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Ecuador declares state of emergency in three provinces over drug violence

Ecuador President Guillermo Lasso announced a state of emergency, for two months in three provinces with the highest registered levels of violence due to drug trafficking.

Saudi Arabia offers Pakistan \$8 billion in financial support

Saudi Arabia has agreed to provide Pakistan with a "sizeable package" of around \$8 billion to help the cash-starved country bolster dwindling forex reserves and revive its ailing economy.

India extends more aid to Sri Lanka

India has committed more than \$3 billion to debt-ridden Sri Lanka in loans, credit lines and credit swaps since January this year, as the island nation tries to navigate through its worst economic crisis since independence.

EU to offer medical data to its patients

The European Commission put forward a proposal that would let patients access their medical data anywhere in the bloc, creating an EU-wide platform that could also be used for research.

U.S. Supreme Court to 'annul' abortion right

Millions of women across the US could soon lose their legal right to abortion, according to a leaked Supreme Court document. The document, published by Politico, suggests the country's top court is poised to overturn the 1973 decision that legalised abortion nationwide.

WHO estimates 4.7 million COVID-linked deaths in India

WHO estimates released suggest that India experienced 4.7 million excess deaths in 2020 and 2021, as compared to the country's official Covid-19 toll of 481,000 for the same period.

EU announces new sanctions against Russia over Ukraine issue

European Union has unveiled latest package of sanctions against Russia over Ukraine, proposing a total ban on oil imports from Moscow and targeting its biggest bank and major broadcasters.

Modi, Macron agree to work together to expand ties

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron held extensive discussions on a range of bilateral and pressing global issues, including the raging conflict in Ukraine, the situation in the Indo-Pacific and terrorism.

PM Modi participates in 2nd India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Second India-Nordic Summit at Copenhagen in Denmark. The Prime Ministers of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway also took part in the Summit. Mr Modi invited Nordic companies for investing in the blue economy sector, especially in Sagarmala Project.

Sri Lanka Under State Of Emergency Again Amid Its Worst Economic Crisis

Sri Lanka President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has declared a state of emergency giving security forces sweeping powers for the second time in five weeks to deal with escalating anti-government protests.

EU pledges to increase humanitarian assistance to Syrians up to USD 1.58 bn for 2022

The European Union has pledged to increase humanitarian assistance to Syrians up to 1.5 billion euros (1.58 billion dollars) for 2022 and to allocate an equal amount next year.

Gotabaya appoints Ranil as Sri Lanka Prime Minister

Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has appointed former PM Ranil Wickremesinghe as Premier, in a bid to restore stability in the island nation in the midst of a political impasse and stifling economic crisis.

UN Approves Czech Republic To Replace Russia On Human Rights Council

The UN General Assembly has voted overwhelmingly for the Czech Republic to replace Russia on the Human Rights Council, the world organization's leading human rights body.

G7 declares 'will never recognize' new borders as result of Russia's military operation in Ukraine

The world's most powerful industrialized nations the Group of Seven have declared they will never recognize new borders as a result of Russia's military operation in Ukraine.

Finnish president confirms country will apply to join NATO

Finland's President Sauli Niinisto confirmed that his country would apply for membership of the NATO military alliance, in a historic policy shift prompted by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Russia shares a 1,300 km (800 mile) border with Finland.

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un orders army to help distribute medicine amid COVID-19 crisis

North Korea's leader Kim Jong-un has ordered the army to help distribute medicine, as a wave of Covid cases sweeps through the country. More than a million people have now been sickened by what Pyongyang is calling a fever.

Lebanon votes for first time since start of crisis

Turnout was low as Lebanon held its first election since a painful economic crisis dragged it to the brink of becoming a failed state. The vote is seen as a major test for opposition groups bent on ousting the ruling elite.

Sweden too makes NATO bid official

Sweden has formally decided to apply for NATO membership following a similar decision by its Nordic neighbour Finland, ending more than 200 years of military non-alignment in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

75 years of Cannes: India is 'country of honour'

India is the Official Country of Honour at Cannes Film Market in this edition of the festival. This is the first time that this honour has been bestowed on any country.

Nordic countries Sweden and Finland to jointly submit applications to join NATO

Nordic countries Sweden and Finland will jointly submit their applications to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

No-confidence motion against Sri Lankan President defeated in Parliament

A no-confidence motion against Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa was defeated in the Parliament after 119 MPs voted against it.

EU chief proposes extra 9 billion euros aid to Ukraine

European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen proposed an extra nine billion euros aid to Ukraine this year to help it cope with the ravages of war.

China hosts BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting on May 19 through video conference

China hosted the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs on May 19 through video conference.

G7 nations approves to provide financial support to Ukraine

The Group of Seven agreed to provide Ukraine with \$18.4 billion (€17.6 billion) to pay its bills, funds. The urgency is to provide cash to Ukraine for the current quarter as the conflict causes a collapse in cash inflows.

U.S. Congress clears \$40 bn for Ukraine

U.S. Congress approved a \$40 billion aid package for Ukraine, the latest tranche of U.S. assistance under President Joe Biden's promise of unwavering support for Kyiv in its fight against Russia's invasion.

Indonesia announces to lift palm oil exports ban

Indonesia announced the lift on ban of palm oil exports giving major relief to the global markets where prices of edible oil have peaked on account of trade suspension, the Ukraine war and global warming.

PM Modi participates in Quad Leaders Summit in Tokyo

Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo on the 24th of this month at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Canada bans China's Huawei Technologies from its 5G networks on security concerns

Canada has banned China's Huawei Technologies from its 5G networks on security concerns. Wireless carriers in Canada won't be allowed to install Huawei equipment in their high-speed 5G networks.

Sri Lanka PM declares country bankrupt

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has declared the country bankrupt as it faces a fuel shortages and currency crises.

Australian PM Scott Morrison concedes defeat in national election

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said he had conceded defeat in a national election. Morrison added that he would stand down as leader of the Liberal party.

India to join Biden's new trade initiative for Indo-Pacific region

India signalled its readiness to be part of a new economic initiative named Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) led by the U.S. for the region.

U.S. to defend Taiwan against China

U.S. President Joe Biden said that he would be willing to use force to defend Taiwan against Chinese aggression.

QUAD leaders launch Quad fellowship programme for graduate STEM degrees in the US

A new Quad fellowship programme has been launched at the QUAD summit in Tokyo. This is a first-of-its-kind scholarship program that will bring together the top minds of Australia, India, Japan, and the United States in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Belgium becomes first country to make quarantine compulsory for monkeypox patients

Belgium has become the first country to make a 21-day quarantine compulsory for monkeypox patients after four cases of the disease were reported last week.

WHO funding model set for an overhaul

The World Health Organisation's member states agreed to give half of their contributions as straightforward membership fees, instead of channelling most of their cash into health projects of their own choosing.

PM Modi, President Biden launch technology, development finance initiatives at bilateral in Tokyo

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden announced a technology cooperation initiative and investment initiative with the U.S. development agency.

Monkeypox is a containable situation, need to stop human-to-human transmission: WHO

WHO has said that Monkeypox can be contained in countries outside of Africa where the virus is not usually detected. The WHO's stated that this virus is a containable situation and there is a need to stop human-to-human transmission

China holds an unprecedented video conference to boost economy

China's Cabinet led by Premier Li Keqiang held an unprecedented video conference with more than 1,00,000 participants to bolster the economy battered by the country's stringent COVID-19 restrictions.

BRICS group may soon begin expansion process, says China

The Brazil-Russia-India-China-South Africa (BRICS) grouping may for the first time begin an expansion process to include new developing country members, the Chinese government said.

IMF Chief says Sri Lanka's present crisis is due to mismanagement

The International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva has said that Sri Lanka's present crisis is due to mismanagement.

China, Russia veto US led push for more UN sanctions on North Korea

China and Russia vetoed a U.S.- led push to impose more United Nations sanctions on North Korea over its renewed ballistic missile launches.

Russia conducts test-launch of Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile

Russian frigate Admiral Gorshkov successfully test-fired a Tsirkon hypersonic cruise missile from the Barents Sea.

India, Japan to work together to help Sri Lanka during crisis

India and Japan have agreed to work together on assisting crisis-hit Sri Lanka, the Japanese government said, following a recent meeting between Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Fumio Kishida in Tokyo.

Colombia's presidential vote headed for a runoff

Colombia's presidential election appears destined for a runoff, after preliminary results showed no candidate had garnered over 50% of the votes.

10 Pacific Island nations reject China security pact

Ten Pacific Island nations rebuffed China's push for a wide-ranging regional security pact, amid worries the proposal was designed to pull them into Beijing's orbit.

PM Modi calls for reforms in WHO to combat future pandemics

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called for reforms in World Health Organisation. Suggesting reforms in the global governance multilateral architecture, PM Modi said, WTO rules, particularly TRIPS (Trade-Related Intellectual Property Rights), need to be more flexible.

EU leaders agree to ban 90% of Russian oil imports by year-end

European Union (EU) leaders have agreed to embargo most of Russian oil imports into the bloc by year-end. The punitive move will effectively cut around 90 percent of oil imports from Russia to the EU by the end of the year.

Canada introduces new legislation to 'freeze' handgun ownership

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government introduced a new legislation that would put a freeze on importing, buying or selling handguns.

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India, UAE sign MoU to establish framework to facilitate & enhance bilateral cooperation on climate action

India and UAE have signed an MoU to establish a framework to facilitate and enhance bilateral cooperation on climate action and contributes towards implementing the Paris Agreement.

