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Ukrainian President signs formal request to join European Union

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy has said that he has signed an official request for Ukraine to join the European Union.

Europe, Canada close their airspace to Russian airlines
Europe and Canada have closed their airspace to Russian airlines after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

After Russian attack, world's largest cargo plane may never fly again

The world's largest aircraft, the Antonov AN-225, has been destroyed during Russia's invasion of Ukraine, Ukrainian authorities said. The aircraft, named "Mriya," or "dream" in Ukrainian.

Bangladesh becomes the largest recipient of US COVID vaccine

Bangladesh has become the largest recipient of the COVID vaccines donated by the US worldwide via the Covax facility of the WHO.

European Parliament votes in favor of Ukraine's application for EU membership

The European Parliament voted in favor of making Ukraine a member of the European Union. European Parliament is one of the European Union's legislative branches.

Nepalese Parliament approves USD 500 million MCC aid despite China's persistent opposition

Nepalese Parliament approved a \$500 million U.S. government aid program Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) overcoming domestic political divisions and objections from China.

Power cut of record span in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka announced nationwide seven-and-a-half-hour daily power cuts, the longest in more than a quarter of a century, as its foreign exchange crisis leaves it unable to import oil.

UN General Assembly passes resolution to demand Russia withdraw troops from Ukraine

The United Nations General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine "in the strongest terms". It was backed by 141 of the assembly's 193 members, with five votes against the resolution and 35 abstentions.

EU steps up aid for Ukraine, residence permit for refugees

The European Union is stepping up aid for Ukraine and is moving toward granting temporary protection to those fleeing Russia's military operation.

World Bank announces over 1 billion in humanitarian aid for Afghanistan

The World Bank announced more than \$1 billion in humanitarian aid for Afghanistan, stating the money will go to UN agencies and international NGOs while remaining "outside the control" of the country's Taliban rulers.

EU, U.S. impose sanctions against Belarus for aiding Russia's invasion of Ukraine

The United States and ambassadors in the European Union have approved economic sanctions against Belarus for assisting Russia in its attack on Ukraine.

Western Australia reopens its borders nearly two years after sealing them due to coronavirus pandemic

Western Australia has reopened its borders nearly two years after first sealing them to international visitors and other Australians because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Beijing based AIIB puts on hold all activities related to Russia and Belarus due to war in Ukraine

Beijing based Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank has announced that "all activities relating to Russia and Belarus are on hold and under review" due to ongoing war in Ukraine.

Russia takes control of Europe's largest nuclear power plant in Ukraine

Russia has taken control of a nuclear power station in Ukraine after it was hit by shelling. A fire broke out at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant - the largest in Europe - and Ukraine said it was shelled by Russian troops.

UNHRC votes for formation of commission of inquiry to monitor alleged human rights violations by Russian army in Ukraine

The UN's top human rights body UNHRC has voted overwhelmingly to appoint a three-person panel of experts to monitor human rights in Ukraine, where Russia launched military operations.

India's humanitarian assistance carrying 2000 MTs of wheat dispatched to Afghanistan

The second convoy of India's humanitarian assistance carrying 2000 MTs of wheat left Attari in Amritsar for Afghanistan's Jalalabad.

Ukraine drops pitch for NATO

President Volodymyr Zelensky said he was no longer pressing for NATO membership for Ukraine, a delicate issue that was one of Russia's stated reasons for invading its pro-Western neighbour.

US, EU, and UK target Russia with oil ban and gas curbs over Ukraine crisis

US, European Union, and UK have targeted Russian oil and gas sector with new restrictions over its military action in Ukraine. US President Joe Biden has announced a ban on all imports of Russian oil and gas energy.

WB Executive board approves 723 million dollar package of loans and grants for Ukraine

The World Bank has announced that its executive board had approved a 723-million-dollar package of loans and grants for Ukraine.

Reversing its earlier stand, WHO recommends booster dose against Coronavirus

WHO recommended the COVID-19 booster shots, reversing its position. It said its expert group concluded that immunization with authorized COVID-19 vaccines provide high levels of protection against severe disease and death amid the continuing spread of the hugely contagious omicron variant.

All Indian students safely evacuated from Sumy city of Ukraine, says MEA

External Affairs Ministry said that all the Indian students stranded at Sumy city of Ukraine have been successfully moved out.

President of Israel Isaac Herzog set for first official visit to Turkey after 15 years

President of Israel, Isaac Herzog is travelling to Turkey for first official visit in 15 years. The visit comes after two years of persistent attempts by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

IS confirms death of its leader, names new chief

The Islamic State group confirmed for the first time that its leader was killed in a U.S. strike in northwestern Syria last month and named Abu Hasan al-Hashemi al-Qurashi as his successor.

Iran decides to temporarily suspend its talks aimed at defusing years-long tensions with Saudi Arabia

Iran has decided to temporarily suspend its talks aimed at defusing years-long tensions with Saudi Arabia. This comes a day after Saudi Arabia carried out the largest known mass execution in its modern history.

Indian Embassy in Ukraine to be temporarily relocated to Poland: MEA

Indian Embassy in Ukraine will be temporarily relocated in Poland, in view of the rapidly deteriorating security situation in Ukraine including attacks in the western parts of the country.

Germany to buy dozens of U.S.-made fighter jets

Germany unveiled plans to buy 35 U.S.-made F-35 fighter jets, as part of a multi-billion-euro push to modernise its armed forces in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

UN: Myanmar's army committed torture

Myanmar's military has engaged in systematic human rights violations, many amounting to war crimes and crimes against humanity, the United Nations said, in its first comprehensive human rights report.

Bangladesh won't question 'character' of rape victims

Bangladesh will ban questions probing the "immoral character" of rape victims in criminal cases, after a long campaign by rights groups against humiliating interrogations of traumatised survivors.

ICJ asks Russia to immediately suspend its military operations in Ukraine

International Court of Justice (ICJ) has ruled that Russia should suspend its military operations in Ukraine immediately.

UN seeks \$4.27 billion for war-ravaged Yemen

A United Nations appeal for Yemen aiming at raising \$4.27 billion to alleviate what it describes as the world's worst humanitarian crisis, with 1,61,000 people likely to experience famine there in 2022.

Council of Europe expels Russia from human rights body

The Council of Europe has expelled Russia from the continent's foremost human rights body in an unprecedented move over its military operation in Ukraine.

New Zealand to welcome the world back as tourism restarts

New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern said, her nation is ready to welcome the world back with most tourists allowed to return by May as the nation continues to ease its coronavirus restrictions.

Hernandez set to be extradited to U.S.

A judge in Honduras granted the extradition of former President Juan Orlando Hernandez to the United States, where he is wanted for alleged drug trafficking, the Central American country's Supreme Court of Justice said.

Russia says it used hypersonic missiles in Ukraine for first time

The Russian military says it used its latest hypersonic missile, Kinzhal, for the first time in combat during its military operation in Ukraine.

China Eastern Boeing 737 with 132 onboard crashes in South China's Guangxi Zhuang

A China Eastern Airlines plane with 132 people on board has crashed in Southern China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

US declares Myanmar army committed genocide against Rohingya

The US Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced that the Myanmar military committed genocide and crimes against humanity against the country's minority Rohingya community.

13 million children in Afghanistan are in dire need of international Assistance: UNICEF

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has said that 13 million children in Afghanistan are in dire need of international assistance. Eight out of 10 people in Afghanistan are drinking water infected with bacteria.

Japan criticizes Russia after withdrawal from peace treaty talks over sanctions

Japan criticized Russia over its decision to discontinue peace treaty talks over the disputed Kuril islands and withdraw from joint economic projects in retaliation for Tokyo's sanctions over Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Troops roped in to oversee fuel distribution in Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka has roped in its army to oversee fuel distribution in the country, while citizens queue up for hours outside petrol and diesel stations due to a severe shortage as the country grapples with an unprecedented economic crisis.

China locks down Shenyang, city of 9 million people amid COVID-19 outbreak

China has locked down Shenyang, an industrial city of 9 million people, and reported more than 4,700 virus cases, as the nation's "zero-Covid" strategy is confronted by an Omicron wave.

Germany will not support no-fly zone over Ukraine, says German Chancellor

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz has reiterated that his country will not support a no-fly zone over Ukraine or send troops to intervene in the war launched by Russia.

India abstains on UNGA votes

India abstained on two resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) related to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine following the Russian invasion.

Solomon Islands, China bolster ties

The Solomon Islands has signed a policing deal with China and will send a proposal for a broader security agreement covering the military to its Cabinet for consideration.

'Humanitarian truce' in Tigray for aid: Ethiopia

Ethiopia's government declared "an indefinite humanitarian truce effective immediately", saying it hoped to help hasten emergency aid into the Tigray region, where hundreds of thousands face starvation.

Pakistan PM Imran Khan to face No-Confidence Motion in Parliament

Pakistan's National Assembly will vote for a no-confidence motion moved against Prime Minister Imran Khan amid the Opposition's allegations that Khan is responsible for the economic crisis and spiralling inflation in the country.

N. Korea fires new ICBM in largest test since 2017

North Korea said it tested a new, powerful type of intercontinental ballistic missile, marking an end to a self-imposed moratorium on long-range testing in place since 2017 and drawing international condemnation.

US, EU announce new partnership to reduce reliance on Russian energy

The United States and European Union have announced a new partnership to reduce the continent's reliance on

Russian energy. Under the plan, the U.S. and other nations will increase liquified natural gas exports to Europe by 15 billion cubic meters this year. Even larger shipments would be delivered in the future.

Sri Lanka to set up special North-East fund

The Sri Lankan government will set up a 'North-East Development Fund' to increase investments in the war-affected areas, while probing cases of enforced disappearances and land grabs that remain chief concerns of the Tamil people 13 years after the war ended.

