Geological Survey of India: Bihar has India's largest gold reserves:: A survey by the Geological Survey of India has** stated that a gold reserve of around 222.88 million tonnes including 27.6 tonnes of mineral-rich ore are present in the Jamui district of Bihar. The Nitish Kumar government in Bihar has now decided to give permission for the exploration of what is being called as India's largest gold reserve. Capital: Patna, Governor: Phagu Chauhan, Chief Minister: Nitish Kumar.
- 14. Sanjit Narwekar conferred with V Shantaram Lifetime achievement award at MIFF 2022: The 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival of India (MIFF 2022) confers Dr V. Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award** on noted author and documentary filmmaker Shri Sanjit Narwekar to commemorate his exquisitely deep, remarkably diverse and inspiring body of work. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles Piyush Goyal presented the award to Sanjit Narwekar along with a cash prize of Rs 10 lakhs (Rs 1 million), Golden Conch and a citation.
- 15. The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme extended through FY26:** The Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) has been extended for another five years, until FY26. According to a statement from the union ministry of micro, small and medium enterprises, the PMEGP has been authorised for continuance throughout the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, with an outlay of Rs 13,554.42 crore. The Government of India approved the introduction of a new credit-linked subsidy programme called Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) by combining two schemes that were in operation until 31.03.2008, namely Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) and Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP), for the generation of employment opportunities through the establishment of micro enterprises in rural and urban areas.
- 16. Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai Launched AAYU App:** Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has launched a new health and wellness app AAYU to address and help heal chronic diseases and lifestyle disorders through yoga. Swami Vivekananda Yoga Anusandhana Samsthana (S-VYASA) collaborated to develop the App with RESET TECH, an AI-driven integrated health-tech platform that aims to deal with chronic diseases and lifestyle conditions through yoga and meditation. Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister: Basavaraj Bommai, Capital: Bengaluru.
- 17. National Commission for Minorities 2022:** The National Commission for Minorities (NCM) was established by the Union Government in 1992 under the National Commission for Minorities Act. According to the statute, the Commission would be made up of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, and five members who will be nominated by the Central Government from among persons of eminence, talent, and integrity, with five members, including the Chairperson, being from minority communities. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Zoroastrians (Parsis), and Jains are six religious communities that have been designated as minority communities by the Union Government.

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- 18. PARAM ANANTA Supercomputer commissioned at IIT, Gandhinagar:** Param Ananta, is a state of the art supercomputer at IIT Gandhinagar dedicated to the nation under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM). It is a joint initiative of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), which was commissioned. This indigenous software stack is developed by C-DAC and is a Make in India initiative.
- 19. PM Narendra Modi Unveils PM CARES for Children Scheme:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released the benefits of the PM CARES for Children scheme for children who lost their parents due to the Covid-19 pandemic. PM Modi has promised Rs 4,000 a month for basic needs, financial support for schooling, scholarship for higher education, and free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh. Prime Minister transferred scholarships to school-going children. A passbook of PM CARES for Children, and a health card under Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana were handed over to the children during the programme. PM CARES for Children Scheme was launched by the Prime Minister on 29 May 2021.
- 20. World Health Organization to award Jharkhand for tobacco control:** The World Health Organization (WHO) has chosen Jharkhand for the World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award-2022, in recognition of the state's efforts to reduce tobacco usage. The award will be presented to the State Tobacco Control Cell of the Health Department in New Delhi in honour of World No Tobacco Day.
- 21. Indian-origin academic appointed to Bank of England's monetary panel:** Leading UK-based academic, Dr Swati Dhingra has been named as the first Indian-origin woman to be appointed as an external member of the Bank of England's interest rate-setting committee. Dhingra, who studied at the University of Delhi and got her Masters's from the Delhi School of Economics, will join the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) on August 9 for a three-year term. The Governor of the Bank of England: Andrew Bailey.
- 22. PM announces 'Yoga for Humanity' is the theme of eighth International Day of Yoga:** Yoga for Humanity' has been chosen as the theme of the eighth International Day of Yoga to be organised in India and across the globe on June 21. The main event of International Day of Yoga this year will be held in Mysuru, Karnataka. Focusing on the theme of 'yoga for humanity', special programmes have been designed this year for specially-abled people, the transgender population, women and children. Human values that are an integral part of yoga education in schools are also in focus.
- 23. Telangana Formation Day 2022 is observed on 02nd June:** Telangana, India's 28th state, was founded on 2nd June 2014. Telangana celebrates its Formation Day to mark the people's contribution to forming a separate state outside of Andhra Pradesh. Telangana's 30 districts honour this day by hoisting the national flag.
- 24. Young women entrepreneur Rashmi Sahoo wins Times Business Award 2022:** Director of Ruchi Foodline, Eastern India's leading food brand and Odisha's No.1 spices company, Rashmi Sahoo has been presented the Times Business Award 2022. She was given the award by renowned Bollywood

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actor and social activist Sonu Sood. The award was given in the category of Eastern India's Leading READY -TO-EAT brand.

- 25. Centre Appoints S L Thaosen as Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal:** A 1988-batch Indian Police Service officer S L Thaosen has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). Thaosen, a Madhya Pradesh-cadre IPS officer, has been serving as the Special Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF). The Sashastra Seema Bal force guards the country's borders with Nepal (1,751 km) and Bhutan (699 km). Founded: 1963, Sashastra Seema Bal Headquarters: New Delhi.
- 26. India's economic growth expected to be 8.7% in FY22, Q4 GDP to be 4.1%:** The National Statistical Office reduced its year-on-year gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for the full fiscal year 2021-22 to 8.7%, down from 8.9% anticipated in February. India's economic growth fell to 4.1 percent in January-March 2021-22, a four-quarter low, reflecting the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic's Omicron wave on the manufacturing sector and contact-intensive services.
- 27. Amit Shah laid foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad:** The government wants to have international level grounds and venues for all sports for the Olympics in Ahmedabad with the Sardar Patel Sports Complex, Narendra Modi Stadium, Naranpura Sports Complex, and three more sports complexes. Amit Shah, the Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation, laid the foundation stone for an Olympic-level sports complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on Sunday (29 May) at a cost of Rs 632 crore.
- 28. PM KUSUM Yojana:** In March 2019, PM KUSUM Yojana or Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana was launched by the government of India. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Surakshaevam Utthaan Mahabhiyan Yojana supports the farmers financially to install solar irrigation pumps for cultivation. Farmers will get a 60% subsidy to set up tubewells and pump sets individually. It aims to promote solar energy and by 2022, it aims to produce solar energy and other renewable energy with a capacity of 25,750 MW.
- 29. Sachin Tendulkar to continue as UNICEF's Goodwill Ambassador for 20th year:** Sachin Tendulkar will continue as United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 'Goodwill Ambassador' for a record 20th year, working for the welfare of underprivileged children. The iconic cricketer has been associated with UNICEF for a long for various causes. In his almost two-decade-long partnership with UNICEF, he has been vital in furthering the campaigns, especially the ones aimed at providing a better future for underprivileged children.
- 30. Union Minister Anurag Thakur Launches Nationwide Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle Rally:** Sports, Anurag Thakur has launched a nationwide 'Fit India Freedom Rider Cycle rally' on World Bicycle Day. Thakur said that by riding a bicycle we can accomplish the goal of the Fit India Movement, the Khelo India movement, the Clean India movement & Healthy India movement. World Bicycle Day is observed on June 3 every year to promote the use of bicycles and their benefits.