North-west and Central India experienced hottest April in 122 years

India Meteorological Department (IMD) says Northwest and Central India have experienced the hottest April in 122 years. The all-India temperature was the fourth-highest at 35.05 degree Celsius since 1901.

Lieutenant General Manoj Pande takes over as new Chief of Army Staff

General Manoj Pande took over as the new Chief of Army Staff. He succeeded General Manoj Mukund Naravane. General Pande is the 29th Army Chief and the first officer from the Corps of Engineers to get this opportunity.

India-UAE CEPA to provide enhanced market access and reduced tariffs comes into force

The historic India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, CEPA came into force on May 1, 2022. Gems & Jewellery sector contributes a substantial portion of India's exports to the UAE.

AAI Successfully Conducts Trials Using GAGAN Based LPV Approach Procedure

Airports Authority of India (AAI) has successfully conducted at Kishangarh Airport, Rajasthan light trial using GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation) based LPV Approach Procedures.

Former Petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor appointed as advisor to PM

Former Petroleum secretary Tarun Kapoor has been appointed as advisor to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr Kapoor is a 1987 batch Himachal Pradesh cadre officer.

India, Denmark to strengthen green strategic partnership
India and Denmark agreed to further strengthen the Green Strategic Partnership with a focus on green hydrogen, renewable energy and wastewater management.

Indigenous artillery gun passes validation trials

The indigenous Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS) developed by the DRDO jointly with the private industry crossed a milestone by successfully completing the validation trials towards meeting the specifications of the Army.

SC not to decide on deferred political entry of officials

Legislators, not judges, have to determine whether a cooling-off period is required for government officials before they join politics and contest elections after retirement.

ISRO plans mission to Venus, eyes Dec 2024 launch window

After sending missions to the Moon and Mars, the ISRO is now readying a spacecraft to orbit Venus. The space agency is eyeing the December 2024 window for its launch

Highest sex ratio at birth in Ladakh

Ladakh recorded the highest sex ratio at birth((1,104)) in the country in 2020, followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tripura and Kerala.

Home Minister inaugurates three floating Border Outposts on Indo-Bangladesh Border

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated three floating Border Outposts (BOP) on the Indo-Bangladesh border to protect the inaccessible areas of the Sundarbans.

Food processing minister launches three 'One District One Products' brands

Food Processing Industries Minister Pashupati Kumar Paras launched three 'One District, One Product' brands under the Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro-Food Processing Enterprises Scheme in New Delhi.

Govt prepares new draft National Youth Policy

The Union government has prepared a new draft National Youth Policy (NYP) that envisages a ten-year vision for youth development that the country seeks to achieve by 2030.

SC Collegium clears new judges to HCs

The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) N V Ramana has recommended to the Centre 15 names of judicial officers and advocates for appointment as Judges in the High Courts of Delhi, Patna, and Andhra Pradesh.

Govt. asks imported coal fired units to run full tilt

The Union power ministry has directed all imported coal-based plants to run at full capacity amid the ongoing dry fuel shortage at thermal plants that is crippling electricity generation.

Govt allows 50% concession in revenue share for promotion of coal gasification

The Union government has allowed a 50 per cent concession in revenue share for coal gasification, Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi said.

India's first Regional Rapid Transit System train-set to be handed over to NCRTC at Savli in Gujarat

At Alstom's Savli project in Gujarat, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) received India's first semi-high-speed train set for Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS).

PM Modi asks youth to participate in Logo Design Contest for G-20 Presidency of India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon the people of the country to take part in the Logo Design Contest for the G-20 Presidency of India. India will hold the Presidency of the G-20, for the first time, from 1st December 2022 to 30 November 2023 culminating in the G-20 Summit in 2023.

President appointments Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia, JB Pardiwala as Supreme Court judges

President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Judge in Gujarat High Court Justice Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala as Judges of the Supreme Court. With these appointments, the top court has now full strength of 34 judges.

RailTel launches PM-WANI based access to its Wi-Fi at 100 railway stations

RailTel, a Mini Ratna PSU, has launched Prime Minister Wi-Fi Access Network Interface (PM-WANI) scheme

based on access to its Public WiFi services across 100 railway stations across the country.

Andaman and Nicobar Islands to get gas plant

The Union Environment Ministry has approved an exemption to the laws governing the regulation of coastal zones and has paved the way for gas-powered plants to be set up on the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

India, Madagascar sign MoU to explore co-production of TV programmes

India's public broadcaster Prasar Bharati has signed a MoU with Madagascar's official ORTM for cooperation and collaboration in broadcasting.

Govt to establish 33 new domestic cargo terminals by 2024-2025

The Union Government will establish 33 new domestic cargo terminals by 2024-2025 which will allow India's cargo sector to flourish and grow.

SC stays 152-year old sedition law till review by Govt

The Supreme Court ordered that the 152-year-old sedition law under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code should be effectively kept in abeyance till the Union Government reconsiders the provision. The Court urged the Centre and the State governments to refrain from registering any FIRs under the said provision while it was under re-consideration.

Rural development Secretary chairs meeting with states to review progress of Mission Amrit Sarovar

Secretary of Rural Development Nagendra Nath Sinha chaired a high-level meeting with all the states to review the progress of Mission Amrit Sarovar that aims at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'.

Suzuki, Maruti Suzuki, IIT-Hyderabad showcase demo of 'Vehicle-to-Everything' communication technology

IIT Hyderabad (IITH), Suzuki Motor Corporation, Japan (SMC), Maruti Suzuki India Limited (MSIL) have jointly taken up research in India-specific vehicle usage scenarios based on futuristic V2X (Vehicle-to-Everything) communication technology. This technology, when used in conjunction with appropriate infrastructure, traffic rules, and driver education, can help reduce traffic accidents and traffic congestions.

NIFT starts Centre of Excellence for Khadi at its Delhi campus

National Institute of Fashion Technology, in collaboration with Khadi and Village Industries Commission, has started the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at its Delhi campus.

Elections to 57 Rajya Sabha seats on June 10

Elections to 57 Rajya Sabha seats spread across 15 states will take place on June 10. Seven seats of nominated MPs are also vacant. The maximum number of seats, 11, lies in Uttar Pradesh.

Extended range BrahMos test fired from SU-30 fighter for first time

Extended range version of BrahMos Air Launched missile successfully fired from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft. The missile achieved a direct hit on the designated target in the Bay of Bengal region.

Agriculture Ministry signs MoU with UNDP for strategic partnership on Agriculture, Crop Insurance and Credit

Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and the United Nations Development Programme have signed a Memorandum of Understanding wherein UNDP will provide technical support towards Centre's aspirational Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana scheme (PMFBY) and Kisan Credit Card - Modified Interest Subvention Scheme.

Ayush Ministry, FSSAI formulate regulations of safety & quality standards for food products under Ayurveda Aahara category

Ayush Ministry and Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) have formulated regulations of safety and quality standards for food products under Ayurveda Aahara category. This comprehensive initiative will ensure manufacturing of quality Ayurveda food products and help in expanding the international market for 'Make in India' products.

ISRO successfully tests human-rated HS-200 solid rocket booster

In an important milestone, ISRO, India's Space Research Organisation successfully conducted the static test of a human-rated solid rocket booster HS-200, a key component for the Gaganyaan manned mission programme.

NITI Ayog launches National Data and Analytics Platform to make available easily govt data to public

NITI Aayog launched the National Data and Analytics Platform which aims to democratize access to public government data by making data accessible, interoperable, interactive and available on a user-friendly platform.

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurates India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Economy Minister of United Arab Emirates Abdullah Bin Touq Al Marri inaugurated India-UAE Economic Partnership Summit in Mumbai. Both leaders also launched India-UAE start-up bridge to boost the economy.

NAL successfully validates digital anti-skid brake management system

The National Aerospace Laboratories has successfully validated the digital anti-skid brake management system developed for SARAS Mark 2- 19 seat Light Transport aircraft. The state-of-the-art brake by wire electro-hydraulic braking system is developed for the first time in India for civil aircrafts by NAL which is part of CSIR labs.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates NCFL in Hyderabad

Home Minister, Amit Shah has formally inaugurated the National Cyber Forensic Laboratory (NCFL) in Hyderabad. He inaugurated the premium laboratory at the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory located at Ramanthapur in the city.

Govt bans wheat export with immediate effect to manage overall food security

The Union government has prohibited wheat export with immediate effect. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade issued a notification in this regard.

IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launches Gatishakti Sanchar Portal

Minister of Communications, Electronics, and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw launched Gatishakti Sanchar Portal in New Delhi. This integrated and centralized portal will facilitate smooth deployment of digital communications infrastructure across the country.

National Museum celebrated International Museum Day 2022 at National Museum, New Delhi from 16th-20th May

National Museum New Delhi celebrated the International Museum Day 2022 for five days from May 16. On this occasion, the National Museum is offering a mixed bag of online and offline activities and events designed for both young and adults during the five days.

Centre extends wheat procurement season till 31st May

The Centre has extended the wheat procurement season till 31st of this month. It has asked the States

and UTs with procurement closing dates expiring early to continue procurement till the end of May.

Narendra Singh Tomar says despite pandemic, country's agriculture sector registers growth rate of 3.9%

Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that despite the pandemic, the country's agriculture sector has registered a growth rate of 3.9% as of now.

