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NATIONAL NEWS

Vaccine Against Cervical Cancer

- ★ In a first, India to get its first vaccine against cervical cancer on 01 September 2022.
- ★ The most awaited vaccine will be launched by the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Science & Technology Jitendra Singh.
- ★ The cervical cancer vaccine named Quadrivalent Human Papillomavirus vaccine (qHPV) has been developed by the Serum Institute of India (SII) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT).
- ★ Serum Institute's qHPV vaccine got market authorization from the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) on 12 July 2022.

India's First 'Virtual School'

- ★ Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal launched the "country's first virtual school".
- ★ Students from all across the country will be eligible for admissions.
- ★ The school is for classes 9-12 and the application process for the Delhi Model Virtual School (DMVS) began.
- ★ The classes will be online and recorded lectures will also be uploaded online.

World's Largest Carbon Fibre Plant

- ★ Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani announced to build India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat.
- ★ The plants will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA based on Acrylonitrile feedstock.
- ★ The first phase of the plant will be completed in 2025.
- ★ Carbon fibre is a lightweight material with high conductivity that has the potential to replace steel.
- ★ The company will further integrate its composites business with Carbon Fibre to produce Carbon Fibre composites.

IIT-Madras and IIS

- ★ Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras partnered with the Inspire Institute of Sports (IIS).
- ★ They have partnered to create a low-cost boxing analytics platform called 'Smartboxer', to increase India's boxing medal tally at the Olympics 2024.
- ★ The multi-version software is designed to provide feedback and performance assessments through Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled wearable sensors and video cameras.

- ★ 'Smartboxer' is one among the many initiatives of IIT Madras aimed towards the Indian government's ambitious goal of winning more medals in the Olympics.

One Nation One Fertilizer

- ★ One Nation One Fertilizer is introduced to unify fertilizer brands across the country and the government issued an order to all enterprises to promote their products under the brand name "Bharat".
- ★ According to the One Nation One Fertilizer order all fertilizer bags containing urea di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), muriate of potash (MOP) or NPK will bear the brand names "Bharat Urea", "Bharat DAP", "Bharat MOP" and "Bharat NPK" regardless of the company that manufactures them whether in the public or private sector.
- ★ As part of the One Nation One Fertilizer initiative, under which the Central Government yearly subsidizes the fertilizer companies, the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojana (PMBJP) brand name and logo must be shown on the bags.

Mobile app "JK Ecop"

- ★ In Jammu and Kashmir, the J&K Police has launched online Mobile application "JK Ecop", an easy way to use interface to facilitate common people.
- ★ Mobile App enables the citizens to use a host of services ranging from registering a complaint to downloading a copy of FIR.
- ★ A citizen can make requests like obtaining a character certificate, employee verification, event performance or tenant or PG verification through this Mobile App.
- ★ Other services regarding the traffic police are also available to the citizens through this App.

POSCO Signs MoU with Greenko

- ★ Global steelmaker POSCO signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ZeroC, a subsidiary of renewable energy company Greenko.
- ★ The main objective is to make green hydrogen and to jointly pursue opportunities in renewables and other derivatives of green hydrogen.
- ★ This MoU will contribute towards the mission of making India a green hydrogen hub.
- ★ Through cooperation with Greenko, POSCO successfully establish a green hydrogen production model in India and prepare to supply green hydrogen and ammonia that are required in South Korea and Europe.

'CAPF eAwas' Web Portal

- ★ Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Central Armed Police Forces -eAwas web-portal in New Delhi on 01 September 2022.
- ★ It has been developed in order to operationalize the revised policy of allotment and to also bring transparency to the allotment process.
- ★ The portal will enable online registration and allotment of residential quarters to eligible personnel of CAPFs and Assam Rifles.

Rashtriya Poshan Maah

- ★ The Ministry of Women and Child Development celebrated the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 from 01 September to 30 September 2022 as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan.
- ★ The Central Theme of Poshan Maah 2022 is 'Mahila aur Swasthya' and 'Bacha aur Shiksha'.
- ★ Poshan Maah is being celebrated as part of the POSHAN Abhiyaan, the Central Government's flagship programme which aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- ★ As part of the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the ministry plans to rope in the Gram Panchayats as Poshan Panchayats with the key focus on Women's Health and Children's Education.

Aircraft Carrier INS Vikrant

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi commissioned the first indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant on 02 September 2022 at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi.
- ★ He also unveiled the new Naval Ensign (Nishaan).
- ★ Naval Ensigns are flags that naval ships or formations bear to denote nationality.
- ★ The current Indian Naval ensigns consists of a St. George's Cross, a red cross with white background.

Agrarian Festival 'Nuakhai'

- ★ Nuakhai is an annual harvest festival celebrated in Odisha.
- ★ The Nuakhai festival is the most famous social festival celebrated in the Western Odisha and nearby areas of Simdega in Jharkhand.
- ★ The festival is celebrated by wearing new clothes and offering prayers to God, following which a feast is thrown and food prepared using newly harvested crops is consumed.
- ★ In Nuakhai, Nua means new and Khai means food. The festival of Nuakhai is celebrated by the farmers of Odisha after the harvesting of grain.

Online Geospatial Platform in Guwahati

- ★ The World Resources Institute (WRI) India in collaboration with the Assam Energy Development Agency (AEDA) launched an online, open-source and interactive geospatial platform called the Energy Access Explorer (EAE).
- ★ The platform will help visualize the extent of energy access in Assam's health education and livelihood infrastructure.
- ★ It claims to assist policy-makers, renewable energy industry entrepreneurs, investors and researchers from the development sector to make integrated and impactful decisions to expand energy access in Assam.
- ★ The GoI's Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) attempts to provide quality and reliable power for both rural and urban areas.

‘Meghdoot’ Machines at Mumbai Stations

- ★ Meghdoot machines have been installed by Indian Railways in Dadar, Thane and other Mumbai Division stations.
- ★ Innovative technology is used by the special “Meghdoot” devices to turn airborne water vapor into drinkable water.
- ★ Maithri Aquatech Pvt Ltd. has been given the contract for installing 17 “MEGHDOOT” Atmospheric Water Generator Kiosks throughout the Mumbai Division of Central Railway for a term of 5 years under NINFRIS policy.
- ★ The company has also collaborated with the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT), Hyderabad to produce the highest quality water.

Rajasthan Government Launches Loan Scheme

- ★ Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched ‘Mahila Nidhi’, a loan scheme for the social and economic development of women through loans.
- ★ The scheme has been established to help women self-help groups get loans from banks, increase the income of poor and marginal women and social and economic progress of women through skill development.
- ★ Rajasthan is the second state in the country after Telangana, where Mahila Nidhi has been established.
- ★ It was launched on the occasion of Women’s Equality Day. Under the scheme, apart from everyday necessities, easy credit will be available to women for business expansion and starting new businesses.
- ★ He said the scheme will facilitate crediting of loans up to ₹40,000 within 48 hours and above ₹40,000 within 15 days.

Fully Digital Banking District in Kerala

- ★ Alappuzha has become the 5th fully digital banking district in Kerala.
- ★ The declaration was made by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Kerala and Lakshadweep Regional Director Thomas Mathew.
- ★ The project was initiated by the RBI with the support of the State Level Bankers’ Committee (SLBC) and respective district administrations as part of the Union government’s Digital India project.
- ★ Banking services in Thrissur, Kottayam, Palakkad and Kasaragod have already become digital.

India’s First ‘Night Sky Sanctuary’

- ★ Bengaluru- based Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) will establish a first-of-its kind in India ‘Dark Sky Reserve’ in Ladakh.
- ★ Under the project, a first-ever ‘Night Sky Sanctuary’ will also be built in Hanle, Ladakh as part of the Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.

- ★ The sanctuary will be one the highest-located sites in the world for optical, gamma ray and infrared telescopes and the reserve will boost astro tourism in India.
- ★ A tripartite memorandum of understanding was signed among the UT administration, Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Leh and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) for launching the dark space reserve.

First NEP 2020 Compliant Law School

- ★ The Institute of Integrated Learning in Management (IILM) University, Greater Noida has launched the first National Education Policy (NEP 2020) compliant law school in India.
- ★ It has been launched to strengthen the legal education system of India.
- ★ The school has been launched with the approval of the Government of Uttar Pradesh and the recognition of the Bar Council of India (BCI).
- ★ It is also a great place to study for those who aspire to be civil servants, Judge Advocate Generals (JAG) in the Indian Army, corporate lawyers and in-house counsels.

Quad Senior Officials' Meeting

- ★ The Quad group meeting will be hosted by India in New Delhi with Japan, U.S and Australia on 05 September and 06 September 2022.
- ★ The Quad meeting is the first such "Senior Officers Meeting" (SOM) to be held after tensions rose between China and Taiwan.
- ★ The meeting will review progress of initiatives that were discussed during the Quad summit in Tokyo in May 2022.
- ★ The officials of the Ministry of External Affairs will follow the Quad meeting with an India-US 2+2 "inter-sessional" meeting, with U.S Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia Donald Lu leading the American delegation to discuss bilateral issues.
- ★ The meeting will also be attended by officials of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and the Direction General of the Foreign Policy Bureau from Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Global Startup Challenge 'VentuRISE'

- ★ Karnataka government launched the global startup challenge 'VentuRISE', which aims to support startups in manufacturing and sustainability related sectors.
- ★ VentuRISE will be a part of the Global Investors Meet-Invest Karnataka 2022, which will be held in Bengaluru.
- ★ The winners of the challenge will get a cash prize of USD 100,000 and access to customers and mentoring sessions.

First Village in UP to have RO water in Every House

- ★ Bhartaul village in the Bareilly district has become the first village in Uttar Pradesh to have RO water in every household, as part of the Adarsh Gram Panchayat initiative.

- ★ The Bhartaul village has as many as four RO plants to make clean drinking water available to all.
- ★ The move will save people from water borne diseases.

PM-SHRI Scheme

- ★ On the occasion of Teacher's Day on 05 September 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a new initiative - the development and upgradation of 14 thousand 500 schools across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PM-SHRI) Yojana.
- ★ The PM-SHRI schools will have a modern, transformational and holistic method of imparting education.
- ★ The PM-SHRI schools will also further benefit lakhs of students across the country in the spirit of National Education Policy.

Three New Districts in Chhattisgarh in 2 days

- ★ Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Shri Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki as the 29th district of Chhattisgarh.
- ★ He is scheduled to inaugurate Sarangarh-Bilaigarh and Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai as the 30th and 31st districts of Chhattisgarh
- ★ It was inaugurated to reduce the travel distance for the people to reach the headquarters and it has been carved out of Rajnandgaon district, by reducing 170 kilometers to 70 kilometers.
- ★ During the Launch, the map of the new district was inaugurated as well as development works projects worth ₹160 crore were unveiled by CM Shri Bhupesh Baghel.

Adobe and AICTE

- ★ The All-India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Adobe have partnered to strengthen the nation's capacity for digital innovation.
- ★ The collaboration aims to provide essential digital creativity skills to more than 75,000 educators working in 10,000 institutions of higher education by 2024.
- ★ It is to give children the core creative and digital literacy skills they need to flourish in today's digital-first world, the agreement's conditions include that Adobe will educate teachers, offer courses and integrate digital creativity into the curriculum.

Government Extends Tenure of Company Law Committee

- ★ The government has extended the tenure of the Company Law Committee by one year up to 16 September 2023.
- ★ The term of the panel which was set up by the Corporate Affairs Ministry in September 2019 and the tenure has already been extended twice in September 2020 and September 2021.
- ★ The committee has the mandate for examining and making recommendations to the government on various issues related to implementation of the Companies Act and Limited Liability Partnership Act.

- ★ Currently, an 11-member committee is chaired by corporate affairs secretary Tarun Bajaj.

Pudhumai Penn Scheme

- ★ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin and Arvind Kejriwal inaugurated a social welfare initiative and model school scheme known as the 'Pudhumai Penn Scheme' in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ The program would provide monetary assistance to young women who are enrolled in educational institutions.
- ★ Under the scheme, all girl students who studied from classes 6 to 12 in Government schools will get ₹1000 per month to pursue higher education.

NGT Slaps Fine on Bengal Government

- ★ The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed an environmental compensation of ₹3,500 crore on the state of West Bengal for allegedly not managing solid as well as liquid waste, causing harm to the environment.
- ★ The order added that the restoration measures, including preventing discharge of untreated sewage and solid waste treatment/processing facilities, should be carried out within three months.
- ★ The green court clarified that the compensation became necessary under Section 15 of the NGT Act to remedy the continuing damage to the environment.

India's First Bio-Village

- ★ Tripura Government has setup India's 1st Bio-Village at Daspara village of the state.
- ★ The concept of Bio Village 2.0 has been recognized as one of the best practices to attain sustainable development goals.
- ★ The bio-villages have been setup in Tripura by the Directorate of Bio-Technology under the Science and Technology department.
- ★ This concept has been designed to help mitigate the climate change effects.

Employment Guarantee Scheme

- ★ The Government of Rajasthan is set to launch Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme to provide employment to the residents of the city.
- ★ It is in line with the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme run by the Central Government.
- ★ This Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme will be started in Rajasthan from 09 September 2022. A budget provision of ₹800 crore has been made for this scheme in the financial year 2022-23.
- ★ More than 2.2 lakh families have been registered under this scheme.
- ★ Under this scheme all the family members of a job card holder, whose age is between 18 to 60 years, will be eligible to get work under the scheme.

- ★ The scheme will provide employment in the areas of environment and water conservation, sanitation and hygiene and other areas.

Long-Term Leasing of Railway Land

- ★ The Union Cabinet has approved policy on long term leasing of Railway Land for implementing PM Gati Shakti framework.
- ★ Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur announced that the policy will bring more revenue to Railways and generate about one lakh 20 thousand jobs.
- ★ Three hundred PM Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals will also be developed over next five years.
- ★ Under the new policy, railways have also cut down land lease fee from 6 per cent to 1.5 percent.
- ★ The Cabinet has also approved the implementation of the phase two of Kochi Metro Rail project from Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium to Infopark through Kakkanad.
- ★ Over 11-Kilometer-long metro route will have 11 stations and the project cost will be over one thousand 957 crore rupees.

GoI Announces to Rename the Rajpath

- ★ According to the Indian government, Rajpath and Central Vista lawns will now be known as Kartavya Path.
- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Kartavya Path on 08 September 2022.
- ★ From the Netaji Statue to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, the entire route and surroundings are referred to as the Kartavya Path.
- ★ He also unveiled the Statue of Netaji Subhash Bose at India Gate on the occasion.
- ★ The National Stadium in Delhi is reached through a path that passes through Vijay Chowk, India Gate and Rashtrapati Bhavan on Raisina Hill.

3 Day Conference and Public EXPO Called 'Manthan'

- ★ Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari will inaugurate a three-day conference and public EXPO called 'Manthan' in Bengaluru.
- ★ The theme of Manthan is 'Ideas to Action': Towards a smart, sustainable, road infra, mobility and logistics ecosystem.
- ★ It aims at anchoring discussions across multiple issues and opportunities in the roads, transport and logistics sector.
- ★ It will engage the States, Union Territories and other key stakeholders from the industry for sharing best practices, policy support and capacity development.
- ★ The public EXPO organised alongside the conference is aimed at showcasing technologies and materials in highway development and new programmes like Bharatmala, Parvatmala and Electric Vehicles.

Entrepreneurial Programmes to India's Youth

- ★ The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) individually with the Indian School of Business (ISB).
- ★ The main objective is to offer world-class management education through entrepreneurial programs targeted towards youth and job seeking entrepreneurs and budding entrepreneurs.
- ★ The partnership will enable the development and implementation of two programs.
- ★ One is Business Foundation and Entrepreneurial Skills and the other is Behavioral Skills Programme by ISB faculty and other Industry experts.

UP Government to Provide Unique Farm ID

- ★ Uttar Pradesh government will provide unique farm ID similar to Aadhar number to the farmers, which will be linked with Aadhar to provide them benefits of all government schemes.
- ★ Aadhar verification will be used to implement this scheme.
- ★ With the help of Aadhar, UP Government has given the benefit of the government schemes to maximum number of people.
- ★ Around one crore 92 lakh school children are also getting the benefit of various schemes with the help of Aadhar card verification.

Two-Day National Conference of Mines Ministers

- ★ The Union Ministry of Coal and Mines organised a two-day National Conference of Mines Ministers in Hyderabad on 09 September 2022.
- ★ The meeting will focus on formulating new and effective strategies to further encourage mineral exploration in the country.
- ★ It will also assess the effectiveness of recent policy reforms brought about by the Centre in the mining sector.
- ★ The conference is also expected to strengthen the cooperation between the ministry of mines and various State governments.

Centre-State Science Conclave

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Centre-State Science Conclave being held in Ahmedabad on 10 September 2022, virtually.
- ★ The first of its kind science conclave is being organised to facilitate innovation and entrepreneurship in the country and strengthen Centre-State coordination and collaboration mechanisms.
- ★ There will also be discussions on the need for doubling private sector investments in research and development by 2030 and agriculture-technological interventions for improving farmers' income.
- ★ The Deep Ocean Mission and its relevance for coastal states will also be discussed.

India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale Start-up Challenge

- ★ Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri announced the results of India Water Pitch-Pilot-Scale start-up challenge in September.
- ★ The challenge was launched under Amrut 2.0 in March 2022.
- ★ A total of 76 startups have been selected out of 222 entries, which through their innovative ideas will help local civic bodies and water supply departments conserve water and resolve its scarcity.
- ★ They will be provided ₹20 lakh as funding support as well as mentorship.
- ★ The Challenge aims at empowering startups in the water/ used-water sector to grow through innovation and design that will drive sustainable economic growth and generate employment opportunities.

First National Electric Freight Platform – e-FAST

- ★ NITI Aayog in collaboration with World Resources Institute (WRI), India launched the country's first national electric freight platform – e-FAST India.
- ★ e-FAST India stands for Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport – India.
- ★ It will help strengthen partnerships and identify and support innovative freight solutions.
- ★ The platform also aims to raise awareness on freight electrification bolstered by on-ground demonstration pilots and evidence-based research.
- ★ It will also support scalable pilots and inform policies aimed at accelerating freight electrification in India.