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- 31. Javier Olivan Taking Over As The Meta New Chief Operating Officer:** Javier Olivan, the current chief growth officer at Meta Platforms, will take over as the company's chief operating officer after Sheryl Sandberg stepped down from the post. Olivan has been with Meta, formerly known as Facebook, for several years. CEO: Mark Zuckerberg, Founded: February 2004, Cambridge, Massachusetts, United States.
- 32. Instagram's new feature to help find missing children:** Instagram has launched an 'alert' feature to help find missing children. The photo-sharing app has partnered with various organisations globally to set up the feature. The feature will display details about missing children on users' Instagram feed if they are in a specific area where an active search is taking place. Amber Alerts are available on Facebook since 2015.
- 33. Country's First Liquid Mirror Telescope Comes Up in Uttarakhand:** The first liquid mirror telescope in the country and the largest in Asia – was commissioned atop Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand. This will now keep a watch on the overhead sky to identify transient or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids. Uttarakhand Governor: Lt Gen Gurmit Singh.
- 34. Meghalaya Wins Best Project Award at UN World Summit:** The Meghalaya government key initiative of e-proposal system, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architect has won a coveted UN Award-World Summit on the Information Society Forum (WSIS) prize at Geneva in Switzerland. Secretary General of ITU, Houlin Zhao presented the winner award to Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the WSIS Forum Prizes 2022, held at Geneva, Switzerland. Post this there was voting to select the best 90 projects which were invited in Geneva, Switzerland for the final award. Chief minister: Conrad Sangma, Capital: Shillong, Governor: Satya Pal Malik.
- 35. Rajasthan's Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal' launched for pregnant women: Rajasthan's Special Health Care Abhiyan 'Anchal' launched for pregnant women.** campaign was started to ensure all necessary medical aid to pregnant women at the pre and post-natal stage so that maternal and infant mortality rates could be reduced.
- 36. Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the Scheme "SHRESHTA":** Union Minister of social Justice and empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar has launched the Scheme "SHRESHTA"-Scheme for residential education for students in High school in Targeted Areas. The Scheme for Residential Education for Students in Targeted Areas (SHRESHTA) has been formulated with the objective to provide quality education and opportunities for even the poorest.
- 37. IAF heritage centre to come up in Chandigarh 2022:** A heritage centre to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars and its overall functioning will come up at Chandigarh. The 'IAF Heritage Centre' will be set up jointly by the force and the Chandigarh administration. An MoU between the Union Territory of Chandigarh and the IAF for setting up of the centre was inked. The ceremony was attended by Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit and Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari.

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- 38. UN approves Turkey's request to change name to Türkiye:** The United Nations has changed the Republic of Turkey's country name at the organisation from "Turkey" to "Türkiye". Capital: Ankara; President of Türkiye: Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Currency: Turkish lira.
- 39. Tata Projects wins bid to build UP's Jewar Airport:** Tata Projects will build the national capital region's new airport at Jewar, after outbidding the Shapoorji Pallonji Group and Larsen & Toubro for the contract. While the deal size has not been disclosed, sources pegged it at over Rs 6,000 crore. Headquarters: Mumbai; Tata Founder: J. R. D. Tata; Tata Founded: 1945, Mumbai.
- 40. India-Bangladesh joint military Sampriti-X exercise begins:** India-Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X is being conducted at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh from 05 June to 16 June 2022. The aim of the exercise is to strengthen interoperability between the two armies and to understand each other's tactical drills and operational techniques.

CURRENT AFFAIR 7TH – 13TH JUNE 2022

- 1. International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing 2022:** International Day for the Fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing is organized every year on 5th June. Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters: Rome, Italy. Established: 16 October 1945.
- 2. Russian Language Day 2022 Observed on 6th June:** Russian Language Day 2022 Observed on 6th June. all six official languages of the UN: English, Arabic, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and French.
- 3. World Food Safety Day 2022 Observed on 7th June:** World Food Safety Day is celebrated globally on June 7 every year as per the World Health Organization (WHO). World Food Safety Day aims to transform food systems to deliver better health sustainably and prevent foodborne diseases. This year, the theme is 'Safer food, better health'. WHO also launched a campaign to inspire global participation. **WHO Headquarters: Geneva, Founded: 7 April 1948.**
- 4. World Oceans Day 2022 observed on 8th June:** The World Oceans Day is celebrated on June 8 every year across the globe. The day is commemorated to remind people of the importance of the oceans and the major role they play in everyday life. Revitalization: collective action for the ocean" is the theme for World Oceans Day 2022. The concept of World Oceans Day was first proposed by the UN in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro.
- 5. World Brain tumour Day 2022 observed on 8th June:** World Brain Tumour Day is observed every year on 8 June with an aim to create awareness about brain tumours. It is a mass or growth

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of abnormal cells in your brain. There are two types of brain tumors, noncancerous (benign), and cancerous (malignant). In 2022, the theme of World Tumor Day is 'Together We Are Stronger'.

- 6. World Day Against Child Labour 2022 observed on 12th June:** 12 June marks the World Day Against Child Labour under the theme "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour." The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the worldwide extent of kid labour and therefore the action and efforts needed to eliminate it. **Headquarters ILO: Geneva, Switzerland, President : Guy Ryder, Founded: 1919.**
- 7. NABARD Chairman launches My Pad My Right programme in Leh:** National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), Chairman Dr GR Chintala has launched "My Pad My Right programme", in Leh. This will help women to participate in country's economic development. Under this unique project, award winning sanitary pad making machines will be installed through the network of self help groups. **Formation: July 12, 1982, NABARD Headquarters: Mumbai, Chairman: Govinda Rajulu Chintala**
- 8. A Manimekhalai appointed as MD of Union Bank:** The government has appointed A Manimekhalai as managing director of Union Bank of India. Canara Bank executive director Manimekhalai replaced Rajkiran Rai G, who retired on May 31 after a five-year stint. With her assuming the charge, Manimekhalai becomes the first woman managing director of Union Bank of India. **Headquarters: Mumbai, Founded: 11 November 1919.**
- 9. Swarup Kumar Saha appointed as head of Punjab & Sind Bank:** The government has appointed Swarup Kumar Saha as head of Punjab & Sind Bank. Saha, who is the executive director of Punjab National Bank (PNB), replaced S Krishnan, who also superannuated on May 31. **Headquarters: New Delhi, Founded: 24 June 1908.**
- 10. President Kovind Inaugurates Sant Kabir Academy And Research Centre in UP:** President Ram Nath Kovind has paid tributes to Sant Kabir and inaugurated Sant Kabir Academy and Research Centre and Swadesh Darshan Yojana at Kabir Chaura Dham, Maghar, Uttar Pradesh.
- 11. Indian Railways awarded by the UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA):** In a gala ceremony, on 1st June 2022, in Berlin, Indian Railways have been awarded by the UIC International Sustainable Railway Awards (ISRA) in the category of "Best use of Zero-Carbon Technology" for feeding Solar Energy directly to 25 KV AC Traction System.
- 12. IIFA awards 2022:** The International Indian Film Academy Awards (IIFA) held in Abu Dhabi. This year the IIFA 2022 Awards was hosted by Salman Khan, Maniesh Paul and Riteish Deshmukh. **Best Actor (Male): Vicky Kaushal (Sardar Udham)**
Best Actor (Female): Kriti Sanon (Mimi)
Best Director: Vishnuvaradhan (Shershaah)
Best Film: Shershaah
Best Playback Singer Female: Asees Kaur for 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)

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Best Playback Singer Male: Jubin Nautiyal for song 'Raataan Lambiyan', (Shershaah)

Best Lyrics: Kausar Munir for 'Lehra Do', 83

Best Music Direction: A R Rahman for Atrangi Re and Jasleen Royal, Javed-Mohsin, Vikram Montrose, B Praak, Jaani for Shershaah

Best Male Debut: Ahan Shetty (Tadap)

Best Female Debut: Sharvari Wagh (Bunty Aur Babli 2)

Best Story Adapted: Kabir Khan, Sanjay Puran Singh Chauhan for 83

Best Original Story: Ludo by Anurag Basu

Best Supporting Actor Female: Sai Tamhankar (Mimi)

Best Supporting Actor Male: Pankaj Tripathi (Ludo).

13. THE Asia University Rankings 2022-4 Indian institutions in top 100: Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2022 was released by the Times Higher Education (THE). The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore continued to be the best institute of the country. It ranked at 42nd place.

1) Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (42nd)

2) JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (65th)

3) Indian Institute of Technology Ropar (68th)

4) Indian Institute of Technology Indore (87th).

14. Kiya.ai launches India's first banking metaverse Kiyaverse: Kiya.ai, a digital solutions provider serving financial institutions and governments globally, announced the launch of India's first-ever banking metaverse "Kiyaverse". In the first phase, Kiyaverse will allow banks to extend their own metaverse for clients, partners, and employees, through services that will include Relationship Manager & Peer Avatars and Robo-advisors. **Kiya.ai MD and CEO: Rajesh Mirjankar, Kiya.ai HQ: Mumbai.**

15. NATO conducts naval exercises in Baltic Sea with NATO allies and partners: U.S.-led naval exercise in the Baltic Sea, more than 7,000 sailors, airmen, and marines from 16 nations, including two aspiring NATO members, Finland and Sweden, began a nearly two-week. BALTOPS, an annual naval exercise that began in 1972, is not performed in response to any specific danger.

16. Abania Elects General Major Bajram Begaj as New President: Albania's parliament has elected a top military official, General Major Bajram Begaj as its new president after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting. The outgoing President Ilir Meta signed the decree on Begaj's dismissal as Chief of General Staff of the AAF. **Albania Capital: Tirana, Currency: Albanian lek, Albania Prime Minister: Edi Rama.**

17. Blue Duke declared as the State Butterfly of Sikkim: Chief Minister P.S. Golay, during the World Environment Day celebrations, declared Blue Duke as the State Butterfly of Sikkim. **Capital: Gangtok, Sikkim Governor: Ganga Prasad, Chief minister: PS Golay.**

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- 18. Har Time EMI on Time' is a financial education initiative launched by Bajaj Finance:** Bajaj Finance Limited, the lending arm of Bajaj Finserv Limited, a global financial services conglomerate, has launched Har Time EMI On Time, a digital campaign to raise awareness about the importance and advantages of good financial habits for a secure financial future.
- 19. Andhra Pradesh launched '14400 app' to report corrupt officials:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the '14400' app. This app has been developed by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). This app is customized for the people to register corruption-related complaints against the officials in the state. A complaint can be filed through a toll-free number 14400. **Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan, Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy.**
- 20. India successfully tested nuclear- capable Agni-4 ballistic missile in Odisha:** India has successfully executed a nuclear- capable Agni-4 ballistic missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. The missile has the range of around 4,000 kilometres. Earlier, India successfully test-fired an extended range version of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from a Sukhoi fighter jet. It was the first launch of the extended range version of the BrahMos missile from a Su-30MKI aircraft.
- 21. Indian Army Contingent participates in the "Khaan Quest 2022" exercise:** Indian Army participates in a multinational exercise "Ex Khaan Quest 2022" where 16 other countries also took part in Mongolia. President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurated the Exercise as the host. Indian Army is represented by a contingent from the LADAKH SCOUTS. The 14-day exercise is aimed at enhancing interoperability, building military to military relationships, developing peace support operations and military readiness among participating nations. **Army Founded: 1 April 1895, Headquarters: New Delhi, Chief of the Army Staff: Manoj Pande, Motto: Service Before Self.**
- 22. India ranked worst in the world in terms of environmental performance in 2022:** In the 2022 Environment Performance Index (EPI), an analysis by Yale and Columbia University researchers that gives a data-driven evaluation of the situation of sustainability around the world, India came in last out of 180 countries. Climate change, environmental public health, and biodiversity are among the 40 performance factors used by the EPI to rank 180 nations. With an overall score of 18.9, India came in last, while Denmark came in first as the world's most sustainable country.
- 23. PM Modi launches new series of coins with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav design:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a special series of coins that are also 'visually impaired friendly'. The coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations will have the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) design. They are not commemorative coins and will be part of circulation.
- 24. Alok Kumar Choudhary takes charge as MD of SBI:** Alok Kumar Choudhary has taken charge as the new Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI). His appointment comes in the wake of the superannuation of Ashwani Bhatia as Managing Director on May 31, 2022. **Bank of India Founded: 1 July 1955, Headquarters: Mumbai, Chairman: Dinesh Kumar Khara.**

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- 25. World Bank cuts India GDP forecast to 7.5%:** The World Bank has slashed its growth forecast for India for the current financial year to 7.5 percent, a hefty 1.2 percentage points down from its previous forecast of 8.7 percent.
- 26. Sital Sasthi' festival being celebrated in Odisha:** Sital Sasthi is a sacred Hindu festival is being celebrated in Odisha. This week-long special festival highlights the marriage of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. According to the Hindu calendar, Sital Sasthi is observed on the sixth day of the Jyestha month during the Shukla Paksha. Capital: Bhubaneswar, Odisha Governor: Ganeshi Lal, Chief Minister: Naveen Patnaik.
- 27. Union Health Minister releases FSSAI's 4th State Food Safety Index on World Food Safety Day:** Tamil Nadu was the highest-ranking state among the major states this year, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra. Goa, on the other hand, was first among the smallest states, followed by Manipur and Sikkim. Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, and Chandigarh ranked top, second, and third among the UTs, respectively.
- 28. Shreyas G Hosur became 1st Indian Railways officer to complete gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon:** Creating a history of sorts, Shreyas G. Hosur, became the first officer from the Indian Railways to complete the gruelling 'Ironman' Triathlon, considered to be the toughest single-day sports event in the world. This event includes 3.8 km of swimming, 180 km of cycling and 42.2 km of running. He completed the event in 13 hours and 26 minutes in Hamburg, Germany.
- 29. Amit Shah inaugurates new building of National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi:** Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the newly built National Tribal Research Institute (NTRI) in New Delhi. This institute is to promote and preserve the tribal heritage and culture and the nerve centre of tribal research issues and matters in academic, executive and legislative fields.
- 30. Mahatma Gandhi Setu:** Mahatma Gandhi Setu is also called Gandhi Setu or Ganga Setu. The bridge is situated over the Ganga River in Bihar, India. The Mahatma Gandhi Setu connects Patna from the south and Hajipur from the north of Bihar. The length of Mahatma Gandhi Setu is 5,750m (18,860) making it the third-longest bridge in India. In May 1982, the bridge was inaugurated by the then Prime minister Ms. Indira Gandhi, from Hajipur, Bihar. The construction of the bridge was approved by the Central Government in 1969 and was built by Gammon India Limited. It took 10 years to build the Mahatma Gandhi Setu which was from 1972-to 1982.
- 31. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award:** Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award was introduced in the year 1991-1992, from 2021, the award is known as Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award. The Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is the highest in sports given in India. The ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports presents the Khel Ratna award. This is awarded annually and it is named after the former Prime minister of India, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, who served the nation from 1984 to 1989. The award consists of a medallion, a certificate, and a cash prize of Rs. 25 lakh. The Chief Minister of Rajasthan Ashok Gehlot announced that the state

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government is going to introduce the Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award to state sportspeople. He also said that the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics will be held on 29th August 2022.

