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- World Habitat Day 2022 observed on 3rd October: The United Nations observes the first Monday of October as World Habitat Day. This year, World Habitat Day will be observed on October 3. The day calls to reflect on our towns, cities, and the basic right of all to have adequate shelter. It serves as a reminder that we can shape the future of the place we live in. This year's theme is "Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind". The focus is on the growing inequalities and challenges in cities and human settlements.
- 2. 68th National Wildlife Week observed on 02 to 08 October 2022: The celebration of 68th National Wildlife Week is observed all over India from 2nd to 8th October 2022. The main objective of this campaign is to promote the conservation and protection of animal life. The Indian Board of Wildlife established Wildlife Week in 1952 to increase awareness about the long-term aims of wildlife protection throughout India. Wildlife Day was first observed in 1955, but later in 1957, it was renamed Wildlife Week.
- Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation Celebrates Swachh Bharat Diwas: Department of Drinking water and sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti celebrated Swachh Bharat Diwas (SBD) on 2nd October 2022. The Swachh Bharat Diwas is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The Swachh Bharat Diwas is inspired by one of the quotes of the father of the nation, "Cleanliness is next to godliness". The DDWA implemented two flagship central government programs, the Swacch Bharat Mission and the Jal Jeevan Mission.
- 4. World Space Week 2022 observed on 4-10 October: World Space Week (WSW) is observed every year from October 4 to 10, to celebrate science and technology, and their contribution towards the betterment of the human condition. World Space Week aims to help people gain a wider knowledge about space outreach and education. The World Space Week 2022 theme is "Space and Sustainability" focusing on achieving sustainability in space and achieving sustainability from space.
- **World Teachers' Day 2022:** World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Day is observed every year on October 5. This year marks the 28th anniversary of World Teachers' Day and the theme is "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers".
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month 2022 01st to 31st October: Every year Breast Cancer Awareness Month (BCAM) is observed in the month of October, from 01 to 31. The annual international health campaign aims to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. The pink ribbon is an international symbol of breast cancer awareness.

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- Indian Air Force celebrates its raising day on 8th October: Indian Air Force was raised on October 8, 1932, and it is completing 90 years today. The day and its observance is a matter of pride for Indians and inspire a patriotic zeal among the citizenry for the air arm of the Indian Armed Forces. The President of India is the Commander-in-chief of the IAF. This time Air Force Day flypast is scheduled to take place over Sukhna Lake in Chandigarh this afternoon.
- **8.** World Migratory Bird Day 2022 celebrates on 8th October: Since its creation in 2006, World Migratory Bird Day has been commemorated twice a year. It is supposed to be celebrated on the second Saturday of May and the second Saturday of October. This year, it was previously celebrated on 14 May and for the second time, the world marks this day again today, 8 October.
- **9.** World Cotton Day 2022 is celebrated on October 7: October 7 is celebrated each year as World Cotton Day. Year 2022 marks the third-anniversary celebration of the international event. Below, we look at the theme of this year's celebration, its history and its significance. The theme for 2022's celebration of World Cotton Day appears to be "Weaving a better future for cotton," as apparent from the posters released by the Food and
- World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022: World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed on October 6. Cerebral Palsy is a lifelong disability with no known cure. The day celebrates lives of 17 million people living with Cerebral Palsy, bringing people living with cerebral palsy, their families, allies, supporters and organisations across more than 100 countries together. The Theme for World Cerebral Palsy Day 2022 is "Millions of Reasons".
- 11. World Post Day 2022 celebrates on 9th October: World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. The theme for World Post Day 2022 is 'Post for Planet'.
- 12. CBI launched Operation 'GARUDA' to dismantle drug networks: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has launched a multi-phase 'Operation Garuda'. Operation Garuda will help to disrupt, degrade, and dismantle networks with international linkages through the rapid exchange of criminal intelligence on drug trafficking and coordinated law enforcement action across international jurisdictions through Interpol.
- Sujoy Lal Thaosen, Anish Dayal Singh named as New DGs of CRPF, ITBP: Senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers Sujoy Lal Thaosen and Anish Dayal Singh have been appointed as the new director generals of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) respectively. Thaosen's scheduled retirement is in November this year, while Singh will superannuate in December 2024. The order for their appointment was issued by the Personnel Ministry after sanction from the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by the prime minister.
- 14. Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra topped destinations for foreign tourists 2021: As per a report by Union Tourism Ministry, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu had the highest numbers of foreign tourist visits, with 1.26 million and 1.23 million, respectively in 2021. The over 280-page report titled 'India Tourism Statistics 2022' was released by Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on World Tourism Day

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- at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. India received 677.63 million domestic tourist visits in 2021, an increase of 11.05 per cent from 610.22 million in 2020, the report said.
- Indore Gets India's Cleanest City Tag for 6th Time in a Row: Swachh Survekshan Awards: Indore bagged the title of India's cleanest city for the sixth time in a row as the results of the Central government's annual cleanliness survey 'Swachh Survekshan Awards 2022' were announced. Madhya Pradesh secured the first position in the category of best performing states, followed by Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Surat is the second cleanest city and Navi Mumbai comes a close third in the category of cities with a population of more than a lakh. Swachh Survekshan is the world's largest urban sanitation and cleanliness survey which has been conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs since 2016.
- Lalit Bhasin elected new President of Indo-American Chambers of Commerce: Noted lawyer Lalit Bhasin has been appointed as the national president of Indian American Chambers of Commerce (IACC). Bhasin, before being elected to the post, was the executive vice president of IACC. Bhasin is the 54th national president of IACC, which was set up in October 1968 and is headquartered in Mumbai, having 14 offices all over India, with a large membership from large, medium and small business entities.
- 17. Senior bureaucrat Ajay Bhadoo appointed as Deputy Election Commissioner: Senior bureaucrat, Ajay Bhadoo has been appointed as the Deputy Election Commissioner as part of a senior-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected on Sunday by the Centre. Bhadoo, a 1999 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Gujarat cadre, has been appointed to the post up to July 24, 2024. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the senior bureaucrat's candidature.
- 18. YUVA 2.0 programme to encourage aspiring writers introduced by PM: YUVA 2.0 programme: The Prime Minister's Scheme for Mentoring Young Authors, known as YUVA 2.0 (Young, Upcoming and Versatile Authors), was launched by the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education on October 2. In order to promote India and Indian literature abroad, it is an author mentoring programme for young and aspiring writers (under 30 years old).
- 19. Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 introduced by Anurag Singh Thakur and Kiren Rijiju: Fit India Freedom Run 3.0: In honour of Gandhi Jayanti, Fit India Freedom Run 3.0 was officially introduced at the Major Dhyanchand National Stadium in New Delhi. The third edition of Fit India Plog Run, one of the largest national activities initiated by the Government of India at the height of the Covid-19 epidemic in 2020, was jointly introduced by Union Ministers of Law and Justice Shri Kiren Rijiju and Shri Anurag Singh Thakur.
- 20. 100 laboratories for 5G technology to be set up across India by Govt: 100 laboratories for 5G technology: The government now intends to establish 5G laboratories around the nation, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the start of 5G services in India at the Indian Mobile Congress. The Indian government intends to establish 100 5G laboratories around the nation,

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according to Ashwini Vaishnaw, the Union Minister for Communications, Electronics, and Information Technology.

