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UN steps up 'troop alert level' in Democratic Republic of Congo

The UN peacekeeping mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo has announced an increase in its troop alert level following deadly clashes with rebels in the east.

Poland chooses US to build its first nuclear power plant

Poland has chosen US firm Westinghouse to build the European country's first nuclear power plant. The move comes in as a part of the country's efforts to burn less coal and gain greater energy independence.

UN, Turkey and Ukraine agree to implement Black Sea grain deal

The United Nations, Turkey and Ukraine have agreed to implement a Black Sea grain deal despite Russia's withdrawal from the pact. Russia halted its role in the Black Sea deal for an indefinite term.

Danish PM set to form govt. after slim victory

Denmark's left-wing Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen kicked off the process of forming a new, broader government one day after scoring a narrow election victory.

Russia agrees to rejoin Ukraine grain export deal

Russia has said it will re-join a UN-backed agreement to allow the export of grain from Ukraine via a safe Black Sea corridor, with shipments expected to resume.

Ethiopian government, Tigray agree to end fighting after 2 years

The parties in the conflict in Ethiopia's northern region of Tigray have agreed on a permanent cessation of hostilities, the African Union mediator said, just more than a week after formal peace talks began in South Africa.

North & South Korea fire missiles across each other's maritime border

North and South Korea have both fired missiles on, November 2, across their maritime border for the first time since the peninsula was divided.

China imposes COVID lockdown on 6,00,000 around iPhone plant

Chinese officials-imposed lockdowns on 6,00,000 people in the area surrounding the world's largest iPhone factory in Zhengzhou.

Netanyahu allies secure victory in Israel election

A coalition led by the right-wing former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has won a majority of seats in the 120-seat parliament, or Knesset, allowing him to return to power.

North Korea fires multiple ballistic missiles including inter-continental ballistic missile

North Korea fired multiple ballistic missiles, including an inter-continental ballistic missile (ICBM). It triggered an alert for residents in parts of central and northern Japan to seek shelter.

Europe temperature rises more than twice global average

The United Nations has said, the temperatures in Europe have increased at more than twice the global average over the past three decades. It is the fastest rise of temperature on any continent. The European region has on average seen temperatures rise of 0.5 degrees Celsius each decade since 1991.

Guyana President to be chief guest at 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

Guyana President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali will be the chief guest at the 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention. It will be held from 8th to 10th January next year in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

U.S. announces fund to refurbish tanks, surface-to-air missiles in 400 million Dollar security assistance for Ukraine

The United States has announced that it will fund the refurbishment of T-72 tanks and HAWK surface-to-air missiles as part of a roughly 400 million Dollar security assistance package for Ukraine

UN Climate Change summit kicks off in Egypt to discuss climate compensation

In a big positive, the UN Climate Change summit kicked off in Egypt with an agreement to discuss compensating poor nations for mounting damage linked to global warming, placing the controversial topic on the agenda for the first time since climate talks began decades ago.

Last eight years had been hotter than any year prior to 2015, says WMO report

World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said in a report that each of the last eight years had been hotter than any year prior to 2015, as the COP27 UN Climate Summit opened in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt.

More than 42 million cast early ballots ahead of US's midterm elections in US

In the United States, more than 42 million voters have cast early ballots ahead of midterm elections. Voting will be held for all 435 seats in the House of Representatives, while 35 are up for grabs in the Senate.

WHO says at least 15k died by hot weather in Europe this year so far

The World Health Organization has said that at least 15,000 people have died in Europe because of hot weather in this year so far.

Sweden's New Right-wing Govt Slashes Development Aid

Sweden, one of the world's biggest international donors, is planning drastic aid cuts in the coming years. Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson's government said it planned to reduce the country's international aid by 7.3 billion kronor (\$673 million) in 2023, and by another 2.2 billion kronor in 2024.

U.K. court rejects Nirav Modi's appeal against extradition

The UK high court dismissed fugitive diamondaire Nirav Modi's appeal against his extradition, a development which brings Indian agencies one step closer to bringing him to India to face fraud and money laundering charges.

Five Indian-American lawmakers elected to US House of Representatives for the first time

In the United States midterm elections, a record five Indian American lawmakers from the ruling Democrat Party have been elected to the US House of Representatives.

India joins MAC, at 27th session of COP27 in Egypt

India has joined the Mangrove Alliance for Climate, MAC, at the COP27 at Sharm el-Sheikh in Egypt. MAC is an intergovernmental alliance that seeks to expand and hasten the progress towards conservation and restoration of mangrove ecosystems. India is among the first five countries to join the MAC, including Australia, Japan, Spain, and Sri Lanka.

COP27 presidency launches Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda

At the UN climate change conference, the COP27 presidency launched the Sharm-el-Sheikh Adaptation Agenda outlining 30 goals to enhance resilience for four billion people living in the most climate-vulnerable communities by 2030.

Iran says it has developed a hypersonic ballistic missile

An Iranian Revolutionary Guards General claimed that the Islamic republic has developed a hypersonic missile capable of penetrating all defence systems, raising concerns from the UN nuclear watchdog.

Turkey: 6 people killed in explosion on Istanbul's historic Istiklal Street

In Turkey, at least six people have been killed and 53 injured in an explosion on Istanbul's historic Istiklal Street, according to President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. The blast occurred in Beyoglu district of Istanbul.

India & Sweden hosts LeadIT Summit

India and Sweden hosted the LeadIT Summit on the sidelines of COP27 at Sharm El Sheikh in Egypt. The Leadership for Industry Transition- LeadIT initiative focuses on low carbon transition of the hard to abate industrial sector.

G20 leaders resolve to jointly fight global hunger

G-20 nations have expressed deep concern over the challenges posed to global food security exacerbated by current conflicts and tensions and expressed commitment to taking urgent actions to save lives, prevent hunger and malnutrition.

India takes part in Moscow talks on forming 'inclusive government' in Afghanistan

India and several other countries have called for creating a "truly inclusive" government in Kabul and eradicating terrorism from Afghan soil during their deliberations on the situation in that country under the Moscow format of consultations.

Britain approves three thousand work visas for young Indian professionals

Under the UK-India Young Professionals Scheme, the Britain will offer 3,000 visas to 18 to 30-year-old degree-educated Indian nationals to live and work for up to two years in the United Kingdom.

USA: Republican Party wins majority of seats in House of Representatives

In USA, the Republican Party have won a majority of seats in the House of Representatives. The final call came after more than a week of ballot counting, with Republicans securing the 218th seat required to gain control of the House.

Russia and Ukraine agree to extend grain deal by four months

Russia and Ukraine have agreed to extend the grain deal brokered by the United Nations and Turkey by another 120 days as the existing agreement is to end Saturday. The deal allows grain exports from Ukrainian ports through a safe corridor in the Black Sea.

COP27 agrees to establish special Loss and Damage Fund

The 27th UN Conference of Parties (COP27) agreed for establishing the special Loss and Damage Fund. The Fund will help to make up for the losses suffered by developing nations that are vulnerable to climate change.

Nepal records 61% voter turnout in elections, says EC

In Nepal, the Election Commission has said that the nationwide voter turnout in the elections for the members of the House of Representatives and seven provincial assemblies was around 61 percent.

Turkey launches airstrikes over northern regions of Syria & Iraq targeting Kurdish groups

Turkey launched deadly airstrikes over northern regions of Syria and Iraq targeting Kurdish groups that Ankara holds responsible for the last week's bomb attack in Istanbul.

Death toll in Indonesia earthquake rises to 268

The death toll has risen to 268 in the earthquake which occurred on Monday at the main island of Java, Indonesia. Officials said that more than 1,000 people were injured.

Australian Parliament approves India-Australia Trade deal

The Australian Parliament approved the free trade agreement inked with India in April, paving the way for the rollout of the pact on a mutually agreed date, a move which would help in almost doubling the two-way commerce to \$45-50 billion. The pact is expected to come into force from January 2023.

Scottish parliament cannot conduct independence referendum: U.K. Supreme Court

In a significant setback for Scottish nationalists, the U.K. Supreme Court ruled that the Scottish parliament does not have the power to conduct a referendum on Scotland's independence from the U.K. without consent from the U.K.'s parliament in Westminster.

Shanghai hit by Covid-19 protests as anger spreads across China

Hundreds of demonstrators and police clashed in Shanghai as protests over China's stringent Covid restrictions flared for a third day and spread to several cities in the wake of a deadly fire in the country's far west

Chinaholds first China-Indian Ocean Region Forum – without India

China continued its growing forays into South Asia and the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) as it organized the first high-level China-Indian Ocean Region Forum on Development Cooperation this week, with 19 countries from the region except for India.

Canada launches Indo-Pacific strategy to boost military and cyber security

Canada has launched its long-awaited Indo-Pacific strategy, outlining 1.7 billion US dollars in spending to boost military and cyber security in the region. It has also vowed to deal with a "disruptive" China while working with it on climate change and trade issues.

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SC tells Centre not to file new sedition cases

The Supreme Court of India has once again asked the Centre not to register any fresh FIRs under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which criminalises sedition.

Hyderabad based CDFD initiates approach to decode Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorders

The Hyderabad based Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics (CDFD), has initiated an inter-disciplinary approach to decode the genetic mutations that causes Paediatric Rare Genetic Disorders (PRaGeD).

Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurates India Chem 2022

Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the India Chem 2022 on the 2nd of November at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The theme of the event is "Vision 2030: Chemicals and Petrochemicals Build India".