U.S., EU agree on data transfer pact

The European Union and the U.S. announced they had agreed "in principle" to a new framework for cross-border data transfers, providing some much-needed relief for tech giants like Meta and Google.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi Meets Nepal's Top Leadership As Two Sides Ink 9 MoUs

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with Nepal's top leadership and discussed bilateral relations and mutual cooperation, as the two countries inked nine agreements.

I&B Minister Anurag Thakur launches 'Training for Emirates Jobs And Skills' at Dubai Expo

Information and Broadcasting Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has launched TEJAS (Training for Emirates Jobs And Skills) at Dubai Expo. Mr. Thakur said, this project is aimed at skilling, certification and overseas employment of Indians.

Pakistan: Opposition tables no-confidence motion against PM Imran Khan

In Pakistan, the opposition has mounted pressure on Prime Minister Imran Khan as Leader of the Opposition Shehbaz Sharif tabled a no-confidence resolution against him in the National Assembly.

Afghanistan: Taliban asks govt employees to grow beards or get sacked from job

Afghanistan's Taliban has instructed all government employees to wear a beard and adhere to a dress code or risk being fired.

Democratic Republic of Congo set to join East African Community

The Democratic Republic of Congo, DRC is all set to be admitted as the seventh member of the East African Community (EAC).

China: Lockdown in Shanghai, City reports record Omicron surge

China's biggest city Shanghai reported nearly 4500 domestically transmitted infections, mostly asymptomatic, a new record amid this wave of Omicron outbreak since March in the city.

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir declassifies files on civil war

South Sudan's President Salva Kiir has issued a directive to declassify intelligence reports on how the country's long-running civil war began.

US announces USD 152 million for Rohingya refugees in Bangladesh

The US has announced an assistance of USD 152 million which is nearly Taka 1322 crore in new humanitarian assistance for close to one million Rohingya refugees and Bangladesh host communities.

Sri Lankan hospitals suspend surgeries after 10-hour outage

Sri Lanka began imposing record nationwide 10-hour daily power cuts as more hospitals announced the suspension of routine surgeries in response to severe shortage of fuel and life-saving medicines.

PM Modi calls for greater cooperation among BIMSTEC nations and prioritising regional security

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for greater cooperation among BIMSTEC nations and said it has become essential to give more priority to "our regional security". The 5th Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) Summit was virtually hosted by Sri Lanka.

India, Bangladesh, and Nepal finalise MoU for implementation of BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement

Bangladesh, India, and Nepal held a meeting to discuss the passenger and Cargo protocols to operationalize the BBIN Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA). Bhutan participated in the meeting as an observer.

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Ready to give Aadhaar card to sex workers, UIDAI tells SC

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) informed the Supreme Court that it was willing to issue Aadhaar card to sex workers without insisting on proof of residence/identity.

MoS for Education Annpurna Devi presents National ICT Awards to 49 teachers

Union Minister of State for Education Annpurna Devi presented National ICT Awards to 49 teachers across the country.

IAF sends four C-17 aircraft for evacuation

India sent four C-17 military transport aircraft to Romania, Poland and Hungary to join the ongoing national effort to evacuate Indian citizens from conflict-torn Ukraine in the midst of a war with Russia.

Smriti Irani launches 'Stree Manoraksha Project'

Women and Child Development Minister Smriti Irani launched the Stree Manoraksha Project for capacity building of One Stop Centre, the Minister said, this project has been designed to end the cycle of violence against women.

Centre approves proposal for continuation of seven existing sub schemes under Umbrella Scheme Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates

Centre has approved the proposal for continuation of the seven existing sub schemes under the Umbrella Scheme Relief and Rehabilitation of Migrants and Repatriates. The approval has been given for the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 with a total outlay of 1,452 crore rupees.

MoU signed to promote Start-up in latest Daylight Harvesting Technology

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that the Ministry of Science and Technology has decided to promote a unique Start-up in latest Daylight Harvesting Technology in order to reduce carbon footprint and improve the building's energy efficiency.

Defence Ministry hosts 12th edition of biennial Defence exhibition, DefExpo 2022

Ministry of Defence hosted the 12th edition of prestigious biennial defence exhibition, DefExpo 2022, at Gandhinagar in Gujarat from 10th to 14th March.

Retain Amaravati as total capital: A.P. High Court

The Andhra Pradesh High Court directed the State government to construct and develop Amaravati, the capital city of the State, and the capital region within six months.

India signs Host Country Agreement with the ITU

India has signed the Host Country Agreement (HCA) for the establishment of an Area Office & Innovation Centre of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in New Delhi.

IHCL Partners With UNESCO to Preserve the Intangible Cultural Heritage of India

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) will collaborate with UNESCO to help preserve and promote the intangible cultural heritage of India.

Indigenous anti-collision system 'Kavach' to avoid rail accidents successfully tested by Indian Railways

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced that 'Kavach' System, the anti-collision test conducted by the Indian Railways to check the indigenous developed system to avoid rail accidents is successful.

Country's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG successfully completes sea level trials

The country's first indigenous Flying Trainer HANSA-NG designed and developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories, Bangalore, has successfully completed the sea level trials at Puducherry.

Ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India naval exercise SLINEX begins in Visakhapatnam

The ninth edition of Sri Lanka-India Naval Exercise SLINEX started in Visakhapatnam. The exercise will be conducted in two phases.

MSME Minister Narayan Rane launches Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women - "SAMARTH"

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, MSME Minister Narayan Rane launched a Special Entrepreneurship Promotion Drive for Women - "SAMARTH" on the occasion of International Women's Day 2022 in New Delhi.

Govt launches Donate-a-Pension programme

The Union government launched Donate-a-Pension programme under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) pension scheme where citizens can donate the premium contribution of their immediate support staff including domestic workers, drivers and helpers.

Govt approves continuation of Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana for financial years 2021-22 to 2025-26

The Centre has approved an allocation of ₹3,274.87 crore for the continuation of the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Yojana (SSSY), under which freedom fighters and their eligible dependents are given pension and other financial benefits, till 2025-26.

Prasar Bharati signs MoU with Yupp TV to expand global reach

India's public broadcaster, Prasar Bharati has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Yupp TV, an over-the-top (OTT) platform, which is a gateway for television viewers across the globe.

EC announces polls to 13 Rajya Sabha seats in six states on Mar 31

Election Commission has announced polls to 13 Rajya Sabha seats in six states on 31st March. The states are Assam, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Tripura and Nagaland.

National sportswoman selected for Climate-Force Antarctica Expedition

Aarushie Verma, a national level shooter in Pistol and trap shooting, and an active environmentalist, has been selected to represent India at the 2041 Climate Force Antarctica Expedition to be held in March 2022.

India to resume regular International Flights from 27th March

International Flights to and from India are to be resumed from 27th of this month. The Civil Aviation Ministry has suspended the regular international flights in March 2020 in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog partners Snap to drive Augmented Reality skilling amongst Indian youth
Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog announced their partnership with Snap Inc. to drive Augmented Reality (AR) skilling among the Indian youth.

Union Minister RK Singh launches Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center and Innovation Park

Union Minister for Power R.K. Singh launched the Virtual Smart Grid Knowledge Center (SGKC) and Innovation Park virtually as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Programme. The SGKC has been established by POWERGRID for demonstration and advancement of frontier smart grid technologies.

GeM launches 'Stitching and Tailoring Services' in partnership with USHA

Government eMarketplace -GeM has launched Stitching and Tailoring Services on the GeM portal in partnership with USHA International Ltd through its Silai School Programme.

Union Cabinet approves setting up of National Land Monetization Corporation for undertaking surplus land monetization

The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) for undertaking surplus land monetization. It will be a wholly-owned government company with an initial authorized share capital of five thousand crore rupees and paid-up share capital of 150 crore rupees.

Cabinet nod for centre for traditional medicine

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the establishment of a WHO (World Health Organization) Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (WHO GCTM) at Jamnagar in Gujarat.

Covovax gets nod for use in 12-17 age group

India's drug regulator has granted restricted emergency use authorisation to the Serum Institute's COVID-19 vaccine Covovax for the 12-17 age group subject to certain conditions. It is the fourth vaccine to receive the regulator's nod for use among those below 18 years.

BJP retains 4 States; AAP scores landslide in Punjab

The BJP party retained power in four of the five States that went to the polls, while the Congress lost Punjab to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). The BJP held on to power in Uttar Pradesh. The party conclusively won Uttarakhand, and won enough seats to retain power in Manipur and Goa — three States where its main rival was the Congress.

India, Japan Army exercise concludes

Exercise Dharma Guardian, an annual exercise between Indian Army and Japanese Ground Self Defence Force, concluded at Belgaum with a focus on counter-terrorism operations and disruptive technologies between two key partners in the Indo-Pacific region.

India, Canada to re-launch CEPA negotiations to unlock full potential of bilateral trade

The Commerce and Industry Ministry has said, India-Canada will re-launch the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement negotiations to unlock full potential of bilateral trade.

SC appoints ex-judge Sikri as chairperson of High Powered Committee on Char Dham project

The Supreme Court appointed its ex-judge A.K. Sikri as Chairperson of the High Powered Committee, which would consider the cumulative and independent impact of the Chardham project on the entire Himalayan valley.

Draft Notification issued for Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility

Road Transport and Highways Ministry has issued draft notification related to Motor Vehicles Registration and

Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility Amendment Rules 2022. These amendments lay down the procedure for establishment of Registered Vehicle Scrapping Facility.

Ministry of Textiles organizes International Conference on Technical Textiles

The Ministry of Textiles in partnership with Confederation of Indian Industries organized an International Conference on Technical Textiles with the theme- Creating the Winning Leap in Technical Textiles.