- 21. Kerala's Pullampara named first fully digital literate panchayat: The Pullumpara village panchayat in the Thiruvananthapuram district, Kerala achieved the distinction of becoming the first totally digitally literate panchayat in the country. The announcement was made by chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan at a public event. The mission to achieve total digital literacy was aimed at empowering the residents to get access to over 800 government services available through the online mode. The residents were also trained to use social media platforms and basic banking services during the training.
- **22.** India's Economic growth to Decline to 5.7% in 2022: UNCTAD report: India's economic growth is expected to decline to 5.7 per cent this year from 8.2 per cent in 2021, citing higher financing cost and weaker public expenditures, according to the forecast by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Trade and Development Report 2022.
- 23. Sandeep Kumar Gupta assumed charge as Chairman of GAIL: Sandeep Kumar Gupta assumed charge as the chairman and managing director of GAIL (India) Limited. Gupta, who will replace Manoj Jain, has a wide experience of over 34 years in the oil and gas industry. Before joining GAIL, he was working with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) since 2019.
- UNESCO publishes a list of 50 exclusive Indian heritage textile crafts: UNESCO has released a list of 50 exclusive and iconic heritage textile crafts of the country. Toda embroidery and Sungadi from Tamil Nadu, Himroo weaves from Hyderabad and Bandha tie and dye weaving from Sambalpur in Odisha were some of the textiles that made the cut. According to UNESCO, one of the major challenges to the safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage in South Asia is lack of proper inventory and documentation.
- 25. Historic MoU Signed to launch India's Rupay debit card in Oman: National Payments
 Corporation of India (NPCI) and Central Financial institution Of Oman signed a historic MoU to launch
 the Rupay debit card in Oman, paving the best way for a brand new period of monetary connectivity.
 Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan witnessed the signing of the MoU and met
 Tahir Al Amri, Govt President, Central Financial institution of Oman. MoS Muraleedharan arrived
 within the capital metropolis of Oman, Muscat for a two-day go to to deepen ties between each
 nations.
- 26. Actor Pankaj Tripathi declared 'National Icon' by Election Commission of India: Election Commission of India (ECI) in creating awareness amongst voters, Actor Pankaj Tripathi has been declared as the 'National Icon' of ECI. The actor was chosen for the honour by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar for keeping in view his commitment to the cause and wide appeal across the country. An event on the 'Voter Awareness Program', CEC Rajiv Kumar complimented ECI state icon, Pankaj Tripathi, for his association with ECI in creating voting awareness across citizens, and henceforth declared him as the National Icon for ECI.

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- **27.** Election Commission launched Matadata Junction awareness program: The Chief Election Commissioner Shri Rajiv Kumar launched a yearlong Voter Awareness Program 'Matdata Junction' during an event organized at Akashvani Rang Bhavan. The launch event was also facilitated by Election Commissioner Shri Anup Chandra Pandey. The Matdata Junction is a 52-episode radio series produced by the election commission of India, in collaboration with All India Radio.
- 28. India emerges as largest producer of sugar in world: India has emerged as the largest producer and consumer of sugar in the world and the second largest exporter. During the sugar season in India, over 5,000 lakh metric tons (LMT) of sugarcane was produced out of which about 3,574 LMT was crushed by Sugar Mills to produce about 349 LMT of Sugar. 35 LMT of Sugar is diverted to ethanol production and 359 LMT of sugar was produced in sugar mills.
- 29. RBI Launches DAKSH- Reserve Bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System: The Reserve Bank Governor Shaktikanta Das launched a new 'SupTech' initiative DAKSH the bank's Advanced Supervisory Monitoring System, which is expected to make the supervisory processes more robust. DAKSH means 'efficient' & 'competent', reflecting the underlying capabilities of the application. DAKSH is a web-based end-to-end workflow application through which RBI shall monitor compliance requirements in a more focused manner with the objective of further improving the compliance culture in Supervised Entities (SEs) like Banks, NBFCs, etc.
- 30. India's first Green Technology incubation facility opened at NIT Srinagar: India's first Green Technology incubation facility: At the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar, a technology company incubator centred on green technology (Green Technology incubation facility) called the "Greenovator Incubation Foundation" will soon open. The Department of Science and Technology (DST) is supporting a three-year initiative known as Inclusive TBI (i-TBI) for educational institutions, idea generators, innovators, and entrepreneurs to support innovative ideas, startup initiatives, and promote self-employment and job creation through incubation.
- 31. RBI introduces Internal Ombudsman Mechanism for Credit Information Companies(CICs): To enhance the effectiveness of its grievance redressal systems, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has urged Credit Information Companies to designate an internal ombudsman (IO) by April 1, 2023. The Central Bank made the decision in August to include CICs in the scope of the RBI-Integrated Ombudsman Scheme 2021 in order to broaden its appeal. The Banking Ombudsman Scheme is an expeditious and inexpensive forum for bank customers for resolution of complaints relating to certain services rendered by banks. The Banking Ombudsman Scheme is introduced under Section 35 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 by RBI with effect from 1995. Presently the Banking Ombudsman Scheme 200...
- **32. Brig. B.D. Mishra assumes additional charge as Governor of Meghalaya:** New Governor of Meghalaya: At the Raj Bhavan in Shillong, Brigadier (Dr.) B.D. Mishra (Retd.), the governor of Arunachal Pradesh, assumed the role of governor of Meghalaya. After previous Governor Satya Pal Malik's term ended because he did not receive a term extension, he has been handed the extra

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- responsibility. The oath was delivered by Justice Harman Singh Thangkhiew, acting chief justice of Meghalaya. Capital of Meghalaya: Shillong Chief Minister of Meghalaya: Conrad Kongkal Sangma
- **33.** World Bank slashes India's economic growth forecast to 6.5% for FY23: The World Bank cut its 2022-23 (FY23) real gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecast for India to 6.5%, from an earlier estimate of 7.5%, while warning that spillovers from Russia's invasion of Ukraine and global monetary tightening will weigh on the economic outlook. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently cut the economic growth projection for the current fiscal to 7% from 7.2% estimated earlier.
- 34. Gol named Delhi HC Judge Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma as Presiding Officer Of UAPA Tribunal: The government of India has appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of the Delhi High Court as the presiding officer of the tribunal for the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), related to the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates. Once an organisation is banned under the provisions of UAPA, a tribunal is set up by the government to adjudicate whether there are sufficient grounds for the decision.
- 35. RBI approves reappointment of YES Bank MD and CEO Prashant Kumar for 3 years: Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Prashant Kumar as the MD & CEO of Yes Bank for a period of 3 years. The appointment is effective from 6th October 2022 subject to the approval of shareholders. Prashant Kumar was appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Yes Bank post the reconstruction in March 2020.
- **36.** EAM S Jaishankar launches book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery" in Auckland: External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar participated in the New Zealand launch of the Book "Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery". Jaishankar has authored one of the chapters of the book Modi@20: Dreams Meet Delivery which was launched on 11th May 2022. He also participated in the Kiwi Indian Hall of Fame Awards 2022.
- 37. J&K Tourism department inaugurates Bird Festival at Pahalgam: Jammu and Kashmir have inaugurated Bird Festival 2022 in Pahalgam in South Kashmir. It is a first-of-its-kind bird festival in the Union Territory. Jammu and Kashmir are all set to welcome tourists from all around the world for the Bird Festival 2022. The festival will be organized in collaboration with the Department of Tourism in the Sanctuary Foundation. The Bird Festival will be beneficial for tourism and the local economy of Jammy and Kashmir.