Centre 'doubles' fertilizer subsidy as prices see a surge

Considering the huge increase in the prices of fertilizers in global market, the Central government has 'doubled' the fertilizer subsidy for this rabi season. A meeting of the Union Cabinet has approved a subsidy of ₹51,875 fertilizers for the ongoing rabi season.

Rural Development Ministry signs agreement with Patanjali Ayurveda

The Union Rural Development Ministry has signed an agreement with Patanjali Ayurveda for marketing of products made by women self-help groups (SHGs).

Pahari community added to ST list of Jammu and Kashmir

The National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST) has now cleared the way for the inclusion of the 'Pahari ethnic group' on the Scheduled Tribes list of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

DRDO tests Phase 2 of ballistic missile defence

The Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted the maiden flight-test of Phase 2 of the ballistic missile defence (BMD) interceptor missile successfully.

Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra enter club of best performing states in school education index

Kerala, Punjab, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh have emerged as the best performers in school education across indicators such as learning outcomes, equity and infrastructure in the 2020-21 Performance Grade Index (PGI) of the Ministry of Education.

Gujarat to vote in two phases, results on Dec. 8

Voting for the Gujarat Assembly elections will be held in two phases on December 1 and 5, respectively, and the results will be announced on December 8, along with those of Himachal Pradesh.

Army registers IPR of design for new combat uniform

The Indian Army has obtained the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) for its new combat uniform and is also training civil and military tailors for stitching as per the specified design.

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav leads Indian delegation at COP 27 in Egypt

Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav has lead Indian delegation to attend the 27th Session of Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC (COP 27). The conference was held at Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt from 6th to 18th November.

Under Make-II project, 5 tech products get Army nod

The Army has approved five Project Sanction Orders (PSOs) for the development of niche technology by the Indian industry under Make-II route of defence procurement.

Mathura-Vrindavan to become carbon neutral

Mathura-Vrindavan, one of India's largest pilgrimage centres, aims to become a "net zero carbon emission" tourist destination by 2041.

15th edition of Urban Mobility India Conference & Expo opened in Kochi

The 15th edition of the Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs opened in Kochi.

Tourism Ministry to participate in World Travel Market

The Ministry of Tourism will participate in the World Travel Market (WTM) which is being held in London. It is one of the largest international travel exhibitions. The theme of this year's exhibition is -The Future of Travel Starts Now.

SC upholds 10% reservation for EWS in public education and employment

A majority of a five-judge bench of the Supreme Court of India has upheld the validity of the 103rd Amendment of the Constitution which provides 10% reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) in admissions and government jobs.

Ex-CJ Awasthi is Law Commission chief

The Centre constituted the Law Commission of India with Justice (retd) Rituraj Awasthi, former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court, at its head.

ISRO to move operational work to NSIL: Chairman

ISRO would move its operational activities to its marketing arm NewSpace India Ltd. (NSIL) and focus on research and development in the area of advanced space technologies in the coming years.

Mantra of One Earth, One Family, One Future will lead to global welfare: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the logo, theme and website of India's G20 Presidency through video conferencing. India will assume G20 Presidency from the 1st of December.

Bharat Forge Awarded \$155.50mn export order for artillery guns

Kalyani Strategic Systems Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bharat Forge Limited, has been awarded an export order for a 155mm Artillery Gun platform to be executed over a 3-year time frame.

Indian Army launches single window facility VSK for Veer Naris

Indian Army has launched a single window facility-Veerangana Sewa Kendra, VSK for welfare and grievances redressal of Veer Naris.

Indian Railways completes over 82% electrification of its complete Broad Gauge network

The Indian Railways has completed over 82 percent electrification of its complete Broad-Gauge network. Out of over 65 thousand Route Kilometers (RKM) of the network, more than 53 thousand RKM have been electrified till last month.

Government amends Aadhaar rules

The Union government has amended Aadhaar rules, specifying that supporting documents need to be updated at least once by Aadhaar holders on completion 10 years from enrolment date.

DigiLocker users can now digitally store health records

The union Government's authentic documents exchange platform DigiLocker can now be used as a health locker for storing and accessing health records, such as vaccination records, doctor prescriptions, lab reports and hospital discharge summaries.

Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report released

Jal Shakti Ministry released the Dynamic Ground Water Resource Assessment Report for the entire country for the year 2022 in New Delhi. As per the 2022 assessment report, the total annual ground water recharge for the entire country is 437.60 billion cubic meters (BCM) and annual ground water extraction for the entire country is 239.16 BCM.

Centre formulates action plan to promote exports of millet

Centre has formulated an action plan to promote exports of millets. The central has planned to facilitate participation of exporters, farmers, and traders in 16 international trade expos and Buyer Seller Meets for exports and promotion of Indian millets across the globe.

MOS Dr Jitendra Singh launches India's first national repository for life science data, IBDC

Minister of State in the Prime Minister's office, Dr Jitendra Singh has launched India's first national repository for life science data, the Indian Biological Data Center' (IBDC) at Faridabad, Haryana.

Jharkhand assembly passes bill to raise reservations for categories to 77%

A bill was passed in the Jharkhand assembly to raise the total reservation offered to different categories to 77 per cent. The bill proposes that the state will urge the Centre for changes in the Ninth Schedule of Constitution.

SC orders release of 6 convicts in Rajiv Gandhi assassination case

The Supreme Court directed the premature release of six convicts, including Nalini Sriharan and R P Ravichandran, serving life sentence in the assassination case of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Year 2022 declared as ASEAN-India Friendship year

The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership.

Cochin Shipyard to build India's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel in Varanasi

Cochin Shipyard has signed an MoU with Inland Waterways Authority of India to build the country's first hydrogen fuel cell catamaran vessel for Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.

PM Modi unveils 108-foot tall 'Statue of Prosperity' in Bengaluru

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 108 feet tall bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru. The 'Statue of Prosperity' is made to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda, who is the founder of Bengaluru. The statue was conceptualized and sculpted by Ram V Sutar, who also curated the Statue of Unity.

India hosts 3rd ministerial conference on counter financing of terrorism

Home Ministry is organising the third Ministerial Conference on Countering Financing of Terrorism - No Money for Terror. It was held in New Delhi on 18th of November.

PM Modi dedicates Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited to nation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (RFCL) fertilizer plant in Peddapalli district, Telangana that has been revived at a cost of ₹6,338 crore, to the nation. Commercial production in the plant began last year.

Navy conducts 'Prasthan', an offshore security exercise off Mumbai

The Indian Navy conducted a structured exercise to evaluate organizational effectiveness in protecting offshore assets off Mumbai on an Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) platform 150 km into the sea. The exercise was named 'Prasthan' by the Indian Navy.

PM Modi embarks on three-day visit to Indonesia to attend G20 Summit in Bali

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a three-day visit to Indonesia to attend the 17th G20 Summit in Bali. During the Summit, G20 Leaders deliberated extensively upon key issues of global concern under the Summit theme of 'Recover Together, Recover Stronger'.

India, Cambodia sign four MoUs in areas of culture, wildlife and health

India and Cambodia have signed four MoUs in the areas of culture, wildlife and health. The MoUs were inked following bilateral talks between Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen.

41st India International Trade Fair begins in New Delhi

The 41st edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) was held at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the fair, which continued till 27th of November. This year the theme of the trade fair is 'Vocal for Local, Local to Global.'

President Droupadi Murmu attends Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas program in Madhya Pradesh

President Droupadi Murmu attended the state-level program of Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on November 15. The program will be held

at Shehdol. This day is celebrated nationwide to mark the birth anniversary of Adivasi icon Birsa Munda.

Shlok Mukherjee from Kolkata wins Doodle for Google contest 2022

Google declared Shlok Mukherjee from Kolkata as the winner for India for his inspiring Doodle titled 'India on the center stage'. The theme of the contest was "In the next 25 years, my India will...".

Indo-US joint training exercise 'YUDH ABHYAS 22' commences in Uttarakhand

The 18th edition of Indo - US joint training exercise "YUDH ABHYAS 22" was conducted in Uttarakhand this month. The previous edition of the exercise was conducted at Joint Base Elmendorf Richardson, Alaska in USA in October last year.

DAHD initiates process for integration of its various infrastructures with PM Gati Shakti

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD) has initiated the process for integration of its various infrastructures with PM Gati Shakti-National Master Plan.

SC describes forced conversion as a very serious issue that affects security of the nation

The Supreme Court of India has described forced conversion as a very serious issue that affects the security of the nation. It directed the Centre to take a stand on the matter and file a response in a week about steps being taken to prevent it.

Third edition of Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22 commences

The third edition of the Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-22 was commenced. The exercise undertaken along the entire seven thousand 516 kilometre coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone of India. It involved all the Coastal States and Union territories.

India's G-20 presidency will be inclusive, action-oriented: Modi

India's G-20 presidency will be "inclusive, ambitious, decisive, and action-oriented", said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who accepted the ceremonial gavel from Indonesian President Joko Widodo during the conclusion of the G-20 summit in Bali.

India deploys new docks, upgrades speedboats for Pangong Tso patrol

The Indian Army has deployed new landing docks and speed boats for patrolling on the Pangong Tso Lake in Eastern Ladakh matching the Chinese deployments on the lake located close to 14,000 feet.

Supreme Court asks government to grant pension to 32 women IAF officers

The Supreme Court of India has directed the Centre and the Indian Air Force to consider granting Permanent Commission (PC) to 32 retired women Short Service Commission (SSC) officers based on their suitability with the purpose of giving them pensionary benefits.