Online Portal For MRSSA

- ★ The online portal of the Meghalaya Residents Safety and Security Act (MRSSA) was launched by chief minister of Meghalaya Conrad Sangma.
- ★ The web-based system is first being rolled out in seven localities of Shillong, Meghalaya.
- ★ It will also act as a strong intelligence gathering system for authorities to monitor and act, based on the intelligence inputs gathered from the online database.
- ★ The digitisation and preparation of the online database for the MRSSA could also be beneficial for monitoring and better implementation of other services and programmes of the government.

MDL Launches 'Taragiri'

- ★ Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) launched the third Stealth Frigate of Project 17A 'Taragiri' on 11 September 2022.
- ★ The vessel has an approximate launch weight of 3510 Tons.
- ★ The ship is designed by the Indian Navy's in-house design organisation through Bureau of Naval Design.
- ★ The indigenously designed 'Taragiri' will have state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, an advanced action information system, an integrated platform management system, world-class modular living spaces, sophisticated power distribution system and a host of other advanced features.

- ★ It will be fitted with supersonic surface-to-surface missile system.
- ★ The ship is expected to be delivered by 2025.

National Defense MSME Conclave

- ★ The two-day National Defense MSME Conclave and Exhibition began in Kota, Rajasthan today.
- ★ Defense equipment including T-90 and BMP-2 tanks, artillery guns, various types of sniper and machine guns and military bridges are being displayed in the exhibition.
- ★ Defense Conclave and Exhibition is being organized for the first time in Rajasthan.
- ★ The conclave will be formally inaugurated by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Minister of State for Defense Ajay Bhatt.

Cheetah Re-introduction Project

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch the Cheetah Re-introduction project on 17 September 2022.
- ★ He disclosed this at the inaugural meeting of the national Conference for the Zoo Directors held in Bhubaneswar on 10 September 2022.
- ★ For the purpose, Cheetah will be brought from Namibia.
- ★ This is for the first time that the Cheetah is being re-introduced after its disappearance from India in the 1950s.

Ayurveda Day 2022 Programme

- ★ All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) has launched Ayurveda Day 2022 programme on 12 September 2022.
- ★ The six-week long programme will continue till 23 October 2022.
- ★ AIIA has been chosen as the nodal agency for driving the Ministry of Ayush's mandate for Ayurveda Day for the year 2022.
- ★ The theme for the celebration is 'Har Din Har Ghar Ayurveda'.
- ★ It is celebrated to create awareness of 'Ayurveda for Holistic Health' in every household and make true the vision of From Healthy India to a Healthy World.

Exercise 'Ganga Strike'

- ★ Indian Army's Kharga Corps and the Indian Air Force have conducted a joint exercise 'Gagan Strike' in Punjab.
- ★ It showcased the precision firepower of the attack helicopters in coordination with ground forces mechanised columns.
- ★ The exercise comprised the deployment of attack helicopters as the aerial arm in support of ground forces carrying out drills, practising annihilation of enemy defences and deep penetration.

100-Day Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme

- ★ Rajasthan chief minister Shri Ashok Gehlot launched the 'Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Scheme' at the Ambedkar Bhawan, Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- ★ It is to provide 100 days of employment to needy families in urban areas on the lines of the rural employment guarantee scheme Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).
- ★ The Government of Rajasthan has allocated ₹800 crore for the scheme.
- ★ The scheme would cover works like environment protection, water and heritage conservation, garden maintenance, removing encroachments, illegal sign boards, hoardings, banners, Sanitation, cleanliness, etc.
- ★ People from the age group of 18 to 60 are eligible for the scheme.

Andhra Pradesh Tops the List in Attracting Industrial Investment

- ★ According to a report by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Andhra Pradesh has emerged on the top among all other states in attracting industrial investments in the first seven months of 2022.
- ★ Andhra Pradesh attracted an investment of ₹21,914 crore out of the ₹1,38,700 crore gross investments across India.
- ★ Andhra Pradesh and Odisha combined have bagged 45% of the total investment.
- ★ Overall, India got industrial investment worth ₹1,71,285 crore by the end of July 2022.

Several Initiatives to International Year of Millets 2023

- ★ Agriculture Ministry has launched several initiatives as run-up to the International Year of Millets 2023 to create awareness about the ancient and forgotten golden grains.
- ★ A contest for designing a comic story, with the theme 'India's Wealth, Millets for Health' has been launched on 05 September.
- ★ It is intended to showcase the health benefits of millets to raise awareness among the masses. The contest will close on 05 November 2022.
- ★ To create domestic and global demand and to provide nutritional food to the people, Government of India spearheaded the United Nations General Assembly, UNGA resolution for declaring 2023 as International Year of Millets.
- ★ The proposal of India was supported by 72 countries and UNGA declared 2023 as International Year of Millets in March 2021.

Karnataka Government Partners with Dell

- ★ CySecK, Karnataka government's centre of excellence (CoE) for cybersecurity and the nodal agency for promoting cyber-safe environment for industry collaboration, has partnered with Dell Technologies India to strengthen cyber-security in Karnataka.
- ★ This partnership is driven towards building a safe and secure digital environment for students, startups, government and other stakeholders in the state.

- ★ Dell Technologies through its “Tech for Social Good” initiative will roll out interactive courses on cyber hygiene best practices for school students which will also be made available in Kannada.
- ★ These programs will also be curated for small and medium scale enterprises as well as for government functionaries.

Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit 2022

- ★ The 4th Cyber Crime Investigation and Intelligence Summit-2022 was organized by the Madhya Pradesh Police.
- ★ It is to advance the skills of police sub-inspectors and senior investigating officers to successfully prevent cybercrimes.
- ★ The Madhya Pradesh Police in cooperation with Softclicks Foundation, Cleartel Technology and UNICEF organized the largest knowledge-sharing, thought-leadership and cybercrime investigation and intelligence summit (CIIS 2022) in India from 12 September to 22 September 2022.
- ★ The event is taking place in the Madhya Pradesh city of Bhopal.

HPCL Partners with the Indian Army

- ★ Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd (HPCL) and the Indian Army have partnered to conduct a CSR initiative in Kargil to train and mentor underprivileged lady students.
- ★ The project is called ‘Kargil Ignited Minds’ and it seeks to prepare 50 female students for national-level engineering and medical admission exams.
- ★ The initiative attempts to improve the student’s knowledge, abilities and personality.
- ★ The Kargil Ignited Minds initiative will focus on empowering poor girls who live in harsh weather conditions and have little resources.

Sports Ministry Signs MoU with NTPC and REC

- ★ The Sports Ministry signed a Memorandum of Understandings (MoU) with the country’s largest energy conglomerate NTPC and Rural Electrification Corporation.
- ★ Under the MoU, the two PSUs have pledged ₹215 crore to the National Sports Development Fund (NSDF).
- ★ NTPC will provide ₹115 crore for the development of Archery and REC will give ₹100 crore towards women’s hockey and boxing.
- ★ NTPC has been supporting the archers since 2018 in partnership with the Sports Ministry, Sports Authority of India (SAI) and Archery Association of India (AAI) with an aim to provide world-class facilities with international exposure to talented players.

ECI Launches BLO e-Patrika

- ★ The Election Commission of India on 14 September 2022 released a new digital publication ‘BLO e-Patrika’ at an event in India.
- ★ The objective of this is to establish direct communication with Booth Level Officer (BLO).

- ★ It was a first-of-its-kind direct interaction by the Commission with the BLOs across the country.

National Maritime Heritage Complex

- ★ The National Maritime Heritage Complex is being constructed in Gujarat's Lothal, a historic center of the Indus Valley civilization for a total of 3500 crore rupees.
- ★ This center is first-of-its-kind building in India, which will highlight the country's extensive and varied marine history.
- ★ A museum with five galleries and a naval gallery will be constructed on 35 acres of land in phase 1A for a cost of ₹774.23 crores.
- ★ The remaining components of the museum, such as the galleries, lighthouse, 5D home theatre, Bagicha Complex and other infrastructure will be constructed in phase 1B.

Air India to be Rebranded as Vihaan

- ★ Tata group-owned Air India unveiled that it will be rebranded as Vihaan.
- ★ Tata group-owned Air India also unveiled a comprehension transformation plan Vihaan.AI
- ★ The carrier aims to focus on growing both its network and fleet, revamping its customer proposition, enhancing reliability and on-time performance, taking a leadership role in technology, sustainability and innovation.
- ★ Over the next 5 years, Air India will also strive to increase its market share to at least 30% in the domestic market while significantly growing the international routes from the present market share.

Sikkim Government Hikes Minimum Wage

- ★ The Sikkim government hiked the minimum wage for unskilled workers by 67 percent to ₹500.
- ★ The daily wage for unskilled laborers was ₹300 which is now increased to ₹500 with retrospective.
- ★ The daily wage for semi-skilled workers was increased from ₹320 to ₹520.
- ★ The skilled laborers or workers will now get ₹535, which was earlier ₹335. Highly skilled labor will be paid ₹565 per day, instead of ₹365 per day.

Wild Cheetahs in Kuno National Park

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will release Cheetahs in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh on 17 September 2022 under Project Cheetah, which is world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.
- ★ The introduction of wild Cheetahs is part of Mr. Modi's efforts to revitalise and diversify India's wildlife and its habitat.
- ★ Cheetah was declared extinct from India in 1952.
- ★ Cheetahs that will be introduced are from Namibia and have been brought under an MoU signed earlier 2022.

MoU Between Indian Navy and Amity University

- ★ Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was exchanged between the Indian Navy and Amity University Uttar Pradesh (AUUP).
- ★ The MoU has been concluded to establish academic linkages between the Indian Navy and Amity University.
- ★ Under this MoU, Amity University will conduct customised courses for the Indian Navy in domains such as 5G Technology, Control System Integration, AI, Blockchain, etc.
- ★ These courses will ensure better placements of Naval personnel upon superannuation from Service.

India's First Lithium Cell Manufacturing Plant

- ★ Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeve Chandrasekhar launched the pre-production run of India's first Lithium cell manufacturing facility in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh.
- ★ This state-of-the-art facility has been set up by the Chennai based Munoth Industries Limited with an outlay of ₹165 crore.
- ★ The installed capacity of the plant at present is 270 Mwh and can produce 20,000 cells of 10Ah capacity.
- ★ These cells are used in power bank and this capacity is around 60 per cent of India's present requirement.
- ★ Cells for other consumer electronics like mobile phones, hearable and wearable devices will also be produced.

Jharkhand Government Raises OBC Reservations

- ★ Jharkhand Government agreed to the proposal for granting 77 percent reservation in state government jobs for the SC, ST, Backward Classes, and OBC and further economically weaker sections.
- ★ The chief minister of Jharkhand Hemant Soren hiked the OBC reservation to 27 percent which was earlier 14 percent.
- ★ The Jharkhand Government also accepted the proposal to use the 1932 land records to determine those who are local inhabitants.

India's First 'Smart City' with 'Smart Addresses'

- ★ Indore will create history by implementing a fully digital addressing system, making it the first city in India to do so.
- ★ The smart city advanced significantly when a memorandum of understanding was signed with the firm Pataa Navigations.
- ★ Pataa has developed patented technology and is working with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to develop a digital addressing system for the nation.
- ★ Pataa will also geotag MP Tourism's all tourist destinations and integrate them with websites.

- ★ All significant public assets including bus stops, light poles, public restrooms and bus stops should have digital address numbers pasted on them.

MCA Revises Definition of Small Companies

- ★ The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has revised the threshold for paid up capital of “small companies”.
- ★ The latest revisions will further facilitate ‘Ease of Doing Business’ and reduce the compliance burden on ‘small companies’.
- ★ Small businesses are corporations, partnerships, or sole proprietorships which have fewer employees and/or less annual revenue than a regular-sized business or corporation.
- ★ The Companies Act 2021, defines the rules and provisions regarding a Small Company.
- ★ According to the latest revision, the definition of ‘Small Companies’ has further been revised by increasing the thresholds for paid up Capital from ‘not exceeding ₹2 crore’ to ‘not exceeding ₹4 crore’.
- ★ Furthermore, the turnover has been increased from ‘not exceeding ₹20 crore’ to ‘not exceeding ₹40 crore’.

IAF Assigns 2 Women Pilots to Fly Chinook Helicopter

- ★ For the first time in Indian Air Force (IAF) history, two women combat pilots assigned to fly Chinook helicopters.
- ★ The multi-mission helicopter, made by Boeing has played a crucial role in supporting the army’s deployments near the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- ★ Squadron Leaders Parul Bhardwaj and Swati Rathore will fly Chinook helicopter units in the northern and eastern sectors near LAC.
- ★ Prior to this, Squadron Leaders Rathore and Bhardwaj were flying the Russian-origin Mi-17V5 helicopters.

National Technical Textiles Mission Flagship Programme

- ★ The Ministry of Textiles cleared 23 strategic research projects worth around ₹60 crores in the areas of Specialty fibres, Sustainable Textiles, Geotextiles, Mobiltech and Sports textiles under the chairmanship of Union Minister of Textiles.
- ★ These strategic research projects fall under the Flagship Programme ‘National Technical Textiles Mission’.
- ★ Industry and Academia connect is essential for the growth of research and development in the application areas of Technical Textiles in India.

India launches ‘Urban Wastewater Scenario in India’

- ★ At the World Water Congress and Exhibition in Copenhagen in 2022, India and Denmark released a joint whitepaper titled “Urban Wastewater Scenario in India”.

- ★ Gajendra Singh Shekhawat of Jal Shakti, Lea Wermelin of Denmark's Ministry of the Environment and Flemming Moller Mortensen of Denmark's Ministry of Development Cooperation organized the "Urban Wastewater Scenario in India".
- ★ By 2024, India will invest more than 140 billion dollars in the water industry.
- ★ In the "Urban Wastewater Scenario in India", at least 10% of the money is given by the community in each scheme, ensuring community ownership and engagement.

India's First Forest University

- ★ The first Forest University will be established in India.
- ★ The Telangana Assembly adopted the Forestry Universities (UoF) Act 2022. It is the first of its type in India, the University of Forestry (UoF).
- ★ After China and Russia, it will be the third university of forestry in the world.
- ★ The Forestry College and Research Institute (FCRI) in Hyderabad will be expanded, according to the Telangana government.
- ★ The FCRI will be converted into a full-fledged University.

TSSC Launches Centre of Excellence

- ★ Telecom Sector Skill Council (TSSC), a skill development institution for the telecom industry, has launched a centre of excellence with Huawei Technologies at NIT Patna for capacity building.
- ★ The centre which will come up under the aegis of ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship.
- ★ It is to support roles in information and communications technology, cyber security, electronics and communication including technical, services and allied fields.
- ★ The MoU, which has been signed for a period of five years is aimed at skilling, reskilling, upskilling of aspiring students to enhance their employability through training in innovative technologies.

Nanjarayan Tank as 17th Bird Sanctuary

- ★ The Tamil Nadu government issued an order to set up a bird sanctuary at Nanjarayan Tank in Tiruppur district.
- ★ The Nanjarayan Tank will be made as 'Nanjarayan Birds Sanctuary' under Wildlife (Protection) Act.
- ★ It will be the 17th bird sanctuary in Tamil Nadu which covers 125.86.5 hectares of land and is located near Neruperichal and Sarkar Periyapalayam villages of Tiruppur North and Uthukuli taluks in Tiruppur district.
- ★ In December 2021, the MK Stalin-led DMK Govt declared the Kazhuveli wetland located near Villupuram as the 'Kazhuveli Birds Sanctuary'.

INS Ajay Decommissioned

- ★ Indian Naval Ship Ajay (P34) was decommissioned after 32 years of illustrious and distinguished services to the nation.

- ★ The decommissioning ceremony was held at Mumbai's Naval Dockyard.
- ★ INS Ajay was an Abhay class anti-submarine warfare corvette of Western Naval Command.
- ★ The ship was commissioned on 24 January 1990, in the USSR's Poti port, Georgia.
- ★ The ship, during its service period was part of the 23rd Patrol Vessel Squadron under the Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area.

Odisha Approves ₹261 crore Livelihood Action Plan

- ★ The Odisha government has approved a ₹261 crore worth livelihood action plan for the regeneration of coasts and to enhance climate resilience among people on the coast.
- ★ This was decided in the meeting of the steering committee of Integrated Coastal Management Society (ICZMS).
- ★ It has decided to implement this community-based action plan from the current year till 2026-2027.
- ★ Areas of Talsari in Balasore district, Bhitarkanika in Kendrapara district, Bahuda and Chilika in Ganjam district and Devi Mouth, Chilika in Puri district in Odisha will be covered under the project for coastal regeneration.

Development of Bogibeel Region in Assam

- ★ The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal launched multiple projects for the development of the Bogibeel region near Dibrugarh in Assam.
- ★ India's longest river cruise service would begin early 2023 between Varanasi and Bogibeel, traversing a distance of over four thousand kilometers through Ganga, Indo Bangladesh Protocol Route and the Brahmaputra.
- ★ He also inaugurated Bogibeel Riverfront Passenger Jetty which has been developed by the Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR).
- ★ The Centre is also identifying avenues to promote inland navigation, river cruise tourism and the construction of suitable terminals across the Brahmaputra.

First State/UT to Achieve 100 Percent Coverage of Precautionary Dose

- ★ Andaman Nicobar Islands becomes India's first state/UT to achieve a cent percent coverage of precautionary dose.
- ★ 2,87,216 beneficiaries aged 18 have been vaccinated with a precautionary dose.
- ★ Corbevax along with Covishield have been administered as a precautionary dose in the islandas.
- ★ Vaccination rates increased after July 15th, when the government decided to offer free preventative shots in honor of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Meghalaya Signs MoU with Tamil Nadu Government

- ★ The governments of Meghalaya and Tamil Nadu have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to improve healthcare in the state.