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- 38. World Mental Health Day 2022 Observed on 10 October: World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10 every year. On this day, various programs are designed to draw attention to mental health issues and their effects on those affected and the lives of their caregivers. The theme or rather the slogan for 2022's celebration of World Mental health Day is "Make mental health & well-being for all a global priority."
- 39. IREDA celebrates "Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas": To create cybersecurity awareness among all employees, Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) observed the "Cyber Jaagrukta Diwas". The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has requested all offices/branches/sections, PSUs, etc., to observe Cyber Jagrookta (Awareness) Diwas on the first Wednesday of every month and prepare an Annual Action Plan in this regard. All the concerned organizations are requested to observe Cyber Jagrookta Diwas by generating cybersecurity awareness through seminars, workshops, quiz competitions, interactive sessions, case studies, creative sessions, and best practices.
- 40. International Day of the Girl Child observed on 11th October: International Day of the Girl Child is observed on October 11 to raise awareness about the importance and potential girls hold as the future of our society. In 2022, we commemorate the 10th anniversary of the International Day of the Girl (IDG). This year's theme for the International Day of the Girl Child is "Our time is now—our rights, our future".
- 41. World Arthritis Day 2022 observed on 12th October: World Arthritis day is observed on 12

 October every year and it is a global health awareness event that helps create awareness about rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases. This day aims to bring people around the world on a single platform so that their voices are heard and more support is provided for better treatment options for the people affected with rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs). The theme for World Arthritis day 2022 is "It's in your hands, take action".
- 42. International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2022 observed on 13 October: October 13 is designated as International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction with a focus on encouraging a global culture of risk awareness and catastrophe preparedness. The day is an opportunity to acknowledge the progress being made toward preventing and reducing disaster risk and losses in lives, livelihoods, economies and basic infrastructure in line with the international agreement for reducing global disaster risk and losses. In 2022, the International Day will focus on Target G of the Sendai Framework: "Substantially increase the availability of and access to multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster risk information and assessments to people by 2030."
- 43. World Sight Day 2022 observed on 13 October: World Sight Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of October to raise awareness about vision impairment, vision care and other issues related to eyes. This year, the day is being observed today i.e. on 13 October. Continuing the theme of last year, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) confirmed that this year's theme will also be "Love Your Eyes".

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- 44. International E-Waste Day 2022 observed on 14 October: Each year, International E-Waste Day is held on 14 October, an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste and the necessary actions to enhance circularity for e-products. International E-Waste Day was developed in 2018 by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) Forum to raise the public profile of waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling and encourage consumers to recycle. 2022 is the fifth edition of International E-Waste Day. International E-Waste Day (#ewasteday) 2022 will be focusing on small items of e-waste, under the slogan "Recycle it all, no matter how small!".
- **45. World Standards Day celebrates on 14th October**: World Standards Day is marked every year on October 14 to raise awareness about the importance of using standardised measurements, technologies, and industries. theme for World Standards Day 2022 is 'Shared Vision for a Better World.'
- **46.** World Student's Day 2022 celebrates on15 October: October 15 is celebrated as World Students' Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, a celebrated Aerospace scientist and former President of India. The day is marked to acknowledge his efforts toward students and education. Dr Kalam was born on October 15, 1931.
- 47. International Day of Rural Women 2022 observed on 15 October: October 15 is celebrated as the International Day of Rural women across the world. The day focuses to promote gender quality and highlight the important role played by women in rural areas .The theme for the International Day of Rural Women (15 October), "Rural Women Cultivating Good Food for All".
- **48.** World Food Day 2022: Leave NO ONE behind: World Food Day 2022: Every year on October 16 in observance of the date the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) of the United Nations was established in 1945, World Food Day is marked. The main objectives are to combat world hunger and work toward its eradication. The World Food Day 2022 will take place this year with more focus on moving forward together. Every UN member state, including India, observes the day. The theme for World Food Day 2022 is Leave NO ONE behind.
- 49. 37th National Games: Goa to host Games in October 2023: The Indian Olympic Association has confirmed that Goa will host the 37th edition of the National Games in October next year. The state government of Goa also conveyed its in-principle approval to IOA to host the National Games in 2023. The Goa delegation may receive the IOA flag at the Closing Ceremony of the 36th National Games on 12th October 2022 in Surat, Gujarat.
 - Capital: Panaji;
 - Goa Chief Minister: Pramod Sawant;
 - Goa Governor: S. Sreedharan Pillai.
- **50. PM Narendra Modi declared Gujarat's Modhera as first 24×7 solar-powered village:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared Modhera village in poll-bound Gujarat as the country's first 24×7 solar-powered village. Modhera, which is famous for a centuries-old Sun temple built during the Chalukya, will also be known as a "solar-powered village". Modi, who is on a three-day visit to Gujarat,

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will inaugurate various development projects worth more than ₹14,600 crores. Assembly elections in the Bharatiya Janata Party-ruled Gujarat are scheduled to be held by the end of this year.

- MHA: Jharkhand and West Bengal topped in worst state list in terms of child marriage: According to the latest demographic sample survey by the Union Home Ministry, the survey was brought out by the office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs. It was conducted in 2020 and the report was published late last month. The Sample Registration System (SRS) Statistical Report contains estimates of various demographic, fertility and mortality indicators based on the data collected through one of the largest demographic surveys in the world covering about 8.4 million sample population.
- 52. India hosts SCO joint anti-terror drill to enhance operational capabilities: The National Security Guard (NSG) is hosting the Multinational Joint Anti-Terror Exercise (JATE) under the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) at NSG Manesar Garrison. Stage 1 of the exercise was conducted from 27th July to 1st August 2022 by the National Terrorist Forces of SCO Members Countries in their respective territories. The second phase of the exercise will be conducted from 8th October 2022 to 13th October 2022.
- Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan take charges as whole-time member at SEBI: Former banker Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan took charge as the fourth whole time member (WTM) in the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). Narayan, who has been a member of various advisory committees of Sebi and RBI, has been appointed for an initial period of three years.
 - Founded: 12 April 1992;
 - SEBI Sector: Securities market:
 - SEBI Headquarters: Mumbai;
 - SEBI Chairperson : Madhabi Puri Buch.
- 54. Union Minister Smriti Irani releases operations manual of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and Ministry of Minority Affairs organized "Betiyan Banein Kushal". It is an inter-ministerial conference on non-traditional livelihoods (NTLs) for adolescent girls on the occasion of the International Day of the Girl Child. Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani was the chief guest on the occasion. In 2015, the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao campaign was started by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- 55. IMF Slashed India's GDP growth at 6.8% from 7.4% in Current Financial Year: The International Monetary Fund (IMF), in its latest World Economic Outlook report, cut its forecast for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in financial year 2022-23 (FY23) by 60 basis points (bps) to 6.8 per cent, warning of a long and tough economic winter.
- 56. RBI raises Minimum Capital Requirement for setting up Asset Reconstruction Company(ARC) to Rs 300 cr: The Reserve Bank raised the minimum capital requirement for setting up an asset reconstruction company (ARC) to Rs 300 crore from the existing Rs 100 crore with an aim to strengthen the securitisation sector which plays a vital role in the management of distressed financial

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assets. An Asset Reconstruction Company is a specialized financial institution that buys the NPAs or bad assets from banks and financial institutions so that the latter can clean up their balance sheets. Or in other words, ARCs are in the business of buying bad loans from banks. ARCs clean up the balance sheets of banks when the latter sells these to the ARCs. This helps banks to concentrate in normal banking activities. Banks rather than going after the defaulters by wasting their time and effort, can sell the bad assets to the ARCs at a mutually agreed value. The existing ARCs have been given a glide path to meet the minimum net owned fund (NOF) requirement till April 2026, the RBI said in a circular amending the existing regulatory framework for such entities. "Consequently, any ARC obtaining the certificate of registration on or after the date of this circular shall not commence the business of securitisation or asset reconstruction without having minimum NOF of Rs 300 crore," the circular said, adding the guidelines are effective immediately.

