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Australia's new Labor govt secures majority in Parliament

Australia's new Labor government has secured a majority in Parliament. The centre-left party, led by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, defeated Scott Morrison's conservative coalition in an election on 21st of this month.

Israel signs UAE free trade deal, its first in Arab world

Israel signed a free trade deal with the United Arab Emirates, its first with an Arab country, building on their U.S.-brokered normalisation of diplomatic relations in 2020.

US will send more advanced rocket systems to Ukraine

US President Joe Biden has announced that America will send more advanced rocket systems to Ukraine. The new weaponry will include the M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS).

U.S., Taiwan to 'quickly' develop road map for trade initiative

The United States will launch new trade talks with Taiwan. The new initiative -- the US-Taiwan Initiative on 21st Century Trade -- marks the official launch of trade negotiations between Taiwan and the US.

Denmark votes to join the EU's common defense policy

Denmark took to the polls to vote on whether to join the EU's common defense policy. With nearly all votes counted, roughly two-thirds of Danish voters supported the measure.

India and Senegal sign MoUs

India and Senegal have signed three MoUs for cultural exchange, cooperation in youth matters and visa-free regime for officials.

UN agrees to change Turkey's official name to 'Türkiye'

The United Nations has changed the Republic of Turkey's country name at the organisation from "Turkey" to "Türkiye", following a request from Ankara for the change.

Russian forces currently occupy roughly one-fifth of Ukraine

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said that Russian forces currently occupy roughly one-fifth of Ukraine. He added that Russian forces control some 48,000 square miles of Ukrainian territory.

Pakistan reports seventh polio case of this year

Pakistan health authorities have confirmed the seventh case of polio so far this year. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries in the world where polio remains endemic.

S.Korea, US stage first combined military exercises with air carrier

South Korea and the United States staged their first combined military exercises involving an American aircraft carrier in more than four years.

Russia would strike new targets if longer-range missiles supplied to Ukraine by United States

Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned the West that Russia would strike new targets if the United States started supplying Ukraine with longer-range missiles.

UK to send first long-range missiles to Ukraine

The United Kingdom Defence Secretary Ben Wallace has said that his country is sending its first long-range missiles M270 multiple-launch rocket system to Ukraine.

President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurates 'Khaan Quest-2022'

A multinational peacekeeping exercise-Ex Khaan Quest 2022 featuring participation from military contingents from 16 countries including India commenced in Mongolia. President of Mongolia Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurated the exercise.

Boris Johnson wins confidence vote

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson survived a confidence vote but a large rebellion in his Conservative Party over the so-called "partygate" scandal dealt a blow to his authority.

Sri Lanka needs \$6 bn to stay afloat: Ranil

Sri Lanka must find \$6 billion to keep the country afloat for the next six months, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said, as he outlined the government's plans to combat an unprecedented economic crisis.

Ending Israel's occupation key to halting violence: UN report

UN investigators blamed Israel's continued occupation and discrimination against Palestinians for the endless cycles of violence in the decades-long conflict, prompting angry Israeli protests.

Japan, NATO agree to step up military cooperation and joint exercises

Japanese and NATO officials have agreed to step up military cooperation and joint exercises. Japan has been increasing its military capabilities and cooperation with Europe.

EU votes to ban sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035 to fight climate change

Members of the European Parliament have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035. The move aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles.

Demilitarise Aegean islands: Erdogan

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan warned Greece to demilitarise islands in the Aegean Sea. Turkey says Greece has been building a military presence in violation of treaties that guarantee the unarmed status of the Aegean islands.

Thailand becomes first Asian country to legalise Marijuana

Thailand legalised the growing of marijuana and its consumption in food and drinks, the first Asian country to do so, with the aim of boosting its agriculture and tourism sectors but smoking pot is still against the law.

US: House of Representatives votes to raise nationwide age limit for buying semi-automatic weapons from 18 to 21

In USA, the House of Representatives has voted to raise the nationwide age limit for buying semi-automatic weapons from 18 to 21. The measure would also ban the sale of ammunition magazines which can carry more than 15 rounds.

Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, Switzerland elected non-permanent members of UN Security Council

Ecuador, Japan, Malta, Mozambique, and Switzerland were elected to the United Nations Security Council as non-permanent members for the 2023-2024 term..

12th WTO Ministerial Conference to gets underway in Geneva

The 12th World Trade Organisation, WTO Ministerial Conference has begun in Geneva, Switzerland after a gap of almost five years. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal led the Indian delegation in the Conference.

China restarts visa application process for Indian nationals after 18 months

China has restarted the visa application process for Indian nationals after a hiatus of more than 18 months as it had effectively banned visa for Indians and flights to and from India since November 2020.

UK govt publishes plan to get rid of parts of post-Brexit deal

The United Kingdom Government has published its plans to get rid of parts of the post-Brexit deal it agreed with the European Union in 2019. It wants to change the Northern Ireland Protocol to make it easier for some goods to flow from Great Britain to Northern Ireland.

Cuba sentences 381 people for taking part in anti-govt protests

Cuba has sentenced 381 people for taking part in rare anti-government protests last summer - with some jailed for up to 25 years.

Egypt, Israel step in to boost gas supply to EU

Egypt, Israel and the European Union have signed a deal to increase liquified natural gas sales to EU countries, who aim to reduce their dependence on supplies from Russia as the war in Ukraine drags on.

US announces \$1 bn in military aid for Kyiv

The U.S. will send another \$1 billion in military aid to Ukraine, the largest single tranche of weapons and equipment since the war began. It also announced \$225 million worth of humanitarian assistance for Ukraine.

EU initiates legal action against U.K.

The European Commission initiated two new legal proceedings against the UK government after the latter proposed fresh legislation that unilaterally changes the post-Brexit trade norms for Northern Ireland.

In a first, Japan to be part of NATO summit

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida stated that he will attend this month's NATO summit in Madrid, becoming the country's first leader to join a top meeting of the transatlantic alliance.

Chinese President Xi Jinping hosts 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on June 23

Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted the 14th BRICS Summit in Beijing on 23rd of June. The summit was held in virtual format under the theme of 'Foster High-quality BRICS Partnership, Usher in a New Era for Global Development'.

India hosts SAIFMM to commemorate 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations

India hosted the ASEAN Foreign Ministers and Secretary General for a Special ASEAN-India Foreign Ministers' Meeting (SAIFMM) to commemorate 30 years of ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations.

India-Bangladesh joint military exercise Sampriti culminates in Jashore

The 12-day long joint military exercise between India and Bangladesh 'Sampriti' culminated after a validation exercise at Jashore in Bangladesh.

U.K. govt. orders Assange's extradition

UK Home Secretary Priti Patel has signed an order to extradite WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to the United States, where he faces espionage charges.

India backs China's plan for joint border activity

India has supported an initiative by China to conduct a "joint border operation" in 2023 of all member countries of SCO that includes Russia, Pakistan and Central Asian countries. The border operation called "Solidarity-2023" will be organised by China.

FATF retains Pakistan on its 'grey list' for terror funding & money laundering

Global financial watchdog, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has said that Pakistan will continue to stay on its 'grey list' and a final decision to remove it from the list will be taken after an "on-site" verification visit by the Paris-based body.

French President Emmanuel Macron loses Majority in the Parliament

French President Emmanuel Macron's centrist alliance Ensemble was projected to lose its majority despite getting the most seats in the final round of the parliamentary election, while the far-right National Rally appeared to have made big gains.

Wildfires gut more than 30,00 hectares in Spain

Spain and Germany are facing wildfires amid an unusual heat wave in Western Europe. The worst damage in Spain has been in the northwest province of Zamora, where over 30,000 hectares have been consumed.

Australia to provide USD 50 million to support Sri Lanka

Australia announced that it will provide 50 million US dollars to support Sri Lanka for meeting urgent food and health care needs.

US bans Imports from China's Xinjiang

Imports from China's Xinjiang region have been banned in the United States as new rules came into force. Under the regulations, firms will have to prove imports from the region are not produced using forced labour.

Deadliest earthquake in decades claims over 1,000 lives in Afghanistan

The Taliban in Afghanistan have appealed for international support, as the country deals with the aftermath of a devastating 6.1 magnitude earthquake. More than 1,000 people have died and at least 1,500 were injured.

US Prez calls on Congress to suspend federal gasoline & diesel taxes for 3 months

US President Joe Biden has called on Congress to suspend federal gasoline and diesel taxes for three months in response to the country's soaring energy prices.

Pakistan secures IMF deal to restore \$6 billion stalled aid

Cash-strapped Pakistan has secured a deal with the International Monetary Fund to restore the stalled \$6 billion assistance package and unlock doors for financing from other international sources.

Israel lawmakers' inch closer to dissolving House

Israeli lawmakers voted in favour of a bill to dissolve parliament in a preliminary vote on, taking the first step in sending the country for its fifth elections in three years.