- ★ Under this MoU, healthcare providers from Tamil Nadu will train doctors and nurses in Meghalaya to run tertiary care maternity centers.
- ★ The MoU was signed by TN health minister Ma Subramanian and Meghalaya counterpart James P.K. Sangma.

Union Cabinet Approves Changes to Semiconductor PLI Scheme

- ★ The Union Cabinet on 21 September 2022, cleared significant changes to the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for the manufacturing of semiconductors.
- ★ The PLI scheme for the development of the semiconductors and display manufacturing ecosystem in India was announced by the Centre in December 2021 with an outlay of ₹76,000 crore.
- ★ The Programme aims to provide attractive incentive support to companies that are engaged in Silicon Semiconductor Fabs, Display Fabs, etc.

Oldest Indian to Cross North Channel

- ★ Veteran Assamese swimmer, Elvis Ali Hazarika has become the first from the North East to cross the North Channel.
- ★ Elvis Ali Hazarika also became the oldest Indian swimmer to swim across the North Channel.
- ★ The strait between north-eastern Northern Ireland and south-western Scotland is the North Channel.
- ★ It begins north of the Isle of Man, where the Irish Sea ends and runs north-west into the Atlantic Ocean.

Web Portal to Address Public Grievances

- ★ Manipur Chief Minister Shri N Biren Singh has launched a web portal named CM Da Haisi' (Let's Inform the CM) in Imphal, Manipur.
- ★ It is to enable people to redress their grievances, and provide a platform to raise corruption-related issue
- ★ 3 phone numbers, including 2 meant for the anti-corruption cell, have been made available on the portal 'CM da Haisi'.
- ★ The public can raise their grievances in the web portal by logging on to cmdahaisi.mn.gov.in and the complainants can also check the status of their complaints.
- ★ It will enable fast redressal of public grievances and also provide a platform to raise corruption-related issues.
- ★ This will further enable the government to bring transparency and accountability in governance and delivery of public services.

National Logistics Policy (NLP)

- ★ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched National Logistics Policy (NLP) in New Delhi.
- ★ The need for a National Logistics Policy was felt because of the high logistics costs in India as compared to other developed countries.

- ★ Unified Logistics Interface Platform (ULIP) is an important initiative under the National Logistics Policy (NLP).
- ★ ULIP will bring all the digital services related to the transportation sector into a single portal.
- ★ Under the policy, a new digital platform is Ease of Logistics Services (E-Logs).
- ★ The National Logistics Policy will give a boost to the GatiShakti National Master Plan.

National Highways Logistics Signs MoU with JNPT

- ★ National Highways Logistics Management Limited and Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- ★ The MoU is for the development of Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) at Jalna in Maharashtra.
- ★ The MoU was signed in the presence of Union Minister for Road, Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari and Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal.
- ★ The Jalna MMLP will act as a catalyst for development of Marathwada region and serve as a functional dry port.
- ★ Steel and allied industries depending on scrap, fruits and vegetable processing units, seed industries and cotton sector will benefit from this development.
- ★ It will also connect Samruddhi Marg and Delhi-Mumbai Industrial corridors.

NSIC Partners with AMTZ

- ★ National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a Public Sector Enterprise of Ministry of MSME, India has partnered with Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone Limited (AMTZ) for cooperation in the healthcare sector.
- ★ AMTZ is India's largest life saving medical device manufacturing cluster.
- ★ It will be a significant step for enhancing the competitiveness of MSMEs in healthcare sector.
- ★ The MoU will create access to latest medical technologies along with creating skilled manpower for this sector.

Convergence Portal of the MoFPI

- ★ The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has launched the Convergence Portal between the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF) scheme, Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Enterprises Upgradation Scheme (PMFME) and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).
- ★ The portal will prove to be very important for the Food Processing Enterprises of the country, benefiting different sections of the country, including farmers and small-scale entrepreneurs of the processing industry.
- ★ The Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) along with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, jointly launched a Convergence Portal to better reap the benefits of the Agriculture and Food Processing Sector.

India's First Dugong Conservation Reserve

- ★ Government of Tamil Nadu announced its plan to set up India's first Dugong Conservation Reserve in the Palk Bay on the southeast coast.
- ★ Dugong or sea cow is an endangered marine mammal. It is facing extinction because of habitat loss, sea pollution and loss of sea grass.
- ★ Dugong is found in Gulf of Mannar and at Palk Bay in Tamil Nadu.
- ★ With the help of community participation, Government will also construct a Dugong Marine Conservation Reserve in the Gulf of Mannar and Palk Bay area to protect the species.

E-Learning Platform - Bharat Vidya

- ★ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched an e-learning platform, Bharat Vidya.
- ★ Bharat Vidya is an e-learning platform for Oriental and South Asian studies.
- ★ This e-learning platform has been designed and developed by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI).
- ★ It is the first-of-its-kind online platform to provide free and paid courses covering various aspects of Indology related to art, architecture, philosophy, language and science.
- ★ The courses have been designed as per the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

Chandigarh Airport to be Named After Bhagat Singh

- ★ On 25 September 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that the Chandigarh airport will now be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh as a tribute to the great freedom fighter.
- ★ The ₹485 crore airport project is a joint venture of Airports Authority of India (AAI) and governments of Punjab and Haryana.
- ★ Governments of Punjab and Haryana had agreed to name the airport after freedom fighter Bhagat Singh on August 2022.

National Conference of Environment Ministers

- ★ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the National Conference of Environment Ministers in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- ★ The main aim of the Conference is to create further synergy between the Central and State Governments to implement policies for the elimination of plastic pollution and climate change.
- ★ The conference will promote cooperative federalism for resolving environment-related challenges.
- ★ The two-day Conference was organized from 23 September to 24 September 2022.
- ★ India's per capita plastic consumption is 11 kg while the global average of plastic per capita consumption is 28 kg.

MoHUAM Launches Swachh Toycathon

- ★ Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched Swachh Toycathon.

- ★ It is a unique competition that involves making toys from waste.
- ★ The competition will be hosted on MyGov's Innovative India portal. The knowledge partner for the initiative is the Center for Creative Learning, IIT Gandhinagar.
- ★ The Swachh Toycathon was introduced and launched under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban initiative.
- ★ The competition focuses to bring forth innovation in toy designs using dry waste.
- ★ It will focus on effective and potential designs that can be replicated at a larger scale, and toys that comply with minimum safety standards.

President to Inaugurate Engines Manufacturing Facility

- ★ President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the Integrated Cryogenic Engines Manufacturing Facility of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) in Bengaluru on 27 September 2022.
- ★ The Cryogenic engines are used by ISRO for its satellite launch operations.
- ★ At HAL, the President will also lay the foundation stone of the South Zonal Institute of Virology virtually.
- ★ President inaugurated the new campus of Indian Institute of Information Technology in Dharwad, Karnataka.

Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi and UP Signed Pact

- ★ Haryana, National Capital Territory (NCT)-Delhi, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh (UP) signed the Status of Combined Reciprocal Common Transport Agreement, Contract Carriage and Stage Carriage (CRCTA).
- ★ There will be single-point taxation for all motor cabs, taxis, auto rickshaws, all Stage carriage buses and all State Transport Undertakings (STUs) of NCR, including city bus services.
- ★ It will encourage shifts of traffic from private vehicles to mass public transport vehicles and will help to ease traffic congestion and reduce air pollution.
- ★ This agreement will ensure the seamless movement of passenger vehicles in the NCR.

MOD Signs a Deal with BAPL

- ★ The Ministry of Defence (MOD) signed a contract with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt. Ltd. (BAPL) for the acquisition of additional dual-role capable Surface to Surface BrahMos missiles at an overall approximate cost of ₹1700 Crore under the "Buy-Indian" Category.
- ★ The induction of these dual-role capable Missiles is going to significantly enhance the operational capability of Indian Navy fleet assets.
- ★ BAPL increased the new generation of Surface-to-Surface Missiles (SSMs) with enhanced range and dual role capability for land as well as anti-ship attacks.
- ★ This contract is going to give a further boost to indigenous production of critical weapon systems and ammunition with the active participation of indigenous industry.

First Solar Power Plant in India by Hitachi Astemo

- ★ Hitachi Astemo installed its India's first ground mounted solar power plant of 3 megawatt (MW) at Jalgaon manufacturing plant.
- ★ The 3 megawatts (MW) solar power plant will be built in an area of 43301 Sqm.
- ★ The ground-mounted solar power plant will consist of 7128 ground-mounted solar panels and 10 inverters.
- ★ Hitachi Astemo is a known for the development, manufacture, sale and service of automotive and transportation components.
- ★ This solar power plant will embark on its new journey in the field of sustainable energy in India.

JALDOOT App

- ★ Rural Development Ministry has developed a JALDOOT App to capture the water level of selected wells in a village across the country.
- ★ The App was jointly launched by Minister of State for Panchayati Raj- Kapil Moreshwar Patil, Ministers of State for Rural Development- Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti and Faggan Singh Kulaste in New Delhi.
- ★ The App will enable Gram Rojgar Sahayak to measure the water level of well twice a year pre-monsoon and post-monsoon.
- ★ The App will also facilitate panchayats with robust data, which can be further used for better planning of works.

Health Insurance Scheme CMHIS

- ★ The Government of Nagaland will launch its health insurance scheme called the Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme (CMHIS) on 01 October 2022.
- ★ It is to reduce out-of-pocket expenditure on hospital care for all bonafide citizens of Nagaland.
- ★ The scheme will cover two beneficiary categories: State government employees and pensioners including legislators/ex-legislators and their dependents and all the Indigenous and or Permanent residents of the State who are not beneficiaries under AB PM-JAY or any public-funded insurance scheme.
- ★ It provides free health insurance coverage of up to 5 lakh rupees per family per year.

Indian government introduces 'Sign Learn'

- ★ The Center produced the "Sign Learn" smartphone app, a lexicon of 10,000 words for Indian Sign Language (ISL).
- ★ The app was introduced by Pratima Bhoumik, a minister of state for social justice and empowerment.
- ★ Sign Learn is built on the lexicon of the 10,000-word Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC).
- ★ For the 'Sign Learn' smartphone app, ISLRTC and NCERT worked together to release 500 academic words in Indian Sign Language.

‘Visit AP’ Campaign

- ★ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the ‘Visit AP’ campaign at Vijayawada.
- ★ The launch coincided with World Tourism Day. “The Visit Andhra Pradesh 2023 campaign aims to promote tourism, travel, hospitality and adventure.
- ★ As part of this campaign, Andhra Pradesh will observe 2023 as ‘Visit Andhra Pradesh’ year to enhance tourism with particular emphasis on attracting foreign tourists.

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MoU Between India and Government of Nepal

- ★ The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ministry for signing an MoU with the Government of Nepal on biodiversity conservation.
- ★ It is aimed at strengthening and enhancing coordination and cooperation in the field of forests, wildlife, environment, biodiversity conservation and climate change.

G20 Digital Innovation Network

- ★ The Telangana AI Mission (T-AIM) has revealed that four of its startups have been selected by MeitY to represent India at the G20 Digital Innovation Network (DIN).
- ★ T-AIM is an initiative of the state Government supported by NASSCOM.
- ★ The four startups include Arficus, Edubuk, Eunimart and MayaMD supported by Revv Up programme.
- ★ Revv Up is a free-of-equity-or-cost acceleration program by T-AIM that is exclusively designed for early-stage AI startups.
- ★ The G-20 DIN will be held during 02 September-04 September 2022 at Bali International Convention Center Bali, Indonesia.
- ★ These startups have been receiving mentorship and knowledge sessions from industry experts, access to global pathways and technology and IP resources to build scalable businesses.

‘Vostok’ Military Exercise

- ★ A multilateral strategic and command military exercise ‘Vostok’ commenced on 01 September 2022 in Russia.
- ★ This exercise will end on 07 September.
- ★ The Indian Army contingent comprising of troops from Gorkha Rifles joined the exercise in Russia in which a number of countries including China are participating.
- ★ It is aimed at coordination amongst participating military contingents.

IndiGo Joins WEF's Sustainable Initiative

- ★ India's largest carrier IndiGo has joined a sustainable initiative spearheaded by the World Economic Forum (WEF).
- ★ The airline has become a signatory to the Clear Skies for Tomorrow (CST), India Coalition campaign.
- ★ Sustainable initiatives will help in achieving a significant scale for SAF (Sustainable Aviation Fuel) to gain a critical mass and bring in cost-efficiency for widespread adoption in India.
- ★ The goal is to have commercially viable SAF production (both bio and synthetic) at scale for industry-wide adoption by 2030 to support aviation's overall net-zero pathway by 2050.
- ★ The global coalition now has more than 80 members.
- ★ Clean Skies for Tomorrow, launched in January 2019.

KCCI Signed an MoU with BSMES

- ★ The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KCCI) Srinagar signed an MoU with Bahrain Small and Medium Enterprises Society (BSMES) in Manama, Bahrain.
- ★ It is to focus on MSME development and the MoU aims to create and deliver suitable services and programs for the member clients of the Bahrain SME Society and KCCI.
- ★ Initially, Kashmir offer medical packages to the citizens of Bahrain as Kashmir has one of the best doctors in the country.
- ★ BSMES delegation can act as ambassadors of India in general and Kashmir in particular so that more and more people would visit Jammu and Kashmir and added that the MoU signing is a step in that process.

UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities

- ★ An international policy-oriented network, the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities is a network of inspiration and best practices. It is coordinated by the UNESCO Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL).
- ★ The Indian Cities of Nilambur and Thrissur in Kerala and Warangal in Telangana became the nation's first entrants in the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.
- ★ Thrissur is home to academic and research institutions.
- ★ Nilambur is an eco-tourism destination in the Kerala.
- ★ Warangal has a rich cultural heritage. Warangal's economy is primarily composed of agricultural, industrial and service sectors.
- ★ The UNESCO GNLC has honoured 77 cities from 44 countries in 2022 in recognition of their outstanding work to make learning a reality for all at the local level.

First Water Sharing Pact

- ★ India and Bangladesh signed an agreement on sharing the waters of a common river and to boost trade links during a visit to India by Bangladesh's prime minister, Sheikh Hasina.

- ★ It is the first such pact since the signing of the Ganga Water Treaty in 1996.
- ★ This pact will benefit people residing in Southern Assam and the Sylhet division of Bangladesh.
- ★ Bangladesh has a total of 230 rivers of which 54 flow through India.

India-Japan 2 + 2 Ministerial Dialogue in Tokyo

- ★ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will participate in the 2nd India-Japan 2 + 2 Ministerial Dialogue in Tokyo.
- ★ This year marks 70 years of diplomatic relations between the two countries.
- ★ India and Japan are pursuing a Special Strategic and Global Partnership. The 2 + 2 Dialogue will review bilateral cooperation across domains.
- ★ The Defence Minister will separately hold bilateral talks with his Japanese counterpart to further strengthen defence cooperation between the two countries across various sectors.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Scholarship on Indian Students

- ★ Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Student Scholarship at a function in New Delhi.
- ★ The first ever Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Student Scholarships was conferred on the direct descendants of soldiers, officers of Armed Forces of India who were martyred or critically wounded during the historic Liberation war of 1971.
- ★ It was conferred on 100 students of class 10 and 100 students of class 12.

EAM on 3-Day Visit to Saudi Arabia

- ★ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will embark on a three-day visit to Saudi Arabia beginning on 10 September 2022.
- ★ This will be his first visit to the Kingdom as External Affairs Minister of India.
- ★ During his visit, he will co-chair the inaugural Ministerial Meeting of the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation (PSSC) with the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia.
- ★ Both sides will review the bilateral relations and discuss ways to enhance them.

World Dairy Summit

- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit IDF WDS 2022, at India Expo Centre and Mart, Greater Noida on 12 September 2022.
- ★ It is a congregation of global and Indian dairy stakeholders including industry leaders, experts, farmers and policy planners.
- ★ The theme for the Summit is 'Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood'.
- ★ The last such Summit was held in India about half a century ago in 1974.
- ★ Around 1500 participants from 50 countries are expected to participate in International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022.
- ★ The summit will also help Indian dairy farmers to gain exposure about the global best practices.

Hughes Announces Broadband Internet Service

- ★ Hughes Communications India, a joint venture entity of US-based Hughes Network Systems and Indian telecom operator Bharti Airtel, announced the launch of its first high throughput satellite (HTS) broadband internet service in India.
- ★ The service will offer satellite internet to remote locations across India and will use the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Geosynchronous Satellite (GSAT)-11 and GSAT-29 satellites to offer the service.
- ★ The service was expected to offer bandwidth of between 2-10Mbps.
- ★ HTS refers to satellite connectivity that offers a higher bandwidth — which in turn increases the amount of data that could be transferred between a satellite and a ground station.

India to Invite Bangladesh as Guest Country

- ★ India will invite Bangladesh as a Guest Country to take part in the G 20 meeting during its Presidency.
- ★ India will assume the Presidency of G-20 for one year from December 2022 to November 2023.
- ★ As part of the G 20 tradition of inviting some Guest Countries and International Organisations (IO) to its meetings and summit, India has decided to invite Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest Countries apart from Bangladesh.
- ★ During India's Presidency, the Troika would consist of India, Indonesia and Brazil. This would be the first time when the Troika would consist of three developing countries and emerging economies.
- ★ The G20 or Group of Twenty, is an intergovernmental forum of the world's major developed and developing economies.
- ★ It comprises 19 countries including Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, UK, USA and the European Union (EU).

NAVAL Exercise 'Kakadu'

- ★ INS Satpura and P8I Maritime Patrol Aircraft will arrive in Darwin in Australia to Participate in Multinational Naval Exercise.
- ★ The exercise Kakadu is being hosted by the Royal Australian Navy.
- ★ The two-week-long Exercise, both in harbour and sea involves ships and maritime aircraft from 14 Navies.
- ★ During the harbour phase of the exercise, the ship's crew will engage in operational planning interactions and sports activities with participating Navies.

Exercise JIMEX 2022

- ★ The sixth edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise 2022 (JIMEX 22) hosted by the Indian Navy, began in the Bay of Bengal.

