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**Myanmar extends emergency by 6 months**

The Military government of Myanmar has extended the state of emergency by 6 months till February 2023. The state of emergency in Myanmar was first declared in February 2021.

**New Zealand reopens its borders for the first time since March 2020**

In New Zealand, the borders are fully open for the first time since March 2020, when they shut in an effort to keep out COVID-19.

**Lebanon, Israel closer to deal in decade-old maritime border dispute**

Lebanon and Israel are getting closer to reaching a deal in a more than a decade-old maritime border dispute between the two neighbours

**India, Oman held joint military exercise**

India and Oman have carried out a 13-day military exercise named 'AL NAJAH-IV', with a focus on counter-terror cooperation.

**Vietnam-India Bilateral Army exercise conducted at Chandimandir**

The 3rd Edition of the Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" was conducted at Chandimandir.

**China strongly condemns Pelosi's visit to Taiwan**

China has strongly condemned the U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan despite China's stern warnings.

**U.S., Indonesia holds joint military drills amid China concerns**

More than 5,000 soldiers from Indonesia, the United States and other countries have begun joint combat exercises Garuda Shield on the Indonesian island of Sumatra, signalling stronger ties amid growing maritime activity by China in the Indo-Pacific region.

**China initiates its largest-ever military exercises encircling Taiwan**

China has initiated its largest-ever military exercises encircling Taiwan after United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi left the island.

**Nepal General elections to be held in single phase on November 20**

In Nepal, general elections will be held in a single phase on November 20 this year. The decision to this effect was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba.

**China halts cooperation with US in several areas over Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan**

China is halting cooperation with the United States in a number of areas, including dialogue between senior-level military commanders and climate talks, in retaliation for US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit to Taiwan.

**South Sudan extends transitional govt by two years**

In South Sudan, the government has announced that the country's transitional leadership will stay in power for another 24 months.

**ASEAN bars Myanmar from its meetings**

The ASEAN regional grouping has said that Myanmar will not be allowed to participate in any of its meetings till it shows progress on the peace plan.

**France braces for 4th heatwave this summer**

France braced for a fourth heatwave this summer as its worst drought on record left parched villages without safe drinking water.

**US President Joe Biden signs documents endorsing Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO**

US President Joe Biden has signed documents endorsing Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO alliance. Sweden and Finland applied for NATO membership in response to Russia's military actions in Ukraine.

**Russia temporarily suspends on-site inspections of strategic nuclear weapons**

Russia has temporarily suspended on-site inspections of its strategic nuclear weapons, under an arms control treaty known as New START.

**China says first batch of Indian students to return "very soon"**

China said that the process of return of Indian students to their Chinese universities has begun and first batch should be able to return to China very soon.

**Mexican President proposes 3 men commission for world peace including PM Modi**

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador has proposed a 3-men commission comprising Prime Minister Narendra Modi, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, and Pope Francis for global peace.

**New zoonotic virus infects thirty-five persons in eastern provinces of China**

A zoonotic virus named Langya Henipavirus or the LayV has been discovered in two eastern provinces of China. This new type of Henipavirus has infected thirty-five persons in Shandong and Henan provinces of China, so far.

**Russia successfully launches Iranian satellite into orbit**

Russia has successfully launched an Iranian satellite into orbit amid US concerns over its planned purpose. The satellite, called Khayyam, was launched from the Russian-leased Baikonur launch facility in Kazakhstan.

**India and Bangladesh review defence cooperation, agree to elevate engagements**

India and Bangladesh have agreed to further elevate the engagement between the two armed forces. The decision was taken during the 4th India-Bangladesh Annual Defence Dialogue held in Delhi.

**Latvia and Estonia withdraw from cooperation group between China and Central and Eastern European countries**

Latvia and Estonia have withdrawn from a cooperation group between China and over a dozen Central and Eastern European countries. The move comes amid Western criticism of China over escalating military pressure on Taiwan.

**British govt officially declares drought in parts of England due to hot and dry weather**

The British government said that parts of southern, central and eastern England had officially moved into drought status after a prolonged period of hot and dry weather.

**UK becomes 1st country to approve Omicron vaccine**

The UK has become the first country to authorise a Covid-19 vaccine tailored to the Omicron variant. The move will pave the way for an autumn booster campaign using Moderna's two-strain shot.

**US President Joe Biden signs massive climate and healthcare legislation**

US President Joe Biden has signed a massive climate change and healthcare spending bill into law. The legislation includes the most substantial federal investment in history to fight climate change - some USD 375 billion over the decade - and would cap prescription drug costs at USD 2,000 out-of-pocket annually for Medicare recipients.

**Afghanistan: Top UN official says millions of people are on brink of starvation as humanitarian funding running low**

In Afghanistan, a U.N. deputy special representative and humanitarian coordinator for Afghanistan Ramiz Alakbarov stated that millions of people are on the brink of starvation as winter approaches and humanitarian funding is running low.

**Kenya's presidential candidate Raila Odinga vows to pursue 'legal options' over vote defeat**

Kenya's veteran politician and presidential candidate Raila Odinga vowed to pursue all constitutional and legal options after rejecting the outcome of last week's election that handed the presidency to his rival William Ruto.

**India contributes four lakh US dollars to Voluntary Trust Funds to support United Nations Human Rights**

India has contributed four lakh US dollars to four Voluntary Trust Funds as part of its commitment to global promotion and protection of human rights and support for United Nations Human Rights.

**Bangladesh Prime Minister tells United Nations that Myanmar must take back Rohingyas**

Bangladesh's Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina told a visiting UN official that hundreds of thousands of Rohingya refugees living in camps in Bangladesh must return home to Myanmar.

**Over 35,000 cases of monkeypox detected globally, says WHO**

World Health Organisation (WHO) has said that more than 35,000 cases of monkeypox have now been reported from 92 countries and territories.

**US to begin formal trade negotiations with Taiwan**

The US has announced that it will begin formal trade negotiations with Taiwan. The announcement came weeks after a controversial visit by US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The discussion will include talks on trade facilitation, digital trade and anti-corruption standards.

**Israel, Turkey restores full relations**

Israel and Turkey have decided to restore full diplomatic ties and will return ambassadors to each other's country following a steady improvement in relations.

**China's funding in Pakistan for China-Pakistan Economic Corridor dropped by about 56% in 1st half of 2022**

China's funding in Pakistan for the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) dropped by about 56% in the first half of 2022 while multiple countries such as Russia, Egypt and Sri Lanka saw a 100% drop of BRI engagement compared to H1 2021.

**Russia to allow UN officials to visit and inspect Zaporizhzhia nuclear power complex in Ukraine**

Russia has agreed to allow UN officials to visit and inspect Zaporizhzhia nuclear power complex located in southeastern Ukraine.

**Xi Jinping, Vladimir Putin to attend G 20 summit in Bali, confirms Indonesian president**

Indonesian president Joko Widodo has said China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin both plan to attend the Group of 20 summit in Bali in November.

**Greece exits EU's 'enhanced surveillance' framework**

Greece has announced that it has exited the European Union's enhanced surveillance framework. It was hit with waves of pension cuts, spending constraint, tax increases and bank controls after it was forced to seek its first bailout in 2010.

**US announces 775 million dollars additional military assistance for Ukraine**

The United States government has announced additional military aid for Ukraine valued at up to 775 million dollars.

**Singapore to repeal colonial-era law against gay sex**

Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong has announced the country will repeal a colonial-era law criminalising gay sex.

**South Korea, US begin their largest joint military drills**

South Korea and the United States began their largest joint military drills in years with a resumption of field training. The annual summertime exercises renamed Ulchi Freedom Shield this year and scheduled to end on Sept. 1.

**Somalia: Federal Police ended Mogadishu hotel siege by Al-Qaida-affiliated militant group Al-Shabab**

In Somalia, security forces had ended the Mogadishu hotel siege by the Al-Qaida-affiliated militant group Al-Shabab after nearly 30 hours of operations.

**India hands over 21,000 tonnes of chemical fertilizer to crisis-ridden Sri Lanka**

India handed over 21,000 tonnes of chemical fertilizer to the crisis-ridden neighbour Sri Lanka. India's High Commissioner formally handed over the consignment under the country's special support to the people of Sri Lanka.

**Nearly 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers died since Russia-Ukraine conflict started**

Ukraine's Military Chief has said that nearly 9,000 Ukrainian soldiers have died since Russia - Ukraine conflict started.

**US donates 10 million additional doses of Covid-19 vaccine to Bangladesh**

The US government has donated another 10 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine to Bangladesh.

**US President Joe Biden appointed more than 130 Indian Americans to key positions**

US President Joe Biden has appointed more than 130 Indian Americans to key positions in his administration so far, the best representation from the community that makes up around one percent of the American population.

**U.S. to donate \$3 billion in aid to Ukraine**

U.S. President Joe Biden announced nearly \$3 billion in military aid to Kyiv—the biggest U.S. package so far to mark Ukraine's Independence day, six months after Russia invaded the country.

