

### **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. The United Nations has also warned that parts of Somalia will be hit by famine in coming months as the Horn of Africa region faces a fifth consecutive failed rainy season. In 2011, more than two lakh Somalis killed due to famine.

### **Canadian Government issues air quality warnings & evacuation orders as wildfires grow in westernmost province of British Columbia**



In Canada, the government has issued air quality warnings and evacuation orders as wildfires are growing in the westernmost province of British Columbia. Environment Canada has said that smoke from both wildfires is contributing to poor air quality throughout Vancouver city, the Fraser Valley, and beyond. Around 193 active wildfires currently burning in British Columbia, including the Flood Falls fire in the south of the province and the Battleship Mountain blaze in the northeast.

### **India launches joint whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' with Denmark at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022**



India has launched a joint whitepaper on 'Urban Wastewater Scenario in India' with Denmark at World Water Congress and Exhibition 2022 in Copenhagen. Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat attended the event along with Danish Environment Minister Lea Wermelin and Development Co-operation Minister Flemming Møller Mortensen. Mr. Shekhawat said that India has committed investments of more than 140 billion dollars by 2024 in the water sector. The minister informed, with the help of community-centric approach, at least 10 percent of the funds are contributed by community in every program ensuring community ownership and participation. The whitepaper aims at holistically capturing the current status of wastewater treatment in India and potential pathways for future treatment structures, co-creation, and collaborations.

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



India will invite Bangladesh as a Guest Country to take part in the G20 meeting during its Presidency. As part of the G 20 tradition of inviting some Guest Countries and International Organisations (IO) to its meetings and summit, India has decided to invited Bangladesh, Egypt, Mauritius, Netherlands, Nigeria, Oman, Singapore, Spain and UAE as Guest Countries.

The G20 Leaders' Summit at the level of Heads of State / Government is scheduled to be held on 09 and 10 September 2023 in New Delhi.



### India hands over 12th consignment of humanitarian aid comprising essential medicines and equipment to Ukraine



India has handed over the 12th consignment of humanitarian aid comprising essential medicines and equipment to Ukraine. The humanitarian aid is part of its ongoing effort to help the European nation to mitigate the economic hardships, which is facing due to the conflict with Russia. India had sent the first tranche of humanitarian assistance comprising medicines and other relief materials to Ukraine via Poland on 1st March.

### Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya to launch Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav



Union Health Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya will launch Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav, a countrywide mega drive for voluntary blood donation from 17th September to 1st October this year. The special drive is a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The registrations for the Raktdaan Amrit Mahotsav have begun on the E-Raktkosh portal and Arogya Setu app. 1st October is observed as the National Voluntary Blood Donation Day.

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Sherpa of G20 Amitabh Kant said that Under India's presidency in G20, the major challenge would be on accelerating the pace of inclusive and sustainable growth. He also pointed out the challenge of ensuring an adequate amount of climate financing to address the environmental issues. Mr. Kant said that India has been vocal that development agenda has to be inclusive, sustainable, and equitable.

Mr. Kant on the preparations of the G20 Summit 2023 stated that there will be 200 different events and meetings organised across all states and UTs of the country and he added, it will be an opportunity to work effectively in partnership.

### **NITI Aayog hosts first Shoonya Forum to commemorate first anniversary of India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign**