India and Nepal, sign six MoUs and Agreements related to education and hydropower sectors

India and Nepal have signed and exchanged six MoU's and Agreements. They include an MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Lumbini Buddhist University on the establishment of Dr. Ambedkar Chair for Buddhist Studies and an MoU between Indian Council of Cultural Relations and Kathmandu University on the establishment of the ICCR Chair of Indian Studies.

Biological E. Limited reduces COVID-19 vaccine Corbevax price to Rs 250 per dose

Hyderabad-based vaccine pharmaceutical company, Biological E. Limited has reduced the price of its COVID-19 vaccine, CORBEVAX, from 840 to 250 rupees a dose inclusive of GST, for Private Vaccination Centres.

V. Muraleedharan leads Indian delegation for First International Migration Review Forum

Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan will lead the Indian delegation for the First International Migration Review Forum being held under the auspices of the General Assembly at the United Nations in New York from 17th to 20th of this month.

Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary notified as 52nd Reserve Forest for Wild cats

Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has said that Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified. In a series of tweets, Mr Yadav said, it is the 52nd Reserve of India, which will conserve biodiversity and bring in ecotourism and development to the area.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to induct two indigenously built frontline warships into Indian Navy

The nation will witness a landmark event in the history of indigenous warship building when two frontline warships of Indian Navy, Surat, a Project 15B Destroyer and Udaygiri, a Project 17A Frigate will be launched concurrently at Mazgaon Docks Limited, Mumbai.

5 judges to be elevated as Chief Justices of HCs

The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana has recommended the elevation of five judges as the Chief Justices of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gauhati, and Telangana High Courts.

ECI to lead Democracy Cohort on 'Election Integrity'

Election Commission of India will lead Democracy Cohort on 'Election Integrity' in partnership with one hundred democratic countries.

PM Modi unveils country's first 5G testbed

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the country's first 5G testbed to enable start-ups and industry players to test and validate their products locally and reduce dependence on foreign facilities. The testbed has been set up at a cost of around ₹220 crore.

Hyundai Motor India, Tata Power partner to set up EV charging infra

Hyundai Motor India has joined hands with Tata Power to set up fast charging electric vehicle infrastructure across its select dealerships in the country.

Centre announces formation of Cotton Council of India under Chairmanship of Suresh Bhai Kotak

The Centre has announced the formation of the Cotton Council of India under the Chairmanship of renowned veteran cotton man Suresh Bhai Kotak.

Cabinet approves amendments to National Policy on Biofuels to make India energy independent by 2047

Union Cabinet has approved the Amendments to the National Policy on Biofuels-2018 that allow more feedstocks for the production of biofuels, advance the ethanol blending target of 20 percent blending of ethanol in petrol and promote the production of biofuels in the country.

75 students' satellites to be launched this year as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations

Secretary of Department of Space S. Somnath said that 75 students' satellites are scheduled for launch this year to coincide with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrating 75th year of country's Independence.

SC orders release of Perarivalan, convict in Rajiv Gandhi assassination case

The Supreme Court ordered release of Perarivalan, a convict in the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case, invoking powers under Article 142 of the Constitution. The Apex Court was of the view that the inordinate delay in deciding Perarivalan's early release plea by the Governor under Article 161 warranted his release.

MoS Bharati Pawar launches National Emergency Life Support courses for doctors, nurses, and paramedics

Minister of State for Health Dr Bharati Pawar launched National Emergency Life Support (NELS) courses for doctors, nurses, and paramedics in New Delhi. Apart from the training modules, the programme also includes developing training infrastructure in all States and Union Territories to implement the NELS course.

Indian Navy carries out successful maiden firing of first indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile

Indian Navy successfully undertook maiden firing of the first indigenously developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile from Seeking 42B helicopter at Integrated Test Range, Balasore.

Govt plans to construct 200 airports, waterdromes, and heliports across country in 4 years

India has set a target of doubling its air passenger traffic in the next two to three years by catering to at least 200 million passengers. To achieve this target, the government has planned to construct 200 airports, waterdromes and heliports across the country in the upcoming four years.

Pangong bridge construction is in 'occupied territory': Centre

India is closely monitoring the construction of a bridge by China on the Pangong Tso (lake) in eastern Ladakh, which is in "occupied territory", the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

SC directs issuance of Aadhaar cards to sex workers

The Supreme Court directed the issuance of Aadhaar cards to sex workers based on a proforma certificate issued by the UIDAI and observed that every person has a fundamental right to be treated with dignity.

India to introduce "made in India" skin test for TB

India will introduce a newly approved "made in India" TB infection skin test called 'c-TB', said Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, adding that this cost-effective tool will be of immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.

Ministry of Heavy Industries signs MoU with NRDC for enhancement of Capital Goods Scheme

Ministry of Heavy Industries has signed an MoU with National Research Development Corporation for undertaking various activities for smooth implementation of the Scheme for enhancement of competitiveness in the Indian capital goods sector.

NASSCOM to launch portal to promote digitization of small and medium enterprises

Union Minister of State for Electronics and IT, Rajeev Chandrasekhar has announced that NASSCOM will launch a portal to promote digitization of small and medium enterprises.

Piyush Goyal led Indian delegation at World Economic Forum in Davos

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal led the Indian delegation at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos from 22nd to 26th of this month.

National Mission for Clean Ganga approves 11 projects

Executive Committee of National Mission for Clean Ganga has approved 11 projects with an estimated cost of around 660 crore rupees.

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launches Single National Portal for Biotech researchers and Start-Ups

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched Single National Portal for Biotech researchers and Start-ups in keeping with the spirit of One Nation, One Portal. The Portal - BioRRAP - will cater to all those seeking regulatory approval for biological research and development activity in the country.

Subsidy of ₹200 per gas cylinder for upto 12 cylinders to be given to over 9 crore beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced that this year, government will give a subsidy of 200 rupees per gas cylinder upto 12 cylinders to over 9 crore beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. This will have a revenue implication of around 6100 crore rupees a year.

Govt reduces excise duty on petrol by Rs 8 per litre, diesel by Rs 6

Government reduced the Central excise duty on Petrol by 8 rupees per litre and on Diesel by 6 rupees per litre. This will reduce the price of petrol by 9.5 rupees per litre and of Diesel by 7 rupees per litre.

C CAMP signs MoU with CFTRI to nurture innovation in agriculture, food technology & allied areas

The Centre for Cellular and Molecular Platforms, C CAMP has signed an MoU with the Centre for Food Technological Research Institute, CFTRI to nurture deep science innovation in agriculture, food technology and allied areas.

Yearlong celebration for Raja Ram Mohan Roy's 250th birth anniversary begins

Under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the ministry of culture has held the inaugural ceremony to commemorate the yearlong celebrations of Raja Ram Mohan Roy's 250th birth anniversary, in Kolkata.

Indian, Bangladesh navies begin patrol exercises in Bay of Bengal

The Indian Navy began the fourth edition of the India-Bangladesh Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) exercises in the northern waters of the Bay of Bengal.

Citizens can now use MyGov Helpdesk on WhatsApp to access Digilocker service

In a major initiative to make government services accessible, inclusive, transparent, and simple, MyGov announced that citizens will now be able to use the MyGov Helpdesk on WhatsApp to access the Digilocker service.

Government relaxes family pension rules for missing Central govt employees

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announced that the central government has relaxed family pension rules for missing central government employees. It is a major relief, particularly for government employees serving in militancy-affected areas like Jammu and Kashmir, North-East as well as Naxal-prone pockets.

Health Secretary appointed as chairperson of Committee B at 75th World Health Assembly

Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan has been appointed as the chairperson of the Committee B at the 75th World Health Assembly (WHA). The Committee B primarily discusses administrative and financial matters of the WHO.

Urban cleanliness survey launched with theme of 'waste to wealth'

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched the annual sanitation survey of cities with the theme of 'waste to wealth'.

Ayushman Bharat Health Account app relaunched

The National Health Authority (NHA), under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), announced the launch of a revamped Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) mobile application.

Centre scraps import duties on crude sunflower, soyabean oils

In a bid to cool inflation in edible oils, the Centre allowed duty-free import of 20 lakh tonnes each of crude soyabean oil and crude sunflower oil for this year as well as 2023-24.

60% e-waste recycling likely by 2023

Consumer goods companies and makers of electronics goods have to ensure at least 60% of their electronic waste is collected and recycled by 2023 with targets to increase them to 70% and 80% in 2024 and 2025.

WHO seeks India's help to test monkeypox cases

The World Health Organization Country Office for India has sought the assistance of India's ICMR-National Institute of Virology, Pune, help to test suspected cases of monkeypox for the south-east Asia region (SEAR) member-states.

Union government restricts sugar exports to 10 million tonnes to keep prices in check

India has imposed restrictions on sugar exports for the first time in six years by capping this season's exports at 10 million tonnes, to prevent a surge in domestic prices after mills sold a record volume on the world market.

PARAM PORUL Supercomputer inaugurated at NIT, Tiruchirappalli

PARAM PORUL, a state-of the art Supercomputer at NIT Tiruchirappalli dedicated to the nation under National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) – a joint initiative of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Department of Science and Technology (DST), was inaugurated.

India to get semi-high speed freight train

India's first semi-high speed freight train is likely to hit the tracks by December. Replicating the concept of Vande Bharat trains, the 16-coach 'Gati Shakti' train can clock 160 kmph and will be manufactured at the Integral Coach Factory (ICF) in Chennai.

