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US strikes partnership agreement with Pacific Island nations

The United States has struck a partnership agreement with more than a dozen Pacific Island nations. It also announced 810 million dollars in financial support and said it would recognize Niue and Cook Islands as sovereign states.

Putin signs treaties to begin process of incorporating four Russian-controlled regions

Russian President Vladimir Putin signed treaties to begin the process of incorporating four Russian-controlled regions of Ukraine into the Russian Federation. The four territories incorporated into Russia consist of Luhansk and Donetsk in the east, and Kherson and Zaporizhzhia in the South.

Burkina Faso unrest: Military officers remove leader Damiba

An army captain in Burkina Faso Ibrahim Traore has announced on national television that he has ousted military leader Lt Col Paul-Henri Damiba. Ibrahim Traore cited Lt Col Damiba's inability to deal with an Islamist insurgency as the reason.

Thailand court rules PM can stay, did not exceed term limit

Thailand's Constitutional Court ruled that Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-Ocha can continue in office as he has not reached an eight-year term limit as the Prime Minister.

Kuwait: Opposition wins majority as women return to Parliament

Women have returned to Kuwait's Parliament after two years without a female MP. Jenan Bushehri and Alia Al Khaled were elected as part of the opposition, who won the majority of seats in the election.

PM Krisjanis Karins wins election in Latvia

In Latvia, the ruling centre-right New Unity party of Prime Minister Krisjanis Karins has won the election.

Florida deaths rise to 47 amid struggle to recover from Ian

Boats and damaged houses are pictured in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian on San Carlos Island, Florida. At least 54 people are confirmed dead: 47 in Florida, four in North Carolina and three in Cuba.

Brazilian electoral authorities say vote will go to second round

In Brazil, the presidential race will go on to a runoff after first-round results showed that the two front runners failed to receive over 50 percent of the votes. Former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva got 48.4 per cent of the vote, while incumbent Jair Bolsonaro got 43.2 per cent.

Centre-right GERB party to win Bulgaria election

Bulgaria's centre-right GERB party – led by former long-serving Prime Minister Boyko Borissov is set to win election, the fourth in less than two years. With 99 percent of the ballots counted as of, partial official results showed GERB winning with 25.4 percent.

At least 92 killed in Iran's Mahsa Amini protests, says rights group

At least 92 people have been killed as Iran has cracked down on women-led protests sparked by the death of Mahsa Amini after her arrest by the notorious morality police, the group Iran Human Rights said.

South Korea & US conduct missile drills in response to North Korea's launch of ballistic missile over Japan

South Korea and the U.S. military conducted missile drills in response to North Korea's launch of a ballistic missile over Japan. Nuclear-armed North Korea test-fired an intermediate-range ballistic missile farther than ever before, sending it soaring over Japan for the first time in five years.

OPEC & its Russia-led allies decide to cut oil production by two million barrels per day

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its Russia-led allies have agreed to cut oil production by two million barrels a day at a Vienna meeting. It is the deepest cuts to oil production since the 2020 COVID pandemic.

38 people including 22 children killed in mass shootout at day care centre in Thailand

At least thirty-eight people, most of them children have been killed in a gun and knife attack at a Thailand childcare centre by an ex-policeman who later killed himself.

WHO issues alert against 4 cough syrups made by India's Maiden Pharmaceuticals

The WHO issued an alert against four cough and cold syrups made by India-based Maiden Pharmaceuticals, saying that it might be linked to the deaths of 66 minor children in the Gambia.

Indian Navy to join Malabar exercise and International Fleet Review in Japan in Nov.

Japan will host the 2022 edition of the Malabar naval exercise consisting of India, Australia, Japan and the U.S. in the second week of November.

India hosted diplomats of UNSC along with other member states for key meeting of Counter-Terrorism Committee

India hosted diplomats of the UN Security Council along with other member states for a key meeting of Counter-Terrorism Committee in Mumbai and New Delhi on October 28-29. India is currently the Chair of the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee for the year 2022.

UNGA votes to reject Russia's call to hold secret ballot on Ukraine

The United Nations General Assembly voted to reject Russia's call for the 193-member body to hold a secret ballot later this week on whether to condemn Moscow's move to annex four regions in Ukraine.

Belarusian President announces formation of a joint unit of Belarusian forces with Russian army

The Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko announced the formation of a joint unit of Belarusian forces with the Russian army. Mr. Lukashenko said that the move was due to growing tensions on Belarus's border with Ukraine.

Charles III will be crowned King on May 6, 2023 says palace

King Charles III to be crowned on May 6, 2023. According to Buckingham Palace, the coronation will take place at

Westminster Abbey. King Charles III, son of the late Queen Elizabeth II, acceded to the throne after the queen passed away on September 8.

Russia labels Meta 'terrorist' group

Russia added U.S. tech giant Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, to a list of "terrorist and extremist" organisations.

Chadian prime minister resigns to pave way for new government

Chad's prime minister, Albert Pahimi Padacke, has resigned to pave the way for a new government after the Central African country pushed back elections by two years.

Over 1,300 Indian students to get visas to resume their education in Chinese universities and colleges

Chinese Foreign Ministry said that more than 1,300 Indian students have been issued visas to return to China to resume their education in Chinese universities and colleges.

France starts sending gas directly to Germany

France has started sending gas directly to Germany for the first time. It comes as Berlin strives to diversify its energy supply following the interruption of Russian gas deliveries.

Japan to scrap remarriage restrictions on pregnant women

Japanese cabinet ministers approved the scrapping of a law that stipulates women pregnant at the time of a divorce must wait 100 days before marrying again.

US announces additional 725 million dollars for military assistance to Ukraine

The United States has announced an additional 725 million dollars for military assistance to Ukraine. This drawdown includes additional arms, munitions, and equipment from US Department of Defense inventories.

Nigeria: More than 600 people killed in worst flood in a decade

In Nigeria, more than 600 people have died so far in the worst flooding that the country has seen in a decade. Around 82 thousand houses and over 100 thousand hectares of farmland had been submerged and destroyed due to the worst flooding.

Russia-Ukraine conflict forces over 4 million children into poverty: UNICEF

UNICEF has said that economic crisis due to Russia-Ukraine conflict has thrown more than 4 million children into poverty across eastern Europe and Central Asia. It said that Russian and Ukrainian children have been most affected since the conflict started in February.

Ukraine: Kyiv attacked by kamikaze drones, says officials

In Ukraine, the authorities have said that the capital Kyiv was attacked by kamikaze drones. Kyiv's Mayor Vitalii Klitschko said that residential buildings have been damaged in the attack.

NATO begins annual nuclear exercises in northwestern Europe

NATO began its long-planned annual nuclear exercises in northwestern Europe as tensions simmer over military action in Ukraine and Russian President Vladimir Putin's threat to use any means to defend Russian territory.

Australia not to recognise Jerusalem as Israel's capital

Australia said it would no longer recognise West Jerusalem as Israel's capital, reversing a contentious decision by the previous conservative government.

India, France re-elected as President and Co-President of International Solar Alliance

India and France have been re-elected as President and Co-President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA). Union Power Minister R K Singh was re-elected as the President of ISA. France Minister of State for Development Chryssoula Zacharopoulou has been re-elected as Co-President.

Joe Biden to release 15 mn barrels from oil reserve

President Joe Biden announced an additional release of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve in the range of 10 million to 15 million barrels as he tries to dampen high gasoline prices.

Putin declares martial law in annexed regions of Ukraine

Russian President Vladimir Putin has declared martial law in Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhia, four regions of Ukraine that Russia proclaimed as annexed last month.

Chad's President declares state of emergency as flood affects millions of people

The central African country, Chad's President Mahamat Idriss Deby declared a state of emergency as the country struggles to deal with exceptional flooding that has affected millions of people.

Malaysia to hold snap national elections on November 19

Malaysia will hold a snap election on November 19, officials announced, with the ruling party seeking to consolidate its comeback after its former leader was jailed for corruption.

Interpol launches metaverse for global law enforcement

The Interpol unveiled the first-ever 'metaverse' specifically designed for law enforcement worldwide, at its ongoing 90th General Assembly in Delhi.

FATF removes Pakistan from 'grey list' after four years

The financial Action Task Force (FATF) has removed Pakistan from its grey list after four years. Meanwhile, It has put Myanmar on the "black list" and has called on members to apply enhanced due diligence to business relations and transactions in Myanmar.

Pakistan EC disqualifies former PM Imran Khan from holding public office for 5 years

Pakistan's Election Commission (ECP) has disqualified former Prime Minister Imran Khan from holding public office for five years in the Toshakhana case for hiding proceeds from the sale of gifts he received from foreign leaders.

Shortage of cholera vaccine forces temporarily shift to one-dose strategy amid rising outbreaks: WHO

The WHO has said that it will temporarily shift to a one-dose strategy from the standard two-dose vaccination regimen for cholera due to vaccine shortages and rising outbreaks worldwide.

Italy's far-right leader Giorgia Meloni forms new government

Giorgia Meloni has formed Italy's new governing coalition, giving the country its first far-right-led government since the end of World War II and becoming the first woman tapped to serve as the country's prime minister.