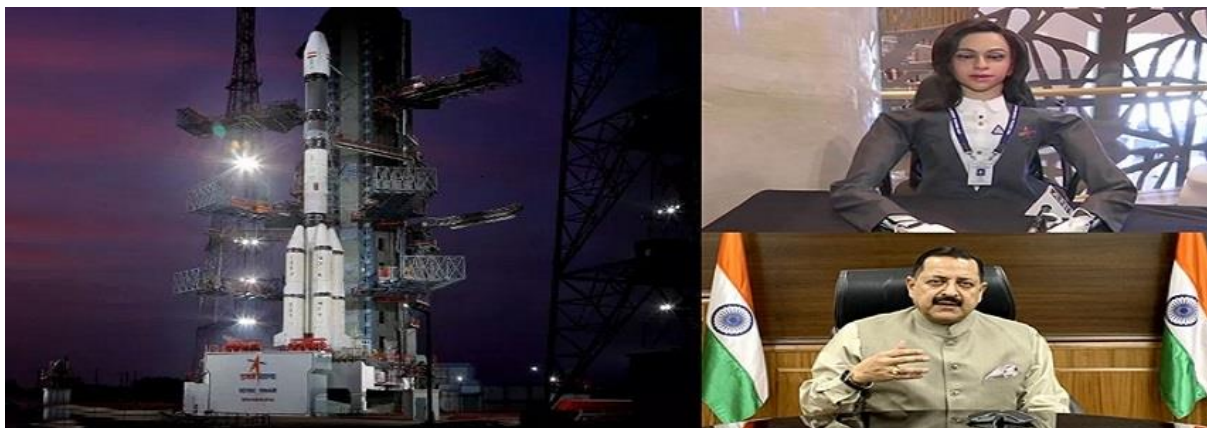


NITI Aayog hosted the first Shoonya Forum to commemorate the first anniversary of India's zero pollution e-mobility campaign in Delhi. On the occasion, more than 25 Shoonya partners announced their commitment and pledged to accelerate India's clean mobility story with Electric Vehicles to improve air quality for Indian citizens. A three-report series highlighting the economic opportunities that an indigenous battery industry presents for India was released during the event.

Shoonya initiative promotes zero-pollution delivery vehicles by working with consumers and industry. The campaign aims to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles in the urban deliveries segment and create consumer awareness about the benefits of zero-pollution delivery.

Urban freight vehicles account for 10 percent of freight transportation-related carbon dioxide emissions in India, and these emissions are expected to grow by 114 percent by 2030.

### **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. He said the first test flight will be followed by sending a female-looking humanoid robot - Vyom Mitra to ensure that the final flight of Gaganyaan is flawless.

With the launch of Gaganyaan, India will become the fourth nation in the world to launch a Human Spaceflight Mission after the US, Russia, and China.



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



The Union Cabinet under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the addition of four tribes to the list of Scheduled Tribes (ST), including those from Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh. The Hattee community of the Trans-Giri area in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh will be included in the list of Scheduled Tribes for the state. In Tamil Nadu, the Narikoravan and Kurivikkaran communities have been included in the list of STs for the state.

In Karnataka, the cabinet approved a proposal for the inclusion of the Betta-Kuruba community as a synonym of the Kadu Kuruba in the list of STs for the state. The government will now introduce separate bills for revising the lists of STs of the five states.

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



The wholesale price index- (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. Data by the industry department showed food inflation accelerating to 12.37 per cent in August, as prices of wheat, vegetables, fruits and protein-rich items shot up, compared to their level a year ago. Inflation for fuel (33.67 per cent) and manufactured (7.51 per cent) items decelerated.

### **Auto-part makers must invest more in EV, fuel R&D: Gadkari**



The Union government has exhorted the auto component industry to invest some of its profit into research in technologies such as electric vehicles (EVs) and alternative fuels as the country is facing challenges such as pollution following the use of diesel and petrol. Speaking at the 62nd annual convention of the Automotive Component Manufacturers Association (ACMA), Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari also urged the industry to focus on increasing localisation and making safer roads.

The Minister further added that given the opportunity, the auto component industry – which registered record exports of \$19 billion in the last financial year – should aim at growing it fivefold to \$100 billion by 2030.

### **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. The JV will earmark about \$200 million in collaboration with DBS Bank to extend capital to around 150 startups in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Maharashtra, besides creating thousands of jobs through the initiative.

## DHL Supply Chain to invest Rs. 4,000 crore in India



Contract logistics provider DHL Supply Chain will invest 500-million Euro (around Rs 4,000 crore) in India over the next five years to expand its warehousing capacity, workforce and sustainability initiatives. With this expansion, DHL Supply Chain will add 12 million sq ft of warehousing space in its existing portfolio to take its total capacity to about 22 million sq ft by 2026.