- 32. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli becomes the first Indian to recognized by United Nations Global Compact as Global SDG Pioneer:** For the first time in the world, an Indian (Ramkrishna Mukavilli) has been named a Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC). The United Nations Global Compact has named ten new SDG Pioneers, who are corporate leaders who are excelling in advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by implementing the UN Global Compact Ten Principles on human rights, environment, labour, and anti-corruption.
- 33. WhatsApp launched SMBSaathi Utsav to support small businesses:** Whatsapp launched SMBSaathi Utsav initiative which aims to support small businesses by helping them to adopt digital mediums like Whatsapp Business App.
- 34. Mithali Raj announced retirement from International cricket:** Indian women's cricket team captain, Mithali Raj (39 years old), hailing from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, announced her retirement from all forms of International cricket. She is the only female cricketer to reach the 7,000-run mark. She holds the record for most runs in Women's ODI. The government of India(Gol) honoured her with Arjuna Award in 2003 for her outstanding achievement in cricket and the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021. Gol honoured her with Padma Shri in 2015 for her contribution to sports.
- 35. OECD slashes India's GDP growth forecast to 6.9% for FY23:** The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has forecast India's GDP growth at 6.9 per cent for FY23. This is below the Reserve Bank of India's estimate of a 7.2% rise.
- 36. India's Krishna Srinivasan to head IMF's Asia-Pacific dept:** International Monetary Fund, Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has announced the appointment of Indian national Krishna Srinivasan as director of the Asia and Pacific Department (APD) from June 22. Srinivasan will succeed Changyong Rhee whose retirement from the Fund was announced on March 23. IMF Formation: 27 December 1945; IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States; Member Countries: 190; MD: Kristalina Georgieva.
- 37. Assam celebrates Baikho festival for good harvest and rain:** The Baikho festival is celebrated in the state of Assam, which is called as gateway to northeast India. It is celebrated by Rabha tribes of India. This is a celebration of good harvest. Capital: Dispur, Chief Minister: Himanta Biswa Sarma, Governor: Jagadish Mukhi.
- 38. World's First 'Right To Repair' Law For Digital Electronics Passed by New York Legislature:** New York state legislature is a world first, to pass the law for Digital Electronics. The "right to repair" bill enacted by the requiring digital electronics makers to make parts, tools, information, and software available to customers and independent repair businesses. After government

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pressure to safeguard customers' rights to repair and refurbish their purchased products, the "Fair Repair Act" was enacted.

- 39. Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan released books titled 'Loktantra ke Swar' & 'The Republican Ethic':** Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan along with Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting and Sports Anurag Thakur released books 'Loktantra ke Swar' and 'The Republican Ethic, having selected speeches of the President of India Ram Nath Kovind. The compilation includes speeches on a wide range of subjects.
- 40. Himachal Pradesh becomes the first Indian state to approve a policy for drones:** The Himachal Pradesh government gave nod to a drone policy as it seeks to enable the use of drones and similar technology for different public services in the hill state. The 'Himachal Pradesh Drone Policy 2022' was approved by the chief minister Jai Ram Thakur. The policy envisions creating a holistic drone ecosystem built upon the foundation of Governance and Reforms Using Drones (GARUD).
- 41. WHO award for PGI Chandigarh centre for tobacco control:** The World Health Organisation has awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award.
- 42. UNCTAD's World Investment Report- India ranked 7th:** United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India jumped one position to 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) in the last calendar year (2021) despite FDI inflows into the country declining. While the United States (\$367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI, China (\$181 billion) and Hong Kong (\$141 billion) also retained second and third position, respectively.
- 43. Andhra Pradesh govt launched YSR Yantra Seva scheme:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched YSR Yantra Seva Scheme and flagged off the distribution of tractors and combine harvesters at Chuttugunta Centre in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister YS Jagan Reddy flagged off the state-level mega distribution of tractors and combine harvesters under YSR Yantra Seva Pathakam in Guntur. **Governor: Biswabhusan Harichandan, Chief minister: Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy.**
- 44. India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals 'Anocovax' launched:** Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine "Anocovax" for animals, developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC). Anocovax is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) vaccine for animals.

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- 1. World Blood Donor Day 2022 observed on 14th June:** World Blood Donor Day is observed globally on 14 June every year. The day is celebrated to promote awareness about the need for blood donation and thank voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood. The host nation for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is Mexico. The Theme for World Blood Donor Day 2022 is “Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives”.
- 2. Global Wind Day 2022 celebrates globally on 15th June:** On 15th June, Global Wind Day is celebrated across the world, annually and it is marked as a day of discovering the possibilities of wind power. Global Wind Day 2022 is based on the theme is celebrate to enjoy the benefits of Wind energy and providing education to the individuals about the power and potential of wind energy to change the world.
- 3. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2022:** The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on 17 June each year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The theme of 2022 Desertification and Drought Day “Rising up from drought together”.
- 4. International Picnic Day 2022-18th June:** The word “picnic” probably gets its origins from the French language, specifically from the word “pique-nique”.
- 5. International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict 2022:** The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is an international event conducted by the United Nations (UN) on June 19 each year. The day is celebrated to raise the awareness about conflict-related sexual violence. The theme for this year’s observance of International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is ‘Prevention as Protection: Enhancing structural and operational prevention of conflict-related sexual violence.’
- 6. R Subramaniakumar appointed as MD & CEO of RBL Bank:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Subramaniakumar as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank. He has been appointed at RBL for three years from the date of taking charge. RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai; RBL Bank Founded: August 1943.
- 7. Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated National Museum of Customs and GST in Goa:** Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the National Museum of Customs and GST “Dharohar” in Goa as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Iconic week of the Ministry of Finance, being celebrated from June 6 to 12. Capital: Panaji, CM: Pramod Sawant, Governor: S. Sreedharan Pillai.
- 8. Haryana won Khelo India Youth Games 2021 title:** Hosts Haryana won the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2021 title with 52 gold medals on the final day. Haryana also won 39 silver and 46 bronze medals, taking their overall medal tally to 137 medals – the highest cumulative haul by any

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state. The Khelo India Youth Games 2021 started on June 4 across multiple venues with Haryana's Panchkula hosting the bulk of the events.

- 9. India ranks 101 in Global Hunger Index 2021:** India's rank has dropped to the 101st position among 116 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2021. In 2020, India was placed at 94th spot, out of 107 countries. The 2021 GHI score of India is recorded at 27.5 out of 50, which comes under the serious category. Neighbouring countries like Nepal (76), Bangladesh (76), Myanmar (71) and Pakistan (92) are also in the 'alarming' hunger category but have fared better at feeding its citizens than India, according to the report.
- 10. Karnataka govt launched 'FRUITS' software for farmer schemes:** The Karnataka government has launched 'The Farmer Registration & Unified Beneficiary Information System' or FRUITS software for Aadhar-based, single-window registration for the schemes. FRUITS software will facilitate single registration using an Aadhar card and Karnataka's Bhoomi digitized land record system for authenticating ownership. Governor: Thawar Chand Gehlot, Chief Minister: Basavaraj Bommai, Capital: Bengaluru.
- 11. Ramsar sites in India:** The Ramsar Site is a wetland site that is designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar convention. This convention is also known as the convention of wetlands. It is intergovernmental environmental treaty established in 1971 by UNESCO and was first in 1975. It provides conservation of wetlands and sustainable use of resources. In 2022 there are 2437 Ramsar sites around the world and 49 of them are situated in India. In 2022 Bakhira wildlife sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh and Khijadiya wildlife sanctuary in Gujarat were included as Ramsar sites on the occasion of World wetland day. There are 49 Ramsar sites in India from which the first Ramsar site was Chilika Lake in Orissa and Keoladeo National Park in Rajasthan. The Renuka wetland in Himachal Pradesh is the smallest Ramsar Wetland site in India. The maximum number of Ramsar sites are found in Uttar Pradesh in India.
- 12. Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary:** On 2nd February 2022, Bakhira Wildlife Sanctuary was listed as a Ramsar Site. The Bakhira Wildlife sanctuary is located 44 km east of Gorakhpur city and situated in Sant Kabir Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh. The Bakhira Wildlife sanctuary was established in 1990. On the occasion of World Wetland Day 2022, which is 2nd February 2022, Bakhira Wildlife sanctuary was listed as one of the Ramsar sites in India. It is the largest natural flood plain wetland in Uttar Pradesh. Along with this Khijadiya Wildlife sanctuary, Gujarat was also listed as a Ramsar site. This makes the number of Ramsar sites in Uttar Pradesh up to 10.
- 13. NeSDA Report 202- Kerala topped among states:** The National e-governance service delivery assessment (NeSDA) report 2021 was published recently. The report was released on June 13, 2022. NeSDA helps the respective governments improve their delivery of citizen centric services and shares best practices across the country for all States, UTs and Central Ministries to emulate. Top Rankers: Overall, in NeSDA 2021, Kerala had the highest overall compliance score amongst

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all the States and UTs. Among UTs: Jammu and Kashmir, assessed first time in NeSDA 2021, scored highest among all UTs for six sectors.