GRSE launches Indian Navy survey vessel 'INS Nirdeshak'

Nirdeshak, the second of the four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) projects being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in collaboration with L&T shipbuilding for the Indian Navy was launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.

INS Gomati decommissioned at Naval Dockyard in Mumbai

INS Gomati was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai, in an elegant, solemn and poignant ceremony. The ship was paid off under the command of Captain Sudip Malik.

Govt launches Indian Business Portal to help Indian exporters get global visibility

Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Anupriya Patel launched the Indian Business Portal. The portal will serve as an international trade hub for Indian exporters and foreign buyers. The portal is a business to business digital marketplace to empower small medium enterprises

Govt to soon launch common platform for delivery of various schemes

To improve the ease of living for the common man, the Government is planning to launch 'Jan Samarth' — a common portal for delivery of various schemes run by different Ministries and Departments.

Home Minister Amit Shah lays foundation stone for new international sports complex in Ahmedabad

Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah laid a foundation stone for the new international sports complex in the Naranpura area of Ahmedabad city. This ambitious project will be completed in the next 30 months in 20.39 acres of land at a cost of 631.77 crore rupees.

India's foremost documentary film festival MIFF 2022 begins

The 17th Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction and Animation films began in Mumbai.

Projects worth ₹1.34 lakh cr. to boost northeast connectivity

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said the Centre is implementing various rail, road and air connectivity projects worth ₹1,34,200 crore in the northeast.

Centre approves extension of Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme for five years

The Union government has approved continuation of the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), over the 15th Finance Commission Cycle for five years from 2021-22 to 2025-26. It has been approved with an outlay of around 13 thousand 554 crore rupees.

PM to inaugurate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Iconic Week of Finance and Corporate Affairs Ministries on June 6

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' Iconic Week of the Finance and Corporate Affairs Ministries in Delhi on the 6th of June. The event will also be celebrated live in 75 cities across India.

11th installment of ₹21,000 crore to 10 crore farmers under Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme released by PM

A national-level event, "Garib Kalyan Sammelan", was organized at the historic Ridge Ground in Shimla, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually interacted with the beneficiaries of 16 government schemes running across the country. On this occasion, Mr. Modi will release the 11th installment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme.

PM Modi assures full support for education of children who lost their parents due to COVID-19

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the children who have lost their parents due to COVID-19, will get full support for their schooling and higher education. He said, the children between 18 to 23 years will get a fixed stipend and on attaining the age of 23, they will get ten lakh rupees.

NHA launches public dashboard for Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

The National Health Authority under its flagship scheme of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) has launched a public dashboard for real-time information on the scheme.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Irdai raises investment limit for insurers in BFSI sector to 30%

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) raised the investment ceiling for insurance companies in the banking, financial services, and insurance (BFSI) sector to 30 per cent from 25 per cent of their investment corpus.

GST revenue collection hits record ₹1.68 lakh crore in April

The Gross Goods and Services Tax, GST revenue collection has touched an all-time high of around 1.68 lakh crore rupees in April 2022. The total GST collection in April was one lakh 67 thousand 540 crore rupees.

India's Pharma exports grow by 103 per cent since 2013-14

India's pharma exports witnessed a growth of 103 percent since 2013-14 from 90 thousand 415 crore rupees in 2013-14 to one lakh 83 thousand 422 crore rupees in 2021-22.

Chip consortium ISMC plans to invest 3 billion dollars to set up plant in Karnataka

The International Semiconductor Consortium ISMC will invest three billion US dollars in Karnataka to set up a chip making plant. This will be India's first semiconductor fabrication unit that is expected to generate over 1500 direct jobs and 10,000 indirect jobs.

Defence procurement through Government e-Market portal reaches all time high

Procurement orders by the Ministry of Defence through Government e-Market portal have reached an all-time high of over 15 thousand crore rupees for 2021-22.

IREDA registers historic annual performance in 2021-22 amidst covid pandemic

Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) has registered historic annual performance in 2021-22 in the midst of a covid pandemic. The profit has jumped 83 percent to an all-time high of 634 crore rupees.

LIC's \$2.7-billion IPO set to be the fifth-biggest globally in CY22

LIC's \$2.7-billion initial public offering (IPO) shall be the fifth-biggest globally in CY22. South Korean EV battery maker LG Energy Solution holds the record for the year's largest IPO at \$10.8 billion.

HDFC's net profit up 16% at ₹3,700 cr in Q4

Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC) reported fourth-quarter standalone net profit rose 16% to ₹3,700 crore, from ₹3,180 crore in the year-earlier period, as demand for home loans improved.

LIC raises ₹5,627 crore from anchor investors

LIC had garnered a little more than ₹5,627 crore from anchor investors led primarily by domestic institutions ahead of its mega initial public offering (IPO).

April exports cross \$38 billion, deficit widens

Exports rose by 24.22 per cent to a monthly record high of USD 38.19 billion in April on account of healthy performance by sectors like petroleum products, electronic goods and chemicals, even as trade deficit widened to USD 20 billion during the month.

Adani buys 'Kohinoor,' other brands

Adani Wilmar Ltd. (AWL) announced the acquisition of several brands, including the renowned 'Kohinoor' brand from McCormick Switzerland GMBH to strengthen its leadership in food business.

RBI hikes repo rate by 40 bps

RBI increased the repo rate by 40 basis points to 4.4 percent for the first time in almost two years since the start of the pandemic in 2020. The RBI also announced a 50-basis point increase in the cash reserve ratio to 4.50- to suck out excess liquidity from the system.

US Fed hikes rate by a half-percentage point

The US Federal Reserve hiked interest rate by a rare half-percentage-point. With this hike, the U.S. central bank set its target federal funds rate to a range between 0.75% and 1%.

Australian Central Bank hikes interest rates for first time in more than a decade

In Australia, the Central Bank has raised the interest rates by 0.25 to 0.35 percent for the first time in more than a decade.

Services exports set a new record

India's services exports set a new record of \$254.4 billion (about ₹19 lakh crore) in 2021-2022. The exports also hit an all-time monthly high of \$26.9 billion in March.

Amazon doubles India cumulative export target

E-commerce giant Amazon said it is doubling the target for cumulative exports by Indian exporters to \$20 billion by 2025, via its platform.

Future Enterprises sells 25% in general insurance JV for ₹1,266 crore

Debt-ridden Future Group has completed the sale of its 25 per cent equity in Future Generali India Insurance Company Ltd (FGIICL) to its JV partner Generali for ₹1,266.07 crore as part of its asset monetisation plans to pair debts.

NTT unveils second data centre in India

Japanese firm NTT Ltd unveiled its second hyperscale data centre campus in India as part of its \$2 billion investment plan to scale up infrastructure capacity in the country. Spread across 4 lakh sq.ft, the NAV1 campus in Mahape, Navi Mumbai.

L&T Infotech and Mindtree to merge

The boards of directors of Mindtree Ltd. and L&T Infotech Ltd. (LTI) have approved a composite scheme of amalgamation of both IT services companies. The name of the combined entity will be LTIMindtree Ltd.

RIL Q4 net rises 20%

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported fourth quarter consolidated net profit rose 20% year-on-year to ₹18,021 crores, on strong performance across the company's multiple businesses.

City Union Bank gets Narayanan as part-time chairman

M. Narayanan has assumed charge as part time chairman of City Union Bank Ltd. (CUB) for a period of two years.

RBI gives no-objection for merger of Equitas SFB, Equitas Holdings

Equitas Small Finance Bank and the parent Equitas Holdings Ltd said that the Reserve Bank of India has given its no-objection to their proposal of amalgamation, subject to conditions.

Future Group to sell 18.6% stake in Amar Chitra Katha for ₹13.62 crore

Debt-ridden Future Group would sell part of its stake in Amar Chitra Katha Pvt. Ltd. (ACKPL), which publishes Amar Chitra Katha comics, for ₹13.62 crore.

Unemployment rate at 8.7% in October-December 2021, says NSO survey

The unemployment rate for persons of 15 years and above in urban areas slipped to 8.7 per cent in October-December 2021 from 10.3 per cent in the year-ago quarter.

Toyota signs MoU with Karnataka, to invest ₹4,800 cr.

Toyota Group signed an MoU with the Karnataka state government for an investment of ₹4,800 crore to accelerate the government's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission that elevates India's position as a manufacturing hub.

Unity SFB to roll out initiatives for erstwhile PMC Bank depositors

Unity Small Finance Bank is planning to roll out initiatives, including for senior citizens, to bring relief to erstwhile Punjab & Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank's customers.

NTPC invites bids to import 4.53 million tonnes of coal

State-owned power giant NTPC has invited bids to procure 4.53 million tonnes (MT) of imported coal, mainly for blending with the domestic dry fuel in thermal plants.

Cotton textile exports hit \$15.29 bn, beat target

Cotton textile exports exceeded the government's FY22 target to reach \$15.29 billion, including raw cotton.

Oil Marketing Companies enter into long-term purchase agreement for upcoming dedicated ethanol plants

The Oil Marketing Companies, OMCs – BPCL, HPCL and IOCL have entered into a long-term purchase agreement for upcoming dedicated ethanol plants across the country. SBI, IOB and Indian Bank are three banks involved in this agreement with Oil Marketing Companies.

Coal production increases by 29% in April, 2022

Coal production has increased by 29 per cent in April as compared to corresponding period of previous year. Over 66 million tonnes coal production was registered in April.