India, Australia convenes fifth bilateral Cyber Policy Dialogue in New Delhi

India and Australia convened their fifth bilateral Cyber Policy Dialogue in New Delhi. The Cyber Policy Dialogue was held under the auspices of the India-Australia Framework Arrangement on Cyber and Cyber-Enabled Critical Technology Cooperation and Plan of Action 2020-2025 for a comprehensive and deeper cyber cooperation.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal calls for self-regulation within media & entertainment industry on content

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has called for self-regulation within the media and entertainment industry with regard to content, saying in the absence of self-regulation, society will seek government intervention.

3-day International Tourism Mart begins in Mizoram capital Aizawl

The three-day long International Tourism Mart (ITM) has begun in Mizoram. In the exhibition, hundreds of stalls on local food processing, cuisine, handloom and handicrafts and tourism have been put up. The event is aimed at highlighting the tourism potential of the North-Eastern region in the domestic and international markets.

NCW launches 4th phase of Digital Shakti campaign

National Commission for Women, NCW Chairperson Rekha Sharma has said that Digital Shakti Campaign has been accelerating the digital participation of women and girls. Digital Shakti Campaign is a pan-India project on digitally empowering and skilling women and girls in the cyberspace.

India's first private rocket lifts off from ISRO spaceport

Vikram-S, India's first privately developed rocket, lifted off from Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) launchpad in Sriharikota. Developed by Hyderabad-based start-up Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited. This mission was titled Prarambh.

Draft digital data protection Bill tabled

Centre proposed a new data privacy law that allows the transfer and storage of personal data in some countries while raising the penalty for violations. The proposed legislation stipulates consent before collecting personal data and provides for stiff penalties of as much as ₹500 crore on persons and companies that fail to prevent data breaches including accidental disclosures.

SC rejects petition to create independent environment service

The Supreme Court of India has refused to intervene and direct the Central government to create an independent Indian Environment Service within the All India Service cadre.

PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Donyi Polo Airport at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Donyi Polo Airport at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh.

The airport is equipped with ultra modern facilities to ensure all weather operations.

PM Modi inaugurates Kashi Tamil sangamam in Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the month-long Kashi Tamil Sangamam in Varanasi. The objective of Sangamam is to rediscover, reaffirm and celebrate the age-old links between Tamil Nadu and Kashi - two of the country's most important and ancient seats of learning

National Museum, India and Kolding Museum, Denmark sign Memorandum of Understanding of exhibition "Silver treasures from Denmark and India"

An MoU of the exhibition was signed and exchanged between the National Museum, New Delhi, India and the Museum Kolding, Kolding, in New Delhi. The exhibition will showcase the finest of the silver collection from the Museum Kolding and the National Museum in New Delhi in March 2023.

VP Jagdeep Dhankhar meets world leaders on sidelines of FIFA World Cup 2022 in Qatar

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar met world leaders on the side-lines of the FIFA World Cup 2022 at the Al Bayt Stadium in Qatar.

Winter Session of Parliament to commence from December 7

The Winter Session of Parliament will commence on the 7th of next month and continue till the 29th of December. The session will have 17 sittings spread over 23 days.

53rd International Film Festival of India begins in Goa with glittering opening ceremony

The 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) began in Goa with a gala opening. The inaugural ceremony was held at Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium near Panaji.

India to take over Chair of Global Partnership on AI from France

India will take over the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence, GPAI from France. Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar will represent the country at the GPAI meeting in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from France.

UGC to implement four-year UG programme framework in higher education institutions

University Grants Commission, UGC has finalised the framework for the four-year undergraduate programme that will be implemented in all higher education institutions from the upcoming academic session 2023-24.

4th edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue was held from November 23 to 25

The fourth edition of Indo Pacific Regional Dialogue was held in Delhi from from November 23 till 25th November. IPRD is an apex level international annual conference of Indian Navy.

Ayush Ministry announces setting up of Academic Chair in Ayurvedic Science at Western Sydney University

The Ministry of Ayush has announced the setting up of the Ayurveda Academic Chair at Western Sydney University's NICM Health Research Institute for a period of three years. The Ministry has selected All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi's Associate Professor Dr. Rajagopala S. for the post of Academic Chair in Ayurvedic Science at Western Sydney University.

Health Ministry discontinues Air Suvidha Form for international arrivals

The Health and Family Welfare Ministry has discontinued Air Suvidha Form for international arrivals. The Ministry said, present guidelines have been revised due to declining COVID-19 trajectory and significant advances made in COVID-19 vaccination coverage both globally and in India.

400th birth anniversary celebrations of Assam's war hero Lachit Barphukan begins

The 3-day long celebrations of 400th birth anniversary of Ahom commander Lachit Barphukan began in New Delhi.

UNICEF, India join hands to promote films on child rights at IFFI in Goa

UNICEF & National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) have joined hands to promote films with a child rights perspective at the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa. A special section for films that highlight children's and adolescents' issues and rights have been created at IFFI for the first time.

India test fires Agni-3 nuclear capable ballistic missile

India carried out the successful launch of the Agni-3 intermediate-range ballistic missile from A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha.

Southwestern Command conducts Integrated Fire Power Exercise in Thar desert

Southwestern Command of the Indian Army conducted Integrated Fire Power Exercise, "SHATRUNASH" at MFFR in Thar desert of Rajasthan. The exercise witnessed use of multifarious firing platforms in an integrated manner involving both ground & aerial manoeuvres.

Govt notifies inclusion of coronary stents in National List of Essential Medicines

The Union government has notified the inclusion of coronary stents in the National List of Essential Medicines. The decision will help make these life-saving medical devices more affordable in the country.

DPIIT launches startup applications for registration on MAARG portal

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) launched start-up applications for registration on

the MAARG portal, the National Mentorship Platform by Startup India. MAARG portal, (Mentorship, Advisory, Assistance, Resilience and Growth) is a one stop platform to facilitate mentorship for start-ups across diverse sectors, functions, stages, geographies, and backgrounds.

More than 25,000 ponds constructed under Mission Amrit Sarovar to overcome water crisis in rural areas

The Central government has completed the construction of more than 25,000 Amrit Sarovars within the 6 months. Under the Mission Amrit Sarovar, a target has been set to build 50,000 Amrit Sarovars by 15th August 2023.

RTI portal of Supreme Court launched

The Supreme Court of India has launched its Right to Information (RTI) portal to help people access information about the Supreme Court.

Rooftop solar installations fall 29% to 320 MW in July-Sept

Rooftop solar capacity installations in India fell 29% to 320 megawatts (MW) in July-September 2022, according to Mercom Research India.

India win IEC vice presidency and Strategic Management Board Chair for 2023-25 term

India won the International Electrotechnical Commission, IEC Vice Presidency and Strategic Management Board (SMB) Chair for the 2023-25 term. Mr. Vimal Mahendru will be the IEC Vice President representing India.

Sangeet Natak Akademi to felicitate 86 artistes

The Sangeet Natak Akademi has bestowed special one-time awards commemorating 75 years of India's independence on 86 artistes, apart from selecting 128 performing artistes from various fields for its regular annual awards for the years 2019-21. The award carries a purse of ₹1,00,000.

Unemployment rate dips marginally to 7.2% in July-September: survey

The unemployment rate in urban areas for persons above the age of 15 eased to 7.2% in July-September from 9.8% a year ago and 7.6% in the previous quarter.

Centre forms panel to revamp Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

The Centre has formed a panel to revamp the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. The panel set up by the Rural Development Ministry, will recommend institutional mechanisms for more effective utilisation of funds of the scheme.

Telangana to have first Integrated Rocket Facility of country by Skyroot Aerospace

Telangana will have the first Integrated Rocket Design, Manufacturing, and Testing Facility of the country in Hyderabad by Skyroot Aerospace. The Hyderabad-based startup, incubated at T-Hub, launched the country's first private rocket earlier this month.

Union Health Ministry appoints Dr. Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador

Union Health Ministry designated the President of the Paralympic Committee of India Dr. Deepa Malik as Nikshay Mitra ambassador. It is an initiative under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan.

ISRO launches PSLV-C54 rocket carrying earth observation satellite Oceansat & 8 nanosatellites

India's PSLV C 54 was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota. The mission payloads including Oceansat and eight other nanosatellites have separated in the specified two hours in two different sun-synchronous orbits.

Agnikul inaugurates its first launchpad & mission control center at Satish Dhawan Space Centre

Chennai-based space-tech start-up Agnikul inaugurated India's first-ever launchpad designed and operated by a

private player. Located at Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC), Sriharikota, the start-up incubated at IIT Madras is building India's first private small satellite rocket AgniBaan.

Ministry of Power launches a scheme to procure aggregate power of 4500 MW to help states facing power shortage

Ministry of Power has launched a scheme for procurement of aggregate power of 4500 MW for five years under SHAKTI Policy. SHAKTI, or Scheme for Harnessing and Allocating Koyala Transparently in India, was launched in 2018 to provide coal to stressed power units which lack coal supply.

Seventh edition of Global Technology Summit held in New Delhi

The seventh edition of the Global Technology Summit was held in New Delhi in a hybrid format. The Summit is India's annual flagship event on Geotechnology and is co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs and Carnegie India. The theme for this year's Summit is 'Geopolitics of Technology'.