CJI N.V Ramana lays foundation stone for Arbitration centre in Hyderabad

Chief Justice of India N.V Ramana has laid the foundation stone for the Arbitration centre proposed to construct in 3.7 acres of land in Hyderabad.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav announces EPFO interest rate for 2021-2022

Union Minister for Labour & Employment Bhupender Yadav announced the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) interest rate for the year 2021-2022 and recommended 8.10 percent rate of interest for its subscribers.

Govt identifies 18 major platforms for industry led design, development in defence sector

Government has identified 18 major platforms for industry led design and development in defence sector under various routes. Under the Make-1 category, 14 projects have been identified for Research and Development purpose.

Ex-Finance Secretary Debasish Panda appointed IRDAI chairman for 3 years

Former Finance Secretary Debasish Panda was appointed as the chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for a period of three years.

Centre asks National Board of Examinations to reduce cut-off by 15 percentile for NEET-PG 2021

The Centre has directed the National Board of Examinations (NBE) to reduce the cut-off by 15 percentile across all categories for NEET-PG 2021 to fill up vacant postgraduate medical seats in the country.

Maternal mortality ratio declines by 10 points

The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) of India has declined by 10 points, says a special bulletin released by the Registrar-General of India. It has declined from 113 in 2016-18 to 103 in 2017-19, an 8.8% decline.

₹19,000-crore afforestation plan launched

The Centre envisages a ₹19,000-crore project to rejuvenate 13 major rivers by planting trees, officials in the Environment and the Jal Shakti Ministries said at a joint press conference.

Over 22 thousand 500 Indians evacuated from war-torn Ukraine

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that over 22,500 Indians evacuated under Operation Ganga from the war-torn Ukraine under challenging circumstances.

India's new ambassador to China Pradeep Kumar Rawat assumes charge

India's new ambassador to China Pradeep Kumar Rawat assumed charge. He succeeds previous Ambassador Vikram Misri, who was appointed as Deputy National Security Advisor.

Foreign Secretary H.V.Shringla chairs 6th India Japan Act East Forum

Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla has chaired the 6th India Japan Act East Forum with Ambassador Satoshi Suzuki.

Wearing hijab is not essential part of religion: Karnataka HC

The Karnataka High Court upheld the ban on the wearing of hijab (head scarf) by students in schools and colleges in the State.

India to begin COVID vaccination for children from 12 to 14 years of age

COVID19 vaccination of children in the age group of 12 to 14 years will be started from March 16. Only Corbevax vaccine will be used for the beneficiaries of age group 12 to 13 and 13 to 14 years.

Chair of excellence in memory of Bipin Rawat

On the eve of the 65th birthday of late Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Bipin Rawat, the Indian Army has instituted a Chair of Excellence in his memory at the United Service Institution of India (USI).

SC backs Centre's OROP scheme

The Supreme Court of India upheld the government's decision on One Rank, One Pension (OROP), and said that it does not find any constitutional infirmity on the OROP principle.

e-tourist visa restored for 156 countries

With the pandemic ebbing away, the Centre restored the five-year e-tourist visas for people from 156 countries. The move is aimed at boosting tourism, which has suffered the most during the pandemic.

India extends \$1 billion credit to Sri Lanka

India extended a \$1 billion credit facility to Sri Lanka which is in the midst of a severe economic crisis triggered by a shortage of foreign exchange. The "short term concessional loan facility" will be provided by State Bank of India

Dredging Corporation of India signs historic Ship Building Agreement

Dredging Corporation of India has signed a historic Ship Building Agreement for the first Make in India Project for construction of First Beagle Series 12 Trailing Suction Hopper Dredger of 12000 Cubic Meter capacity at Cochin Shipyard Limited.

BARC resumes ratings of news channels

Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) India has resumed ratings for individual news channels, with the release of data for Week 10 of 2022.

19 Indian firms to make Pfizer's oral antiviral drug

Nineteen drugmakers in India have signed sub-licence agreements with the United Nations-backed Medicines Patent Pool (MPP) to manufacture the generic version of Pfizer's oral COVID-19 antiviral nirmatrelvir, which is to be used in combination with ritonavir.

Defence Minister inaugurates Flight Control System Integration complex in Bengaluru

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated a seven-storeyed Flight Control System (FCS) Integration facility at Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a laboratory of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

India-Indonesia holds second security dialogue in Jakarta

The second India-Indonesia Security Dialogue (IISD) was held in Jakarta. It was co-chaired by National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Coordinating Minister for Political, Legal and Security Affairs of Indonesia, Mohammad Mahfud.

Deep ocean mission to study origins of life: MoES

India will soon search the ocean bed to unravel the mysteries of the origins of life as scientists are set to travel up to 6,000 m below the sea surface under a deep ocean mission (DOM).

Suspected poisoning kills 100 vultures

About 100 Himalayan griffon vultures, a "near threatened" species, have died of suspected poisoning in Assam's Kamrup district since Thursday night, prompting calls for the regulation of pesticide sale and stern action against those involved.

The Kashmir Files' director gets 'Y' category security

The Ministry of Home Affairs has granted Y-category security by CRPF to Vivek Agnihotri, director of the controversial movie The Kashmir Files, based on Intelligence inputs on "a threat to his life".

Border Road Organisation reopens strategic Kashmir-Leh highway

Indian Army's Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has created a record by reopening the Zoji La pass, the strategic gateway between Ladakh and Jammu and Kashmir, for traffic, just 73 days after its closure.

India, Japan sign six agreements in cyber-security, clean energy, infrastructure and urban development

India and Japan signed six agreements in the areas including cyber security, waste water management and clean energy after the 14th India-Japan Annual Summit in New Delhi.

NMDC, IIT Kharagpur Signs MoU for drone-based mineral exploration

The Country's largest iron core producer National Mineral Development Corporation limited company under the Ministry of Steel has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IIT Kharagpur for drone-based mineral exploration.

NITI Aayog to organize 5th Edition of Women Transforming India Awards on March 21

NITI Aayog's Women Entrepreneurship Platform will confer to seventy-five women in its fifth edition of the Women Transforming India Awards. The Awards will be conferred on seventy five women achievers to celebrate their contribution towards a Sashakt Aur Samarth Bharat.

Sharad Yadav merges his party with RJD

Former Union Minister and socialist leader Sharad Yadav merged his party, the Loktantrik Janata Dal, with the Rashtriya Janata Dal and pitched for coming together of all forces fighting the ruling party.

New Parliament building is 44% complete, says Ministry

The construction of the new Parliament building is 44% complete, while the redevelopment of the Central Vista Avenue had achieved 80% of the physical targets, the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry informed the Rajya Sabha.

29 stolen antiquities brought back to India from Australia

India has retrieved 29 stolen pieces of centuries-old artefacts from Australia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi reviewed them ahead of his virtual meet with his Australian counterpart Scott Morrison.

Manipur: N Biren Singh sworn in as chief minister for second term

N Biren Singh was sworn in as the chief minister of Manipur for the second consecutive term on Monday. The oath of office was administered by Manipur Governor La Ganesan at the Raj Bhawan in Imphal.

3rd edition of India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise begins in Yangiariq

The 3rd edition of joint training exercise between Indian and Uzbekistan armies, EX-DUSTLIK is being conducted at Yangiariq, Uzbekistan.

Cabinet approves Minimum Support Price of Raw Jute for 2022 -23 season

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Minimum Support Price, MSP for Raw Jute for 2022-23 season. The MSP of Raw Jute, TDN3 equivalent to TD5 grade has been fixed at 4750 rupees per quintal for 2022-23 season. This is an increase of 250 rupees over the previous year.

Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates Step-Up to End TB – World TB Day Summit on occasion of World TB Day

Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Step-Up to End TB-World TB Day Summit on the occasion of World TB Day on 24th of this month in New Delhi.

UGC announces all central universities will have mandatory entrance test from 2022-23

All central universities will have to admit students to undergraduate courses based on the Common University Entrance Test (CUET) and not Class 12 marks, the University Grants Commission (UGC) said.

Indians will soon go to Kailash Mansarovar via Uttarakhand says Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has said that Indian pilgrims will be able to travel to Kailash Mansarovar straight from Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand by the end of 2023.

Ministry of Civil Aviation & FICCI jointly organise s'WINGS INDIA 2022' from 24th to 27th March in Hyderabad

Ministry of Civil Aviation and FICCI jointly organised the Asia's largest event on Civil Aviation - WINGS INDIA 2022 - from 24th to 27th of this month at Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad. Theme of the event is "India@75: New Horizon for Aviation Industry."

Rape Is Rape, Marriage No License To Unleash Brutal Beast: Karnataka HC On Marital Rape

In a ground-breaking judgment in a case of marital rape, Karnataka High Court said marriage is not a license to "unleash a brutal beast". The court, while upholding charges against a husband accused of raping his wife.

India successfully test-fires surface to surface BrahMos supersonic cruise missile in Andaman and Nicobar

India has successfully test-fired surface to surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos in Andaman and Nicobar. The extended range missile hit its target with pinpoint accuracy.

Ayush Ministry to conduct first multicenter phase-3 clinical trial on the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis

Ayush Ministry is conducting the world's first multicenter phase -3 clinical trial examining the efficacy of Ayurveda in the treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis.

DD terrestrial service set to go off air

More than 1,200 Doordarshan Analogue Terrestrial TV (ATT) transmitters have been shut down in a phased manner as they had become obsolete, said Anurag Singh Thakur, the Minister of Information and Broadcasting.

All five Punjab AAP nominees elected to RS

All the five Aam Aadmi Party nominees for the Rajya Sabha polls have been elected unopposed from Punjab. The AAP had nominated former cricketer Harbhajan Singh, party leader Raghav Chadha, Lovely Professional University founder Ashok Mittal, IIT Delhi professor Sandeep Pathak and industrialist Sanjeev Arora for the March 31 elections.

