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**United Nations' human rights office accuses China of crimes against humanity in Xinjiang region**

Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) has concluded that serious human rights violations against the Uyghur and other predominantly Muslim communities have been committed in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region.

**Sri Lanka reaches IMF pact for \$2.9 billion loan**

Sri Lanka reached a staff-level agreement with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a \$2.9 billion loan, a key step for the crisis-hit country to unlock more funding and restructure its debt.

**Russia completely halts gas supplies to Europe**

Russia has completely halted gas supplies to Europe via a major pipeline, citing maintenance.

**EU ministers agree to suspend visa agreement with Russia**

European Union foreign ministers have agreed to suspend a visa agreement with Moscow and making it harder for Russian citizens to obtain entry to the bloc.

**China locks down Chengdu's 21 million residents as COVID-19 cases detected across the country**

Chinese city of Chengdu, the capital of Southwest China's Sichuan Province, locked down its 21.2 million residents to contain a Covid-19 outbreak, amid a rising number of COVID-19 cases in the city.

**Multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok 2022 commences**

A multilateral strategic and command Exercise Vostok - 2022 has commenced at the training grounds of the Eastern Military District of Russia.

**G7 agrees to implement price cap on Russian oil**

The group of seven advanced economies (G7) have agreed to implement a price cap on oil exports from Russia at a virtual meeting. The move is aimed at cutting off a source of financing for Moscow as its invasion of Ukraine continues.

**India hosts Quad senior officials' meeting**

New Delhi hosted an official-level meeting of the Quad grouping with the U.S., Japan and Australia, the first such "Senior Officers Meeting" (SOM) to be held since tensions with China over Taiwan have risen.

**United States announces hosting first-ever US-Pacific Island Country Summit**

The United States has announced hosting the first-ever US-Pacific Island Country Summit in the last week of this month amid the growing influence of China in the Indo-Pacific region.

**Chile votes comprehensively against new, progressive constitution**

In Chile, people have comprehensively voted against a new, progressive constitution that was drafted to replace

the 1980 document written under Gen Augusto Pinochet's dictatorship.

**IAEA says, Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant loses link to main power line**

International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA has said that the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine has lost its link to its last remaining main power line.

**China warns of countermeasures as US approves 1.1bn arms sales to Taiwan**

China has warned the United States of taking countermeasures after the Biden administration approved more than 1.1 billion dollars in arms sales to Taiwan.

**Kenya Supreme Court unanimously upholds William Ruto's Presidential victory**

Kenya's Supreme Court in a unanimous decision upheld the election of William Ruto as President that took place on 9th of August.

**Economic loss due to Pakistan floods increases from 10 billion to 12.5 billion dollars**

In Pakistan, the estimated economic loss from the recent floods has increased from 10 billion to 12.5 billion dollars.

**EU proposes to cap price of Russian gas despite Putin threat**

European Union's executive body has proposed capping the price of Russian gas. Energy prices have soared in the wake of Russia's military action in Ukraine, forcing the EU's 27 states into action.

**Australia passes legislation to reduce carbon emissions by 43 percent by 2030**

Australian Parliament has passed government legislation in view of a pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 43 percent by 2030 and further bring it to zero by 2050.

**Sri Lanka: Ranil expands govt. with 37 Ministers**

Sri Lanka has appointed 37 junior ministers, including the nephew of former presidents Gotabaya and Mahinda Rajapaksa, as President Ranil Wickremesinghe went for a major expansion to provide a stable government to tackle the island nation's worst-ever economic crisis.

**North Korea passes law allowing itself to carry out preventive nuclear strike**

North Korea has passed a law allowing itself to carry out a preventive nuclear strike. The law specifically states the North can use nuclear weapons in case of a nuclear or non-nuclear attack by hostile forces on the state leadership.

**King Charles names William & Kate as the Prince and Princess of Wales**

Britain's King Charles has named his eldest son William and daughter-in-law Kate the Prince and Princess of Wales.

**Antigua, Barbuda plans to hold referendum on becoming republic**

Antigua and Barbuda plans to hold a referendum on becoming a republic within the next three years. The Caribbean nation's Prime Minister Gaston Browne stated.

**Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant shuts down**  
In Ukraine, operations of Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant have been fully stopped as a safety measure.

**At least 100 soldiers died in fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan**

At least 100 soldiers have been killed in fighting between Armenia and Azerbaijan. Armenia claimed that several towns along the border had been shelled by Azerbaijan and that it had responded to the provocation.

**Indian & Chinese army troops step back from frontline of the Gogra-Hot springs**

Indian and Chinese armies have stepped their troops back from the front-line of the Gogra-Hotsprings area's Patrolling Point 15 in the eastern Ladakh region.

**UNICEF says more than five lakh Somali children expected to suffer severe acute malnutrition and risk death from famine**

UNICEF has said that more than five lakh Somali children are expected to suffer severe acute malnutrition and risk death from famine this year. It said that over 700 children had died last week in nutrition centres across the country.

**India to invite Bangladesh as guest country during its G-20 presidency**

India, as G20 Presidency, will be inviting Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as guest countries to its meetings and Summit.

**Hungary no longer a full democracy: EU resolution**

Hungary can no longer be considered a full democracy; the European parliament has said in a powerful symbolic vote against Viktor Orbán's government.

**Sri Lanka set to revive and upgrade FTA with India: Ranil**

Sri Lanka is keen to upgrade the Indo-Lanka Free Trade Agreement into a comprehensive economic and technological partnership, President Ranil Wickremesinghe said, asserting that the work which started in 2018 and 2019 has not found much progress.

**US announces new 600-million-dollar arms package to Ukraine**

US announced a new 600-million-dollar arms package to Ukraine. The package includes the High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems, night vision goggles, claymore mines, mine clearing equipment, 105 mm artillery rounds and 155 mm precision-guided artillery rounds.

**UN World Food Program warns world is facing global emergency as around 345 million people marching toward starvation**

The UN World Food Program has warned that the world is facing a global emergency of unprecedented magnitude, as around 345 million people marching toward starvation.

**India takes over SCO rotating presidency, to host SCO summit next year**

Uzbekistan handed over the rotating presidency of the eight-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) to India in this historic city of Samarkand.

**Varanasi nominated as first-ever SCO Tourism and Cultural Capital**

Varanasi has been nominated as the first-ever Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Tourism and Cultural Capital during the period 2022-2023 at the 22nd Meeting of SCO Council of Heads of State in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

**Death toll from clashes along Tajik-Kyrgyz border crosses 90**

At least 94 people were killed in clashes between Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, in the worst violence the countries have seen in years, while the international community called for calm.

**Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey**

The funeral of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey. Westminster Abbey is the 753-year-old church where royals have traditionally been married, mourned and buried.

**World leaders begins their high-level meeting of UN General Assembly in New York**

World leaders have begun their high-level meeting of the UN General Assembly. "A Watershed Moment: Transformative Solutions to Interlocking Challenges", is the theme of this year's meeting.

**Sweden's Kristersson gets nod to form govt.**

Sweden's Moderate Party leader, Ulf Kristersson, has been handed a mandate to try and form the country's next government after a recent general election gave the right-wing bloc a majority, the speaker of Parliament said.

**Russian President orders Military mobilization to protect Moscow's territorial integrity**

Russian President Vladimir Putin has accused the west of engaging in nuclear blackmail against Russia and said that the country has lots of weapons to reply.

**Iran: several people killed as massive anti-hijab protest continued in country**

In Iran, several people killed and several other injured as massive anti-hijab protests continued in the country following the custodial death of a 22-year-old woman Mahsa Amini after being detained by the official moral police.

**Russian invasion has cost Ukraine \$1 trillion**

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused almost \$1 trillion of damage, a Kyiv government official said, as the war batters the country's economy.

**10th IBSA Trilateral Ministerial Commission meeting held in New York**

The 10th India-Brazil-South Africa Dialogue Forum (IBSA) Trilateral Ministerial Commission meeting was held in New York. The meeting was chaired by External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar.

**Japan to lift Covid-19 restrictions on foreign tourists from October**

Japan has announced that it will lift tough Covid restrictions on foreign tourists, reopening the borders after two and a half years.

**India issues alert on rising hate crimes in Canada**

India has advised its nationals in Canada to stay alert and exercise caution in view of the rise in reported hate crimes and activities that the Indian state considers detrimental to its interests.

**32 countries including India call for urgent & comprehensive reforms in UN Security Council**

Thirty-two countries including India have called for urgent and comprehensive reforms in the UN Security Council in order to adapt the United Nations to contemporary world realities.

### **US announces over USD 170 million for assistance to Rohingya**

The US has announced USD 170 million in additional humanitarian assistance for Rohingya inside and outside Myanmar as well as for host communities in Bangladesh.

### **Russia's Foreign Minister backs India for permanent member in UN Security Council**

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov backed India for becoming a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

### **Giorgia Meloni's Brothers of Italy Sweeps to Victory, Ready to Become Nation's First Female PM**

The Brothers of Italy has won the most votes in Italy's national elections, looking set to deliver the country's first far-right-led government since World War II and make its leader, Giorgia Meloni, Italy's first woman premier.