IAF conducts 'Samanvay 2022' to assess efficacy of institutional disaster management structures

To assess the efficacy of institutional disaster management structures and contingency measures, the Indian Air Force is conducting the Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise 'Samanvay 2022' from November 28 to 30, 2022, at the Air Force Station Agra.

BANKING & ECONOMY

Core sector output grew 7.9% in Sept., fastest in 3 months

Production of eight infrastructure sectors expanded by 7.9% in September, the fastest in three months — on account of a better show by coal, fertiliser, cement and electricity segments.

RBI's Digital Rupee pilot starts from November 1

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) commenced the pilot programme of Digital Rupee in the wholesale segment on November 1, 2022.

Debt MFs log ₹65,372-crore outflow in September

Debt funds focused on investing in fixed-income securities witnessed an outflow of ₹65,372 crores in September amid increasing interest rate cycle and redemptions by corporates to pay advance tax.

India H1 fiscal deficit touches ₹6.2 lakh cr., tax receipts rise

India's fiscal deficit in the first half of the financial year rose to ₹6.2 lakh crore, from ₹5.27 lakh crore a year earlier, though rising tax collections helped offset a higher subsidy bill.

GST collection in October crosses ₹1.50 lakh Crore

The Gross GST revenue collected in the month of October 2022 was at 1,51,718 crore rupees, which is the second-highest monthly collection till date. It is for the second time the gross GST collection has crossed ₹1.50 lakh crore mark this year.

Govt set target to increase number of subscribers of EPFO to 10 crores

Union Ministry for Labour and Employment has set a target to increase the number of subscribers of the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) from the existing 6.5 crores to 10 crores.

Elon Musk announces \$8 monthly charge for verified Twitter account

Elon Musk has announced that Twitter will charge \$8 a month for its verified profiles. This means everyone who has a verified profile will have to cough up \$8 to avail that feature on Twitter.

U.S. Fed raises interest rates by 75 bps

The US Federal Reserve delivered their fourth straight 75 basis-point interest rate increase. The unanimous decision lifts the target for the benchmark federal funds rate to a range of 3.75% to 4%, its highest level since 2008.

PM Modi appreciates IPPB for conducting India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated India Post Payments Bank for conducting India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp in Dal Lake of Srinagar, Jammu, and Kashmir.

Govt allows export of sugar upto 60 Lakh Metric Tonnes in sugar season

The Centre has allowed the export of sugar up to 60 Lakh Metric Tonnes during the sugar season 2022-23. The measure is aimed at balancing the price stability of sugar in the country and the financial positions of sugar mills.

Bharti's 5G users cross 1-mn mark as it rolls out network

Telecom operator Bharti Airtel said the number of customers on its 5G service had crossed the 1-million mark within 30 days of commercial start even as the network was being built out.

India wheat export doubles to \$1.48 billion in April-Sept.

India's wheat exports more than doubled to \$1.48 billion during April-September as compared with the year-earlier period, the Commerce Ministry said.

HDFC Q2 net profit rises 18% to ₹4,454 crore on interest income

Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC) has reported an 18% growth in standalone net profit to ₹4,454 crores for the second quarter ended September, due to a rise in Net Interest Income (NII) and improvement in asset quality.

RBI announces liquidator for winding up affairs of Rupee Co-operative Bank

RBI has announced that a liquidator has been appointed for winding up the affairs of Pune based Rupee Co-operative Bank Limited.

Twitter sacks 50% staff as Elon Musk launches overhaul

Twitter sacked half of its 7,500-strong staff as new owner Elon Musk launched his major overhaul of the troubled company just a week after his blockbuster takeover. Roughly 50 percent of employees were impacted.

Govt.'s SRI Fund commits ₹5,000 cr. to aid MSMEs

Government-backed Self-Reliant India Fund (SRIF) has committed more than ₹5,000 crores to help small businesses with growth capital in its first year of operations.

RIL names banker Kamath as independent director

The Board of Directors of Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) has appointed well-known banker K.V. Kamath as an independent director for a five-year term.

"Niveshak Didi" programme launched in order to promote financial literacy

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) conducted India's First Floating Financial Literacy Camp with an initiative called 'Niveshak Didi' to promote Financial Literacy 'By the women, for the women', in Srinagar, J&K.

Adani New Industries installs India's largest wind turbine, taller than Statue of Unity

Adani New Industries has constructed a wind turbine in Mundra in Gujarat as part of its growth plans for renewable energy that is taller than the Statue of Unity and has blades that are broader than the wingspan of a jumbo jet.

Byju's roped in Messi as global brand ambassador for its social initiative

Edtech giant Byju's has roped in football star Lionel Messi as the first global brand ambassador of its social impact arm, Education For All.

RBI's gold reserves rise further, up nearly 25 tonnes so far this year

RBI's gold reserves continued their upward trajectory in the current financial year, with the addition of 24.93 metric tonnes so far in the year. As at end-September 2022, the Reserve Bank held 785.35 metric tonnes of gold - including gold deposits of 41.57 metric tonnes.

Centre notifies enhanced financial support for Central, state PPP projects

The Centre has revamped and broadened the India Infrastructure Project Development Fund Scheme with an aim to provide financial assistance in meeting the cost of transaction advisors and consultants engaged in the development of Public-Private Partnership projects.

SBI beats Reliance Industries to become most profitable company in Q2

State Bank of India has become the country's most profitable corporate with ₹14,752 crore of consolidated net income in the second quarter of FY23, beating Reliance Industries having net earnings of ₹13,656 crore.

Centre appoints non-executive Chairman in four Public Sector Banks

Non-Executive Chairman has been appointed on the Boards of four Public Sector Banks — Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB), Union Bank of India and Punjab & Sind Bank (PSB) respectively following approval given by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

Tamil Nadu pips Karnataka to emerge as the third-largest state in own tax revenues in H1 FY23

Tamil Nadu has displaced Karnataka to emerge as the third largest state in terms of own tax revenue collections in the first half of the current fiscal, driven largely by excise duty on liquor sales. Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh take the first two positions.

SC upholds validity of Employees Pension (Amendment) Scheme of 2014

The Supreme Court of India upheld the validity of the Employees' Pension (Amendment) Scheme of 2014 but quashed the threshold limit of ₹15,000 monthly salary for joining the pension fund. The 2014 amendment had capped the maximum pensionable salary (basic pay plus dearness allowance) at ₹15,000 per month.

Russia becomes India's top crude oil supplier in October

Russia has become India's top oil supplier in October, surpassing traditional sellers Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Russia supplied 9,35,556 barrels per day (bpd) of crude oil to India in October — the highest ever.

Finance Ministry releases revenue deficit grant of over 7000 Crore Rupees to 14 states

Ministry of Finance has released the 8th monthly instalment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of over 7 thousand 183 crore rupees to 14 States.

Reliance Industries India's best employer, in top 20 worldwide: Forbes

Reliance Industries is India's best employer and the world's 20th best firm to work with, according to Forbes' World's Best Employers rankings 2022. The global ranking was topped by South Korean giant Samsung Electronics.

Netherlands has emerged as the top destination for India's petroleum product exports

The Netherlands has emerged as the top destination for India's petroleum product exports such as petrol and diesel in the first half of the current fiscal year.

IMF agrees \$4.5 billion aid package for Bangladesh to battle inflation

The IMF reached a preliminary agreement to provide Bangladesh with a \$4.5 billion support package to help it cope with soaring energy and food prices. Bangladesh plans to use the IMF loan to prop up its foreign exchange reserves, which have nosedived from \$46 billion to \$34 billion

Meta to cut more than 11,000 jobs in one of biggest U.S. layoffs this year

Meta Platforms Inc. said it would let go of 13% of its workforce, or more than 11,000 employees, in one of the biggest tech lay-offs this year as the Facebook parent battles soaring costs and a weak advertising market.

Centre approves Sovereign Green Bond framework

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman approved the final Sovereign Green Bonds framework of India. This approval will further strengthen India's commitment towards its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) targets, adopted under the Paris Agreement

China provides USD 9 billion to debt ridden Pakistan to keep it afloat

China has offered a USD 9 billion bailout package to Pakistan and pledged more support for the cash-strapped nation, saying that it has done its "utmost" to stabilise the financial situation of its all-weather ally and will continue to do so.

Reliance, Adani group companies bid for Future Retail

The Adani group and Reliance Industries, India's top business conglomerates, are among the 15 entities that have submitted their expressions of interest (EoIs) to acquire the assets of bankrupt Future Retail (FRL).

Govt. releases ₹1.16 lakh cr. in devolution of tax to States

The Union government released two instalments of tax devolution to States totalling more than ₹1.16 lakh crore to help accelerate their capital expenditure.

U.S. inflation: Oct. consumer prices rise less than expected

The U.S. consumer prices rose less than expected in October, pushing the annual rise below 8% for the first time in eight months in a sign that inflation was slowing.

Moody's slashes India's GDP growth forecast for 2022 by 70 bps to 7%

Rating agency Moody's slashed India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth projections for 2022 calendar year to 7 per cent from 7.7 per cent estimated earlier citing global slowdown, elevated inflation, and rising domestic interest rates as dampeners for growth momentum in India.

Direct Tax collections rise 31% YoY at ₹10.54 trillion till November 10

The Centre released the figures for direct tax collection up to November 10, 2022. The gross collections came at ₹10.54 trillion, up 30.69 per cent than the gross collections for the corresponding period of last year.