**Taiwan Govt proposes to spend more than 19 billion dollars in defence**

In Taiwan, the government has proposed more than 19 billion dollars in defence spending for next year.

### **Drought-hit Europe could face 3 more dry months: EU report**

Parts of the European Union could face three more months of warmer and drier conditions as Europe witnesses a major drought that has fuelled forest fires, dried up rivers and devastated crops.

### **South Africa: Workers to protest against rising inflation and power cuts**

In South Africa, the workers took to the streets in Pretoria to protest against rising inflation and power cuts. Hundreds of people marched toward the President's House.

### **India votes in favour of proposal seeking to allow Volodymyr Zelenskyy to address UNSC virtually**

India was among the 13 countries who voted in favour of a proposal seeking to allow Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to address the United Nations Security Council virtually.

### **California announces to ban sale of new petrol vehicles by 2035**

In USA, the California state announced that it will ban the sale of new petrol vehicles by 2035. Under the rules, 35 per cent of new vehicles sold in the state must be electric, hybrid and hydrogen powered by 2026.

### **Afghanistan: 180 people killed this month due to Flood in central, eastern provinces**

In Afghanistan, at least 180 people have been killed this month due to Flood in central and eastern Afghan provinces in recent weeks.

### **Pakistan govt declares national emergency in wake of rain-induced floods**

In Pakistan, the government has officially declared a national emergency in wake of the rain-induced floods.

### **Argentina expresses interest in Made in India TEJAS fighter aircraft**

South American nation Argentina has expressed interest in the Made in India TEJAS fighter aircraft for Argentine Air Force.

### **Russia blocks adoption of joint declaration on nuclear disarmament at UN**

Russia has blocked the adoption of a joint declaration by a United Nations conference on nuclear disarmament. The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty aims to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

### **Pakistan Floods: Over one thousand died & millions displaced across the country**

In Pakistan, over one thousand people have died, and millions have been displaced in the flood that has wreaked havoc across the country.

### **NASA postpones launch of Artemis 1 mission**

NASA has postponed the launch of the Artemis 1 mission to the moon due to a malfunctioning core stage engine.

### **Venezuela, Colombia starts to rebuild relations**

Venezuela and Colombia have dispatched ambassadors to each other's capitals to rebuild relations between the two countries that have been broken for more than three years.

### **Solomon Islands to ban foreign navy ships following China pact**

After refusing access to US and UK ships to its ports earlier this month, the Solomon Islands has now temporarily halted all naval visits.

### **Canada invokes 1977 pipeline treaty with US**

Canada has invoked a 1977 pipeline treaty with the United States for the second time in less than a year to prevent a closing of a pipeline in Wisconsin.

### **Angola electoral commission declares MPLA wins national election**

In Angola, the electoral commission declared the ruling MPLA, the winner of recently conducted national elections, handing President Joao Lourenco a second term amid concerns about possible fraud.

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### **Arora is new Delhi Police Commissioner**

Sanjay Arora, an Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, has been appointed as the new Commissioner of the Delhi Police. He succeeds outgoing Police Commissioner Rakesh Asthana.

### **HAL to supply 12 light utility helicopters to armed forces**

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) has received the Letter of Intent from the Services for the manufacture of 12 light utility helicopters (LUHs), which have been designed and developed indigenously.

### **Centre forms task force to monitor Monkeypox situation in country**

The Centre has formed a task force in the wake of Monkeypox cases in India to monitor and provide guidance to the government on the expansion of diagnostic facilities and to explore vaccination for the infection in the country.

### **IMD, Japan and UNDP join to expedite climate action in 10 States, UTs**

India Meteorological Department (IMD), the government of Japan, and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have announced a new initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 States and Union Territories across the country.

### **Parliament passes Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022 and Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022**

The Parliament has passed the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022. The Bill seeks to amend the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005. The Parliament has also passed the Indian Antarctic Bill, 2022, which seeks to give effect to the Antarctic Treaty, the Convention on the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources and the Protocol on Environmental Protection to the Antarctic Treaty.

### **Private sectors can use drones for delivery purposes in accordance with rules, says Government**

The Union government has said that the private sector can use drones for delivery purposes in accordance with Drone Rules, 2021. These sectors include - agriculture, vaccine delivery, surveillance, search and rescue, transportation, mapping, defence and law enforcement.

### **Satyendra Prakash assumes charge as Principal DG of PIB**

Satyendra Prakash has assumed charge as Principal Director General of the Press Information Bureau. He is an Indian Information Service officer of the 1988 batch.

**Director General of SSB takes additional charge of ITBP**  
Director General of Sashashtra Seema Bal, SSB Dr. Sujoy Lal Thaosan has taken over the additional charge of Director General of Indo-Tibetan Border Police.

#### **India, Maldives sign six agreements**

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih launched the "Greater Male connectivity projects in the Maldives" and also entered pacts in areas like cyber security, disaster management, and police infrastructure development.

#### **SC quashes Jharkhand's 100% local reservation**

The Supreme Court of India has quashed the Jharkhand government's 2016 decision to grant 100% reservation to local people of 13 Scheduled Areas in public jobs and upheld a High Court decision that had termed the government decision "discriminatory and impermissible".

#### **Union Cabinet approves India's updated NDC to be communicated to UNFCCC**

The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution, NDC to be communicated to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

#### **Centre launches State University Research Excellence scheme to create robust Research and Development Ecosystem**

The Centre launched State University Research Excellence scheme to augment the research capabilities in a structured way to create a robust Research and Development ecosystem in state and private universities and colleges.

#### **Apex body needed to regulate freebies by political parties during elections, says SC**

The Supreme Court of India has asked the Centre, the Election Commission of India, senior Advocate Kapil Sibal and petitioners to submit their suggestions within a week on the composition of an expert body that will examine how to regulate freebies and submit a report.

#### **India, US to hold mega military exercise in Uttarakhand's Auli in October**

India & the US will conduct the 18th edition of a fortnight-long mega military exercise named "Yudh Abhyas" in Uttarakhand's Auli in October this year.

#### **CJI proposes Justice U.U. Lalit as successor**

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana has recommended to the union government the name of Justice Uday Umesh Lalit as his successor and the 49th Chief Justice of India. Ramana is scheduled to retire on August 26.

#### **Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 comes into effect**

The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 has come into effect. The new act authorises taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records.

#### **Rajya Sabha passes Family Courts (Amendment) Bill 2022 with a voice vote**

Parliament has passed the Family Courts (Amendment) Bill 2022. It seeks to amend the Family Courts Act, 1984. The Act allows state governments to establish Family Courts.

#### **DRDO successfully test fires indigenously developed laser-guided ATGMs**

The indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles ATGM were successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank MBT Arjun by the DRDO and Indian Army.

#### **Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal unveils digital version of One District-One Product gift catalogue**

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has unveiled the digital version of the One District-One Product (ODOP) gift catalogue during the Export Promotion Councils and Industry Associations meeting at Vanija Bhawan, New Delhi.

#### **Cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba gets one-year extension in tenure**

The Centre has extended the service of the Cabinet Secretary Rajiv Gauba for a period of one year, which is second extension on the post.

#### **Centre launches portal to register for rations**

The Centre has launched a common facility to register names in ration cards on a pilot basis for 11 States and Union Territories. The facility will enable these States to identify and verify the eligible beneficiaries, for coverage under the National Food Security Act.

#### **Uttarakhand govt decides to develop Sanskrit-speaking villages**

The Uttarakhand government has decided to develop one Sanskrit-speaking village in each of the 13 districts in the state. It is the first state in the country to launch an initiative on this scale to promote Sanskrit.

#### **Uttar Pradesh Govt Plans to Double Farmers' Income by way of 'Panchamrut Yojana'**

The Uttar Pradesh authorities introduced that Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's 'Panchamrut Yojana' which will support in doubling farmers' revenue by way of the implementation of cost-effective technical measures and the promotion of co-cropping.

#### **Indian Navy's all-female crew completes first solo maritime mission**

Women officers in the Indian Navy made history when they flew a Dornier 228 on the first-ever all-female autonomous maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea.

#### **ISRO faces setback as maiden SSLV mission suffers 'data loss'**

India's maiden Small Satellite Launch Vehicle -D1 (SSLV-D1) carrying Earth Observation Satellite Satellites and another a student-made satellite-AzaadiSAT unfortunately were placed in an unstable orbit and are no longer usable.

#### **In a first, U.S. Navy ship in India for repairs**

In a first, a U.S. Navy Ship, Charles Drew arrived in India for carrying out repairs and allied services at the Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Shipyard at Kattupalli, Chennai. This event is the first ever repair of a US Navy ship in India.

#### **India, U.S. Armies begin special exercise**

The 13th Edition of the Indo-U.S. Joint Special Forces exercise "Ex Vajra Prahar 2022" commenced at the Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh on August 8.

#### **Agriculture Minister lays the foundation stone for Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables**

The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, laid the foundation stone of the Indo-Israel Center of Excellence for Vegetables in Chandauli (Uttar Pradesh) through video conferencing.