Hindalco's US-based subsidiary Novelis to invest \$2.5 billion in a new plant

Aluminium producer Hindalco's US-based subsidiary Novelis will be investing \$2.5 billion to build a new low-carbon aluminium recycling and rolling plant in Bay Minette, Alabama.

Tatas readying blueprint for 'battery' firm

As part of its transition to be future-ready, Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrasekaran said the Tata group is preparing the blueprint to launch a "battery company" both in India and abroad.

Retail inflation quickens to an almost eight-year high at 7.8%

Inflation faced by Indian consumers shot up to a nearly eight-year high of 7.8% in April from 6.95% in March, with rural inflation accelerating to 8.4% and urban parts of the country experiencing 7.1% inflation.

India's industrial output expanded 1.9% in March

India's industrial output grew by 1.9% in March, only marginally higher than the 1.7% growth recorded in February.

Tata Sons names Scoot's Wilson as Air India CEO

Tata Sons announced the appointment of New Zealand-born Campbell Wilson as CEO and MD of Air India (AI).

Ford makes U-turn, shelves EV export plan

Ford Motor Co. had dropped plans to make electric vehicles (EVs) in India for exports, while it explores options for its two factories in the country that stopped production last year.

Deepika Padukone becomes the first Indian brand ambassador of Louis Vuitton

Deepika Padukone is Louis Vuitton's first-ever Indian brand ambassador. Deepika joined Emma Stone and

Chinese actor Zhou Dongyu to unveil the brand's new leather goods campaign for the Dauphine bag.

Bajaj Finserv's Sanjiv Bajaj takes over as CII President
Sanjiv Bajaj, chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, has assumed office as the president of CII for 2022-23.

A first in India: Zydus brings new drug for uncontrolled 'bad' cholesterol

For the first time in India, Zydus Lifesciences Ltd. (formerly Cadila Healthcare Ltd) has launched a new class of drug 'Bemdac' to treat uncontrolled low density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-c).

RBI appoints Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan as executive directors

The Reserve Bank said Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan have been appointed as executive directors with effect from May 1.

Swiggy signs deal with Times Internet to acquire Dineout
Food delivery giant Swiggy has entered into a definitive agreement with Times Internet to acquire Dineout, leading dining out and restaurant tech platform.

RBI opens banks credit for NBFCs to on-lend continuously to priority sector

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to allow banks to lend to NBFCs for on-lending to priority sectors on an on-going basis to ensure continuation of the synergies that have been developed between banks and NBFCs in delivering credit to the specified priority sectors.

Forex reserves decline \$11 billion in FY23

India's foreign exchange reserves have declined by \$11.355 billion since the beginning of FY2. As of May 6, 2022, India's forex reserves stood at \$595.954 billion.

Adani acquires Holcim stake in ACC-Ambuja in a \$10.5-billion deal

In a \$10.5 billion deal, the Adani Group entered into definitive agreements to acquire Swiss cement major Holcim's stake in Ambuja Cements and its subsidiary ACC, including the open offers.

SEBI calls for no celebrity endorsement of cryptos

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has suggested that no 'prominent public figures, including celebrities, sportsmen' should endorse crypto products and the advertisement discloser should also talk about possible violation of laws.

Govt. puts Pawan Hans sale on hold over NCLT order against winning consortium member

The Union government has put on hold the sale of Pawan Hans as it is legally examining an NCLT order against Almas Global, which is part of the winning consortium.

Wholesale inflation quickened to record high of 15.1% in April

Inflation in wholesale prices quickened to 15.1% in April, the fastest pace in the current data series, driven largely by a spike in fuel and food prices, especially of perishables such as fruits, vegetables and milk.

Abu Dhabi's IHC invests \$2 bn in Adani

Abu Dhabi's International Holding Company PJSC (IHC) has invested Rs. 15,400 crore (\$2 billion) as primary capital in three Adani portfolio companies.

LIC IPO: LIC opens at 8.62% lower from issue price on BSE

The shares of India's largest insurer Life Insurance Corporation of India opened at BSE at 867.20 which is 8.62 per cent lower from the issue price.

Parent Public Sector Enterprises to undertake process for Disinvestment of closure of units

Centre approved the proposal for empowering the Board of Directors of the Holding and Parent Public Sector Enterprises to recommend and undertake the process for Disinvestment or closure of any of their subsidiaries, units, and stake in Joint Ventures.

S&P cuts FY23 India growth forecast to 7.3%

S&P Global Ratings cut India's growth projection for the current fiscal to 7.3% from 7.8% earlier on rising inflation and the longer-than-expected Russia-Ukraine conflict.

BPCL privatisation said to stall as bidders exit

The privatisation of BPCL, which was dubbed India's biggest ever, has been stalled with just one bidder left in the fray after two others walked out over issues such as lack of clarity in fuel pricing.

RBI asks banks and ATM operators to provide cardless cash withdrawal facility

RBI has directed banks and ATM operators to provide cardless cash withdrawal facilities at all ATMs. In a circular, the RBI said, all banks, automated teller machine (ATM) networks, and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) may provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs.

Foodgrain production during 2021-22

Agriculture Ministry released the third advance estimate of production of major agricultural crops for 2021-22. The production of Food grains in the country is estimated at a record 314.51 million tonnes which is higher by 3.77 million tonnes than the production of food grain during 2020-21.

War to slow India's growth to 6.4%: UN

As the Ukraine conflict impacts global GDP, India is projected to grow by 6.4% in 2022, slower than last year's 8.8%, according to an UN report.

Adani eyes \$4-billion foray into healthcare

Billionaire Gautam Adani's group has created a new company for its foray into healthcare services through the acquisition of large hospitals, diagnostic chains, and offline and digital pharmacies.

RBI to transfer Rs 30K cr surplus to govt for FY22

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will transfer ₹30,307 crore as surplus to the central government for 2021-22, lowest amount in 8 yrs.

At \$83.57 billion, India reports 'highest-ever' FDI inflow in FY22

India has recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of \$83.57 billion during FY22. In terms of top investor countries, Singapore is at the top with 27 per cent, followed by the US (18 per cent) and Mauritius (16 per cent) during the last fiscal.

RBL Bank collaborates with Amazon Pay to offer UPI Payment Services

RBL Bank, Amazon Pay, and Amazon Web Services (AWS) have partnered together to deliver universal payments interface (UPI) payments, which will include peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions.

Infosys reappoints Salil Parekh as CEO and MD for 5 years

IT giant Infosys has announced that Salil Parekh has been reappointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) by the Board of Directors. His new term will be effective from July 1, 2022 to March 31, 2027.

General Atlantic plans \$2 billion investment in India, Southeast Asia

Global private equity firm General Atlantic plans to plough \$2 billion into India and Southeast Asia over the next two years after falling valuations made the region's startups more attractive.

Vijay Shekhar Sharma reappointed as Paytm MD and CEO till December 2027

One 97 Communications, which operates under Paytm brand, has reappointed its founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma as managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) till December 18, 2027.

GIC to invest up to ₹2,195 cr. in ABFRL

The board of Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd. (ABFRL) has approved raising up to ₹2,195 crores by way of preferential issue of equity shares and warrants to an affiliate of Singapore's sovereign wealth fund GIC.

LG Electronics eyeing 32% share of India TV market

South Korean consumer electronics major LG is targeting for a 32 per cent share of the Indian TV market in 2022, with a gain of around 5 per cent to become the number one player in the segment.

Cabinet clears Hindustan Zinc stake sale

The Union Cabinet approved the sale of the government's residual 29.58 per cent stake in Hindustan Zinc Ltd, which at current prices would fetch over ₹38,000 crore to the exchequer.

RBI cancels certificate of registration of 5 NBFCs

The Reserve Bank has cancelled the certificate of registration issued to five Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) — UMB Securities and Anashri Finvest (both Bengaluru-based), Chadha Finance (New Delhi), Alexcy Tracon (Kolkata) and Jhuria Financial Services (Guwahati) — due to irregular lending practices.

PhonePe launches UPI SIP for gold investments

PhonePe has announced the launch of UPI SIP for investing in gold. Users can now invest in 24K gold for a specified amount every month and accumulate their gold in insured bank-grade lockers maintained by PhonePe's partners, MMTC-PAMP and SafeGold.

World Bank Chief warns Russia-Ukraine conflict could cause global recession

World Bank Chief David Malpass has warned that the Russia-Ukraine conflict could cause a global recession as the price of food, energy and fertilisers are increasing exponentially.

Moody's pares India 2022 growth projection to 8.8%

Moody's Investors Service has lowered India's growth forecast for calendar year 2022 to 8.8%, from 9.1% projected in March, citing the rise in crude oil, food and fertilizer prices.

ONGC to spend ₹31,000 crore on exploration

ONGC will invest ₹31,000 crore over the next three years in exploring the Indian sedimentary basin for fuel reserves which could augment the nation's production in its attempt to be self-reliant in the energy sector.

Google said to mull joining India's ONDC

Google is in talks with the Indian government to integrate its shopping services with the country's open e-commerce network ONDC. India soft-launched its Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) last month.

Tata Motors files all-time high of 125 patents across innovations in FY2

Tata Motors has filed a record 125 patents in the year that ended on March 31, 2022—the highest in its history.

Coal India to import the fuel for first time since 2015

State-run Coal India (COAL.NS), the world's largest coal miner, will import the fuel for use by utilities. It would be the first time since 2015 that Coal India has imported the fuel.