Canada pension fund's Indian arm acquires Peripheral Expressway

Maple Highways, a dedicated India road investment platform of Canada-based pension fund CDPQ, had completed the ₹6,267-crore acquisition of the Eastern Peripheral Expressway (EPE) that encircles the National Capital Region (NCR).

LIC jumps 9% after surge in quarterly profit

LIC's profit after tax surged to ₹15,952 crore in the July-September quarter, from ₹1,434 crore a year earlier, boosted mainly by the transfer of nearly \$1.8 billion from policy holders' fund to shareholders' fund.

Paytm's loan disbursements surge 387% to ₹3,056 crore in October

One97 Communications, which owns Paytm brand, continues to witness accelerated growth in its loan distribution business with the value of loans disbursed in October 2022 up 387 per cent year-on-year to ₹ 3,056 crore.

Sembcorp acquires Vector Green Energy for ₹2,780 crore

Sembcorp Green Infra Limited has signed an agreement to acquire a 100 per cent stake in Vector Green Energy Private Limited (Vector Green) for ₹2,780 crores.

India's Industrial Output jumps 3.1% in September against 0.8% fall in August

India's industrial output, as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), grew 3.1 per cent in September, supported by a double-digit increase in electricity generation.

Retail inflation eases to 6.77% in October, lowest in three months

India's retail inflation softened to a three-month low at 6.77 per cent in October from 7.41 per cent in September as food prices declined substantially.

Reliance bags ₹1,424cr contract to develop India's first Multi Modal Logistics Park in Chennai

Reliance Industries has been awarded the project to build India's first multimodal logistics park (MMLP) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The MMLP will be spread over 184 acres and cost ₹1,424 crore.

Nine Russian banks open vostro accounts for ₹ trade

As many as nine special vostro accounts have been opened with two Indian banks after permission from the Reserve Bank of India to facilitate overseas trade in rupee.

RBI imposes monetary penalties on 9 cooperative banks on account of various contraventions

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed monetary penalties on 9 cooperative banks on account of various contraventions or non-compliances of laid down guidelines.

SEBI tweaks rules to appoint, remove independent directors

SEBI has introduced a new option for appointment and removal of independent directors from the boards of companies, a move that will provide flexibility to such a process. Under this, the appointment and removal of independent directors could be done by way of two parameters – threshold for ordinary resolution and threshold for majority of minority shareholders.

India's exports shrink 16.7% in October

India's merchandise exports shrank 16.7% in October to \$29.8 billion as the global slowdown dented overseas demand for the country's goods.

SBI raises lending rate by up to 15 bps across tenors

State Bank of India has raised the marginal cost of funds-based lending rate (MCLR) by 15 basis points across tenors, with effect from November 15, 2022.

Rising energy bills and food prices push British inflation to 41-year high

Rising household energy bills and food prices have pushed British inflation to a 41-year high. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) said inflation figures show prices have risen 11.1 per cent in the year to October, up from 10.1 per cent the previous month.

Softbank sells 4.5% in Paytm for ₹1,631 cr.

Softbank divested a 4.5% stake in Paytm's parent One97 Communications for ₹1,631 crore through an open market transaction. Softbank is the second largest shareholder with a 17.45 per cent stake in the company.

Ashok Leyland delivers 150 vehicles to Tanzania police

Ashok Leyland has delivered 150 trucks and buses to the Tanzania police force under a contract signed with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Tanzania.

Govt extends tenure of PSB MD, CEO to 10 years

The Centre has increased the maximum term for the MD and CEO of public sector banks (PSBs) from 5 to 10 years, subject to a retirement age of 60. This also applies to all PSBs' full-time directors.

Boost investments in smart tech, AIB urged

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to scale up investment in renewable energy and smart technologies and also urged the multilateral agency to set up a regional office in India.

Twitter employees head for the exits after Elon Musk's 'extremely hardcore' work ultimatum

Hundreds of Twitter Inc employees are estimated to have decided to quit the beleaguered social media company following a deadline from new owner Elon Musk that staffers sign up for "long hours at high intensity," or leave.

Sandhya Devanathan Is Meta's New India Head

Meta has appointed Sandhya Devanathan as the new head of its India business following several high-profile departures in the key overseas market.

RBI approves DSP Mutual Fund's 10% stake buy in Equitas SFB

The Reserve Bank of India has approved DSP Investment Managers' acquisition of up to 9.99 per cent stake in Equitas Small Finance Bank.

Axis Bank launches 7th edition of knowledge summit 'Evolve' for MSMEs

Axis Bank has launched 7th edition of knowledge summit 'Evolve' for MSMEs. The current edition is focused on the broader theme of 'Indian SMEs: Shifting Gears for Next Level Growth'.

India saw third-highest crypto app downloads between 2015 and 2022: BIS

India ranked third globally in terms of the number of downloads of cryptocurrency exchange applications between August 2015 and June 2022. The total downloads of such apps in India stood at 30.1 million. The USA saw the highest number of downloads at 126.9 million.

India's foreign exchange reserves gained biggest weekly rise in more than year for week ended Nov 11

India's foreign exchange reserves gained their biggest weekly rise in more than a year for the week ended November 11. The foreign exchange reserves of the Indian economy rose by a whopping 14.72 billion dollars to 544.715 billion dollars.

Sri Lanka exports five times more than imports under India-Sri Lanka FTA

Sri Lanka has exported five times more than its imports under the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement in the first nine months of this year, 2022. Sri Lanka's exports added up to over 140 billion Lankan rupees under the agreement. Imports into Sri Lanka from India stood at 28 billion rupees.

Bob Iger replaces Bob Chapek as Walt Disney CEO

The Walt Disney Company has announced that former CEO Robert A. Iger aka Bob Iger will be replacing Bob Chapek as the CEO of the company. Iger, who retired last year, after serving Disney for more than four decades.

Essar repays \$25 billion to Indian lenders after asset sale

The Essar group said it had become 'debt-free from Indian' lenders by completing the repayment of \$25 billion (₹2 lakh crore) following the conclusion of the sale of its captive port and power assets at Hazira and Paradip to Arcelor Mittal/ Nippon Steel India Ltd. (AM/NS).

India retains lead as top tourism market of Maldives this year

India has retained its lead as the top tourism market of Maldives this year. Close to two lakh Indian tourists visited Maldives in 2022 so far.

S&P lifts Axis Bank rating on asset quality

Global rating agency Standard and Poor's (S&P) has upgraded Axis Bank's long term issuer rating from "BB+" to "BBB-" reflecting adequate financial strength.

India growth to slow to 5.9% in 2023, says Goldman Sachs

India's economic growth is expected to slow to 5.9% in 2023, from 6.9% in 2022, Goldman Sachs said in its India 2023 outlook report.

India's export of pharma products registers tremendous growth of 138% from April to October 2022

India's export of pharma products has registered a tremendous growth of 138 per cent from April to October 2022 over the same period in 2013. India's export of pharma products grew to over 90,000 crore rupees from April to October of this fiscal year as compared to around 37,988 crore rupees during the same period of 2013.

Central bank of Sri Lanka keeps lending rates unchanged at 15.5 %

The central bank of Sri Lanka has kept the lending rates unchanged at 15.5 percent following a monetary policy meeting. Meanwhile the inflation rate has eased to 70.6 percent in October after hitting a record high of 73.7 percent in the previous month.

State Bank to mull raising \$1.2 billion via infra bonds

State Bank of India, the country's largest lender, said that it would consider raising funds by issuing up to ₹10,000 crore (\$1.2 billion) of infrastructure bonds.

Centre empowers CCI to take up anti-profiteering matters

The Union government has notified changes to empower the Competition Commission of India to take charge of matters relating to the anti-profiteering provisions of the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, starting December 1.

ATM maker Diebold set to expand India presence

Diebold Nixdorf, an ATM maker, is set to expand its presence in India through a new manufacturing facility. It started manufacturing its globally acclaimed, advanced DN Series™ cash dispensing and cash recycling machines in a manufacturing facility located in Bengaluru.

PhonePe to acquire ZestMoney for USD 200-300 million

PhonePe is all set to acquire buy now, pay later (BNPL) company ZestMoney in a deal pegged at \$200 million-\$300 million.

UK companies rate Maharashtra as top State to do business: UKIBC report

as per the UK India Business Council's annual 'Doing Business in India' Report 2022, The UK businesses in India have rated Maharashtra the highest amongst States in terms of the operating environment, followed by Gujarat.

IRDAI allows PE funds to invest directly in insurers

Insurance regulator IRDAI has approved a bouquet of proposals, including permitting private equity funds to directly invest in insurers, in a bid to promote ease-of-doing business in the sector.

SEBI includes buying, selling of MFs under insider trading rules

Capital markets regulator SEBI has amended norms to bring the buying and selling of mutual fund units under the ambit of insider trading rules.

India, UAE central banks discuss rupee, dirham trade

The central banks of India and the UAE are discussing a concept paper on promoting bilateral trade in rupee and

dirham with a view to reducing transaction cost. The objective of the exercise is to reduce the cost of transactions.

India, GCC agree to pursue FTA; resume talks: Goyal India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) have agreed to pursue a free trade agreement (FTA) between the two regions and resume negotiations, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region.

Irdai approves amendments, simplifies rules to set up insurance firms

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (Irdai) on Friday approved amendments to rules on registering insurance companies and investing in them.

Adani Enterprises to raise ₹20,000 crore in India's largest FPO

Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani group board of directors had approved a follow-on public offer (FPO) of ₹20,000 crore.