- ★ The Indian Navy is being represented by three indigenously designed and built warships- Sahyadri, a multi-purpose stealth frigate and Anti-Submarine Warfare Corvettes Kadmat and Kavaratti.
- ★ JIMEX 22 involves two phases - exercises at sea and a harbour phase at Visakhapatnam.
- ★ Japan Maritime Self Defence Force ships Izumo, a Helicopter Carrier and Takanami, a Guided Missile Destroyer were represented the Japanese Navy.
- ★ This edition marks the 10th anniversary of JIMEX, which began in Japan in 2012. It also coincides with the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Japan.

India Signs MoU with Madagascar

- ★ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Madagascar for the training of diplomats.
- ★ It was signed during a special ceremony organized at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Madagascar.
- ★ The signing of this MOU aims for enhancing cooperation between our two countries in the crucial arena of training of diplomats.
- ★ It will also encourage exchange of information and content of training programmes for diplomats.

Mastercard Partners with UNDP

- ★ Mastercard has partnered with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) on Mastercard's Lighthouse MASSIV: a free start-up partnership program designed to help 1 billion people lead more prosperous and secure lives by 2025.
- ★ It is to support impact tech companies on their impact measurement and management and connect them to the broader United Nations network and initiatives.
- ★ Mastercard and UNDP will focus on the sustainability, monetary inclusion and social effect of targeted firms to achieve 2030 Sustainable Growth Objectives (SDG).
- ★ MASSIV stands for Make and Scale Social Impact Vision.
- ★ The Mastercard Lighthouse MASSIV program was launched in 2019.

ANGAN 2022

- ★ A three-day international conference ANGAN 2022 is organized by Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP) in collaboration with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).
- ★ ANGAN stands for Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat.
- ★ It is organized based on the theme "Making the Zero-Carbon Transition in Buildings".
- ★ It is the second edition of the Augmenting Nature by Green Affordable New-habitat.
- ★ The purpose of this conference is to promote a healthy ecosystem as mentioned at the COP26 by Prime Minister Modi on LiFE (Lifestyle and Environment) and Panchamrit, which aims to make India Net Zero by 2070.

- ★ Indo-Swiss Building Energy Efficiency Project (BEEP) is a collaborative project between the Indian Government and the Swiss Government.

India Takes Over SCO Rotating Presidency

- ★ The rotational presidency of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization has been handed over to India in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- ★ Delhi will hold the presidency of the grouping for a year until September 2023. India will host the SCO summit in 2023.
- ★ The next meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State will be held in 2023 in India.
- ★ The leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Member States signed the Samarkand Declaration in the meeting of the Council of Heads of State in the city of Samarkand, Uzbekistan.
- ★ In the Samarkand Declaration, the member states supported the efforts of the countries of the region to ensure prosperity, peace and sustainable development.
- ★ Iran will also become a permanent member of SCO in 2023 under the presidency of India.

Saudi Arabia to Become Second-Biggest Oil Supplier

- ★ Saudi Arabia became the second biggest oil supplier to India after a three-month gap, it has surpassed Russia. India also became Russia's second biggest oil purchaser after China.
- ★ India is the world's third biggest oil importer and consumer, shipped in 8, 63, 950 barrels per day of crude from Saudi Arabia.
- ★ The share of oil imports from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in India also decreased by 59.8%.

Sri Lanka's Largest Bilateral Lender

- ★ India has emerged as the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka, overtaking China. India has provided a total of 968 million US dollars in loans to the island nation in four months of 2022.
- ★ In the past five years from 2017-2021, China has been the largest bilateral lender to Sri Lanka.
- ★ Asian Development Bank (ADB) has been the largest multilateral lender in the past five years and disbursed funds amounting to 610 million dollars in 2021.

Global Clean Energy Action Forum

- ★ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh will lead a joint ministerial delegation to the US to participate in the Global Clean Energy Action Forum.
- ★ Dr. Singh will leave for the US on 19 September 2022.
- ★ He will also participate in the joint convening of Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM 13) and Mission Innovation (MI-7) from 21 September to 23 September 2022 in Pennsylvania, US.

Presidency of Prestigious AIBD Extended

- ★ India's Presidency of the prestigious Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development (AIBD) has been extended for one more year.
- ★ This was unanimously decided by the AIBD member countries at the two-day General Conference held in New Delhi.
- ★ Currently, Chief Executive Officer of Prasar Bharati and Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Kumar Agrawal is the President of AIBD.
- ★ The conference was inaugurated by Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur.
- ★ AIBD was established in 1977.
- ★ It is a unique regional inter-governmental organisation of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) in the field of electronic media development.
- ★ AIBD currently has 26 countries as full members represented by 43 organizations and 52 affiliate members.

Kazakhstan Renames Capital

- ★ The president of Kazakhstan Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev signed constitutional amendments that extended the presidential term to 7 years from 5 years and officially changed the name of the capital Nur Sultan to Astana.
- ★ The changes are among political and economic reforms that President has called for after violent protests in January 2022, killing more than 200 people.
- ★ The Amendment bar any president from running for a second term in office.
- ★ Astana became the capital of Kazakhstan in 1997 when Nazarbayev, led the country for 3 decades under the Soviet Union.

IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission Meeting

- ★ 10th edition of India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) Trilateral Ministerial Commission meeting was held in New York.
- ★ The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.
- ★ They held discussions on mutual interests including cooperation in multilateral organizations, South-South cooperation, UNSC reform, 2030 agenda, Sustainable Development Goals, climate change, countering terrorism and financing for developmental activities.
- ★ India will host the 6th IBSA Summit on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in November 2022.

INS Sunayna to Participate in an exercise in Seychelles

- ★ The INS Sunayna entered Port Victoria Seychelles to participate in the annual training exercise Operation Southern Readiness of Combined Maritime Forces.
- ★ This marks the maiden participation of an Indian Navy ship in Combined Maritime Forces exercise.

- ★ The joint training exercise was attended by representative delegations from India, the US, Italy, Australia, Canada and New Zealand and ship participation from the UK and Spain.

INS Tarkash at Port Gentil

- ★ INS Tarkash made a port call at Port Gentil, Gabon as part of the ongoing deployment in the Gulf of Guinea for anti-piracy patrol.
- ★ This marks the first visit by any Indian Naval Ship to Gabon.
- ★ During the stay, the ship and her crew will participate in official and professional interactions as well as sports fixtures.
- ★ The professional interactions will include discussions and drills on fire fighting and damage control, medical and casualty evacuation issues and diving operations.
- ★ The ship will also remain open to visitors.

Bilateral Fast-Track Mechanism

- ★ India and the Netherlands have signed a joint statement to formalize the bilateral Fast-Track Mechanism between the two countries.
- ★ The Joint statement aims to facilitate a platform for the Dutch companies operating in India, for faster resolution of investment cases.
- ★ It is expected that the mechanism will strengthen and assist bilateral efforts to increase mutual investment activities and also support and develop business cooperation between companies in both countries.
- ★ Commerce and Industry Ministry of India announced that the Netherlands is the fourth largest foreign direct investor in India.
- ★ The cumulative flow of FDI from the Netherlands to India reached around 42.3 billion US dollars between April 2000 and June 2022.

Indian Fertiliser Companies Sign MoU with Canadian Company

- ★ Indian Fertiliser companies have signed an MoU with Canpotex, Canada one of the largest Potash suppliers globally.
- ★ The Indian companies are Coromandel International, Chambal Fertilizers and Indian Potash Limited.
- ★ MoU will reduce both supply and price volatility and ensure a stable long-term supply of Potassic fertilizer to India.
- ★ Canpotex company will supply up to 15 Lakh tonnes of Potash annually for a period of three years to the Indian Fertilizer companies.
- ★ This supply partnership is expected to improve the fertiliser availability within the country and reduce supply side and price vulnerabilities.

G-20 Summit

- ★ Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar arrived in Bali, Indonesia on a three-day visit to participate in G-20 Summit.
- ★ Mr. Tomar held separate bilateral meetings with the Canadian Minister of Agriculture Marie-Claude Bibeau and Australia Assistant Minister for Trade and Manufacturing, Tim Ayres.
- ★ Mr Tomar extended invitation to both the Ministers for the G-20 Agri-Summit to be hosted by India in 2023.
- ★ Besides, he also sought their support for the International Year of Millets - 2023 to be celebrated under India's stewardship.

BANKING, FINANCE AND ECONOMICS

RBI to Auction Government Securities

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will be auctioning four dated government securities worth ₹33,000 crore on 02 September 2022.
- ★ The Centre will also have the option to retain an additional subscription of ₹2 crore against each security.
- ★ Both competitive and non-competitive bids for the auction should be submitted in electronic format on RBI's core banking solution (E-Kuber) system.
- ★ These four government securities as per Finance Ministry are:
 - 6.69% Government Security 2024 amounting to ₹4,000 crore.
 - 7.10% Government Security 2029 aggregating ₹7,000 crore.
 - 6.95% Government Security 2061 aggregating to ₹9,000 crore.
 - 7.26% Government Security 2032 worth ₹13,000 crore. This would be the highest security for the auction in value terms. It also has the highest coupon rate among the four dated securities.

NABARD Partners with Mizoram

- ★ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has approved an allocation of ₹230 crore for rural infrastructure projects in Mizoram under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) XXVIII.
- ★ NABARD started functioning in Mizoram as a sub-office in 1989 which was upgraded to a full-fledged Regional Office.
- ★ Since the inception of the RIDF in 1995-96, NABARD has sanctioned aggregate loans amounting to ₹1744.51 crore involving 677 projects.

Sri Lanka and IMF

- ★ The Sri Lankan Government and International Monetary Fund (IMF) have reached a preliminary agreement for a loan of 2.9 billion dollars.

- ★ It will support the country's economic policies with 48-month agreement under Extended Fund Facility.
- ★ Sri Lanka's new Fund-supported programme aims to restore macroeconomic stability and debt sustainability.

Bank of Maharashtra Launches New FD Scheme

- ★ The Bank of Maharashtra has launched a new fixed deposit scheme known as the "Maha Dhanvarsha"
- ★ As per the Scheme, the highest interest rate on this special deposit will be 5.50% for regular people and 6% for senior citizens.
- ★ The interest rate is only valid for a 400-day term.
- ★ The bank offers fixed deposit terms ranging from 7 days to 10 years with interest rates ranging from 2.75% to 5.40%.
- ★ On premature withdrawal of term deposits for deposits up to 1-year maturity (tenure at the time of opening the account) there will be no penalty.
- ★ Interest rates of prematurely withdrawn term deposits with a maturity period of more than 1 year will be 1% below the applicable rate.

ADB and Maharashtra Government

- ★ The Maharashtra government would take a loan of 4,000 crore rupees from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for setting up medical colleges in 12 districts of Maharashtra.
- ★ There are 12 districts in the state without a single medical college.
- ★ The 12 districts are Jalgaon, Satara, Alibaug, Sindhudurg, Usmanabad, Parbhani, Amravati, Ratnagiri, Gadchiroli, Bhandara, Ambernath and Nashik Super Speciality hospital.
- ★ The state government will soon complete the technical procedures to receive the funds.
- ★ He directed that the medical education department should prepare a plan to set up a medical college and hospital in every district in the next two years.

SBI Card Launches 'Cashback SBI Card'

- ★ SBI Card has announced the launch of the 'CASHBACK SBI Card' in India.
- ★ As the company claims CASHBACK SBI Card is the industry's first Cashback-focused credit card that enables cardholders to earn 5 per cent cashback on all online spending without any merchant restrictions.
- ★ Consumers across India, including tier 2 and 3 cities can easily get CASHBACK SBI Card instantly through the digital application platform 'SBI Card SPRINT'.
- ★ The card also offers a 1% fuel surcharge waiver which is valid for transaction amounts ranging from ₹500 to ₹3,000 with a maximum surcharge waiver limit of ₹100 per billing statement month for each credit card account.
- ★ CASHBACK SBI Card is available on the VISA platform.

IndusInd Bank Partnered with ADB

- ★ IndusInd Bank partnered with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to support and promote supply chain finance (SCF) solutions in India.
- ★ The bank has entered into a partial guarantee programme with ADB with an initial outlay of USD 70 million (₹560.0 crore) towards promoting SCF solutions in India.
- ★ IndusInd Bank aims to grow its presence in MSME financing and this partnership will further strengthen various initiatives of the bank in this domain.
- ★ The Bank recently launched a state-of-the-art digital portal for SCF – ‘earlyCredit’ enabling 24×7 seamless processing of SCF transactions for corporates, suppliers and dealers.

HDFC Bank Introduces New SMS Banking Facility

- ★ The private sector lender HDFC Bank introduced a new SMS banking facility for its customers.
- ★ With the new SMS banking facility, customers can now check account balances & summaries, apply for loans, manage credit cards, apply for cheque book requests, generate account statements and more.
- ★ Customers no longer need to remember or type lengthy pre-defined keywords as HDFC Bank’s new SMS facility is integrated with AI technology.
- ★ In order to get started with the new SMS banking facility of HDFC Bank, customers are required to complete the registration process.

BoB Financial Partnered with Snapdeal

- ★ BOB Financial Solutions Limited (BFSL) & Snapdeal in partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and JCB International Co. Ltd (JCB) have launched the Snapdeal BoB JCB RuPay Credit Card.
- ★ Users of the co-branded credit card will receive up to 5% unlimited cashback (20 reward points on every INR 100 spent) on the Snapdeal app and website.
- ★ Activation of the card within 30 days of issuance will entitle the cardholder to shopping benefits on Snapdeal worth up to INR 500.
- ★ The card will also be usable at international merchants and ATMs through the extensive JCB global network.

HDFC ERGO Partnered with Google Cloud

- ★ HDFC ERGO General Insurance has roped in Google Cloud to build an online platform for selling insurance, offering tailored digital experiences to customers, responding to regulatory changes faster and identifying insurance risks using data analytics and machine learning (ML).
- ★ HDFC ERGO plans to completely migrate to the cloud by 2024.
- ★ Google Cloud will also assist the insurance provider with IT systems integration and building new applications.
- ★ Google will also provide them AI/ML technologies to build predictive insights and mitigate insurance fraud.

PNB MetLife Launches New Unit Linked Insurance Plan

- ★ PNB MetLife has launched a new ULIP plan PNB MetLife Goal Ensuring Multiplier (GEM).
- ★ It offers customers life insurance coverage and helps them invest methodically with the goal of creating wealth for the future.
- ★ Customers can choose from 13 different funds to best fit their risk appetite and can also opt for goal-based fund management strategies.
- ★ The plan also has a top-up feature which allows customers to enhance their coverage and accelerate their savings goals.

RBI Issues New Guidelines on Digital Lending to Protect Borrowers

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued official guidelines to all lenders/ Regulated Entities (RE), including banks in a move to protect the borrowers from unscrupulous lending practices.
- ★ These new guidelines will apply only to existing customers taking fresh loans, and to new customers getting onboarded from 02 September 2022.
- ★ The registered entities have to comply with the digital lending guidelines by 30 November 2022.
- ★ The guidelines issued by the RBI cover the following regulated entities includes all commercial banks, urban co-operative banks, state co-operative banks, district central co-operative banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) including housing finance companies (HFCs).

IDFC First Bank Joins ONDC

- ★ Private sector lender IDFC First Bank has signed up as participant in the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).
- ★ ONDC is an initiative of the ministry of commerce and industry, to enable early adoption of the network among its customers.
- ★ The bank has enabled a platform for buyers which will help them discover sellers in the ONDC network as it develops over time.
- ★ The bank has started onboarding small merchants, who are its current account customers, on to a partner app registered with ONDC.
- ★ The app is expected to help small merchants carry out transactions over ONDC's electronic network.

'Rainbow Account' for Transgender Community

- ★ ESAF Small Finance Bank Limited launched 'Rainbow Savings Account' especially for transgender community.
- ★ It offers a range of features including high savings rates and advanced debit card features.
- ★ Kerala-based ESAF Small Finance Bank announced that a trans-friendly or inclusive labor culture is the need of the hour and it is a big step towards inclusive revolution.
- ★ It serves primarily the underserved and underserved people with a focus on financial inclusion and its vision to be India's leading social bank, providing universal financial access and equal opportunities by encompassing livelihoods and economic development.

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India in 2015 directed banks to include a separate column 'third gender' in all their forms and applications.

The Direct Broking Licence from IRDAI

- ★ Lord's Mark Insurance Broking Private Limited, the insurance division of Lord's Mark Industries has received direct insurance broking licence from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).
- ★ It is for selling life and general insurance products.
- ★ Lords Mark Insurance Broking is already in talks with a few leading insurance firms to formalise collaborations with them for launching life and general insurance products on its platform called 'Policy King'.
- ★ Policy King will function on an innovative operating model and will offer its customers facilities to compare all available insurance offers apart from assistance and expert guidance to choose the right life insurance, term life insurance, health insurance, motor insurance, etc.

Axis Bank Partners with PayNearby

- ★ Private sector lender Axis Bank partnered with fintech PayNearby to offer opening of savings and current bank accounts for both last mile retailers and customers.
- ★ This initiative will enable Axis Bank to leverage PayNearby's tech-backed distribution-as-a-service (DaaS) network of over 50 lakh micro-entrepreneurs.
- ★ It will empower Axis Bank and PayNearby to reach out to potential customers in remote regions of the country, and address common issues faced by them such as hassle of documentation, long processes, technology, lack of proximity and fear of a formal environment.
- ★ This will also simplify banking for retail shop owners and individual customers.

Project to Digitize Kisan Credit Card in MP and Tamil Nadu

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has launched the pilot project for end-to-end digitalization of lending via Kisan Credit Cards (KCC).
- ★ The pilot project would entail the automation of various processes within banks and the integration of their systems with the service providers.
- ★ The proposed digitalization of the KCC lending process will make it more efficient, reduce costs for borrowers and reduce Turnaround Time (TAT).
- ★ It is developed by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) in association with the Rural Bank of India (RBI).
- ★ The pilot will commence in September 2022 in select districts of Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu with Union Bank of India and Federal Bank.
- ★ The project is being launched as a part of the initiative for the digitalization of Rural Finance in India.