- 57. 4th Heli-India Summit 2022 inaugurated by Jyotiraditya Scindia: Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the 4th Heli-India Summit 2022. The civil enclave will be built in Jammu for Rs 861 crore and Srinagar's present terminal will be expanded three times from 20,000 square meters to 60,000 square meters for Rs 1500 crores. The 4th Heli-India Summit 2022 is inaugurated with the theme of 'Helicopters for Last Mile Connectivity' at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre, Srinagar in the presence of Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir Majon Sinha.
- Himachal Pradesh govt starts new scheme "HIMCAD" to help farmers: The state government of Himachal Pradesh has started a new scheme named 'HIMCAD', to provide irrigation facilities to farmers. According to the latest data, about 80% of the agricultural area of Himachal Pradesh is rainfed. The scheme will provide end-to-end connectivity of farmers' fields for better water conservation, crop diversification and integrated farming. Under the scheme, it is planned to provide command area development activities to 23,344 hectares of cultivable command area by March 2024, and the State Technical Advisory Committee has approved 379 minor irrigation schemes worth Rs 305.70 crore. About 80 per cent of the agricultural area of the state is rain-fed.
- 59. CRII: India up six places for reducing inequality, ranks 123 globally: Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index (CRII), India has moved up six places to rank 123 out of 161 countries for reducing inequality but continues to be among the lowest performers in health spending. Norway leads the CRII followed by Germany and Australia. India's overall rank has improved by six points from 129 in 2020 to 123 in 2022. It has moved up 12 places to rank 129 for reducing inequality through progressive spending. The country ranks 16 for progressive taxation, up by three.
- 60. Nation's first slender loris habitat in Karur, Dindigul districts of Tamil Nadu: Tamil Nadu government has notified the country's first Kadavur slender loris sanctuary covering 11,806 hectares in Karur and Dindigul districts of the State, Chief Minister M K Stalin. The species, listed as endangered as per the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), acts as a biological predator to pests of agricultural crops and benefits farmers. Slender lorises are small nocturnal

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mammals and are arboreal in nature, as they spend most of their life on trees. The slender lorises are a genus of loris native to India and Sri Lanka. Headquarters: Gland, Switzerland,

Founded: 5 October 1948, Fontainebleau, France.

- 61. Abdul Latif Rashid elected as President of Iraq: The Iraqi Parliament chose Kurdish politician, Abdul Latif Rashid to lead the country. Rashid won more than 160 votes against 99 for the incumbent Saleh. Rashid, 78, is a British-educated engineer and was the Iraqi minister of water resources from 2003-2010. Outgoing President Saleh reportedly walked out of the parliament building as the votes were tallied.
 - Capital: Baghdad;
 - Iraq Currency: Dinar;
 - Iraq President: Abdul Latif Rashid;
 - Iraq Prime Minister: Mohammed
 - > Shia' Al Sudani.
- 62. Global Hunger Index 2022: India ranks 107th out of 121 countries: India ranks 107 out of 121 countries on the Global Hunger Index in which it fares worse than all countries in South Asia barring war-torn Afghanistan. India's score of 29.1 places it in the 'serious' category. India also ranks below Sri Lanka (64), Nepal (81), Bangladesh (84), and Pakistan (99). Afghanistan (109) is the only country in South Asia that performs worse than India on the index.
- **63.** Times Higher Education Rankings 2023: IISc tops among Indian Universities: Times Higher Education Rankings 2023 has been announced. This year, the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has secured the top place among Indian universities. Five Indian universities made it into the world's top 500 varsities. IISc has been placed under the 251-300 bracket. The complete list of the top 10 Indian Universities is enlisted below.
- Divas Convention is to be held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh in January 2023. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar launched the website of the 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan and Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan. The Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated every year on the 9th of January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India. It also commemorates the return of Mahatma Gandhi from South Africa to India on 9th January 1951.
- 65. Cabinet approved PM-DevINE scheme for development of Northeast states: Prime Minister's development initiative for North East region (PM-DevINE), was approved by the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The PM-DevINE is a Rs 6,600 crore scheme to support infrastructure, industries, and other Livelihood projects in northeastern states of India. This scheme is going to be implemented during the remaining four years of the 15th Financial Commission from 2022-2023 to 2025-2026. The PM-DevINE is aimed to be completed by the year 2025-2026 so that there are no committed liabilities beyond this year. The PM-DevINE will lead to the creation of

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infrastructure, support industries, social development projects, and create livelihood activities for youth and women.

- 66. IIT Guwahati: President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility: President of India, Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated a supercomputer facility at the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati and launched several other projects during her maiden visit to Assam since assuming office. This supercomputer facility called "Param-Kamrupa", the facility will be able to conduct advanced research in various scientific fields. She also inaugurated a high-power active and passive component laboratory called SAMEER at the institute.
- **67.** Logistics Performance Index 2022: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, and Gujarat are three of the 15 States and UTs that are categorised as achievers in the logistics index chart for 2022, according to a study released by the commerce and industry ministry. The logistics performance Index 2022 measures the effectiveness of the logistical services required to encourage exports and economic expansion.
- Elangana's Hyderabad honoured with AIPH 'World Green City award 2022': The city of Hyderabad, Telangana, has been honoured as the Grand winner of the AIPH (International Association of Horticultural Producers) World Green City Awards 2022, the most prestigious award of the Inaugural AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition), for its initiative titled "Green Garland to the State of Telangana". Hyderabad also won the award under the 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' category .AIPH World Green City awards (2022 edition) are the world's first Green City awards. AIPH announced the 6 Category Winners and the Grand Winner during the award ceremony that took place at the gala dinner at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Leaders Forum in Jeju Province of the Republic of Korea(South Korea) on 14th October 2022.
- 69. Haryana topped the Public Affairs Index 2022 in big states: Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index-2022. The state has emerged at the forefront in social, economic and political justice themes. It has topped among the major states with a score of 0.6948, followed by Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Punjab and Karnataka among many other states. In PAI-2022, Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India. The index, prepared by a Bengaluru-based non-profit think tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC), was released.

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- **70. Global Handwashing Day 2022:** Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene::October 15 is marked as Global Handwashing Day, with the aim of increasing awareness and understanding about the importance of handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable way to prevent diseases and save lives. This year's theme, **"Unite for Universal Hand Hygiene"**, calls on all of society to work together to scale up hand hygiene.
- 71. International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2022 observed on 17 October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed every year on October 17 globally. It is a day to raise awareness about the global issue of poverty and how it is a violation of human rights and of human dignity. The day also honours the courage of people living in poverty and their everyday struggles. On the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty and the 30th anniversary of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. This year's theme for International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is "Dignity For All in Practice".
- **72. World Trauma Day 2022:** Every year, October 17 is celebrated as World Trauma Day. The day is observed with a view to prevent the increasing rate of accidents and injuries causing death and disability across the world. The day was created in New Delhi, India, in 2011.
- 73. World Statistics Day 2022 celebrates on 20 October: World Statistics Day 2022 is celebrated annually on October 20th to recognize the importance of statistics in our daily lives. The United Nations Statistical Commission has been at the forefront of advocating for the use of statistics to track progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The theme of Statistics Day, 2022 is "Data for Sustainable Development".
- 74. World Osteoporosis Day 2022 observed on 20th October: World osteoporosis day is a global healthcare event observed every year on 20 October. The day is observed to promote the early diagnosis of osteoporosis, its treatment and preventive tips for strong bones. This year 2022, the World Osteoporosis Day theme is "Step Up For Bone Health", intending to encourage people around the world to check for bone density.
- **75. National Solidarity Day 2022:** India observes National Solidarity Day on 20th October every year. This day is observed to honour the Armed Forces. In the wake of the mortifying military thrashing because of China, India had started observing National Solidarity Day on October 20—the date on which China began the assaults in 1962.
- 76. National Police Commemoration Day 21 October: October 21 commemorates the sacrifices of ten CRPF personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. On October 21, 1959, ten Indian policemen were killed during an attack by Chinese troops in the Hot Springs region close to Ladakh after an argument between the troops. Since that day, 21 October has been observed as National Police Commemoration Day in honour of the martyrs.
- **77. Global Dignity Day 2022: 3rd Wednesday in October::**Global Dignity Day is observed every year on the 3rd Wednesday of October. This year Global Dignity Day is observed on the 19th of October.