U.S. becomes India's biggest trading partner at \$119 billion

The U.S. surpassed China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22. In 2021-22, the bilateral trade

between the U.S. and India stood at \$119.42 billion as against \$80.51 billion in 2020-21.

RBI report says 79,669 pieces of fake ₹500 notes detected in FY22

The number of fake currency notes of ₹500 denomination detected by the banking system more than doubled to 79,669 pieces in fiscal 2021-22 over previous year, according to RBI annual report.

Gail India to invest ₹6,000 cr. in renewables over next 3 years

State-owned Gail India will invest ₹6,000 crore in the next three years in renewables. The investment can go up by an additional ₹20,000 crore by 2030.

Hero Electric signs EV financing pact with Chola

Hero Electric has entered into a partnership with Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd. (Chola), the financial services arm of the Murugappa Group, to offer financing for electric two-wheelers.

Tata Motors arm inks pact for takeover of Ford plant

Tata Motors' subsidiary Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd. (TPEML) and Ford India Private Ltd. (FIPL) have entered into an MoU with the Gujarat government for potential acquisition of FIPL's Sanand vehicle manufacturing facility.

AWARDS

Columbia Journalism School award for The Hindu Group Chairperson

Dr. Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson of The Hindu Publishing, received the Distinguished Alumni Award of Columbia Journalism School. She was among the six alumni chosen for the award for 2022.

Nasa climate research scientist awarded World Food prize

Cynthia Rosenzweig, a senior research scientist and head of the Climate Impacts Group at NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) received the 2022 World Food Prize from the World Food Prize Foundation.

Snow leopard expert Charudutt Mishra gets Whitley Award

Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems.

Bengali translation of French novel 'Meursault, contre-enquête' wins Romain Rolland Book Prize

The Bengali translation of French novel "Meursault, contre-enquête" (The Meursault Investigation) has won the fifth Romain Rolland Book Prize. The award was given to translator Trinanjan Chakraborty and publisher Patra Bharati.

Danish Siddiqui Wins 2nd Pulitzer, This Time For India Covid Deaths Pics

Slain photojournalist Danish Siddiqui is among four Indians honoured with the prestigious Pulitzer Prize 2022 in the feature photography category. Siddiqui and his colleagues Adnan Abidi, Sanna Irshad Mattoo and Amit Dave from the Reuters news agency won the award.

President Kovind presents Gallantry Awards to Armed Forces personnel

President Ram Nath Kovind presented Gallantry Awards at Defence Investiture Ceremony- 2022 at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. He conferred 13 Shaurya Chakras, including six posthumous, to the personnel of Armed Forces for displaying gallantry, courage and

devotion to duty. The President also conferred 14 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, four Uttam Yudh Seva Medals and 24 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals for distinguished service of exceptional order.

Army Chief General Manoj Pande received Param Vishisht Seva Medal from the President.

Nobel Laureate And Physicist Frank Wilczek Wins Templeton Prize

Frank Wilczek, the Nobel Prize-winning theoretical physicist and author renowned for his boundary-pushing investigations into the fundamental laws of nature, was honoured with this year's prestigious Templeton Prize.

Acclaimed architect BV Doshi receives Royal Gold Medal 2022

Acclaimed Indian architect Balkrishna V Doshi, has received one of the world's highest honours for architecture — Royal Gold Medal 2022.

Subhash Ola wins Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022

An innovator from Rajasthan who has developed the technology of saving energy in boilers by recycling steam, Subhash Ola has won the 1st prize for the Amazon Smbhav Entrepreneurship Challenge 2022 and his enterprise "Geniusenergy Critical Innovation Private Limited" has won the Start-up of the Year award.

India's ASHA workers among six recipients of Global Health Leaders Award at World Health Assembly

ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) workers, who are at the forefront of healthcare delivery in India, has received the Global Health Leaders Award-2022.

The other recipients include eight volunteer polio workers who were shot and killed by armed gunmen in Takhar and Kunduz provinces in Afghanistan in February this year.

The award also recognised the Dr Paul Farmer for his contribution towards providing direct healthcare services, research and advocacy for those who are sick and living in poverty

Dr Ahmed Hankir for his anti-stigma programme that blends in the power of performing arts and storytelling with psychiatry.

Volleyball player Ludmila Sofia Oliveira Varela for facilitating access to sports as an alternative to risky behaviour in youth.

Yohei Sasakawa for his global fight against leprosy and the associated stigma and social discrimination.

Rolls-Royce India President Jayaraman gets top British honour

Kishore Jayaraman, President, India and South Asia for Rolls-Royce, has received an honorary Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) by Her Majesty the Queen, British Deputy High Commission.

International Booker Prize 2022 for Geetanjali

Author Geetanjali Shree has become the first Indian to win the International Booker Prize 2022 for her novel, Tomb of Sand, originally written in Hindi. The novel, originally titled Ret Samadhi, was the first Hindi book to be shortlisted for the high-profile award.

WINNERS AT 2022 CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

Palme d'Or- Triangle of Sadness

Grand Prix- Close and Stars at Noon (shared)

Jury Prize- The Eight Mountains and EO (shared)

Best Director- Park Chan-wook (Decision to Leave)

Best Actor- Song Kang Ho (Broker)

Best Actress- Zar Amir Ebrahimi (Holy Spider)

Best Screenplay- Tarik Saleh (Boy from Heaven)

Cannes 75th Anniversary Prize: Tori et Lokita
Honorary Palme d'Or: Forest Whitaker

Indian film 'All That Breathes' bags top documentary award at Cannes 2022

Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary 'All That Breathes' has won the 2022 L'Oeil d'Or, the festival's top prize for documentaries at Cannes 2022.

Sanjit Narwekar conferred with V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award

Eminent filmmaker and author Sanjit Narwekar has been conferred with the coveted Dr V Shantaram Lifetime Achievement Award at the 17th edition of the Mumbai International Film Festival for Documentary, Short Fiction, and Animation Films.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Suman Bery

Experienced policy economist and research administrator Suman Bery took charge as the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog.

Vinay Mohan Kwatra

Senior IFS officer Vinay Mohan Kwatra has assumed charge as India's new Foreign Secretary. He succeeded incumbent Harsh Vardhan Shringla.

Nand Mulchandani

Nand Mulchandani, an Indian-American Silicon Valley IT expert has been appointed the US Central Intelligence Agency's (CIA) first-ever Chief Technology Officer.

Kami Rita

Nepal's legendary climber Kami Rita Sherpa has climbed the Mt Everest, the tallest peak in the world for the 26th time to set a new world record.

John Lee

John Lee Ka-chiu, the sole candidate for Hong Kong's leadership election, has been confirmed as the city's next chief executive and will replace Carrie Lam.

Mahinda Rajapaksa

Sri Lankan Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa resigned from his post after anti-government protests across the island nation. His resignation came after violent clashes erupted in Colombo over the economic crisis in the country.

Rodrigo Chaves

Economist and former finance minister Rodrigo Chaves was sworn in as Costa Rica's President for a four-year mandate focused on reinvigorating one of Latin America's most stable economies.

Rajat Kumar Kar

Eminent Odia litterateur Rajat Kumar Kar, a Padma Shri awardee, died. An orator on Jagannath culture, he was known for his commentary during the annual Ratha Jatra on TV and radio for six decades.

Shivkumar Sharma

Legendary musician and santoor player Pandit Shivkumar Sharma passed away due to a cardiac arrest. He has been credited with popularising the Santoor. Pandit Shivkumar Sharma received the prestigious Padma Shri in 1991, and the Padma Vibhushan in 2001.

Pandit Sukh Ram

Veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister Pandit Sukh Ram passed away. Sukh Ram was the Union Minister of State, Communications from 1993 to 1996.

Yoon Suk Yeol

Yoon Suk Yeol was sworn in as President of South Korea, ushering in the country's first conservative government in five years.

Katalin Novak

The Hungarian parliament has elected Katalin Novak, a close ally of Prime Minister Viktor Orban, as the EU member's first-ever female president.

Rajiv Kumar

Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar took charge as the 25th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) on May 15 after the incumbent Sushil Chandra retired .

Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan

UAE President and ruler of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed away. Sheikh Khalifa served as the President of the UAE and ruler of Abu Dhabi since November 3, 2004.

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahayan

Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as President of the United Arab Emirates, a day after the death of former leader Sheikh Khalifa.

Hassan Sheikh Mohamud

Somalia's former leader Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected President after a final vote that was only open to the country's MPs.

Elisabeth Borne

French President Emmanuel Macron has named Elisabeth Borne as the country's new Prime Minister. She is the second woman to hold the position after Edith Cresson (1991-1992) under President Francois Mitterrand.

Manik Saha

Manik Saha has recently took oath as new Tripura Chief Minister, ahead of the state assembly election to be held early next year. Saha was named as the CM after Biplab Kumar Deb resigned.

Naveen Srivastava

Diplomat Naveen Srivastava was appointed India's new ambassador to Nepal. Srivastava, a 1993 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS), is currently serving as additional secretary in the MEA.

Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury

Renowned lyricist, veteran journalist and language movement activist of Bangladesh Abdul Gaffar Chowdhury passed away. Chowdhury was the lyricist of the soul stirring song 'Amar Bhaiyer Rokte Ranganon Ekushe February Ami Ki Bhulite Pari'.

Anthony Albanese

Labour Party leader Anthony Albanese was sworn in as Australia's new Prime Minister. He ousted predecessor Scott Morrison's conservative coalition in election.