Kuwait's crown prince dissolves Parliament

Kuwait's crown prince Sheikh Meshal Al Ahmed Al Jaber dissolved Parliament and called for early elections. However, the date for legislative elections was not immediately announced.

US Senate Passes Gun Control Bill

In US, the Senate has passed a Gun Control Bill, which is being considered the most significant firearms legislation in nearly 30 years.

US Supreme Court overturns 50-year-old ruling that recognised woman's constitutional right to abortion

US Supreme Court has overturned a 50-year-old ruling that recognised a woman's constitutional right to an abortion. Supreme Court upheld a Republican-backed Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks.

European Union grants candidate status to Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia

The European Parliament voted overwhelmingly to grant European Union candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova. The European Parliament also approved EU candidacy for Georgia.

India despatches 27 tonnes of emergency relief to earthquake ravaged Afghanistan

India has dispatched 27 tonnes of emergency relief assistance in two flights for the people of Afghanistan in the wake of the tragic earthquake.

Sri Lanka receives shipment of humanitarian assistance from India

India handed over to Sri Lanka a large humanitarian assistance consignment worth more than SLR 3 billion as the island nation grappled with the worst economic crisis and shortage of essential items.

Pakistan govt slaps 10% super tax on big industries to trim deficit

Pakistan will impose an extra one-time 10% tax on large scale industry for one year to raise over 400 billion Pakistani rupees (\$1.93 billion) to clinch a crucial deal from the International Monetary Fund, Finance Minister Miftah Ismail.

G7 leaders pledge 600 billion for developing countries

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) have announced a 600-billion-dollar infrastructure initiative to help developing countries tackle climate change. The initiative is seen as the West's response to China's massive Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

West African nations Gabon and Togo join Commonwealth

Gabon and Togo joined the Commonwealth, becoming the latest nations with no historic ties to Britain to enter the English-speaking club headed by Queen Elizabeth II.

PM invites G7 nations to invest in clean energy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi exhorted the Group of Seven (G7) countries to consider promoting and investing in India's emerging market for clean energy technologies as he attended the G7 Summit in Germany amid the Russia-Ukraine war.

India among 12 economies on currency Monitoring List' of US treasury

India remained on the US treasury department's currency Monitoring List of major trading partners as

Washington placed India along with 11 other major economies that merit close attention to their currency practices and macroeconomic policies.

Turkey agrees to support Sweden and Finland's membership of the NATO

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said that the world's most powerful military alliance reached a deal to admit Sweden and Finland after resolving the concerns of holdout Turkey.

Iran applies to join BRICS group of emerging countries

Iran has submitted an application to become a member of the BRICS. Iran, which holds the world's second-largest gas reserves, wants to join the BRICS group of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Argentina had also applied to join.

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National flag can now be machine-made, in polyester

The Union government amended the Flag Code of India last year allowing production of polyester and machine-made national flag so that enough pieces are available for its Har Ghar Tiranga (tricolour at every door) programme. Earlier only hand-woven and hand-spun flags made of cotton, silk, wool or Khadi were allowed.

MoD signs 2971 crore rupees contract with BDL

Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited for the supply of ASTRA MK-I Beyond Visual Range Air to Air Missile and associated equipment for the Indian Air Force and Indian Navy at a cost of two thousand 971 crore rupees.

Health Ministry launches two-month long Covid-19 vaccination drive Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 campaign

The Union Health Ministry launched the Har Ghar Dastak 2.0 campaign to speed up Covid-19 vaccination coverage across all eligible age groups. The aim of the two-month long campaign is to vaccinate and saturate the eligible population groups for first, second and precaution doses through door-to-door campaign.

Govt. allows cooperatives to sell products online

The Union Cabinet cleared a proposal allowing cooperatives to sell products on the Government-e-Marketplace (GeM) platform. The cooperatives may, however, be charged a transaction fee to cover the incremental costs.

HAL to convert passenger aircraft into fuel tankers

Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd, (HAL) will convert six Boeing-767 civilian aircraft into mid-air refuellers for the Indian Air Force (IAF), for which it had entered into an agreement with Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) in April.

India, Israel adopt vision statement to pave way for defence cooperation in future

India and Israel have adopted a vision statement which will pave the way for defence cooperation in future. There is a broad consensus between the two countries on further strengthening the bilateral strategic and defence cooperation.

C-DOT signs agreement with VVDN Technologies and WiSig Networks to develop 5G Open RAN

The Centre for Development of Telematics has signed an agreement with WiSig Networks Private Limited and VVDN Technologies Private Limited for collaboration in the area of Open RAN-based Radio Network for 5G solution.

Punjab govt launches e-stamping facility, abolishes physical stamp papers

The Punjab government has decided to abolish the physical stamp papers in an attempt to bring efficiency and check the pilferage of State revenue.

Zulfiqar Hasan Becomes the New DG of BCAS

Senior IPS officer, Zulfiqar Hasan has been appointed as the new Director-General of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS). for a tenure up to his superannuation on 31.10.2024.

Keep ESZ of 1 km around forests: SC

The Supreme Court directed that every protected forest, national park and wildlife sanctuary across the country should have a mandatory eco-sensitive zone (ESZ) of a minimum one km starting from their demarcated boundaries.

India Gets Its 1st Liquid Mirror Telescope, To Track Debris From Space

India has set up a liquid-mirror telescope, the country's first and the largest in Asia, in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand to keep a watch on the skies for transient objects like debris and asteroids falling from space. It has been placed at the Devasthal Observatory campus of Aryabhata Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES).

PM Modi lays foundation stone for projects worth over ₹80,000 cr at UP Investors' Summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has laid the foundation stone of 1,406 projects worth more than 80,000 crore rupees in the Third Ground-Breaking Ceremony of the UP Investors' Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

INS Nishank and Akshay decommissioned

Indian Naval Ships (INS)-'Nishank' and 'Akshay' were decommissioned after rendering 32 years of glorious service to the nation.

'eSanjeevani' integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

The National Health Authority (NHA) has announced the successful integration of National Telemedicine Service-eSanjeevani with its flagship scheme- Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

Tata Projects wins bid to build Jewar Airport

Tata Projects will build the national capital region's new airport at Jewar, after outbidding the Shapoorji Pallonji Group and Larsen & Toubro for the contract.

PM Modi launches Global initiative 'Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) Movement

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a global initiative Lifestyle for the Environment (LiFE) Movement, on the occasion of World Environment Day through video conferencing.

1.2 meter Trisonic wind tunnel at NAL Bengaluru completes 55 years of glorious service

The 1.2-meter Trisonic wind tunnel at National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) in Bengaluru has completed its 55 years of glorious service to the nation.

PM Modi launches national portal for credit linked govt schemes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the national portal for credit-linked government schemes- Jan Samarth Portal in New Delhi. It is a one-stop digital portal linking Government credit schemes.

Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates Food Laboratory of FSSAI at Raxaul

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the National Food Laboratory of FSSAI at Raxaul in Bihar.

₹76,390-cr. defence projects get nod

In a significant move to boost self-reliance in defence manufacturing, the Union government has approved the procurement of military equipment and platforms worth ₹76,390 crore from domestic industries to enhance India's overall combat capabilities.

Strategic missile Agni-4 successfully test-fired

A nuclear-capable Agni-IV ballistic missile, which can strike targets 4,000 km away, was successfully test-fired off the Odisha coast, marking a significant boost to the country's military capabilities.

HM Amit Shah inaugurates the National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi

Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the National Tribal Research Institute in New Delhi. The inaugural event will be part of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebration by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Centre plans to bring 16 common drugs for cough, cold, pain under over-the-counter category

Commonly used drugs for cough, cold, pain and skin irritation such as paracetamol, nasal decongestants and antifungals may soon be available without prescription as the Centre plans to list them under the over-the-counter (OTC) category.

First ever National Air Sports Policy 2022 announced

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has announced first-ever National Air Sports Policy-2022 in New Delhi. Eleven air sports including Aerobatics, Ballooning, Gliding, Parachuting, Powered aircraft and Rotorcraft will be promoted through this policy.

Govt widens CDS eligibility; Includes serving or retired three-star Army Lt General, Air Marshal and Vice Admiral for the post

The Ministry of Defence has issued three separate notifications amending the rules of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force for the appointment of the next Chief of Defence Staff CDS. Serving Three-star officers Lieutenant General in Army, Air Marshal in Air Force and Vice-Admiral in Navy or retired Service Chiefs or three-star officers can be appointed Chief of Defence Staff if considered necessary in the public interest.

70 yrs after extinction in India, 1st batch of cheetahs set to arrive from Africa in August

In a first, a batch of cheetahs will be translocated from South Africa to India in August this year after delays caused due to the Covid pandemic. Declared extinct 70 years ago, the first batch of five-six Cheetahs will be translocated from South Africa to Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.

India, Vietnam sign Joint Vision Statement on defence partnership towards 2030

India and Vietnam have signed Joint Vision Statement on defence partnership towards 2030 which will significantly enhance the scope and scale of existing defence cooperation.