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The day is an initiative to educate and inspire young people and help them to understand their selfworth and goals.

- 78. International Stuttering Awareness Day observed on 22 October: International Stuttering
 Awareness Day (ISAD) or International Stammering Awareness Day is celebrated on October 22. The
 theme for 2022's International Stuttering Awareness Day is "Being seen, being heard:
 Representation and normalisation of stuttering in the mainstream,".
- India Stands 3rd in the World in Terms of Fish Production: Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Dr. L Murugan has recently said that India stands third in the world in terms of fish production. India is the 3rd largest fish producing and 2nd largest aquaculture nation in the world after China. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana: The programme aims to achieve 22 million tonnes of fish production by 2024-25. Also, it is expected to create employment opportunities for 55 lakh people. Focus on Blue Revolution: Focuses on creating an enabling environment for integrated and holistic development and management of fisheries for the socio-economic development of the fishers and fish farmers.
- NATO announced its annual nuclear exercise "Steadfast Noon": The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), also called the North Atlantic Alliance announced had started its annual nuclear exercise code-named "Steadfast Noon". The week-long exercise is taking place over Southern Europe and involves aircraft and personnel from 14 NATO countries. Steadfast Noon involves training flights with dual-capable fighter jets, as well as conventional jets, backed by surveillance and refuelling aircraft. The North Atlantic Treaty, which was signed in Washington, D.C., on April 4, 1949, is implemented by the organisation, which was founded during World War II. As a collective security structure, NATO's autonomous member nations have agreed to defend one another from outside threats. NATO functioned as a check on the imagined Soviet Union threat during the Cold War. NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg.
- **81.** Goa to host 9th World Ayurveda Congress & Arogya Expo: The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) and Arogya Expo, will be held in Panaji, Goa from 8th to 11th December 2022. The 9th World Ayurveda Congress aims to transformationally push Ayurveda to bring it into global focus. The 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) is going to be hosted in Goa and it aims to create an accessible and affordable healthcare system that is in harmony with modern medical practices. The theme for the 9th World Ayurveda Congress (WAC) this year is 'Ayurveda For One Health'.
- **82.** Tamil Nadu is the only State to achieve Jal Jeevan Mission target for 2022: Tamil Nadu has emerged as the only state in India which has achieved the target for 2022 Q1 and Q2 for Jal Jeevan Mission, with 69.57 lakh households provided with tap connections. Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited Chennai and reviewed the progress of the work on the Jal Jeevan Mission for assured portable Tap water supply to every rural household by 2024.
- **83.** India to Host SCO National Coordinators Meet: India is set to host the Shanghai Coordinators Organization national coordinator meeting in Delhi. The SCO National Coordinators meeting will take

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place from the 17th to the 18th of October 2022. New Delhi took over the presidency of the nine-member grouping earlier this year at the Samarkand SCO summit. India also hosted anti-terror SCO drills in Haryana earlier this month. The grouping was formed in 2001 and includes nine countries as its members, Russia, China, India, Pakistan, Iran, and the four central Asian countries, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Krygyzstan, and Kazakhstan.

- <u>84.</u> India Lifted 415 Million out of Poverty in 15 Years: UN :: The number of people living below the poverty line in India decreased by 415 million between 2005-06 and 2019-21, according to a new Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) released jointly by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI) at the University of Oxford. The index has stated that India still has the world's highest number of poor at 228.9 million, followed by Nigeria (96.7 million projected in 2020). The report found that across 111 countries which were assessed using the most recent comparable data available, 1.2 billion people (19.1 per cent) live in acute poverty and almost half of these people (593 million) are children under the age of 18 years. The developing region with the largest number of poor people is Sub-Saharan Africa (nearly 579 million), followed by South Asia (385 million), the report highlighted. According to the report, India had 97 million poor children in 2019-21. This translates into more than one in five children (21.8 per cent)-more than the total number of poor people in any other country covered by MPI. Bihar continues to be the poorest state in the country. However, the report also commended India's performance in lifting the poor out of poverty. In the last 15 years, it lifted over 41.5 crore people out of poverty. India is an important case study for the Sustainable Development Goals, the first of which is to end poverty in all its forms and to reduce at least by half the proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions by 2030,
- 85. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Inaugurates India's First Aluminum Freight Rake at Bhubaneswar Railway Station: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw inaugurated India's first aluminium freight rake 61 BOBRNALHSM1 at Bhubaneshwar Railway Station. The rake's destination is Bilaspur. As per reports, the aluminium freight rake wields the capacity to carry 180-ton more goods as against the traditional rake. Moreover, it is 180 tons lighter than the traditional steel rake. Fully Lockbolted construction with no welding on superstructure. The tare is 3.25 tons lower than normal steel rakes, 180 ton extra carrying capacity resulting in higher throughput per wagon. Higher payload to tare ratio 2.85. The reduced tare will reduce carbon footprint as lower consumption of fuel in empty direction and more transport of freight in loaded condition.
- 36. Justice DY Chandrachud named as 50th Chief Justice of India: President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr Justice DY Chandrachud as the new Chief Justice of India. He will succeed the present Chief Justice of India Justice Uday Umesh Lalit. Justice Chandrachud's appointment will come into effect from the 9th of next month. Justice DY Chandrachud would be the 50th Chief Justice of India. While Justice Lalit has a tenure of 74 days, Justice Chandrachud will serve as the CJI for two years.

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- Justice Chandrachud will demit office on November 10, 2024. His father Justice Yeshwant Vishnu Chandrachud was the 16th Chief Justice of India, serving from February 22, 1978, till July 11, 1985.
- 87. PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022 Launched by PM Modi: The Prime Minister will officially open 600 Pradan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSK) under the ministry of chemicals and fertilisers. PMKSK will provide agri-inputs like fertilisers, seeds, and implements; testing facilities for soil, seeds, and fertilisers; awareness-raising activities for farmers; details on various government programmes; and regular capacity building for retailers at block/district level outlets. Direct benefit transfer will be used to distribute the 12th instalment payment under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) for the welfare of farmers. PM will also introduce the One Nation One Fertilizer initiative, Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana
- 22nd World Blockchain Summit Begins in Dubai: World Blockchain Summit in Dubai is taking place on Oct. 17 and 18, 2022 at Atlantis, The Palm. It is one of the most elite gatherings of the global crypto and blockchain ecosystem. The 22nd global edition of the World Blockchain Summit will bring together some of the world's leading crypto influencers, policymakers, key government delegates, media, family offices, HNIs and other curated investors, among others, to foster the crypto and blockchain community across the globe. Blockchain technology is a technology that leads to a chain of blocks, containing digital information stored in a public database. It is a distributed database existing on multiple computers at the same time, which constantly grows as new sets of recordings or blocks are added to it. Blockchain consists of three important concepts: blocks, nodes and miners. Every chain consists of multiple blocks and each block has three basic elements: The data in the block. A 32-bit whole number called a nonce. The nonce is randomly generated when a block is created, which then generates a block header hash. The hash is a 256-bit number wedded to the nonce. It must start with a huge number of zeroes (i.e., be extremely small).
- SARANG The Festival of India in Republic of Korea': The 8th edition of annual flagship cultural program of Embassy of India, Seoul 'SARANG— The Festival of India in Republic of Korea' will be held from Sept. 30 through Oct. 14, 2022. Starting in 2015, SARANG has emerged as a prominent Indian cultural festival, introducing India's colorful and diverse heritage and has, since then, grown in size, scale and popularity, promoting India's soft power in its truest sense and contributing to its rich civilizational legacy and cultural vibrancy. The word SARANG has a very meaningful interpretation for both Koreans and Indians. SARANG in Korean means 'love' and for Indians it refers to 'diversity representing different colors of India'.
- **90.** Pakistan Removed from FATF Grey List: the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the international watchdog on terror financing and money laundering, has removed Pakistan from the list of countries under "increased monitoring" (Grey List). FATF is the global money laundering and terrorist financing watchdog. It also aims to counter the financing of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. It was set up in 1989 out of a G-7 meeting of developed nations in Paris. Its Secretariat is located at the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) headquarters in