### **Cuba grants nod to same-sex marriage in unusual referendum**

Cubans have approved a sweeping family law code that would allow same-sex couples to marry and adopt as well as redefining rights for children and grandparents.

### **Edward Snowden granted Russian citizenship**

Russian President Vladimir Putin has granted Russian citizenship to former US security contractor Edward Snowden. Snowden is one of 75 foreign nationals listed by the decree as being granted Russian citizenship.

### **Nepal, Bhutan express gratitude for India's supply of COVID 19 vaccines at UN General Assembly**

Bhutan and Nepal have expressed gratitude to India for supplying COVID-19 vaccines under 'Vaccine Maitri' initiative at the UN General Assembly.

### **US warns Russia of catastrophic consequences if it uses nuclear weapons against Ukraine**

The United States has warned Russia of catastrophic consequences if it uses nuclear weapons against Ukraine.

### **Hurricane Ian: Cuban authorities declares emergencies in six areas**

Hurricane Ian has made landfall in western Cuba as a category three storm, bringing wind speeds of up to 205 kilometres per hour. Cuban authorities declared emergencies in six areas.

### **Colombia, Venezuela reopen their border after years of impasse**

Colombia and Venezuela reopened their border after years of impasse. The two countries subsequently also re-established diplomatic relations.

### **Sri Lanka imposes social media ban**

Sri Lanka ordered civil servants not to express opinions on social media after some officials claimed schoolchildren were fainting from a lack of food due to the country's dire economic crisis.

### **Hurricane Ian makes landfall in Florida as category 4 storm**

In United States, Hurricane Ian made landfall on the southwest coast of Florida as a monster Category 4 storm with powerful winds and torrential rains threatening to cause catastrophic damage and flooding.

### **Ukraine: Donetsk and Lugansk voted to join Russia**

In Ukraine, Donetsk and Lugansk, along with Kherson Region and part of Zaporizhzhia Region in southern Ukraine have voted to join Russia in referendums that were held between September 23 and 27.

### **Lebanon fails to elect new President amid crises**

Lebanon's Parliament failed to elect a new President after a first round of voting, amid deep divisions over a replacement for Michel Aoun whose term expires next month.

### **U.S. announces \$810 mn in funding for Pacific islands**

The United States announced \$810 million in new funding for Pacific islands at a summit with President Joe Biden amid inroads by China in the strategic but sparsely populated region.

### **Finland to bar Russians entry with Schengen tourist visas**

Finland will bar Russians with Schengen tourist visas from entering the country, the government said following a surge in arrivals after Moscow's mobilisation order for the war in Ukraine.

### **Myanmar: Aung San Suu Kyi, Australian economist sentenced for 3 years**

Myanmar's deposed State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi and her former economic adviser Australian Sean Turnell have been sentenced to 3 years jail term by a court.

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### **India, Bangladesh ink 7 agreements**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi & Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina held bilateral talks in New Delhi. Two leaders jointly unveiled Unit-I of the Maitree Super Thermal Power Project. Seven MoUs, including on water resources, railways, science and technology, space technology was exchanged following the talks.

### **India & UK conduct Counter Ransomware Exercise for 26 nations**

India's National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS) & the UK Government in collaboration with BAE Systems successfully designed & conducted the Cyber Security Exercise for 26 Countries.

### **CERT-In conducts exercise Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy"**

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) under the Ministry of Electronics and IT, in collaboration with the Cyber Security Agency of Singapore has successfully designed and conducted the Cyber Security Exercise "Synergy" for 13 Countries.

### **Cabinet Committee on Security approves Tejas Mark-2 Project**

The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has approved Tejas Mark-2 Project. The CCS has sanctioned 6,500 crore rupees for designing and developing of Tejas Mark-2 fighter jet with prototypes, flight testing, and certification.

### **Indian-made HPV vaccine this year**

Ceravac, an indigenously developed vaccine for cervical cancer caused by the human-papillomavirus (HPV), will be priced between ₹200-400 per dose and available in a few months, said manufacturer Serum Institute of India.

### **First indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant commissioned**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has commissioned the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi.

**Female central govt staff to get 60-day special maternity leave in case of death of a child soon after birth**

All female central government employees will be entitled to 60 days of special maternity leave. The leave will be given in the case of the death of a child soon after birth or the loss of a baby before or during delivery.

**BSF's drone-based tear gas launcher is out**

In a first, the Border Security Force (BSF) has developed a drone-based tear smoke launcher to control riots and other crowd control situations.

**Govt to set up country's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary in Ladakh**

In a unique and first-of-its-kind initiative, the Department of Science and Technology, DST has undertaken to set up India's first-ever Night Sky Sanctuary in Ladakh. It will be located at Hanle in Ladakh as a part of Changthang Wildlife Sanctuary.

**IILM University's Law School is India's 1st NEP 2020 compliant Law School**

IILM University launched the first National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) Complaint Law School in the Country.

**Secretary General Lok Sabha Utpal Kumar Singh gets charge of Sansad TV**

Utpal Kumar Singh, currently holding the post of Secretary General Lok Sabha, will additionally discharge the functions of CEO Sansad TV.

**Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister to lead official delegation to attend Gastech Milan-2022**

Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has lead an official and business delegation to Milan, Italy to attend the Gastech Milan-2022.

**ISRO tests system to recover spent rocket stages**

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully tested a technology called "Inflatable Aerodynamic Decelerator (IAD)" that could aid cost-effective recovery of spent rocket stages and safely land payloads on other planets.

**HM Amit Shah launches mascot & anthem for 36th National Games in Ahmedabad**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has launched the mascot and the anthem for the 36th National Games at Trans Stadia in Ahmedabad. The mascot is named as Savaj which means cub in Gujarati.

**INS Satpura strengthens Friendship and Cooperation with Fiji**

INS Satpura visited Suva, Fiji as part of its Operational Deployment in the Pacific Ocean. The ship's visit is aimed at further strengthening the friendship and cooperation between the two nations.

**Indian Army Chief Manoj Pande conferred honorary rank of Nepal Army General**

Indian Army Chief General Manoj Pande was conferred with the honorary rank of General of Nepal Army by President of Nepal Bidhya Devi.

**Rajpath to be renamed Kartavya Path**

The iconic Rajpath from Rashtrapati Bhavan to India Gate was renamed as Kartavya Path (Path of Duty). The proposal was prepared by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

**Maharashtra, Andhra, Gujarat top states in implementing Poshan Abhiyaan scheme**

Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat have been ranked as the top three states among larger states in terms of the overall implementation of the Centre's flagship Poshan Abhiyaan. Sikkim was the best performer among the small states. While Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu topped among Union Territories (UTs).

**India's first inter nasal COVID-19 vaccine by Bharat Biotech gets DCGI approval for emergency use**

India's first intranasal Covid vaccine developed by Bharat Biotech has received approval for restricted use in emergency situation among people aged above 18 years.

**Wearing of seat belt to be made mandatory for all passengers travelling in car**

Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has said that wearing of seat belt will now be mandatory for all passengers travelling in the car. The government will issue order in this regard.

**E-daakhil portal emerges as effective solution for aggrieved consumers**

E-daakhil portal has emerged as an effective solution for aggrieved consumers who opts e-filing. A total of 23 thousand 640 complaints have been received through e-filing on e-daakhil portal in last two years.

**Cabinet approves policy on long-term leasing of Railways' Land for PM Gati Shakti framework**

The Union Cabinet has approved a policy on long-term leasing of Railways' Land for implementing PM Gati Shakti framework. Three hundred PM Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals will also be developed over the next five years.

**Cabinet approves PM SHRI scheme**

Cabinet has approved the launch of a new centrally sponsored scheme of setting up Prime Minister Schools for Rising India, PM - SHRI Schools. Over 14 thousand schools including Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas will be strengthened to emerge as PM-SHRI Schools.

**SC asks for job policy for transgenders**

The Supreme Court of India has asked the Centre to develop a policy within three months to provide employment to the third genders under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019.

**Govt to set up 300 cargo terminals under PM Gati Shakti framework over next four to five years**

Centre has announced that it will set up 300 cargo terminals under the PM Gati Shakti framework over next four to five years to reduce the logistics cost by a huge margin and attract more cargo to railways.

**India successfully test-fires Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile system**

India conducted six successful fight-tests of Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) system from Integrated Test Range (ITR) Chandipur off the Odisha coast.

**Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 amended to decriminalize its provisions**

The Ministry of Coal has amended Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 with a view to decriminalize its provisions. The MCR regulate the application and grant of mineral concessions such as reconnaissance permit, prospecting license, and mining lease.

### **President Murmu launches Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan**

President Droupadi Murmu has launched the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan to reinvigorate the mission of TB elimination from the country by 2025.

### **NITI Aayog approves 32 beneficiaries under PLI scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing**

An empowered committee headed by Niti Aayog CEO approved 32 beneficiaries under the production-linked incentive scheme for large-scale electronics manufacturing, including 10 for mobile.