India, U.K. end round two talks on FTA

India and the United Kingdom concluded a second round of negotiations towards a bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in London.

Treat ayurvedic doctors at par with allopathic counterparts: SC

The Supreme Court has held that both AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy) and allopathy doctors working in government hospitals are entitled to equal pay and discriminating between the two amounts to violation of right to equality under Article 14.

5G roll-out by end of year, says Centre

Spectrum auction will be conducted very soon, and the next generation 5G services are expected to commence before the end of the year, Minister of State for Communications Devusinh Chauhan said in the Rajya Sabha.

India crosses milestone of 50,000 ODF Plus villages

The country has crossed a milestone of 50 thousand open defecation-free (ODF) Plus villages. Among the top performing States are Telangana with 13 thousand 960 ODF Plus villages followed by Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh.

Government extends Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana by another six months

The Government has decided to continue the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, PM-GKAY by another six months till September 2022.

Defence Ministry approves setting up of 21 new Sainik Schools across country

Defence Ministry has approved setting up of 21 new Sainik Schools in partnership with NGOs, private schools and State Governments. These schools will be set up in the initial round of the Government's initiative of setting up of 100 new Sainik schools across the country in partnership mode.

Gujarat tops Niti Aayog's export index for second year in a row

Gujarat has topped Niti Aayog's Export Preparedness Index 2021 that aims to help evaluate states' and Union Territories' preparedness to export and take measures for improvement wherever possible.

Free trade agreement between India-UAE is expected to come into force from 1st May

The free trade agreement between India and the United Arab Emirates is expected to come into force from 1st May this year.

India successfully test-fires two MRSAMs off Odisha coast

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) conducted two successful flight tests of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) at Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha

Lok Sabha nod to include two tribes on Tripura ST list

The Lok Sabha passed a Bill to include the Darlong community as a sub-tribe of the Kuki tribe on the list of Scheduled Tribes of Tripura.

Punjab rolls out doorstep ration delivery scheme

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced the rollout of a scheme to deliver ration on people's doorstep across the state.

Gujarat gets India's first 'steel road

The Diamond City of India, Surat, has become the first in India to get a road that is made out of steel waste.

Meghalaya root bridges in UNESCO's tentative list of World Heritage Sites

Living Root Bridges, found in over 70 villages in Meghalaya have been included in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites of the UNESCO.

Centre puts Par-Tapi-Narmada linking project on hold

After strong protests from tribals in south Gujarat, the Centre applied the brakes on the Par-Tapi-Narmada river-link project that was proposed in the Union budget.

India To Build Nuclear Power Plants In "Fleet Mode" From 2023

India plans to start construction of ten 'fleet mode' nuclear reactors over the next three years, with the first pour of concrete for a 700 MW atomic power station in Karnataka's Kaiga slated for 2023.

Navy commissions second P-8I squadron INAS 316 'Condors' in Goa

Indian Navy commissioned its second P-8I aircraft squadron into the Navy, in a ceremony conducted at INS Hansa, Goa.

President of India present 3rd National Water Awards and launches the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: catch the rain campaign 2022

The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presented the third National Water Awards and launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign 2022 in New Delhi. Uttar Pradesh topped among all Indian states in terms of water conservation. Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu secured the second and third place, respectively.

Centre approves over ₹433 crores Legacy Waste Remediation proposal of Maharashtra

Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has approved over 433 crore rupees for 28 Urban Local bodies in Maharashtra to effectively managing the Solid Waste Management.

Cabinet approves over ₹6062 crore, World Bank assisted programme on Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance

The Union Cabinet approved over Six thousand 62 crore rupees, World Bank assisted programme on Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance RAMP.

India test fires two Medium Range Surface- to- Air Missile Army weapon system off Odisha coast

India today carried out two successful test firings of the Medium Range Surface- to- Air Missile Army weapon system from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

I&B Ministry directs merger of film media units under NFDC

Information and Broadcasting Ministry has transferred the mandate of production of documentaries and short films, organization of film festivals and preservation of films to the National Film Development Corporation, NFDC, a Public sector undertaking working under the Ministry.

Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi launches auction of 122 Coal/ Lignite Mines Including 18 New Mines

Coal and Mines Minister Pralhad Joshi today launched auction of 122 Coal and Lignite Mines Including 18 New Mines.

Lok Sabha passes Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022

The Lok Sabha has passed the Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2022. The Bill seeks to further amend the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957 and proposes to unify the three existing Municipal Corporations of Delhi into one Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

Deadline to link PAN with Aadhaar ends on March 31

The deadline to link a permanent account number (PAN) with Aadhaar ended on March 31. Default will invite a penalty of 1,000 rupees.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Buch named SEBI's first woman chief

Former banker Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as the new chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) — the first-ever woman to head the capital markets regulator.

Russian ruble plunges nearly 30% against dollar amid sanctions over Ukraine conflict

Russian ruble plunges nearly 30% against the dollar amid sanctions over Ukraine conflict. The Bank of Russia said it raised the rate to 20% from 9.5% to help cushion the impact of the rouble's slide.

Exports of Electronic Goods sees jump of 88 pc since 2013-14

India's export of electronic goods rose by almost 88 percent from 6,600 million dollars in 2013-14 to 12,400 million in 2021-22.

Google unveils 'Play Pass' subscription

Google announced the introduction of 'Play Pass' subscription service in India that will provide Android device users access to more than 1,000 applications and games without ads, in-app purchases and upfront payments.

Core sector growth moderates to 3.7%

India's output from all eight core infrastructure sectors surpassed pre-pandemic production levels this January, even as the pace of growth slowed marginally to 3.7% from a 4.1% uptick recorded in December 2021.

Biocon arm to acquire Viatri's biosimilars unit

Biocon subsidiary Biocon Biologics Ltd (BBL) has entered into a definitive agreement with its partner Viatri's Inc to acquire Viatri's biosimilars business for \$3.34 billion.

GST collection crosses 1.30 lakh crore mark in February

Finance Ministry said that more than one lakh 33 thousand crore rupees Gross GST Revenue was collected during the month of February which is 18 percent higher than the GST revenues in the same month last year.

Ashneer Grover quits as BharatPe MD

Fintech firm BharatPe's MD Ashneer Grover resigned minutes after receiving an upcoming board meeting agenda, which included consideration of action against him based on the report submitted by advisory firm PwC.

Investments via P-note drop to ₹87,989 cr.

Investments in capital market through participatory notes (P-notes) dropped to ₹87,989 crore at the end of January.

Mankind Pharma to acquire Panacea's formulations brands for ₹1,872 cr.

Mankind Pharma will be acquiring pharmaceutical formulations brands of Panacea Biotec subsidiary Panacea Biotec Pharma, in India and Nepal, for ₹1,872 crore.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman launches major e-governance initiative- Electronic Bill processing system

Finance Minister Sitharaman launched a major e-governance initiative - the Electronic Bill processing system as part of ease of doing business and Digital India eco-system on the occasion of 46th Civil Accounts Day celebration in New Delhi.

EU bans seven Russian banks from SWIFT

The European Union has banned seven Russian banks from the Society for world wide interbank financial telecommunication (SWIFT) global system that underpins cross-border payments.

RBI cancels licence of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cancelled the licence of Sarjeraodada Naik Shirala Sahakari Bank in Maharashtra, citing weak financials.

RIL, Sanmina to set up JV in manufacturing

Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd. (RSBVL), has agreed to set up a joint venture with the U.S.-based Sanmina Corp., an electronics manufacturing solutions provider, through an investment in Sanmina's Indian arm Sanmina SCI India Private Ltd.

YouTube creators contributed ₹6,800 cr. to economy in 2020

The creator ecosystem at YouTube contributed an estimated ₹6,800 crore to the Indian GDP and generated more than 6.83 lakh full-time equivalent jobs in India in 2020.

Hero MotoCorp unveils new brand 'Vida' for emerging mobility solutions

Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, has unveiled a brand called Vida for its emerging mobility solutions, including upcoming Electric Vehicles (EV).

BMW rolls out 100,000th Made-in-India car from Tamil Nadu plant

German luxury car maker BMW has rolled out the 1,00,000th Made-in-India car manufactured at its facility at neighbouring Singaperumalkoil.

Aviation veteran Sanjiv Kapoor appointed CEO of Jet Airways

Jet Airways has appointed Sanjiv Kapoor as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), with the appointment effective from April 4, as they are set to restart their operations this summer.

China sets GDP growth target at 'around 5.5%' in 2022

China announced a growth target for the country's economy of "around 5.5%" in 2022, with a plan to stabilize the economy amid the global turmoil over the Ukraine crisis.

Visa and Mastercard suspend operations in Russia over Ukraine issue

US payments firms Visa and Mastercard said they are suspending operations in Russia over the Ukraine issue.

Reliance Industries opens country's 'largest biz, commerce hub' in Mumbai

Reliance Industries (RIL) announced the opening of the country's largest business, commerce and cultural destination the Jio World Centre — spread across 18.5 acres at Bandra Kurla Complex in Mumbai.

India increasing ethanol storage, targets 20% blended gasoline by 2025

India's state-run fuel retailers are increasing their ethanol storage capacity by 51% as the nation targets to double the biofuel's blending with gasoline to 20% by 2025.

CredAvenue joins the unicorn club with \$137 mn Series B funding

Fintech start-up CredAvenue has joined the unicorn club with a Series B funding round of \$137 million from New York-based global private equity and venture capital firm Insight Partners, B Capital Group, and Dragoneer, along with the participation from existing investors.

PayPal shuts down its services in Russia citing Ukraine aggression

Payments company PayPal Holdings Inc shut down its services in Russia, citing "the current circumstances," joining many financial and tech companies in suspending operations there after the invasion of Ukraine.