#### **Union Minister Amit Shah e-launches onboarding of cooperatives on GeM portal**

Cooperation Minister Amit Shah e-launched the onboarding of cooperatives on the GeM portal in New Delhi. With this, all eligible cooperatives will be able to start placing orders on the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) portal.

### **Parliament passes Central Universities (Amendment) Bill 2022**

Parliament has passed the Central Universities (Amendment) Bill 2022 that seeks to amend the Central Universities Act, 2009, which provides for establishing central universities in various states. It also seeks to convert the National Rail and Transportation Institute at Vadodara into the Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya which will be a central university.

### **Lok Sabha passes New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

The Lok Sabha passed the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre (Amendment) Bill, in 2022. It also renamed the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre the India International Arbitration Centre.

### **NIXI offers domain names for ₹75 under 'Har Ghar Digital, Har Jeevan Digital' campaign**

National Internet Exchange of India (NIXI) has offered '(Dot) IN' and '(Dot) भारत' domains registration at seventy five rupees for one year under its 'Har Ghar Digital, Har Jeevan Digital' campaign.

### **Indian Army launches Him Drone-a-thon programme in collaboration with DFI**

The Indian Army launched the Him Drone-a-thon programme in collaboration with the Drone Federation of India. The initiative is in line with self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

### **Centre offers use of indigenous 5G Test Bed free of cost to start-ups and MSMEs**

The Centre has decided to offer the use of Indigenous 5G Test Bed free of cost to the Government recognized start-ups and MSMEs for the next six months up to January 2023.

### **PM Modi dedicates to nation 2nd Generation Ethanol Plant at Panipat in Haryana**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the 2nd Generation (2G) Ethanol Plant at Panipat in Haryana through video conferencing.

### **JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar sworn-in as Bihar CM**

Nitish Kumar was sworn in as Bihar's chief minister a day after quitting with coalition partner BJP and will now govern in alliance with his former rivals in RJD and Congress.

### **Airlines asked to share PNR details of international passengers with govt**

Airlines will have to mandatorily share PNR details of passengers with customs authorities 24 hours prior to departure of international flights, a move which will prevent law offenders from fleeing the country.

### **Union Cabinet approves Audio Visual Co-Production Treaty b/w India & Australia**

Union Cabinet has approved the signing of an Audio Visual Co-Production Treaty, between India and Australia with a view to promote co-production of films.

### **Centre decides to remove fare cap on air tickets from August 31<sup>st</sup>**

The Centre has decided to remove the fare cap on air tickets from 31<sup>st</sup> of this month. The cap on airfares was imposed by the Civil Aviation Ministry in May 2020.

### **Union Cabinet approves extension of PMAY-Urban till 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024**

Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U) - Housing for All Mission up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.

### **Centre approves Corbevax as 'booster dose' for adults vaccinated with Covaxin or Covishield**

The Centre has approved Biological E's Corbevax as a precaution dose after completion of six months from the date of administration of the second dose of either Covaxin or Covishield vaccines for the population above 18 years, said Union health secretary Rajesh Bhushan.

### **India and Malaysia conduct first bilateral air force exercise**

A contingent of the Indian Air Force left for Malaysia to participate in a bilateral exercise named Udarashakti. This is the first bilateral exercise being conducted between Indian Air Force and Royal Malaysian Air Force RMAF.

### **India adds 11 more wetlands to its list of Ramsar sites**

India has added 11 more wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites to make total 75 Ramsar sites covering an area of 13 lakh 26 thousand 677 Hectare in the country in the 75<sup>th</sup> year of Independence. Tamil Nadu has maximum number of Ramsar sites which is 14.

### **Fifth elephant reserve of Tamil Nadu at Agasthiyamalai**

The proposal to designate 1,197.48 sq.km in Kanyakumari and Tirunelveli as the Agasthiyamalai Elephant Reserve was approved by the Union Environment Ministry. Tamil Nadu will oversee this Agasthiyamalai Elephant Reserve, which is the fifth elephant reserve.

### **India unveils first Saline Water Lantern using sea water**

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh unveiled India's first Saline Water Lantern Roshini, which uses the sea water to power the specially designed LED lamps.

### **Initiative 'SMILE' launched to make cities, towns and municipal areas begging-free**

Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the 'SMILE: Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise' initiative in New Delhi. The initiative aims to make cities, towns and municipal areas begging-free and make a strategy for comprehensive rehabilitation of the persons engaged in the act of begging through the coordinated action of various stakeholders.

### **Govt appoints 37 new High Court Judges**

The Centre has appointed 37 new High Court Judges. With the notification of the appointments of another 11 High Court Judges in the Punjab & Haryana High Court by the government this year so far 138 appointments in various High Courts of the country has been made.

### **World's highest single arch railway bridge Chenab Rail Bridge in J&K gets Golden Joint**

In Jammu and Kashmir, the world's highest rail bridge over the Chenab river in the Kouri area of Reasi district achieved another milestone, when the overarch deck of the bridge was completed with a golden joint.

### **India gift Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka**

India has gifted a Dornier Maritime Reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka towards strengthening the maritime security of the island nation at a special event in Sri Lanka Air Force Base in Katunayake.

### **Indian flag unfurled 30 kilometres above earth by Space Kidz India**

Space Kidz India unfurled the Indian flag about 30 kilometres above the planet on Independence Day. The flag was sent to an altitude of 1 lakh 6 thousand feet above the planet on a balloon that unfurled it.

### **NHA announces performance-based fund allocation to states, UTs for strengthening registries of healthcare professionals, facilities**

National Health Authority (NHA) has announced performance based fund allocation to States and Union Territories for strengthening the registries of healthcare professionals and health facilities.

### **Rajnath Singh hands over wide range of indigenous military equipment to Army**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has handed over to the Army a wide range of indigenous military equipment including unmanned aerial systems and quick reaction fighting vehicles to crank up its combat capabilities in eastern Ladakh in the backdrop of the prolonged border face-off with China.

### **DoT allocates spectrum to telecom operators**

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has allocated spectrum to telecom operators, paving the way for launch of 5G services. Communications and Information Technology Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has also requested Telecom Service Providers to prepare for 5G launch.

### **Govt says 500 cities across India have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'**

The Union government has said that five hundred cities across India have declared themselves as 'Safai Mitra Surakshit Shehar'. These cities were able to achieve adequacy in terms of institutional capacity, manpower and equipment norms as stipulated by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and are providing safe working conditions for SafaiMitras.

### **Goa becomes 1st Har Ghar Jal certified State,**

Goa has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified State and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, the first Union Territory in the country to achieve this feat .

### **Union Minister Bhupender Yadav asks Employees' State Insurance to expand its services in all 744 districts by December**

The Employees' State Insurance, ESI will work to expand its services in all 744 districts of the country by December this year. Labour and Employment Minister Bhupender Yadav said, this expansion will take into consideration the increased beneficiary base, post implementation of Social Security Code.

### **U.P. to generate 16 GW solar power in five years**

Uttar Pradesh unveiled the draft of its Solar Energy Policy-2022, which suggests that the State will be targeting generation of 16,000 Mega Watt of renewable power by 2026-27.

### **Union Home Secretary gets one year extension in service**

Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla was given one-year extension in service till August 22, 2023, according to a Personnel Ministry order.

### **Jharkhand Becomes First State in India to Distribute Seed to Farmers via Blockchain Tech**

Jharkhand has become the first state in the country to deploy a production grade blockchain-based seed distribution programme by implementing the blockchain solution.

### **Govt launches 2nd phase of Grameen Udyami Project**

National Skill Development Corporation, NSDC in partnership with Seva Bharti and Yuva Vikas Society launched the second phase of Grameen Udyami Project to augment skill training in tribal communities for their inclusive and sustainable growth.

### **17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 to be held at Indore in January next year**

The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will be held at Indore in January next year. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated every year on 9th January to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community in the development of India.

### **Indian Air Force contingent participates in Exercise Pitch Black in Australia**

An Indian Air Force contingent is participating in Exercise Pitch Black 2022 in Australia being held from August 19 to 8th September in Darwin.

### **India delivers tenth tranche of medical aid to Afghanistan**

India has supplied the tenth tranche of medical assistance to Afghanistan as part of India's ongoing humanitarian assistance.

### **Tertiary level centres to come up for treatment of people exposed to chemical, nuclear attacks**

In a first, the Union Health Ministry has drawn up a proposal to set up two tertiary level centres for the treatment of people exposed to chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear incidents or attacks.

### **Lumpy skin disease toll rises to 7,300**

Over 7,300 cattle have died so far due to 'lumpy skin disease' in eight states and one Union Territory, a senior government official said. Punjab tops the list with 3,359 animals dead.

### **All AIIMS to be renamed**

The Union government has firmed up a proposal to give specific names to all the AIIMS, including that in Delhi, based on regional heroes, freedom fighters, historical events or monuments of the area or their distinct geographical identity.

### **India, Iran sign pact for movement of seafarers**

In a bid to aid the movement of seafarers between the two countries, India and Iran signed a memorandum of understanding on recognition of Certificates of Competency in Unlimited Voyages to help seafarers from both countries.