### **Indian Navy's Nilgiri-class stealth frigate Taragiri launched**

Indian Navy's indigenously designed Nilgiri-class stealth guided missile frigate Taragiri was launched in Mumbai. The frigate Taragiri has been built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL) for the Indian Navy.

### **Odisha government launches ₹270 crore rainwater harvesting scheme named 'CHHATA'**

Odisha government has launched a rainwater harvesting scheme named 'Community Harnessing and Harvesting Rainwater Artificially from Terrace to Aquifer (CHHATA)'. It will be implemented for a period of five years.

### **Highest-ever US student visas issued to Indian students in 2022**

Indian students have bagged the maximum student visas issued by the United States for any country, so far this year, with 82,000 students issued visas by the US Embassy and Consulates across the country.

### **Prime Minister Modi attends SCO Summit in Uzbekistan on September 15th and 16th**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) held at Samarkand of Uzbekistan from the 15th of September.

### **States told to implement adoption rules**

The Ministry of Women and Child Development has written to State governments, asking them to immediately implement the revised adoption rules requiring adoption orders to be passed by District Magistrates (DMs) instead of courts with effect from September 1.

### **INS Satpura & P81 Maritime Patrol Aircraft to Participate in Multinational Naval Ex Kakadu**

INS Satpura and P81 Maritime Patrol Aircraft arrived in Darwin in Australia to Participate in Multinational Naval Ex Kakadu hosted by the Royal Australian Navy.

### **ECI weeds out 253 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties**

The Election Commission has declared 253 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties (RUPPs) as inactive and barred them from availing benefits of the Symbol Order, 1968.

### **MeitY Startup Hub, Meta launches accelerator XR Startup program**

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Startup Hub and Meta launched an accelerator XR Startup programme to create next generation startups in extended reality technologies across the country.

### **Coal Ministry conducts e-auction of 8 mines**

The Coal Ministry has conducted e-auction of eight mines of five states under commercial coal mining auction.

Total coal reserves of these mines are two thousand 157 million tonnes which are situated in Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

### **384 drugs on essential medicines list**

The latest National List of Essential Medicines (NLEM) by the Union health ministry added 34 new medicines and dropped 26 old ones from the previous list. A total of 384 medicines features on NLEM 2022 under 27 therapeutic categories.

### **Centre hanging up on 1098**

The only dedicated helpline for children, Childline 1098, running successfully for the past 26 years as a partnership between civil society and the government, will be integrated with the national emergency number 112.

### **Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launches Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav**

Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has launched Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav, a countrywide mega drive for voluntary blood donation from 17th September to 1st October this year.

### **NITI Aayog hosts first Shoonya Forum**

NITI Aayog hosted the first Shoonya Forum to commemorate the first anniversary of India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign in Delhi.

### **Gaganyaan to be done by end of 2023 or beginning of 2024**

Minister of State for Science and Technology, Jitendra Singh has said that the first trial for Gaganyaan, India's maiden human space mission, will be done by the end of 2023 or at the beginning of 2024.

### **Cabinet okays addition of four tribes to ST list**

The Union Cabinet has approved the addition of four tribes to the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST), including those from Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh.

### **Law Minister presses for fast-track courts**

Law Minister Kiren Rijju has written to the Chief Justices of High Courts to accelerate the process of setting up fast track courts (FTC) and fast track special courts (FTSC) in their respective States to hear cases of heinous crimes against women, children, and senior citizens.

### **TN CM MK Stalin launches free breakfast scheme for govt school children**

Tamil Nadu government rolled out the state-wide mid-day meal scheme 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme' for government school students from classes 1 to 5.

### **Centre cites law to deny seats to Ukraine-returnees**

The Union government told the Supreme Court that the law does not allow undergraduate medical students, who fled the "war-like situation" in Ukraine, to be accommodated in Indian medical colleges.

### **Pratap Pawar elected chairman of Audit Bureau of Circulations**

Sakal Media Private Ltd. chairman Pratap Pawar has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Audit Bureau of Circulations (ABC) for 2022-2023.

### **Darjeeling zoo recognised as best in India**

The Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park (PNHZA) in West Bengal's Darjeeling has been adjudged the best zoo in the country, while Kolkata's Alipore Zoological Garden has secured the fourth position.

### **India to host Governing Body of International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food, Agriculture**

India is going to host 9th session of the Governing Body of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture from 19th to 24th of this month.

### **BSF's first female camel riding squad ready to be deployed along India-Pakistan border**

BSF's first female camel riding squad is ready to be deployed along the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan and Gujarat. The squad will participate for the first time in the BSF Raising Day Parade on 1ST December.

### **USAID and UNICEF launch Doordarshan and YouTube series titled 'Door Se Namaste' in New Delhi**

The US Agency for International Development and UNICEF launched the Doordarshan and YouTube series titled Door Se Namaste at function held in New Delhi. Door Se Namaste is a new television series which promotes healthy behaviours in a post-pandemic world.

### **Cheetahs flown in from Namibia released into special enclosure in Kuno National Park**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released wild Cheetahs, which had become extinct from India, in Kuno National Park. Cheetahs which have been brought from Namibia are being introduced in India under Project Cheetah, which is world's first inter-continental large wild carnivore translocation project.

### **Constitution Bench of Supreme Court rules, judgment delivered by larger bench to prevail irrespective of number of judges in majority**

A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court ruled that a judgment delivered by a larger bench will prevail irrespective of the number of judges constituting the majority. To illustrate, the judgment of a 7-judge bench delivered with 4:3 majority will prevail over a unanimous 5-judge bench.

### **State level institution on lines of NITI Aayog to be established in Maharashtra**

A state level institution on the lines of NITI Aayog will be established in Maharashtra. It will help to bring drastic changes in sectors like agriculture, health, education, employment, environment etc. in the state.

### **Sixth edition of Japan-India Maritime Exercise concludes**

The sixth edition of the Japan India Maritime Exercise 2022, JIMEX 22 hosted by the Indian Navy concluded in the Bay of Bengal with the two sides bidding farewell to each other with a customary steam past at ENC, Visakhapatnam.

### **India, Egypt sign MoU to bolster defence cooperation across all sectors of mutual interest**

India and Egypt signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the field of defence to pave the way for enhancing defence cooperation across all sectors of mutual interest.

### **India's Presidency of prestigious AIBD extended for one more year**

India's Presidency of the prestigious Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcasting Development, AIBD has been extended for one more year. Currently, CEO of Prasar Bharati and Director General of Doordarshan Mayank Kumar Agrawal is the President of AIBD.

### **Gujarati movie Chhello Show is India's entry for 2023 Oscars**

The Gujarati film Chhello Show has been announced as India's official entry to the Oscars 2023. The Film Federation of India has announced India's official entry to the 95th Academy Awards.

### **Ratan Tata, K.T. Thomas are trustees of PM CARES**

The Union government appointed veteran industrialist Ratan Tata, former Supreme Court judge K.T. Thomas, and former Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Kariya Munda as trustees of the PM CARES Fund.

### **Logistics policy aims at reducing cost by 2030**

The Union Cabinet has approved the National Logistics Policy, which aims to reduce cost of logistics and bring efficiency through streamlining processes, regulatory framework and skill development.

### **MoFPI jointly launches Convergence Portal between AIF, PMFME scheme & PMKSY**

Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) jointly launched a Convergence Portal between Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF), Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY).

### **Central govt. signs ₹1,700 cr. deal for 35 BrahMos missiles**

The Defence Ministry signed a ₹1,700-crore contract with BrahMos Aerospace Pvt Ltd for 35 combat and three practice BrahMos supersonic surface-to-surface cruise missiles for two P-15B class of stealth guided missile destroyers of the Indian Navy.

### **NCC, UNEP sign MoU to tackle plastic pollution**

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in New Delhi signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to tackle the issue of plastic pollution and achieve the universal goal of clean water bodies through 'Puneet Sagar Abhiyan' and 'Tide Turners Plastic Challenge programme'.

### **All hearings of SC constitution bench to be live streamed from Sept 27**

The Supreme Court of India has decided to live stream hearings in cases presided over by a Constitution Bench from September 27.

### **Rajiv Bahl to head ICMR, Srinivas to lead AIIMS, Delhi**

The Centre appointed Dr. Rajiv Bahl as Director-General, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Dr M Srinivas was appointed as the next Director of the All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS).

### **India gets its first avalanche monitoring radar in Sikkim**

An avalanche monitoring radar, the first of its kind in India, has been installed in North Sikkim by the Army and Defence Geoinformatics and Research Establishment.

### **Government's flagship programme 'Make in India' completes 8 years**

The Government's flagship programme 'Make in India' completes eight-year. Make in India initiative which was launched in 2014 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi aspires to facilitate investment, foster innovation, enhance skill development, and build best-in-class manufacturing infrastructure.

### **Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurate Arogya Manthan**

Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated Arogya Manthan 2022 to celebrate the four years of implementation of Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri - Jan Arogya Yojana. The scheme provides a health cover of five lakh rupees annually to vulnerable families.