Competition Commission mandated to share info with Enforcement Directorate under PMLA

The Centre has brought Competition Commission of India (CCI) within the ambit of agencies that have to mandatorily share information, including confidential ones, with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA Act).

Gold imports fall 17% in Apr-Oct to \$24 billion

Gold imports, which have a bearing on the current account deficit, declined 17.38 per cent to about \$24 billion during April-October due to fall in demand, according to the data of the commerce ministry.

Bank credit grew 17.2% in September quarter: RBI

Bank credit growth improved to 17.2% in the September quarter from 7% in the year-earlier period, reflecting a pick-up in economic activity.

Centre receives ₹5,001 cr. as dividend tranche from ONGC

The Centre has received about ₹5,001 crore as dividend tranche from ONGC, taking the total dividend receipt from all central public sector enterprises this fiscal to ₹23,797 crore.

SBI projects Q2 GDP growth at 5.8%, cites dip in activity

The Indian economy is likely to clock GDP growth of just 5.8% in the second quarter of this year, State Bank of India (SBI) economists estimated in a report. This is less than half the 13.5% uptick recorded in April-June.

India's milk production registers monumental growth by 83 MT in last 8 years

India's milk production has registered a monumental growth in the last eight years as it has increased by 83 Million Tonnes. In 2013-14, the production was 138 Million Tonnes which increased to 221 Million Tonnes in 2021-22.

Tata Group announces merger of Vistara and Air India

The Tata Group announced the consolidation of its airlines, Vistara and Air India. With this consolidation, Air India will be India's leading domestic and international carrier with a combined fleet of 218 aircraft, making it India's largest international carrier and second-largest domestic carrier.

US Treasury removes India from its Currency Monitoring List

The United States Department of Treasury has removed India from its Currency Monitoring List. Along with India, the United States also removed Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam from its Currency Monitoring List.

Sundararaman R appointed MD, CEO of BSE

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) received consent from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to appoint Sundararaman Ramamurthy as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the exchange.

SEBI limits active debt funds' single firm exposure

Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has placed caps on the share of assets an actively managed fund can park in a single company's debt instruments. The limit, however varies based on each issuer's credit rating.

ONGC, OIL gas price to be capped at \$6.5 for 5 years

A Union government-appointed gas price review panel, led by Kirit Parikh, is recommending a floor and ceiling price for natural gas produced from legacy fields of state-owned firms for five years.

AWARDS

Venki Ramakrishnan awarded UK's royal Order of Merit

India-born Nobel laureate Professor Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit by Britain's King Charles III in recognition of his distinguished service to science.

National Sports Awards 2022

Youth Affairs and Sports Ministry has announced the National Sports Awards 2022.

Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award: Table Tennis player Sharath Kamal Achanta was the winner.

Arjuna Awards: It will be given to 25 sportspersons including Seema Punia, Lakshya Sen, Nikhat Zareen, R Praggnanandhaa, Deep Grace Ekka, Sushila Devi, Sagar Kailas Ovhalakar, Omprakash Mitharval, Vikas Thakur, Manasi Girishchandra Joshi among others.

Dronacharya Award: Five coaches have been chosen in the regular category and three coaches in lifetime category.

Dhyan Chand Award for Lifetime Achievement in Sports and Games will be given to four sportspersons including Ashwini Akkunji C, Dharamvir Singh, B.C Suresh and Nir Bahadur Gurung.

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar was recommended for three entities including TransStadia Enterprises Private Limited, Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and Ladakh Ski and Snowboard Association.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Trophy 2022 will be given to Guru Nanak Dev University of Amritsar.

Journalist Danish Manzoor Bhat honoured with Jaipur Foot USA's 1st Global Humanitarian Award

An Indian journalist Danish Manzoor Bhat has been honoured with a humanitarian award for his work and efforts in helping scores of people impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly during the deadly second wave in India.

President Droupadi Murmu presents National Florence Nightingale Awards 2021

President Droupadi Murmu presented the National Florence Nightingale Awards for the year 2021 to the nursing professionals. This year, the awards have been given to 51 health professionals from across the states for their contributions

Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award to Carlos Saura

At the 53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, Satyajit Ray Lifetime Achievement award was given to Spanish film director Carlos Saura at the opening ceremony.

Chiranjeevi selected as Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022 at IFFI

Veteran actor Chiranjeevi has been selected as Indian Film Personality of the Year 2022. Mr. Chiranjeevi has had an illustrious career spanning almost four decades.

India wins EXCELL Awards-2022 for leadership in family planning

India has become the only country to receive the Leadership in Family Planning – EXCELL Awards-2022 – at an international conference held in Thailand. The award conferred in the 'country' category recognised India's efforts in improving access to modern family planning methods.

Dalai Lama receives Gandhi Mandela Award

Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar has bestowed the Gandhi Mandela Award on Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama in a ceremony organised by the Gandhi Mandela Foundation in McLeodGanj.

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Ministry announces National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022

Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Ministry announced the National Gopal Ratna Awards 2022. The awards were given to the winners on 26th of this month which will be celebrated as National Milk Day.

Pratham gets Indira Gandhi prize for works in education

Former Vice-President Hamid Ansari presented the Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development of 2021 to Pratham, an NGO functioning in the field of education.

53rd International Film Festival of India (IFFI) awards

The coveted Golden Peacock Award for Best Film was bagged by the Spanish language film 'I have Electric Dreams' directed by Valentina Maurel.

The Best Director award was given to Nader Saeivar for Turkish film 'No End'.

'Vahid Mobasheri' has won the 'Silver Peacock' award for 'Best Actor (Male)' for the film 'No End'.

Daniela Marin Navarro was given 'Silver Peacock' award for the 'Best Actor (Female)' for the film 'I Have Electric Dreams'.

VP Jageep Dhankhar Confers Shilpi Guru and National Awards for handicrafts

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has gave away Shilp Guru and National Awards to master craftsmen for 2017, 2018, and 2019 at a function in New Delhi.

2021 Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has announced the National Adventure Awards for the year 2021. Group Captain Bhawani Singh Samyal will be conferred with Lifetime Achievement award, Shubham Dhananjay Vanmali with Water Adventure, and Naina Dhakad with Land Adventure.

Health Pavilion wins Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach award at 41st IITF

The Health and Family Welfare Ministry pavilion has won the Outstanding Contribution towards Public Communication and Outreach award at 41st India International Trade Fair 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina confers 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on Edward M Kennedy

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred the prestigious 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on former US Senator Edward M Kennedy posthumously in Dhaka for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

D.Y. Chandrachud

Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud was sworn in as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI) by President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Aruna Miller

Aruna Miller scripted history by becoming the first Indian-American politician to win the race of Lieutenant Governor in the state of Maryland, adjoining the US capital.

Natasa Pirc Musar

In Slovenia, Natasa Pirc Musar has been elected the country's first female President after beating her conservative rival in the second round of elections.

Imran Khan

Pakistan's former Prime Minister Imran Khan was injured in an apparent assassination attempt after a gunman opened fire at his rally in the Wazirabad district in eastern Punjab province.

Arvind Virmani

Former Chief Economic Adviser Arvind Virmani has been appointed as a full-time member of NITI Aayog. Mr. Virmani earlier served as the chief economic adviser in the finance ministry (2007-2009). The Aayog is headed by the Prime Minister and presently has three members, V K Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and VK Paul.

CV Ananda Bose

Former bureaucrat C. V. Ananda Bose was appointed the Governor of West Bengal. Manipur Governor La Ganesan had been holding the additional charge of West Bengal since July, when Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned to contest the Vice-Presidential polls.

Elizabeth Holmes

Theranos founder Elizabeth Holmes has been sentenced to over 11 years in prison for defrauding investors in her blood testing start-up that was once valued at \$9bn (£7.5bn).

LG Asim Munir

In Pakistan, Lieutenant General Asim Munir was appointed as the new Chief of Army Staff. He will take over from outgoing General Qamar Javed Bajwa, who will retire later this month after a six-year term.

Anwar Ibrahim

Malaysia's opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was sworn in as the country's new Prime Minister. The new leader was appointed by King Al-Sultan Abdullah. Mr Anwar was deputy prime minister in the 1990s and the official prime minister-in-waiting in 2018.

Amit Dasgupta

Amit Dasgupta was appointed as an Honorary Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia (AM) for his service to the Australia-India bilateral relationship.

Donald Trump

Former US President Donald Trump has launched his 2024 presidential campaign in a bid to seize early momentum. He filed papers with the Federal Election Commission.

Arun Goel

Arun Goel has assumed charge as the new Election Commissioner of India. President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Mr. Goel, a retired IAS officer as the new Election Commissioner.

Kassym-Jomart Tokayev

Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev secured a second term in snap election, winning 81.31% of the vote.

Abdel Fattah Al Sisi

President of Egypt, Abdel Fattah Al Sisi will be the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day celebrations on 26th January next year. This is the first time that President of Egypt will be the Chief Guest at India's Republic Day.

Vinay Mohan Kwatra

Centre has extended the term of Vinay Mohan Kwatra as Foreign Secretary. His term has been extended beyond the date of his superannuation on 31st December of this year up to 30th April 2024 or until further orders.

Rajiv Kumar

India's Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as International Observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal's House of Representatives and Provincial Assembly.

Greg Barclay

Greg Barclay has been re-elected unopposed as the chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC).