### **India nominates GARBA to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list**

India has nominated the dance form Garba to be inscribed on UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage list for 2022.

### **Govt grants permission to defence forces to buy emergency weapons through Make in India route**

The Union Government has granted permission to defence forces to buy emergency weapons through Make in India route. These emergency powers give the defence forces the freedom to acquire any new or in-service equipment on a fast-track basis as per requirement.

### **India's first observatory to monitor space activity to come up in Uttarakhand**

India's first commercial space situational awareness observatory, to track objects as small as 10 cm in size orbiting the earth, will be set up in the Garhwal region of Uttarakhand by Digantara, a space sector start-up.

### **Centre launches Rashtriya Puruskar Portal to bring together all awards under one platform**

The centre has launched Rashtriya Puruskar Portal to bring together all the awards of the various Ministries, Departments and agencies of the government under one platform. This has been done to ensure transparency and public partnership.

### **'Tomato flu' detected among children in India, says Lancet**

A new infection dubbed tomato flu, or tomato fever, has been detected in India mostly among children

younger than five, according to a report in the Lancet Respiratory Journal . cases have been found in Kerala and Odisha. So far it has infected 82 children.

**Tarun Bajaj gets additional charge as MCA secretary**  
Revenue secretary Tarun Bajaj was given additional charge of secretary in the ministry of corporate affairs (MCA) in place of Rajesh Verma, who has been made secretary to the new President Droupadi Murmu.

**DRDO, Indian Navy test indigenous missile**  
The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and the Indian Navy successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface-to-Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

**Benami law can't be applied retrospectively: SC**  
The Supreme Court ruled that the stringent 2016 amendment to Benami transactions law cannot be applied retrospectively, while declaring the provisions that criminalised such transactions as unconstitutional.

**Tripartite agreement for development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks signed**  
Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal and Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways V K Singh witnessed signing of tripartite agreement for swift development of modern Multi Modal Logistics Parks MMLP under Bharatmala Pariyojna across the country.

**Ministry of Social Justice sign MoU with National Health Authority for providing medical packages to Transgenders**  
Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with National Health Authority for providing comprehensive medical package to transgender people. The Comprehensive package would cover all aspects of transition-related healthcare for Transgender persons.

**E-Passports to be rolled out by end of 2022**  
Electronic-Passports will be rolled out during the next six months mostly by the end of this year or early next year.

**I&B Minister Anurag Thakur launches Azadi Quest App**  
Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Thakur launched the Azadi Quest, a series of online mobile games on the heroes and milestones of Indian freedom in New Delhi. Azadi Quest is a set of online games designed for players of all ages for interactive learning with fun gameplay.

**Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu launches a book 'New India'**  
Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled New India - a compilation of selected articles of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley on his death anniversary in New Delhi.

**Two MOUs on cooperation got signed in 3rd India-Mauritius Joint Committee Meeting**  
The third India-Mauritius Joint Committee Meeting on Small and Medium Enterprise Cooperation was held in New Delhi. During the Mauritius delegation's visit, two Memoranda of Understanding on cooperation have also been signed.

**India, Tanzania to set up task force for defence**  
India and Tanzania have decided to set up a task force to prepare a five-year roadmap to boost bilateral defence cooperation.

**Centre picks 75 tribal districts for TB intervention project**  
Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Central TB Division of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have now zeroed in on 75 tribal districts, where focused interventions will be run over the next few months with the aim to make them TB-free.

**CBI records conviction rate of 67.56% in 2021**  
The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) recorded a conviction rate of 67.56% in 2021, compared to 69.83% in 2020, according to the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) annual report.

**Haridwar declared India's Best Aspirational District**  
Haridwar has been declared as India's Best Aspirational District by NITI Aayog. The distraction of Best Aspirational District to the Holy City of Haridwar was accorded under NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme.

**India, US joint special forces exercise concludes in Himachal Pradesh**  
The 13th edition of India- USA Joint Special Forces Exercise VAJRA PRAHAR 2022 culminated at Bakloh in Himachal Pradesh.

**Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approves third Positive Indigenisation List**  
Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the third Positive Indigenisation List of 780 strategically important Line Replacement Units, Sub-systems and Components. They will only be procured from Indian Industry after the timelines indicated in the list.

**Indian Naval Ship Sumedha visits Port Klang in Malaysia**  
As part of the Indian Navy's long-range operational deployment, Indian Naval Ship, INS Sumedha visited Port Klang of Malaysia.

**PM says 50 percent of India's energy production will be met by non-fossil fuel by 2030**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that by 2030, 50 percent of India's energy production will be met by non-fossil fuel, and by 2070 it plans 'Net Zero'.

**PM Modi to commission Vikrant**  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission Vikrant, country's first indigenously built aircraft carrier on September 2 at Kochi.

**Telangana AI Mission's 4 start-ups to represent India at 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).

**Cabinet approves signing an MoU between India & Nepal on biodiversity conservation**  
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.

**EAC to Prime Minister releases Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100**  
Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister, EAC-PM has released the Competitiveness Roadmap for India@100 in New Delhi.

**Nagesh Singh appointed as next Ambassador to Thailand**  
An Indian Foreign Service officer of the 1995 batch, Nagesh Singh has been appointed as India's next ambassador to Thailand.

**Bank fraud by agro-product firms amounts to ₹1,400 crore**

Nearly 100 companies dealing in agro-products came under the scanner of the CBI over the past five years on the charge of cheating banks of loans running into thousands of crores of rupees.

**GST collections jump by 28%**

GST collections rose 28 per cent to ₹1.49 lakh crore on an annual basis in July on the back of economic recovery and measures taken to curb tax evasion.

**Over ₹36 lakh crore worth of loan amounts disbursed to MSMEs in last three fiscal years**

Over 36 lakh crore rupees worth of loan amounts have been disbursed to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) during the last three fiscal years.

**Banks wrote off ₹10 lakh-cr. loans in 5 years**

Banks have written off loan's worth about ₹10 lakh crores in the last five financial years, Parliament was informed. During 2021-22, the write-off came down to ₹1,57,096 crores compared with ₹2,02,781 crores in the previous year.

**Jobless rate slips to 6.8%, a 6-month low**

The country's unemployment rate fell to 6.8% in July, the lowest level in six months, amid rising agriculture activity during the monsoon.

**Vodafone Idea targets digital transformation of 2.5 lakh MSMEs**

Vodafone India Ltd. (VIL), as part of its business plans to enable MSMEs harness the power of digital technology and grow in the post-pandemic period, has targeted to scale up its reach to 2.5 lakh MSME.

**DRI detects customs duty evasion of 2,217 crore rupees by Vivo Mobile**

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has detected Customs duty evasion of around two thousand 217 crore rupees by Vivo Mobile India Private Limited. Vivo India is a subsidiary company of Vivo Communication Technology Company in China.

**Centre approves highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price of ₹305 for Sugarcane farmers**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved Fair and Remunerative Price of sugarcane for sugar season 2022-23. It has approved highest ever Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) of 305 rupees per quintal for Sugarcane Farmers.

**BOE raises rate by most since 1995, warns of pain**

In a bid to tame soaring inflation, the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Bank of England (BoE) has voted 8-1 to raise the U.K.'s bank rate by half a percentage point to 1.75%, marking the biggest interest rate increase since 1995.

**RBI Monetary Policy Highlights**

The RBI has raised the repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.40 per cent. Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) stands adjusted to 5.15 per cent, Bank rates and Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rates were adjusted to 5.65 per cent, and 5.15 per cent. It retained its growth projection at 7.2 per cent for the current fiscal. Inflation projections are retained at 6.7 per cent in 2022-23.

**SEBI constitutes 15-member committee to attract foreign investment**

SEBI has constituted an expert group of Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) to boost overseas flows into the country. The FPI Advisory Committee (FAC) will be

chaired by the former Chief Economic Adviser KV Subramanian and consists of 14 other members.

**BBPS to take up inbound bill payments**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will allow the Bharat Bill Payment System (BBPS) to process cross-border inbound bill payments that will help senior citizens in India while their wards are overseas.

**HDFC secures \$1.1 bn syndicated social loan for affordable housing**

Mortgage financier HDFC Ltd has completed a \$1.1 billion syndicated social loan facility at a 3.3 per cent coupon rate for financing affordable housing projects in the country, making it the largest social finance issuance.

**Unity SFB appoints interim CEO Camotra as MD & CEO**

The Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited (Unity Bank) has appointed, Inderjit Camotra as the managing director and chief executive officer (MD & CEO) of the bank.

**Akasa Air, the latest to join India's skies**

Ace investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-owned Akasa Air is finally in Indian skies. The first flight between the Mumbai-Ahmedabad has recently route took off.

**SBI Q1 result**

State Bank of India has reported a 6.70 per cent year-on-year (YoY) drop in net profit at ₹6,068.08 crore compared with ₹6,504 crore in the same quarter last year.