### **PM Modi to launch 5G services in India**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate 5G services in the country at India Mobile Congress at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on October 1.

### **Govt to launch Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan**

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change is going to launch Swachh Vayu Sarvekshan that promotes ranking of 131 cities in the country for implementing City Action Plans prepared as part of National Clean Air Programme for reducing air pollution upto 40 percent by 2025-26.

### **Chandigarh airport to be named after Bhagat Singh**

Chandigarh airport will be renamed after freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this on his monthly radio address "Mann Ki Baat".

### **Rohatgi declines Centre's offer to be Attorney-General**

Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi had declined the offer from the Union government to be the next Attorney-General (A-G) of India.

### **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission crosses 1 cr digitally linked health records**

India has achieved another milestone in its digital health journey as Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) crossed the landmark of one crore digitally linked health records with over 27 lakh records linked in a single day.

### **Centre launches competition for toys made out of waste**

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched a nationwide competition Swachh Toycathon for individuals and groups to come up with ideas for making toys out of waste. It seeks to explore solutions for use of waste in the manufacturing of toys.

### **23 IITs join hands for mega R&D fair to be held on Oct. 14**

For the first time, all the 23 IITs of the country will come together for a mega research and development fair, named 'InvenTiv', to be held on October 14-15, 2022, at the IIT Delhi premises.

### **Orissa HC judge pronounces 32 judgments in a single day**

An Orissa High Court Bench on Monday delivered judgment in 32 matters, pertaining to mostly civil disputes, in a single day.

### **Centre bans Popular Front of India (PFI) and its affiliates for five years**

The Central Government has declared Popular Front of India (PFI) and its associates and affiliates as an unlawful association with immediate effect for a period of five years.

### **Carl-Gustaf M4 may be produced in India, says Sweden's SAAB**

Swedish defence major SAAB has announced plans to manufacture its Carl-Gustaf M4 weapon system in India. The manufacturing would be done by a new fully SAAB-owned subsidiary, Saab FFV India Pvt. Ltd.

### **DRDO conducts successful tests of Very Short-Range Air Defence System Missiles**

DRDO has conducted two successful test flights of Very Short-Range Air Defence System missiles. The test flight was conducted at the Integrated Test Range in Chandipur, Odisha.

### **Cabinet nod for proposal to redevelop 3 railway stations**

The Union Cabinet has approved the Indian Railways' ₹10,000-crore proposal for redevelopment of three major stations — New Delhi, Ahmedabad and Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus.

### **Govt. defers rule on six airbags in cars by one year**

The Centre has deferred implementing a proposal, which makes it mandatory for passenger cars to have six airbags, by a year to 1 October 2023. The rule was supposed to be effective, 1 October 2022.

### **Supreme Court axes 51-year-old curb, single women get equal abortion rights**

In a historic judgment, the Supreme Court of India has allowed unmarried and single women whose pregnancies are between 20 and 24 weeks to access safe and legal abortion care on par with their married counterparts.

### **L. Adimoolam of Dinamalar made director of PTI Board**

K.N. Shanth Kumar was re-elected as the vice-chairman and L. Adimoolam was appointed the director of the Press Trust of India's Board of Directors at its Annual General Meeting.

### **175 alleged drug smugglers held in Operation Garuda**

About 175 persons allegedly involved in drug smuggling have been arrested in different parts of the country in an operation led by the CBI in close coordination with the Interpol, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the police forces. The multi-phase exercise code-named 'Operation Garuda'.

## **BANKING & ECONOMY**

### **India's GDP grows by 13.5% in the first quarter of the financial year 2022-23**

GDP of India for the April-June quarter of the current financial year grew at 13.5 per cent. Real GDP at Constant (2011-12) Prices in Q1 2022-23 is estimated to attain a level of ₹36.85 lakh crore, as against ₹32.46 lakh crore in Q1 2021-22

### **GST collection rises 28 per cent in August to ₹1.43 lakh crore**

The GST collection has increased by 28 per cent to 1.43 lakh crore rupees in August this year. It was over 1.12 lakh crore rupees in the same month last year.

### **Numaligarh Refinery to invest over ₹35,000 crore**

The Numaligarh Refinery Limited has planned to invest over 35 thousand crore rupees in the next five years.

### **Cabinet approves uniform 50% support for chip, display unit**

The Union Cabinet has approved a uniform incentive of 50% of the project cost for setting up semiconductor, display and compound semiconductor fabrication units.

### **Bank credit rises 15.1% in July on demand across all sectors**

Bank credit continues to expand, registering 15.1 per cent year-on-year (y-o-y) growth in July 2022 as compared with 5.1 per cent a year ago on the back robust demand across all sectors.

### **Coal Ministry aims to enhance coal production to 1.23 billion tonnes by 2024-25**

The Coal Ministry has aimed to enhance coal production to 1.23 billion tonnes by 2024-25 to ensure the energy security of the country.

### **Moody's revises India's growth forecast to 7.7% for calendar year 2022**

Moody's has cut India's GDP growth forecast by 110 basis points for the calendar year 2022. It now estimates growth to be 7.7 per cent in 2022 against 8.3 per cent in 2021.

### **SBI cuts FY23 growth forecast to 6.8% as Q1 data disappoints**

Chief economist at State Bank of India has revised downward the full-year growth forecast to a low 6.8 per cent from 7.5 per cent earlier for FY2023, citing "the way below GDP numbers for the first quarter".

### **Unemployment rate dips to 7.6% in April-June 2022**

The unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in urban areas dipped to 7.6 per cent during April-June 2022 from 12.6 per cent a year ago, the National Statistical Office (NSO) said.

### **India overtakes UK to become fifth largest economy in the world**

India overtook the UK in the final three months of 2021 to become the fifth-largest economy, pushing the UK to the sixth spot for the second time.

### **Bring existing digital loans under modified norms by Nov 30: RBI to banks, NBFCs**

The RBI has given time till November 30 to banks and NBFCs to put in place a mechanism to ensure that existing digital loans are in compliance with the modified norms aimed at protecting the interest of customers.

### **SBI Card launches CASHBACK SBI Card**

A cashback credit card in India, the "CASHBACK SBI Card," has been launched by SBI Card recently. By offering a 5% reward on all online purchases without any merchant restrictions, this new cashback-focused card seeks to promote the cashback system.

### **Karnataka launches global startup challenge to assist entrepreneurs from manufacturing sector**

A global startup challenge 'VentuRISE', launched by the Karnataka government aim to support startups in manufacturing and sustainability related sectors.

### **Blue Energy Motors unveils India's first LNG-fuelled green truck near Pune**

Blue Energy Motors, a two-year old start-up backed by a Singapore-based firm, unveiled India's first Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) fuelled green truck in Chakan near Pune.

### **China accounts for 30% of Pakistan's foreign debt including SCBs: IMF**

About 30% of Pakistan's foreign debt is owed to China, including state-owned commercial banks, compared with 27% in February, according to a report released by the International Monetary Fund.

### **India to emerge third-largest economy of world by 2029**

India is set to become the third largest economy in the world by 2029. A State Bank of India report said India will surpass Germany in 2027 and most likely Japan by 2029 at the current rate of growth.

### **PSU banks to open 300 branches in unbanked villages by Dec 2022**

As part of the financial inclusion drive, public sector banks will open about 300 brick-and-mortar branches in the unbanked areas of various states by December 2022. These branches will cover all remaining unbanked villages with a population of more than 3,000.

### **NTT Data Payment bags RBI licence**

Payment service provider NTT DATA Payment Services India has received an in-principal approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the Payment Aggregator (PA) license.

### **TMB appoints S Krishnan as MD-CEO**

The Board of Directors of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank has appointed veteran banker Krishnan Sankarasubramaniam (aka S Krishnan) as the MD-CEO with effect from September 4.

### **India's external debt rises by 8.2 pc to over USD 620 bn till March 2022**

India's external debt grew by 8.2 percent to over 620 billion US dollar at the end of March this year. India's external debt was over 573 billion dollars at the end of March, last year.

### **Ministry of Finance releases 6th monthly instalment of PDRD Grant**

Ministry of Finance has released the 6th monthly instalment of Post Devolution Revenue Deficit (PDRD) Grant of over 7,183 crore rupees to 14 States for the month of September.

### **Number of demat accounts in India crosses 10 crore mark**

India has witnessed a milestone in the way financial inclusion as number of demat accounts in the country crossed the 10-crore mark for the first time in August this year.

### **In \$70 bn green push, Adani to build giga units**

Gautam Adani's ports-to-power conglomerate will build three giga factories for manufacturing solar modules, wind turbines, and hydrogen electrolyzers as part of a \$70-billion investment in clean energy by 2030.

### **CBDC to reduce time & cost for cross-border transactions'**

Central bank digital currency (CBDC), to be launched this year, could become a tool for reducing time and cost for cross-border transactions, Reserve Bank Deputy Governor T Rabi Sankar said.