Govt sets target to increase coal production to 1,000 million tonnes from current level of 600 million tonnes

Union Minister of State for Coal Raosaheb Patil Danve has said that the government has set a target to increase the coal production to one thousand million tonnes from the current level of 600 million tonnes.

Sebi raises investment limit via UPI to ₹5 lakh for retail investors

Sebi increased the investment limit for payments through UPI mechanism for retail investors buying debt securities in public issues to ₹5 lakh from ₹2 lakh at present in its effort to bring ease of investment for investors.

RBI accepts \$5.135 bn in USD/INR sell-buy swap auction

The Reserve Bank of India has accepted USD 5.135 billion in USD/INR sell-buy swap auction conducted against the notified amount of USD 5 billion.

RBI launches UPI123pay and 24x7 helpline for digital payments in Mumbai

RBI launched the UPI123pay for feature phones and also launched a 24x7 helpline for digital payments in Mumbai. This new initiative will facilitate use of UPI with text and allow feature phone users to seamlessly perform various financial and non-financial transactions. The 24x7 helpline will give an opportunity to provide solutions to various queries about digital payments.

Ukraine bans exports of wheat, oats, other staples

Ukraine's government has banned the export of wheat, oats and other staples that are crucial for global food supplies as authorities try to ensure they can feed people during Russia's intensifying war.

SBI MD Bhatia appointed as SEBI member

The Centre has appointed State Bank of India (SBI) managing director Ashwani Bhatia as a whole time member (WTM) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

NaBFID to be regulated as AIFI under RBI Act

The Reserve Bank said that The National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) will be regulated and supervised as an All India Financial Institution by it under the RBI Act, 1934.

SBI plans to launch revamped digital banking platform 'ONLY YONO'

State Bank of India (SBI) plans to launch a complete Digital Bank by revamping its digital banking platform 'YONO' as 'ONLY YONO.'

Russia suspends fertiliser exports

Russia has decided to "temporarily suspend fertilizers exports," the Russian Industry Minister announced. In early February, Russia banned ammonium nitrate exports, as it also accounts for 14% of the global urea market and 21% of the Potash market.

Indian firms' outward FDI plunges 67%

India Inc.'s direct overseas investment declined 67% to \$753.61 million in February this year, Reserve Bank of India data showed.

India's gold imports bounced back to 1,067 tonnes in 2021: GJEPC

India's gold imports bounced back to 1,067.72 tonnes in 2021 from 430.11 tonnes during 2020 when the demand was hit due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gem Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) said.

RBI bars Paytm Payments Bank from acquiring customers, calls for IT audit

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has barred Paytm Payments Bank (Paytm PB) from onboarding new customers with immediate effect because of certain supervisory concerns.

India GDP growth forecast cut to 7.9 per cent: Morgan Stanley

Morgan Stanley has cut India's GDP forecast for the fiscal year beginning April 1 by 50 basis points to 7.9 per cent, .

Bombay Stock Exchange's SME Platform completes 10 Years

Bombay Stock Exchange's (BSE) SME Platform has completed 10 Years. A special function was held in Mumbai to celebrate the occasion.

Microfinance firms can fix interest, says RBI

The Reserve Bank of India has removed pricing curbs on microfinance loans given by financial institutions, the central bank said in a circular setting out fresh guidelines for microfinancing.

Tata Sons chief to chair Air India

N. Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Sons, has been appointed Chairman of Air India by the airline's board.

Retail inflation climbs to 6.07%

India's retail inflation inched up to an eight-month high of 6.07% in February from 6.01% in January, with rural India experiencing a sharper price rise at 6.38%.

February wholesale price inflation quickens to 13.11%

Inflation in wholesale prices resurged to 13.11% in February after two months of mild cooling off, staying above the 10% mark for the eleventh month in a row, as per official data.

Govt. seeks nod for extra spending of ₹1.07 lakh cr.

The Union government sought Parliament approval for net additional spending of more than ₹1.07 lakh crore, including about ₹15,000 crores towards fertilizer subsidy, in the third batch of supplementary demands for the current fiscal year.

Govt plans to float EoI for its stake sale in IDBI Bank next month

The Union government plans to invite expression of interest to sell its stake in LIC-controlled IDBI Bank by the next month-end. As part of the divestment, the government plans to sell its entire 45.48 per cent stake eventually.

India's overall exports estimated to be over 601 Billion dollars in April to Feb 2021-22

Commerce and Industry Ministry said, the country's overall exports in April to February 2021-22 are estimated to be over 601 billion dollar, exhibiting a positive growth of over 36 per cent over the same period last year.

Govt. approves PLI plan for 75 auto parts firms

The Centre had approved applications by 75 firms, such as Maruti Suzuki, Hero MotoCorp, Bosch, Hero Cycles, Minda Corporation and Toyota Kirloskar Auto Parts, under the 'Component Champion Incentive Scheme', under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for the auto sector.

PLI scheme for Automobile, Auto Component Industry attracts investment of ₹74,850 cr

The Production Linked Incentive, PLI Scheme for Automobile and Auto Component Industry in India has been successful in attracting proposed investment of 74 thousand 850 crore rupees against the target estimate of investment 42 thousand 500 crore rupees over a period of five years.

Bangladesh top in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies

Bangladesh tops the list in South Asia in terms of women on board of listed companies, says a study conducted by International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Dhaka Stock Exchange (DSE).

US Fed Reserve hikes interest rates by a quarter percentage point to curb inflation

The US Federal Reserve raised interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point and projected its policy rate would hit a range between 1.75% and 2% by year's end in a newly aggressive stance against inflation that will push borrowing costs to restrictive levels in 2023.

Amazon, Future agree to arbitration

Amazon and Future group prima facie agreed in the Supreme Court to resume proceedings before an arbitral tribunal in a dispute over Future's ₹24,500-crore deal to sell its retail business to Reliance.

2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List: Mukesh Ambani claims 'Richest Indian & Asian' title

Reliance Industries Limited Chairman Mukesh Ambani took home the 'Richest Man in India and Asia' title, with a jump of whopping 24 per cent in his wealth, according to the Hurun India 2022's Global Rich List. The list is topped by Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos and Bernard Arnault.

Indian brand features in the Top 250, fifth year in a row

Reliance Retail has secured the second position in the list of Fastest 50 retailers, according to the latest Deloitte

report. Reliance Retail, ranked 56th on the Top 250 list based on the retail revenue growth for FY2020. Walmart continues to lead the list.

Ukraine war could cut 1% off global growth: OECD

The Ukraine crisis could knock more than a percentage point off global growth this year and add two-and-a-half percentage points to inflation, the OECD estimated, calling for targeted government spending increases in response.

Russian central bank flags economic contraction

Russia's central bank kept its key interest rate at 20% on following an emergency rate increase in late February designed to support financial stability and warned of higher inflation and an economic contraction.

Japan to invest 3.2 lakh crore rupees in India over next 5 years

Japan to invest 3.2 lakh crore rupees in India over the next five years. Mr Modi said, Japan's cooperation in India's flagship projects such as the Dedicated Freight Corridor and the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail has been remarkable.

India's forex reserves decline 1.53% by \$9.65 bn to \$622.27 bn

The country's foreign exchange reserves declined USD 9.646 billion to USD 622.275 billion in the week ended March 11, according to the latest data from the RBI.

FPIs pull out nearly ₹48,000 cr from Indian capital markets so far in March

Continuing their selling spree for the sixth straight month, foreign investors have pulled out nearly 48,000 crore rupees from the Indian capital markets so far in March.

Maize exports jump nearly six fold in last three years despite Covid-19 pandemic

The export of maize has touched 816.31 million dollars in the first ten months of the current fiscal. It has already exceeded the 634.85 million dollars achieved during the last financial year.

Suzuki plans to invest ₹10,440 cr. in Gujarat

Japanese automobile major Suzuki Motor Corporation (SMC) would invest about 150 billion yen (approximately ₹10,440 crore) by 2026 for local manufacturing of electric vehicles (EVs) and batteries for them, in Gujarat.

Sri Lanka turns to China for further \$2.5 bn assistance

Sri Lanka has sought a new loan and buyer's credit from China for \$2.5 billion as the island nation struggles to cope with one of its worst economic meltdowns, days after Colombo obtained a billion-dollar credit line from New Delhi.

Defence Acquisition Council clears procurement of items worth over 380 crore rupees from startups, MSMEs
Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), under the chairmanship of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has cleared the procurement of 14 items worth over 380 crore rupees from the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) startups or MSMEs.

Fitch cuts India's FY23 growth forecast to 8.5% from 10.3%

Fitch Ratings lowered its 2022-23 growth forecast for India to 8.5%, from 10.3%, citing sharply higher energy prices that would spur inflation beyond 7% as the country's oil companies passed on the higher prices to retail consumers.

Gurugram-based Couple Mints to own unicorns within a year

An Indian couple became the country's first husband and wife to build their respective startups into enterprises with at least \$1 billion valuation. Oxyzo Financial Services, a digital lending startup co-founded by

Ruchi Kalra hit the milestone with its maiden fundraising round of \$200 million, her husband Asish Mohapatra's Of Business reached the same valuation after backing from SoftBank Group Corp. and others.

India scripts history by achieving highest ever goods export target of 400 billion US dollars within single year

India has scripted history by achieving an ambitious target of 400 billion dollars of goods export within a single year. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that is for the first time in history that India has crossed 400 billion dollars in merchandise exports.

Gold imports fell in FY21 to 651.24 tonnes

India imported 651.24 tonnes of gold in financial year 2020-21 as compared with 719.94 tonnes in the year-earlier period, the union government said.

Reserve Bank unveils hub for innovation

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) inaugurated its innovation hub in Bengaluru with former Infosys chief Kris Gopalakrishnan as its chairman. It has been setup with an initial capital contribution of ₹100 crore to encourage financial innovation through an institutional set-up.