**CBI registers 100 cases related to Ponzi schemes since 2019**

The Union government said that the CBI has registered 100 cases relating to Ponzi schemes involving 132 firms during the last three and a half years.

**RIL invested ₹30,000 cr. in retail in FY22**

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) invested ₹30,000 crore (about \$3.76 billion) in its retail business and added 2,500 stores, taking the total store count to 15,196 in FY22.

**80% decline in value of fake currency notes**

The value of the counterfeit currency in the banking system reduced from ₹43.47 crore in 2016-17 to about ₹8.26 crore in 2021-22, amounting to a sharp decline of more than 80%.

**PSU health insurance losses came to ₹26,364 cr. in 5 years**

All four public sector insurers (NIACL), (UIICL), (OICL) and (NICL) incurred losses of ₹26,364 crores in the health insurance portfolio for the last five years due to higher claims in group policies.

**Bharti to start 5G services in August: MD**

Bharti Airtel managing director and CEO Gopal Vittal said the telecom operator will start rolling out 5G services in August and cover all towns and key rural areas of India by March 2024.

**RBI issues detailed set of guidelines for digital lending**

Reserve Bank of India has said that digital loans must be credited directly to the bank accounts of borrowers and not through any third party. RBI also said that digital lending entities and not the borrowers should pay fees or charges payable to Lending Service Providers in the credit intermediation process.

**Govt releases over ₹1,16,000 crore to states as two instalments of tax devolution**

The Centre released two instalments of tax devolution totalling ₹1.16 lakh crore to states. This is in line with the commitment of the government to strengthen the hands of states to accelerate their capital and developmental expenditure.

### **Govt re-nominates four independent directors on central board of RBI**

The central government has re-nominated Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, and Sachin Chaturvedi as part-time, non-official directors on the central board of the Reserve Bank of India.

### **Income taxpayers can't join Atal Pension Yojana from Oct 1: Govt**

The Centre will bar income taxpayers from availing themselves of the Atal Pension Yojana (APY) from October 1 this year to ensure that the scheme's benefits reach the poor and underprivileged.

### **7.3% of Indians owned digital currency in 2021, 7th highest in world: UN**

Over seven per cent of India's population owns digital currency, according to the UN report. Ukraine topped the list with 12.7 per cent, followed by Russia (11.9 per cent), Venezuela (10.3 per cent).

### **Mohit Burman takes charge as Dabur chairman**

Mohit Burman has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of the Dabur board from August 11 for a period of five years.

### **Argentina: Central Bank increases benchmark interest rate by 950 basis points to reduce inflation**

In Argentina, the Central Bank raised its benchmark interest rate by 950 basis points as the country struggles to keep a lid on spiraling inflation that rose to a 20-year high of 71 percent.

### **India's trade deficit hits record \$30 billion as exports struggle**

India's trade deficit widened to a record \$30 billion in July as exports grew at a much slower pace compared to imports, data released by the commerce and industry ministry showed.

### **Bank of Maharashtra tops list of PSU lenders in Q1 loan, deposit growth**

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) emerged as the top performer among the public sector lenders in terms of the loan and deposit growth in percentage terms during the first quarter of 2022-23.

### **Centre proposes uniform tariff for renewable energy procurement by states**

In a sweeping change, the Union Ministry of Power has proposed a uniform tariff for renewable energy (RE) procurement by states. This will apply to the projects offered by the Centre through SECI (the erstwhile Solar Energy Corporation of India).

### **Shareholders' approve Ashishkumar Chauhan appointment as NSE MD, CEO**

Leading bourse National Stock Exchange (NSE) said that shareholders have approved the appointment of Ashishkumar Chauhan as its managing director and chief executive.

### **Ola announces ambitious EV hub plans**

Ola's CEO Bhavish Aggarwal has announced an expanded vision to build an EV (electric vehicle) hub, which will at full scale produce 1 million cars, 10 million two-wheelers and 100 GWh of electric battery cells every year.

### **LIC's Covid-19 claims surge 614% in Q1 to ₹2,334 crore**

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) paid a whopping ₹2,334 crore towards Covid-19 claims in the first quarter ended June 30 this fiscal. This was up 614 per cent over the sum of ₹327 crore paid towards Covid-19 claims in the same quarter last fiscal.

### **Adani Logistics acquires inland container depot Tump for ₹835 cr**

Adani Logistics has acquired the 'Tumb' inland container depot in Vapi from Navkar Corporation for ₹835 crore. ICD Tumb is one of the largest inland container depots in India.

### **Wholesale price-based inflation declines to 13.93% in July**

Wholesale price-based inflation, WPI eased to 13.93 per cent in July as compared to 15.18 per cent in preceding month.

### **Ikea operator Ingka to invest €900 million**

Ingka Centres, part of Ikea's retail operator Ingka Group, said it would invest €900 million in India to set up two centres for business, meetings and shopping in the next few years.

### **Ratan Tata unveils start-up Goodfellows dedicated to senior citizens**

Industry leader Ratan Tata launched Goodfellows, a senior companionship startup that provides companionship services to senior citizens. The startup is designed to pair senior citizens with young graduates to form meaningful friendships.

### **U.K. inflation races to 10.1%, a 20-year high**

The UK's rate of inflation jumped to 10.1 per cent in July, the first time it has registered a double-digit annual increase in more than four decades.

### **Cabinet approves interest subvention of 1.5% per annum on Short Term Agriculture Loan**

Cabinet has approved interest subvention of 1.5 per cent on Short Term Agriculture Loan upto three lakh rupees. The interest subvention will be provided to lending institutions by the Government. The Government also approved enhancement of limit of Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme by 50 thousand crore rupees for Travel, Tourism and Hospitality sector.

### **Record foodgrains production of over 315 million tonnes estimated in country in 2021-22**

The production of foodgrains in the country is estimated at over 315 million tonnes in 2021-22 which is higher by 4.98 million tonnes in comparison to 2020-21.

### **Centre raises thresholds for prosecution under Customs Act**

The Centre has raised the thresholds for prosecutions and arrests under the Customs Act to ₹50 lakh from ₹20 lakh for smuggling and illegal imports of goods in baggage, and from ₹1 crore to ₹2 crore for cases involving commercial fraud.

### **India's first electric double-decker AC bus Switch Eiv22 unveiled for Mumbai's BEST**

Mumbai's Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST) has got its first all-electric double decker AC bus from Switch Mobility, the electric vehicle division of Hinduja Group's flagship Ashok Leyland.

### **RBI cancels licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank**

The RBI said the licence of Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank, Karnataka, has been cancelled as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects.

### **Centre proposes anti-dumping duty on China antibiotic drug ofloxacin**

The commerce ministry has recommended imposition of anti-dumping duty on Chinese ofloxacin — a medicine used to treat certain infections — for five years to guard domestic players from cheap imports from the neighbouring country.

### **AstraZeneca India gets DCGI approval to market drug treating breast cancer**

Drug firm AstraZeneca India has received an approval from the Drugs Controller General of India to market its drug for the treatment of breast cancer.

### **China's central bank cuts Loan Prime Rates**

China's central bank, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) cut two-key benchmark lending rates with a big cut in a key mortgage-linked benchmark to manage the ongoing crisis in its real estate.

### **U.K. shrank 11% in 2020, drop worst since 1709**

Britain's gross domestic product fell by 11% in 2020, the Office for National Statistics said. This was a bigger drop than any of the ONS's previous estimates and the largest fall since 1709, according to historical data hosted by the Bank of England.

### **U.K. supercar firm McLaren to enter India**

British luxury supercar maker McLaren Automotive announced its foray into the Indian market. The carmaker stated that it will open its first retail outlet McLaren Mumbai in October this year.

### **CPCL to invest ₹2,570 crore in refinery JV**

The board of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (CPCL) has approved a proposal to invest up to ₹2,570 crores in the joint venture with Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. for implementing the ₹31,580-crore, 9-mmta Cauvery Basin Refinery project in Tamil Nadu.

### **Adani makes a hostile bid to take control of NDTV, to announce an open offer shortly**

One of India's oldest private media companies NDTV is set to change ownership with the Adani Group launching a hostile takeover bid. If it succeeds, Adani will own about 55 per cent stake in NDTV.

### **IndusInd Bank opens two digital banking units for instant services**

IndusInd Bank has launched two digital banking units, one each in Punjab and Tamil Nadu to offer various instant, convenient and flexible banking services to its customers, the private sector lender said.

### **Sri Lanka ranks 5th among the 10 countries with highest food price inflation**

Sri Lanka ranked 5th among the 10 countries with the highest food price inflation as per the latest World Bank assessment. Lebanon, Zimbabwe, Venezuela and Turkey ranked first in four countries.

### **RBI lifts curbs on American Express cards**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lifted the restrictions on American Express Banking Corp (AmEx), allowing it to restart onboarding of new domestic customers on its card network.

### **Corporate bond market grew fourfold in a decade**

Reserve Bank deputy governor T.Rabi Sankar said the concerted efforts by regulators and government have seen corporate bond outstanding touching ₹40.20 lakh crore in FY22 from ₹10.51 lakh crore in FY12.