### **Agriculture Minister says over three thousand 157 lakh tonnes of foodgrain production estimated in 2021-22**

Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has said that the production of food grains in the country is estimated at over three thousand 157 lakh tonnes in 2021-22, which is higher by 50 lakh tonnes as compared to 2020-21.

### **European Central Bank makes its largest-ever interest rate increase**

The European Central Bank made its largest-ever interest rate increase. It raised its key benchmarks by an unprecedented 75 basis points for the 19 countries, using euro currency.

### **Centre sets 20% export duty on rice**

The central government imposed a 20 per cent export duty on select rice varieties, excluding parboiled and Basmati rice. This comes at a time when paddy sowing continues to remain low due to drought in several major rice-growing states.

### **Bank credit growth hits near nine-year high of 15.5%, shows RBI data**

Credit growth of commercial banks is at a near nine-year high of 15.5 per cent year-on-year for the week ended August 26. In the current financial year so far, banks have extended ₹5.66 trillion by way of loans, representing a growth of 4.8 per cent as compared to -0.5 per cent during the same period last year.

### **Andhra Pradesh tops in 5G-capable smartphone share**

Andhra Pradesh has the greatest number (14%) of 5G smartphone models by telecom circles, followed by Bihar (9.3%), Maharashtra (8.5%) and Gujarat (7.7%).

### **Direct tax mop-up jumps 35.5% to ₹6.48 trillion in FY23: Govt**

The provisional gross direct tax collections for FY23 till September 8 stood at ₹6.48 trillion, which is 35.5 per cent higher than the same period last year.

### **Amazon Web Services joins Telangana govt with cloud adoption framework**

Amazon Web Services (AWS) announced that it has joined the government of Telangana to transform its citizen service delivery by advancing its cloud adoption framework.

### **RBI to prepare whitelist of legal Apps store**

Reserve Bank of India will prepare a white list of all legal apps and the Union Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology will ensure that only legal apps are hosted on app stores.

### **Inflation resurges to 7% as food prices mount**

India's retail inflation touched 7% in August, up from 6.71% in July, fuelled by a 7.62% pick-up in food prices paid by consumers.

### **India's rice export curbs halt Asia trade**

India banned shipments of broken rice and imposed a 20% duty on exports of various other types as the country tries to boost supplies and calm prices after below-average monsoon rainfall curtailed planting.

### **South saree market may touch ₹30,800 cr. by FY25**

The South India saree market is expected to touch ₹30,800 crores by FY25, growing at a CAGR of 6%, according to a study by Technopak.

### **Vedanta JV to invest \$19.5 bn in chip project**

Vedanta Ltd. and Taiwan's Foxconn will invest \$19.5 billion (₹1.54 trillion) under a pact signed on Tuesday to set up a semiconductor project in Gujarat.

### **Damodaran to lead panel on PE, VC investments**

The Finance Ministry has constituted an expert committee under the chairmanship of former SEBI chairman Meleveetil Damodaran with a view to identify measures to unravel regulatory hurdles for venture capital and private equity investors.

### **Wholesale inflation slowed to an 11-month low at 12.4% in Aug.**

The WPI-based inflation rate for August decelerated for the third consecutive month to an 11-month low of 12.41 per cent as pricing pressure from manufactured and fuel items eased despite an increase in food inflation.

### **Billionaire Venture Capital, DBS Bank form JV to help start-ups**

Chennai-based Billionaire Venture Incubation and DBS Bank have signed an MoU to facilitate investment in startups through a special purpose vehicle (SPV) formed by this joint venture.

### **DHL Supply Chain to invest ₹4,000 crore in India**

Contract logistics provider DHL Supply Chain will invest 500-million Euro (around ₹4,000 crore) in India over the next five years to expand its warehousing capacity, workforce and sustainability initiatives.

### **TCS pips HDFC Bank to be India's most valuable brand: Kantar BrandZ report**

Tata Consultancy Services has more than doubled its brand value to \$45.5 billion, outpacing HDFC Bank to claim the top spot as the country's most valuable brand, according to Kantar BrandZ India ranking.

### **Corporate Affairs Ministry revises threshold for paid up capital of small companies**

Ministry of Corporate Affairs has revised the threshold for paid up capital of small companies under the Companies Act, 2013. Small companies paid up capital was increased from 2 crores to 4 crores.

### **Adani's son named ACC chairman**

Cement maker ACC Ltd. said that Karan Adani, son of India's richest man Gautam Adani, was named chairman of its board, as the Adani conglomerate expands its presence beyond power generation and infrastructure.

### **Sitharaman asks private firms to clear MSME dues in 45 days**

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman has asked corporate India to settle dues of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) within 45 days of receiving the supplies to ease the liquidity woes of small vendors.

### **CBDT makes some offenses under Income Tax Act compoundable**

CBDT has issued Revised Guidelines for compounding of offences under the Income-tax Act, 1961. The time limit for acceptance of compounding applications has been relaxed from the earlier limit of 24 months to 36 months now, from the date of filing of complaint. Procedural complexities have also been simplified.

### **Adani group overtakes Tatas to be India's most valued conglomerate**

The Adani group of firms' overall market capitalisation on the BSE at over ₹22 lakh crore makes it the most valued in India, overtaking the Tata-led conglomerate.

### **Govt permits invoicing, payment and settlement of trade in rupee**

The commerce ministry allowed invoicing, payment and settlement of exports and imports in Indian rupee, a move aimed at facilitating trade in the domestic currency.

### **India emerges as Sri Lanka's largest bilateral lender overtaking China**

India emerged as the largest bilateral lender for Sri Lanka, overtaking China. India has provided a total of 968 million US dollars in loans to the island nation in four months of 2022.

### **CBDT makes some offenses under Income Tax Act compoundable**

CBDT has issued Revised Guidelines for compounding of offences under the Income-tax Act, 1961. It has taken this step in conformity with the Government's policy of facilitating Ease of Doing Business and decriminalisation of offences.

### **Oil Ministry seeks review of windfall tax**

The Oil Ministry has sought a review of the two-and-a-half-month-old windfall profit tax on domestically produced crude oil saying it goes against the principle of fiscal stability provided in contracts for finding and producing oil.

### **Federal Bank unveils instant Kisan Credit Cards in T.N.**

Private sector lender Federal Bank in association with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub and the State government announced a pilot project for the issue of instant Kisan Credit Cards in select districts of Tamil Nadu.

### **CBI files chargesheet against Yes Bank co-founder Rana Kapoor in ₹466 crore bank fraud case**

Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a charge sheet against Yes Bank co-founder Rana Kapoor and Avantha Group promoter Gautam Thapar and his company in the 466 crore rupees bank fraud case.

### **RBI lifts PCA restrictions on Central Bank of India**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to take Central Bank of India out of the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) restrictions subject to certain conditions and continuous monitoring.

### **ADB pares India FY23 GDP growth forecast to 7%**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) slashed India's GDP growth forecast for FY23 to 7% from the previous estimate of 7.2 % on the back of sluggish global demand and a tight monetary policy.

### **Wipro fires 300 for moonlighting with firm's competitors**

Wipro has become the first Indian IT major in recent times to have fired 300 employees who were found to be working for competitors at the same time.

### **Fed raises rates by 75 basis points, signals large moves in 2022**

The US apex bank Federal Reserve raised its target interest rate by three-quarters of a percentage point to a range of 3.00%-3.25%.

### **SBI raises ₹4,000 cr. via Tier 2 bonds**

State Bank of India (SBI) said it had raised ₹4,000 crores via Basel III compliant Tier 2 bonds at a coupon rate of 7.57%.

### **Amazon to set up utility scale green-energy units in India**

Amazon announced three new solar farms in India, the first in the country — with a combined capacity of 420 megawatts (MW) as it aims to use 100% renewable energy across its business by 2025.

### **Sri Lanka: Annual inflation rate surges to more than 70% in August**

In Sri Lanka, the annual inflation rate surged to more than 70 per cent in August as the country struggles with its worst economic crisis.

### **RBI cancels license of Maharashtra-based Laxmi Cooperative Bank**

Reserve Bank of India has cancelled the licence of Maharashtra-based The Laxmi Co-operative Bank, citing a lack of adequate capital. Upon liquidation, every depositor would be entitled to receive a deposit insurance claim amount upto 5 lakh rupees.

### **RBI restrains MMFSL from outsourcing recovery activity**

The RBI has directed Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Ltd. (MMFSL), Mumbai, to cease carrying out any recovery through outsourcing arrangements.

### **Zepto's Kaivalya Vohra youngest Indian with net worth above ₹1,000 crore**

Nineteen-year-old Kaivalya Vohra, the founder of quick grocery delivery app Zepto, emerged as the youngest Indian to have a net worth of over ₹1,000 crore in a survey. He stood at the 1,036th spot in the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022.

### **Neha Narkhede, Youngest "Self-Made" Woman On India Rich List**

Neha Narkhede (37) has become India's youngest self-made woman entrepreneur, according to the IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List 2022. She ranks 336, with an estimated worth of ₹4,700 crore.