Kisan Safalta Card for Agri Financing

- ★ Agribazaar is a private sector electronic Agri Mandi, which launched 'Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card'.
- ★ The Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card is a quick and easy way to help farmers to meet their pre- and post-harvest farm requirements and allied expenses. Farmers can use Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card to get financing.
- ★ The card has a 12-month repayment period, which provides enough time to pay off the balance.
- ★ The amount of the card is adjustable for marginal farmers, which ranges from ₹10,000 to ₹50,000.
- ★ The maximum limit of the Agribazaar Kisan Safalta Card can be increased annually based on crop yield and repayments.

RBI Imposes Penalties on 3 Entities

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India has imposed penalties on three entities for non-compliance with regulatory norms.
- ★ A penalty of ₹36 lakhs has been imposed on Industrial Bank of Korea for non-compliance with certain Know Your Customer (KYC) norms.
- ★ A penalty of ₹59.10 lakh has been imposed on Woori Bank.
- ★ A fine of ₹12.35 lakh has been imposed on Indiabulls Commercial Credit Limited.

Click2Protect Super Term Insurance Policy

- ★ HDFC Life has launched a term insurance plan Click2Protect Super, which enables customisation as per protection needs and you only pay for the benefits/plan options that you have chosen.
- ★ Click2Protect Super is a non-linked, non-participating, individual, pure risk premium/ savings life insurance plan.
- ★ The plan provides comprehensive financial protection for the family.
- ★ One can choose a cover as per requirement from among three plan options – Life, Life Plus and Life Goal.

SBI and WAARE

- ★ WAAREE, India's largest Solar Panel manufacturer has an Agreement with the State Bank of India (SBI) for Solar Projects.
- ★ It allows WAAREE to receive unsecured financing for solar projects through Surya Shakti Solar Finance Scheme and provide working capital for Channel Partners under EDFs (Electronic dealer finance scheme).
- ★ Through the scheme, WAAREE plans to leverage a credit line of more than USD 500 million and offer loan borrowers a digital platform for a simple application process.

Smart Flexi Protect Solution

- ★ Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has launched 'Smart Flexi Protect Solution', a 3-in-1 offering that provides health and enhanced life cover, along with market-linked investment returns.
- ★ Max Life's Smart Flexi Protect Solution is designed as a go-to choice for earning individuals, especially for self-employed profiles.
- ★ The 'Smart Flexi Protect Solution' is a combination of Max Life Flexi Wealth Plus & Max Life Critical Illness and Disability Secure Rider.
- ★ It offers 5 different investment strategies and 11 funds along with a return of mortality charges at maturity.

Axis Bank and Square Yards

- ★ Private lender Axis Bank and Square Yards, an integrated real estate platform launched 'Open Doors', a co-branded home buyer ecosystem, which offers one-stop solution from searching to buying a home.
- ★ Open Door is an integrated platform that makes the entire process of finding and purchasing a house a hassle-free and effective process for clients.
- ★ Customers looking to purchase a house can avail end-to-end home buying assistance.
- ★ It is a first-of-its-kind unified platform that will handle all consumer inquiries around residential real estate.

India's First Electronic Bank Guarantee

- ★ India's largest private sector bank HDFC Bank partnered with National E-Governance Services Limited (NeSL) to become the first bank in India to issue an Electronic Bank Guarantee (e-BG).
- ★ e-BG has been developed in consultation with NeSL, Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)-Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) committee and Indian Bank's Association (IBA) to simplify the process and eliminate the possibility of fraud and manipulation.
- ★ e-BG will be issued on the NeSL portal through an API-based digital workflow.
- ★ The paper-based time-consuming process has been eliminated with the new electronic bank guarantees that can be processed, stamped, verified and delivered instantly with enhanced security.

Canara HSBC Life Insurance Launches 'iSelect Guaranteed Plan'

- ★ Canara HSBC Life Insurance has launched an individual, non-linked, non-participating, savings and protection life insurance plan called 'iSelect Guaranteed Future'.
- ★ It comes with a host of features and has been customized to cater to short-term and long-term financial requirements.
- ★ The policy comes in multiple options to choose from – iAchieve and Flexi iAchieve, iAssure and Flexi iAssure and Easy iAchieve.
- ★ Canara HSBC Life Insurance was a joint venture between Canara Bank (51%), HSBC Insurance (Asia Pacific) Holdings Limited (26%) and Punjab National Bank (23%).

ICICI Lombard Introduces Digital Voice Agent

- ★ A private non-life insurance company, ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited (ICICI Lombard) launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI) powered digital voice agent, an AI-based Software as a Service (SaaS) voice automation platform.
- ★ The new feature will assist customers with the status of their insurance claims for health and motor insurance policies.
- ★ The augmented voice intelligence platform is integrated with ICICI Lombard's customer relationship management (CRM) systems.
- ★ It will enhance the speed, accuracy and ease of conversation.

Seventh Indian Company to Cross ₹5 trillion Market Capitalization

- ★ India's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) crossed ₹5-trillion-mark in market capitalisation for the first time, as the shares of the bank hit a record high of ₹574.65 and 574.7 per share.
- ★ SBI became the third lender and seventh Indian company to cross the ₹5 trillion Market Cap.
- ★ It has become the third bank in the country to cross the market cap of ₹5 trillion after HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank.
- ★ HDFC Bank, India's largest private bank has a market cap of ₹8.48 trillion, followed by ICICI Bank, which has a market cap of ₹6.33 trillion.

Karnataka Bank becomes part of Khajane-II

- ★ Karnataka Bank Ltd has become part of the Karnataka Government's integrated financial management system (IFMS) Khajane-II (K2) for implementing a single nodal agency (SNA) account system for Centrally-sponsored schemes.
- ★ The Bank will help in implementing various sponsored schemes by the Government for the disbursement of cash benefits to the targeted beneficiaries via direct credit to their bank accounts in a safe, secure and speedier manner.
- ★ The bank through its technology and digital-led solutions, will continue to engage and partner with the Government of Karnataka for implementing its various initiatives towards the welfare of the public.

RHFL Partners with EGI

- ★ Digital insurer Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) has tied up with Chennai-based Repco Home Finance Ltd (RHFL) to offer insurance solutions to all home loan customers of RHFL.
- ★ Through this partnership, EGI will offer property insurance cover and loan protection cover to RHFL's customers through their branches spread across India.
- ★ The Property Insurance cover will focus on protecting home against fire and all other natural calamities and the loan protection cover safeguards the customer's repayment of loans on an unforeseen accident.

Nippon Life India Asset Management and DWS

- ★ Nippon Life India Asset Management (Singapore) Ltd, wholly owned subsidiary of Nippon Life India Asset Management Limited has collaborated with DWS to provide portfolio management and investment advisory services to the European-listed Indian Government Bond Exchange Traded Funds (ETF).
- ★ Through this collaboration, the clients of DWS Group will access the attractive Indian bond market.
- ★ DWS is continuously developing its range of ETFs to meet the ever-evolving needs of investors.
- ★ The market size for securities issued by the Indian government is more than USD 1 trillion as of August 2022.
- ★ The instruments comprise FAR-eligible fixed-rate and zero-coupon bonds.
- ★ The Fully Accessible Route (FAR) is a separate channel established by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), in consultation with the GoI through which eligible investors can invest in specified Government securities without any investment ceilings.

Reliance General Insurance Partners with Paytm

- ★ Reliance General Insurance Firm Ltd., an India-based private insurance company has partnered with Paytm, India's leading digital payments and financial services company.
- ★ It is to provide the public with Reliance Health Gain Policy, a customizable health insurance solution.
- ★ It will also enhance insurance penetration in the country with greater accessibility.
- ★ The health insurance policies are offered in three distinct plans – Plus, Power and Prime with an assortment of features to allow for policy customization for each consumer.
- ★ The policy includes 38 features such as Double Cover, which provides twice the amount of sum insured.
- ★ Reliance Health Gain Policy was launched in May 2022.

Punjab Government and World Bank

- ★ World Bank has granted a loan of \$150 million to help Punjab in managing financial resources and ensure accessible public service.
- ★ The loan was approved by the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors to support the state in strengthening public service infrastructure and its institutional capacities.
- ★ The \$150 million loan has a maturity period of 15 years.
- ★ There will be an initiative to introduce a performance-based grants system to encourage municipal corporation to improve service delivery.
- ★ Under the second initiative, a pilot project will demonstrate water supply in selected areas of Amritsar and Ludhiana.

Singapore Central Bank Partners with India's IFSCA

- ★ A FinTech Co-operation Agreement was signed by the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) to promote regulatory cooperation and partnership in FinTech technologies.
- ★ It was signed in order to promote the testing of technological breakthroughs, to make use of the regulatory sandboxes already in place in each party's jurisdiction.
- ★ Companies will be referred to each other's regulatory sandboxes as a part of it, allowing for creative cross-border trials in both jurisdictions.
- ★ With the help of regulatory sandboxes, this agreement ushers in a FinTech Bridge that will act as a landing pad for Singaporean FinTechs in India and a launch pad for Indian FinTechs in Singapore.

SBI WeCare FD Scheme

- ★ The State Bank of India (SBI) has extended the deadline to invest in its senior citizen FD scheme -SBI WeCare FD up to 31 March 2023.
- ★ In 2022 SBI, launched the special FD scheme "SBI WECARE" to secure senior citizens' income by paying additional interest on term deposits.
- ★ The scheme is offered for new deposits as well as the renewal of maturing accounts.

ADB Lowers India's Growth Forecast to 7%

- ★ The Asian Development Bank lowered its growth forecast for India for 2022-23 to 7% from 7.2% estimated in July.
- ★ It also lowered India's growth estimate for 2023-24 to 7.2% from 7.8%.
- ★ The data was given in the Asian Development Outlook 2022.

Union Bank of India Launches Digitization of Kisan Credit Card

- ★ Union Bank of India (UBI) launched an Industry-first, farmer-focused end-to-end digitization of the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) product as part of the flagship digital transformation project 'Sambhav'.
- ★ It is to digitize the KCC lending process, making it more efficient and farmer-friendly.
- ★ Digitization of KCC is a fintech initiative of UBI in collaboration with Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH) aimed at overcoming the challenges faced by farmers like in-person visits to a bank branch, submission of land ownership and other documents and high turnaround time in getting the KCC.

Auto Index Fund

- ★ ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund has launched the industry's first auto index fund named 'ICICI Prudential Nifty Auto Index Fund'.
- ★ The new fund offer opens on 22 September 2022 and will close on 06 October 2022.

- ★ The fund will track the Nifty Auto Index which has been designed to reflect the performance of the automobiles sector of the financial market.
- ★ ICICI Prudential MF is the 2nd largest asset Management company in India.

RBI Removes CBI from PCA Framework

- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has removed the Central Bank of India (CBI) from its Prompt Corrective Action Framework (PCAF) after CBI showed improvement in various financial ratios, including minimum regulatory capital and Net Non-Performing Assets (NNPAs).
- ★ The RBI had imposed the PCA norms on CBI in June 2017 due to its high net NPA and Negative Return of Assets (RoA).
- ★ PCA is a framework under which banks with weak financial metrics are put under watch by the RBI.
- ★ The RBI has specified certain regulatory trigger points, as a part of PCA Framework in terms of three parameters- Capital to Risk Weighted Assets Ratio (CRAR), net Non-Performing Assets (NPA) and Return on Assets (RoA).

Defence Ministry Signs MoU with BoB and HDFC Bank

- ★ The Defence Ministry has signed a memorandum of understanding, MoU, with Bank of Baroda and HDFC Bank under the SPARSH- System for Pension Administration initiative with an objective to cover seventeen lakh defence pensioners, across the country.
- ★ The Defence Secretary highlighted that the average time in pension settlement has come down significantly to about 16 days.
- ★ SPARSH acts as Service Centres to provide an effective medium for pensioners to perform profile update requests, register grievances and seek redressal and pensioner data verification.
- ★ SPARSH was implemented in 2021.

First Lender to Get RBI's Approval for Rupee Trade

- ★ UCO Bank has received the approval from the Reserve Bank of India to open a special Vostro account with Gazprom Bank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees.
- ★ UCO Bank is a Kolkata-based lender, is the first bank to receive the regulator's approval following the decision of RBI to allow Indian Banks to settle trade in Indian currency in July.
- ★ A vostro account is an account a correspondent bank holds on behalf of another bank.
- ★ These accounts are an essential aspect of correspondent banking in which the bank holding the funds acts as custodian for or manages the account of a foreign counterpart.
- ★ Gazprom Bank is a Russian lender, which was set up by World's largest gas producer and exporter Gazprom to provide banking services for gas industry enterprises.

Federal Bank Partners with BBPS

- ★ One of India's leading private sector banks, Federal Bank has associated with Bharat BillPay Limited (NBBL), the wholly-owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

and Lulu Financial Group to facilitate utility bill payment services for non-resident Indian Diaspora.

- ★ This arrangement enables overseas remittance partners like Exchange Houses and Banks to pay Indian utility bills of over 20,000 billers in more than 20 categories in a cost-effective and convenient option.
- ★ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), permitted foreign inward remittances to be received under the rupee drawing arrangement (RDA) through the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS).

HDFC Bank Signs Agreement with Refinitiv

- ★ HDFC Bank signed a multi-year data and technology agreement with Refinitiv, a London Stock Exchange Group business as the Mumbai-based lender looks to reach more customers and cut costs.
- ★ HDFC Bank will also enable its users with Refinitiv Workspace, which will offer access to tools including real-time market data, news and fundamentals data.
- ★ Refinitiv is an American-British global provider of financial market data.

Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance Launches ABSLI Akshaya Plan

- ★ Aditya Birla Sun Life Insurance (ABSLI), the life insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL) has launched a new-age savings solution ABSLI Akshaya Plan a non-linked participating individual savings life insurance plan offering immediate liquidity option through cash bonus facility.
- ★ This plan provides the benefit of a comprehensive life insurance cover and a regular source of income to ensure the fulfillment of your family's growing needs.
- ★ ABSLI Akshaya plan provides competitive returns with high flexibility.
- ★ Policyholders can avail the benefits of this plan on a long-term basis (25, 30, 35, 40 years) or whole life basis (till the age of 85 or 100).
- ★ The maximum entry age to avail ABSLI Akshaya Plan is 55 years, while the minimum age is 30 days.
- ★ The minimum annualized premium is ₹24,000 Policyholders can choose from multiple premium payment term options ranging from 6, 8, 10, 12 and 15 years.

ADB to Transfer \$ 14 billion to Asia-Pacific

- ★ The Asian Development Bank plans to provide at least \$14 billion over 2022-2025 in a comprehensive program of support to ease a food crisis in Asia and the Pacific.
- ★ It plans a comprehensive program of support to help the 1.1 billion people in the region who lack healthy diets due to poverty and soaring food prices.
- ★ The ADB announced that the funds will go to both existing and new projects spanning farming, food production and distribution, water resources management and social supports.
- ★ The Manila, Philippines-based ADB made the announcement during its annual meeting on 27 September 2022.

- ★ In a recent update, the bank downgraded its forecast for growth in the region to 4.3% from an earlier estimate of 5.2%.

Ethical Hacking Lab

- ★ Union Bank of India has inaugurated 'Ethical Hacking Lab' at the Cyber security Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Hyderabad.
- ★ The main objective is to build cyber defence mechanism to safeguard the Bank's Information Systems, Digital Assets, Channels etc against potential cyber threats.
- ★ The Ethical Hacking Lab was inaugurated by MD & CEO, Union Bank of India A. Manimekhalai.
- ★ Union Bank is adopting various new initiatives to increase Digital Footprints.

Reits and Invits to Issue Commercial Papers

- ★ Capital markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) allowed emerging investment vehicles, Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) to issue commercial papers.
- ★ The move came after Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Commercial Paper Directions indicated that InvIT and REIT having a net worth of at least ₹100 crore are eligible to issue commercial paper
- ★ At present, there are 3 listed REITs Embassy Office Parks REIT, Mindspace Business Parks REIT and Brookfield India Real Estate Trust on Indian stock exchanges.
- ★ The issuance of listed CPs should be within the overall debt limit permitted under the REITs and InvITs rules.
- ★ CP refers to a short-term debt instrument issued by companies to garner funds generally for a period of up to one year.

Yubi Partners with SBI

- ★ Yubi (earlier, CredAvenue) has partnered with the State Bank of India (SBI) to help grow the bank's co-lending portfolio.
- ★ SBI will be integrated with Yubi Co.Lend, a co-lending marketplace that enables lenders to collaborate with multiple partners and disburse joint loans to the priority sector.
- ★ Yubi is a unified credit platform with a comprehensive product which support to all stages of the debt lifecycle.
- ★ As part of this collaboration, Yubi Co.Lend will assist SBI in collaborating with an extensive base of non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), housing finance companies (HFCs) and fintechs to grow its co-lending business.

BUSINESS NEWS

Extension of Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20

- ★ Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has been extended for a further period of six months.

- ★ The extension will come into effect from 01 October 2022.
- ★ Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced that the government has received requests from Export Promotion Councils and leading exporters to extend the policy.
- ★ Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 was unveiled in 2015. It emphasizes on improving the ease of doing business.
- ★ The policy provides a framework for increasing exports of goods and services keeping Make in India vision of Prime Minister in focus.

SPORTS

Neeraj Chopra Gifts Gold Medal-Winning Javelin

- ★ Olympic Gold Medalist Neeraj Chopra has gifted his historic Tokyo Olympics gold medal winning javelin to the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.
- ★ The museum has a rich collection of 120 years, which includes the rifle of Abhinav Bindra, who became the first Indian to win an individual Olympic gold at Beijing 2008.
- ★ The Museum is managed by the International Olympic Committee's Heritage team.