Centre allows transfer of 10 In-orbit Communication Satellites to New Space India Ltd

The Union Cabinet has approved the transfer of 10 in-orbit communication satellites from Government of India to M/s. New Space India Limited, NSIL, a wholly owned Public Sector Enterprise of the Centre under the administrative control of the Department of Space.

NHAI's road-laying feat enters Guinness

The National Highway Authority of India has entered the Guinness World Records for the longest continuously laid bituminous lane of 75 km in 105 hours and 33 minutes on the National Highway between Amravati and Akola districts in Maharashtra.

India to simultaneously launch first Human Space Mission Gaganyaan & first Human Ocean Mission in 2023

Earth Science Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has said that India will achieve the unique distinction of simultaneously launching the first Human Space Mission Gaganyaan as well as the first Human Ocean Mission in 2023.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hands over 12 High Speed Guard Boats at Hai Phong in Vietnam

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has handed over 12 High-Speed Guard Boats to Vietnam during his visit to Hong Ha Shipyard in Hai Phong. The boats have been constructed under the Government's hundred million US dollar Defence Line of Credit to Vietnam.

CCEA approves increase of at least 1.5 times in MSP for Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved increase in Minimum Support Price for all intended Kharif crops for Marketing Season 2022-23. The approved rates are at least one and half times of the all India weighted average cost of production.

IISc tops Indian varsities in QS global university rankings

Bengaluru's premier science institute Indian Institute of Science (IISc) was the top-ranking Indian university in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2023. IISc was ranked at 155th place. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) topped the list, with the University of Cambridge and Stanford University securing second and third positions.

India's first COVID-19 vaccine for animals 'Anocovax' launched

Agriculture Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine "Anocovax" for animals, developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC). Anocovax is an inactivated SARS-CoV-2 Delta (COVID-19) vaccine for animals.

N J Ojha appointed as MGNREGA ombudsman

N J Ojha has been appointed as ombudsman for a two-year term under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. Ojha has the power to investigate allegations by MGNREGA staff, consider them, award awards within 30 days of receipt of the complaint.

'Abnormal' dinosaur egg in India

A team of researchers from the University of Delhi have discovered a unique set of fossilised dinosaur eggs, with one egg nesting within the other. The discovery was made in Dinosaur Fossil National Park in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district and the eggs belong to titanosaurs.

Bengal passes Bill to replace Governor with CM as Chancellor of state universities

The West Bengal Assembly has passed a bill West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2022 to make Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee the Chancellor of all state universities, a position traditionally held by the state Governor.

Navies of India, Indonesia begins coordinated patrol exercise in Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca

The 38th India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol between the Indian Navy Units of Andaman and Nicobar Command,

ANC, and Indonesian Navy is being conducted in the Andaman Sea and Straits of Malacca. This is the first post-pandemic Coordinated Patrol between the two countries.

PM Modi instructs his govt to provide ten lakh jobs to youth in mission mode over next 1.5 years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reviewed the status of Human Resources in all Departments and Ministries. The Prime Minister's Office said in a tweet that he has instructed that the recruitment of ten lakh people be done by the Government in a mission mode in the next one and half years.

Centre clears AGNIPATH Scheme to recruit youth in Armed Forces for a period of four years

Centre cleared the AGNIPATH Scheme for recruitment of youth in the Armed Forces. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said, the youth selected under this scheme will be known as Agniveers. Agniveers will be also paid one-time Seva Nidhi package upon completion of engagement period of four years.

PM Modi chairs First National Conference Of Chief Secys in Dharamshala on 16 And 17 June

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the First National Conference of Chief Secretaries at HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh on 16th and 17th of this month.

Airport in Gujarat's Dholera gets Cabinet nod, to be built in next 4 years

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the Dholera International Airport project in Gujarat, to be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹1,305 crore in four years.

Cabinet approves mega 5G auction from July-end

The Union Cabinet has approved the auction of airwaves capable of offering fifth-generation or 5G telecom services including ultra-high-speed internet and gave its nod for setting up of captive 5G networks by the big tech firms.

Government extends upper age limit for Agnipath recruitment scheme from 21 to 23 years

The Centre has extended the upper age limit for the Agnipath recruitment scheme from 21 years to 23 years. The age waiver will be given only "one time" for the proposed recruitment cycle for 2022.

Short-Range Ballistic Missile Prithvi-II, successfully tested at Chandipur, Odisha

A successful training launch of a Short-Range Ballistic Missile, Prithvi-II was carried out from the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur in Odisha.

PM releases Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released Ram Bahadur Rai's book 'Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani'.

Government clears the appointment of new chief justices in 5 high courts

Government has cleared the appointment of new chief justices in five high courts. Law and Justice Ministry has notified the appointment for Uttarakhand, Telangana, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gauhati.

Election Commission delists 111 additional Registered Unrecognised Political Parties

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has delisted 111 registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs) after they were found to be non-existent during physical verification.

Hardeep Singh Puri launches NIPUN National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers
Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched an innovative project National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN) in New Delhi. NIPUN is an initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission DAY-NULM.

One Nation, One Ration Card scheme becomes operational in entire country with its implementation in Assam

Assam has become the 36th State to implement One Nation One Ration Card scheme. With this, One Nation One Ration Card scheme is successfully implemented in all the 36 states and Union Territories making food security portable throughout the country.

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Former Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu to be BJP-led NDA candidate for Presidential polls; opposition to field Yashwant Sinha

Former Jharkhand Governor Draupadi Murmu will be BJP-led NDA candidate for the Presidential polls. Former Union Minister Yashwant Sinha will be the opposition candidate for Presidential Election.

ISRO successfully launches India's Communication satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana

ISRO successfully launched communication satellite GSAT-24 from Kourou in French Guiana. GSAT-24, built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), was launched by French company Arianespace. GSAT-24 is a 24-Ku band communication satellite weighing 4180 kg with pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.

PM Modi Launches NIRYAT Portal to Access Export Records

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the NIRYAT portal, which will dedicatedly deal with the import and export analysis of India. NIRYAT, or the National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade will provide important real-time data to all stakeholders.

Couples opting for surrogacy to buy three-year health insurance for surrogate mothers

Couples who intend to take the surrogacy route to become parents will have to buy a general health insurance coverage in favour of a surrogate mother for a period of 36 months, according to the Surrogacy (Regulation) Rules issued recently.

Delhi airport becomes India's first to run entirely on hydro and solar energy

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport has switched to hydro and solar power for its consumption needs from June 1, making it India's first airport to run entirely on a combination of these forms of green energy.

2002 Gujarat riots: Supreme Court rejects Zakia Jafri's charges against Narendra Modi, 60 officials

The Supreme Court of India dismissed allegations of "larger conspiracy" levelled by Zakia Jafri, widow of Congress leader Ehsan Jafri who was killed in the 2002 Gujarat riots, against former Chief Minister Narendra Modi and over 60 senior state officials.

Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari approves the Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP

Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has approved the Draft GSR Notification to introduce Bharat NCAP (New Car Assessment Program), wherein automobiles in India shall be accorded Star Ratings based upon their performance in Crash Tests.

Parameswaran Iyer to replace Amitabh Kant as NITI Aayog chief

Parameswaran Iyer, the former secretary of the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, has been appointed as the new NITI Aayog chief to replace Amitabh Kant whose tenure will end on June 30.

Himachal cadre IPS officer Tapan Kumar Deka made IB chief, Samant Goel gets another year as RAW chief

The Central Government appointed Tapan Kumar Deka, a 1988-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of the Himachal Pradesh cadre, as the Director Intelligence Bureau (IB) and extended the tenure of Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) chief Samant Goel, a 1984-batch IPS officer of the Punjab cadre, till June 30 next year.

DRDO successfully tests ship-borne weapon system

Indigenously developed Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) was successfully flight-tested by DRDO and the Navy from a warship at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.

Expert panel approves use of Serum Institute's Covovax for 7-11-year-olds

An expert panel advising the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) has recommended granting emergency use authorisation (EUA) to Serum Institute of India's (SII's) Covovax for use in children aged 7-11.

Centre asks firms to arrange Tricolour

The Centre is set to launch a large-scale campaign to encourage Indians to fly the National Flag at their homes to mark the 75th Independence Day and has reached out to manufacturers and e-commerce sites to boost the availability of the Tricolour.

Gautam Adani's biography, written by author RN Bhaskar, to hit the stands in October

The biography of billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani, Adani Group chairman and founder, will hit the stands in October. Written by journalist-author RN Bhaskar, "Gautam Adani: The Man Who Changed India".

World Bank approves \$250-mn loan to boost India's road safety

The World Bank has approved a \$250 million loan to support the Government of India's road safety programme for seven States under which a single accident reporting number will be set up to better manage post-crash events.

India, UK to set up joint Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme

Foreign Ministers of the UK and India have announced the establishment of a joint India-UK Commonwealth Diplomatic Academy programme.