### **Gautam Adani tops IIFL Wealth Hurun list of richest Indians**

Gautam Adani, chairman of the Adani Group has topped the IIFL Wealth Hurun list of India's richest Indians in 2022, with Reliance Industries' Mukesh Ambani securing the second position

### **REC Becomes The 12th Company To Join The Maharatna CPSE Club**

Power sector focussed NBFC REC Ltd has been accorded the status of Maharatna central public sector enterprise (CPSE). The development offers the CPSE greater operation and financial autonomy.

### **Tata Steel board approves merger of 7 entities with itself**

The board of directors of Tata Steel Ltd has approved the amalgamation of six subsidiaries and an associate company with itself to simplify the group holding structure.

### **Nestle mulls ₹5,000-crore investment in India**

Global food and beverage conglomerate Nestle SA plans to invest ₹5,000 crores in India by 2025, CEO Mark Schneider said.

### **Britannia elevates Varun Berry to vice-chairman, names Rajneet Kohli CEO**

Britannia Industries has appointed Rajneet Kohli as chief executive officer and executive director and has also elevated Varun Berry to executive vice chairman.

### **Dilip Asbe reappointed MD & CEO of NPCI**

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has reappointed Dilip Asbe as MD&CEO of the company for a period of five years, with effect from January 8, 2023.

### **UCO Bank becomes first lender to get RBI's approval for rupee trad**

UCO Bank has received the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) approval to open a special vostro account with Gazprombank of Russia for trade settlement in Indian rupees.

### **Piramal Group, Zurich Insurance to submit joint bid for Reliance General Insurance**

Piramal Group and Zurich Insurance are supposedly in talks to set up a 50:50 partnership to bid for Reliance General Insurance under Reliance Capital's insolvency proceedings.

### **Hero Electric to set up plant in Rajasthan with ₹1,200 crore**

Hero Electric has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Rajasthan government to set up its mega electric vehicle (EV) manufacturing hub with an annual production capacity of two million units, with an investment of over ₹1,200 crore.

### **Apple to manufacture iPhone 14 in India at Foxconn's T.N. facility**

Apple will make its latest flagship device — the iPhone 14 smartphone — at its contract manufacturer Foxconn's facility at Sriperumbudur in Tamil Nadu.

### **S&P sticks to 7.3% FY23 growth forecast**

S&P Global Ratings projected India's economic growth at 7.3 per cent in the current fiscal with downside risks and said inflation is likely to remain above RBI's upper tolerance threshold of 6 per cent till the end of 2022.

### **HCL Technologies unveils new brand and logo**

HCL Technologies announced its new brand identity and logo, which the company said would be at the "heart of its go-to-market strategy and represent its differentiated portfolio of services and products that supercharge digital transformation for enterprises at scale.

### **Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 extended for further period of six months**

Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 has been extended for a further period of six months. The extension will come into effect from 1st of next month.

### **WTO Chief apprises that world is heading towards a global recession**

The World Trade Organization's Chief Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala believes the world is heading toward a global recession due to multiple colliding crises and called for policies to revive growth.

### **Torrent to acquire Curatio Healthcare for ₹2,000 crore**

Torrent Pharmaceuticals Ltd. will buy 100% of Curatio Healthcare (I) Pvt. Ltd. for ₹2,000 crores to strengthen its presence in the fast-growing dermatology segment.

### **Centre promotes IOB's ED Srivastava as MD and CEO**

The Centre promoted Ajay Kumar Srivastava, the present Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), as the public sector lender's Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer for a period of three years with effect from January 1, 2023.

### **Govt. scraps sale of Central Electronics to Nandal Finance**

The Centre has terminated the strategic sale of Central Electronics Ltd. (CEL) announced last November and disqualified the successful bidder Nandal Finance and Leasing Pvt. Ltd., based on recommendations of an empowered Group of Ministers handling disinvestment transactions.

### **India's current account deficit rises 2.8% to USD 23.9 billion in Q1 of FY23**

India's current account deficit (CAD) widened to \$23.9 billion, or 2.8% of GDP, in the April-June period, from \$13.4 billion or 1.5% in the preceding quarter.

### **Govt hikes interest rate on small savings schemes for Q3 of FY23**

The Centre announced increases of 0.1-0.3 percentage points in interest rates payable on five small savings instruments (SSIs) including the Kisan Vikas Patra, Senior Citizens' Savings scheme and time deposits for 2 and 3 years, for the quarter beginning October 1, marking the first increase in small savings rates since January 2019.

### **Govt. aims to borrow ₹10,000 cr. less in FY23 on tax mop up**

Centre has slashed its market borrowing target for FY23 by ₹10,000 crores, indicating buoyant tax collections which would be enough to bear ₹44,762 crore additional expenditure on free ration distribution.

### **External debt slid by \$2.5 billion in Q1 on valuation gains: RBI**

India's external debt during the first quarter of 2022-23 declined by \$2.5 billion to \$617.1 billion over end-March 2022, the RBI said. The external debt to GDP ratio declined to 19.4% at end-June, from 19.9% at end-March.

## **AWARDS**

### **Cambodian, Japanese among winners of Magsaysay Awards 2022**

Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation (RMAF) announced this year's awardees. The 2022 Ramon Magsaysay Awardees are Sotheara Chhim (Cambodia), Bernadette Madrid (Philippines), Tadashi Hattori (Japan) and Gary Benchehib (Indonesia).

### **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh presents 'INSPIRE' awards to 60 Start-Ups**

Union Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has presented INSPIRE awards to 60 Start-Ups and financial support to over 53 thousand students. The award is instituted by the Department of Science and Technology.

### **India wins UN award for its initiative to control and prevent hypertension**

India has won a UN award for its initiative to control and prevent hypertension under the government's National Health Mission. The India Hypertension Control Initiative (IHCI) has been recognized for its exceptional work within India's existing primary healthcare system.

### **Obama wins Emmy for narrating documentary**

Former President Barack Obama has won the best narrator Emmy Award for his Netflix documentary series, Our Great National Parks.

### **Emmy Awards 2022 Winners**

Best Drama Series—Succession  
Best Comedy Series--- Ted Lasso  
Best Limited or Anthology Series-- The White Lotus  
Best Actress, Comedy -- Jean Smart, "Hacks"  
Best Actor, Comedy -- Jason Sudeikis, "Ted Lasso"  
Best Actress, Drama -- Zendaya, "Euphoria"  
Best Actor, Drama -- Lee Jung-jae, "Squid Game"

Best Actress, Limited Series or TV Movie -- Amanda Seyfried, "The Dropout"  
Best Actor, Limited Series or TV Movie -- Michael Keaton, "Dopesick"

#### **Gates Foundation Honors Four Leaders With 2022 Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation announced the winners of its Goalkeepers Global Goals Awards. The winners are Radhika Batra of India, Zahra Joya of Afghanistan, Vanessa Nakate of Uganda, and Ursula von der Leyen of Germany.

#### **Yale's Spielman wins \$3 million Breakthrough Prize**

Yale's Daniel Spielman has won the Breakthrough Prize in Mathematics for "multiple discoveries in theoretical computer science and mathematics."

#### **Tasnim Mir wins Emerging Hero award at Sportstar West Sports Conclave 2022**

Tasnim Mir was honoured with the Emerging Hero award at the Sportstar West Sports conclave in Ahmedabad.

#### **Actor Asha Parekh to get Dadasaheb Phalke Award**

Veteran actor Asha Parekh was honoured with the Dada Saheb Phalke award for 2020, the highest recognition in the field of Indian cinema.

#### **Gavaskar presented with SJFI medal**

Cricket legend Sunil Gavaskar was presented with SJFI medal, the highest award of Sports Journalist Federation of India (SJFI).

### **PERSONS IN NEWS (National and International)**

#### **Laxman Narasimhan**

Starbucks has hired Laxman Narasimhan as its next chief executive, putting him in charge of the world's largest coffee chain as it grapples with a growing unionization movement, rising inflation and losses in China.

#### **Liz Truss**

UK's Foreign Secretary Liz Truss was appointed as the 56<sup>th</sup> Prime Minister of Britain. She succeeded Boris Johnson, who tendered his resignation. Former foreign secretary Truss defeated rival Rishi Sunak with 57 percent of the vote.

#### **Suella Braverman**

Indian-origin barrister Suella Braverman is the new Home Secretary of United Kingdom. She has succeeded her colleague of Indian origin Priti Patel.

#### **Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman**

In Saudi Arabia, King Salman bin Abdulaziz named his son and heir Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as the Prime Minister of the kingdom.

#### **Volker Turk**

Volker Turk of Austria has been appointed as the next United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

#### **Anil Chauhan**

Lt. Gen. Anil Chauhan (ret.), former General Office Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Army Commander, has been appointed the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India.

#### **R.Venkataramani**

Senior advocate R Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India for a period of three years.

#### **Arun Subramanian**

Indian American attorney Arun Subramanian was nominated to be US District Judge by Joe Biden for the Southern District of New York.