JJ Irani

Jamshed J.Irani, known as the steel man of India, died. Irani retired from the board of Tata Steel in June 2011, leaving behind a legacy of 43 years, which won him and the company international acclaim in various fields.

Vikram Gokhale

Veteran Marathi actor Vikram Gokhale passed away in Pune. In a career spanning more than 50 years, Vikram Gokhale had mastered all three media of theatre, TV and cinema. Vikram Gokhale acted in over 100 Marathi and Hindi films and dramas.

Elaben Bhatt

Elaben Bhatt, a Gandhian, leading women's empowerment activist and founder of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), passed away. She was a recipient of the Padma Bhushan, Ramon Magsaysay Award and Indira Gandhi International Prize for Peace among many other awards.

Master Shyam Saran Negi

India's first voter 106-year old Master Shyam Saran Negi passed away. He was a resident of Kalpa in the Kinnaur district of Himachal Pradesh. Shyam Saran Negi exercised his franchise 34 times in the life of 106 years which made him a conscious citizen.

Krishna

Veteran Telugu actor Krishna died following a cardiac arrest. Mr Krishna had acted in 350 films and was one of the top actors of his time. He was honoured with the Padma Bhushan in 2009.

Mahendra Kumar Sharma

Mahendra Kumar Sharma, one of the pioneers of women's cricket in India, died. Sharma leaves behind a rich sporting legacy that he set in stone in 1973, when he registered the Women's Cricket Association of India (WCAI) under the Societies Act in Lucknow.

SPORTS

French Open badminton: Viktor Axelsen clinches men's singles title

Viktor Axelsen clinched the men's singles title at the French Open 2022 badminton tournament after beating fellow Dane Rasmus Gemke.

Chennai set to host Squash World Cup next year

Chennai will host the revamped squash World Cup in 2023, World Squash Federation (WSF) President Zena Wooldridge said.

Badminton: Sankar bags silver at BWF world juniors

Sankar Muthusamy's fine campaign at the BWF world junior badminton championships came to an end as he lost to Kuo Kim Lin of Chinese Taipei 14-21, 20-22 in the final Santander, Spain.

Dharmendra Pradhan sign MoU with FIFA and AIFF for 'Football4Schools' initiative

Union Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, signed an MoU in Mumbai with FIFA and All India Football Federation for the 'Football4Schools' initiative in India.

Kohli climbs to the top of the run charts in T20 World Cups

India's Virat Kohli has become the highest run-scorer in Twenty20 World Cup history when he reached 16 against Bangladesh. Kohli surpassed former Sri Lanka captain Mahela Jayawardene's total of 1,016 runs in his 23rd innings. Jayawardene took 31 innings.

World Table Tennis Youth Contender: Avisha and Krisha bag gold medals

India's Avisha Karmakar and Krisha Patel have bagged the girls' under-13 and 11 singles gold medals respectively in the World Table Tennis Youth Contender in Cairo recently.

Asian Chess Championship: India's Praggnanandhaa, Nandhidhaa win titles

R Praggnanandhaa and compatriot P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship.

Indian men's squash team win their first ever gold medal

Indian men's team clinched their first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships. They defeated Kuwait in the final in straight sets in Cheongju, South Korea.

Rune stuns Djokovic to win maiden Paris Masters title

Danish teenager Holger Rune has stunned six-time champion Novak Djokovic to win the Paris Masters title 2022.

Bagnaia wins maiden MotoGP title

Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia won his maiden MotoGP world championship at the season-ending Valencia Grand Prix after Fabio Quartararo failed to overhaul him in the standings.

Boxer Shiva Thapa secures medal in Asian Elite Boxing Championships

In Boxing, five-time Asian Championships medallist, Shiva Thapa added a historic 6th Asian Championships medal to his belt with a commanding victory at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan.

Pramod Bhagat, Manisha win gold medals at BWF Para World Championships

Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass have won gold medals in singles at the BWF Para Badminton World Championships in Tokyo.

Kohli and Nida win ICC 'player of the month' award for October

Virat Kohli was named ICC men's 'player of the month' for October following a series of stellar performances in the T20 World Cup in Australia. Pakistan's veteran all-rounder Nida Dar won the honour in the women's category.

Table tennis: G Sathiyar, Manika Batra become first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter top 5

In Table Tennis, table tennis players Manika Batra and Gnanasekaran Sathiyar created history by becoming the first Indian mixed doubles pair to enter the top five of the ITTF Table Tennis World Rankings.

FIFA World Cup 2022 to be played from Nov 20 in Qatar

FIFA World Cup 2022 will be played from 20th November to 18th December this year across five cities in Qatar. It is the first football World Cup to be held in winter, as well as the first to be hosted by an Arab country.

Qadir, Chanderpaul and Edwards inducted into ICC Hall of Fame

Pakistan bowling great Abdul Qadir, former West Indies batter Shivnarine Chanderpaul and Charlotte Edwards of England have been inducted into the International Cricket Council's Hall of Fame.

New Delhi to host women's World championship next year

New Delhi in India has been announced as the host of the 2023 International Boxing Association (IBA) Women's World Championships.

UP to host 2023 Khelo India University Games

Uttar Pradesh will host the 2023 Khelo India University Games. Lucknow will be the main host city for the multi-discipline event in which almost 6000 athletes from all over the country are expected to participate.

T-20 Cricket World Cup: England beat India by 10 wickets

England entered the final defeating India by 10 wickets in the second semi-final match at Adelaide. Chasing a target of 168 runs to win England, overhauled the target in 16 overs.

Sumit and Govind secure bronze at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman

In boxing, the duo of Sumit and Govind Kumar Sahani both suffered defeats in their semifinal bouts and secured bronze at the 2022 ASBC Asian Elite Boxing Championships in Amman, Jordan.

Lovlina, Parveen, Saweety and Alfiya strike Gold at Asian Elite Boxing Championships

Indian boxers Lovlina Borgohain, Parveen Hooda, Saweety and Alfiya Pathan claimed Gold medals at the Asian Championships in Amman, Jordan.

Asian Airgun Championship: India's Mehuli Ghosh bags Gold medal

Indian shooter Mehuli Ghosh beat South Korean Eunyoung Cho to clinch the Women's 10-meter Air Rifle gold medal at the Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, South Korea.

Sri Lanka to host U-19 Men's T-20 World Cup 2024

International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that the 2024 Under -19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia.

England wins second T-20 world cup, defeats Pakistan by five wickets

England created history by winning their second T-20 world cup defeating Pakistan by five wickets at the Melbourne Cricket ground. England chased down the low-key target of 138 runs with an over to spare. England are now the only side who are the defending ODI and T20 World Cup champions.

Formula 1: Russell takes his first GP win in Brazil in Mercedes one-two

George Russell claimed his first Formula One victory as he won the Brazilian GP at Interlagos with Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton second in Brazil.

Tennis: Switzerland beats Australia to win Billie Jean King Cup

Switzerland won their first Billie Jean King Cup title after Belinda Bencic beat Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic in straight sets in the second match of the finals to give them an unassailable 2-0 lead.

Indian shooters bag four Gold medals at Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, South Korea

Indian shooters dominated the Asian Airgun Championships in Daegu, South Korea, by winning gold medals in all four team events. India has so far won 10 gold medals in this competition.

Para Shooting World Championship: Singhraj, Manish Narwal & Deepender Singh bag silver medal

The Indian pistol team of Paralympic medallists Singhraj and Manish Narwal along with Deepender Singh bagged a silver medal in the P4- Mixed 50m Pistol SH1 event at the Shooting Para-sports World Championship 2022 at Al Ain, UAE.

Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang elected in IOA Athletes Commission

Olympic medallists MC Mary Kom, PV Sindhu, Mirabai Chanu and Gagan Narang were among 10 eminent sportspersons elected as members of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes Commission.

Kohli, Suryakumar named in Most Valued Team of 2022 T20 World Cup

Virat Kohli and Suryakumar Yadav have been named the Most Valuable Team of the ICC T20 World Cup 2022.

Paddler Sharath Kamal becomes first Indian player elected to ITTF

Star Indian paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal has become the first player from India to get elected in the Athletes' Commission of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF).

India bag four more gold medals at Asian Airgun Championship in South Korea

Indian pistol shooters won all four gold medals for the second consecutive day, to take their gold tally to 22 at the Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, South Korea.

'Hand of God' ball fetches £2 million at auction

The ball that Diego Maradona handled to score his infamous 'Hand of God' goal for Argentina against England in the 1986 World Cup was sold for £2 million at an auction. The "Hand of God" refers to the opening goal of the game. Argentina went on to win the 1986 World Cup.

2nd edition of North East Olympic Games concludes in Shillong

The 2nd edition of the North East Olympic Games concluded in Shillong, Meghalaya with Manipur emerging as the overall team champion with a total of 240 medals. Nagaland will host the next edition of the Northeast Olympic Games.

BCCI decides to change senior selection committee, invites applications

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has decided to reconstitute the entire senior selection committee, headed by Chetan Sharma. It has invited applications for all the positions.

Manika Batra becomes first Indian woman to win medal in Asian Cup Table Tennis tournament

Indian table tennis player Manika Batra clinched the bronze medal at the ongoing ITTF-ATTU Asian Cup tournament in Bangkok, Thailand, becoming the first Indian female paddler to win a medal at the event.

India's first Street Circuit Car Racing begins in Hyderabad

The first ever Street Circuit Car Racing of the country began in Hyderabad. Telangana IT Minister K Tarakarama Rao formally inaugurated the Indian Racing League event.