India's gig workforce to reach 2.35 crore by 2030: NITI Aayog

The Union government's policy think tank NITI Aayog has recommended that measures should be taken to provide social security, including paid leave, occupational disease and work accident insurance, support during irregularity of work and pension plans for the gig workforce in the country, which is expected to grow to 2.35 crore by 2029-30.

Sikar in Rajasthan tops school grading index at district level

Rajasthan's Sikar is the top performer, followed by Jhunjhunu and Jaipur in the Union government's index for performance of school education system at the district level.

PM Modi launches several schemes on June 30 to ramp up MSME sector

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the 'Udyami Bharat' programme and launched several schemes on June 30. He launched the 'Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance' (RAMP) scheme, 'Capacity Building of First-Time MSME Exporters' (CBFTE) scheme and new features of the 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme' (PMEGP).

Govt launches e-learning portal 'Dak Karmayogi' to enhance competency of Dak Sevaks and dept employees

'Dak Karmayogi', an e-learning portal of the Department of Posts was launched by Communications Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and MoS Communications Devusinh Chauhan in Delhi.

Arjun Munda launches second phase of GOAL programme in New Delhi

Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda launched the second phase of the Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) Programme in New Delhi. Mr. Munda said, this programme will also create a platform for more than fifty thousand Self-Help Groups and ten lakh families associated with TRIFED to take their products global.

India successfully tests high-speed expendable aerial target Abhyas off Odisha coast

India has successfully flight-tested the indigenously developed high-speed expendable aerial target - ABHYAS, from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) in Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

Vice Presidential Election to be held on August 6

The Vice-Presidential Election will be held on the 6th of August. The term of Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu is ending on 10th August.

ISRO launches rocket PSLV-C53, carrying three Singapore satellites

Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the rocket PSLV-C53, carrying three Singapore satellites. The launch vehicle lifted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota.

Centre approves computerisation of PACS with an overall budget outlay of 2516 crore rupees

The Union Cabinet has approved the computerization of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies PACS. With this 63 thousand functional PACS will be computerized with an overall budget outlay of two thousand five hundred 16 crore rupees.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Q4 GDP growth decelerates to 4.1%

India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth slowed to a four-quarter low of 4.1% during the January-March period, from 5.4% in the preceding quarter, as manufacturing output shrank, provisional national income estimates released show.

Core sector production grew 8.4% year-on-year in April

India's core sector output expanded 8.4% in April, the fastest pace in six months, with crude oil and steel

the only sectors among the eight infrastructure industries comprising the index to record a marginal decline in production from the year-earlier period.

Microsoft kills Internet Explorer browser after 27 years

Microsoft is shutting down its oldest Internet Explorer (IE) browser after about 27 years. The company is asking users to switch to its modern Edge browser.

India and European Union re-launch negotiations for India-EU free trade agreement

After a nine-year lull, India and European are to re-launch negotiations for India-EU Free Trade Agreement. Among the most significant FTAs for India as the EU is its 2nd largest trading partner.

Centre says cleared entire GST compensation to states

The Union government has released the entire amount of GST compensation payable to States due to date by releasing an amount of 86 thousand 912 crores rupees.

GST revenue collections touch ₹1,40,885 crore for May

GST revenue collections in the month of May 2022 remained at one lakh 40 thousand and 885 crore rupees. This is the fourth time when the GST collection crossed 1.40 lakh crore mark since its inception and third month at a stretch since March 2022.

Ex-SBI executive Natarajan Sundar appointed NARCL chief

Former State Bank of India (SBI) executive Natarajan Sundar has been appointed MD & CEO of the National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL) with effect from May 30.

Reliance Brands forms JV with Plastic Legno, to pick up 40% stake in India unit

Reliance Industries said that Reliance Brands (RBL) and Plastic Legno SPA have signed a joint venture arrangement through which RBL will acquire a 40% stake in Plastic Legno SPA's toy manufacturing business in India.

CoinSwitch launches benchmark index for crypto market in Indian Rupee

Crypto company CoinSwitch launched India's first benchmark index to measure the performance of Indian Rupee-based crypto market. Crypto Rupee Index (CRE8) tracks eight crypto assets representing over 85 per cent of the total market capitalisation of digital assets traded in the Indian Rupee.

In a first, IIM-Ahmedabad brings out agriculture land price index

In a unique initiative, IIM-Ahmedabad (IIM-A) has joined hands with an e-marketplace for agricultural land, SFarms India, to develop a farm land price index based on the sales and purchases done on the platform.

SBI unit raises GDP growth forecast to 7.5%

SBI Research has projected the Indian economy would grow at 7.5% in 2022-23, an upward revision of 20 basis points from its earlier estimate.

Centre okays slashing PF interest rate

The Union Finance Ministry has approved the EPFO Central Board of Trustees' (CBT) decision taken in March to reduce the interest rate on PF accounts to 8.1% from 8.5%.

Essar to sell power line to Adani for ₹1,913 crore

Essar Power Ltd. (EPL) agreed to sell one of its two electricity transmission lines to Adani Transmission Ltd. for ₹1,913 crores.

A Manimekhalai takes over as chief of Union Bank of India

Government-owned Union Bank of India has appointed A. Manimekhalai, Executive Director (ED), Canara Bank, as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of Union Bank of India for a period of three years.

India's merchandise exports rose by 15.46 % to 37.29 billion dollar in May

India's merchandise exports rose by 15.46 percent to 37.29 billion dollars in May 2022 on account of healthy performance by sectors like petroleum products, electronic goods and chemicals, even as the trade deficit widened to 23.33 billion dollars during the month.

Irdai eases capital requirement for insurers to offer PMJJBY schemes

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) has reduced the capital required by insurance companies offering policies under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) by almost 50 per cent.

Mumbai-Based Fintech Kiya.ai Launches India's First Banking Metaverse 'Kiyaverse'

Kiya.ai, a Mumbai-based fintech company, has launched India's first banking Metaverse, Kiyaverse, which will be used by banks and non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) to enable virtual interactions.

Bank of Baroda to set up mid-corporate branches to tap opportunities

Bank of Baroda (BoB) plans to set up mid-corporate branches across the country for quick processing of corporate proposals and tap the opportunities available in this segment.

Total EV registrations reported a 9% decline in May on lower 2W sales

The total electric vehicle registrations in the country reported a nine per cent decline in May 2022 on a sequential basis.

Elon Musk threatens to walk away from Twitter deal

Elon Musk has threatened to walk away from his \$44bn takeover of Twitter, accusing the social media company of "thwarting" his requests to learn more about its user base.

Century-old TMB gets SEBI nod to float IPO

Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, one of the oldest private sector banks in the country, has received the nod and final observations from SEBI for its proposed initial public offering (IPO).

Centre releases ₹7,183.4 crore as grants to 14 States

The Finance Ministry released revenue deficit grants of ₹7,183.4 crore to 14 States as per the recommendations of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

Bad bank to kick off NPA takeover in July

The National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd. (NARCL), set up to take over large bad loans of more than ₹500 crores from banks, will pick up the first set of such non-performing assets (NPAs) in July.

World Bank cuts India's FY23 GDP growth forecast to 7.5%

The World Bank cut India's economic growth forecast for the current fiscal to 7.5%, as rising inflation, supply-chain disruptions and geopolitical tensions dampen recovery.

AK Choudhary takes charge as SBI MD

The State Bank of India has announced that it has appointed Alok Kumar Choudhary as the new Managing Director (MD) of bank.

WB slashes global economic growth forecast for 2022

The World Bank slashed the global economic growth forecast for 2022 due to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, supply chain disruption and other factors. It has been predicted that the world economy will expand 2.9% this year.

RBI increases repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%

The RBI increased the repo rate by 50 basis points to 4.90%. The current repo rate is 4.40%. The central bank forecasts 6.7 percent inflation, while the real GDP growth rate is pegged at 7.2 percent in FY23.

RBI raises limit on housing loans by cooperative banks

The RBI raised the existing limits on individual housing loans provided by cooperative banks. The limits for tier 1 / tier 2 urban cooperative banks (UCBs) were doubled from ₹30 lakh/ ₹70 lakhs to ₹60 lakh/ ₹140 lakhs, respectively.

RBI proposes to allow linking of credit cards to Unified Payments Interface

The RBI proposed to allow linking of credit cards to the Unified Payments Interface. RBI said, the facility would initially be enabled for Rupay Credit Cards, that too after the required system development is complete.

India's coal production jumps by around 34 per cent to over 71 MT in May

India's coal production has increased by around 34 per cent to over 71 Million Tonnes from 53 Million Tonnes during May this year as compared to the corresponding month last year.

Sugar exports touch high of 8.6 MT till May

Sugar exports from India, the world's largest producer and the second-biggest exporter of the sweetener, touched a record 8.6 million tonnes (MT) till May of the ongoing 2021-22 marketing year ending September.

Ather Energy partners with SBI for vehicle financing

Electric two-wheeler manufacturer Ather Energy has partnered State Bank of India to provide customers with vehicle financing.