SBI group gets RBI nod to increase stake in ICICI Bank to 9.99%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved SBI Mutual Fund, along with other SBI group companies, to hold a 9.99% stake in ICICI Bank – the country's second largest lender.

SBI, 5 HFCs ink co-lending pact for home loans

State Bank of India (SBI) had entered into a co-lending agreement with five housing finance companies (HFCs) for advancing home loans. The arrangement was done with PNB Housing Finance, IIFL Home Finance, Shriram Housing Finance, Edelweiss Housing Finance, and Capri Global Housing Finance.

90 startups in India have attained Unicorn status, an overall valuation exceeds 1 billion US dollars

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said India ranks third among global eco-systems. Mr. Goyal informed that 90 startups in India have attained Unicorn status, that is, an overall valuation exceeding one billion US dollars.

GeM attains annual procurement of INR 1 Lakh crore in FY 2021-22

Government e-Marketplace, GeM has attained an annual procurement of one lakh crore rupees within 2021-22. This represents a 160 percent growth compared to last Financial Year.

Over 8000 cr digital payment transactions reported during current financial year: Govt

The Union government has said that more than eight thousand crore digital payment transactions have been reported in the country during the current financial year.

CSB Bank appoints Pralay Mondal as interim MD & CEO from Apr. 1

CSB Bank appointed its current deputy Managing Director, Pralay Mondal, as the interim Managing Director (MD) & CEO for a period of 3 months from 1 April.

Anil Ambani Resigns As Director Of Reliance Power, Reliance Infrastructure

Reliance Group Chairman Anil Ambani resigned as director of Reliance Power and Reliance Infrastructure, following markets regulator SEBI order restraining him from associating with any listed company.

India's online higher education space to be a \$5-bn market by calendar 2025: RedSeer

Online higher education is emerging as the fastest-growing sub-segment of edtech, according to a report by consulting firm RedSeer.

RBI sets geo-tagging rules for payment touch points
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a framework for geo-tagging of payment system touch points, issuing instructions to bank and non bank payment system operators to maintain and submit to it the geographical locations of their touch points on a regular basis.

Emami acquires Dermicool prickly heat talc brand from Reckitt for ₹432 cr

Emami, announced the acquisition of “Dermicool” – one of the leading brands in the prickly heat powder and cool talc segment – from Reckitt for a total consideration of ₹432 crore.

PVR and Inox Leisure set to merge to create largest multiplex chain in India

In a move that will create the largest multiplex chain in the country, PVR Ltd and INOX Leisure announced a deal to merge their operations. The new combined entity called PVR INOX Ltd that will operate 1,546 screens across 341 properties.

Ola acquires Avail Finance, a company led by CEO's brother

Ola has entered into an agreement to acquire Avail Finance, a fintech company founded by the brother of the ride hailing platform's CEO Bhavish Aggarwal.

About 5,200 firms declared as NPAs

More than 5,200 companies having credit exposure of ₹5 crore or above were categorised as non-performing assets (NPAs) or bad loans on the banks' books as of December 31, 2021.

Kalyan Jewellers appoints ex-CAG Vinod Rai as its chairman

Kalyan Jewellers India Ltd appointed former CAG Vinod Rai as its Chairman and independent non-executive director.

Microsoft introduces cybersecurity skill drive

Microsoft has introduced a cybersecurity skills development campaign in 23 geographies, including India, to address the alarming shortage of Internet security professionals.

India buys Russian sunflower at record price

India has contracted 45,000 tonnes of Russian sunflower oil at a record-high price for shipments in April as edible oil prices in the local market surged after supplies from rival Ukraine stopped.

Virat Kohli tops celebrity brand rankings for fifth straight year

Virat Kohli has emerged as the most valued celebrity in India for the fifth year in a row, topping the Duff & Phelps Celebrity Brand Valuation Report 2021 despite seeing a dip in his brand value to \$185.7 million last year from a high of \$237.7 million in 2020.

Centre extends import of Tur and Urad under free category for another year

Centre has extended import of Tur and Urad under free category for another year till 31st March 2023. The measure will ensure seamless import of these pulses to augment the domestic availability.

Russia insists on payment in rouble

Russia reiterated that it will only be accepting payment for gas deliveries to the EU in rouble after G7 Ministers called this arrangement “unacceptable”.

Public sector banks sufficiently capitalised, says MoS Finance

The Union government has infused capital amounting to ₹2,86,043 crore in public sector banks (PSBs) during the last five years and they are sufficiently capitalised, Parliament was informed.

Japan to deprive Russia of Most-Favored Nation status in trade

Japan has decided to deprive Russia of the status of a Most-Favored Nation in connection with the events in Ukraine, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said

India-China bilateral trade in year of 2021 increased by 43.31%

India-China bilateral trade in the year of 2021 increased by 43.31% year on year to reach US\$ 125.62 billion. India's exports to China increased by 34.28% year on year to reach US\$28.03 billion, while India's imports from China witnessed an increase by 46.14% to reach US\$97.59 billion.

Google Pay unveils 'Tap to Pay' for UPI payments

Google Pay announced collaboration with Pine Labs to unveil 'Tap to Pay' for UPI payments, a feature earlier available only for card payments.

Axis to buy Citi's India consumer arm for \$1.6 bn

Axis Bank said it would acquire Citigroup's India consumer business, which includes credit cards, retail banking, wealth management and consumer loans, for up to ₹12,325 crore (\$1.6 billion).

AWARDS

Prof Dhar first Indian to get Boltzmann Medal

The prestigious Boltzmann Medal for the year 2022 has been awarded to Prof Deepak Dhar from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Pune (IISER Pune). He shared the award with American scientist John Hopfield.

Bangladeshi environmental lawyer Rizwana Hasan to get US International Women of Courage Award for 2022

A Bangladeshi environmental lawyer Rizwana Hasan has been selected for the International Women of Courage (IWOC) Award for 2022. She is among the 12 women from around the world who will be honoured by the US Department of State with the award for showing exceptional courage and leadership to make a difference in their communities.

The Hindu Group wins 'Publisher of the Year' title

The Hindu Group Publishing Private Ltd. has been named the “Publisher of the Year” for the second consecutive year at the WAN-IFRA South Asian Digital Media Awards, 2021 with the highest number of tallies on the points table.

Sahitya Akademi Awards- 2021 conferred to 24 eminent writers, playwrights and novelists

As many as twenty-four eminent writers, playwrights and novelists have been conferred the Sahitya Akademi Awards- 2021 in New Delhi. These awards have been provided for best writings in twenty-four Indian languages.

Shreyas is ICC's player of February

India batter Shreyas Iyer was voted the ICC Men's Player-of-the-Month for February, while New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr bagged the women's award.

Bangladesh to confer its highest civilian award on 10 individuals, one institution

The government of Bangladesh announced the nomination for its highest civilian award-Independence Award for 2022. Ten individuals and one institution have been selected for the award.

Diebedo Francis Kere: The first African to win architecture's top award Pritzker Prize

Burkina Faso-born architect, Diebedo Francis Kere, has become the first African to win the prestigious 2022 Pritzker Prize, which is often referred to as the Nobel Prize of architecture.

Karnataka Bank receives MSME award

Karnataka Bank has bagged the "Best MSME Bank of the year – Winner" award among private sector banks at the 8th MSMEs Excellence Awards Ceremony and Summit of ASSOCHAM held recently in New Delhi.

Bank of Maharashtra bags best bank award from Kerala bankers' body

Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has received the best bank award at the national level under the public sector category from State Forum of Bankers' Clubs Kerala (SFBCK).

American mathematician Sullivan wins Abel prize

The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters has awarded the Abel prize for the year 2022 to American Mathematician Dennis Parnell Sullivan.

Ram Nath Kovind presents President's Colour to INS Valsura

President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the prestigious President's Colour to Indian Naval Ship- INS Valsura in Jamnagar- Gujarat. The President's Colour is bestowed on a military unit in recognition of exceptional service rendered to the nation, both in peace and in war.

Oscar awards 2022

Best Picture: CODA

Best Director: Jane Campion, The Power of the Dog

Best Actress in a Leading Role: Jessica Chastain, The Eyes of Tammy Faye

Best Actor in a Leading Role: Will Smith, King Richard

Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Ariana DeBose, West Side Story

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Troy Kotsur, CODA

Best Original Screenplay: Kenneth Branagh, Belfast

Best Adapted Screenplay: Siân Heder, CODA

Best Cinematography: Greg Fraser, Dune

Best Film Editing: Joe Walker, Dune

Best Animated Feature: Encanto

Best International Feature: Drive My Car (Japan)

Best Documentary Feature: Summer of Soul

Best Original Score: Hans Zimmer, Dune

Best Original Song: "No Time to Die" from No Time to Die — Music and Lyric by Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell

Best Sound: Mac Ruth, Mark Mangini, Theo Green, Doug Hemphill, and Ron Bartlett, Dune

Best Costume Design: Jenny Beavan, Cruella

Best Makeup and Hairstyling: Linda Dowds, Stephanie Ingram and Justin Raleigh, The Eyes of Tammy Faye

Best Production Design: Dune — Production Design: Patrice Vermette; Set Decoration: Zsuzsanna Sipos

Best Visual Effects: Paul Lambert, Tristan Myles, Brian Connor, and Gerd Nefzer, Dune

Saikhom Mirabai Chanu wins the BBC ISWOTY award

Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu has been announced the winner of the third edition of the BBC Indian Sportswoman of The Year award.

'BBC Emerging Player' award has been presented to cricketer Shafali Verma

Weight lifter Karnam Malleswari has been presented the BBC Lifetime Achievement award.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Serdar Berdymukhamedov

Serdar Berdymukhamedov, the son of Turkmenistan's incumbent President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov was declared winner of the recently concluded elections.