Vinai Kumar Saxena

Vinai Kumar Saxena, Chairman of Khadi and Village Industries Commission, has been appointed the new Lieutenant-Governor of Delhi, just days after his predecessor Anil Bajjal resigned citing personal reasons.

Ferdinand Marcos

Ferdinand Marcos Jr. was proclaimed the next President of the Philippines by a joint session of Congress following a landslide election triumph 36 years after his dictator father was ousted in a pro-democracy uprising.

Yasin Malik

A Delhi court has awarded life imprisonment to JKLF chief Yasin Malik in a terror funding case. He had earlier pleaded guilty, to all the charges, including those under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA).

Captain Abhilasha Barak

Captain Abhilasha Barak has become the first woman officer to join the Army Aviation Corps as a combat aviator after successful completion of training.

Ray Liotta

Ray Liotta, the actor best known for portraying mobster Henry Hill in Martin Scorsese's "Goodfellas" and bringing magnetically edgy energy to a gallery of crime dramas and thrillers, has died.

Anwar Hussain Shaik

An Indian Government Officer, Anwar Hussain Shaik has been made the chair of the World Trade Organisation's Committee on Technical Barriers on Trade. Mr. Shaik will take this role from Elisa Maria Olmeda de Alejandro from Mexico.

Sriya Lenka

Sriya Lenka, an 18-year-old from Odisha, has become the first-ever K-pop artist from India. Ms Lenka has been chosen to be part of the Korean pop band Blackswan along with Brazil's Gabriela Dalcin.

Andrew Symonds

Former Australia cricketer Andrew Symonds died in a car crash. He featured in 198 ODIs, scoring six centuries and 30 half-centuries while also contributing 133 wickets.

SPORTS

Asia Badminton Championships: PV Sindhu settles for Bronze

In Asia Badminton Championships, India's P.V. Sindhu won her second Asian bronze medal after a heartbreaking three-game loss to top-seed and defending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan in the semifinal in Manila.

Sports Minister Anurag Thakur inaugurates 2nd Khelo Masters Games

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur has inaugurated 2nd Khelo Masters Games Delhi-2022 at Tyagraj Stadium in New Delhi.

Wang Zhiyi Stuns World Champion Akane Yamaguchi to Win Asia Badminton Championship

Unseeded Wang Zhiyi withstood a late fightback from world champion Akane Yamaguchi to record a stunning victory in the women's singles final of the Badminton Asia Championships.

Real Madrid wins 35th La Liga title with 4-0 win against Espanyol

Real Madrid wrapped up the La Liga title with a comprehensive 4-0 victory against Espanyol. It is Real's second league title in three years. Real has now won 35 league titles, nine more than rival Barcelona.

First-ever Kerala Olympic Games conducted in Thiruvananthapuram

The maiden Kerala Games- 2022, a mega multi-sporting event conducted by the Kerala Olympics Association was conducted in Thiruvananthapuram. The 10-day Kerala Games featured competitions in 24 sports disciplines at over 10 venues.

Harshada Sharad Garud first Indian to win gold medal at IWF Junior World Championships

In Weightlifting, Harshada Sharad Garud scripted history by becoming the first Indian to win a gold medal at the IWF Junior World Championships at Heraklion in Greece.

Santosh Trophy: Kerala beat West Bengal in penalty shootout to lift title for seventh time

In Football, hosts Kerala beat West Bengal 5-4 in a penalty shootout at the Payyanad Stadium in Malappuram to win

the Santosh Trophy National Tournament for the seventh time.

Ronnie O'Sullivan Seizes Seventh Title at Snooker Worlds

Ronnie O'Sullivan beat Judd Trump 18-13 to win the World Snooker Championship title for the seventh time, equalling the record held by Stephen Hendry.

Jain University finishes on top

Jain University emerged the overall champion of the Khelo India University Games, which concluded in Begaluru. The host claimed 20 gold, seven silver and five bronze medals to take the honours.

Vaishali wins Fischer memorial title

International Master R. Vaishali made her second Grandmaster-norm on her way to the 8th Fischer memorial round-robin chess title in Heraklion, Greece.

India finishes 2021-22 season as World's No. 1 T20I team

India, under new captain Rohit Sharma, finished the 2021-22 season as the World's No. 1 ranked T20I. Australia topped the annual Test rankings released by ICC. The Black Caps from New Zealand finished the last season as the World No. 1 ODI team.

BCCI bans journalist for 2 years for 'bullying' Saha

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has banned journalist Boria Majumdar for two years after an internal inquiry found him guilty of an attempt to "threaten and intimidate" wicketkeeper Wriddhiman Saha.

Manika Batra achieves career-best ranking of 38 in women's singles

India paddler Manika Batra has achieved a career-best ranking of 38 in women's singles after she climbed 10 places in the latest ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings.

Maradona's 'hand of God' jersey fetches \$9.3 million

The jersey that Argentina football legend Diego Maradona wore when scoring twice against England in the 1986 World Cup, including the infamous 'hand of God' goal, was auctioned for \$9.3 million, a record for any item of sports memorabilia.

Dhanush Srikanth wins gold, Shourya Saini bags bronze at Deaflympics

Dhanush Srikanth struck gold in the men's 10m air rifle competition at the 24th Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul, Brazil. Shourya Saini claimed bronze.

Asian Games in China postponed over COVID resurgence

The Hangzhou Asian Games in China have been postponed indefinitely because of concerns over the spreading Omicron variant in China. The 2022 Asian Games was scheduled to be hosted in East China's Hangzhou.

Haryana government launches Khelo India mascot and logo in Panchkula

Haryana government launched Khelo India Youth Games' mascot and logo at Panchkula's Indradhanush Auditorium. Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Panchkula, Chandigarh, Delhi, Shahabad and Ambala from June 4 to 13.

Verstappen beats Leclerc to win first Miami Grand Prix

Formula One world champion Max Verstappen won the inaugural Miami Grand Prix for Red Bull, slashing Ferrari rival Charles Leclerc's overall lead from 27 to 19 points after five races.

Madrid Open: Carlos Alcaraz beat Alexander Zverev to win title

Rising Spanish tennis star Carlos Alcaraz clinched the Madrid Open title, beating defending champion Alexander Zverev.

Indian GM Gukesh wins Sunway Formentera Open chess tourney

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh emerged champion in the 1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament.

Alyssa Healy, Keshav Maharaj Win ICC 'Player Of Month' Award

Australian women's team star keeper-batter Alyssa Healy and South African men's side spinner Keshav Maharaj were voted the ICC's 'Player of the Month' for April in their respective categories.

Rudranksh wins air rifle gold

Junior World Championship silver medallist Rudranksh Patil clinched the air rifle gold medal by defeating compatriot Abhinav Shaw 17-13 in the Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

India's Jyothi Yarraji smashes national record to clinch gold medal in 100m hurdles in Cyprus meet

In Cyprus International Athletics Meeting 2022, India's Jyothi Yarraji smashed the national record to clinch a gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles in Limassol. Jyothi clocked 13.23 seconds shattering the 20-year-old national record held by Anuradha Biswal since 2002.

Summer Deaflympics: Shuttler Jerlin, golfer Diksha clinch gold

J. Jerlin Anika beat Austria's K. Neudolt to win the women's singles badminton title, and complete a treble, in the Summer Deaflympics at Caxias do Sul in Brazil. Indian golfer Diksha Dagar outplayed American Ashlyn Grace Johnson in the final to bag the gold medal at the Deaflympics.

Chennai to host WTA-250 Tennis Championship in September

Chennai is set to come back on the global tennis map as the city is to host the WTA-250 Tennis Championship from 26th September this year.

India beat Indonesia 3-0 to lift maiden Thomas Cup trophy

Indian Men's Badminton team has scripted history by winning the Thomas Cup for the first time ever, dethroning 14-time Champions Indonesia in Bangkok.

Liverpool beat Chelsea on penalties to win FA Cup title

Liverpool has won the English FA Cup for the eighth time defeating Chelsea on penalties. After the game ended goalless in regular time, Liverpool prevailed 6-5 in a penalty shootout at the Wembley stadium.

Indian shooters clean-sweep women's 25m pistol at Suhl Junior World Cup

Indian shooters made a clean sweep of the women's 25m pistol competition at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany. Rhythm Sangwan won gold, Manu Bhaker silver and Naamaa Kapoor bronze.

Novak defeats Stefanos Tsitsipas to capture record-extending 38th ATP Masters 1000

In Tennis, World No.1 Novak Djokovic capped a historic week at the Italian Open in Rome, where he overcame Stefanos Tsitsipas to capture a record-extending 38th ATP Masters 1000 crown.

Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games postponed due to Covid

The Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games Organising Committee (HAPGOC) and the Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) announced the postponement of the 2022 Asian Para Games, originally scheduled to take place from 9th to 15th October this year.

Mushfiq becomes the first Bangladesh batter to score 5000 runs in Test

Bangladesh batter Mushfiqur Rahim achieved the distinction of being the first cricketer in the country to score 5000 runs in test matches. The feat has been achieved 22 years after Bangladesh played its first test match.

Women's World Boxing Champs: Nikhat Zareen bags Gold, Manisha Moun, and Parveen win Bronze

Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen clinched the gold medal at the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships. Apart from Nikhat, two Indian boxers Manisha Moun in 57 kg and Parveen Hooda in 63 kg category signed off with bronze medals after their semi-finals finish in the championships.