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Paris. As of today, it is a 39-member body with 37 countries and two regional organisations: the European Commission, and the Gulf Cooperation Council. Indonesia is the only observer country of FATF. India joined with 'observer' status in 2006 and became a full member of FATF in 2010. The Grey List includes countries that are considered safe haven for supporting terror funding and money laundering. It serves as a warning that the country may enter the blacklist. The Black List includes Non-Cooperative Countries or Territories (NCCTs) that support terror funding and money laundering activities. As of now, Iran, North Korea and Myanmar are the three black listed countries. Pakistan has been removed from the list after four years. It was first put on the list in 2008, removed in 2009 and before adding it again in 2018, it remained under increased monitoring from 2012 to 2015.

- **91.** Kati Bihu 2022: The Kati Bihu is an auspicious festival of Assam which is a harvest festival. It is celebrated on 18th October 2022 and the day is marked on the first day of Kati month according to the Assamese Calendar. The Kati Bihu generally falls in October every day. Kati Bihu is also known as Kongali Bihu which marks the crucial phase in farmers' lives in Assam.
- **92.** Reliance Jio surpasses BSNL to become largest landline service provider in August: Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Jio became the largest landline service provider in the country for the first time, in August. With 7.35 million landline connections as on August 31, Reliance Jio beat state-owned telecom operator and hitherto market leader BSNL's 7.13 million connections, according to the latest data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai). Third-placed MTNL provided 2.6 million connections. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) had earlier pointed out the declining number of landline connections in the country as a cause for concern since the same network is also used to deliver fixed-line broadband services. **Founded:** 20 February 1997, **TRAI Headquarters:** New Delhi, **TRAI Chairperson:** Ram Sewak Sharma, **Secretary:** Sunil K. Gupta.
- 93. PM Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana-One Nation One Fertiliser. Under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Urvarak Pariyojana, companies must market all subsidized fertilizers under a single brand, 'Bharat'. The One Nation One Fertiliser aims to give farmers quality crop nutrients at low costs under the 'One Nation, One Fertiliser'.
- 94. UIDAI topped Grievance Redressal Index for second consecutive month: The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which oversees Aadhaar, has once again topped the September rankings report published by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), for resolving most public grievances among all government ministries and government departments. This is the second consecutive month UIDAI has topped the rankings. CEO: Dr. Saurabh Garg, UIDAI Founded: 28 January 2009, UIDAI Headquarters: New Delhi.
- **95.** India Ranks 41st Among 44 Nations In Pension Index: As compared to 40th out of 43 countries in 2021, India ranked 41 out of 44 countries in the Mercer CFS Global Pension Index. The MCGPI is a comprehensive study of 44 global pension systems, accounting for 65 percent of the world's population. The survey pointed out that the country needs to strengthen its regulatory framework and

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boost the coverage under private pension arrangements. In the absence of social security coverage in the country, the adequacy and sustainability sub-indices can be improved significantly by boosting coverage under private pension arrangements.

- 96. Mission DefSpace launched by PM Modi in Gujarat: DefSpace was inaugurated at DefExpo2022 in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The project's goal is to create cutting-edge defence forces in the space industry. 75 space industry challenges have been highlighted for private companies to work on under Mission DefSpace. Mission DefSpace, the effort will strengthen India's preparation and position the nation for potential future space opportunities. 'South Asia satellite' is a good illustration of this. Ten ASEAN nations will also have real-time access to Indian satellite data by the end of the following year.
- 97. Mission Schools of Excellence' launched by PM Modi in Gujarat: Mission Schools of Excellence' unveiled by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi: The 'Mission Schools of Excellence' is an ambitious project in Gandhinagar with the dual goals of reforming the curriculum in Gujarat's public schools and countering the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) criticisms of the State government for the low quality of education. The 'Mission Schools of Excellence', has a budget of 10,000 crore and is partially supported by the World Bank.
- 98. Wildlife Board Approves Durgavati Tiger Reserve as New Tiger Reserve: The Durgavati Tiger Reserve is a 2,339 square kilometers new tiger reserve that will spread across Narsinghpur, Damoh, and Sagar districts. Madhya Pradesh Wildlife Board has approved the making of a new tiger reserve of Panna Tiger Reserve (PTP), one-fourth of which will get submerged due to the Linkin of the Ken-Betwa rivers.
- Uttar Pradesh bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) housing scheme have been delivered and the rest are under various stages of completion, Union Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri. PMAY-U Awards 2021 is scheduled annually to recognise the contribution of States, Union Territories and urban local bodies with regard to the implementation of the scheme in Rajkot. In the awards, Uttar Pradesh bagged the first position followed by Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu at second and third place, respectively. Poll-bound Gujarat saw five special category awards for performance related to Affordable Rental Housing Complexes and 'Convergence with other Missions' coming its way.
- 100. DX 2022 Awards: Karnataka Bank bags digital transformation awards of CII: Karnataka Bank has bagged the National Digital Transformation Awards, "DX 2022 Awards" instituted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) for best practices in digital transformation under the BFSI segment. The awards in recognition of the "Innovative Excellence". DX (Digital Transformation) Award is the ideal platform for organizations that have made outstanding contributions in the digital field to showcase their efforts and achievements. ii. DX Award 2022 is the 4th edition of CII.
- 101. 5th Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Madhya Pradesh: The 5th edition of the Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Madhya Pradesh from 31st January to 11th February 2023. The event

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was felicitated by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Thakur, and Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan.Khelo India Youth Games will be held in eight locations.