Gabriel Boric Font

Gabriel Boric Font has been appointed as the new and 36th President of Chile. The 36-year-old leftist is the youngest leader to hold the office in Chile's history.

Yoon Suk-yeol

In South Korea, opposition candidate Yoon Suk Yeol, a conservative former top prosecutor has been elected as country's new President.

Raj Subramaniam

Indian American Raj Subramaniam would be the new Chief Executive Officer of FedEx, according to an announcement made by the US multinational courier delivery giant.

Pushkar Singh Dhani

Pushkar Singh Dhani has taken oath as the Uttarakhand Chief Minister, beginning his second term.

Yogi Adityanath

Yogi Adityanath took oath as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh for the second consecutive term at a grand ceremony in Lucknow.

Bhagwant Mann

Bhagwant Mann, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader took oath as Punjab's 17th Chief Minister. He has become the first non-Congress and non-Akali leader to make it to the chief minister's office since 1966.

Pramod Sawant

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and three-time MLA Pramod Sawant was sworn-in as Goa's Chief Minister for the second time.

Karolina Bielawska

Karolina Bielawska from Poland won the title of international beauty pageant Miss World 2021. Indian American Shree Saini from the United States bagged the first runner-up title.

Gilbert F. Hougbo

The International Labour Organization's (ILO) next Director-General will be Gilbert F. Hougbo from Togo. He will be the 11th Director-General of the ILO, and the first African to hold the post.

Ashish Jha

Ashish Jha, an Indian-origin physician and public health specialist from Brown University, has been appointed the new White House COVID-19 Response Coordinator.

T.S.Tirumurti

Amid the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, the Indian government has decided to extend the tenure of India's envoy to the United Nations T.S. Tirumurti for three months.

Jayati Ghosh

Indian development economist Jayati Ghosh has been appointed by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to a new high-level advisory board on effective multilateralism.

Emmanuel Macron

French President Emmanuel Macron has announced that he will run for a second term in April's presidential election.

Mark Vande Hei

NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei returned to Earth recently, after spending a record-breaking 355 days in low-Earth orbit.

Mukul Arya

India's representative to Palestine, Mukul Arya, was found dead inside the Indian Mission in Ramallah. Arya, a 2008-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, had earlier served in the Indian embassies in Kabul, Moscow.

Eugene Parker

Eugene Parker, a physicist who theorized the existence of solar wind and became the first person to witness the launch of a spacecraft bearing his name (Parker Solar Probe mission), has died.

Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga

The former Prime Minister of Mali, Soumeylou Boubèye Maïga, died at 67 years old in Bamako, where he was in detention in a case of alleged fraud.

Madeleine Albright

Madeleine Albright, who came to the United States as a child refugee and rose to be the first female secretary of state, shaping American foreign policy at the end of the 20th century, has died.

Ramesh Chandra Lahoti

Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ramesh Chandra Lahoti died. He was appointed the 35th CJI on June 1, 2004. He was a former independent director on the board of directors of the Press Trust of India.

Taylor Hawkins

Drummer Taylor Hawkins of the multi-Grammy award-winning rock group the Foo Fighters has died.

Stephen Wilhite

Stephen Wilhite, the inventor behind one of the most iconic forms of modern communication has died. He created the GIF, the compressed image files were useful at a time when internet connections dragged.

BB Gurung

Former Chief Minister of Sikkim BB Gurung passed away. He sworn-in as Sikkim CM in 1984 and was in office for just 13 days.

Rod Marsh

Legendary Australia wicketkeeper Rod Marsh has died. He effected 355 dismissals - a world record at the time of his retirement - in 96 Test appearances for Australia from 1970 to 1984.

S.F. Rodrigues

General Sunith Francis Rodrigues (retd), who headed the Indian Army between 1990 and 1993 and served as the governor of Punjab between 2004 and 2010, passed away.

Shane Warne

Australian cricket legend Shane Warne has died after a suspected heart attack in Koh Samui, Thailand. Warne is widely considered one of the best players in history, having taken 708 wickets in 145 Test matches.

Rahul Mankad

Rahul Mankad, the former Mumbai batter who was also the last surviving son of legendary cricketer MH, alias Vinoo, Mankad, passed away.

SPORTS

FIFA and UEFA suspend Russia from all competitions until further notice

FIFA and UEFA have suspended Russian national teams and clubs from all international soccer competitions until further notice.

Pooja Jatyan wins silver at Para Archery World Championships

Para archer Pooja Jatyan scripted history as she became the first Indian to win a silver in an individual section of the Para Archery World Championships 2022 in Dubai.

Saurabh Chaudhary bags Gold medal in 10m Air Pistol

In Shooting, Saurabh Chaudhary has clinched India's first gold medal at the International Sports Federation World Cup in Cairo, Egypt.

South Africa draw Test series

South Africa outwitted and outplayed New Zealand in a crushing 198-run second Test victory to draw the two-match series 1-1.

Chess: Divya is new champion

Divya Deshmukh played out an 18-move draw with Soumya Swaminathan following a three-fold repetition of moves to claim her maiden MPL National women's chess title.

12th ICC Women's World Cup begins in New Zealand

The 12th ICC Women's Cricket World Cup has begun from 4th March in New Zealand. Eight countries will battle it out in 31 matches over 31 days at six cities of the Island nation.

Russian, Belarusian athletes barred from 2022 Winter Paralympic Games

The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) banned athletes from Russia and Belarus from competing in the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympics which opened on 4th March 2022.

India bags women's air pistol team gold

The trio of Esha Singh, Ruchita Vinerkar and Shri Nivetha won the women's air pistol team gold in the shooting World Cup.

Mithali Raj becomes first woman to play in six World Cups

Indian women cricket captain, Mithali Raj has become the first woman to appear in six World Cups. She is the only third cricketer overall to play six world cup after Sachin Tendulkar and Javed Miandad.

Indian women's 25m pistol team of Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh, Rhythm Sangwan bags Gold medal in Egypt

Indian women's 25m pistol team of Rahi Sarnobat, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan won the gold medal by beating Singapore 17-13 in the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World cup in Cairo, Egypt.

Mohali Test: India beat Sri Lanka by an innings and 222 runs

India registered a thumping win against Sri Lanka in the first test match at Mohali by an innings and 222 runs to take a 1-0 lead in the 2 match test series. India's ace off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin also took his 435th Test wicket to become the second-highest wicket-taker in the longest format for India.

Enea Bastianini storms to first MotoGP win in Qatar

Italian Bastianini finished ahead of Red Bull KTM's Brad Binder and Honda's Pol Espargaro came third, ahead of his elder brother Aleix on the Aprilia.

Pramod Bhagat wins three golds

Paralympics champion Pramod Bhagat clinched gold in all the categories he participated in the Spanish Para badminton International II that concluded in Vitoria.

Rhythm & Anish clinch the gold

Rhythm Sangwan and Anish Bhanwala gave a golden finish for India as they won the mixed rapid fire pistol event with a 17-7 victory over Thailand in the shooting World Cup in Egypt.

Lovlina gets selected for the World championships

Lovlina Borgohain defeated Arundhati Choudhary 7-0 in the 70kg trials to make it to the Indian squad for the women's World championship to be held in Istanbul in May.

Jadeja tops Test all-rounders' chart

Ravindra Jadeja has returned to the top of the MRF Tyres ICC Men's Test All-Rounder Rankings, leapfrogging team-mate Ravichandran Ashwin and West Indies' Jason Holder to the top spot.

Tiger Woods inducted into Hall of Fame

Top golfer Tiger Woods was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame at the PGA Tour headquarters in Florida.

U.K. imposes sanctions on Chelsea Club owner

Chelsea Football Club's Russian Owner Roman Abramovich was hit with a U.K. assets freeze and travel ban.

Australia to replace suspended Russian team in Billie Jean King Cup Finals – ITF

Australia will replace the suspended Russian team for the Billie Jean King Cup Finals, governing body International Tennis Federation (ITF) said.

Lakshya loses to Vitidsarn in German Open final
Lakshya Sen lost to Thailand's rising star Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the summit clash of German Open Super 300 badminton tournament.

India scripts series win with a pink-ball demolition job
India defeated Sri Lanka with a thumping 238-run victory in the second and final Test at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium. The 2-0 series win followed the 3-0 sweep of the T20I series

Para badminton: Manasi, Nithya add to gold tally
Manasi G. Joshi and Nithya Sree claimed a gold each, while Tokyo Paralympics champion Pramod Bhagat secured two silvers and a bronze at the Spanish Para Badminton International-I in Cartagena, Spain. In all, India tallied 21 medals, including six golds, seven silvers and eight bronze medals.

Vishwanath, Vanshaj win gold
Vishwanath Suresh (48kg) and Vanshaj (63.5kg) clinched gold medals in the men's youth competition as the Indian contingent concluded its campaign with a whopping 39 medals, including 15 gold, at the Asian youth and junior boxing championships in Amman, Jordan.

India to host FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 in Chennai
India has won the bid to host the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 in Chennai. It was originally scheduled to be held in Russia. But the FIDE recently announced that it pulled out from there following the Ukraine invasion.

Chess: Prraneeth is latest IM
V. Prraneeth of Telangana became the latest International Master when he achieved the mandatory third IM norm in the final round of the First Saturday round-robin tournament in Budapest (Hungary).

Babar scripts Pakistan's great escape
Pakistan captain Babar Azam hit a career-best 196 before the tailenders hung in to escape with a draw in the second Test against Australia.

Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani wins Asian Billiards Championship for the eighth time
Ace Indian cueist Pankaj Advani lifted his eighth title at the 19th Asian Billiards Championship 2022 in Doha, Qatar after beating compatriot Dhruv Sitwala 6-2. This is Advani's 24th international title and 8th Asian crown.