Ukraine faces first nationwide electricity outage

Ukrainian energy officials have said that they had no choice but to introduce restrictions on electricity supplies across the country and scheduled blackouts nationwide after losing at least 40 percent of the country's power-generating capacity following days of Russia's military operation.

Japan, Australia agree to boost defense cooperation
Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese agreed to boost practical defense cooperation between the two nations amid growing assertiveness by China in the Asia-Pacific region.

FATF adds Myanmar to list of high-risk countries
Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has added Myanmar to the list of high-risk countries, known as 'Black List' with 'strategic deficiencies in regimes to counter money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing'. Myanmar is the third country to be added in this list along with North Korea and Iran.

Canada prohibits sale, purchase, transfer of handguns
Regulations prohibiting the sale, purchase or transfer of handguns came into effect in Canada. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said the measure builds on earlier efforts banning handgun imports.

Cyclone Sitrang kills at least 24 people in Bangladesh
Cyclone Sitrang, a tropical storm that lashed Bangladesh left at least 24 people dead and about 8 million without power across the delta nation.

United States appoints Elizabeth Jones to serve as Chargé d'Affaires at US Embassy in New Delhi

The United States has appointed Elizabeth Jones to serve as Chargé d'Affaires in New Delhi. Jones recently served as the Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts.

China launches COVID-19 vaccine that can be inhaled through mouth

The Chinese city of Shanghai has started administering an inhalable COVID-19 vaccine in what appears to be a world first. The vaccine, a mist that is sucked in through the mouth, is being offered for free as a booster dose for previously vaccinated individuals.

COP27: 27th annual UN meeting on climate to take place in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt

The 27th annual UN meeting on climate, COP27 (Conference of Parties) will take place in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt from 6th to 18th November. This will be the fifth time a Climate Conference is being hosted in Africa.

Israel, Lebanon signs maritime border deal

Israel and Lebanon separately signed a U.S.-brokered maritime border deal which paves the way for lucrative offshore gas extraction by the neighbours that remain technically at war.

Kenya's new Cabinet sworn in, two months after elections

Kenyan President William Ruto's Cabinet was sworn in, two months after he narrowly won a bitterly fought election. The 22-member line-up will be tasked with tackling the cost-of-living crisis and other economic issues in the East African country.

IEA sees global energy emissions peaking in 2025

The International Energy Agency said that it believes global energy emissions will peak in 2025 as surging prices due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine propel investment in renewables.

Indian navy participates in maiden trilateral exercise with Mozambique and Tanzania

The first edition of India-Mozambique-Tanzania Trilateral Exercise (IMT TRILAT), a joint maritime exercise among the Indian, Mozambique and Tanzanian navies commenced at Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania.

South Korean President declares national mourning following death of 151 people

South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol announced national mourning and ordered the lowering of flags over a deadly Seoul stampede during Halloween celebrations that killed at least 151 people, including 19 foreigners.

At least 100 killed, 300 injured in two car explosions in Somalia's capital

At least 100 people were killed and 300 injured in two car bombs that exploded outside the Education Ministry in Somalia's capital Mogadishu.

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PM flags off Vande Bharat Express from Gandhinagar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has flagged off the new and upgraded version of the Vande Bharat Express which will run from Gandhinagar in Gujarat to Mumbai in Maharashtra. This will be the third Vande Bharat train in the country; the other two run between New Delhi-Varanasi and New Delhi-Katra.

AFSPA extended in Nagaland, Arunachal

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) in parts of Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland for another six months. The order will come into effect from October 1.

10,000 Acres of Aravalli To Be Developed As World's Second Largest Safari Park

Haryana will develop the world's largest jungle safari park in the Aravalli range. The 10,000-acre safari park will cover Gurugram and Nuh districts. At present, Sharjah is home to the largest curated safari park outside Africa.

Telangana Hikes Quota For Scheduled Tribes To 10% in Educational Institutes, Govt Services

Telangana raises the reservation for Scheduled Tribes in the state from 6 per cent to 10 per cent. With this, the total reservations in Telangana will go up to 54 per cent.

UGC frames guidelines allowing higher Educational Institutions to create 25% seats for foreign students

Higher Educational Institutions can now create up to 25 percent supernumerary seats for foreign students while adopting a transparent admission process for them.

Spiritual leader Amritanandamayi appointed Chair of Civil Society of G20 summit

Spiritual leader Mata, Amritanandamayi Devi (Aamma) has been appointed the Chair of the country's Civil 20 (C20), an official engagement group of the Group of 20 (G20), by the union government.

"Delhi University – Celebrating 100 Glorious Years" authored by Hardeep Singh Puri

Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India (GOI), Hardeep Singh Puri has authored a new book titled "DELHI UNIVERSITY: Celebrating 100 Glorious Years."

India joins select group of countries that offer 5G telephony

India has joined a select group of countries that offer 5G telephony. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 5G services in the country at 6th India Mobile Congress in New Delhi. Airtel has kicked off 5G services in 8 cities.

Govt plans to set up 100 labs for 5G technology across India

Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said that the government plans to set up 100 labs for 5G technology across India and at least 12 of them will be used to train students and conduct experiments.

MGNREGS to fund work to reverse desertification of land across the States

With limited funds to deal with the gargantuan task of restoring degraded land and reversing desertification in

the country, the centre is now planning to bring convergence between the MGNREGS and the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY).

Centre plans cutting coal supply to plants that don't comply on biomass co-firing

The centre has suggested the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to consider penalising thermal power plants (TPPs) that are not taking enough steps to curb emissions and not co-firing sufficient quantities of biomass.

HM Amit Shah announces Scheduled Tribe status for Pahari community in J&K

UHome Minister Amit Shah announced Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for the Pahari community in Jammu and Kashmir. The abolition of Articles 370 and 35A in August 2019 paved the way for providing reservations to deprived sections of Jammu and Kashmir.

Indian Railways converts 500 Mail Express trains to Superfast category

Indian Railways has converted 500 Mail Express trains to the Superfast category. In addition to this, 130 services (65 pairs) have also been speeded up by converting to the Superfast category. The speeding up of trains is between 10 minutes to 70 minutes.

Justice Dinesh Sharma to head the UAPA tribunal related to ban on PFI

The Centre has appointed Justice Dinesh Kumar Sharma of the Delhi High Court as the presiding officer of the tribunal for the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), related to the ban on the Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates.

Indian Railways plans to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030

Indian Railways has adopted an integrated approach for a Green Environment and planned to gradually reduce its carbon footprint to become Net Zero Carbon Emitter by 2030.

Centre constitutes a 9-member task force for monitoring Cheetah introduction project

The Centre has constituted a Task Force for monitoring Cheetah introduction in Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh and other suitable designated areas.

Govt approves creation of new Weapon Systems branch in Indian Air Force

The Union government has approved the creation of a new Weapon Systems branch in the Indian Air Force. The branch will enhance the war-fighting capability of the Indian Air Force.

TN governor approves ordinance banning online gambling

Tamil Nadu Governor R.N Ravi has given a nod to the ordinance to regulate online gambling. Tamil Nadu government had cleared an ordinance to ban online gambling.

Govt organised PM-National Apprenticeship Melas on Oct 10

Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has organized Pradhan Mantri National Apprenticeship Melas across 280 locations in 28 states and Union Territories.

Ujjain: PM Modi to inaugurate first phase of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Extension project

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the first phase of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Extension project at Ujjain in Madhya Pradesh on October 11. Mr. Mahakaleshwar Jyotirling in Ujjain is one of the twelve Jyotirlingas located in the country.

Centre launches 24x7 tele-mental health service

The Centre launched the Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States, (Tele-MANAS) initiative to provide round-the-clock tele-mental health services in the country on toll free number— 14416.

Coal Ministry issues Allocation Order for 12 Coal Mines

The Ministry of Coal has issued Allocation Order for 12 Coal Mines. The cumulative Peak Rated Capacity (PRC) of the 12 coal mines for which orders have been issued is 21 million tonnes per annum and Geological Reserve is 2300 million tonnes.

VINCOV-19, country's first antidote for COVID, ready for phase 3 trials, market authorisation

The University of Hyderabad (UoH) and CSIR-Centre for Cellular & Molecular Biology (CCMB) in collaboration with VINS Bioproducts, an immunological company, have announced the successful completion of phase 2 clinical trials of 'VINCOV-19', touted to be the country's first antidote and a cure against SARS-CoV-2 virus.

No person should be prosecuted under Sec 66A of IT Act: Supreme Court

Taking note of law enforcement agencies continuing to book people under Section 66A of the Information Technology Act, 2000, which has been struck down, the Supreme Court directed that no person should be prosecuted under it anymore.

Centre's stand sought on Places of Worship Act

The Supreme Court of India directed the Centre to make its stand clear on whether a Constitution Bench in the Ram Janmabhoomi case has already settled the question of validity of the Places of Worship Act of 1991.

Cabinet clears amendments to Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act

The Union Cabinet has approved amendments to the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act to bring transparency and accountability in the sector as well as reform the electoral process. It has approved the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022, which seeks to amend the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

After inspection, govt. stops Maiden Pharma unit from making drugs

The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and Haryana State Drugs Controller have directed a stop to all manufacturing activity at Maiden Pharmaceuticals in Sonapat on grounds of deficiencies found following local inspection of the company's facilities.