Novak Djokovic wins sixth ATP Finals title in Italy, equals Federer's record

In Tennis, Novak Djokovic has defeated Norway's Casper Ruud to collect a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title in Turin, Italy. Djokovic defeated Ruud in straight sets 7-5, 6-3 to clinch the season-ending title.

FIFA World Cup kicks off in Doha

The opening ceremony of the FIFA World Cup 2022 has kicked off at the Al Bayt Stadium, Al Khor in Qatar.

Divij-Purav pair wins title in Helsinki

Purav Raja and Divij Sharan defeated Reese Stalder and Petros Tsitsipas 6-7(5), 6-3, [10-8] in the doubles final of the €67,960 Challenger tennis tournament in Helsinki.

Abu Dhabi GP: Max Verstappen signs off F1 2022 in style

Max Verstappen claimed a dominant Abu Dhabi GP victory to sign off his glittering 2022 title-winning season in style.

N.Jagadeesan hits five consecutive hundreds, breaks world record in Vijay Hazare Trophy 2022

Tamil Nadu opener N Jagadeesan broke the world record and became the first player to score five consecutive centuries, the first by an Indian.

India win 3-match T20 series against New Zealand, 1-0

India clinched the three-match T20 series against New Zealand 1-0 after the third and final game ended in a tie via Duckworth-Lewis method following rain interruption.

Ronaldo to leave Manchester United with 'immediate effect'

Manchester United forward Cristiano Ronaldo will leave with immediate effect, the Premier League team said, marking a bitter end to his second spell at Old Trafford after he said he felt betrayed by the club.

Ravina wins gold in Youth Men's and Women's World Championships

Reigning Asian champion Ravina won gold in her final bout as India ended the Youth Men's and Women's World Championships with 11 medals in La Nucia, Spain.

Tennis: Auger-Aliassime leads Canada to maiden Davis Cup triumph

Felix Auger-Aliassime sealed tennis history for Canada as they won their first Davis Cup title by beating Australia 2-0 in Sunday's final in Malaga.

P T Usha elected unopposed as President of Indian Olympic Association

Former athlete P T Usha has been elected unopposed as the President of the Indian Olympic Association, IOA. Usha is the first woman to occupy the top job at IOA in its 95-year history and she is also the first Olympic winner and international medalist to take over the top post.

Pepe becomes third oldest World Cup outfield player

Centre-back Pepe became the third oldest outfield player in World Cup history after he started for Portugal against Uruguay on Monday.

Lakshya back at career-best sixth in world rankings

Lakshya Sen jumped two spots to regain his career-best sixth position in the BWF World rankings. He has 75,024 points from 23 tournaments.

Prannoy nominated for BWF's Most Improved Player of the Year award

H.S. Prannoy - the hero of India's historic Thomas Cup win - has been nominated for the BWF's 'Most Improved Player of the Year' award.

MISCELLANEOUS

Afghanistan: Taliban bans women from amusement parks

In Afghanistan, Taliban's morality police have ordered that all amusement parks in the country must now refuse entry to women.

NASA launches Artemis Mission on a test flight to the moon

NASA launched its most powerful-ever rocket, as part of a plan to eventually return humans to the Moon. The 98-meter-tall Artemis vehicle brings the United States a big step closer to putting astronauts back on the lunar surface for the first time since the end of the Apollo program 50 years ago.

India climbs six places to 61st rank in Network Readiness Index 2022 report

India has improved its position by six slots and is now placed at 61st rank as per the Network Readiness Index 2022 report released.

Greta Thunberg, 600 youngsters sue Sweden for climate inaction

More than 600 youngsters in Sweden, including Greta Thunberg, filed a lawsuit against the Swedish state accusing it of climate inaction, a first in the country.

Indians received the biggest share of U.K. work visas: report

Indian nationals received the largest number 39% of the total work-related visas granted by the United Kingdom for the year ending September 2022.

India reiterates its commitment on conserving tortoises and freshwater turtles at CoP19 in Panama

India reiterated its commitment on conserving tortoises and freshwater turtles in the country during the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 19) at the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

'Naseem Al Bahr': INS Trikand, INS Sumitra take part in bilateral exercise with Oman Navy

Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman participated in the 13th Edition of bilateral exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr' or Sea Breeze. The highlight of the exercise was participation of India's guided missile stealth frigate, INS Trikand, offshore patrol vessel, INS Sumitra, and Maritime Patrol Aircraft Dornier.

VP Jagdeep Dhankhar attends ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit, 17th East Asia Summit in Cambodia

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar embarked on a three-day visit to Cambodia to attend the ASEAN-India Commemorative Summit and the 17th East Asia Summit. This year marks the 30th anniversary of ASEAN-India relations and is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year.

Nearly 40 million children missed measles vaccine dose last year due to COVID pandemic: WHO

A record high of nearly 40 million children have missed a measles vaccine dose in 2021, said the World Health Organization, pointing to the backslide in vaccination coverage during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Qatar, China sign world's 'longest' gas supply deal

QatarEnergy announced a 27-year natural gas supply deal with China, calling it the "longest" ever seen as it strengthened ties with Asia at a time when Europe is scrambling for alternative sources.

World population projected to reach 8 billion people: UN Estimates

The world's population is projected to reach 8 billion people in mid-November 2022, according to United Nations estimates. India is projected to surpass China as the world's most populous country during 2023.

Seventh edition of Indo-French joint air exercise culminates in Jodhpur

The seventh edition of the bilateral air exercise between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the French Air and Space Force (FAF), 'Exercise Garuda-VII' concluded at Air Force Station, Jodhpur.

India-Australia bilateral military training exercise 'Austra Hind 22' to begin

The bilateral training exercise "AUSTRALIA HIND 22" between contingents of the Indian Army and the Australian Army is scheduled to take place at Mahajan Field Firing Ranges (Rajasthan) from November 28 to December 11, 2022.

Indian, Indonesian troops engage in joint training exercise 'GARUDA SHAKTI'

A contingent of Indian Special Forces troops are currently engaged in a bilateral joint training Exercise named "GARUDA SHAKTI" with Indonesian Special Forces at Sangga Buana Training Area, in Karawang.

Indian Navy participates Malabar Naval Exercise in Japan

India is participating in 26th International Malabar Naval Exercise beginning in Yokosuka of Japan. Australia, Japan and the USA are also participating in the Malabar Naval Exercise.

India-Malaysia joint military Exercise Harimau Shakti 2022 begins in Malaysia

India-Malaysia joint military Exercise Harimau Shakti-2022 started at Pulau Klang in Malaysia. The military exercise will culminate on the 12th of next month. HARIMAU SHAKTI is an annual training event between Indian and Malaysian armies which has been conducted since 2012.

Hawaii's Mauna Loa, the world's largest active volcano, erupts for first time in nearly 40 years

The world's largest active volcano, Hawaii's Mauna Loa, is erupting for the first time in almost 40 years. Officials said, Lava flows are contained within the summit area and are not threatening downslope communities.

NASA's Orion capsule reaches key milestone on its demonstration mission around the Moon

The US space agency NASA's Orion capsule has reached a key milestone on its demonstration mission around the Moon. It moved some 4,30,000 kilometres beyond the Earth, the furthest any spacecraft designed to carry humans has travelled.

In a first, Rolls-Royce and easyJet successfully test a hydrogen-powered aircraft engine

British company Rolls-Royce has successfully tested hydrogen instead of conventional jet fuel to power

a modern aircraft engine in a world first for the aviation industry, according to the company.

Gaslighting: Merriam-Webster picks its word of the year
Merriam-Webster, America's oldest dictionary publisher, has chosen "gaslighting" as its word of the year. Gaslighting is the act or practice of grossly misleading someone, especially for one's own advantage.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2022 observed from October 31

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observes vigilance awareness week every year during the week in which October 31 —the birth anniversary of India's first home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel falls. This year, the vigilance awareness week is being observed from October 31 to November 6.

Zojila Day commemorated at Zojila War Memorial near Drass

Zojila Day was commemorated at Zojila War Memorial near Drass on November 1 to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in 'Operation Bison' in 1948 which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh.

International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict: 6th November

On November 6th, the UN observes the International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. The day seeks to make people aware of the consequences that war and conflict have on the environment.

World Pneumonia Day: 12th November

World Pneumonia Day is a global event observed every year on 12 November to spread awareness and educate people to combat Pneumonia disease.

Public Service Broadcasting Day: 12th November

Public Service Broadcasting Day is being celebrated on 12th November every year to commemorate the only visit of Mahatma Gandhi to All India Radio in Delhi in 1947.

World Kindness Day: 13th November

World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13 every year. The day inspires people to appreciate the kindness and positive power in society.

National Press Day being observed on November 16

National Press Day is observed on 16th November every year to commemorate a free and responsible press.

World Children's Day: 20th November

World Children's Day is celebrated on November 20 annually. The theme for International children's day is, "Inclusion, for every child".

National Milk Day: 26th November

National Milk Day 2022 is observed on 26 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the father of India's White Revolution.

Constitution Day of India: 26th November

Constitution Day is celebrated on 26th November every year in India to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India. The constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November 1949, and it came into effect on 26th January 1950.

NCC Celebrated 74th anniversary of its Raising Day on Nov 27

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) is celebrating the 74th anniversary of its Raising Day on 27th November 2022. This largest uniformed youth organisation in the world was raised in 1948.