- 102. Chandrayaan-3 set for launch in August 2023: ISRO chairman :: Chandrayaan-3 set for launch in August 2023: The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) plans to launch its third lunar mission in the month of June 2023. The more capable lunar rover that will be carried by Chandrayaan-3, which is essential for future interplanetary explorations, according to S. Somnath, Chairman of the Indian Space Agency, ISRO. It is important to note that the Chandrayaan-2 mission lost control and fell to the Moon's dark side. However, the orbiter is still operational and making crucial observations of both the solar system and the lunar surface. Chandrayaan-3 is crucial for Isro since it will show off India's capacity to do landings for future extraterrestrial expeditions.
- 103. Indian, US Militaries Conduct 'Tiger Triumph' Exercise: The Indian and US militaries carried out a three-day joint humanitarian assistance exercise in Vishakhapatnam in line with the growing strategic cooperation between the two countries. The Tiger Triumph exercise was the second collaboration between the Indian and US Militaries to coordinate disaster relief in the region.
- 104. Telangana Hyderabadi Haleem bags 'Most Popular Gl' award: Telangana's Hyderabadi Haleem has won the 'Most Popular Gl' award after beating other food items including Rasgulla, Bikaneri Bhujiya, and Ratlami Sev. In a rigid competition with more than 15 food items across the country with Geographical Indication (Gl) status, the famous Hyderabadi Haleem has bagged the 'Most Popular Gl' award. For the first time, Gl status was accorded to Hyderabadi Haleem in 2010. It expired in December 2019. However, later, the registrar of Geographical Indicator renewed the tag for the dish for 10 years. Most Popular Gl' award: Process Awarded by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, the winner was chosen based on public opinion.
- 105. Rishi Sunak bid for prime minister of United Kingdom with over 131 MPs support: Rishi Sunak bid for prime minister of UK: Rishi Sunak, the son-in-law of Infosys founder N R Narayana Murthy, formally entered the race to succeed Liz Truss as leader of the Conservative party and the next prime minister of the United Kingdom.
- 106. United Nations Day 2022 celebrates on 24th October: United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being. In 1945, 50 governments gathered to draft the UN Charter. The year 2022 marks the 77th anniversary of the United Nations and its founding Charter. The Charter was signed on 26 June 1945 by the representatives of the 50 countries. Poland, which was not represented at the Conference, signed it later and became one of the original 51 Member States. The United Nations officially came into existence on 24 October 1945, when the Charter had been ratified by China, France, the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States and by a majority of other signatories. The name "United Nations" was coined by the United States President Franklin D. Roosevelt and first used in the Declaration by United Nations of 1 January 1942, during

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Second World War. United Nations Headquarters in New York, USA, Mr Antonio Guterres is the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

- 107. World Development Information Day observed on 24 October: Every year the United Nations marks October 24 as World Development Information Day. This day is observed to create awareness towards the problems surrounding development in different nations and how to overcome them. It was in 1972 when the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) established the World Development Information Day in order to draw the attention of the world toward development problems and also to strengthen international cooperation.
- 108. Global Media and Information Literacy Week: 24-31 October: Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2022 is observed from October 24 to October 31. The Global MIL Week 2022 focuses on trust and solidarity as it relates to people, media, digital platforms, governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. UNESCO has announced the theme for this year's MIL week as "Nurturing trust: A Media and Information Literacy Imperative." The eleventh Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week is hosted by Nigeria and is taking place in Abuja, as well as online.
- 109. World Polio Day 2022: World Polio Day 2022 is observed every year on October 24 to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio from every corner of the world. The day is observed to commemorate the progress made by the world towards polio eradication. This year, the overarching theme of World Polio Day is "World Polio Day 2022 and Beyond: A healthier future for mothers and children".
- 110. 7th Ayurveda Day 2022 observed on 23rd October: The 7th Ayurveda Day was celebrated on a magnificent scale in India and at the international level. The theme of this year's Ayurveda Day is "Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda", with the motive to propagate the benefits of Ayurveda to masses and grass-root communities. The main celebration of National Ayurveda Day was held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), under the Ministry of Ayush, is the nodal agency for driving the Ministry of Ayush's mandate for Ayurveda Day this year.
- **111.** World Day for Audiovisual Heritage celebrates on 27 October: World Day for Audiovisual Heritage (WDAH) is celebrated on October 27 every year to highlight and promote the importance of such preservation. Audiovisual heritage refers to documents like film, sounds, radio, television programmes and other audio and video that are of socio-cultural importance and need preservation for posterity. **"Enlisting documentary heritage to promote inclusive, just and peaceful societies"** is the theme for WDAH this year.
- 112. Indian Army Celebrates 76th Infantry Day On 27 October: Indian Army Infantry Day is celebrated on October 27 every year to pay homage to the soldiers who fought for the country and laid down their lives in the line of duty. The date October 27 was chosen for the occasion as it was on this day that the first Indian infantry soldiers defended the country's territory from external aggression.

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- 113. Union Territory of J&K celebrates its Accession Day on 26th October: The Accession Day of Jammu and Kashmir on 26th October with the Union of India is being celebrated across the Union Territory. Accession Day carries great significance as it was on this day in 1947 that the then Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir, Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to become part of the greatest democracy of the world. The day became an official public holiday in J&K for the first time in 2020 after the abrogation of articles 370 and 35A on 5th August 2019. The Instrument of Accession is a legal document executed by Maharaja Hari Singh, ruler of the princely state of Jammu & Kashmir, on 26th October 1947.
- 114. International Animation Day 2022 observed on 28th October: International Animation Day is celebrated on 28 October every year. It was in this year when the International Animated Film Association (ASIFA) declared International Animation Day (IAD) as a worldwide occasion to commend the speciality of animation. This day is celebrated in more than 50 distinct nations throughout the world. IAD was started by ASIFA, an individual from UNESCO. The International Film Association established International Animation Day in 2002, honouring the birth of animation, recognized as the first public performance of projected moving images at Emile Reynaud's Theatre Optique in Paris, on the 28th October 1892.
- 115. World Psoriasis Day is Observed On 29 October: World Psoriasis Day is observed every year on October 29th to make the general public aware of the important facts related to psoriasis and this disease and its treatment. In the year 2022, World Psoriasis Day is being observed with the theme of "Unloading Psoriatic Disease". Psoriasis is a serious abnormal skin condition in which red and white scaly patches start developing on the patient's skin. These spots usually appear on the elbows, knees, scalp or lower back. These spots can sometimes be itchy or painful. At the same time, as the problem progresses, they may also feel burning sensations or swelling.
- 116. International Internet Day is celebrates on 29 October: International Internet Day is celebrated on October 29 every year across the world to celebrate the usage of the internet for the first time. The day marks the sending of the first electronic message which was transferred from one computer to another in 1969. At that time the Internet was known as ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network). The Internet provides instant access to information.
- 117. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas or National Unity Day 2022: The National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is celebrated every year on October 31st to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's first Home Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. This year will mark the 147th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, who is also known as the Iron Man of India. The Statue of Unity at Kevadiya in the Narmada district of Gujarat (2018) was built in his honour
- 118. Nation celebrates 113th Birth anniversary of Homi Jehangir Bhabha: 113th Birth anniversary of Indian nuclear physicist Homi Jehangir Bhabha who is also known as the father of the Indian nuclear program. He was born on 30 October 1909 in Bombay, Bombay Presidency, British India (now Mumbai, Maharashtra, India). On 24 January 1966, Bhabha died when Air India Flight 101 crashed

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near Mont Blanc. The official reason for the crash-A misunderstanding between Geneva Airport and the pilot about the aircraft's position near the mountain. However, there are assassination claims like the involvement of a foreign intelligence agency to paralyse India's nuclear program. Homi J Bhabha was the founding director and professor of physics at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR). Homi J Bhabha was also the founding director of the Atomic Energy Establishment, Trombay (AEET). It is now named the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in his honour. TIFR and AEET were the cornerstones of Indian development of nuclear weapons and both were supervised by Bhabha as director. In 1942, Bhabha was awarded the Adams Prize and Padma Bhushan in 1954. In 1951 and 1953–1956, Bhabha was also nominated for the Nobel Prize for Physics.