Railways to operate freight version of Vande Bharat trains

The Indian Railways will soon launch freight services in the country's indigenously developed Vande Bharat Trains. The objective behind the launch is to capture additional high-value time-sensitive cargo delivery to the destination.

India, US Extend Vaccine Partnership Till 2027

India and the United States have extended for five years their agreement in research, development, and manufacturing of vaccines. The statement to extend the Indo-US Vaccine Action Program till 2027 was signed.

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurates 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility at IIT Guwahati

President of India, Droupadi Murmu, inaugurated 'PARAM KAMRUPA' Supercomputer facility and a high-power active and passive component laboratory of SAMEER at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati.

INS Arihant carries out successful launch of Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile

INS Arihant carried out a successful launch of a Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM). The missile was tested to a predetermined range and impacted the target area in the Bay of Bengal with very high accuracy.

Indian Railways accomplishes electrification of over 81% of total Broad Gauge network

The Indian Railways has accomplished the electrification of over 81 percent of the total Broad Gauge network in the country.

Haryana tops in governance of social, economic, political justice among big States

Haryana has bagged the top position in the category of big states in the Public Affairs Index-2022. In PAI-2022, Sikkim has retained its position as the best-governed small state in India.

India hosted 90th General Assembly of INTERPOL from 18 to 21 Oct

India hosted the 90th General Assembly of the International Criminal Police Organization, INTERPOL from 18th to 21st of October in New Delhi. The General Assembly is INTERPOL's supreme governing body, comprising converted into Pradan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras in a phased manner.

MBBS course in Hindi kicks off in M.P. with release of textbooks

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched MBBS textbooks in Hindi, making Madhya Pradesh the first State in the country to offer medical education in the language.

Railway Minister inaugurates India's First Aluminum Freight Rake at Bhubaneswar Railway Station

Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnav inaugurated India's First Aluminum Freight Rake at Bhubaneswar Railway Station in Odisha. The indigenously built rake will reduce carbon footprint due to lower consumption of fuel.

Power Minister RK Singh inaugurates 5th Assembly of International Solar Alliance on October 18

Power and New and Renewable Energy Minister RK Singh inaugurated the Fifth Assembly of the International Solar Alliance in New Delhi.

India to host G-20 investors' tourism meet next year

India will hold a global meet on investments into its tourism sector and a conference on business tourism next year, cashing in on its G-20 presidency which begins from December.

Justice Chandrachud appointed the 50th Chief Justice of India

President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice D.Y. Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India (CJI), Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said. He will take oath on November 9, a day after incumbent CJI Justice Uday Umesh Lalit demits office on attaining the age of 65.

PM Modi inaugurates 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated 600 Kisan Samridhi Kendras and 'One Nation, One Fertilizer' scheme. He launched the scheme after inaugurating the two-day event "PM Kisan Samman Sammelan 2022" in New Delhi. Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra, PMKSK will cater to a wide variety of needs of the farmers and provide agri-inputs (fertilizers, seeds, implements).

Agricultural Minister announces creating fund of ₹500 crore as accelerator program for Startups working in agriculture sector

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar has announced creating a fund of 500 crore rupees as an accelerator program for Startups working in agriculture sector for commercialisation and democratisation of their successful innovations and techniques.

Bharati Das takes charge as new Controller General of Accounts

Bharati Das, a 1988-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service Officer, took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts in New Delhi. Ms Das is the 27th Controller General of Accounts, Ministry of Finance.

Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal is India's resolve to celebrate its maritime heritage says PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal is the government's resolve to celebrate India's rich maritime history. PM was speaking after reviewing the site work progress of the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat through video conferencing.

AK-203 assault rifles production likely to begin by end of year

The Indo-Russian joint venture at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh will start manufacturing AK-203 assault rifles by 2022 end. Over 6.1 lakh AK-203 assault rifles will be manufactured in India with technology transfer from Russia.

Centre to promote destinations in 15 States as part of Swadesh Darshan 2

Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, and Gwalior are among the cities identified in 15 States across the country to be promoted as part of India's new domestic tourism policy ('Swadesh Darshan 2') which moves away from theme-based tourist circuits and focuses on revving up destination tourism.

Rustom-2 UAV to complete user trials by August 2023

The indigenous medium altitude long endurance (MALE) unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is expected to complete all user trials by August 2023.

Aramane Giridhar to be new Defence Secretary

Aramane Giridhar, Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, has been appointed the next Defence Secretary.

Prime Minister calls for lifestyle change to protect environment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave a clarion call for lifestyle change in order to protect the environment. Addressing the gathering after the global launch of Mission LiFE at the Statue of Unity in Gujarat in the presence of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Education Minister inaugurates National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage 2022

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the National Curriculum Framework for Foundational Stage 2022 in New Delhi. The Framework essentially serves as a guideline for syllabus, textbooks and teaching practices for the Education system in India.

Ministry of Education to organise 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' from Nov 16

The Ministry of Education will organise 'Kashi Tamil Sangamam' - a month-long programme from the 16th of next month - to rediscover the centuries-old bond of knowledge and ancient civilisational linkage between Varanasi and Tamilnadu.

ISRO plans to launch Chandrayaan-3, its third mission to moon, in June next year

Indian Space Research Organisation plans to launch Chandrayaan-3, its third mission to the moon, in June next year with a more robust lunar rover onboard which is crucial for future inter-planetary explorations.

IAF and HAL conclude ₹6,800-crore contract

The Indian Air Force and the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited has concluded a ₹6,800 crore contracts for 70 HTT-40 indigenous Basic Trainer Aircraft. The contract was concluded at the 12th DefExpo organised in Gujarat on October 20.

CCI imposes penalty of over one thousand 337 crore rupees on Google for abusing dominant position

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed a penalty of over one thousand 337 crore rupees on Google for abusing its dominant position in multiple markets.

India tests medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime

India successfully test-fired indigenously developed new generation medium-range ballistic missile Agni Prime from the Odisha coast, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) said.

Take Suo Motu Action Against Hate Speech Crimes Without Waiting For Complaint : Supreme Court

Expressing its anguish over hate speeches, the Supreme Court of India in interim directions directed the police chiefs of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to take "immediate" suo motu action against the offenders by lodging criminal cases without waiting for formal complaints.

State governments cannot enter into broadcasting on their own: I&B Ministry

The Information and Broadcasting Ministry issued an advisory stating that no Ministry or department of the governments at the Centre, States and Union Territories and their associated entities should enter into broadcasting or distribution of broadcasting activities in future.

Govt to develop face authentication technology-based system for submission of Digital Life Certificates

The Union government is working to enhance the Ease of Living of pensioners across the country. In this direction, the several ministries together are developing a Face Authentication technology-based system.

Indian companies showcase their manufacturing capabilities at DefExpo 2022

Defense PSUs and indigenous private sector defence manufacturers have set up their stalls to showcase their products at the Helipad Exhibition Centre at Gandhinagar. Representatives from more than 75 countries are attending the DefExpo 2022. It is the first-ever edition of DefExpo to exclusively feature Indian companies.

CCI imposes penalty of over ₹392 crore on online travel firms for adopting unfair business practices

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has slapped penalties of more than 392 crore rupees on online travel firms including MakeMyTrip, Goibibo, and OYO for adopting unfair business practices.

Country's first Migrant Monitoring System launched for information on migrant women

India's first 'Migration Monitoring Systems' was inaugurated by the Maharashtra Women and Children Development Minister Mangalprabhat Lodha in Mumbai. The website-based Migration Tracking System will track the movement of vulnerable seasonal migrant beneficiaries.

PM Modi Launches the 1st Phase of "Rozgar Mela" to Provide Jobs to 10 lakh Youths in Central Government

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Rozgar Mela recruitment drive to hire 10 lakh personnel. In the first tranche, 75,000 new appointees will be given jobs. The new recruits, selected from across the country, will join 38 government ministries and departments.

ISRO successfully launches LVM3 M2, first dedicated commercial mission to place all 36 satellites into intended orbits

ISRO launched its first dedicated commercial mission of Launch Vehicle Mark 3 (LVM3) M2 satellite successfully from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. The one web constellation will operate in a LEO polar orbit.

Southwest monsoon exits country a week late, says IMD

The Southwest Monsoon withdrew from the entire country, a week later than normal, the IMD said. India witnessed a normal monsoon season for the fourth consecutive year with 925 mm rainfall which was 106% of the long-period average (LPA) of 880 mm.

Five new varieties to expand India's Basmati platter

Five new varieties of seeds of Basmati rice, developed by a group of scientists led by the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) Director Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh in 2020 and 2021, are all set to bring revolutionary changes in the way Basmati rice is cultivated in the country.

'Burning of fossil fuels killed over 3 lakh Indians in 2020'

An estimated over 3,30,000 people died in India due to exposure to particulate matter from fossil fuel combustion in 2020, says the 2022 report of The Lancet countdown on health and climate change: health at the mercy of fossil fuels.

UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee meet held in Mumbai & Delhi on October 28 and 29

A special meeting of the United Nations Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee was hosted in Mumbai and Delhi on 28th and 29th of October. The theme will be 'Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes'.

Two more Indian Beaches enter the coveted list of Blue Beaches, says Environment Ministry

Two more Indian Beaches namely Minicoy Thundi Beach and Kadmat Beach both in Lakshadweep have entered the coveted list of Blue Beaches. After this, India now has 12 Blue Flag beaches, an eco-label given to the cleanest beaches in the world.

GEAC gives its nod for commercial cultivation of GM mustard yet again

The Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) has recommended the environmental release of the genetically modified (GM) mustard variety DMH (Dhara Mustard Hybrid)-11, paving the way for the commercialisation of the country's first GM food crop.

Gujarat's Modhera becomes India's first 'net-zero' energy community

As a result of Project Suryagram (Sun Village), Gujarat's Modhera has emerged as India's first 24x7 solar-powered village. It is also a 'net-zero' energy community, meeting 100 per cent of its energy requirements using on-site solar power.

Psychological test of death row convicts is essential, says SC

In a significant order, the Supreme Court of India has made it clear that the psychological evaluation of

condemned prisoners by expert doctors, and access to them by mitigating investigators, are essential before the hearing begins on their appeals against the death penalty.

PM Modi moots idea of one nation, one uniform for police

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has mooted the idea of "One Nation, One Uniform" for police. Addressing a Chintan Shivir of state home ministers through videoconferencing, Mr. Modi said it is just a suggestion for consideration and he is not trying to impose it on the states.

Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise 'Simbex' – 2022

The Indian Navy is hosting the 29th edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) from 26 to 30 October 2022 at Visakhapatnam. SIMBEX-2022 is being conducted in two phases – Harbour Phase at Visakhapatnam from 26 to 27 October 2022 followed by the Sea Phase in Bay of Bengal from 28 to 30 October 2022.

Government to set up committees for grievance redressal of social media users

Grievance Appellate Committees will be set up within three months by the union government for resolving social media users' grievances.

Gujarat's Morbi bridge collapse, death toll rises to 141

At least 141 people died when a pedestrian suspension bridge in Morbi collapsed in India's western state of Gujarat. The 230m (754ft) bridge on the Machchu river was built during British rule in the 19th Century.

PM Modi lays foundation stone of transport aircraft manufacturing project at Vadodara

Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the C-295 transport aircraft manufacturing plant, in Vadodara, Gujarat. The C-295 transport aircraft for the Indian Air Force will be manufactured by Tata-Airbus.

UN Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee Meeting adopts Delhi Declaration

United Nations Security Council's Counter Terrorism Committee has adopted the Delhi Declaration on 'Countering the use of new and emerging technologies for terrorist purposes.'

ECI hosts two-day international conference from October 31 in New Delhi

Election Commission hosted a two-day international conference beginning 31st of October in New Delhi on the theme 'Role, Framework & Capacity of Election Management Bodies'.

BANKING & ECONOMY

RBI hikes repo rate by 50 basis points to 5.9%, fourth hike in a row

Reserve Bank of India decided to increase Repo Rate by a half percent to 5.9 percent. Consequently, the standing deposit facility (SDF) rate stands adjusted to 5.65 percent; the marginal standing facility (MSF) rate, and the Bank Rate to 6.15 percent. RBI has projected real GDP growth for 2022-23 at 7.0 percent.

Core sector slowed to 3.3% growth in Aug.

Output growth in India's eight core infrastructure sectors slowed to 3.3% in August from 4.5% in the previous month.

Centre raises natural gas prices by 40%

The Union government has raised the price of natural gas by 40%. Natural gas is used to generate electricity or fertiliser and turned into compressed natural gas (CNG).

India's geospatial technology industry set to grow at 12.8%

India's geospatial technology industry was expected to cross ₹63,100 crores by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%. The second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) was held in Hyderabad from October 10 to 14.

India Enters Top 40 Economies In Global Innovation Index

India, for the first time, made it to the top 40 countries at the Global Innovation Index (GII), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) said. For the twelfth consecutive year, Switzerland ranks first in the GI followed by the US.

SEBI tightens norms for initial public offering

Tightening Initial Public Offering (IPO) norms, capital markets regulator SEBI cleared the proposal mandating the issuers to disclose the offer price based on past transactions and fund-raising activities.

Euro zone inflation hits new high of 10%

Euro zone inflation zoomed past forecasts to hit 10.0% in September, a new record high that will reinforce expectations for another jumbo interest rate hike next month from the European Central Bank.

Ex-promoters can't hold stake in insolvent firm: SC

The Supreme Court of India has firmly shut doors on defaulting promoters who still want to keep a residual stake even after their company is sold off under the insolvency process.

Sept. exports dip 3.5%, trade deficit widens to \$26.7 billion

India's goods exports shrank 3.5% in September to \$32.62 billion, its first contraction since February 2021, while imports rose 5.4% to \$59.35 billion, widening the trade deficit to \$26.73 billion.

PayU parent Prosus calls off \$4.7-bn acquisition of BillDesk

Prosus NV, an Amsterdam-based consumer Internet group and parent of PayU, said it had scrapped the \$4.7 billion acquisition of BillDesk, a Mumbai-based online payment gateway, citing the non-fulfillment of 'certain conditions' by September 30.

RIL said to be set to unveil ₹15,000 laptop

Reliance Jio will soon introduce a laptop priced at just ₹15,000 (\$184), one of the cheapest on offer in India, aiming to replicate the success of its low-cost phone.

Historic MoU signed to launch India's Rupay debit card in Oman

National Payments Corporation of India and Central Bank of Oman signed a historic MoU to launch the Rupay debit card in Oman, paving the way for a new era of financial connectivity.

Sandeep Kumar Gupta assumed charge as Chairman of GAIL

Sandeep Kumar Gupta assumed charge as the chairman and managing director of GAIL (India) Limited. He will replace Manoj Jain.

World Bank pares FY23 growth projection to 6.5%

The World Bank has slashed its growth estimate for India by one percentage point to 6.5 per cent for FY23, citing the blowback of the Russia-Ukraine war and ongoing global monetary policy tightening.

India emerges as world's largest producer of sugar

India has emerged as the world's largest producer and second-largest exporter of sugar. In Sugar Season 2021-22, a record of more than five thousand Lakh metric tons of sugarcane was produced in the country.

Reserve Bank issues directions for appointment of Internal Ombudsman for all Credit Information Companies

The RBI has issued directions for appointment of Internal Ombudsman for all Credit Information Companies - CICs. It has directed CICs to complete the process of appointment of an Internal Ombudsman at the apex of their internal grievance redress mechanism by April 1, 2023.

Govt. releases ₹7,183-crore deficit grant to 14 States

The Finance Ministry has released the monthly instalment of revenue deficit grant of ₹7,183 crores to 14 States.

BSE gets SEBI's approval to set up a separate social stock exchange

BSE received approval from the Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to set up a social stock exchange (SSE) as a separate segment of the BSE.

Indian Army signs historic MoU with 11 Banks for Agniveer Salary Package

The Indian Army has signed historic MoU with 11 Banks for providing banking facilities to Agniveers on enrollment. The Banks are SBI, PNB, Bank of Baroda, IDBI Bank, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Yes Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank and Bandhan Bank.

Centre extends ban on sugar exports for another year

The central government has extended the restriction on the export of sugar for one more year starting from the 31st of this month to raise its availability in domestic markets and control prices.

Forex reserves decline to over two-year low to \$532.66 bn: RBI data

India's foreign exchange reserves fell to \$532.66 billion in the week through Sept. 30, their lowest level since July 2020, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) weekly statistical supplement showed.

Yes Bank gets RBI nod for reappointing Prashant Kumar as MD & CEO

The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of Prashant Kumar as the MD & CEO of Yes Bank for a period of 3 years.

A. Balasubramanian re-elected Amfi chairman

A Balasubramanian and Radhika Gupta have been re-elected as the chairman and vice-chairperson of the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi).

Govt to provide collateral-free loans to start-ups under CGSS framework

The DPIIT notified the establishment of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Start-ups (CGSS). It would provide collateral-free debt funding up to ₹10 crore for start-ups extended by commercial banks, NBFC's and Sebi-registered alternative investment funds (AIFs).

RBI unveils features of digital rupee, plans to launch pilot soon

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is exploring the possibility to launch its own digital currency or digital rupee (eRe) with minimal disruption to the financial system.

Space economy may touch \$13 bn by 2025

The Indian space economy is set to reach \$13 billion by 2025, according to a joint report prepared by EY and the Indian Space Association (ISpA), an apex industry association of space and satellite firms in the country.

IMF cuts India's growth forecast to 6.8% this year

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) cut its projection of India's economic growth in 2022 to 6.8 per cent, as per figures released in the IMF's October 2022 World Economic Outlook.

Ravi Kumar resigns as President of Infosys

Infosys announced the resignation of Ravi Kumar.S as its President, effective October 11. Based in New York, Mr. Kumar led multiple service lines and specialised digital sales across consulting, technology, infrastructure, engineering and process verticals for the tech firm.