All England Open Badminton Championship: Viktor Axelsen beat Lakshya Sen
In Badminton, World No.1 Viktor Axelsen defeated Lakshya Sen 21-10, 21-15 in the men's singles final of All England Open Badminton Championship in Birmingham.

Paralympian Dharambir to lead Indian team in 13th Fazza International Championships World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai
A 29-member Indian team, led by Paralympian Dharambir, will take part in the 13th Fazza International Championships World Para Athletics Grand Prix beginning in Dubai.

Rojas sets triple jump World record
Venezuela's Yulimar Rojas bettered her own women's triple jump World record with a leap of 15.74 metres to win gold at the World Indoor Championships on Sunday.

Hyderabad FC crowned ISL champions after beating Kerala Blasters on penalties
Goalkeeper Laxmikant Kattimani made three stunning saves as Hyderabad FC clinched their maiden Indian Super League title after defeating Kerala Blasters in penalty shoot-out in the summit clash.

Charles Leclerc wins Bahrain GP
Charles Leclerc of Ferrari won a dramatic Formula One season-opening Bahrain Grand Prix after reigning champion Max Verstappen was forced out with an electrical issue

Ash Barty retires from tennis at age 25
Ashleigh Barty surprisingly retired from tennis at age 25 while ranked No. 1 and less than two months after winning the Australian Open for her third Grand Slam singles title. She was the Wimbledon junior champion at age 15 in 2011.

Indian para-athlete Dharambir sets new Asian record, wins silver medal in Dubai

Indian para-athlete Dharambir has set a new Asian record in the men's club throw F32/51 event, winning a silver in the ongoing 13th Fazza International Para Athletics Championships in Dubai.

Lakshya Sen enters Top 10 of World Badminton Federation Rankings in Men's singles

In Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Rankings, Lakshya Sen entered the Top 10 in Men's singles after a runner-up finish in the All England Open 2022. Currently, Lakshya Sen is the highest-ranked among the Indian men's Singles shuttlers at World Number 9.

Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai wins India's first gold at World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai

Sprinter Pranav Prashant Desai won India's first gold medal at the 2022 World Para Athletics Grand Prix in Dubai, claiming the top prize in the men's 200 metre T64 final.

Dhoni hands over the reins of Chennai Super Kings to Jadeja

The iconic Mahendra Singh Dhoni has decided to hand over the captaincy of Chennai Super Kings to his trusted lieutenant Ravindra Jadeja.

WTT Doha: Sathiyana, Manika lose in mixed doubles final
The top-seeded Taipei pair of Lin Yu-Ju and Cheng I-Ching claimed its sixth title with a dominant 11-4, 11-5, 11-3 win over G. Sathiyana and Manika Batra in the mixed doubles section of the World Table Tennis Contender Doha.

Govt sets a target to open 1,000 Khelo India Centres to promote sporting culture across the country

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Second edition of SAAF, 56th National Cross Country Championships commence in Nagaland's Kohima

The second edition of South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) cross country championships and the 56th National Cross Country Championships commenced at Indira Gandhi Stadium at Kohima in Nagaland.

Indian team clinches SAFF U-18 Women's Championship title

India emerged as winners of the SAFF U-18 Women's Football Championship held at Jamshedpur in Jharkhand.

Swiss Open: PV Sindhu wins women's title

In Swiss Open Badminton Championships 2022, P. V. Sindhu has won the Women's Singles title beating Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrungpha. However, Prannoy H.S. lost to Indonesian Jonatan Christie 12-21 & 18-21 in the Men's Singles title clash.

Verstappen triumphs in Saudi Arabian Grand Prix

Red Bull's world champion Max Verstappen held off the Ferrari of Charles Leclerc to win the 2022 Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

ICC Women's World Cup: South Africa defeats India by 3 wickets at Hagley Oval

In the ICC Women's World Cup, South Africa defeated India by three wickets at the Hagley Oval. With this loss India was knocked out of the tournament.

West Indies crushed England by 10 wickets in the third and final cricket test

West Indies crushed England by 10 wickets to win the third Test and win the three-match series 1-0.

Anupama Upadhyaya and Kiran George win Polish Open titles

Indian shuttlers Kiran George and Anupama Upadhyaya won the men's and women's singles titles respectively at the Polish Open International Challenge badminton tournament in Arlamow.

Canada books FIFA WC berth after 36 years

Canada qualified for the FIFA World Cup for the first time in 36 years with an emphatic 4-0 victory over Jamaica in the CONCACAF region's qualifying tournament.

Jehan Daruvala claims second podium of F2 season in Jeddah

Indian racer Jehan Daruvala claimed his second podium of the season by finishing third in the Formula 2 Feature race, held on the sidelines of the Saudi Arabian Grand Prix.

Ramu wins title, earns maiden IM norm

Kandi Ramu of Telangana defeated three Grandmasters and three International Masters to win the ASK-7 International Open IM-norm chess tournament at Arand Jelovac, Serbia. Amithpal Singh, also from Telangana, also got an IM norm from this tournament.

Indian paddlers Manika Batra, Archana Kamath settle for Bronze medal

Manika Batra and her partner Archana Kamath settled for a bronze medal at the WTT Star Contender Doha, Qatar 2022 after losing to Chinese Taipei's Li Yu-Jhun and Cheng I-Ching in the women's doubles semi-finals.

MISCELLANEOUS

IPCC warns of multiple climate hazards

The world faces unavoidable multiple climate hazards over the next two decades with global warming of 1.5°C and even temporarily exceeding this warming level would mean additional, severe impacts, some of which will be irreversible, according to a report by IPCC.

UP's Moradabad is World's Second Most Noisy City, Delhi and Kolkata too on UN List

Uttar Pradesh's Moradabad has been ranked world's second most noise polluted city, as per the latest Annual Frontier Report, 2022, published by the UNEP. On top of the list is Bangladesh's Dhaka with a noise pollution of 119 dB (Decibels).

India renews scholarship for descendants of Bangladesh Liberation War fighters for five years

The government of India has renewed the scholarship scheme for the descendants of the liberation war of Bangladesh launched in 2017 for another five years beginning 2022-23.

Kuwaiti becomes hottest place on earth, temperature reaches 53.2 degrees Celsius

Kuwait reached a scorching temperature of 53.2 degrees Celsius (127.7 degrees Fahrenheit), making it among the hottest places on earth.

China Develops Laser Weapon RKA Which Can Shoot Down Satellites In Outer Space

Researchers in China have developed a microwave machine "Relativistic Klystron Amplifier (RKA)", that could jam or destroy satellites in space.

Bangladesh most polluted country of the World

Bangladesh was the most polluted country in the world in 2021, says the World Air Quality Report. Among the cities, Dhaka was the second most polluted city in the world with a PM 2.5 level of 78.1 just below New Delhi which had a PM 2.5 level of 85.1 in 2021.

Climate change: Wind and solar reach milestone as demand surges

Wind and solar generated 10% of global electricity for the first time in 2021, a new analysis shows. Fifty countries get more than a tenth of their power from wind and solar sources, according to research from Ember, a climate and energy think tank

Great Barrier Reef suffers severe coral bleaching

Australia's Great Barrier Reef is suffering widespread and severe coral bleaching due to high ocean temperatures two years after a mass bleaching event, a government agency said.

Swiss to become first airline to use solar fuel

Swiss and its parent company, the Lufthansa Group, have partnered with synthetic fuel group Synhelion to use its solar fuel.

Antarctic explorer Shackleton's ship discovered after a century

Scientists say they have found the sunken wreck of polar explorer Ernest Shackleton's ship Endurance, more than a century after it was lost to the Antarctic ice.

India ranks 2nd for global investment in digital shopping

India is the second-largest global venture capital investment hub for digital shopping companies, growing by a whopping 175 per cent from USD 8 billion in 2020 to USD 22 billion in 2021.

No European Mars mission this year due to Ukraine war

Owing to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Europe will no longer be attempting this year to send its first rover to Mars.

Finland ranked happiest country for fifth year

Finland has been named the world's happiest country for the fifth year running, in an annual UN-sponsored index that ranked Afghanistan as the unhappiest, closely followed by Lebanon. India is ranked at a lowly 136.

India advocates for Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention at United Nations Security Council

India at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) has advocated the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) saying that it is important to ensure its implementation in letter and spirit. BTWC is a disarmament treaty that effectively bans biological and toxin weapons.

March 3 is World Wildlife Day

Every year March 3 is observed as World Wildlife Day. This year the World Wildlife Day is being celebrated under the theme "Recovering key species for ecosystem restoration"

International Women's Day March 8

International Women's Day is being celebrated on March 8. The theme for this year is 'hashtag breaks The Bias'.

World Sparrow Day: 20th March

World Sparrow Day (WSD) is celebrated every year on March 20th. The theme of World Sparrow Day is "LOVE Sparrows."

International Day of Happiness: 20th March

International Day of happiness is observed every year around the world on March 20. The theme for Happiness Day 2022 is "Keep Calm, Stay Wise and Be Kind".

Bangladesh observes Independence Day

Bangladesh is observing its 52nd independence and national day on March 26 to mark the birth of the youngest nation in South Asia breaking away from the shackles of Pakistan in 1971.

Earth hour observed to raise awareness about climate change

Every year, the Earth Hour is celebrated worldwide on the last Saturday of March month (March 26, 2022) to show support for the fight against climate change and commitment towards a better planet. The Earth Hour 2022 theme will focus on 'Shape Our Future.

October 5 to be National Dolphin Day, decides National Board for Wildlife

The Union Ministry for Environment, Forest and Climate Change has designated the 5th of October to be celebrated as National Dolphin Day every year as a historic step in creating awareness for the conservation of Dolphins, beginning from 2022.

World theatre Day: 27th March

World Theatre Day is celebrated annually on March 27, promoted by the International Theatre Institute (ITI) through its centres, and supported by theatre communities all over the world.