- 119. World Thrift Day observed on 31st October: World Thrift Day is celebrated every year on October 31, across the world. World Thrift Day, also often called World Savings Day. However, India does this a day earlier, marking it on October 30 every year. The day is significant as it is an occasion to generate awareness about the concept of saving money in a bank (so as to enrich the money supply in the country) instead of keeping it locked away at home. This year, the theme of World Thrift Day is "Saving prepares you for the future",
- 120. World Cities Day is observed on 31 October: World Cities Day brings Urban October to an end on 31st October each year and was first celebrated in 2014. As with World Habitat Day, a global observance is held in a different city each year and the day focuses on a specific theme. A different city hosts the event each year. This year's global observance is planned in Shanghai, China under the theme "Act Local to Go Global."
- 121. Former cricketer Yuvraj Singh named brand ambassador of T20 World Cup for the Blind: The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has announced former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind to be held in India in December. Ajay Kumar Reddy B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will lead the Indian team while Venkateswara Rao Dunna B2 (Andhra Pradesh) will be the vice-captain. The participating countries for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind are India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Australia, South Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The World Cup is an initiative of the Samarthanam Trust for the disabled, which has been organizing this championship since 2012.
- 122. India's first 'Migration Monitoring System' inaugurated in Mumbai: India's first 'Migration Monitoring Systems' was inaugurated by the Maharashtra Women and Children Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha in Mumbai. The website-based Migration Tracking System will track the movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries. The Migration Monitoring Systems aims to provide information about migrant pregnant women, lactating women, and children. The system provides updated information about migrant pregnant women, lactating women, and children in a single system.
- 123. Dr Bimal Jalan authored a book titled "From dependence to Self-Reliance": Economist Dr Bimal Jalan authored the book "From dependence to Self-Reliance: Mapping India's Rise as a Global

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Superpower", a stocktaking of India's growth trajectory, benefits from Bimal Jalan's deep insights. The book is written lucidly, with the general reader in mind. Dr Bimal Jalan is the former governor of the RBI.

- 124. Netherlands Beats China, Becomes India's 3rd-Largest Export Market: The Netherlands has emerged as India's third-largest export destination, ahead of China and Bangladesh. It has moved up two spots in the list of India's top ten export destinations since FY22. Brazil, which occupied the 21st spot in FY22, is now India's 8th biggest export market. Similarly, Indonesia has moved up seven notches to grab The 7th position. The US and the UAE continue to be the largest and second-largest export destinations, respectively, for India.
- 125. National Intellectual Property Award won by IIT Madras for 2021 and 2022: National Intellectual Property Award: The national award for intellectual property was given to the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IIT-M) for 2021 and 2022. The prize was established by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry's Ministry of Commerce and Industry. This award has encouraged IIT Madras to produce and safeguard more and more intellectual property with societal effect.
- 126. FIPRESCI declared 'Pather Panchali' as best Indian movie: Legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray's feature "Pather Panchali" has been declared the best Indian film of all time by the International Federation of Film Critics (FIPRESCI). The 1955 film has received the number one slot in the top ten films in the history of Indian cinema list, which was declared after a poll conducted by the India chapter of FIPRESCI.
- 127. Gol appoints Sangeeta Verma as acting chairperson of CCI: The government of India appointed Sangeeta Verma as the acting chairperson of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). The appointment follows full-time Chairperson Ashok Kumar Gupta demitting office. Verma is currently a member at the regulator. Her appointment will be effective for a "period of three months or till the appointment of regular Chairperson or till any further orders, whichever is the earliest,". The Competition Commission of India (CCI) was established under the Competition Act, of 2002 for the administration, implementation and enforcement of the Act. It was constituted in March 2009.

 Members of the CCI: It consists of 7 members; one Chairperson and six other members. The members are appointed by the government for five years and are re-eligible for appointments. However, the members have to retire after attaining the age of sixty-five years.
- 128. Gujarat achieves 100 percent household tap connections under Jal Jeevan Mission: Gujarat has been declared as a 100 percent 'Har Ghar Jal' state. In Gujarat, households in rural areas have access to safe drinking water through taps under the 'Har Ghar Jal' mission. About 91,73,378 houses in the state have water connections according to the government record. The 'Har Ghar Jal' was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019. The 'Har Ghar Jal' aims to make available 55 liters of water per person every day to each rural household through household tap connections by 2024. Gujarat has achieved 100 percent water tap connections two years ahead of the 2024 deadline.

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- 129. OAG report: Delhi's IGI airport is now world's 10th busiest airport: Official Airline Guide (OAG) report, the Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi is the 10th busiest airport in the world in terms of seat capacity and frequency of domestic and international flights as of October 2022. According to OAG, there were 34,13,855 seats at the Delhi airport, popularly known as the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA).
- 130. 12th World Hindi Conference will take place in February 2023 in Nadi, Fiji: 12th World Hindi Conference: According to P S Kartigeyan, the Indian High Commissioner to the South Pacific island, Fiji will host the famous World Hindi Conference for the first time next year as a new platform for the globalisation of Hindi. The governments of India and Fiji decided together to host the World Hindi Conference in Fiji.
- 131. Centre approves Terai Elephant Reserve in Uttar Pradesh: The Centre has approved the setting up of the Terai Elephant Reserve (TER) at Dudhwa-Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh. The Terai Elephant Reserve is the 3rd Elephant Reserve in India which is spread over 3,049 sq km. The Terai Elephant Reserve includes protected areas, forest areas, and corridors for the conservation of wild elephants. The other two TER are Lemru in Chattisgarh and Agasthymalai in Tamil Nadu. The Project Elephant is a centrally sponsored scheme that supports Elephant conservation in India.
- 132. Garuda VII air exercise, jointly conducted by France and India: Garuda VII air exercisee: At Air Force Station Jodhpur, the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FASF) are taking part in the bilateral exercise "Garuda VII" from October 26 to November 12, 2022. FASF is taking part in this exercise with a troop of 220 people, one A-330 Multi Role Tanker Transport (MRTT) aircraft, and four Rafale fighter aircraft. Chief of Air Staff, India: Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari.
- 133. SIMBEX 2022 maritime exercise between Singapore and India: SIMBEX 2022 maritime exercise: From October 26 to October 30, 2022, Visakhapatnam will play home to the 29th Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX). The two phases of SIMBEX-2022 are the Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam and the Sea Phase in the Bay of Bengal.
- 134. India to Hold Mega 'Yudh Abhyas' Military Drill With US Near China Border: Indian and US militaries to conduct the battalion-level "Yudh Abhyas" exercise between 15th November 2022 to 2nd December 2022. The Yudh Abhyas will be held at Auli in Uttarakhand which from just 100 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The member countries of the "Quad" will conduct the Malabar exercise off Yokosuka in Japan between 8th November 2022 to 18th November 2022. The "Quad" member countries include India, Australia, Japan, and the US. The Quad has declared that it would "deter" any "coercion" in the Indo-Pacific. "Yudh Abhyas" will include high-altitude warfare drills. In August, the US and Indian forces conducted the "Vajra Prahar" exercise at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh. The "Vajra Prahar" involved the special forces of the two countries.
- **135.** Spiritual leader Mata Amritanandamayi appointed as Chair of C20: Spiritual leader Mata, Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma) has been appointed the Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C20), an

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official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G20), by the union government. The G20 is the premier inter-governmental forum for the world's developed and emerging economies to address financial stability on a global basis. The C20 is its platform for civil society organisations (CSOs) to bring forth non-government and non-business voices to the G20 leaders. India will assume the Presidency of the G20 for one year from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023.

- 136. Indian Navy Participates in Maiden Trilateral Exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania: first edition of the India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania on 27th October 2022. The Indian Navy has participated in the Maiden Trilateral Exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania. Indian Navy is represented by the guided missile frigate, INS Tarkash, a Chetak Helicopter, and MARCOS.
- 137. BPCL recognised as country's most sustainable oil & gas company: Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), 'Maharatna' and a Fortune Global 500 Company has once again achieved the No.1 rank in the Indian oil and gas sector for its sustainability performance in the 2022 edition of the S&P Dow Jones Sustainability Indices (DJSI) Corporate Sustainability Assessment (CSA) rankings. Headquarters: Mumbai; Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Founded: 1952. Chairman: Arun Kumar Singh.

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