- 14. UDAN celebrating its 5th anniversary in the year 2022:** This year, 2022 marks the fifth anniversary of the Central Government's dream initiative, Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN). The effort began slowly but grew in popularity as newer airlines, such as Star Air, began to explore this vast untapped market. According to analysts, UDAN is a gamechanger in the aviation business since it allows the average person to commute between smaller cities in minutes rather than hours and at a reasonable cost. Over 415 UDAN routes connect 66 underserved/unserved airports, including heliports and water aerodromes, benefiting over 92 lakh people.
- 15. Rashtriya Puruskar Portal' launched by the government:** To encourage openness and public partnership, the Union Government has developed the Rashtriya Puruskar Portal, which invites nominations for numerous awards given by various Ministries, Departments, and Agencies. The Portal intends to make it easier for public to propose people and organisations for various prizes given out by the Indian government.
- 16. India's 1st private train service flagged off under 'Bharat Gaurav Scheme':** The first train to be operated between Coimbatore and Shirdi by a private operator, under the 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of the Indian Railways, was flagged off. Ministry of Tourism has informed that the first ever Bharat Gaurav Train has been flagged off on Coimbatore north to Sainagar Shirdi route. The train will cover several historical destinations on the route while giving the passengers an insight into the cultural heritage of the country. Indian Railways had launched the operation of theme-based Bharat Gaurav train in the month of November 2021. The objective of this theme is to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world, through Bharat Gaurav Trains.
- 17. Global Startup Ecosystem ranking:** Kerala ranks top in Asia in global report:: Providing a boost for Kerala's start-up ecosystem, the State has been ranked first in Asia in Affordable Talent in Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER). The State has also been ranked fourth in global ranking in the GSER, drawn up jointly by policy advisory and research organisation Startup Genome and Global Entrepreneurship Network. In the first GSER published in 2020, Kerala was ranked 5th in Asia and 20th in the world.
- 18. IMD's World Competitiveness Index 2022-India ranked 37th:** India has seen the sharpest growth among the Asian economies, with a six-position jump from 43rd to 37th rank on the annual World Competitiveness Index 2022. The Index has been compiled by the Institute for Management Development (IMD). Meanwhile, the top-performing Asian economies are Singapore (3rd), Hong Kong (5th), Taiwan (7th), China (17th) and Australia (19th).Denmark has moved to the top of the 63-nation list from the third position last year, while Switzerland slipped from the top ranking to the second position and Singapore regained the third spot from fifth, a global study showed.

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- 19. Nitin Gadkari inaugurates Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022:** In New Delhi, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari kicks off the Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022. Inaugurating the Industrial Decarbonization Summit 2022 (IDS-2022) – Road Map for Carbon Neutrality by 2070, he stated that developing alternative fuels is critical to overcoming electricity shortages. He believes that taking a one-sided, idiosyncratic attitude to these issues is harmful to the country.
- 20. B S Patil sworn in as Lokayukta of Karnataka:** Former Karnataka High Court judge, Bhimanagouda Sanganagouda Patil was sworn in as the Lokayukta of Karnataka. Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot administered the oath of office to Justice Patil.
- 21. Unmesh' International literary festival begins in Himachal:** Unmesh, a three-day international literary festival, opened at Gaiety Theater in Dublin. The event will bring together approximately 425 writers, poets, translators, critics, and notable figures from 15 nations, representing over 60 languages. Union Minister of State for Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal gave the festival its official start. Geetanjali Shree, the Booker Prize-winning author, will speak about women's writing in Indian languages.
- 22. Eminent Urdu critic & linguist Professor Gopi Chand Narang passes away:** Renowned Urdu scholar, linguist, theorist, literary critic, and former Chairperson of Sahitya Akademi Professor, Gopi Chand Narang has passed away at 91. He was a Professor Emeritus at the University of Delhi and Jamia Millia Islamia. He has been honoured with the Padma Bhushan (2004) and Sahitya Akademi Awards (1995).
- 23. IIT Madras creates robots to clean septic tanks without human:** The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has developed a robot that can clean septic tanks without the need for humans. Ten units are expected to be distributed across Tamil Nadu under the name "HomoSEP," and researchers are in contact with sanitation workers to determine where they will be placed.
- 24. India successfully test-fired Prithvi-II Ballistic Missile at Chandipur:** India has test-launched Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II from an integrated test range in Chandipur, Odisha. This missile system is capable of striking targets with a very high degree of precision. It is an indigenously developed, surface-to-surface missile. It is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines. Its range is 350 km and can carry one-ton payload.
- 25. Japan to participate in NATO summit for the first time:** Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance. The June 28-30 gathering is seen as a crunch moment for the 30 North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies, four months into Russia's war in Ukraine. Japan, a key U.S. ally and not a NATO member, has delivered defensive supplies to Ukraine and imposed tough sanctions on Russia in tandem with the other Group of Seven countries.
- 26. Hamza Abdi Barre appointed as PM of Somalia:** Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has appointed a former chairman of the Jubbaland state election commission, Hamza Abdi Barre

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as the Prime Minister. Capital: Mogadishu, Currency: Somali Shilling, President: Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.

27. World's biggest plant discovered off Australian coast: The world's largest living plant has been identified in the shallow waters off the coast of Western Australia. The sprawling seagrass, a marine flowering plant known as Posidonia australis, stretches for more than 112 miles (180 kilometers) in Shark Bay, a wilderness area protected as a World Heritage site. Prime minister: Anthony Albanese, Capital: Canberra.

28. China Becomes the Largest Importer of Indian Broken Rice: China has emerged as the largest importer or buyer of broken rice from India. China takes over the largest importer of broken rice in India, which were the African countries. During the pandemic, China took the lead as the largest importer of broken rice in India. 7.7 percent has been imported to China which is 16.34 lakh metric tonnes, and India's total export is 212.10 Lakh metric tonnes in the year 2021-2022.

29. Hamad International Airport named World's Best Airport 2022: Qatar's Hamad International Airport has been named the World's Best Airport for the second year running. The announcement took place at the Skytrax 2022 World Airport Awards, held at Passenger Terminal EXPO in Paris, France. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru (BLR Airport) was named the finest regional airport in India and South Asia.

30. Appointment of new chief justices to five high courts approved: The appointment for Uttarakhand, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Gauhati has been announced by the Ministry of Law and Justice. The Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court will be Justice Vipin Sanghi of the Delhi High Court, while the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court will be Justice Ujjal Bhuyan of the Telangana High Court. The Chief Justice of the Himachal Pradesh High Court will be Justice Amjad Ahtesham Sayed of the Bombay High Court, while the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court will be Justice Shinde Sambhaji Shiwaji of the Bombay High Court. The Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court has been named Justice Rashmin M Chhaya of the Gujarat High Court. Satish Chandra Sharma, Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, has been appointed to the Delhi High Court, according to the Ministry.