R Subramaniakumar appointed as MD & CEO of RBL Bank

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed R Subramaniakumar as the MD & CEO of RBL Bank. He has been appointed at RBL for three years from the date of taking charge.

US annual inflation rate rises to 8.6 per cent in May; highest since 1981

In United States, the Labour Department said that inflation rose unexpectedly last month, as rising energy and food costs to the highest rate since 1981. Annual inflation rate rose to 8.6 per cent in May, after easing in April.

ICICI Bank partners with ZestMoney to expand 'Cardless EMI' facility

ICICI Bank has partnered with ZestMoney, a digital EMI/ pay-later platform, to expand its 'Cardless EMI' facility for purchases at retail and e-commerce platforms.

Spices Board ties up with Flipkart to enhance market access

The Spices Board signed a Terms of Understanding (ToU) with Flipkart to enhance market access and help promote farmers and grassroots organisations working in the spices sector.

Retail inflation eases to 7.04%

India's retail inflation eased marginally to 7.04% in May from the nearly eight-year high of 7.79% in April.

Russia is now 2nd-biggest oil vendor to India

Russia has overtaken Saudi Arabia to become India's second-biggest supplier of oil behind Iraq as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine.

Cryptocurrency market value slumps under \$1 trillion

The value of the cryptocurrency market fell below \$1 trillion for the first time since January 2021, according to data site CoinMarketCap, reaching as low as \$926 billion. The global cryptocurrency market peaked at \$2.9 trillion in November 2021.

Amara Raja bags contract from NTPC to set up green hydrogen fuelling station in Leh

Amara Raja Power Systems, a part of the USD 1.3 billion Amara Raja group, has bagged a contract from NTPC to set up India's first green hydrogen fuelling station in Leh.

France's Total to buy 25% stake in Adani green hydrogen unit

The Adani group had tied up with French energy major TotalEnergies SE to jointly create the 'world's largest green hydrogen ecosystem' in Gujarat's Kutch region. As part of the tie-up, TotalEnergies would acquire a 25% stake in Adani New Industries Ltd. (ANIL).

Anand Mahindra and Venu Srinivasan appointed to RBI board

The Centre has nominated Chairman of Mahindra group Anand Gopal Mahindra, TVS Motor's Chairman Venu Srinivasan, ZyduS Lifescience's Chairman Pankaj Ramanbhai Patel along with IIM Ahmedabad's ex-faculty Ravindra Dholakia as part-time non-official Directors on the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India.

WPI inflation jumps to 15.9% in May, highest since September 1991

Producers' inflation based on wholesale price index (WPI) rose to 15.9 per cent in May against 15.1 per cent recorded in April this year. This is the highest wholesale inflation rate since September 1991.

Air India's bid to fully acquire AirAsia India gets CCI approval

The Competition Commission of India has approved Air India's proposal to acquire the entire shareholding of the Tata group's low-cost subsidiary AirAsia India. Tata group raised holding in AirAsia India to 83.67% in 2020.

Irdai eases solvency margin requirement for insurers underwriting crop biz

The IRDAI has reduced the solvency margin requirement for general insurers doing crop business. The decision can free up a capital of ₹1,400 crore, which Irdai expects will increase the capacity of general insurers to underwrite more business.

Trade gap widens as imports surge 63%

India's May trade deficit widened to \$24.29 billion from \$6.53 billion a year ago. May's trade deficit was pushed

up by a surge in imports, which rose 62.83% year-on-year to \$63.22 billion, while exports rose 20.55% to \$38.94 billion.

IOB's plan to raise ₹2,000 cr. gets board nod

The board of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has approved a proposal to raise ₹2,000 crores during the current fiscal, subject to shareholders' approval.

US central bank announces its biggest interest rate rise in nearly 30 years to rein in rising inflation

US central bank has announced its biggest interest rate rise in nearly 30 years to rein in surging inflation. The Federal Reserve said it would increase its benchmark rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to a range of 1.5 percent to 1.75 percent.

Banks' gross NPA drop below 6% in March 2022, lowest in six years

Gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of the banking sector dropped below 6 per cent as of March 2022 — the lowest since 2016 — and net NPAs fell to 1.7 per cent during the same period.

CBDT issues guidelines for new tax rule on gifts, benefits to influencers

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) issued detailed guidelines on the applicability of the new tax deducted at source (TDS) provisions that come into effect on July 1. Under the provision, benefits like free medical samples received by doctors and gifts retained by social media influencers will attract TDS under the new provisions related to benefits or perquisites received in a business or profession.

RBI lifts restrictions on Mastercard over onboarding new customers

The RBI has lifted the ban imposed on Mastercard and allowed the card network to onboard new customers for debit, credit, or prepaid cards, as it is satisfied with the company's compliance with the storage of payment data norms.

TCS, HDFC Bank, Infy and LIC among Kantar's global 100 most valuable firms

IT services and banking companies have retained top positions in the Kantar Brandz, 2022 Most Valuable Global Brands report. This year the number of Indian brands in the Global Top 100 rose to four: Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HDFC Bank, Infosys, and Life Insurance Corporation (LIC).

Reliance Industries tops '2021 Burgundy Private Hurun India' list of 500 most valuable companies

Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) has topped the list of 500 most valuable companies in the country, that was released by Hurun India in coordination with Burgundy Private and Axis Bank's Private Banking Business.

Four Indian companies join Apple, Google & Amazon as world's top 100 brands

Four Indian companies — namely TCS, HDFC Bank, Infosys and LIC — were featured among the top 100 global biggest brands. Apple was the most valuable brand in the world, with a brand value of \$947 billion. It was followed by other tech giants Google, Amazon and Microsoft, in the same order.

Moody's upgrades ICICI Bank, Axis Bank's baseline credit assessments

Global rating agency Moody's today upgraded ICICI Bank and Axis Bank's baseline credit assessments (BCA) to "baa3" indicating medium grade financial strength from "ba1" indicating speculative financial strength.

Canara HSBC Life rebrands due to PNB exit

Canara HSBC OBC Life has renamed itself as Canara HSBC Life following its third partner Punjab National Bank's (PNB's) decision to exit. PNB had acquired a stake in the company following the amalgamation of Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC).

Bank credit growth hits three-year high of 13.1%, shows RBI data

Bank credit grew 13.1 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in the fortnight ended June 3, the highest in the past three years. Growth in bank credit in the previous year was 5.7 per cent.

DBS Bank buys 9.9% stake in Svakarma Fin

DBS Bank India Ltd. said it has acquired a 9.9% stake in Svakarma Finance, a non-deposit taking, non-banking finance company, for delivering relevant financial solutions to micro enterprises through a combination of direct lending and co-lending.

Government amends guidelines for PLI Scheme for Telecom and Networking Products

The Guidelines for the Production linked incentive (PLI) Scheme for Telecom and Networking Products have been amended to introduce the Design-led Manufacturing with additional incentive rates.

RBI extends date for implementing provisions on credit, debit card issuance

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the timeline for implementation of certain provisions of the master directions it issued on issuance of debit cards and credit cards by three months from July 1, 2022 to October 1, 2022.

India now the fourth largest gold recycling country: World Gold Council

India has emerged as the fourth largest gold recycling country in 2021, recycling 75 tons, or 6.5 per cent of the total gold recycled across the globe, said a recent report by the World Gold Council (WGC).

India reports FY22 CAD of 1.2% as trade deficit widens

India recorded a current account deficit (CAD) of 1.2% of GDP in 2021-22 against a surplus of 0.9% in 2020-21 as the trade deficit widened to \$189.5 billion from \$102.2 billion a year earlier.

AU Small Finance Bank unveils LTI credit card

AU Small Finance Bank has announced the launch of AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today) credit card which allows customers to choose the features they want in their card and also decide the time period they want those features for.

CBI registers fresh case against DHFL directors & others for bank fraud of ₹34,615 cr

CBI has registered a fresh case against Dewan Housing Finance Ltd (DHFL), its former CMD Kapil Wadhawan, director Dheeraj Wadhawan and others for bank fraud of 34,615 crore rupees.

RBI moots IT outsourcing norms for banks, NBFCs

The Reserve Bank of India proposed norms for the outsourcing of IT services to ring-fence banks and other regulated entities from financial, operational and reputational risks.

AI can add \$500 bn to GDP by 2025: Nasscom

The adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and data utilisation strategy can add \$500 billion to India's GDP by 2025, a new Nasscom report showed.

Zomato to buy Blinkit in ₹4,447-cr. Deal

Online food delivery platform Zomato Ltd. said it will acquire Blink Commerce Pvt. Ltd. (formerly known as

Grofers) for ₹4,447.48 crore in a share-swap deal as part of its strategy of investing in quick commerce business.

RBI extends date for card tokenization

The Reserve Bank of India has extended the card-on-file tokenisation deadline by three months to September 30, given various representations received from industry bodies.