Jio-BP to set up charging network for Mahindra e-SUVs

Jio-BP, a fuels and mobility joint venture between Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and BP, said it would set up a charging network for Mahindra & Mahindra's (M&M) upcoming e-SUVs.

IMF further lowered China's growth forecast for 2022 and 2023

The IMF further lowered its growth forecast for China's economy in 2022 to 3.2% from its earlier estimate of 3.3%, saying the country's slowdown, the Ukraine war and inflation triggered by aggressive US monetary tightening are the three main headwinds facing the global economy.

Retail inflation rises to 7.41 per cent in September

Retail inflation, based on the consumer price index (CPI), rose to 7.41 per cent in September this year compared to seven per cent in preceding month.

August industrial production shrinks 0.8%

Industrial production in India fell 0.8 per cent in August. The fall was primarily owing to a decline in manufacturing and mining outputs.

JSW Steel joins United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative

JSW Steel has joined as the newest participant of the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) initiative - the world's largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative.

WEF recognises Dr Reddy's Hyd factory as part of its Global Lighthouse Network

The manufacturing facilities of Dr Reddy's Laboratories in Bachupally, Hyderabad and the Oral Solid Dosage (OSD) plant, Indoor of Cipla have bagged recognition as part of the Global Lighthouse Network (GLN) by the World Economic Forum (WEF).

NSDL picks up 5.6% stake in ONDC for ₹10 crore

National Securities Depository Ltd. (NSDL) had acquired 5.6% stake in Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) for ₹10 crores under the private placement route.

Govt. scraps privatisation of SAIL unit

The Centre scrapped the privatisation of SAIL's Bhadravathi steel plant due to insufficient bidder interest. The Expression of Interest (EoI) for selling SAIL's 100 per cent stake in Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Plant (VISP), Bhadravathi in Karnataka, was invited on July 2019.

IMF terms India's Direct Benefit Transfer scheme, as a 'logistical marvel'

In a big accolade for the Narendra Modi government's Direct Benefit Transfer scheme, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has termed it a 'logistical marvel' considering the sheer size of the country.

India to become world's third-largest economy by FY28, says IMF

India is likely to become the third-biggest economy behind the US and China by FY28, two years earlier than initially expected, overtaking Germany and Japan, according to the IMF World Economic Outlook database.

Federal Bank posts highest-ever quarterly profit

Private sector lender Federal Bank has posted a net profit of ₹704 crore during the second quarter of the current financial year, up 53 per cent rise over the year-ago figure of ₹460.3 crore.

WPI inflation eases to 18-month low of 10.7% as pricing pressure softens

The wholesale price index- (WPI-) based inflation rate for September decelerated to an 18-month low of 10.7 per cent on broadbase easing of pricing pressure and helped by a high base a year ago.

Sebi issues guidelines for inter-operable regulatory sandbox

SEBI came out with a standard operating procedure for inter-operable regulatory sandbox in a bid to facilitate testing of innovative products falling within the regulatory ambit of more than one financial sector regulators.

India's overall exports in September 2022 shows growth of 10.24% over same period last year

Commerce and Industry Ministry has said that India's overall exports in September this year are estimated to be 61.10 billion US dollars showing a growth of 10.24 percent over the same period last year.

PM Modi dedicates 75 Digital Banking Units to the nation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated 75 Digital Banking Units (DBUs) to the nation through video conferencing. The DBUs have been set up with the objective to ensure that benefits of digital banking reach every nook and corner of the country.

Britain's new FM reverses most of economic package announced by government just weeks ago

Britain's new finance minister Jeremy Hunt has reversed most of an economic package announced by the government just weeks ago, including a planned cut to income tax.

BoM Q2 net doubles on interest income

State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) posted a two fold jump in net profit to ₹535 crores in the September quarter, aided by a decline in bad loans and a rise in net interest income.

LIC offers single-premium life plan named Dhan Varsha

Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has introduced Dhan Varsha, a non-linked, non-participating, individual, savings, single premium life insurance plan offering a combination of protection and savings.

Govt approves increase in Minimum Support Price for all Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24

The Centre has increased the MSP of Rabi Crops for Marketing Season 2023-24, to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce. The absolute highest increase in MSP has been approved for lentil (Masur) at ₹500/- per quintal.

Consumer price index (CPI) increased by 10.1 percent in annual terms in September: UK

The United Kingdom's Office for National Statistics said that the consumer price index (CPI) increased by 10.1 percent in annual terms in September this year.

China's total trade surplus with India 'surpasses \$1 trillion'

The favourable trade balance that China has enjoyed with India, since bilateral commerce began to boom in the early 2000s, has cumulatively exceeded \$1 trillion, according to estimates.

India fast emerging as Web3 ecosystem

India is now home to over 450 Web3 startups that have raised USD 1.3 billion, about ₹10,700 crore, in last two years. India is home to over 11 per cent of the global Web3 talent, making the country the 3rd largest Web3 talent pool globally.

Shiv Nadar is 'most generous' in Hurun India list

With an annual donation of ₹1,161 crore, Shiv Nadar reclaimed the title of 'India's Most Generous', according to EdelGive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2022. Mr. Nadar had donated ₹3 crore every day.

Axis Bank Q2 profit rises 70% to ₹5,330 cr. as bad loans decline

Axis Bank reported a 70% jump in standalone net profit to ₹5,329.8 crore in the quarter ended September on healthy core income aided by trimming of bad loans.

RIL Q2 net remains flat at ₹15,512 crores on volatility in O2C business

Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) reported flat consolidated net profit at ₹15,512 crores for the second quarter on account of volatility in the Oil to Chemicals (O2C) business. Net profit came in at ₹15,479 crore a year earlier.

IDBI Bank Q2 net rises 46% to ₹828 crore, bad loans ease

IDBI Bank reported a 46% rise in its net profit to ₹828 crore for the second quarter ended September 30. The total income in the September 2022-23 quarter rose to ₹6,065.51 crore from ₹5,129.92 crore a year ago.

Saudi Arabia intends to attract \$10 bn in supply chain investment

Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince launched an initiative to attract investments in supply chains to and from the kingdom, with an aim of raising an initial 40 billion riyals (\$10.64 billion). The initiative by Prince Mohammed bin Salman will include allocating about 10 billion riyals in incentives for supply chain investors.

CCI imposes ₹936 Crore penalty on Google for abuse of dominant position

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has imposed more than nine hundred 36 crore rupees penalty on Google in yet another antitrust probe for anti-competitive practices in relation to its Play Store policies.

India, China trade crosses \$100 bn during Jan-Sept; deficit up at \$75 bn

India and China bilateral trade continued to boom, crossing USD 100 billion for the second year in the first nine months of 2022 while India's trade deficit climbed to over USD 75 billion, according to trade data released by Chinese customs.

Musical instruments' exports rise to ₹172 crore in Apr-Sept

India's musical instruments exports have increased to 172 crore rupees during April-September this fiscal against the 49 crore rupees in the same period of 2013-14.

South Korea's economic growth hits 1-year low in Q3

South Korea's economic growth fell to its slowest in a year in the third quarter. The Bank of Korea estimated that the country's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by a seasonally adjusted 0.3 percent in real terms from the previous quarter.

ECB raises rates again

The European Central Bank raised interest rates ie its deposit rate by a further 75 basis points to 1.5% - the highest rate since 2009.

U.S. growth rebounds, but demand stalling

The U.S. economic growth rebounded strongly in the third quarter at 2.6% amid a shrinking trade deficit, but that overstates the economy's health as domestic demand was the weakest in two years because of the Federal Reserve's aggressive interest rate increases.

Indian Bank offers bouquet of digital products under Project Wave

Public sector lender Indian Bank has rolled out six new digital initiatives under 'Project WAVE' for enhancing customer experience through integrated services on its digital platform.

Musk takes control of Twitter, fires top executives

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has completed the Twitter acquisition deal. In one of his first actions as the owner of the micro-blogging site, he sacked top executives including the chief executive Parag Agrawal and Vijaya Gadde who was Twitter's legal, public policy, and trust and safety lead.

NHAI InvIT Non-Convertible Debentures listed on BSE

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Mr. Nitin Gadkari rang the opening bell at Bombay Stock Exchange, BSE to mark the listing of Non-Convertible Debentures of National Highways Authority of India Infrastructure Investment Trust- NHAI InvIT.

IOC reports first-ever back-to-back quarterly loss

State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) reported a net loss of ₹272.35 crore for July-September despite booking over ₹10,800 crore of LPG subsidy it received from the government after the quarter ended.

NTPC net dips over 7% to ₹3,418 crore

State-run power giant NTPC reported an over 7 per cent dip in its consolidated net profit at ₹3,417.67 crore for the September quarter, mainly due to higher expenses.

AWARDS

Veteran actor Asha Parekh receives Dada Saheb Phalke award

Veteran actress Asha Parekh was honoured with the Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2020 in New Delhi. This is the highest recognition in the field of Indian cinema.

Swedish scientist Svante Paabo gets medicine Nobel prize

Swedish scientist Svante Paabo has won the 2022 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his discoveries "concerning the genomes of extinct hominins and human evolution", the awarding body said.