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- 1. World Refugee Day 2022 observed on 20 June:** World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on 20 June. World Refugee Day was designated as an International Day by the UN (United Nations). The day is being celebrated to honour the refugees around the world. Refugees are people who are being forced to leave their homeland due to terror, conflicts, wars, prosecutions, or any other crises. While the theme of World Refugee Day 2022 has not been rolled out, last year it was "Together we heal, learn and shine."
- 2. International Day of Yoga 2022 celebrates on 21st June:** International Day of Yoga is celebrated world wide on 21st June since 2015. This year, the 8th edition of the International Day of Yoga will be observed. International Yoga Day 2022 will be celebrated on 21 June 2022 with the theme 'Yoga for Humanity' across the world with great enthusiasm.
- 3. World Music Day 2022- 21st June:** World Music Day is celebrated every year on June 21. The day gives respect to the art form of music that binds people across culture, region, language and religion. The theme for World Music Day 2022 is "Music on the intersections".
- 4. International Olympic Day celebrates on 23rd June:** International Olympic Day is celebrated on June 23rd across the globe. The day is primarily celebrated to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games. This year, the theme for the International Olympic Day is "Together For A Peaceful World."
- 5. 25 June- International Day of the Seafarer 2022:** The "Day of the Seafarer" is celebrated annually on June 25 to honour the vital contribution that seafarers make to global trade and the economy, frequently at considerable personal sacrifice to themselves and their families.
- 6. International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2022:** International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, also known as World Drug Day, is conducted by the United Nations. It is observed on June 26 annually. Addressing drug challenges in health and humanitarian crises" is the theme for 2022's celebration.
- 7. National Insurance Awareness Day: 28 June:** The National Insurance Awareness Day is observed on 28 June. The main objective of the day is to make people aware about the several benefits of investing in an insurance plan or policy
- 8. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurates National Yoga Olympiad 2022:** Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated National Yoga Olympiad 2022 and quiz competition in New Delhi. The National Yoga Olympiad is being organised jointly by the Ministry of Education and the National Council of Educational Research and Training.
- 9. RBI's 'Payments Vision 2025' aims for a three-fold increase in digital payments:** The Reserve Bank's Payments Vision 2025 plan, which wants to triple the volume of digital payments, is progressive, according to industry players, and intends to build India as a worldwide payments powerhouse. In light of rising geopolitical threats, the RBI released its Payments Vision 2025

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document, which discusses ring-fencing domestic payment networks, as well as the necessity to enforce domestic processing of payment transactions.

- 10. New Delhi to host National summit on cyber security and National security:** At Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital, the Ministry of Home Affairs will organise a National Conference on Cyber Safety and National Security (Cyber Apradh Se Azadi, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav). Union Minister Amit Shah will be the conference's Chief Guest, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 11. PM releases Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani':** The Prime Minister Narendra Modi released Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'. Prime Minister noted Shri Ram Bahadur Rai's life-long quest for searching for new ideas and desire to bring something new before the society. He expressed the hope that the book that was released today will present the Constitution in a comprehensive manner.
- 12. Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga announced:** On the occasion of International Yoga Day, the AYUSH ministry has announced to give the 'Prime Minister's Award for Outstanding Contribution towards the Development and Promotion of Yoga' for 2022 to two individuals and two organisations in recognition of their contributions in the space. Two individuals Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh, Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil and two organisations, "The Divine Life Society" from Uttarakhand and the British Wheel of Yoga from United Kingdom have been chosen for award. They will also receive ₹25 lakh as cash prize, a trophy and a certificate.
- 13. Dhan Sanchay-A new life insurance product from LIC India:** The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced Dhan Sanchay, a non-linked, non-participating individual savings life insurance plan that offers both protection and savings. This plan provides financial support to the family if the life assured dies prematurely during the policy's term. According to a LIC press release, it also provides a guaranteed income stream from the date of maturity to the conclusion of the payout period.
- 14. IISc Centre for Brain Research officially opened by PM Modi:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Centre for Brain Research and lay the foundation stone for Bagchi Parthasarathy Multispeciality Hospital at IISc Bengaluru.
- 15. A book titled "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India" by RN Bhaskar:** The biography of billionaire industrialist, Gautam Adani, titled "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India" will hit the stands in October, announced Penguin Random House (PRHI). The book written by journalist-author RN Bhaskar, claims to bring to light, for the first time, the unknown aspects of one of the richest men in the world.
- 16. Gustavo Petro, former rebel warrior, elected president of Colombia:** Colombia's presidency has been won by Gustavo Petro, a former rebel warrior who has pledged significant social and economic transformation. Petro will become Colombia's first left-wing president if he wins the presidential runoff election.

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- 17. Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launches NIPUN for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers:** Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Hardeep Singh Puri has launched an innovative project National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) in New Delhi. NIPUN is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM to train over one lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes and provides them with work opportunities in foreign countries also.
- 18. Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana Launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi:** Modi participated in Gujarat Gaurav Abhiyan at Vadodara. He launch 'Mukhyamantri Matrushakti Yojana' which will focus on improving maternal and child health. Under the scheme every month, the pregnant in lactating mothers will be given 2 kg of chickpeas, 1 kg of tur dal, and 1 kg of edible oil will be given free of cost from the Anganwadi centers.
- 19. Ruchira Kamboj named as next Permanent Representative of India to the UN:** Senior Diplomat Ruchira Kamboj, currently Indian ambassador to Bhutan, has been appointed as the next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at New York. She will succeed TS Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the United Nation. Ministry of External Affairs said, Ruchira Kamboj is expected to take up the assignment shortly.
- 20. Shanana Dhaka secured 1st rank to the First Women's NDA Batch:** Shanana Dhaka, daughter of Sundana village of Rohtak, has secured the first rank in the examination for admission to the country's first women's NDA batch. Shanana has secured 10th position in Boys' examination and first position in Girls' examination across the country.
- 21. Shabash Mithu': A biopic on former Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj:** Filmmaker Srijit Mukherji has dropped the trailer of "Shabaash Mithu", a Taapsee Pannu-starrer biopic on former India women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj.
- 22. India's first 'Balika Panchayat' constituted in five villages of Gujarat:** The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', has started in five villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. The initiative aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation in politics. This initiative has been taken by the Women and Child Development Welfare Department of the Gujarat Government under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign. The Ministry of Women and Child Development is also planning to begin the girl panchayat across the country.
- 23. Single-Use Plastic' use to banned by Union Govt. from 1st July, 2022:** Single-Use Plastic' use to be outflow from July 1st, 2022 by the Union government. Single-use plastics, particularly those made of polystyrene and expanded polystyrene, will be illegal to produce, import, stock, distribute, sell, and use starting on July 1, 2022, nationwide. A national task group has also been established by the Environment Ministry to make coordinated efforts in this area.
- 24. India comes third in Renewable Energy Installations in 2021:** India ranked third globally for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 with 15.4 GW, behind only China (136 GW) and

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the US (43 GW). According to a report, despite the Covid-19 pandemic's promise of a global green recovery, this historic opportunity has been lost.

- 25. Indian women's Wrestling team wins Under-17 Asian Championship:** Indian women's Wrestling team has won five medals to claim Under-17 Asian Championship title with a total of eight gold at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze. Japan had to be content with the runners-up trophy with 143 points and Mongolia finished third with 138 points.
- 26. Haryana CM releases a book 'Ashtang Yoga' by Dr Sonu Phogat:** Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on the eve of 8th International Yoga Day released a book titled Ashtang Yoga authored by Dr Sonu Phogat.
- 27. Skalzang Rigzin: First Indian mountaineer to ascend Mount Annapurna Peak::** Skalzang Rigzin, the first mountaineer from India to ascend Mount Annapurna's top without the aid of oxygen was welcomed by Leh with open arms. After successfully summiting Annapurna and Lhotse in Nepal, he was welcomed by other mountaineers at the Leh Airport. With 16 days of gap between climb of Mt Annapurna on April 28 and Mt Lhotse on May 14, Skalzang Rigzin has set a record to conquer two summits without oxygen supplements.
- 28. Coursera Global Skill Report 2022: India ranked 68th:** The Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 by Coursera states that India's proficiency in data science has reduced from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022, leading to a 12-rank drop. In terms of overall skills proficiency, India has slipped 4 places to be ranked 68th globally and 19th in Asia. However, the report reveals that India has improved its technology proficiency levels from 38 percent to 46 percent, improving its position by six spots. For the second year in a row, Switzerland had the highest-skilled learners followed by Denmark, Indonesia, and Belgium.
- 29. Uttarakhand: Project to boost rain-fed agriculture approved by World Bank:** Uttarakhand: Project to boost rain-fed agriculture approved by World Bank.
- 30. Dr D J Pandian appointed to lead NDB's India Regional Office in Gift City:** New Development Bank (NDB) of the BRICS countries has appointed former bureaucrat Dr D J Pandian as the Director-General of its India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City), the bank announced. Pandian earlier served as the Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Beijing-based Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in which India is the 2nd largest shareholder after China. Headquarters location: Shanghai, China; President: Marcos Prado Troyjo; Founder: BRICS; Founded: 15 July 2014.
- 31. Jammu and Kashmir to host G-20 meetings in 2023:** Jammu and Kashmir will host the 2023 meetings of the G20, an influential group of the world's major economies. J&K government has set up a five-member high-level committee for overall coordination of G20 meetings to be held in the Union Territory. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in September 2021. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, India will

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hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and convene the first G20 leaders' summit in 2023. The G20 countries include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United States and the United Kingdom.