### **TVS Motor buys 48.27% in DriveX**

TVS Motor Company Ltd. has picked up 48.27% stake in F1 driver Narain Karthikeyan's start-up 'DriveX', a pre-owned two-wheeler platform, for ₹85.41 crore.

### **Bank credit growth accelerated to 14.2% in quarter ended June**

Bank credit growth accelerated to 14.2% in the quarter ended June from 6% in the year-earlier period, RBI data showed. In the quarter ended March 2022, bank credit had expanded by 10.8 per cent.

### **IOC to spend ₹2 lakh cr. for net-zero emissions**

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), the nation's top oil firm, will invest ₹2 lakh crores to achieve net-zero operational carbon emissions by 2046, chairman Shrikant Madhav Vaidhya said.

### **Bharti parent to buy Singtel's 3.3% stake**

Singtel (Singapore Telecommunications Ltd.), the biggest telecom company in Southeast Asia, has decided to sell 3.3% of its stake in Airtel.

### **Hero Electric partners Jio-bp for charging, battery swapping**

Electric two-wheeler maker Hero Electric and Jio-BP announced a partnership to strengthen mobility solutions for electric two-wheelers.

### **NTPC board okays ₹11,843-crore investment for 1,320 MW Talcher power project Stage-III**

The board of state-run power giant NTPC has approved an investment of ₹11,843.75 crore for 1,320 MW Talcher Thermal Power Project, Stage-III.

### **Adani unveils open offer for ACC, Ambuja**

Adani Group has unveiled a ₹31,000-crore open offer to acquire 26% additional stake from the public shareholders of Swiss firm Holcim's two Indian listed entities ACC Ltd. and Ambuja Cements.

### **Essar to sell port, power units to AM/NS for \$2.4 bn**

Essar Group said its entities have signed definitive agreements for divesting port, power and other logistics and infrastructure assets in India to ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS) for a net value of \$2.4 billion (₹19,000 crore).

### **FM Nirmala Sitharaman says Indian Economy will grow at 7.4% this fiscal and next year**

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that the Indian economy will grow at the rate of 7.4 percent in the current fiscal as well as in the next year.

### **Forex reserves fall \$6.7 bn to \$564 bn in 7 days, at 2-yr low: RBI**

The country's foreign exchange reserves fell by \$6.69 billion to \$564 billion for the week ended August 19, latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed.

### **NMDFC signs pact with ICICI Bank for development of banking software, app**

The National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) said it has signed an agreement with ICICI Bank for the development of financial accounting software and mobile application.

### **PMJDY accounts hit 462.5 mn in eight yrs, deposits reach ₹1.73 trillion**

Total accounts opened under PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) touched 462.5 million in eight years since the launch of financial inclusion initiative, taking the deposits in these accounts to ₹1.73 trillion as on August 10, 2022.

### **Reliance Jio partners with world's leading technology giants to roll out 5G services in India**

Reliance Jio has partnered with some of the world's leading technology giants such as Meta, Google, Microsoft and Intel to roll out 5G services by Diwali in key metro cities of India.

### **RBI mulls fraud registry to help check banking frauds**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is mulling over establishing a fraud registry which would have a database of fraudulent websites, phones along with the various modus operandi for digital fraud.

### **'Beijing ahead of Indian tech hubs in A-PAC'**

Bengaluru ranks second after Beijing on the list of top technology hubs in the Asia-Pacific region, according to property consultant Cushman & Wakefield. Bengaluru leads India with 2.3 lakh tech jobs created in the last fiscal.

## **L&T Technology Services bags 5-year deal from BMW Group**

L&T Technology Services (LTTS) has bagged a five-year, multi-million-dollar deal from German automobile giant BMW, to provide high-end engineering services for the company's suite of infotainment consoles targeted for its family of hybrid vehicles.

## **Reliance Industries to build world's largest carbon fibre plant**

Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani has announced to build of India's first and one of the world's largest Carbon Fibre plants at Hazira, Gujarat. The plants will have a capacity of 20,000 MTPA based on Acrylonitrile feedstock.

## **AWARDS**

### **Congress MP Shashi Tharoor to receive France's highest civilian honour**

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor set to be conferred with France's highest civilian award Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur.

### **Fahmida Azim wins 2022 Pulitzer prize in Illustrated Reporting, Commentary category**

Bangladesh-born Fahmida Azim working for the Insider online magazine of United States has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize under the category of Illustrated Reporting and Commentary.

### **Bangladeshi architect Marina becomes first South Asian to win Lisbon Triennale Lifetime Achievement Award**

Renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher and educator Marina Tabassum became the first person from the global south and first south Asian to win the prestigious Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **107 Gallantry awards announced for Armed Forces and CAPF personnel**

President Droupadi Murmu has approved 107 Gallantry awards to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2022. These include three Kirti Chakra, 13 Shaurya Chakras, two Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 81 Sena Medals (Gallantry), one Nao Sena Medal (Gallantry) and seven Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).

### **1082 Police personnel awarded Police Medals this year**

A total of one thousand 82 Police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2022. 347 personnel were awarded the Police Medal for Gallantry, 87 with President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service and 648 personnel were awarded the Police Medal for Meritorious Service. 109 CRPF personnel and 108 Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel have been awarded Police Medal for Gallantry.

### **UEFA Awards: Karim Benzema, Alexia Putellas Bag Top Player Honours**

Karim Benzema and Alexia Putellas were rewarded for outstanding seasons by winning the UEFA men's and women's player of the year prizes. The coaching awards went to– Carlo Ancelotti of Madrid and Sarina Wiegman, who led England to the Euro 2022 title.

## **PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)**

### **Alkesh Sharma**

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Alkesh Kumar Sharma, a senior Indian bureaucrat, on to the inaugural Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel.

### **Anthony Fauci**

Dr. Anthony Fauci will step down as head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and chief medical adviser to US President Joe Biden. Mr Fauci had served as director of the NIAID for 38 years.

### **Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga**

In Mali, the military has appointed a Colonel Abdoulaye Maiga as interim Prime Minister after the country's civilian Prime Minister Choguél Kokalla Maiga was admitted to hospital.

### **Gustavo Petro**

In Colombia, the first leftist President was sworn into office. Mr. Gustavo Petro was a former member of Colombia's M-19 guerrilla group, won the Presidential Election in June by beating conservative parties.

### **Nallathamby Kalaiselvi**

Senior electrochemical scientist Nallathamby Kalaiselvi has become the first woman director general of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, a consortium of 38 state-run research institutes across the country.

### **Najib Razak**

Malaysian ex-Prime Minister Najib Razak began his 12-year prison sentence after losing his final appeal in a graft case linked to the looting of the 1MDB state fund, with the top court unanimously upholding his conviction and sentence.

### **Jagdeep Dhankhar**

Mr Jagdeep Dhankar was sworn in as the 14th Vice President of India. President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Mr Dhankar at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

### **Salman Rushdie**

Salman Rushdie, who won the Booker Prize for his novel 'Midnight's Children', was stabbed by a man on stage at the event of the Chautauqua Institution in Western New York.

### **Guillermo Pablo Rios**

An experienced Argentinean navy officer, Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Rios has been named Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer for the United Nations Military Observer Group in India and Pakistan (UNMOGIP) by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres.

### **William Ruto**

In Kenya, Deputy President William Ruto has been declared the winner of Kenya's presidential election. This was the first time Mr Ruto had run for president. He has served as deputy president for 10 years.

### **Aung San Suu Kyi**

A court in Myanmar has found the former State Counsellor and deposed head of the civilian government Aung San Suu Kyi guilty of corruption. The court sentenced Aung San Suu Kyi for 6 years in jail.

### **Prayut Chan-O-Cha**

Thailand's Constitutional Court suspended Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha from office while it considers a legal challenge that could see him thrown out months before an expected general election.

### **Krishnamurthy Subramanian**

Government of India has appointed former Chief Economic Advisor Krishnamurthy Subramanian as the next Executive Director representing India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

### **UU Lalit**

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was sworn-in as Chief Justice of India. President Draupadi Murmu administered him oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India at Rashtrapati Bhawan. He succeeded Justice NV Ramana.

### **Moqtada al-Sadr**

One of Iraq's most powerful figures, who has been at the centre of a long crisis over forming a government, has announced his retirement from political life. Moqtada al-Sadr, a firebrand Shia cleric with millions of followers, announced his decision on the social media platform, Twitter.

### **Fidel Ramos**

Former Philippine president Fidel Valdez Ramos, a US-trained ex-general who saw action in the Korean and Vietnam wars and played a key role in a 1986 pro-democracy uprising that ousted a dictator, died.

### **Bill Russell**

NBA great Bill Russell, the cornerstone of a Boston Celtics dynasty that won 11 titles and a powerful voice for social justice, passed away at the age of 88.

### **Ayman al-Zawahiri**

The United States killed al Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri with a drone missile while he stood on a balcony at his home in Kabul, U.S., the biggest blow to the militants since Osama bin Laden was shot dead more than a decade ago.