Nobel Prize in Chemistry jointly awarded to one Danish and two American scientists

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been jointly awarded to Carolyn Bertozzi, Morton Meldal and Barry Sharpless for their work on snipping molecules together, known as click chemistry. Barry Sharpless, who previously won a Nobel Prize in 2001 and is now the fifth person to receive the award twice.

Nobel for Physics to be shared by three scientists for their work on quantum mechanics

Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser, and Anton Zeilinger have won the 2022 Nobel Prize in physics for their work on quantum mechanics at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Human Rights Advocates from Ukraine, Russia and Belarus

This year's Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to human rights advocate Ales Bialiatski from Belarus, the Russian human rights organisation "Memorial" and the Ukrainian human rights organisation "Center for Civil Liberties".

French writer Annie Ernaux wins 2022 Nobel Prize in Literature

French writer Annie Ernaux has been awarded the Nobel Prize in literature for the year 2022. She is a pioneer of autofiction, a style of writing that combines two mutually inconsistent narrative forms, namely autobiography and fiction.

Ben S. Bernanke, Douglas W. Diamond & Philip H Dybvig receives Nobel Prize in Economics

This year's Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences has been awarded to the former chair of the U.S. Federal Reserve, Ben S. Bernanke and two US-based economists, Douglas W Diamond and Philip H Dybvig, for research on banks and financial crises.

Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka wins Booker Prize for 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'

Sri Lankan author Shehan Karunatilaka won the 2022 Booker Prize for his second novel 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'. Booker Prize is one of the most prestigious literary awards in the world.

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel Wins UNHCR's Nansen Refugee Award

Former German chancellor Angela Merkel won the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) prestigious Nansen award for her "leadership, courage and compassion" in ensuring the protection of hundreds of thousands of desperate people at the height of the Syria crisis.

Ballon d'Or: Karim Benzema wins award as best player in world football for first time

Real Madrid and France forward Karim Benzema has won the Ballon d'Or – awarded to the best footballer of the year – for the first time. Barcelona's Alexia Putellas retained the Women's Ballon d'Or, awarded to the best female footballer of 2022. Premier League champions Manchester City, who had six nominees at the ceremony, were awarded Club of the Year ahead of Liverpool.

Yunqing Tang bags SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2022 for her contribution in maths

The SASTRA Ramanujan Prize for 2022 will be awarded to Yunqing Tang, Assistant Professor with the University of California, Berkeley, U.S.A. The award is presented annually to individuals aged 32 and below.

Telangana scoops Swachh Survekshan Gramin, 2022 award

Telangana was ranked first for the cleanliness of its villages in the Swachh Survekshan Gramin (SSG), 2022, which looked into the sanitation status of rural areas. Among the smaller States and Union territories, Andaman and Nicobar secured the first position.

Pune IITM scientist Roxy Koll receives 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal

Roxy Mathew Koll, a scientist at the Pune-based Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), received the American Geophysical Union's (AGU) 2022 Devendra Lal Memorial Medal. Koll was selected for his outstanding research in Earth and space sciences.

PR Sreejesh, Savita Punia voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year

PR Sreejesh and Savita Punia have been voted FIH Men's and Women's Goalkeeper of the Year for the second year in a row.

Hyderabad wins 'World Green City award' at South Korea

Hyderabad won the World Green City Award 2022 in South Korea. The only Indian city selected for the awards,

Hyderabad beat Paris, Bogota and other international destinations to bag the title. Hyderabad also won the award under the 'Living Green for Economic Recovery and Inclusive Growth' category.

Prakash Padukone honoured with SJFI medal

Badminton legend Prakash Padukone was awarded the Sports Journalists' Federation of India (SJFI) medal for 2019 at a warm ceremony at the Karnataka State Cricket Association.

U.P. bags top honours at PMAY-U Awards 2021

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu have bagged top three positions in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban, PMAY-U awards, Gujarat has won 5 'Special Category' awards, J&K was adjudged 'Best performing UT'.

SS Rajamouli's RRR wins best international film at Saturn Awards 2022

SS Rajamouli's period epic RRR was awarded the prestigious Saturn Award 2022 in the Best International Film category. The movie also received a nomination for Best Action/Adventure Film, while Rajamouli was nominated for Best Film Direction.

Tom Cruise's Top Gun: Maverick won the Saturn Award for Best Film in 2022.

PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)

Gen. Anil Chauhan

General Anil Chauhan has assumed charge as the country's second Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The post has been vacant for over nine months since the death of the first CDS Gen Bipin Rawat in a chopper crash in December 2021.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva

Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has been elected as new President of Brazil. He defeated the incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro in a close contest. Lula da Silva has secured 50.83 per cent of the votes, whereas his opponent Bolsonaro managed to get 49.17 per cent votes.

Liz Truss

UK Prime Minister Liz Truss resigned from the post just six weeks after her appointment. Truss accepted that she could not deliver the promises she made when she was running for Conservative leader, having lost the faith of her party.

Rishi Sunak

Rishi Sunak became Britain's third Prime minister this year and the first person of colour to lead the former imperial power. Sunak became the ruling Conservatives' new leader after triumphing over rival contender Penny Mordaunt, who failed to secure enough nominations from Tory MPs.

Ulf Kristersson

Sweden's parliament elected conservative leader Ulf Kristersson as Prime Minister at the head of a centre-right coalition that has promised to crack down on crime and curtail immigration in partnership with a populist party with far-right roots.

Xi Jinping

Chinese President Xi Jinping unveiled a new leadership team dominated by his allies in the politburo standing committee as he entered his precedent-breaking third term.

Michel Aoun

Michel Aoun, President of Lebanon has vacated the Presidential palace, leaving a void at the top of a failing state. The 89-year-old Christian leader had presided over Lebanon during its financial meltdown and the Beirut port blast.

Giorgia Meloni

Far-right leader Giorgia Meloni took office as Italy's first woman Prime Minister, calling on the fractious members of her coalition government to unite as they face looming crises on several fronts.

Captain Ibrahim Traore

Captain Ibrahim Traore has been appointed as President of Burkina Faso after Paul-Henri Damiba was removed in the West African country's second coup in less than nine months.

Mallikarjun Kharge

Mallikarjun Kharge was elected as the new Congress president after he secured 7,897 out of the 9,385 votes polled. The veteran will be the first non-Gandhi leader in 24 years to assume the party's top post on October 26.

Tulsi Tanti

Suzlon Energy founder Tulsi Tanti, popularly known as India's 'wind man', died. Under his leadership, Suzlon Energy grew to become the country's largest wind energy player with 19.4 gigawatt (GW) of cumulative installed capacity, 33 per cent market share in India and a presence in 17 countries.

Mulayam Singh Yadav

Samajwadi Party supremo and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh Yadav passed away. He was one of the most prominent leaders of Uttar Pradesh who served as the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh thrice and has also served in the Union Government as the Minister of Defence.

Robbie Coltrane

Robbie Coltrane, the veteran comic and actor known for his star turns in the British crime series Cracker and the Harry Potter movie franchise, passed away at the age of 72.

Dietrich Mateschitz

Austrian billionaire Dietrich Mateschitz, the co-founder of energy drink company Red Bull and founder and owner of the Red Bull Formula One racing team, passed away. With the growing success of Red Bull, he significantly expanded his investments in sports.

John Shaw

Biocon executive chairperson Kiran Mazumdar Shaw's husband John Shaw passed away. Shaw was the former vice-chairman of the Bengaluru-headquartered Biocon.

Ash Carter

Former US Defence Secretary Ash Carter, who opened combat jobs to women and ended a ban on transgender people serving in the military, has died at age 68. Mr. Carter was a nuclear expert, three-time Pentagon executive, budget guru and academician.

Jerry Lee Lewis

Jerry Lee Lewis, the untameable rock 'n' roll pioneer whose outrageous talent, energy and ego collided on such definitive records as "Great Balls of Fire" and "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" and sustained a career otherwise upended by personal scandal, died.

MotoGP will race in India next year

MotoGP confirmed that it will race in India from 2023, marking the return of a big-ticket motorsports event in the country after Formula 1's departure nine years ago.

T20 WC winner to get \$1.6 million

The winner of the upcoming men's T20 World Cup is Australia will take home a whopping prize money of USD 1.6 million, the game's governing body ICC announced.

Djokovic wins Tel Aviv final for 89th career title

Novak Djokovic claimed his third title of 2022 and 89th of his career with an impressive straight-sets victory over Marin Cilic in the Tel Aviv final.

Bopanna-Middelkoop duo clinch doubles title in Tel Aviv

Rohan Bopanna and Matwe Middelkoop cruised to a 6-2, 6-4 victory over third seeds Santiago Gonzalez and Andres Molteni in the double's final of the \$1,019,855 ATP tennis tournament in Tel Aviv

Formula 1: Perez holds on to Singapore GP win

Sergio Perez snatched the lead at the start from pole-sitter Charles Leclerc and had to dip into every reserve of his talent to win the Singapore Grand Prix in extremely tricky conditions at the Marina Bay Street Circuit

Oliveira wins rain-hit Thai MotoGP ahead of Miller, Bagnaia

Miguel Oliveira delivered a wet-weather masterclass to win the Thai MotoGP, but world champion Fabio Quartararo finished 17th to leave his lead at the top at just two points.