## Byju's losses widen to Rs. 4,588 crore in FY21



Edtech startup Byju's has posted a loss of Rs 4,588 crore for the financial year ended March 31, 2021, which is 19 times more than the preceding fiscal. Its losses in 2020-21 widened from Rs 231.69 crore in 2019-20. Byju's revenues during 2020-21 fell to Rs 2,428 crore from Rs 2,511 crore in FY20, according to the company's audited financial statements. Byju's, however, said its revenue soared four-fold to Rs 10,000 crore in the financial year ended March 31, 2022, but it did not reveal profit or loss numbers for that year.



## Siemens unveils Xcelerator digital platform in India



Siemens announced the launch of 'Siemens Xcelerator' in India at its Annual Flagship event 'Siemens India Innovation Day 2022' in Mumbai. Siemens Xcelerator is an open and evolving digital business ecosystem that comprises a comprehensive, curated portfolio that includes digital and Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled offerings (software, hardware and digital services) from Siemens, and certified third parties.

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



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. This is her second bronze medal at the Championships. She had previously earned a podium position in the 2019 edition of the tournament at Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.

### 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. Bobby Singh, Korou Singh, captain Vanlalpeka Guite, and Aman scored a goal each, to shape a resounding victory in India's favour. With this win, India retains the title. India captain Vanlalpeka Guite was named the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament, while goalkeeper Sahil won the Best Goalkeeper awards.

### SC accepts BCCI's proposed change in its constitution; Sourav Ganguly to continue as President & Jay Shah as Secretary



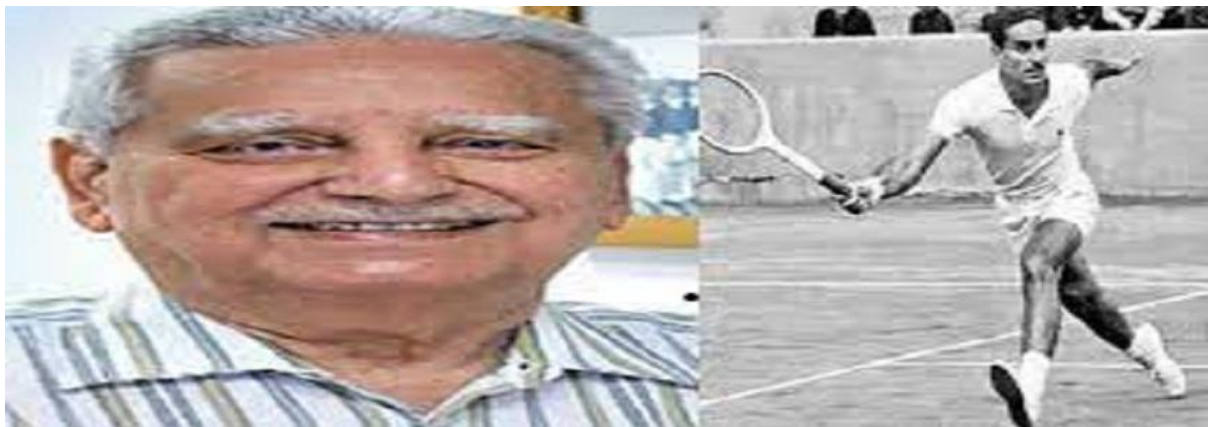
Supreme Court has allowed the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to amend its constitution relating to the cooling-off period for the president, secretary among other office-bearers. This amendment may enable board President Sourav Ganguly and secretary Jay Shah to have longer tenures in BCCI. The Supreme Court was hearing the matter of changing BCCI rules relating to the "cooling off" period for the president, secretary and other office bearers.

## **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. He scored 934 and 249 runs in ODIs and T20Is. He has 9446 first class and 6534 List A runs under his belt. Uthappa has won two IPL trophies — one for KKR and one for CSK in 2014 and 2021 respectively.

## **Naresh Kumar, tennis doyen, passes away**



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. Kumar played during the 1950s and had reached the Wimbledon singles fourth round in 1955, losing to top seed and eventual champion Tony Trabert of the United States. He's also a three-time men's doubles, and 1957 mixed doubles quarterfinalist at Wimbledon.