### **Kamaraj**

Former International athlete P.V. Kamaraj passed away. He was 68. PV Kamaraj was part of the 4x400m Indian men's relay team that won bronze at the 1979 Asian Championships in Tokyo.

### **Pradeep Patwardhan**

Veteran Marathi actor Pradeep Patwardhan passed away in Mumbai. Moruchi Mavashi was his most popular play.

### **Olivia Newton-John**

Olivia Newton-John, the Grammy-winning superstar who reigned on pop, country, adult contemporary and dance charts has died.

### **Maulana Jalaluddin Umri,**

Renowned Islamic scholar and former president of Jamaat e Islami Hind, Maulana Jalaluddin Umri, passed away after prolonged illness. He had written over two dozen books which were translated into various languages.

### **Rudi Koertzen**

Former South African international umpire Rudi Koertzen was killed in a car crash, Koertzen had officiated in nearly 400 international games. He was inducted into the ICC's Elite Panel in 2002 and was a part of it for eight years.

### **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala**

Veteran stock market investor Rakesh Jhunjhunwala passed away in Mumbai. Known as India's Warren Buffett, his wealth was pegged at 5.8 billion dollars.

### **Amitabh Chaudhary**

Amitabh Chaudhary, the former BCCI acting secretary and president of Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA), died of a heart attack. He was 62.

### **Syed Sibtey Razi**

Former Governor of Jharkhand, Syed Sibtey Razi passed away. He served as the Governor of Jharkhand from the year 2004- 2009. He was a member of Rajya Sabha thrice. Later he was made the Governor of Jharkhand and Assam.

### **Nayyara Noor**

Celebrated Pakistani singer Nayyara Noor, adored by millions from both India and Pakistan for her soulful melodies, passed away. Often known as "Bulbul-e-Pakistan" (Nightingale of Pakistan), Nayyara Noor was born in November 1950 in Guwahati, Assam in India.

## **SPORTS**

### **England Beat Germany 2-1 to Win UEFA Women's Euro 2022**

England beat Germany 2-1 after extra time in a packed Wembley Stadium in London, bringing home the trophy of the UEFA women's Euro for the first time.

### **Jeremy Lalrinnunga wins Gold medal in men's 67 kg weightlifting at CWG 2022**

Jeremy Lalrinnunga won the gold medal for India in the men's 67 kg category in weightlifting . Jeremy lifted a total of 300 kg.

### **Indian weightlifter Achinta Sheuli clinches gold medal in Commonwealth Games**

India's 73 Kg representative Achinta Sheuli bagged the gold medal in his event. The 20-year-old claimed the yellow metal with a combined effort of 313 Kilograms (143 kg in snatch and 170 kg in clean & jerk).

### **CWG 2022: Shushila Devi bags Silver medal in women's judo**

In the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, Shushila Devi got a silver in women's judo 48kg final, giving India its seventh medal of the Commonwealth Games 2022.

### **AIU suspends Dhanalakshmi for three years**

The Athletics Integrity Unit has banned Olympian S. Dhanalakshmi, who failed an out-of-competition dope test in Turkey in May, for three years.

### **Vikas clinches silver, Harjinder takes home the bronze**

Indian weightlifter Vikas Thakur won a silver medal with a combined lift of 346 kg in the Men's 96 kg final at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022. Indian weightlifter Harjinder Kaur won a bronze medal with a combined lift of 212 kg in the Women's 71 kg final.

### **Indian men retain TT gold**

India's paddlers retained their men's team championship title with a convincing 3-1 win over Singapore in the Commonwealth Games at Birmingham.

### **Commonwealth Games: Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claims Silver**

Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claimed Silver medal in women's 78 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Meanwhile Tejaswin Shankar won India's first medal in athletics at the Commonwealth games 2022, by clinching a historic bronze in the men's high jump final.

### **India Women's team secures first ever Gold medal in Lawn Bowls**

In the Commonwealth Games, in a major first for India, the women's lawn bowls team scripted history as they won a gold medal by defeating South Africa 17-10 in the finals. This is India's first medal in the sport.

### **Parliament passes National Anti-Doping Bill 2021**

Parliament has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill 2021. The Bill prohibits athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons from engaging in doping.

### **Sudhir wins India's first Gold medal in Para-Powerlifting**

Sudhir has won India's first gold in Para-Powerlifting at Commonwealth Games.

### **CWG: Wrestlers Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik clinch Gold medals**

In the Commonwealth Games, Bajrang Punia, Deepak Punia and Sakshi Malik have clinched gold medals for India.

### **Sreeshankar brings home long jump silver**

India's Murali Sreeshankar won silver medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham in the men's long jump final.

### **India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to lift SAFF Under-20 football championship trophy**

India lifted the SAFF U-20 football championship trophy by defeating Bangladesh 5-2 goals in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

### **Para table tennis player Bhavina Patel clinches Gold in women's singles**

In the Commonwealth Games, Star Indian para table tennis player Bhavina Patel also won a gold medal in the women's singles class 3-5.

### **Wrestlers Ravi Dahiya, Vinesh Phogat and Naveen bag Gold medals at Commonwealth Games**

In the Commonwealth Games, Indian Wrestlers dominated the event with another hat-trick of gold medals in wrestling as Ravi Kumar Dahiya, Vinesh Phogat and Naveen won the yellow metal in their respective categories.

### **Avinash Sable and Priyanka Goswami win silver medals in Commonwealth Games**

Indian athletes won two silvers with Avinash Sable winning 3000 meter Steeplechase run, clocking new National Record of 8 min 11 points two seconds. While Priyanka Goswami won another silver in Women's 10,000 meter Race Walk.

### **India beat West Indies by 88 runs in fifth and final T20 International to win five-match series 4-1**

India defeated West Indies by 88 runs in the fifth and final T20 International to win the five-match series 4-1 at Lauderhill in Florida, United State.

### **CWG: Nikhat Zareen, Amit Panghal, Nitu Ghanghas, Eldhose Paul, Achanta Sharath, Sreeja Akula bag Gold medals**

At the Commonwealth Games. Boxers Nikhat Zareen, Amit Panghal and Nitu Ghanghas grabbed Gold medals, while Eldhose Paul bagged yellow metal in triple jump.

In Table Tennis, Indian mixed doubles duo of Achanta Sharath Kamal and Sreeja Akula bagged the gold medal in the mixed doubles final.

### **Viswanathan Anand elected FIDE deputy president, Dvorkovich to continue as president**

Viswanathan Anand has been elected as the deputy president of FIDE, the international chess body. Russian and incumbent president Arkady Dvorkovich was successfully re-elected as FIDE President

### **22nd Commonwealth Games; India finish fourth overall with 61 medals, including 22 gold**

The Commonwealth Games 2022 came to an end. Victoria in Australia will be hosting the next edition of the Games in 2026. India finished fourth in the overall medals tally with a total of 61 medals including 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze.

### **Serena Williams announces her retirement from professional tennis**

American legend Serena Williams, winner of 23 Grand Slam titles, has announced her retirement from professional tennis. Serena has won 23 Grand Slam singles titles, the most by any player in the open era, and the second-most of all time, only behind Margaret Court's 24.

### **44th Chess Olympiad ends; India's men & women team win bronze medal**

At the 44th Chess Olympiad, India 'B' team won the bronze medal beating Germany. In women's section, India 'A' team have won the bronze medal. The Uzbekistan team won the gold medal in the men's section. Armenia clinched the silver medal.

Grandmasters Gukesh D and Nihal Sarin won gold medals in board 1 and board 2.

### **Chhetri is AIFF men's 'Footballer-of-the-Year'**

Sunil Chhetri was named the AIFF Men's 'Footballer-of-the-Year' for the seventh time while Manisha Kalyan was picked for her maiden honour in the women's category for the 2021-22 season. India defender Sandesh Jhingan had won the All-India Football Federation honour for the 2020-21 season.

### **Bhavani Devi wins gold**

C.A. Bhavani Devi of India won the individual women's sabre gold in the Commonwealth fencing championship in London, defeating Vasilova Veronica of Australia 15-10 in the final.

### **Tamara Walcott lifts 737.5 kg to break powerlifting Guinness World Record**

Tamara Walcott, a female powerlifter of United States broke the heaviest cumulative lift for bench/squat and press in competition (female) after lifting a total of 737.5 kg.

### **First ever Women's IPL Season to be held in March 2023**

The 1st Edition of Women Indian Premier League will be starting from March 2023 to be held in a one-month window and in all likelihood with five teams.

### **FIFA suspends All India Football Federation due to undue influence from third parties**

The global football governing body FIFA has suspended the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) due to undue influence from third parties.

### **Delhi HC orders appointment of committee to take over affairs of Indian Olympic Association**

Delhi High Court has directed the setting up of a three-member Committee of Administrators (CoA) to take over the affairs of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA).

### **Kevin O'Brien announces retirement**

Ireland's star all-round cricketer Kevin O'Brien announced retirement from international cricket career.