First Indian Woman to Reach WJS Championship Final

- ★ Apeksha Fernandes became the first Indian Woman to reach the final of the World Junior Swimming Championship.
- ★ She clocked her 'Best Indian Time' of 2:18:18 to qualify for the final.
- ★ She finished 8th in the 200m women's category event.
- ★ The 8th World Junior Swimming Championships is taking place from 30 August to 04 September 2022 in Lima, Peru.

Successful Bowler in International Cricket

- ★ James Anderson of England is the first fast bowler in the history of international cricket to reach 950 wickets.
- ★ On Day 3 of the second Test against South Africa, he accomplished this illustrious achievement.
- ★ He surpassed Glenn McGrath of 949 wickets of Australia's previous record.

Former Leg Spinner Rahul Sharma Announced Retirement

- ★ Rahul Sharma, an Indian spinner has declared his retirement from both local and international cricket.
- ★ The tall leg-spinner first gained attention in 2011 when he played for Pune Warriors in the IPL.
- ★ Under Virendra Sehwag's captaincy, Rahul Sharma made his ODI debut against the West Indies in 2011.
- ★ He played his first T20 match in 2012 against Australia while MS Dhoni served as captain.

- ★ He participated in his final series on the Sri Lanka trip later that year.

Malaysian Chess Meet

- ★ Six-year-old Anishka Biyani won the gold medal in the Malaysian Age Group Rapid Chess Championship at Kuala Lumpur on 04 September 2022.
- ★ Anishka, a first-grade student of Dhirubhai Ambani school, achieved the feat in the Under-6 Open category.
- ★ She scored four points out of a possible six to clinch the title in the girl's category.
- ★ Earlier this year, Anishka also qualified as one of the best under-7 players in the All-India FIDE rating chess tournament held in Yousufguda, Hyderabad.

Dutch F1 Grand Prix

- ★ Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Dutch Formula 1 Grand Prix on 04 September 2022.
- ★ Mercedes' George Russell and Ferrari's Charles Leclerc came at the second and third positions respectively.
- ★ Verstappen has now won 10 of this season's 15 races.
- ★ It was his 72nd podium finish and he collected 26 points from this race.

Anthem and Mascot of 36th National Games in Ahmedabad

- ★ Union Home Minister Amit Shah on 04 September 2022, launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36th National Games in Ahmedabad.
- ★ The mascot is named as 'Savaj' which means cub in Gujarat.
- ★ While the theme of the anthem of the national games is 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.
- ★ The 36th edition of the National Games will be organized between 29 September to 12 October at six cities in Gujarat.

Dubai Open Chess Tournament

- ★ Grandmaster Aravindh Chithambaram emerged champion in the 22nd Dubai Open chess tournament.
- ★ He finished with 7.5 points as seven Indians finished in the top 10.
- ★ The 22-year-old Chithambaram and Praggnanandhaa, settled for a draw in the ninth and final round.

Mastercard Replaces Paytm as BCCI Title Sponsor

- ★ American financial company Mastercard has replaced Paytm as the new title sponsor of the Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) of the Indian cricket team for their home matches.
- ★ Mastercard will be the title sponsor of Indian men's and women's cricket teams' matches at home along with all the domestic tournaments ranging from the Ranji Trophy to the Irani Trophy.

- ★ Mastercard will be the title sponsor for all international matches (both women and men) scheduled in India.
- ★ Paytm has the rights for 7 years as the sponsor of BCCI.

First Indian to Win Zurich Diamond League Final

- ★ Tokyo Olympic gold medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has achieved yet another historic feat as he became the first Indian to win the prestigious Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland.
- ★ Neeraj Chopra's second throw, measuring 88.44 metre, won him the Diamond League trophy.
- ★ Olympic silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic finished second with a best throw of 86.94 metre.
- ★ Julian Weber of Germany was third with a best of 83.73metre.

US Open Women's Singles 2022

- ★ World Number one Iga Swiatek won the women's title at the 2022 US Open tennis grand slam.
- ★ She defeated Ons Jabeur from Tunisia 6-2, 7-6.
- ★ Swiatek claimed her third Grand Slam trophy after she won the 2020 and 2022 French Open.

Italian F1 Grand Prix

- ★ Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the Formula One Italian Grand Prix on 11 September 2022.
- ★ Ferrari's Charles Leclerc and Mercedes George Russell came at the 2nd and 3rd positions respectively.
- ★ It was Verstappen's 11th win in 16 races in 2022.
- ★ It was also Verstappen's maiden Italian GP win.
- ★ He had also won the Dutch F1 Grand Prix.
- ★ He has won a total of 31 races.

Australia Captain Aaron Finch Announces to Retire

- ★ Australia's captain Aaron Finch, announced his retirement from one-day international cricket after Australia's third and final ODI against New Zealand.
- ★ Finch will continue to be the captain of the Australian cricket team for T20.
- ★ Finch has scored 5,401 runs in the ODI format with an average of close to 40 and 17 centuries.
- ★ He played 145 ODI matches out of which 54 were as a captain.
- ★ In 2018, he became the first player to reach 900 rating points on the official International Cricket Council (ICC) T20 rankings.

Asia Cup 2022

- ★ Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 23 runs to lift their 6th Asia Cup title at the Dubai International Stadium last night.
- ★ Pakistan were all out on 147 runs in 20 overs with Mohammad Rizwan top-scored with 55 runs.
- ★ For Sri Lanka, Pramod Madushan scalped four wickets while Wanindu Hasaranga took three and Chamika Karunaratne bagged two wickets.
- ★ Sri Lanka all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga has been adjudged the Player of the Series.
- ★ Bhanuka Rajapaksa has been named the Player of the Match for his batting performance in the final.

US Open 2022

- ★ In the men's division, Spanish player C. Alcaraz Garcia has won his maiden Grand Slam title after defeating C. Ruud, who is only 19 years old and is the youngest player to become world Number one.
- ★ The tournament took place at New York's Arthur Ashe Stadium.
- ★ In the women's division, Poland tennis player I. Witek beat O. Jabeur to win the 2022 US Open women's singles.

Robin Uthappa Announces Retirement from All Formats of Cricket

- ★ Robin Uthappa announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on 14 September 2022.
- ★ He made his international debut in 2006 and played 46 ODIs and 13 T20Is.
- ★ He scored 934 runs in 46 ODIs for India and also scored 249 runs in 13 T20Is.
- ★ He played all 15 seasons of the IPL and represented as many as six teams in the tournament.

Vinesh Phogat Wins Medals at World Championships

- ★ Vinesh Phogat became the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championship.
- ★ Vinesh Phogat won bronze at the World Wrestling Championship 2022 in the women's 53kg category in Belgrade, Serbia.
- ★ She also became the first Indian woman to win a gold medal at both the Commonwealth and Asian Games.
- ★ At Commonwealth Games 2022, she won the gold medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling category.
- ★ She defeated Emma Malmgren of Sweden.

SAFF U-17 Championship

- ★ In football, India clinched the SAFF championship in the category of under-17 by defeated Nepal 4-0 in the final held in Colombo.

- ★ India captain Vanlalpeka Guite was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament, while goalkeeper Sahil won the best Goalkeeper awards.
- ★ India also won previous season title by beating Nepal 7-0 on 31 August 2019.

Rachael Haynes Announces Retirement from International Cricket

- ★ Australian woman cricketer Rachael Haynes announced her retirement from international cricket at the age of 35.
- ★ She is also retiring from state cricket. However, she would play one more season for Sydney Thunder in the Women's Big Bash League.
- ★ The left-hand batter has scored 3,818 runs in more than 150 internationals over all three formats since her debut in 2009 and won six global titles with Australia.
- ★ She became the vice-captain in 2018.

Roger Federer Announces Retirement from Professional Tennis

- ★ Roger Federer, one of the greatest tennis players, has decided to announce retirement to professional tennis after the conclusion of the Laver Cup 2022.
- ★ He clarified that he would play more tennis in the future, but just not in Grand slams or on the tour.
- ★ He Played more than 1500 matches over 24 years.

First Cricketer to have 50 million Followers on Twitter

- ★ Virat Kohli has now become the first cricketer to have 50 million Twitter followers.
- ★ Virat Kohli, Team India's great cricketer and former captain has accomplished another major milestone on social media.
- ★ Virat Kohli is well-liked across all social media platforms, with 211 million Instagram followers and 49 million Facebook followers.

76th Chess Grandmaster

- ★ 15-year-old Pranav Anand from Bengaluru, Karnataka became India's 76th Chess Grandmaster (GM) after his victory against Armenia's International Master (IM) Emin Ohanian.
- ★ He got the title after crossing 2,500 Elo points at the ongoing World Youth Chess Championship in Mamaia, Romania.
- ★ Grandmaster is the highest title given to chess players other than world champion by the International Chess Federation FIDE.

World Wrestling Championship 2022

- ★ Indian wrestling icon Bajrang Punia bagged the bronze medal at the World Wrestling Championships 2022 in Serbia, Belgrade.
- ★ With this, Bajrang became the first Indian to win 4 medals at the world wrestling championships.

- ★ He defeated Puerto Rico's Sebastian Rivera 11-9 to secure the medal.

Durand Cup

- ★ Sunil Chhetri's Bengaluru FC defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 in the 131st Durand Cup final at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata.
- ★ Bengaluru won the title. Goals from Siva Sakthi in the 10th minute and Alan Costa in the 61st made the win.

SAFF Women's Champonship

- ★ Bangladesh won its maiden SAFF Women's Championship title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu.
- ★ Bangladesh defeated host Nepal by 3-1 in the finals.
- ★ Bangladesh skipper Sabina Khatun was the top scorer of the tournament with 8 goals in 5 matches.
- ★ It was the 6th edition of the tournament which was held from 6-19 September 2022 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Chennai Open 2022

- ★ Linda Fruhvirtova, a 17-year-old tennis player from the Czech Republic won the Chennai Open 2022 WTA 250 tennis singles.
- ★ In the final, the adolescent defeated Poland's third-seeded Magda Linette.
- ★ The top-seeded doubles team of Brazil's Luisa Stefani and Canada's Gabriela Dabrowski won the lopsided final by a score of 6-2, 6-1 over Georgia's Natela Dzalamidze and Anna Blinkova of the Russian Tennis Federation.

Laver Cup 2022

- ★ Team World, beat Team Europe to win the Laver Cup for the first time.
- ★ Frances Tiafoe and Felix Auger of Team World defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas and Novak Djokovic of Team Europe to win the competition.
- ★ Laver Cup is an international indoor hard-court tournament between Team Europe and Team World.

Jhulan Goswami Retires from International Cricket

- ★ The legendary Women's Cricketer, Jhulan Goswami announced her retirement from all forms of the game.
- ★ She made her ODI debut in 2002 against England.
- ★ She holds the record for taking the greatest number of wickets in Women's ODI cricket.
- ★ She also won the ICC Women's Player of the Year award in 2007.
- ★ She played 204 Women's ODI matches taking 255 wickets at an average of 22.04.

RANKS, INDICES AND REPORTS

Best Aspirational District

- ★ NITI Aayog has declared Haridwar city of Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district on the basis of five parameters.
- ★ Haridwar has secured first position in Basic Infrastructure theme. Now an additional allocation of ₹3 crore will be made to this city.
- ★ Aspirational District Programme was launched in January 2018 which aims to quickly and effectively transform some of most underdeveloped districts of the country.
- ★ It envisages rapid development of selected districts on basis of composite index based on five parameters namely, health and nutrition, education, financial inclusion and skill development, agriculture and water resources and basic infrastructure.

Report by Bloomberg

- ★ India Overtakes the United Kingdom in the final three months of 2021 to become the fifth-biggest economy, according to a report by Bloomberg.
- ★ The ranking is based on GDP figures compiled by the International Monetary Fund (IMF).
- ★ India is behind the US, China, Japan and Germany.
- ★ India's economy is projected to grow at 7% in 2022-2023.

Grievance Redressal Index

- ★ The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has topped among all Ministers and Departments in resolving Public Grievances for the month of August 2022.
- ★ UIDAI, which oversees Aadhaar has been a top performer in the resolution of cases received through the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS).

Human Development Index 2021

- ★ 2021 Human Development Index (HDI) is part of the Human Development Report 2021-2022 released by the United Nations Development Programme.
- ★ It is calculated using four indicators namely life expectancy at birth, mean years of schooling, expected years of schooling and the Gross National Income (GNI) per capita.
- ★ India ranked 132nd among 191 countries and territories on the 2021 Human Development Index (HDI).
- ★ Switzerland remained at the top position, followed by Norway and Iceland.
- ★ In the 2020 report, India had ranked 131st among 189 countries and territories. The decline in the country's performance from its previous level was on account of a fall in life expectancy.

Best Zoo in India

- ★ The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park of Darjeeling has been recognized as the best zoo in the country.
- ★ The ranking list was released by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA).
- ★ The Darjeeling was established on 14 August 1958.
- ★ Arignar Anna Zoological Park in Chennai came Second, followed by the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden in Mysore, Karnataka came third.

Global Crypto Adoption Index 2022

- ★ Blockchain analysis platform Chainalysis published a report named global crypto adoption index for 2022 of nations with the highest cryptocurrency adoption rate.
- ★ Vietnam ranked first with an overall index ranking of 1.000.
- ★ India with an index score of 0.663, stood at fourth position in the 2022 Global crypto adoption index.
- ★ In the 2021 edition, India had stood at the second position, just behind Vietnam.
- ★ On the index, India ranks above the US, UK and Russia.
- ★ Chainalysis report noted that the emerging markets dominate the Global Crypto Adoption Index this year.

India's Most Valuable Brand in 2022

- ★ According to Kantar BrandZ report on India's most valuable brands, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is India's most valuable brand in 2022 with a brand value of \$45.5 billion followed by HDFC Bank.
- ★ TCS has replaced HDFC Bank, valued at \$32.7 billion which held the number one spot since the Kantar BrandZ India ranking was launched in 2014.
- ★ The report was released by the data analytics and brand consulting company Kantar.

Best Workplaces in Asia 2022

- ★ Federal Bank was placed 63rd on Great Place to Work's list of the Best Workplaces in Asia 2022.
- ★ It is the only bank in India to be included the Best Workplace in Asia 2022.
- ★ The ranking is based on more than one million survey responses from Asia and West Asia, representing the experiences of more than 4.7 million employees in the area.
- ★ It is based on survey data that evaluated employee perceptions of trust, innovation, business values and leadership.
- ★ According to Great Place to Work India, 88% of employees in the best workplaces in Asia had a favorable employee experience on average.
- ★ Only 55% of workers in the general worldwide workforce have a comparable pleasant experience.

AWARDS & PRIZES

Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2022

- ★ The Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF) announced this year's awardees in a global announcement ceremony.
- ★ This year marks the 64th edition. It is regarded as 'Asia's Nobel Prize'.
- ★ The 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Benchehib (Indonesia).
- ★ Sotheara Chhim is being recognized for "his calm courage in surmounting deep trauma to become his people's healer".
- ★ Tadashi Hattori is being recognized for his simple humanity and extraordinary generosity as a person and a professional.
- ★ Bernadette J. Madrid is being recognized for "her unassuming and steadfast commitment to noble and demanding advocacy".
- ★ Gary Benchehib is being recognized for Emergent Leadership for "his inspiring fight against marine plastic pollution".
- ★ It is named after Ramon Magsaysay, the third president of the Philippines.

Emmy Award for the Best Narrator Emmy

- ★ Barack Obama won the best narrator Emmy for his work on the Netflix documentary series, Our Great National Parks.
- ★ The five-part show, which features national parks from around the globe, is produced by Barack and Michelle Obama's production company, 'Higher Ground'.
- ★ Barack Obama is the second president to have an Emmy.
- ★ Barack Obama previously won Grammy Awards for his audiobook reading of two of his memoirs namely 'The Audacity of Hope' and 'A Promised Land'.

International Travel Awards 2023

- ★ West Bengal has bagged the International Travel Award 2023.
- ★ It has been facilitated for best destination for culture' by the Pacific Area Travel Writers Association (PATWA), an affiliate of the UN World Tourism Organization.
- ★ The award will be conferred in Berlin at the World Tourism and Aviation Leaders' Summit on 09 March 2023.
- ★ PATWA is an organization of travel writers that was founded in 1998.

Singapore Confers Meritorious Service Medal

- ★ Former India Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba has been conferred Singapore's prestigious military award, Meritorious Service Medal (Military) [MSM(M)], by President Halimah Yacob.

- ★ Lanba was conferred the award for his outstanding contributions in enhancing the strong and long-standing bilateral defence relationship between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.
- ★ Singapore's Minister for Defence Ng Eng Hen presented the award to Lanba.
- ★ These professional exchanges have strengthened interoperability, deepened mutual understanding and trust between personnel from both the militaries.

French Civilian Award

- ★ Prominent Indian Scientist and industrialist Dr Swati Piramal has been conferred France's top civilian honour for her contributions in the fields of business and industry, science, medicine and towards strengthening Indo-French ties.
- ★ Created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, 'Knight of the Legion of Honour' is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for outstanding service to France.
- ★ In 2006, she was also awarded the Knight of the Order of Merit, France's second highest civilian honour.
- ★ Piramal is the vice-chairperson of the Mumbai-headquartered Piramal Group, a business conglomerate with interests in pharmaceuticals, financial services, real estate and glass packaging.

INSPIRE Awards to 60 Startups

- ★ Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh awarded INSPIRE Awards to 60 entrepreneurs and financial assistance to 53,021 students on behalf of the Ministry of Science and Technology.
- ★ The prize is sponsored by the Government of India's Department of Science and Technology (DST) and these innovators will receive full incubation assistance throughout their entrepreneurial journey.
- ★ In 2020-21, the annual INSPIRE Awards MANAK (Million Minds Augmenting National Aspiration and Knowledge) competition drew an unprecedented 6.53 lakh ideas and inventions from all states and UTs.
- ★ The scheme attained an unprecedented level of inclusivity by representing the ideas and innovations of 702 districts (96%), including 123 out of 124 aspirational districts, 51% representation from girls, 84% participation from schools in rural areas of the country and 71% of schools run by State or UT Governments.