Axis Bank reappoints Rajiv Anand as Dy Managing Director for three years

Private sector lender Axis Bank has reappointed Rajiv Anand as Deputy Managing Director for a period of three years from August 4, 2022 to August 3, 2025.

Sebi gives UPI payment option to invest in public issues of REITs, InvITs

Capital markets regulator Sebi provided an additional payment option of UPI or unified payments interface mechanism to retail investors to apply in the public issue of REITs and InvITs for application value up to ₹5 lakh.

ICICI Bank launches 'Campus Power' platform for student ecosystem

ICICI Bank unveiled a digital platform named "Campus Power" to assist students who want to pursue higher education in India and abroad.

SBI gets RBI nod to set up operations support subsidiary

State Bank of India has received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India for its proposed operations support subsidiary aimed at bringing down the cost-to-income ratio.

Godrej Capital eyeing co-lending partnerships in affordable housing space

Godrej Housing Finance is planning to enter co-lending partnerships as part of its proposed foray into the affordable housing financing space, Manish Shah, Managing Director & CEO, Godrej Capital has said.

BEL inks deal with Belarusian firm for supply of Airborne Defense Suite for IAF helicopters

Bharat Electronics Limited has signed an MoU with a Belarusian company and its subsidiary for supply of Airborne Defense Suite (ADS) for helicopters of the Indian Air Force (IAF). The MoU is aimed at cooperation between the three companies for supply of ADS for IAF helicopters.

IRARC's Avinash Kulkarni to head India Debt Resolution Company

The chief executive of India Resurgence Asset Reconstruction Company (IRARC), Avinash Kulkarni, has been selected to head the India Debt Resolution Company (IDRCL) which will be the sole agent to resolve more than ₹83,000 crore of bad loans to be acquired by the government-backed National Asset Reconstruction Company (NARCL).

Government appoints Nitin Gupta as chairman of CBDT

The Union Cabinet has chosen 1986 batch officer of the Indian Revenue Services (IRS), Nitin Gupta as Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT). He is scheduled to retire in September next year.

Mufin Finance plans to roll out prepaid wallets, cards

Mufin Finance Ltd., a subsidiary of Hindon Mercantile Ltd., said it would offer semi-closed prepaid payment instruments (PPI) to customers in India.

Akash Ambani named Reliance Jio Infocomm chairman

The board of directors of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd. has approved the appointment of Akash M. Ambani, non-executive director, as chairman of the board.

May credit card spend crosses ₹1.13 lakh crore

Credit card spending has crossed ₹1.13 lakh crore in May compared with ₹1.05 lakh crore in the previous month, according to official data.

All rate changes recommended by 47th GST Council to be made effective from July 18

The 47th GST council meeting under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Finance Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman in Chandigarh ended. She spoke about rate rationalisation, the GST compensation to states, corrections of invested duties, and virtual digital assets. All rate changes recommended by the 47th GST Council will be made effective from 18th July, 2022.

CCEA approves deregulation of sale of domestically produced crude oil

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, CCEA also approved deregulation of the sale of domestically produced crude oil. Mr. Thakur said, the move will ensure marketing freedom for all exploration and production companies.

Airtel Payments Bank Partners Axis Bank to digitise last mile cash collection

Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Axis Bank to digitise the cash collection system in Tier III cities and semi-urban regions.

India will have 122 new unicorns in 2 to 4 years: Hurun India Future Unicorn Index

India will have 122 new unicorns in the next two to four years, according to the Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022 released by Hurun Research Institute.

AWARDS

President Ram Nath Kovind confers one Kirti Chakra and 14 Shaurya Chakras in New Delhi

President Ram Nath Kovind conferred one Kirti Chakra and 14 Shaurya Chakras during Defence Investiture Ceremony (Phase-2) at Rashtrapati Bhawan in New Delhi. The gallantry awards were given to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and Police for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty.

The President also conferred 13 Param Vishisht Seva Medals and 29 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of an exceptional order.

2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning organised in New Delhi

The 2nd edition of Awards for Excellence in District Skill Development Planning, DSDP was organised in New Delhi where the top 30 districts were awarded for their innovative best practices in skill development in the region. Rajkot in Gujarat, Cachar in Assam and Satara in Maharashtra ranked top three among all participating districts.

WHO award for PGI Chandigarh centre for tobacco control

The World Health Organisation has awarded the Resource Centre for Tobacco Control (e-RCTC) of the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh with the Regional Director Special Recognition Award.

Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga

The Prime Minister's award for outstanding contribution for promotion of Yoga has been announced for the

year 2021. Two individuals Bhikkhu Sanghasena from Ladakh, Marcus Vinicius Rojo Rodrigues from Brazil and two organisations, The Divine Life Society from Uttarakhand and the British Wheel of Yoga from United Kingdom have been chosen for award.

Union Civil Aviation Minister awards first Type Certificate under Drone Rules to IoTech World Avigation Private Ltd

Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has awarded the first Type Certificate under Drone Rules to IoTech World Avigation Private Limited in New Delhi. This company is one of India's leading manufacturers of Kisan drones.

Vijay Amritraj honoured with Golden Achievement Award by ITF and International Tennis Hall of Fame

India's Vijay Amritraj has been named the 2021 recipient of the Golden Achievement Award. The Golden Achievement Award is presented annually by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Guillermo Lasso

Ecuador President Guillermo Lasso has survived an impeachment vote after the opposition failed to gather enough votes to oust him. The motion garnered 80 votes in the 137-member Congress. In all, 92 votes were needed to remove Lasso from office.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr

Ferdinand Marcos Jr has been sworn in as the Philippine president in a ceremony in Manila, succeeding the outgoing leader Rodrigo Duterte.

Ranjana Prakash Desai

Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, a former judge of the Supreme Court, has been selected for the post of the Press Council of India (PCI) Chairperson.

Harini Logan

Harini Logan, a 14-year-old Indian American eighth-grader from Texas, won the 2022 Scripps National Spelling Bee, beating Vikram Raju in the prestigious contest where children of Indian origin have ruled the roost.

Bajram Begaj

Albania's parliament elected a top military official Bajram Begaj as the country's new president after no candidates were nominated in three rounds of voting.

Rabab Fatima

Ambassador Rabab Fatima, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations has been appointed as the Under Secretary General of the United Nations. She will also be High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries, and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLS).

Gustavo Petro

Gustavo Petro is slated to become Colombia's President after winning the country's Presidential Elections. His running mate Francia Marquez will become the country's first black woman Vice President.

Ruchira Kamboj

Senior Diplomat Ruchira Kamboj has been appointed as the next Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations. She will succeed TS Tirumurti as the Indian ambassador to the United Nations.

Arti Prabhakar

Leading Indian American scientist Dr. Arti Prabhakar has been nominated by Joe Biden as a top science adviser to the U.S. President. If confirmed by the Senate, Dr. Prabhakar would make history as the first woman, immigrant, or person of colour to head Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

Khushi Patel

Khushi Patel, a biomedical student from the United Kingdom, has been declared the winner of the Miss India Worldwide 2022, the longest-running Indian pageant outside of India.

Amandeep Singh Gill

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed senior Indian diplomat Amandeep Singh Gill as his envoy on technology to coordinate programmes for international digital cooperation.

KK

Well-known Bollywood singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, died in Kolkata. A versatile singer, KK has also recorded songs in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali, among other languages.

Bhim Singh

In Jammu and Kashmir, the National Panthers Party Chief Professor Bhim Singh passed away at his residence in Jammu after a prolonged illness. He was 81. Singh founded the Panthers Party in 1982, along with his wife Jay Mala.

Pandit Bhajan Sopori

Renowned Santoor maestro Pandit Bhajan Sopori passed away in Gurugram. He was former Director of Music at All India Radio and looked after Hindustani Classical Music.

Hari Chand

India's long distance great Hari Chand, a two-time Olympian and a double Asian Games gold medallist, passed away in Jalandhar on Sunday.

Gopi Chand Narang

Eminent Urdu scholar and former President of Sahitya Akademi Prof. Gopi Chand Narang passed away. He was the first Urdu scholar who received the Padma Bhushan and Pakistan's Sitara-e-Imtiaz.

V.Krishnamurthy

Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, former chairman of BHEL, Maruti Udyog, and SAIL and former Secretary of Industries, Government of India, dies at the age of 97. Krishnamurthy had earned a reputation as the "Turnaround Man" and fostered some of the biggest success stories of India's public sector.

Pallonji Mistry

Business tycoon Pallonji Mistry, who headed the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, has died at 93. More than 150 years old, the Shapoorji Pallonji Group is one of the largest business firms in India. Pallonji Mistry was the largest individual shareholder in the Tata Group with a 18.4 per cent holding in the conglomerate.

Varinder Singh

Olympic and World Cup medallist Varinder Singh, died in Jalandhar. Varinder Singh was part of the gold-winning Indian team at the 1975 men's Hockey World Cup in Kuala Lumpur.