### **Wrestling: Indians bag four bronze medals**

Four Indian wrestlers, Abhishek Dhaka (57kg), Sujeet Kumar (65kg), Mulayam Yadav (70kg) and Niraj (97kg), bagged bronze medals in men's freestyle competitions at the World under-20 wrestling championships in Sofia.

### **Gaikwad wins silver; bronze for Mohit and Jaglan**

Mahendra Gaikwad bagged the silver medal, losing to Iranian Amirreza Valadi 13-2 in the 125kg final, at the World under-20 wrestling championships in Sofia, Bulgaria. Mohit Kumar (61kg) and Sagar Jaglan (74kg) claimed bronze medals.

### **Paralympian Rahul Jakhar wins Gold in 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup**

Paralympian Rahul Jakhar wins Gold, Avani Lekhara Silver while Pooja Agarwal bags Bronze on Day one of 2022 WSPS Shooting World Cup in Changwon, South Korea.

### **Bengaluru set to host two FIBA events**

Bengaluru is set to host two international basketball events over the next month. The city will play host to the India-Jordan fixture of the FIBA World Cup 2023 Asian Qualifiers on August 29, followed by the FIBA under-18 women's Asian Championship.

### **World U-20 Wrestling C'ships: Antim becomes first Indian woman to win Gold**

Antim secured the women's 53kg title, while Sonam Malik took the silver medal in 62kg at the World under-20 wrestling championships in Sofia, Bulgaria.

### **Indian para shuttlers Pramod Bhagat, Sukant Kadam clinch Gold**

Indian para shuttlers Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam clinched the Gold at the Thailand Para Badminton International tournament in Pattaya.

### **Coric upsets Tsitsipas to win Cincinnati Masters title**

Tennis player Borna Coric has dominated fourth seed Stefanos Tsitsipas on Sunday to win the ATP Cincinnati Masters.

### **Bagnaia wins Austrian MotoGP for third successive victory**

Italy's Francesco Bagnaia maintained his magnificent run of form winning the Austrian MotoGP for his third successive victory.

### **Wrestling: Sumit, Rohit bag bronze**

Sumit and Rohit Dahiya opened India's Greco Roman account by landing bronze medals on the concluding day of the World under-20 wrestling championships in Sofia, Bulgaria.

### **R.Praggnanandhaa defeats world No 1 Magnus Carlsen**

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa concluded an impressive campaign at the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami with a victory over world No 1 Magnus Carlsen to finish second overall in the standings.

### **Indian men's volleyball team wins bronze medal in 14th Asian U-18 Championship**

Indian men's volleyball team won bronze medal by defeating Korea 3-2 in the 14th Asian U-18 Championship in Tehran.

### **India beat Zimbabwe by 13 runs in final ODI to win series 3-0**

India registered a 13-run victory over hosts Zimbabwe in the third and final ODI at Harare, to clean sweep the series 3-0.

### **IBSF World junior snooker: Anupama wins silver**

India's Anupama Ramachandran and Keerthana Pandian won the silver and bronze respectively in the under-21 women's event of the IBSF World junior snooker in Bucharest.

### **Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi wins Abu Dhabi Masters**

Fourth seed Arjun Erigaisi has won the Abu Dhabi Masters chess title by scoring two back-to-back victories in less than 24 hours in Abu Dhabi.

### **First Khelo India Women's Judo Tournament starts from 27th August**

The first Khelo India Women's Judo Tournament will start from 27 of this month. The tournament will be held across four zones in the country.

### **FIFA lifts suspension of All India Football Federation**

FIFA has lifted the ban imposed on the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) after the Supreme Court terminated the mandate of the Committee of Administrators.

### **Neeraj Chopra Wins Lausanne Diamond League Meet**

Neeraj Chopra has won the javelin throw competition at the Lausanne Diamond League with a best throw of 89.08 metre. With his best throw at the event, Neeraj became the first Indian to clinch the prestigious Diamond League Meet title.

### **Viktor Axelsen, Akane Yamaguchi clinch BWF World Championships singles title**

Shuttler Viktor Axelsen clinched his second BWF World Championships title after beating Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsarn in Tokyo. The women's singles title has been retained by Japan's reigning champion Akane Yamaguchi.

### **Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam Wins Gold medal at World Cadet Judo Championships**

Indian judoka Linthoi Chanambam made history as she won the gold medal at the world cadet judo championships 2022 in the women's -57kg category in Sarajevo, Bosnia, and Herzegovina.

### **Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Chirag Shetty settle for bronze at World Championships**

In badminton, Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty settled for a bronze at the BWF World Championships at Tokyo.

### **Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format**

Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.

### **Rohit Sharma overtakes Martin Guptill to become leading run-scorer in T20**

Rohit Sharma overtook New Zealand's Martin Guptill to become the leading run-scorer in men's T20 Internationals. In 133 matches in the shortest format for India, Rohit Sharma scored 3499 runs in the format.

### **Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games start in more than 11,000 panchayats in Rajasthan**

In Rajasthan, Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games have started in more than 11,000 panchayats. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the games at the state-level function organised at Pal Panchayat of Luni block in Jodhpur district.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **UN warns of severe malnutrition in Horn of Africa, Sahel amid drought**

The United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) has warned that children in the Horn of Africa and Sahel regions could face serious challenges in devastating numbers if urgent support will not be provided.

### **Climate study: Arctic warming around four times faster than rest of the planet**

The Arctic has warmed nearly four times faster than the rest of the planet over the last 40 years, according to new research. This is much faster than the previous estimates by the United Nations' climate science panel in 2019.

### **SpaceX launches South Korea's first moon mission, an orbiter named Danuri**

South Korea launches its first ever lunar mission or it can also be called its first ever mission beyond low Earth orbit. The mission was formerly called the Korea Pathfinder Lunar Orbiter (KPLLO), which is now known as Danuri, a play on the Korean words for "moon" and "enjoy".

### **Indian nationals issued the largest number of visas from UK**

Indian nationals have been issued the largest number of study, work and visitor visas from the United Kingdom in the year ending June 2022.

### **India, China troops to take part in Russia war games in Vostok**

Indian and Chinese troops are set to take part in military exercise named Vostok-2022 in Russia later this month, the first such major war games to be hosted by Russia since its invasion of Ukraine in February.

### **Hiroshima in Japan observes 77th anniversary of the atomic bombing**

Hiroshima in Japan observed the 77th anniversary of the atomic bombing on 6<sup>th</sup> August. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres joined the prayers at the Hiroshima Peace Park in Japan. He is the first UN chief to attend the memorial event in 12 years.

### **National handloom day: 7<sup>th</sup> August**

In India, the National Handloom Day is observed annually on the 7<sup>th</sup> of August to honour the handloom weavers. The theme of National Handloom Day 2022 is "Handloom, an Indian legacy".

### **Javelin Throw Day: 7<sup>th</sup> August**

The second 'Javelin Throw Day' is celebrated on August 7, 2022. The day was first observed in 2021 in honour of Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, who won India's first Olympic gold medal in athletics at Tokyo.

### **International Youth Day: 12<sup>th</sup> August**

International Youth Day is celebrated on 12 August every year. This day is celebrated to raise awareness regarding issues that are faced by the world's youth.

### **World Elephant Day: 12<sup>th</sup> August**

World Elephant Day is observed every year on August 12 worldwide for the preservation and protection of the global elephants. World Elephant Day 2022 Theme: "Bringing the world together to help elephants".

### **World Sanskrit Diwas 2022: 12<sup>th</sup> August**

World Sanskrit Day or World Sanskrit Diwas 2022 is celebrated on the occasion of Shraavana Purnima. This day also coincides with the festival of Raksha Bandhan. In 2022, World Sanskrit Day is celebrated on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

### **World Organ Donation Day: 13<sup>th</sup> August**

World Organ Donation Day is observed globally on the 13<sup>th</sup> of August. This year's theme for World Organ Donation Day 2022 is "let's pledge to donate organs and save lives".

### **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day: 14<sup>th</sup> August**

India is observing Partition Horrors Remembrance Day every year on 14<sup>th</sup> August to commemorating the victims and sufferings of people during the Partition of the country in 1947.

### **Parsi new year Navroz being celebrated in different parts of the country**

August 16 is observed as Navroz or the Parsi New Year. It is the most widely celebrated festival of the Parsi community.

### **World Senior Citizen Day: 21<sup>st</sup> August**

World Senior Citizens' Day is celebrated on August 21 every year. The day is observed with the intent to highlight the contributions of elderly people in human society and honour them.

### **Internaut Day being celebrated to mark invention of World Wide Web**

Internaut Day is being celebrated around the world on August 23 to mark the invention of the World Wide Web. An "internaut" is a person who possesses a thorough knowledge of how to use the Internet and its history.

### **International Day against Nuclear Tests: 29 August**

International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on 29<sup>th</sup> August to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons.

### **National Sports Day: 29<sup>th</sup> August**

The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905.

### **International Whale Shark Day being celebrated to spread awareness about importance of whale sharks**

August 30 is International Whale Shark Day. It is celebrated to spread awareness about the importance of whale sharks and their conservation.