National Awards for Excellence in CSR and Sustainability

- ★ National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) the country's largest iron ore producer, has been conferred with National Awards for Excellence in CSR and Sustainability.
- ★ Known as the Eco-Friendly Miners, NMDC's responsible mine planning has been lauded by the Indian Bureau of Mines with a 5 Star Rating to all its complexes.
- ★ NMDC's CSR Focus Areas - Education, Health, Skill Development, Infrastructure and Safe Drinking Water.

UN Award for Hypertension Control Initiative

- ★ The India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) has won the '2022 UN Interagency Task Force and WHO Special Programme on Primary Health Care Award' at the UN General Assembly.
- ★ IHCI is a collaborative initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), state governments and the World Health Organization-India.
- ★ Under this initiative more than 34 lakh people with hypertension are taking treatment in government health facilities.
- ★ IHCI was launched on 2017.

National Energy Leader Award

- ★ Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) has been awarded National Energy Leader Award for fourth time consecutively.
- ★ It has also been awarded Excellent Energy Efficient Unit Award for sixth time in row from 2017 onwards from Confederation of Indian Industry Godrej Green Business Centre.
- ★ RINL is also the 1st Integrated Steel Plant to adopt ISO50001 Energy Management System.

Hermann Kesten Award

- ★ Indian author and poet Meena Kandasamy has been awarded the Hermann Kesten Prize of the German chapter of the PEN International writers association.
- ★ She has been awarded for her work on themes of caste and ethnic oppression.
- ★ The award was named in honour of the German novelist Hermann Kesten.
- ★ Her novels have been shortlisted for the Women's Prize for Fiction, the International Dylan Thomas Prize, the Jhalak Prize and the Hindu Lit Prize.
- ★ The PEN Center, Germany will present the award to the Indian author at a ceremony in Darmstadt on 15 November 2022.

Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year Award

- ★ British Home Secretary Suella Braverman has been named the winner of the first-ever Queen Elizabeth II Woman of the Year award.
- ★ She was presented with this award at the Asian Achievers Awards 2022 ceremony in London.
- ★ These awards were established in 2000 to honour South Asians for their great achievements in the UK.

Dada Sahed Phalke Award

- ★ Veteran actress Asha Parekh has been conferred the recipient of the 2020 Dadasaheb Phalke award.
- ★ The award was announced by the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Anurag Thakur.

- ★ She worked in more than 95 films and was the chairperson of the Central Board of Film Certification from 1998-2001.
- ★ Asha Parekh was awarded the Padma Shri in 1992.
- ★ The 68th National Film Awards will be held on 30 September 2022 and will be presided over by President Droupadi Murmu.

Breakthrough Prizes 2023

- ★ The Breakthrough Prizes are international awards conferred under three categories – mathematics, fundamental physics and life sciences.
- ★ The awards were created in 2010 by a group of Silicon Valley entrepreneurs – Milner (venture capitalist), Mark Zuckerberg and his wife Priscilla Chan of Facebook and Sergey Brin of Google.
- ★ Awardees receive 3 million USD each in prize money, which is higher than the 1 million USD received by Nobel laureates.
- ★ This year, three prizes were conferred in the life sciences category, one for mathematics and one for fundamental physics.
- ★ Daniel Spielman of Yale University was given recognition for multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics.
- ★ Charles Bennett, Gilles Brassard, David Deutsch and Peter Shor received the prize for their research in quantum information in the category of fundamental physics.
- ★ Clifford Brangwynne and Anthony Hyman received the prize for discovering a new mechanism of cellular organization in the category of life sciences.

ASQ Award

- ★ The Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL) has been awarded the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award 2022 by the Airport Council International.
- ★ The award is considered to be the highest honour in the global aviation sector.
- ★ CIAL received the award for implementing its 'Mission Safeguarding' programme, which ensured seamless traffic and reinforced passengers' satisfaction during the pandemic.

National Tourism Awards

- ★ The Union Ministry of Tourism presented awards in 8 different categories to Madhya Pradesh under the 'National Tourism Awards 2018-19' at the award function held in New Delhi on World Tourism Day.
- ★ The state has received awards for the first time in the categories "Clean Tourism Place – Western Region" (Ujjain) and "Incredible India Bed and Breakfast Establishment Approved by State Government" (Cottyard House, Homestay, Mandla).
- ★ Guides of Madhya Pradesh have been awarded for the 'Best Wildlife Guide' for the fourth time in a row.
- ★ Indore, the cleanest city in the country won the award for 'Civic Management of a Tourist Destination in India' (Category A).

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

India's Ambassador to Thailand

- ★ Nagesh Singh, an Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Thailand.
- ★ Singh will replace the incumbent ambassador Suchitra Durai.
- ★ Nagesh is presently working as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

President of AIFF

- ★ The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) has got a former player as its first president in its 85-year history with Kalyan Chaubey beating Bhaichung Bhutia in the election.
- ★ Chaubey is a former goalkeeper with Mohun Bagan and East Bengal.
- ★ Karnataka Football Association President N A Haris, won the election for the post of vice president, beating Manvendra Singh of Rajasthan FA.

Executive Chairman of NALSA

- ★ Justice D Y Chandrachud, a second senior-most judge in the Supreme Court, has been nominated as executive chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA).
- ★ The post was previously held by the Chief Justice of India UU Lalit.
- ★ After CJI Lalit's retirement, Justice Chandrachud will take over as the 50th CJI from November 2022.

MD & CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank

- ★ Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam has appointed as managing director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.
- ★ Sankarasubramaniam succeeds K.V. Rama Moorthy and his term would be for a period of three years, which has been approved by the Reserve Bank of India.
- ★ Prior to this, Sankarasubramaniam was serving Punjab and Sind Bank as its Managing Director and CEO.

Prime Minister of United Kingdom

- ★ UK Foreign Minister Liz Truss was elected as the next Prime Minister of Britain and leader of the governing Conservative Party on 05 September 2022.
- ★ With the win, she has become the third female Prime Minister of the United Kingdom after Theresa May and Margaret Thatcher.
- ★ Truss will be sworn-in as 56th prime minister of United Kingdom.
- ★ She will succeed Boris Johnson, who will tender his resignation to Queen Elizabeth II.
- ★ Liz defeated former Finance Minister Rishi Sunak by a margin of 20927 votes.

Brand Ambassador of 'PunyaKoti Dattu Yojana'

- ★ The Karnataka Government has appointed actor Kiccha Sudeep as the brand ambassador of its 'PunyaKoti Dattu Yojana'.
- ★ It has been established to create awareness of cow adoption and set up goshalas across the state.
- ★ This scheme was launched in July 2022 and any individual or organization can adopt a cow by paying a total of ₹11,000 for one year.

Next High Commissioner of India to Canada

- ★ Sanjay Kumar Verma has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to Canada.
- ★ He is a 1988 batch officer of the Indian Foreign service and is currently the ambassador of India to Japan.
- ★ He has also served as Consul General of India in Milan, Italy.

CMD for Shipping Corporation of India

- ★ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has appointed Captain Mr. Binesh Kumar Tyagi as the new chairman and managing director of Shipping Corporation of India Ltd (SCI) for 5 years.
- ★ He Succeeded Mr. Harjeet Kaur Joshi.
- ★ Tyagi joined SCI in 1990 as Trainee Nautical Officer (TNOC).
- ★ He was heading the Liner and Passenger Services Division as Director (L&PS).

Home Secretary in UK Cabinet

- ★ Indian-Origin barrister Suella Braverman is the new Home Secretary of United Kingdom.
- ★ She has been appointed as the new Home Secretary by Prime Minister Liz Truss.
- ★ She succeeded her colleague of Indian Origin Priti Patel.
- ★ She had served as the Attorney General in the earlier government led by Boris Johnson.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

- ★ Volker Turk of Austria has been appointed as the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- ★ United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appointed Turk following approval by the General Assembly.
- ★ Turk will succeed Michelle Bachelet of Chile.
- ★ The new High Commissioner is currently coordinating global policy work as an Under-Secretary-General in the UN's Executive Office.
- ★ Previously, he was the Assistant High Commissioner for Protection at UN refugees, UNHCR, in Geneva where he played a key role in the development of the landmark Global Compact on Refugees.

CEO of American Express India

- ★ American Express Banking Corp appointed Sanjay Khanna as the chief executive officer and country manager for India.
- ★ Khanna heads the country executive team and is responsible for driving growth across the organization's consumer and commercial businesses.
- ★ In his new role, he will also spearhead several strategic and business development initiatives for the company.
- ★ American Express is an American multinational corporation specializing in payment card services.

Prime Minister of Burundi

- ★ Burundi's President Mr Evariste Ndayishimiye has appointed Mr Gervais Ndirakobuca as the Prime Minister of Burundi.
- ★ He succeeds Alain-Guillaume Bunyoni.
- ★ The 113 members of Parliament (MPs) approved the proposal.
- ★ He is a Burundian former rebel commander and police commissioner.
- ★ He served as the Minister of Interior, Public Security, and Community Development.

Chairman and Managing Director of BEL

- ★ Dinesh Kumar Batra, Director (Finance) and CFO has taken additional charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).
- ★ He is a member of the Board of BEL subsidiaries, BEL-Thales Systems Limited (BTSL) and BEL Optronics Devices Limited (BELOP).
- ★ He also played a pivotal role in obtaining necessary approvals for BEL's highest-ever payout of 450% Dividend.

Attorney General of India

- ★ Senior Advocate Mukul Rohatgi is set to be appointed the fourteenth Attorney General for India for a second time from 01 October 2022.
- ★ Rohatgi was Attorney General for the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance government between 2014 and 2017.
- ★ Rohatgi completed law at Government Law College in Mumbai and started practicing law straight after college.
- ★ The Attorney General of India acts as the chief legal advisor of the Indian Government.
- ★ The tenure of the incumbent Attorney General K.K. Venugopal is coming to a close on 30 September 2022.

Indian Ambassador to Eritrea

- ★ Senior diplomat Prakash Chand has been appointed the next ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea.
- ★ Previously, Chand was the Consul General of India in Bali since 2019.
- ★ He has worked as Director (Consular) in the Consular, Passport and Visa Division in the MEA.
- ★ Chand has also served as First Secretary (Consular) in Philippines from 2010 to 2014.

CEO of CSB Bank

- ★ CSB Bank Limited appointed Pralay Mondal as the managing director and chief executive officer of the bank for a period of three years which is effective from 15 September 2022.
- ★ Prior to joining CSB Bank, Mondal was Executive Director and Head, Retail Banking at Axis Bank.
- ★ Mondal joined CSB Bank as president, retail, SME, operations and IT on 23 September 2020 and was appointed as the deputy MD with effect from 17 February.

MD & CEO OF IndusInd Bank

- ★ Private sector lender IndusInd Bank announced that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Sumant Kathpalia as the chief executive for three years with effect from 24 March 2023.
- ★ He was first appointed as MD & CEO of IndusInd Bank in March 2020.
- ★ Prior to joining IndusInd Bank, he led the consumer banking business of ABN AMRO. He has also worked with Citibank and Bank of America.

Secretary of Ex-Servicemen Welfare Ministry of Defence

- ★ Vijoy Kumar Singh assumed charge as Secretary, Ex-Servicemen Welfare Ministry of Defence on September 2022.
- ★ He is a 1990 batch IAS officer of Punjab cadre, who has an experience of more than 32 years in administration.
- ★ He recently served as Special Secretary in Ministry of Textiles.
- ★ Prior to this appointment, he had served as Joint Secretary in Department of Personnel and Training.

CMD of ITPO

- ★ The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of IAS Officer Mr. BVR Subrahmanyam as the new Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO).
- ★ He will replace LC Goyal.
- ★ Subrahmanyam is a 1987 batch Indian Administrative Services (IAS) officer of the Chhattisgarh cadre.

- ★ He worked in the PMO between 2004–2008 and March 2012–March 2015, serving under Prime Minister Shri Manmohan Singh and Shri Narendra Modi.

Prime Minister of Senegal

- ★ Senegalese President Mr. Macky Sall reinstated the post of Prime Minister (PM) appointing a former economy minister Mr Amadou Ba as the PM of Senegal.
- ★ The president appointed a new government that included 38 ministers.
- ★ He served as the Foreign Minister of Senegal from 2019 to 2020.
- ★ He was Minister of Finance and Economy from 2013 to 2019.

Trustees of the PM CARES Fund

- ★ Veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge KT Thomas and former deputy Lok Sabha speaker Kariya Munda have been nominated as trustees of the PM CARES Fund.
- ★ Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the PM CARES Fund, which was attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ★ Both Shah and Sitharaman are the Trustees of PM Cares Fund.
- ★ The PM CARES Fund was created during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ★ The primary objective of the fund is to deal with any kind of emergency or distress situation, like posed by the pandemic and to provide relief to the affected individuals.

Indian Ambassador to Madagascar

- ★ IFS officer Bandaru Wilsonbabu, has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar.
- ★ He is presently serving as a joint secretary in the ministry of external affairs.
- ★ Wilsonbabu, who has served as the joint Secretary in the Eurasia division, will be replacing ambassador Abhay Kumar.

Hockey India (HI) President

- ★ Dilip Tirkey, a former India hockey captain and member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games was unanimously elected as Hockey India (HI) president.
- ★ He represented India at the Olympic Games in Atlanta in 1996, Sydney in 2000, and Athens in 2004.
- ★ First time in history, a former sportsperson and an Olympian has gone on to head the national body.
- ★ The Hockey India elections were supposed to be completed by 09 October 2022, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and the Committee of Administrators (CoA).

MD and CEO of NPCI

- ★ The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has reappointed Dilip Asbe as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the company for a period of five years.
- ★ Dilip Asbe took over as MD&CEO of NPCI in January 2018.
- ★ NPCI is an umbrella organisation for operating retail payments and settlement systems in India.
- ★ Prior to this, he served as Chief Operating Officer of NPCI.

New Director General of ICMR

- ★ The Central government appointed Rajiv Bahl as a Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Secretary Department of Health Research (DHR) for 3 years.
- ★ He will replace Balram Bhargava, who was appointed to the post in April 2018 for 4 years.
- ★ Bahl currently serves as head of research in the maternal, newborn child and adolescent Health-cum-Newborn unit of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.

Chief of Defence Staff

- ★ Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired) had been appointed as the next Chief of Defence Staff (CDS).
- ★ The CDS is the most senior uniformed officer in rank, the first among equals-the only four-star officers in the country are the CDS, the chiefs of the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.
- ★ He will also function as Secretary to the GoI, Department of Military Affairs.
- ★ Lt Gen Anil Chauhan was commissioned into the 11 Gorkha Rifles of the Indian Army in 1981.
- ★ Lt General Anil Chauhan (retired) was awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal, Uttam Yudh Seva Medal, Ati Vishisht Seva Medal, Sena Medal and Vishisht Seva Medal.
- ★ He is the second CDS of India as the post of CDS has been vacant since the sudden death of India's first CDS Gen. Bipin Rawat.

Prime Minister of Saudi Arabia

- ★ Saudi Arabia's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman has been appointed prime minister of the Kingdom by King Salman bin Abdulaziz.
- ★ According to a royal decree, King Salman also promoted his second son Prince Khalid from deputy Defence Minister to Defence Minister.
- ★ The 37-year-old crown prince has taken the lead on Vision 2030, the kingdom's wide-ranging plan to transform its economy and end its dependency on oil.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

A Book on Indian Banking

- ★ Dr Ashutosh Raravikar has authored a new book titled 'Indian Banking in Retrospect-75 years of Independence.
- ★ He is currently the Director of the Department of Economic & Policy Research (DEPR), RBI.
- ★ The book is published by Aswad Prakashan Private Limited.
- ★ Bibek Debroy, Chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister of India has written the foreword of the book.

The Autobiography Titled 'The Hero of Tiger Hill'

- ★ The inspirational story of Subedar Major (Honorary Captain) Yogendra Singh Yadav (Retd), who was awarded the Youngest Param Vir Chakra (PVC) at the age of 19 for his deeds in the 1999 Kargil battle, is described in the book 'The Hero of Tiger Hill: Autobiography of a Param Vir'.
- ★ The autobiography is published by Srishti Publishers and Distributors.

A Book by Saumya Saxena

- ★ Saumya Saxena, a British Academy Fellow in the faculty of history at the University of Cambridge, authored a book titled 'Divorce and Democracy: A History of Personal Law in Post-Independence India'.
- ★ It discusses the Indian state's challenging conversation with divorce, which is mostly resolved through religion.
- ★ It investigates the dynamic interactions between law, religion, family, minority rights and gender in Indian politics by charting the evolution of marriage and divorce laws in post-colonial Hindu, Muslim and Christian groups.

'Foreign Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar Story

- ★ Pavan C. Lall is the author of the book titled 'Foreign Mettle: Nrupender Rao and the Pennar story'.
- ★ It will release on 12 September 2022.
- ★ Pavan C. Lall is a Mumbai based author and journalist who has written for Fortune Magazine's Indian edition.
- ★ He is also a winner of the Citi Journalistic Excellence Award in 2016.

A New Book Titled 'Will Power'

- ★ Sjoerd Marijne, a former Dutch field hockey player and Indian Women's Hockey Coach has authored a new book titled 'Will Power: The Inside Story of the Incredible Turnaround in Indian Women's Hockey'.
- ★ HarperCollins Publishers India will release the book in September 2022.

- ★ The book focuses on Sjoerd Marijne's experiences as the Chief Coach of the Indian Women's Hockey Team in 2017.
- ★ It also discussed how the Indian Women's Hockey team overcame failures, mental health difficulties and internal politics and preserved team bonding while maintaining a high-performance culture.