- 32. Vivatech 2020' Conference: India recognized as 'country of the year':** Europe's biggest startup conference, "Vivatech 2020" has recognized India as the "country of the year." It is a tremendous honour for India to be named "country of the year" in Vivatech 2020. This is due to the contribution of the Indian startups to the world. This is the recognition of Indian startups. Vivatech 2020, held in Paris, France. Around 65 start-ups from India are participating in Vivatech 2022 with government support.
- 33. World Gold Council Report: India ranked 4th in global gold recycling:** According to World Gold Council Report, India has emerged as the 4th largest recycler in the world and country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021. According to the WGC report titled 'Gold refining and recycling', China topped the global gold recycling chart as it recycled 168 tonnes of the yellow metal, followed by Italy in the second position with 80 tonnes and the US in the third rank with 78 tonnes in 2021. World Gold Council Report Headquarters: London, United Kingdom; Founded: 1987; CEO: David Tait; President: Kelvin Dushnisky.
- 34. Union Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurates Mango Festival in Belgium:** Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated a "Mango Festival" in Brussels, Belgium to raise awareness among Europeans and establish a market for Indian mangoes in Europe. India is a big supplier of mangoes to the rest of the globe, but most of the mangoes end up in the Middle East rather than Europe.
- 35. IPS officer Dinkar Gupta is appointed Director General, NIA:** The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) appointed former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP), Dinkar Gupta as the Director General of the National Investigation Agency (NIA). NIA Headquarters: New Delhi; NIA Founder: Radha Vinod Raju; NIA Founded: 31 December 2008.
- 36. Delhi airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy: Delhi Airport or Indira Gandhi International Airport** has become the first airport in the country to run entirely on hydro and solar power from this month in a major step toward achieving the ambitious goal of becoming a Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030.
- 37. S.S. Mundra appointed as chairman of BSE:** S.S. Mundra, a public interest director to lead the world's largest stock exchange, according to the BSE. Justice Vikramajit Sen will be replaced by Mr. Mundra. After serving for three years, Mr. Mundra left his position as Reserve Bank of India's Deputy Governor in July 2017.
- 38. Campus Power a new digital platform for students from ICICI Bank:** ICICI Bank unveiled a digital platform named "Campus Power" to assist students who want to pursue higher education in India and abroad. The platform meets the diverse demands of the whole student ecosystem,

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which includes parents, institutes, and students. The Campus Power portal also provides information about a variety of value-added services relating to higher education in India and internationally.

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- 1.** National Statistics Day 2022-29 June: National Statistics Day is observed in India on June 29 each year. The day aims to raise public awareness of the value of statistics in everyday life as well as in the planning and development process. The celebrated statistician, Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, is recognised on National Statistics Day for his contributions to economic planning and statistics. Additionally, the Indian Statistical Institute's founder, Professor PC Mahalanobis, celebrates his birthday on 29 June. The theme of National Statistics Day 2022 is 'Data for Sustainable Development'.
- 2.** International Asteroid Day 2022- 30 June : World Asteroid Day (also known as International Asteroid Day) is an annual UN-sanctioned global awareness campaign event observed on June 30, which is the anniversary of the Siberian Tunguska event of 1908. To provide knowledge to the general public about the importance of asteroids in history, and the role they play in our solar system today. The theme of Asteroid Day 2022 is "small is beautiful."
- 3.** Chartered Accountants Day 2022 observed on 01st July : The Chartered Accountants' Day or CA Day is held on 01 July every year in India. It is also known as ICAI Foundation Day. The day is marked to commemorate the foundation of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on July 1, 1949. ICAI is among the oldest professional institutions in the country and also the second largest professional accounting and finance body in the world in terms of members. Institute of Chartered Accountants of India President: Dr. Debashis Mitra Institute of Chartered Accountants of India HQ's: New Delhi.
- 4.** National Doctor's Day celebrates on 1st July: India celebrates National Doctor's Day on July 1, the birth anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, an eminent physician, academician, freedom fighter and politician. For 2022, the theme for National Doctor's Day is "Family Doctors on the Front Line."
- 5.** Goods and Services Tax Day 2022 – July 1 : The GST day is observed on July 1 to mark the Goods and Services Tax implementation. The new indirect tax system came into force on July 1, 2017, after being launched in a ceremony held in parliament on the midnight of June 30. The GST Day was first celebrated on July 1, 2018, to mark the first anniversary of the new tax regime.

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- 6. NATIONAL POSTAL WORKER DAY 2022: National Postal Worker Day is observed on July 1.** The day celebrates the efforts of people working in the postal service department. National Postal Worker Day is an annual holiday observed on July 1 in the United States and Canada.
- 7. International Day of Cooperatives observed on 2 July : International Day of Cooperatives is marked annually** on the first Saturday of July. This year, the day will be observed on 2 July to highlight the contributions of the cooperative movement. The aim of this celebration is to increase awareness about cooperatives by highlighting how the United Nations shares similar goals and objectives as the international cooperative movement. This year's #CoopsDay slogan — "Cooperatives Build a Better World"— echoes the theme of the International Year.
- 8. World Sports Journalist Day 2022 observed on 2nd July:** World Sports Journalists Day is observed on July 2 every year to celebrate the services of sports journalists for the promotion of sports.
- 9. Ranji Trophy 2022: Madhya Pradesh beats Mumbai by six wickets:** Madhya Pradesh wrote history as they won their maiden Ranji Trophy title, beating tournament heavyweights Mumbai by 6 wickets in the final at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. Under the leadership of Aditya Shrivastava, the team defeated 41-time champions Mumbai. The team was coached by former India wicketkeeper-batsman Chandrakant Pandit. The Ranji Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket championship played in India between multiple teams representing regional and state cricket associations. The competition is named after the first Indian cricketer who played international cricket, Ranjit Singh, who was also known as 'Ranji'. Mumbai (Bombay) have won the tournament the most number of times with 41 wins including 15 back-to-back wins from 1958–59 to 1972–73.
- 10. Global Liveability Index 2022 released: The annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities has just been** released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), and 2022's Global Liveability Index shows some marked differences from the previous year. The EIU, which is a sister organization to The Economist, ranked 173 cities around the world on a variety of factors, including health care, crime rates, political stability, infrastructure and access to green space. 2022's Global Liveability Index: The top 5.
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| 1. Vienna, Austria | 3. Zurich, Switzerland | 5. Vancouver, Canada |
| 2. Copenhagen, Denmark | 4. Calgary, Canada | |
- The cities in India have fared poorly in the list of the world's most liveable cities. India's national capital New Delhi has been ranked 112th in the list of most liveable cities. While India's financial capital Mumbai is ranked at 117th position.
- 11. Parameswaran Iyer appointed as CEO of NITI Aayog: Former Drinking and water Sanitation Secretary,** Parameswaran Iyer has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of NITI
- 12. Aayog for 2 years.** He will succeed Amitabh Kant. Kant was appointed as the CEO of the National Institution for Transforming India (Niti Aayog) on February 17, 2016, for a fixed two-year term.