Areeba Khan wins World Championship silver in skeet

Areeba Khan shot the junior women's skeet silver in the shotgun World Championship in Osijek, Croatia. Areeba was pipped 30-29 by Sophie Herrmann of Britain in the final.

Rovanpera clinches World Rally Championship title

Finland's Kalle Rovanpera clinched a historic World Rally Championship title with two rounds to spare after easing to victory on the final day of Rally New Zealand in Auckland.

Nishioka beats Shapovalov to win Korean Open

Japan's Yoshihito Nishioka claimed his second career title after beating fourth seed Denis Shapovalov of Canada 6-4, 7-6(5) to win the Korean Open in Seoul.

Javelin thrower Shivpal handed four-year ban for failing dope test

Top Indian javelin thrower Shivpal Singh has been handed a four-year suspension for failing a dope test last year by NADA's Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel.

South Africa beat India by 49 runs in third and final T20; India clinch series 2-1

South Africa defeated India by 49 runs in a high scoring game in the third and final T20 International at the Holkar Cricket Stadium in Indore. India, clinched the three-match T20I series 2-1. Chasing a mammoth 228-run target, India were all out for 178 runs in 18.3 overs.

Saudi Arabia won a bid to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games

Saudi Arabia has won the bid to host the 2029 Asian Winter Games at a planned Mountain Resort in the Gulf Arab State. The Asian Games will be held at a \$500 billion

futuristic megacity in the desert that will feature a year-round winter sports complex.

Shrikrishna wins World 6-red title

S. Shrikrishna of India became the new World 6-red snooker champion when he defeated Habib Sabah of Bahrain 51-4, 0-39, 63-0, 39-0, 45-7, 43-2 in the final.

Kuldeep Sen takes 5 as Rest of India regain Irani Trophy by 8 wickets

Kuldeep Sen blew away the last two batters with scorching pace and steep bounce to finish with a match haul of eight wickets as Rest of India won their 29th Irani Trophy with a walk-in-the-park eight-wicket victory over Saurashtra.

Messi first player to score against 40 different teams in Champions League

Lionel Messi has become the first player to score against 40 different opponents in the UEFA Champions League, with Benfica the latest to be added to his list.

Harshada Garud wins bronze medal in women's 45 kg category at Asian Weightlifting C'ship 2022

Indian weightlifter Harshada Garud won a bronze medal in the women's 45 kg category at the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2022 in Manama, Bahrain.

Harmanpreet Singh named FIH Player of the Year

India defender Harmanpreet Singh was named the FIH Player of the Year in the men's category for the second successive time. In women's category Felice Albers of Netherlands was named the FIH Player of the Year.

Pankaj Advani wins gold medal at IBSF World Billiards

In billiards, India's leading cueist, Pankaj Advani has claimed his 25th gold medal on the world stage, winning the 2022 IBSF World Billiards Championship in Kuala Lumpur.

Novak Djokovic clinches 90th ATP title

Tennis star Novak Djokovic clinched his 90th ATP title after registering straight-sets victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final of Astana Open in Kazakhstan.

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Verstappen retains title after dramatic win

Max Verstappen was declared Formula One World champion after winning a dramatic rain-shortened Japanese Grand Prix.

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Krejčíkova stuns World No. 1 Swiatek to claim Ostrava title

Barbora Krejčíkova clinched a second successive WTA title with a stunning 5-7, 7-6(4), 6-3 victory over World No. 1 Iga Swiatek in the Ostrava final.

Harmanpreet Kaur & Mohammad Rizwan wins ICC Player of the Month awards for September

India Captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Pakistan wicketkeeper batter Mohammad Rizwan won the ICC Player of the Month awards for September in women's and men's categories.

India wins DICC T20 Champions Trophy

The Indian team clinched the Deaf International Cricket Council T20 Champions Trophy beating South Africa by 39 runs at the Malek Stadium in Ajman (UAE).

FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 begins

The FIFA Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 has begun on October 11. India is now hosting the tournament after successfully hosting the U-17 men's FIFA World Cup in 2019.

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India defeated South Africa by 7 wickets in the third and final ODI in Delhi. With the win, India swept the three-match series 2-1.

National Games ends with glittering show in Gujarat

The 36th National Games concluded with a glittering concluding ceremony at Surat. Services topped the medal tally with a total of 128 medals. Harshika Ramchandran from Karnataka won the best female player and Sajan Prakash from Kerala won the Best Male player of the games. Goa will host the 37th National Games in October next year.

ISSF World Championship Shotgun: India finish fifth with one gold, one silver & two bronze medals

At the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Shotgun, India finished fifth with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals in Osijek, Croatia.

Discus thrower Kamalpreet gets three-year ban for doping

Discus thrower Kamalpreet Kaur, the National record holder who was sixth in last year's Tokyo Olympics, has been suspended for three years by the Athletics Integrity Unit for failing a dope test.

Indian shooter Rudranksh Patil bags Gold medal at ISSF World Championship in Egypt

In ISSF World Championship, Indian shooter Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil won gold medal in men's 10 m air rifle event in Cairo, Egypt. With this win, he also secured a 2024 Paris Olympics quota for the country.

Women's T20 Asia Cup Final: India win against Sri Lanka by 8 wickets

India have won the Women's Asia Cup 2022 after defeating Sri Lanka in the final by 8 wickets in the Final at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium, Bangladesh. The Women in Blue have defeated the Lankan for the fifth time in an Asia Cup final.

ISSF World Championships: Rudranksh, Kiran, & Arjun win gold medal in men's 10m air rifle

The Indian trio of Rudranksh Balasaheb Patil, Kiran Ankush Jadhav, and Arjun Babuta won the gold medal in the men's 10-metre air rifle event at the ISSF World Championships.

Chess: Arjun defeats five-time world Chess champion Magnus Carlsen

The 19-year-old Indian grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi defeated the reigning five-time World Chess Champion Magnus Carlsen in round seven of the preliminaries of the Aimchess Rapid online chess tournament.

MotoGP: Rins triumphs in Australia

Suzuki's Alex Rins won a classic Australian MotoGP Grand Prix at Phillip Island as Ducati's Francesco Bagnaia roared to the top of the world championship

standings with a third-placed finish after defending champion Fabio Quartararo crashed out.

Bhullar wins maiden Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational title

Gaganjeet Bhullar pulled off a stellar performance in the final round with one-under 71 to win his first-ever Jeev Milkha Singh Invitational golf tournament title.

Jyothi Yarraji becomes first Indian woman to clock sub-13 seconds in 100m hurdles

Jyothi Yarraji has created history by becoming the first Indian woman to clock a legal sub-13 second time in 100-meter hurdles while smashing her own record at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru.

Indian pistol shooter Sameer wins Silver medal at ISSF World Championship

Indian pistol shooter Sameer won a Silver in the 25 m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior event of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship in Cairo, Egypt.

ISSF World Championship: Indian junior women's team clinches 10 m air pistol gold medal

India's junior women's 10m air pistol team comprising Esha Singh, Shikha Narwal and Varsha Singh won gold medal at the ISSF Rifle/Pistol World Championship 2022 in Cairo, Egypt.

BCCI appoints Roger Binny as new Chief

Former Indian cricketer Roger Binny has been appointed as the new president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Binny becomes the first-ever former World Cup-winning to become BCCI's president.

Ramita Jindal crowned world champion in 10 meter Air Rifle Women Junior event in Cairo

India's Ramita Jindal was crowned world champion in the 10-meter Air Rifle Women Junior event at the International Shooting Sport Federation, ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt.

Sajan Bhanwal becomes first-ever Indian Greco-Roman wrestler to win medal at U-23 World Championship

Sajan Bhanwal became the first-ever Indian Greco-Roman wrestler to win a medal at the Under-23 World Championship defeating Ukraine's Dmytro Vasetskyi in the 77 kg bronze medal play-off at Pontevedra, Spain.

Anish & Simranpreet Kaur Brar win Silver medal in Rapid Fire Pistol Mixed Team event

In Shooting, Anish and Simranpreet Kaur Brar won a silver medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle/Pistol in Cairo, Egypt after going down 14-16 to the Ukrainian pair.

World U-23 Wrestling Championships: Sajan, Vikas, and Nitesh add to medal tally

In the World under-23 Wrestling Championships, India's medal tally rose up to a record three. Vikas and Nitesh earned two more bronze medals for the country. Earlier, Sajan Bhanwal became the first Indian Greco-Roman wrestler to win a medal.

Fifth Khelo India Youth Games-2022 to be held in Madhya Pradesh in January-February next year

The Fifth Khelo India Youth Games -2022 will be held in Madhya Pradesh. The games will be held from 31st January to 11th February next year. Youth Affairs and Sports Anurag Singh Thakur said the Khelo India Youth Games will be held at eight locations.