SPORTS

Indian women's shooting team bags gold medal in 10m air rifle event at ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku

Indian women's shooting team of Elavenil Valarivan, Shreya Agarwal and Ramita have bagged a gold medal

for India in the 10m air rifle women's team event at the ISSF World Cup 2022 in Baku.

Argentina beats Italy 3-0 to win Finalissima

Powered by Lionel Messi's dazzling football in front of a packed crowd at the Wembley Stadium, Argentina men's national team celebrated a 3-0 thumping of Italy to claim La Finalissima.

India defeat Japan 1-0 to win bronze

In Asia Cup men's hockey 2022 at Jakarta, team India produced a gritty performance to beat Japan 1-0 and claimed the bronze medal.

Fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games begins in Haryana

The fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 officially kicked off in Haryana with a glittering opening ceremony. The event was held at five venues- Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh and Delhi.

Sakshi Malik, Divya Kakran, Mansi Ahlawat win gold medals at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup

Sakshi Malik won her first international gold medal at the Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament at Almaty in Kazakhstan. India's Mansi Ahlawat and Divya Kakran also finished at the top of the podium in their respective weight categories.

ISSF World Cup: Anjum Moudgil clinches silver

Indian shooter Anjum Moudgil clinched a silver in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions at the ISSF World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Bhambri-Myneni duo clinches title

Yuki Bhambri and Saketh Myneni stunned second seeds Roman Jebavy and Andrej Martin 6-3, 7-5 in the doubles final of the €90,280 Challenger tennis tournament in Prostějov, Czech Republic.

ISSF World Cup: Ashi, Swapnil win 50m rifle 3P mixed gold

Swapnil Kusale and Ashi Chouksey won the gold medal in the 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) mixed team competition at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Baku, Azerbaijan. The pair of Swapnil and Ashi beat Ukrainian's Serhiy Kulish and Daria Tykhova 16-12.

Iga Swiatek of Poland wins French Open 2022 Women's Singles Title

World Number One Iga Swiatek of Poland won the French Open 2022 Women's Singles Title by beating US teenager Coco Gauf in Paris.

Rafael Nadal wins French Open title beating Casper Ruud

In French Open tennis, Spaniard Rafael Nadal has won the 14th singles title of the tournament beating Casper Ruud of Norway. With this victory, 36-year-old Nadal has become the oldest champion at Roland Garros. It is his 22nd Grand Slam title.

Aman Sehrawat strikes gold at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup Wrestling tournament

Aman Sehrawat clinched gold medal while Bajrang Punia settled for bronze of the 2022 Bolat Turlykhanov Cup wrestling tournament in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

India beat Poland to clinch inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship

India beat Poland 6-4 in final to clinch the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.

Joe Root hits century as England seal win over New Zealand in first Test

Joe Root's masterful century led England to a five-wicket win in the first Test against New Zealand on the fourth morning at Lord's. Root, who ended 115 not out, also became the second England batter after Sir Alastair Cook to reach 10,000 Test runs.

Badminton: Guru Sai Dutt retires

Commonwealth Games bronze medallist RMV Gurusaidutt has announced his retirement from international badminton, bringing down the curtains on a professional career that spanned over a decade and a half.

India ends their campaign at Bolat Turlykhanov Cup on second position with 12 medals

In Wrestling, India ended their campaign at the Bolat Turlykhanov Cup at Almaty in Kazakhstan on the second position with 12 medals. This included a tally of six golds, one silver, and five bronze medals in total.

Avani shoots gold, books Paris ticket

Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara won gold at the Para shooting World Cup with a world record score of 250.6 in women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 in Chateauroux, France.

Virat Kohli Becomes 1st Indian to Reach 200 Million Followers on Instagram

Ace India batter Virat Kohli becomes the first-ever Indian to cross to 200 million followers on Instagram. Only Cristiano Ronaldo (451 million) and Lionel Messi (334 million) have more followers than the Indian batter.

Mithali Raj announces her retirement from all forms of international cricket

The legend of Indian Women's cricket, Mithali Raj has announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket. Mithali retires as the leading run-getter in women's ODIs. She represented India in 232 matches, scoring 7,805 runs at an average of 50.68.

Indian shooters Manish Narwal, Rubina Francis win gold in 10 meter air pistol mixed team event

Indian shooters Manish Narwal and Rubina Francis have won gold in 10-meter P6 air pistol mixed team event, the third for India at the ongoing Para-shooting World Cup in Chateauroux, France.

Indian Grand Master R Praggnanandhaa wins Group 'A' title in Norway Chess Tournament

In chess, India's Grand Master and top-seeded player R. Praggnanandhaa won the Norway Chess Group 'A' event with 7.5 points from nine rounds.

Max Verstappen wins Azerbaijan Grand Prix victory

Max Verstappen cruised to victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix to extend his lead at the top of the Formula One drivers' championship to 21 points.

Saanapathi Gurunaidu clinches Gold medal in men's 55 kilogram

Indian weightlifter Saanapathi Gurunaidu clinched Gold medal in men's 55 kilogram event at the IWF Youth World Championships in Leon, Mexico. Two other Indian weightlifters Vijay Prajapati and Akansha Kishor Vyavhare clinched silver medals on the opening day of the event.

India creates history by qualifying for FIFAE Nations Cup 2022

In Football, India created history by securing a spot at the highly coveted FIFAE Nations Cup (FeNC) 2022. Representatives from the country will join esports athletes from 23 other nations to compete at the highest level of FIFA 22 Esports from July 26 to 30 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Indonesia Masters: Viktor Axelsen, Chen Yufei Clinch Singles Titles

Viktor Axelsen and Chen Yufei clinched the respective men's and women's singles titles at the BWF Indonesia Masters 2022.

India's great run at ongoing Chateauroux Para Shooting World Cup continues as medal tally goes up to 12

India's great run at the ongoing Chateauroux Para Shooting World Cup continued as trio of Manish Narwal, Singhraj Adhana and Nihal Singh clinched a silver medal each in the P1 Men's 10 meter Air Pistol event. With this, India's medal tally at the event has gone up to 12, with six golds, five silvers and one bronze.

Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concludes

The Khelo India Youth Games 2021 concluded with Haryana grabbed the top position in the medal tally with 52 gold, 39 silver and 46 bronze medals. Maharashtra got second position by winning 125 medals.

BCCI's revenue tops ₹48,000 crore

The three day e-auction of media rights for the IPL's 2023-2027 cycle has fetched the BCCI ₹48,390 crore, with Disney-Star bagging TV rights for the Indian subcontinent and Viacom18/Reliance sweeping the digital segment.

Neeraj betters National mark, takes silver

Neeraj Chopra bettered his javelin National record (88.07m) by more than a metre with a massive 89.30m effort at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland. The effort brought him a silver.

Bairstow powers England in record chase

Jonny Bairstow smashed England's second-fastest Test hundred, from just 77 balls, as his side romped to a target of 299 against New Zealand and clinched a first series victory in 17 months. Bairstow reached the three-digit mark off 77 balls.

Para-powerlifters Manpreet, Parmjeet win bronze

Indian para-powerlifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar have won bronze medals on the opening day of the World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea.

Karthik, Hardik and Avesh help India pull level

Dinesh Karthik produced one of his finest T20I knocks to set up a thumping 82-run win for India in the fourth T20I against South Africa and level the five-match series 2-2.

Historic torch relay for 44th Chess Olympiad launched by Prime Minister in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the historic torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad at Indira Gandhi Stadium in New Delhi. India is the first country to have the Chess Olympiad Torch Relay.

Cricket: India Vs South Africa T-20 International series ends in a draw

The five-match T-20 International series between India and South Africa ended in a 2-2 draw, with both teams sharing the trophy as the final match was called off.

Neeraj Chopra clinches gold in 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland

India's top javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra clinched the men's javelin throw gold at the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland with an impressive throw of 86.69 meters.

Dressel grabs his 15th Worlds gold

American Caeleb Dressel grabbed his 15th World championship gold medal and his second in two days as he won the 50m butterfly final in Budapest.

Verstappen tightens grip on title race

Max Verstappen increased his lead in this year's Formula One title race when he drove his Red Bull to a thrilling victory in a closely-fought Canadian Grand Prix.

Indian women's Wrestling team wins Under-17 Asian Championship

Indian women's Wrestling team has won five medals to claim Under-17 Asian Championship title with a total of eight gold at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. India lifted the title with a total of 235 points from eight golds, one silver and one bronze.

Teen McIntosh grab world swimming golds

Canadian teenager Summer McIntosh won the women's 200-meter butterfly for her first title at the world swimming championships before 17-year-old Romanian David Popovici claimed his second. Popovici won the men's 100 freestyle to add to the 200 freestyle he won earlier.

Mollie O'Callaghan wins women's 100m freestyle

Australia's Mollie O'Callaghan stormed to victory to take the women's 100 metres freestyle gold at the swimming world championships.