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NITI Aayog Founded: 1 January 2015;

NITI Aayog Preceding: Planning Commission (15 March 1950)

NITI Aayog Headquarters: New Delhi;

NITI Aayog Chairperson: Narendra Modi;

NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson: Suman K Bery;

NITI Aayog comes under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

13. Tapan Kumar Deka appointed as new Director of Intelligence Bureau : The Central

14. government has appointed senior IPS officer Tapan Kumar Deka as Director of Intelligence Bureau. Tapan Kumar Deka, a 1988 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre IPS officer, was appointed for a tenure of two years from the date of assumption of the charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Deka will succeed incumbent Intelligence Bureau Director Arvind Kumar, whose tenure ends on June 30.

15. Samant Kumar Goel re-appointed as Chief of RAW : Samant Kumar Goel's contract as secretary of the intelligence agency's Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) was extended by the Centre on June 24 by another year. Goel is an IPS officer from the Punjab cadre class of 1984 and will hold the position of agency secretary through June 30, 2023. In June 2019, Samant Kumar Goel succeeded Anil Dhasmana as the Chief of RAW. The RAW is an external intelligence organisation that monitors dangers from abroad. RAW collects secret information about the activities of neighbouring countries. RAW Formed: 21 September 1968; RAW Headquarters: New Delhi;

16. IRS Officer Nitin Gupta named as the new chairman of CBDT : IRS officer Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman. Gupta, an Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer of the 1986 batch of the Income Tax cadre, is serving as the Member (investigation) in the Board and is scheduled to retire in September next year.

17. Four-day Ambubachi Mela at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati: An annual Hindu festival known as the Ambubachi Mela takes place at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam. This annual festival is held in the middle of June, when the Brahmaputra River is at its highest flow, during the monsoon season, which also happens to fall within the Assamese month of Ahaar.

18. Khushi Patel from UK is crowned Miss India Worldwide 2022 : The winner of the longest-running Indian beauty pageant outside of India, Miss India Worldwide 2022, was announced as British biomedical student Khushi Patel.

19. Father of Indian PSUs Dr V Krishnamurthy passes away : Dr V Krishnamurthy, former chairman of public sector undertakings such as Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog (now Maruti Suzuki), passed away. He served as Secretary of Industries for the Government of India, Member of the Planning Commission, and many other Prime Minister's Committees. He was conferred Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and

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Padma Vibhushan for his services. He is widely regarded as the 'Father of Public Sector Undertakings' and a mentor to prominent figures in business.

- 20. Conclusion of G7 meeting in Germany 2022 : The G7 or the Group of Seven is a group of the seven most** advanced economies as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The seven countries are Canada, the USA, the UK, France, Germany, Japan and Italy. India joins the G7 and 4 other nations to defend free expression "online and offline." G7 leaders present a \$600 billion plan to compete with China's BRI in underdeveloped countries. The Indian Prime Minister asks G7 members to invest in India's developing clean energy market. The 48th G7 Summit was held between 6th June 2022 and 28th June 2022 in Krun, Bavarian Alps, Germany.
- 21. NITI Aayog releases a report on India's Gig Economy:** A report titled "India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy" was released by NITI Aayog. Suman Bery, vice chairman of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant, and Dr K Rajeswara Rao, special secretary, released the report. The study, which is a first of its kind, offers in-depth viewpoints and suggestions on the gig-platform economy in India.
- 22. Odisha govt bags first prize in National MSME Award 2022 : The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)** Department, Government of Odisha has been awarded first prize in the category "National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector" by virtue of various developmental initiatives taken up for the development of MSMEs. Bihar and Haryana were second and third respectively.
- 23. UK announces 75 scholarships for Indian students on 75th year of Independence :** The United Kingdom government has announced a partnership with leading businesses in India to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in the UK from September, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Additionally, the British Council in India is offering around 18 scholarships for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) covering over 12,000 courses across more than 150 UK universities.
- 24. Dak Karmayogi E-learning Platform launched by the Government:** The Dak Karmayogi, which is an e-Learning portal of the department of posts was launched by Shri Ashwini Vaishnav minister of communication, railways, electronics, and IT. This portal has been developed under the vision of mission Karmayogi which was initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with a view of bringing efficiency in the actions of all the employees of the Government of India and transforming the efficiency of bureaucracy with minimum Government and maximum governance.
- 25. Indian Coast Guard launched "PADMA" centralised payment system:** Pay Roll Automation for Disbursement of Monthly Allowances (PADMA), an automated Pay & Allowances module for the Indian Coast Guard was inaugurated by Shri Rajnish Kumar, Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA), Ministry of Defence. The CGDA emphasized that the Government has campaigned for Digital India to ensure dedicated services and reduce manual intervention at every level & to promote E-Governance in a big way.

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- 26. Eknath Shinde to take oath as Chief Minister of Maharashtra:** Eknath Shinde, a rebel Shiv Sena MLA, will be sworn in as the new chief minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis told the press. The dissident Shiv Sena faction led by Eknath Shinde and the BJP will form Maharashtra's new government after nearly ten days of intense power struggles. Uddhav Thackeray was the Chief Minister until June 21, 2022 of Maharashtra.
- 27. Karnataka government launched 'Kashi Yatra' scheme:** Karnataka government has launched the 'Kashi Yatra' scheme. The Kashi Yatra project, which offers a cash assistance of Rs 5,000 to each of the 30,000 pilgrims willing to conduct a pilgrimage to the Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.
- 28. SEBI imposed Rs. 7 crore penalty on National Stock Exchange:** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has slapped heavy penalties in a 2015 'dark fibre' case that saw certain brokers exploiting the National Stock Exchange's (NSE's) internet infrastructure to get faster connectivity to its colocation (colo) facilities. The markets regulator has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 crore on NSE and Rs 5 crore on former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chitra Ramkrishna. SEBI Founded: 1988; Act: 1992; Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; First Women Chairman: Madhabi Puri Buch (present); SEBI was given statutory recognition in 1992 on the recommendation of the Narasimham Committee.
- 29. 100% two-wheelers to be energised by FY27:** NITI Aayog and the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) made an upbeat prediction that by FY2026-27, electric two-wheelers would be completely incorporated into the Indian market. The Department of Science & Technology established the independent TIFAC in 1988 with the mission to forecast technological developments, evaluate technological trajectories, and foster innovation.
- 30. KK Venugopal Re-Appointed Attorney General For Three Months:** Attorney General (A-G), K.K. Venugopal has been re-appointed as the country's top law officer for a period of three months. Mr. Venugopal, whose current one-year term ends on June 30, agreed to a short tenure following a request from the government. In July 2017, Mr. Venugopal, 90, was appointed by the President of India to succeed Mukul Rohatgi as the A-G. The government's top law officer enjoys a tenure of three years. However, when Mr. Venugopal's first term as A-G was to end in 2020, he requested the government to give him a one-year tenure keeping in mind his advanced age. Last year too, he was reappointed for one year.
- 31. Sandeep Kumar Gupta named as next chairman of GAIL:** Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Director for Finance at Indian Oil Corporation, has been picked to head India's largest gas utility GAIL (India) Ltd. He will replace Manoj Jain, who is scheduled to retire on August 31. GAIL Headquarters: New Delhi; GAIL Founded: 1984.
- 32. Ashok Soota conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021:** Ashok Soota, founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies, has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna

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Award 2021. The Annual CII Quality Ratna Award constituted in the year 2019 is in recognition of outstanding leadership, contribution, and distinguished service to the Quality Movement in India.

33. State Bank of India (SBI) celebrates 67th Foundation Day: The oldest commercial bank in the country, State Bank of India, is celebrating its 67th year on 1st July. SBI descends from the Bank of Calcutta founded in 1806 through the Imperial Bank of India. The Bank of Madras merged into the other two presidency banks, the bank of Calcutta and the bank of Bombay to form the Imperial Bank of India which in turn became the SBI in 1955. In the 19th century, three presidency banks were incorporated. The three presidency banks were the Bank of Madras (established on 2nd June 1806), the Bank of Bombay (incorporated on 15 April 1840), and the Bank of Madras (incorporated on 1 July 1843). These presidency banks were consolidated on 27 January 1921 and the new entity was named Imperial Bank of India.

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