ISSF World Championship: Sagar Dangi bags two medals in Junior Men's 10-meter Air Pistol team and individual events

In ISSF World Championship, Sagar Dangi bagged Gold and Silver in the Junior Men's 10 m Air Pistol team and individual events in Cairo, Egypt. Sagar Dangi, Varun Tomar, and Samrat Rana won gold in the men's 10 m Air Pistol Junior team event. Sagar Dangi bagged silver and Varun Tomar won bronze in the junior men's 10 m Air Pistol event.

T20 World Cup: India beat Pakistan by four wickets at Melbourne

India beat its arch rival Pakistan by four wickets at Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia in a nail biting finish in T-20 World Cup. India reached the target of 160 runs on the last ball of the match after the loss of six wickets.

ISSF World Championship: India wins Silver medal in Women's 25m Pistol Team event

In shooting, India won Silver medal in the Women's 25 m Pistol Team event and Bronze medal in Men's 50 m Rifle 3 Positions (3P) at the ISSF World Championship in Cairo, Egypt.

Aman Sehrawat becomes first Indian wrestler to win Gold medal at U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Spain

In wrestling, teenager Aman Sehrawat made history as he became the first Indian wrestler to win a gold medal at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Pontevedra, Spain. Sehrawat beat junior European silver-medallist Ahmet Duman of Turkey 12-4 in the final to win the gold.

Yuvraj Singh named brand ambassador of T20 World Cup for the Blind

The Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) has announced former India cricketer Yuvraj Singh as their brand ambassador for the 3rd T20 World Cup for the Blind to be held in India in December.

Verstappen wins Austin Grand Prix; equals Vettel, Schumacher for most wins in a Formula 1 season

Max Verstappen passed Lewis Hamilton late to earn a record-tying 13th win of the season at the United States Grand Prix and delivered a victory to honour the memory of Red Bull team founder and owner Dietrich Mateschitz.

Bagnaia wins Malaysian MotoGP, on verge of title

Francesco Bagnaia won a dramatic Malaysian MotoGP in 40:14:332s, 0.270s ahead of fellow Ducati rider Enea Bastianini. Fabio Quartararo completed the podium 2.7s adrift

Mcllroy regains World No. 1 ranking with CJ Cup triumph

Rory Mcllroy held on for a one-stroke victory in the USPGA Tour CJ Cup to return to the top of the world rankings for the ninth time in his career.

Rune beats Tsitsipas to win second ATP title

Denmark's Holger Rune saw off top seed Stefanos Tsitsipas in straight sets in Stockholm to claim his second ATP title at the age of just 19.

Shi Yuqi and He Bingjiao triumph in Denmark Open

China's Shi Yuqi beat compatriot Lee Zii Jia to claim the men's singles in the Denmark Open badminton tournament in Odense. Meanwhile, He Bingjiao got the better of Olympic champion Chen Yufei to take the honours in the women's section.

India bags two gold medals in Asia Cup bridge

The Indian senior's team of Hemant Jalan, Kamal Mukherjee, Badal Das, Pranab Bardhan, Subrata Saha, Sukamal Das, won the gold in the 4th Asia Cup bridge championship in Jakarta, Indonesia.

BCCI decides to end discrimination; offer equal pay to men & women cricketers

In a historic move, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced equal match fee for both men and women cricket players of India.

At \$7b Golden State Warriors is NBA's most valued club

Reigning NBA champion Golden State Warriors topped the list of most valuable NBA franchises released by Forbes magazine, the Warriors coming in at \$7 billion to dethrone New York Knicks.

India beat Australia in U-21 Men's Hockey to lift Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia

Indian Under 21 men's hockey team defeated Australia in a nail-biting final to lift the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 in Malaysia.

Satwik-Chirag win French Open men's doubles title

The Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won the French Open Super 750 crown with a straight-games demolition of Chinese Taipei's Lu Ching Yao and Yang Po Han in the men's doubles final on Sunday.

Verstappen wins Mexican GP, clinches record-breaking 14th race victory of season

Red Bull's double world champion Max Verstappen won the Mexico City Grand Prix on Sunday to set a Formula One record of 14 victories in a single season.

Spain beat Colombia 1-0 to win the 2022 FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup

Defending champion Spain beat Colombia 1-0 in the final to win the 2022 U-17 Women's World Cup at the DY Patil Stadium, India. A late own goal by Ana Guzman in the 82nd minute was the difference between the two sides.

MISCELLANEOUS

Delhi's IGI airport ranked as world's 10th busiest airport

The Indira Gandhi International Airport in the national capital has emerged as the world's 10th busiest airport in October, improving its ranking compared to the pre-pandemic period. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, USA topped the list

India ranks 107 on Global Hunger Index 2022

India ranked 107 out of 121 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2022 with its child wasting rate at 19.3 per cent, the highest in the world. With a score of 29.1, the level of hunger in India has been labelled "serious".

500 Pilot Whales Die In New Zealand

About 500 pilot whales have died in mass strandings on New Zealand's remote Chatham Islands. 250 beached pilot whales were found at Chatham Island, and then three days later another 240 were reported on Pitt Island.

Rare pink Diamond sells for nearly 58 million in Hong Kong

A rare pink diamond Williamson Pink Star was sold in Hong Kong for nearly \$58 million, setting a record for the price per carat paid at auction for any diamond or gemstone, according to Sotheby's. This is the second-highest price paid at auction for any jewel.

Current climate pledges still 'nowhere near' enough for 1.5°C, says United Nations

The world's current climate pledges are far off track to limit temperature rises to 1.5 degrees Celsius and will steer a world already wracked by increasing floods, heatwaves and storms towards "catastrophic" warming, the UN said.

India ranked 60th in the ranking of law and order

India ranked 60th in the ranking of law-and-order matters of 121 countries of the world. These rankings are given in the "Gallup Law & Order Index". Singapore is followed by Tajikistan, Norway, Switzerland and Indonesia in the top five, while Venezuela in South America and Sierra Leone, Congo and Gabon in Africa are in the bottom five.

Bob Dylan's new book 'The Philosophy of Modern Song' to launch in November

Bob Dylan fans got a glimpse into the nobel laureate and folk-rock legend's new book, 'The Philosophy of Modern Song,' set for publication next month.

Number of poor people in India fell by 41 crore between 2005-06 and 2019-21, says UN

The number of poor people in India dropped by about 415 million over the last 15 years, the Global Multidimensional Poverty Index report has revealed. However, the country still has the highest number of poor people and children worldwide.

International Day of Older Persons:1st October

October 1 is observed as the International Day of Older Persons across the globe. The theme for 2022 is "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World."

World Vegetarian Day: 1st October

World Vegetarian Day is celebrated on 1st October. It also kickstarts Vegetarian Awareness Month.

International Coffee Day: 1st October

Every year, International Coffee Day is observed on 1st October, to celebrate and promote the use of coffee.

World Day For Farmed Animals: 02nd October

World Day for Farmed Animals (W DFA) has been observed on October 2nd Since 1983.

International Day of Non-Violence: 2nd October

The International Day of Non-Violence is observed on 2nd October, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi.

World Teachers' Day:5th October

World Teachers' Day is observed every year on October 5. This is a day to celebrate, thank and honour teachers for their contributions to their students. This year the theme is "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers".

World Cotton Day:7th October

October 7 is celebrated each year as World Cotton Day. The theme for 2022's celebration of World Cotton Day appears to be "Weaving a better future for cotton".

World Post Day:9th October

World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. The theme for World Post Day 2022 is 'Post for Planet'.

73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army celebrated across country

The 73rd Raising Day of Territorial Army was celebrated across the country on October 9 to commemorate its raising by the first Governor General C Rajagopalachari on this day in 1949.

International E-Waste Day: 14th October

Every year, International E-Waste Day is held on 14 October, an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste and the necessary actions to enhance circularity for e-products.

World Standards Day:14th October

World Standards Day is marked every year on October 14 to raise awareness about the importance of using standardised measurements, technologies, and industries.

International Day of Rural Women:15th October

October 15 is celebrated as the International Day of Rural women across the world. The day focuses to promote gender quality and highlight the important role played by women in rural areas.

World Food Day: 16th October

Every year World Food Day is observed on 16th October. The main objectives are to combat world hunger and work toward its eradication. The theme for World Food Day 2022 is Leave NO ONE behind.

Ayurveda Day 2022: 23rd October

The 7th National Ayurveda day this year was celebrated on October 23, 2022. Dhanawantari Jayanti has been celebrated since 2016 as Ayurveda Day to promote our most ancient and well documented system of medicine.

World Polio Day: 24th October

World Polio Day 2022 is observed every year on October 24 to raise awareness about the polio vaccination and eradication of polio from every corner of the world.

United Nations Day:24th October

United Nations Day, on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter.

World Development Information Day: 24th October

Every year the United Nations marks October 24 as World Development Information Day. This day is observed to create awareness towards the problems surrounding development in different nations and how to overcome them.

International Animation Day 2022 observed on October 28

Every year International Animation Day is celebrated on October 28. The day was initiated by the International Animated Film Association (ASIFA), which decided to inspire beginners who want to pursue careers in the field of animation.

National Unity Day, commemorating Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary celebrated on 31st October

National Unity Day or Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed on October 31 every year. The day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who served as the first Home Minister of India after Independence.