Daruvala completes successful test with McLaren

Young Indian racer Jehan Daruvala made a successful Formula 1 test debut with eight-time constructors' winner McLaren and is now eligible for a Super Licence.

Navjeet Dhillon wins gold medal at Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet

Indian women's discus thrower Navjeet Dhillon won the gold medal at the Qosanov Memorial 2022 athletics meet in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Archers Jyothi Surekha, Abhishek Verma win gold medal

Archers Jyothi Surekha Vennu and Abhishek Verma won the gold medal in compound mixed team event at the World Cup Stage- 3 in Paris.

Madhya Pradesh clinch first ever Ranji Trophy title with six-wicket win against Mumbai

In Ranji Trophy Final, Madhya Pradesh defeated Mumbai by six wickets to win their first-ever Ranji Trophy title at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Indian women's recurve team bag silver medal in Archery WC Stage 3

In Archery, the Indian women's recurve team of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Simranjeet Kaur settled for a silver medal after the trio's run was halted by Chinese Taipei in a one-sided final at the World Cup Stage 3 in Paris.

Bagnaia cruises to Dutch GP win as Quartararo crashes twice

Francesco Bagnaia of Ducati led from start to finish to win the Dutch Grand Prix for his third victory of the season as world championship leader Fabio Quartararo crashed twice.

Jackson runs third-fastest 200m

Shericka Jackson ran the third fastest 200 metres of all time in 21.55 seconds to seal a sprint double at the Jamaican national trials for next month's World Championships.

Wellbrock is 5km open water champ

German Florian Wellbrock won his first individual title of the 2022 World Championships in the men's 5km open water event, with Brazil's Ana Marcela Cunha winning the women's race for the second time.

Deepak Punia wins bronze in U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022

Deepak Punia won a bronze medal after defeating Maksat Satybaldy in the 86kg freestyle weight category at the U23 Asian wrestling championships 2022 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Root, Bairstow help England complete Test series clean sweep against NZ

Joe Root remained unbeaten on 86 and Jonny Bairstow blasted a 44-ball 71 as England romped home to a seven-wicket victory against New Zealand on the fifth and final day of the third and final Test to complete a series whitewash.

England's Eoin Morgan ends an illustrious career

Eoin Morgan confirmed his retirement from international cricket and stepped down as England's white-ball captain. Under his leadership, England became the champions of the ODI World Cup for the first time in 2019.

Formula E race to be held in Hyderabad next year

India will be back on the global motorsports map with the FIA Formula E race in Hyderabad on February 11, 2023. In January this year, the Telangana government and Formula E officials had signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) in Hyderabad to host the race in the city.

MISCELLANEOUS

Frontier dethrones Fugaku as the world's fastest supercomputer

US based Frontier, a supercomputer built using Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE) architecture and equipped with Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) processors, outperformed Fugaku to become the world's fastest supercomputer.

India ranks lowest among 180 countries in environmental performance index 2022

India has been ranked lowest among 180 countries in the 2022 Environmental Performance Index (EPI). Denmark has earned the number one ranking, Denmark is followed by the UK, Finland, Malta and Sweden.

China releases world's most detailed map of the moon

China has released a new geological map of the moon, which it says is the most detailed to date, registering even finer details of the lunar surface than mapped by the US in 2020.

UNGA adopts India - sponsored resolution on multilingualism; mentions Hindi language for first time

The United Nations General Assembly has adopted an India-sponsored resolution on multilingualism that mentions the Hindi language for the first time. The resolution passed urges the United Nations to continue spreading vital communications and messages in both official and non-official languages, including Hindi.

India is expanding its nuclear arsenal: SIPRI

India had 160 nuclear warheads as on January 2022 and it appears to be expanding its nuclear arsenal, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), a defence think tank, said. India's nuclear stockpile increased from 156 in January 2021 to 160 in January 2022.

UK offers 75 fully-funded scholarships for Indian students

In celebration of India's 75th anniversary of independence, the UK government has partnered with leading businesses in India to offer 75 fully-funded scholarships for Indian students to study in Britain from September.

Google agrees to pay \$118 million to female employees

Google has agreed to pay \$118 million to settle a gender discrimination lawsuit that includes around 15,500 women.

Egypt hosts Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians

Egypt hosted the Eighth Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians in Sharm El Sheikh. Nagaland's first woman elected as Member of Parliament to Rajya Sabha S. Phangon Konyak is representing India at the Conference.

Union Cabinet approves proposal for signing of an agreement between India and UN on a 'Way Finding Application'

The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for the signing of an agreement between India and the

United Nations on a 'Way Finding Application' to be used in the Palais des Nations, United Nations Office at Geneva.

5 MN Indians affected by disasters: UN

Nearly five million people in India were internally displaced due to climate change and disasters in 2021, the United Nations UNHCR report has said. Globally 100 million people were forced to flee their homes last year due to violence, human rights abuses, food insecurity, the climate crisis, war in Ukraine and other emergencies from Africa to Afghanistan.

India Centre inaugurated at Busan University of Foreign Studies in South Korea

Busan University of Foreign Studies (BUFS) established an India Centre for promotion of India focused activities in the University.

India ranks 3rd globally for total renewable additions in 2021: Report

India ranked third globally for total renewable power capacity additions with 15.4 GW in 2021, following only China (136 GW) and the US (43 GW).

U.S. approves vaccines for its youngest lot

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted emergency authorisation for the use of Pfizer and Moderna Covid-19 vaccines in the youngest children, the final age group awaiting immunisation in most countries.

NASA to form scientific team to study UFOs, spend up to \$100,000

NASA plans to assemble a team of scientists to examine "unidentified aerial phenomena" — commonly termed UFOs — in the latest sign of the seriousness with which the US government is taking the issue.

UN Ocean Conference kicks off in Lisbon

A five-day UN Ocean Conference has kicked off with the Kenya and Portugal being the co-hosts. Leaders from over 130 countries from across the world will deliberate for five days to find an international agreement on protecting the world's oceans, seas, and marine resources. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh is leading the Indian delegation.

Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2022 culminates in Mongolia

The Multinational Peacekeeping Exercise Ex Khaan Quest 2022 culminated at the Peace Support Operations Training Centre at Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia.

World No Tobacco Day being observed on May 31

World No Tobacco Day is observed on May 31 every year to raise awareness about the damage caused by consuming tobacco. The theme of World No Tobacco Day is "Protect The Environment".

Telangana Formation Day: 02nd June

Telangana was founded on 2nd June 2014. Telangana celebrates its formation Day on June 2 to mark the people's contribution to forming a separate state outside of Andhra Pradesh.

World Bicycle Day 2022: 3rd June

World Bicycle Day is marked on 3rd June every year to recognise bicycling as a way to get a sustainable form of travelling that also ensures one's physical well being.

World Environment Day: 5th June

World Environment Day is observed globally on 5th June every year. The year 2022 marks the 50th World Environment Day. Sweden is the host this year and the theme is 'Only One Earth'.

International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression: 4th June

Every year on June 4th, the United Nations (UN) observes the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of

Aggression to raise awareness of the children who have been victims of physical, mental, and emotional abuse around the world.

World Ocean Day is being observed on June 8

World Ocean Day is celebrated every year on June 8 to raise public awareness of the ocean and its resources in order to promote global ocean and resource sustainability. The theme for this year is "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean".

World Day Against Child Labour: 12th June

12th June marks the World Day Against Child Labour. According to the ILO, there are about 152 million children globally who are engaged in child labour. The 2022 theme of the World Day Against Child Labour is "Universal Social Protection to End Child Labour."

Philippines celebrates its Independence Day on June 12

The Philippines is celebrating its Independence Day on June 12. The Filipino flag was unfurled for the first time on this day June 12 in 1898.

World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought: 17th June

The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed on 17 June each year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification. The theme of 2022 Desertification and Drought Day "Rising up from drought together".

International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict: 19 June

The International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict is an international event conducted by the United Nations (UN) on June 19 each year.

World Refugee Day: 20 June

World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on 20 June. The day is being celebrated to honour the refugees around the world.

Eighth International Day of Yoga being celebrated across the world

The 8th edition of the International Day of Yoga is being celebrated on June 21. The theme of this year's International Day of Yoga is 'Yoga for Humanity'.

World Music Day: 21st June

World Music Day is celebrated every year on June 21. The theme for World Music Day 2022 is "Music on the intersections".

United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture: June 26th

On December 12, 1997, the United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution, declaring June 26 as the International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking: June 26th

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, also known as World Drug Day, is conducted by the United Nations. It is observed on June 26 annually.

International Day of the Seafarer: June 25th

The "Day of the Seafarer" is celebrated annually on June 25 to honour the vital contribution that seafarers make to global trade and the economy, frequently at considerable personal sacrifice to themselves and their families.

29th June is Celebrated as Statistics Day

Union Government has been celebrating Statistics Day on 29th June every year since 2007 to mark the birth anniversary of late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis, in recognition of his valuable contribution in the field of Economic Planning and Statistics.