#### **William Ruto**

William Ruto was sworn in as Kenya's President after narrowly winning the August 9 election in East Africa's most stable democracy. Mr Ruto won the election with 50.5% of the vote, to Mr Odinga's 48.8%.

#### **Roger Federer**

Roger Federer, one of the greatest tennis players of all time, has decided to bid farewell to professional tennis after the conclusion of the Laver Cup 2022. He played more than 1500 matches over 24 years.

#### **Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

Sri Lanka's deposed President Gotabaya Rajapaksa has returned home weeks after fleeing the crisis-hit country. He landed in the capital, Colombo, on a Singapore Airlines flight from Thailand.

#### **Aung San Suu Kyi**

Myanmar's deposed leader Aung San Suu Kyi has been found guilty of electoral fraud and sentenced to three years in jail with hard labour, a sentence that adds to the 17 years in prison that she was already handed for other offences.

#### **Angola's Joao Lourenco**

The National Electoral Commission of Angola announced Joao Lourenco as the President with 51% of the votes. Joao Lourenco is a member of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), and he was re-elected as the President of Angola.

#### **Cyrus Mistry**

Former Tata Group chairman Cyrus Mistry died in a road accident. Mistry was the chairman of Tata Group from 2012 to 2016. Shapoorji Pallonji Group built luxury hotels, stadiums, palaces and factories across Asia.

#### **Naresh Kumar**

Naresh Kumar, who strode the Indian tennis scene like a colossus, passed away following a brief illness owing to age-related complications. The former India Davis Cup captain was 93.

#### **Mikhail Gorbachev**

Mikhail Gorbachev, former Soviet leader has died aged 91. Mr. Gorbachev became general secretary of the Soviet Communist Party and de facto leader of the country in 1985. He won the Nobel Peace Prize for negotiating a historic nuclear arms pact with US leader Ronald Reagan.

#### **C.P. Antony**

Former volleyball international and Kerala captain C.P. Antony passed away at Palakkal in Thrissur. He was a member of the Services team that won the National title twice.

#### **Queen Elizabeth II**

Queen Elizabeth II, the UK's longest-serving monarch, has passed away after reigning for 70 years. She was 96. She breathed her last at her Scottish estate Balmoral. The Queen came to the throne in 1952.

#### **B.B. Lal**

Former Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) B. B. Lal passed away. A Padma Vibhushan awardee, Professor Lal's works formed the basis of the argument that a Ram Temple existed in the place where the Babri Masjid once stood.

### **Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati**

Dwarka-Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati passed away Narsinghpur in Madhya Pradesh. He was 99 years old.

### **King Charles III**

Charles III has been formally proclaimed as King at St James's Palace. He is now the head of State. Charles became King soon after the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

### **Jean -Luc Godard**

Jean-Luc Godard, the father of the French New Wave cinema and one of the most influential filmmakers of the 20th century, died. The legendary maverick blew up the conventions of cinema in the 1960s, shooting his gangster romance Breathless on the streets of Paris with a hand-held camera.

### **Asad Rauf**

Former Pakistan umpire Asad Rauf has died aged 66 following a cardiac arrest in Lahore. He was a former member of the Elite Panel of ICC Umpires between 2006 and 2013.

### **Manikrao Gavit**

Former union minister and Congress leader Manikrao Gavit died of old age. A nine-time Lok Sabha MP, Gavit represented the tribal-dominated Nandurbar constituency from 1980 to 2009 and lost the election in 2014.

### **Raju Srivastava**

Popular comedian Raju Srivastava passed away in New Delhi. Raju Srivastava is a popular comedian who has been a part of several comedy shows. He was a part of The Great Indian Laughter Challenge, Comedy Circus, The Kapil Sharma Show, Shaktimaan and others.

### **Hilary Mantel**

Hilary Mantel, the first British novelist to win the Booker Prize twice and who sold millions of books around the world, has died aged 70. Her famous novels include Vacant Possession, Learning to talk, Fludd, and one of her most celebrated and award-winning series, the Wolf Hall Trilogy.

### **Sumanta Ghosh**

Kolkata-based former FIFA referee Sumanta Ghosh, who officiated in pre-World Cup and pre-Olympic tournaments, died of prolonged illness. He was 70.

## **SPORTS**

### **Kalyan Chaubey elected as new President of All India Football Federation**

Former footballer Kalyan Chaubey has been elected as the President of the All-India Football Federation (AIFF).

### **Serena Williams loses to Tomljanovic in U.S. Open farewell**

Serena Williams' dreams of a fairytale finish to her glittering career were dashed as the tennis icon was sent crashing out of the US Open by Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic.

### **68th edition of Nehru Trophy Boat Race held at Punnamada lake in Kerala**

In Kerala, the 68th edition of the prestigious Nehru Trophy Boat Race was held at Punnamada lake in Alappuzha district.

### **Dutch Grand Prix: Max Verstappen Wins Home GP**

Max Verstappen claimed the eventful Dutch Grand Prix 2022 for a second successive win for Red Bull in his home race.

### **61st edition of Subroto Cup International Football Tournament begins**

The 61st edition of the Subroto Cup International Football Tournament began after a gap of two years, at the BR Ambedkar Stadium in Delhi marking the start of the most prestigious football tournament for schools all over the country.

### **Suresh Raina announces retirement from all formats of cricket**

Indian Cricketer Suresh Raina has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket. He represented India in 18 tests, 226 ODIs and 78 T20s in an international career spanning 13 years. Raina was part of the 2011 World Cup-winning team under the captaincy of MS Dhoni.

### **Neeraj Chopra becomes first Indian to win Zurich Diamond League Final in Switzerland**

Tokyo Olympic gold medallist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has achieved yet another historic feat as he became the first Indian to win the prestigious Zurich Diamond League Final 2022 in Switzerland.

### **IOC to suspend India if IOA elections not held by December**

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has issued a final warning to Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to "resolve its governance issues" and hold elections by December, failing which the world sports body will ban India.

### **19-Year-Old Carlos Alcaraz Wins Maiden Grand Slam Title**

Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz beat Casper Ruud to win Men's Singles title at the US Open tennis in New York. The US Open title win also sees him become the youngest world number 1.

Meanwhile, Polish tennis star Iga Swiatek defeated Tunisia's Ons Jabeur in straight sets in the US Open women's singles final.

### **Sri Lanka defeat Pakistan by 23 runs to lift Asia Cup title in Dubai**

Sri Lanka defeated Pakistan by 23 runs to lift their 6th Asia Cup title at the Dubai International Stadium.

### **SC assigns ex-judge task to amend IOA's constitution**

The Supreme Court of India has assigned its former judge, Justice L. Nageswara Rao, the task to head an effort to amend the constitution of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and prepare a road map to elections.

### **F2: Jehan Daruvala Scores a Mega Double Podium In Monza**

Indian racing driver Jehan Daruvala scored a stellar double podium in Italy to leap frog 4 places in the 2022 Formula 2 championship. Jehan qualified 6th, which meant that he was to start the Sprint Race in P5 and Feature Race in P6.

### **Jeswin Aldrin wins gold**

Top Indian long jumper Jeswin Aldrin has won gold in the 3rd Golden Fry Series athletics meet at Schaan in Liechtenstein, with an impressive effort of 8.12m.

### **Raza, McGrath are ICC Players of the Month**

Australia's Tahlia McGrath and Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza were voted as ICC Player of the Month for August following their outstanding international performances in their respective categories.

### **England completes a fantastic series win**

Zak Crawley and Ollie Pope steered England to an impressive nine-wicket victory over South Africa at the Oval to complete a 2-1 series victory and put the seal on an astonishing turnaround in fortunes for the home team this year.

### **Vinesh Phogat wins bronze in World Wrestling Championships**

Vinesh Phogat has become the first Indian woman wrestler to win two medals at the World Championships after clinching a bronze in 53-kilogram category in Belgrade, Serbia.

### **In Football, India beat Nepal 4-0 to clinch SAFF U-17 Championship Title in Colombo**

In football, India clinched the SAFF under-17 Championship title, defeating Nepal 4-0 in the final in Colombo.

### **Robin Uthappa retires from all forms of Indian cricket**

Robin Uthappa announced his retirement from all forms of Indian cricket. Uthappa was part of the country's 2004 Under-19 World Cup team. He made his India debut two years later and featured in 46 ODIs and 13 T20Is for India.

### **Pranav Anand becomes India's 76th GM**

Pranav Anand is India's newest Grandmaster. The 15-year-old from Bengaluru became the country's 76th GM when he crossed the 2500 Elo mark during the World youth chess championship in Romania.

### **India's Pranav Anand & A R Ilamparthi win titles at World Youth Chess Championship in Romania**

In World Youth Chess Championship, India's Pranav Anand and A R Ilamparthi won titles in the Open under-16 and under-14 categories respectively in Mamaia in Romania.

### **Siniakova outlasts Rybakina in marathon to take Portoroz title**

Katerina Siniakova battled back after losing the first set to beat Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina in 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 in the WTA final in Portoroz, Slovenia.