Book Titled 'Ambedkar and Modi'

- ★ A book titled 'Ambedkar and Modi: Reformer's Ideas Performer's Implementation' was released by former President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi.
- ★ The book illustrates life, work and achievements of Dr. B. R Ambedkar.
- ★ The book has been compiled by Bluekraft Digital Foundation.
- ★ A foreword written by Rajya Sabha MP Ilaiyaraaja offers a valuable insight of the works of Dr. Ambedkar.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China Launches Yaogan-33 02 Satellite

- ★ China has launched a new remote sensing satellite Yaogan-33 02 from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Center in Northwest China.
- ★ It was launched aboard a Long March-4C carrier rocket and has successfully entered its planned orbit.
- ★ It will be used for scientific experiments, land resource surveys, crop yield estimation and disaster prevention and
- ★ This was the 435th flight mission for the Long March series rockets.

Single-Piece 3D Printed Rocket Engines

- ★ Indian space-tech startup AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited has secured a patent from the Central government for the design and manufacturing of single-piece rocket engines using 3D printing technology.
- ★ Agnilet, one such single-piece engine is the world's first single-piece 3D printed rocket engine fully designed and manufactured in India. It was successfully test-fired in early 2021.
- ★ Since 2019, Agnikul has raised a total funding of ₹105 crore (\$15 million) from Mayfield India, pi Ventures, Speciale Invest and a host of others including prominent angels such as Anand Mahindra and Naval Ravikant.

ISRO Successfully Tests Hybrid Motor

- ★ The Indian Space Agency ISRO has successfully tested a hybrid motor.
- ★ The 30 kN hybrid motor tested at ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC), Mahendragiri in Tamil Nadu supported by Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre on 20 September 2022.

- ★ The motor used Hydroxyl-terminated polybutadiene (HTPB) as fuel and liquid oxygen (LOX) as the oxidizer, which is different from the traditionally used solid-solid or liquid-liquid combinations by ISRO.
- ★ It is a hybrid motor which is a combination of solid fuel and liquid oxidizer.

Two Indigenous Diving Support Vessels

- ★ The Indian Navy has launched first-of-its-kind two indigenously designed and built Diving Support Vessels (DSVs)- Nistar and Nipun in Visakhapatnam.
- ★ The two vessels have been manufactured by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL).
- ★ The vessels are 4-m-long, and 22.8m at the broadest point and will have a displacement of 9,350 tonnes.
- ★ These ships would be deployed for deep-sea diving operations.
- ★ These ships will be capable of sustained patrolling, conducting search and rescue operations and carrying out helicopter operations on the high seas.
- ★ The vessels were launched by Kala Hari Kumar in the presence of Admiral R. Hari Kumar, Chief of the Naval Staff who presided over the ceremony as chief guest.

VSHORADS Missile

- ★ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carried out two successful test flights of the Very-Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) missile.
- ★ The missiles were test-fired from a ground-based portable launcher. The tests were carried out from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, the coast of Odisha.
- ★ VSHORADS is a Man Portable Air Defence System (MANPAD) designed and developed indigenously by DRDO's Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad in collaboration with other DRDO laboratories and Indian Industry Partners.

IMPORTANT DAYS

National Small Industry Day

- ★ The National Small Industry Day is observed every year in India on 30 August.
- ★ It is celebrated to encourage and promote small industries for their potential for overall growth as well as the chances they have been given to expand throughout the year.
- ★ The purpose of industry day is to support the establishment of new industries and give balanced growth to the state's current small, medium and large-scale businesses.
- ★ On 30 August 2000, the Ministry of Small-Scale Industries (SSI) introduced a comprehensive set of policies for the SSI sector.

World Coconut Day

- ★ World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on 02 September.
- ★ The day is observed to emphasise and spread knowledge of the value and advantages of coconuts. It also ranks among the most consumed fruits worldwide
- ★ The inaugural world coconut day was observed on 02 September 2009, by the Asia Pacific Coconut Community (APCC) to draw attention to the value of coconuts and their influence on society.
- ★ The theme for this year is “Growing Coconut for a Better Future and Life”.

National Nutrition Week

- ★ National Nutrition Week is observed every year from 01 September to 07 September.
- ★ It is to raise public awareness about nutrition and healthy eating habits.
- ★ The week is observed to make people understand the importance of nutritional and adaptive eating habits so that they can maintain a healthy lifestyle.
- ★ In 1975, the members of the American Dietetic Association (ADA), now called the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, started National Nutrition Week in March.
- ★ The government of India launched ‘POSHAN Abhiyan’ in 2018 to educate people about health and nutrition as they play a significant role in overall human development and social infrastructure.

National Skyscraper Day

- ★ National Skyscraper Day is observed every year on 03 September.
- ★ The Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Louis H. Sullivan, often called the ‘father of modern skyscrapers’.
- ★ Across the globe, skyscrapers have defined people’s vivid imagination and creativity.
- ★ A skyscraper is a tall habitable building with multiple floors.
- ★ These high-rise buildings are around 100 meters or 150 meters in height.

International Day of Charity

- ★ International Day of Charity is celebrated every year on 05 September.
- ★ The day is celebrated to mark the death anniversary of Mother Teresa.
- ★ The main goal of the Worldwide Day of Charity is to increase awareness and offer a common platform for charity-related events for people, charitable, philanthropic and volunteer groups to use for their own goals on a local, national, regional and international level.
- ★ Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her efforts in the fight against poverty and suffering.

National Teachers' Day

- ★ National Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on 05 September.
- ★ Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan's birthday, is commemorated each year in India with Teachers' Day.
- ★ He was a Bharat Ratna winner, academic and former president of India.
- ★ The Day is celebrated across schools, colleges, universities and educational institutions.
- ★ Students put on performances and dances and host elaborate shows for their most-loved teachers.

International Day of Clear Air for Blue Skies

- ★ International Day of Clear Air for Blue Skies is celebrated every year on 07 September.
- ★ It is observed to recognise the value of clean air in our health and daily lives.
- ★ The day was designated by the UN General Assembly in 2019 and was first observed on 07 September 2020.
- ★ UN member states observe this day by holding events around the world on the effects of air pollution.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'The air we share'.

International Literacy Day

- ★ International Literacy Day (ILD) is celebrated every year on 08 September.
- ★ It is observed to make people aware of the meaning and importance of literacy for individuals and societies.
- ★ UNESCO established this day in 1966 and it was first celebrated on 08 September 1967.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces'.

World Physiotherapy Day

- ★ World Physiotherapy Day is celebrated every year on 08 September.
- ★ Physiotherapy deals with the management of chronic conditions and underlying issues related to pain.
- ★ This day is dedicated to raising awareness about the crucial role physiotherapists play in keeping people fit and improving quality of life.
- ★ It was first observed in 1996.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Prevention and Management of Osteoarthritis'.

National Forest Martyrs Day

- ★ National Forest Martyrs Day 2022 is observed every year on 11 September.
- ★ National Forest Martyrs Day is observed to honour those who gave their lives to preserve India's forests, jungles and wildlife.

- ★ It is also commemorated to highlight the significance of trees.
- ★ The observance of the National Forest Martyrs is marked by several events aimed at creating awareness about protecting forests and the environment.

World Suicide Prevention Day

- ★ World Suicide Prevention Day is observed every year on 10 September.
- ★ The day is celebrated in order to provide worldwide commitment and action to prevent suicides, with various activities around the world since 2003.
- ★ The International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) collaborates with the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Federation for Mental Health (WFMH) to host World Suicide Prevention Day.

Hindi Diwas

- ★ Hindi Diwas or Hindi Day is celebrated every year on 14 September.
- ★ It is celebrated to honor Hindi's use as an official language in India.
- ★ According to Article 343 of the Indian Constitution, the language was accepted.
- ★ It was observed for the first time on 14 September 1953.
- ★ The fourth most often spoken language worldwide is Hindi.
- ★ As a result of the Constituent Assembly of India's adoption of Hindi written in Devanagari script as the official language of the Republic of India on this day in 1949, Hindi Divas is observed on September 14.

International Day of Democracy

- ★ International Day of Democracy is celebrated every year on 15 September.
- ★ The year 2022, marks the 15th anniversary of the International Day of Democracy.
- ★ The day is celebrated annually around the world to strengthen democracies and highlight its values and principles.
- ★ This year, Democracy Day will focus on the importance of media freedom to democracy, peace and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals.
- ★ The day was established through a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly in 2007 and was first observed in 2008.

Engineer's Day in India

- ★ National Engineer's Day is celebrated every year on 15 September.
- ★ Engineer's Day is celebrated to pay tribute to Bharat Ratna Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya.
- ★ In 1968, the Indian government declared Sir M Visvesvaraya's birth anniversary as Engineers' Day.

World Ozone Day

- ★ World Ozone Day is celebrated every year on 16 September.
- ★ It is to spread awareness among people about the depletion of the Ozone Layer and find possible solutions to preserve it.
- ★ On this day, people from all over the world hold talks and seminars on the ozone layer.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Montreal Protocol@35: global cooperation protecting life on earth'.
- ★ It was in 1994 when the UN General Assembly declared 16 September as the International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer or World Ozone Day.

World Bamboo Day

- ★ World Bamboo Day is observed every year on 18 September.
- ★ It is celebrated in order to raise awareness about the conservation of this extremely useful plant.
- ★ After China, India is the second largest cultivator of bamboo in the world.
- ★ The day was first celebrated in 2009.
- ★ World Bamboo Day also intends to highlight its sustainable utilization and aims to promote the cultivation of bamboo for new industries around the globe.
- ★ It also promotes its local and traditional uses for the economic development of the community.

International Day of Peace

- ★ International Day of Peace is observed every year 21 September.
- ★ It is a day of celebration to recognize the efforts of all those who have and continue to build a Culture of Peace.
- ★ It was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'End racism. Build peace'.

World Alzheimer's Day

- ★ World Alzheimer's Day is celebrated every year on 21 September.
- ★ It is to increase public awareness of the stigma associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.
- ★ To commemorate tenth anniversary, World Alzheimer's Day was established at the start of ADI's annual conference in Edinburgh on 21 September 1994.
- ★ Alzheimer's is a progressive illness, meaning that over many years the symptoms of dementia gradually get worse.
- ★ Alzheimer's disease causes modest memory loss in its early stages, but by the disease's latter stages, people are unable to converse or react to their surroundings.

World Rose Day

- ★ World Rose Day is celebrated every year on 22 September in dedication to the welfare of cancer patients.
- ★ On this day, people around the world work towards bringing cheer and hope into the lives of all those people who have been affected by cancer.
- ★ World Rose Day for cancer patients is observed in honor of Melinda Rose, a Canadian girl who was diagnosed with Askin's Tumour, a rare blood cancer when she was just 12 years old.

World Contraception Day

- ★ World Contraception Day is celebrated every year on 26 September.
- ★ It is to raise awareness about various contraceptive techniques and to empower young people to make educated decisions about their sexual and reproductive health.
- ★ It was established on 26 September 2007, by ten international family planning organizations to raise awareness about contraception and to assist couples in making educated decisions about starting a family, so that every pregnancy is desired.

World Environmental Health Day

- ★ World Environmental Health Day is celebrated every year on 26 September.
- ★ The International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH) recognized September 26 as World Environmental Health Day in 2011.
- ★ It is to raise awareness regarding the health of our environment.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Strengthening Environmental Health Systems for the Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals'.

World Tourism Day

- ★ World Tourism Day is celebrated every year on 27 September.
- ★ This day is celebrated every year to enhance awareness among the international community on the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.
- ★ The theme for this year is 'Rethinking Tourism'. It will be highlighting the tourism sector being recognized as an important pillar for development.
- ★ Tourism helps provide employment to millions of people to an extent that few countries are completely dependent on the tourism sector for financial stability.

World Rabies Day

- ★ World Rabies Day is celebrated every year on 28 September.
- ★ Rabies is a deadly virus that spreads to people from the saliva of infected animals.
- ★ World Rabies Day is celebrated to raise awareness about the deadly disease and educate people on how to fight against this disease.
- ★ The theme for the year 2022 is 'Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths'.

- ★ The Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) established World Rabies Day in 2007.
- ★ This day was recognized by the World Health Organization (WHO).
- ★ They choose the date 28th September to observe World Rabies Day to remember the French Scientist Louis Pasteur who developed the first rabies vaccine.

OBITUARY NEWS

Former Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev

- ★ Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet leader who brought the Cold War to a peaceful end, has died at the age of 91.
- ★ Mr Gorbachev took power in 1985 and introduced reforms as well as opening up the Soviet Union to the world.
- ★ He was the youngest member of the ruling council known as the Politburo.
- ★ He won the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating a historic nuclear arms pact with US leader Ronald Reagan.

Noted Agri Economist Abhijit Sen

- ★ Abhijit Sen, India's noted agriculture economist and former member of the erstwhile Planning Commission passed away. He was at the age of 72.
- ★ Abhijit Sen was a strong advocate of the public distribution system of food grains and a distinguished rural economy expert.
- ★ During the United Progressive Alliance regime between 2004 and 2014, Sen was a member of the Planning Commission.
- ★ He was awarded the Padma Bhushan for public service in 2010.

Former Chairman of Tata Sons, Cyrus Mistry

- ★ Former Tata Sons Chairman and Industrialist Cyrus Mistry passed away in a car accident near Mumbai on 04 September 2022.
- ★ He was the first non-Indian to lead the Tata Group.
- ★ He was chosen as the chairman of Tata Sons after Ratan Tata stepped down in 2012.

Carnatic Vocalist T.V. Sankaranarayanan

- ★ Renowned Carnatic vocalist and the Padma Bhushan awardee T.V Sankaranarayanan passed away. He was at the age of 77.
- ★ He was an Indian Carnatic vocalist, known for his music that stems from the style of his guru and maternal-uncle, Madurai Mani Iyer.
- ★ TVS was awarded the Madras Music Academy's Sangeetha Kalanidhi in 2003.

Indian Boxer and CWG Medallist Birju Sah

- ★ Birju Sah, the first Indian Boxer to win medals at both the Asian and Commonwealth Games passed away. He was at the age of 48.
- ★ He won bronze medals at both the Commonwealth and Asian Games in 1994.
- ★ He achieved his first major international success at the 1993 Asian Junior championships in Thailand, at the age of 19 when he won the bronze in the light flyweight (45-48 kg) category.

Legendary Artist Ram Chandra Manjhi

- ★ Bhojpuri folk theatre art “Launda Naach” and legendary artist Ram Chandra Manjhi passed away. He was at the age of 97.
- ★ He was felicitated with Sangeet Natak Academy Awar and Padma Shri awarde in the field of Arts.
- ★ The Launda Naach is a prominent Bhojpuri folk art of Bihar comprising songs, dance, comedy, satire, parody and theatre.
- ★ He was one of the members of the original troupe of Bhikhari Thakur, known as Shakespeare of Bhojpuri language.

UK's Longest-Serving Monarch Queen Elizabeth II

- ★ Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has passed away. She was at the age of 96.
- ★ The Queen came to the throne in 1952 and witnessed enormous social change.
- ★ The Queen was born Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor, in Mayfair, London, on 21 April 1926.
- ★ She ruled over Britain for 70 years.

Legendary Telugu Actor Krishnam Raju

- ★ Legendary Telugu Actor and former Union Minister Krishnam Raju Garu passed away. He was at the age 83.
- ★ Raju acted in more than 180 films and was also a recipient of five Filmfare south awards as well as three Nandi awards.
- ★ His most famous works include Jeevana Tarangalu, Krishnaveni and Bhakta Kannappa among others.
- ★ He also served as the Union Minister for State in various ministries in the Atal Bihari Vajpayee-led BJP government in the centre between 2000 and 2002.

Archaeologist B.B. Lal

- ★ Noted Archaeologist Braj Basi Lal, who led an excavation at the Ramjanmabhoomi site in the mid-1970s passed away.
- ★ He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan award in 2021.
- ★ He was also awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2000.

- ★ Considered India's Senior most archaeologist, he was actively involved in archaeological research and writing till the age of 100.

Iconic French Filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard

- ★ Iconic French filmmaker Jean-Luc Godard passed away in Switzerland. He was at the age of 91.
- ★ Jean defied convention over a long career that began in the 1950s as a film critic. He rewrote rules for camera, sound and narrative
- ★ He revolutionised popular cinema in 1960 with his debut feature Breathless and stood for years as one of the world's most vital and provocative directors.
- ★ In December 2007, he was honoured by the European Film Academy with a lifetime achievement award.
- ★ In 2010, Jean released Film Socialism, a film in three chapters first shown at the Cannes Film Festival.

Former Davis Cup Captain Naresh Kumar

- ★ Former Indian Tennis Player and Davis Cup captain Naresh Kumar passed away. He was at the age of 93.
- ★ He made his debut for India in the Davis cup in 1952 and played a record number of 101 Wimbledon matches.
- ★ He won five singles title in his career.
- ★ He became the first tennis coach to receive Dronacharya Lifetime Achievement Award in 2020.

Ex-Union Minister and Congress Leader Manikrao Gavit

- ★ Former union minister and Congress leader Manikrao Hodlya Gavit Passed away in Nashik, Maharashtra. He was at the age of 87.
- ★ A member of the Indian National Congress (INC), he represented the Nandurbar constituency from 1980 to 2014, winning the Indian general elections consecutive 9 times.
- ★ He served as the union minister of state for home affairs in the Manmohan Singh government in 2004 and minister of state social justice in 2013.
- ★ He had been appointed a pro-tem speaker of the 15th Lok Sabha by President Pratibha Patil.

Popular Comedian Raju Srivastava

- ★ Comedian Raju Srivastava passed away in Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). He was at the age of 58.
- ★ He was a part of the Great Indian Laughter Challenge, Comedy Circus, The Kapil Sharma Show, Shaktimaan and others.
- ★ The comedian also featured in Bollywood films like Maine Pyaar Kiya, Tezaab, Baazigar, etc.
- ★ He was recently seen as a special guest on India's Laughter Champion.

Oscar Winner Louise Fletcher

- ★ Oscar-winner Louise Fletcher passed away at the age of 88.
- ★ US actress Louise Fletcher who had won as Oscar in 1976 for her role as Nurse Ratched in One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest passed away.
- ★ She became the third woman to receive an Oscar, a BAFTA and a Golden Globe for the same performance after winning her Academy Awards.
- ★ Her Career spanned six decades including TV and film.