Archery World Cup 2022: Indian men's compound team wins successive gold medals

The Indian men's compound team won gold medal in Archery World Cup 2022 Stage-Two in Gwangju, South Korea. Fourth-seeded Indian men's team, comprising Abhishek Verma, Aman Saini, and Rajat Chauhan repeated the Stage-One final.

Thailand Open: Indian shuttler P. V. Sindhu bows out of Women's Singles

In Badminton, Indian shuttler P. V. Sindhu bowed out of Women's Singles of the Thailand Open. The Two-time Olympic medalist lost to China's Chen Yu Fei in straight games 17-21, 16-21.

Manchester City crowned 2021/22 Premier League champions

Manchester City has been crowned 2021/22 Premier League champions their fourth title success in the last five seasons.

Max Verstappen wins dramatic Spanish F1 GP after Charles Leclerc retires

Max Verstappen won a dramatic Spanish Grand Prix to move into the lead of the F1 world championship after title rival Charles Leclerc retired.

French Open Tennis tournament begins at Roland Garros in Paris

French Open Tennis tournament, the second Grand Slam event of the year, has begun at Roland Garros in Paris.

OVEP launched in Odisha

The Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was launched in Odisha. Odisha is the first state in the country to launch the OVEP.

Narinder Batra steps down as President of Indian Olympic Association

Narinder Batra has resigned from the post of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president. He is also the president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH).

Sreeshankar wins gold in Greece

M. Sreeshankar, the National long jump record holder, surprised Indoor Worlds silver medallist Tobias Montler and won the gold with 8.31m at the International jumping meet in Kallithea, Athens.

Roma crowned Conference League champion

Nicolo Zaniolo won Roma its first ever major European football trophy with the only goal in a 1-0 win over Feyenoord in the inaugural Europa Conference League final.

Sri Lanka crushes Bangladesh in second test, wins series by 1-0

Sri Lanka crushed Bangladesh by 10 wickets on the fifth and final day of the second test match being played in Dhaka to claim the two-match series 1-0.

Chessable Masters final: Indian Chess prodigy R Praggnanandhaa finishes 2nd

16-year-old Indian Chess prodigy Praggnandhaa, finished second in Chessable Masters tournament. World No. 2 Ding Liren escaped to a 1.5-0.5 victory and claimed the honours in the Chessables Masters online rapid chess tournament.

Indian shooters conclude their campaign on top with total of 33 medals at ISSF Junior World Cup 2022

Indian shooters concluded their campaign on top with a total of 33 medals at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany. India's tally of 33 medals - 13 golds, 15 silvers and five bronzes - was the most by any country at the 2022 edition.

Gujarat Titans win IPL final defeating Rajasthan Royals at Ahmedabad

In IPL Cricket final, Hardik Pandya's all-round performance powered debutants Gujarat Titans to seven wickets win over Rajasthan Royals at the Narendra Modi stadium in Ahmedabad.

Mumbai Indians emerge as the most engaged club

Mumbai Indians has been ranked as the most popular sports brand for March 2022 on YouTube with 40.7M engagements. The IPL team beat global brands such as FC Barcelona, Liverpool FC, Real Madrid amongst others, according to a report by Deportes & Finanzas, a Spanish research agency.

Real Madrid Beat Liverpool 1-0 To Win Record-Extending 14th Champions League Title

Real Madrid became the European champions for a record-extending 14th time after beating Liverpool 1-0 in a Champions League final at the Stade de France in Paris.

Moto GP: Bagnaia wins Italian Grind Prix for Ducati

Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia held off a spirited challenge from reigning world champion Fabio Quartararo of Yamaha to win the Italian Grand Prix in front of his home fans at the Mugello Circuit.

Sergio Pérez wins dramatic Monaco Grand Prix

Sergio Pérez produced a brilliant drive as Red Bull capitalized on a dramatic Monaco Grand Prix. The Mexican driver started the race third but leapfrogged the leaders during an action-packed race.

Jehan Daruvala finishes second in Formula 2 Monaco sprint

Jehan Daruvala has bounced back in Monaco by securing his fourth podium finish of the year with a second place finish in the F1 sprint race.

MISCELLANEOUS

India elected as new Chair of Association of Asian Election Authorities

India has been unanimously elected as the new Chair of the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) for 2022-2024.

India remains world's top remittance recipient

India emerged as the largest remittance receiving country in 2021, according to the World Bank. India received remittances worth over \$89 billion in 2021.

Industrialist Gautam Adani, advocate Karuna Nundy named among TIME's 100 Most Influential People of 2022

Billionaire industrialist Gautam Adani and advocate Karuna Nundy have been named by TIME magazine as among the 100 Most Influential People of 2022. Also on the list is Khurram Parvez, chairperson of the Asian Federation Against Involuntary Disappearances.

India drops 8 ranks in WEF's Travel & Tourism Development Index

India was ranked at the 54th place in a global travel and tourism development index, down from 46th in 2019. Japan has topped the global charts, followed by the US.

Over 3 lakh children in Bangladesh affected by sewerwasting-UNICEF

More than 3.27 lakh young children below the age of 5 are affected by 'severe wasting' in Bangladesh, says UNICEF.

Pope Francis elevates archbishops of Hyderabad and Goa to cardinal rank

Pope Francis announced that he will create 21 new Cardinals, including two from India at a Consistory on, 27 August. The two Cardinals from India are Archbishop Filipe Neri António Sebastião di Rosário Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa and Damao and -Archbishop Anthony Poola, Archbishop of Hyderabad.

Bangladesh to be the 'country of Focus' at the Mumbai International Film Festival

As a fitting tribute to the golden jubilee of the liberation of Bangladesh, it has been made 'Country of Focus' during the 17th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF).

Delhi airport displaced Dubai as world's second busiest in March

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, India's largest, emerged as the second busiest airport in the world in March, displacing Dubai Airport and trailing only Atlanta in the pecking order

India slips to 150 in press freedom index

India has reached 150th position in the World Press Freedom Index, a report by Reporters Without Borders. Norway topped the list. Among the worst-performing countries in the index, North Korea remained at the bottom of the list

Astronomers reveal first image of the black hole - SagittariusA* - at the heart of our galaxy

Astronomers have unveiled the first image of the supermassive black hole Sagittarius A* (Sgr A*) at the centre of our own Milky Way galaxy.

Nearly 2.4 million Deaths In India Due To Pollution In 2019, Highest Globally

India saw over 23.5 lakh premature deaths due to pollution of all types - including 16.7 lakh fatalities caused by air pollution - in 2019, the highest among all countries globally, according to a new study published in The Lancet Planetary Health journal.

World may have lost 11.2 crore jobs: ILO

As per the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Monitor, number of hours worked globally dropped in the first quarter of 2022, to 3.8% below the employment situation before the pandemic. About 11.2 crore jobs might have lost between this period.

International Labour Day: May 1st

International Workers' Day or Labour Day is celebrated on May 1 in most countries. Labour Day is observed to commemorate the struggles and sacrifices of the workers' and labours' movement.

World Press Freedom Day: 3rd May

World Press Freedom Day is observed globally on 3rd May every year. It is also known as World Press Day. This year's World Press Freedom Day theme "Journalism under digital siege".

International Sun Day: 3rd May

The United Nations Environment Programme initiated the "International Day of the Sun", which draws attention to the great potential of solar energy every year on 3 May.

World Athletics Day 2022: 7th May

World Athletics Day is celebrated every year globally on the 7th of May to raise awareness about the importance of fitness and encourage them to play sports, especially athletics.

World Red Cross Day :8th May

World Red Cross Day is observed globally on 8th May every year. The day aims to broaden the public's understanding of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

May 12 is International Nurses Day

May 12 is observed as International Nurses Day. This day is celebrated worldwide to mark the contribution made by nurses to the society. The day coincides with the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing.

World Migratory Bird Day: 14th May

World Migratory Bird Day is marked twice a year since its inauguration in 2006. International Migratory Bird Day will be celebrated on 14 May and 8 October 2022.

International Day of Families:15th May

The International Day of Families is observed every year on 15 May to reflect the importance that the international community attaches to families. The theme for this year 'Families and Urbanization'.

Buddha Purnima is being celebrated across the globe

Buddha Purnima is being celebrated on May 16. According to Buddhist legends, Buddha was born as Prince Siddhartha Gautama on the Baisakh full moon day in 563 BC at Lumbini in Nepal.

World Bee Day: 20th May

World Bee Day is observed worldwide on May 20. World Bee Day is to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.

National Endangered Species Day 2022: 20th May

Every year on the third Friday in May, National Endangered Species Day is observed, and this year it will be observed on May 20.

International Tea Day: 21st May

The International Tea Day is observed on May 21 every year. The day is known to create awareness about safe working conditions for the tea workers, fair trade and a sustainable environment to improve the production of tea.

Anti Terrorism Day: 21st May

Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on 21 May, on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development: 21st May

The UN General Assembly, in its resolution, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

International Day for Biological Diversity: 22nd May

The world marks International Day for Biological Diversity on 22nd May. The theme for this year's Biological Diversity Day is 'Building a shared future for all life'.

World Turtle's Day is being celebrated on May 23

World Turtle's Day is celebrated on May 23rd every year since the year 2000 and is sponsored by the American Tortoise Rescue.

International Day of UN Peacekeepers: 29th May

International Day of UN Peacekeepers is observed globally on 29th May. The theme for this year's Day is "People. Peace. Progress. The Power of Partnerships."