### **Durand Cup 2022 Final: Bengaluru beat Mumbai City 2-1 to become Champions**

Sunil Chhetri added yet another feather to his cap after winning the coveted Durand Cup title after Bengaluru FC beat Mumbai City FC by a margin of 2-1 in the summit clash in Kolkata

### **MotoGP likely to make India debut in winter of 2023**

MotoGP could come to India in the winter of 2023 if all goes ahead as planned, providing a massive boost to the stagnant motorsport scene in the country.

### **Bangladesh scores a historic win to lift SAFF Women's Championship**

Bangladesh won a historic victory against Nepal at the SAFF Women's Championship to lift the maiden title at the Dashrath Rangshala Stadium in Kathmandu.

### **Cameron Smith wins first LIV Series title at Chicago**

British Open champion Cameron Smith of Australia won his first LIV Golf Series title, holding off Dustin Johnson and Peter Uihlein at the Chicago Invitational in Chicago.

### **Women's Cricket: India defeat England by 88 runs in 2nd ODI at Canterbury**

In Women's Cricket, India defeated hosts England by 88 runs in their second One-Day International at St Lawrence Ground in Canterbury to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the 3-match series.

### **Anil Khanna quits as IOA acting president**

Anil Khanna quit as the acting president of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) almost two weeks after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) refused to recognise any "acting/ interim president".

### **Sports Minister launches capacity-building training programme for volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan**

Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Thakur has launched a capacity-building training programme for 14 thousand of youth volunteers of Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan.

### **IPL to return to home and away format in 2023**

The Indian Premier League (IPL) will return to its original, pre-COVID-19, home-and-away format from the 2023 season, BCCI president Sourav Ganguly has conveyed to the Board's affiliated state units.

### **Former India hockey captain Dilip Tirkey unanimously elected as president**

Dilip Tirkey, a former India hockey captain and member of the gold medal-winning team at the 1998 Asian Games, was unanimously elected as Hockey India (HI) president. First time in history, a former sports person and an Olympian has gone on to head the national body.

### **Cricket: India beat Australia by six wickets in final T20 International to clinch the series 2-1**

India registered a thrilling six-wicket victory over Australia in the third and final T20 Cricket International in Hyderabad to clinch the series 2-1.

### **Tennis: Team World wins first-ever Laver Cup title**

Frances Tiafoe sealed Team World's first victory over Team Europe in the Laver Cup as he saved four match points on the way to beating Stefanos Tsitsipas.

### **Miller wins Japanese GP**

Ducati's Jack Miller claimed his first win of the season with a blistering display at the Japanese Grand Prix in Motegi, as Fabio Quartararo extended his lead atop the world championship standings despite finishing eighth.

### **Carlsen blanks Arjun to win Generation Cup**

World Chess champion Magnus Carlsen reserved his best for the last as he raced away to an unsurpassable 2-0 lead in the second set of four-rapid games to claim the \$150,000 Julius Baer Generation Cup online rapid chess tournament.

### **Golf: United States captures ninth consecutive Presidents Cup**

The United States won the Presidents Cup for a ninth consecutive time with Tokyo Olympic champion Xander Schauffele delivering the clinching point in a 17.5-12.5 triumph over Internationals.

### **Kohli crosses 16,000 runs in white-ball cricket**

Indian batter Virat Kohli became the second player to score 16,000 runs in white-ball international cricket. Kohli reached this landmark during the third T20I against Australia in Hyderabad. The first one to score 16,000 runs in white-ball cricket is legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar.

### **Kazakhstan Set to Join MotoGP Race Calendar in 2023**

Kazakhstan will join the MotoGP calendar in 2023, promoters Dorna announced, as the premier category of the motorcycle world championship arrives in Central Asia for the first time.

### **India's Shubi Gupta, Charvi emerges champs in U-12 and U-8 section**

India's Shubi Gupta and A Charvi emerged winners in the girl's under-12 and under-8 sections respectively in the FIDE World Cadets Chess Championship.

### **Gujarat all set to host the National Games**

Gujarat will gain some first-hand experience at organising a multi-sport event when the 36th National Games will be formally inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

### **FIFA honours Chhetri, releases series on his life and career**

FIFA has released on FIFA+ (its streaming platform) a three-episode series on the life and career of talismanic Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri in recognition of his achievements. He is third in the list for active footballers with most international goals with 84, behind Cristiano Ronaldo (117) and Lionel Messi (90).

### **Akbar re-elected FMSCI president**

Akbar Ebrahim was re-elected as the president of the Federation of Motorsports Clubs of India (FMSCI), the national governing body for the sport, at its Annual General Meeting.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **India ranks 132 out of 191 in Human Development Index**

India has ranked 132 of 191 countries on the 2021/22 Human Development Index (HDI), a report by United Nations Development Program (UNDP) said. In 2020, India was at 130. Switzerland topped the Index.

### **Middle East heating nearly twice the global average**

The Middle East is heating at nearly twice the global average, threatening potentially devastating impacts on its people and economies.

### **UN says 50 million people stuck in modern slavery**

The United Nations ILO said that the number of people forced to work or in a marriage against their will has surged in recent years to around 50 million.

### **230 whales beached in Tasmania's Macquarie Harbour, Australia**

In Australia, more than 200 whales have beached themselves in a mass stranding in Tasmania. The whales were discovered in Macquarie Harbour the same location where the country's worst stranding occurred exactly two years ago.

### **South Korea, United States begins their first combined naval exercise near peninsula in five years**

South Korea and the United States began their first combined naval exercise near the peninsula in five years on Monday. The drills come a day after nuclear-armed North Korea conducted another ballistic missile launch, the latest in its record-breaking blitz of weapons tests this year.

### **NASA's DART spacecraft successfully crashed into asteroid Dimorphos**

US space agency - NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) spacecraft successfully crashed into the asteroid Dimorphos. The DART mission intentionally crashed on an asteroid to test a unique defence technology.

### **Arrival of foreign tourists took big hit in 2021, data show**

The number foreign tourist arrivals in India during 2021 decreased to 1.52 million compared to 2.74 million in 2020, dropping by 44.5%, due to the restrictions linked to the Covid-19 pandemic, the India Tourism Statistics 2022 report stated.

### **Switzerland records worst snow melt rate of its glaciers**

Switzerland has recorded the worst snow melt rate since monitoring began over a century ago. According to an academic study, at least 3 cubic kilometres of ice was lost in the Alps because of low snowfall in winter and persistent heat waves in summer.

### **WCD Ministry celebrates Poshan Maah throughout the country beginning on September 1**

Ministry of Women & Child Development is celebrating the 5th Rashtriya Poshan Maah 2022 across the nation from September 1 to 30th.

### **World Suicide Prevention Day:10<sup>th</sup> September**

World Suicide Prevention Day (WSPD), celebrated annually on 10 September. The theme of WSPD 2022, "Creating hope through action," reflects the need for collective, action to address this urgent public health issue.

### **National Forest Martyrs Day:11<sup>th</sup> September**

National Forest Martyrs Day is observed on September 11 to pay tribute to those who sacrificed their lives to protect forests and wildlife.

### **International Day of Democracy observed on September 15**

The International Day of Democracy is observed every year on September 15. This year, Democracy Day 2022, will focus on the importance of freedom of the media to democracy, peace, and delivering on the Sustainable Development Goals.

### **World Patient Safety Day: 17<sup>th</sup> September**

World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on 17 September to create awareness about different safety measures that should be taken to ensure patient safety.

### **International Equal Pay Day: 18<sup>th</sup> September**

International Equal Pay Day, celebrated on 18 September, represents the longstanding efforts towards the achievement of equal pay for work of equal value.

### **World Alzheimer's Day 2022**

World Alzheimer's Day is being observed on September 21. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia. This year the theme for world Alzheimer's month 2022 is - know dementia, know Alzheimer's.

### **Sign Language Day 2022 observed on Sep 23**

September 23 is observed as Sign Language Day. The theme of this year's Sign Language Day-2022 is "Sign Languages Unite us".

### **Antyodaya Divas: 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Antyodaya Diwas is celebrated annually on 25th September in India. It marks the birth anniversary of Indian leader Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya and is celebrated in his honour to remember his life and legacy.

### **World Pharmacists Day :25<sup>th</sup> September**

World Pharmacist Day is commemorated on 25th September with the goal of highlighting and advocating the pharmacist's contribution to health improvement.

### **United Nations observes 26th September every year as International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons**

The United Nations observes 26th September every year as the International Day for the Total Elimination of nuclear weapons. The aim of the day is to enhance public awareness about the threat posed to humanity by nuclear weapons and the necessity for their total elimination.

### **World Tourism Day 2022**

World Tourism Day is being observed on September 27. This day is celebrated every year to foster awareness among the international community on the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value.

### **India celebrates sixth anniversary of surgical strike on September 28**

The Indian nation celebrates sixth anniversary of surgical strike on September 28. On this day in 2016, the Indian Army launched surgical strikes against terrorist camps situated in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.