

### Man who lived in Paris airport for 18 years dies



An Iranian man who lived in a Paris airport for 18 years has died. Caught in diplomatic limbo, Mehran Karimi Nasseri made a small area of Roissy Charles de Gaulle airport his home in 1988.

His experience inspired the 2004 film, *The Terminal*, starring Tom Hanks and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Mr Nasseri was eventually given the right to live in France, but he ended up returning to the airport a few weeks ago, where he died of natural causes. Born in 1945 in the Iranian province of Khuzestan, Mr Nasseri first flew to Europe in search of his mother.

He spent some years living in Belgium, having been expelled from countries including the UK, the Netherlands and Germany for not having the correct immigration documents. He then went to France, where he made the airport's 2F Terminal his home.

### World Kindness Day: 13<sup>th</sup> November



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

This year the day is being celebrated with the theme is 'Be kind whenever possible.'

World Kindness Day commenced in the year 1998 by an organisation named World Kindness Movement during the 1997 Tokyo conference. In 2019, under Swiss law, this organisation was registered as an official NGO.

### **Venki Ramakrishnan awarded UK's royal Order of Merit**



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

The 70-year-old UK-based molecular biologist is among six appointments made to the historic order by the late Queen Elizabeth II before her death in September and the first to be appointed by Charles. The Order of Merit is an exclusive mark of honour conferred by the British sovereign.

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



Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 108 feet tall bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru. The 'Statue of Prosperity' is made to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda who is the founder of Bengaluru.

The statue was conceptualized and sculpted by Ram V Sutar, who also curated the Statue of Unity. The 'Statue of Prosperity' is made with 98 tonnes of bronze and 120 tonnes of steel.

### India to host 3rd ministerial conference on counter financing of terrorism



Home Ministry is organising the third Ministerial Conference on Countering Financing of Terrorism - No Money for Terror. It will be held in New Delhi on 18th of November. The two-day conference aims to progress the discussions on combating terrorist financing held by the international community in the previous two Conferences in Paris and Melbourne.

The Conference intends to bring together representatives of 75 countries and international bodies for deliberations. It also intends to include discussions on technical, legal, regulatory and cooperation aspects of all facets of terrorism financing. The conference will also be focussed on global trends in terrorism and terrorist financing, emerging technologies and requisite international co-operation to address related challenges.

### PM Modi dedicates Ramagundam Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited to nation



Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that Bharat Urea will be the only brand of Urea that will be made available for farmers in the country. Addressing people, especially farmers after dedicating the Ramagundam Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL) to the nation, he said the price and quality will be pre-determined.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the RFCL and Bhadrachalam Road-Sathupally railway line project to the nation and laid the foundation stone for three highway expansion projects in the State.

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



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

In a statement, the Defence Ministry said, that Exercise Garuda-VII provided the two Air Forces with the opportunity for professional interaction and sharing of operational knowledge and experience.

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



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

Prasthan is conducted twice a year under the aegis of Headquarters, Western Naval Command. The exercise which is conducted every six months aims to integrate the efforts of all maritime stakeholders involved in offshore defense.

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

**THE EXPECTATIONS**  
Real GDP growth numbers in 2022 (%)

Revised forecast	Countries	Earlier
7.4	Saudi Arabia	7.2
7.0	<b>India</b>	<b>7.7</b>
1.8	United States	1.9
3.0	China	3.5
5.1	Indonesia	5.1
4.0	UK	3.0

Source: Moody's Investors Service

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

The agency expects India's growth to further decelerate to 4.8 per cent in 2023 and then to rise to around 6.4 per cent in 2024.

The rating agency said rupee weakening and high oil prices that have exerted upward pressure on inflation have resulted in downward revision to India's growth forecasts.

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



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

Direct Tax collection, net of refunds, stood at Rs 8.71 trillion, which is 25.71 per cent higher than the net collections year-on-year (YoY). According to the government, this collection is 61.31 per cent of the total Budget Estimates of Direct Taxes for FY23.

The Corporate Income Tax (CIT) gross revenue collections came in at 22.03 per cent, while that for Personal Income Tax (PIT) including STT, came at 40.64 per cent. After adjustment of refunds, the net growth in CIT collections was 24.51 per cent and that in PIT collections is 28.06 per cent (PIT only) 27 per cent (PIT including STT).

## Canada pension fund's Indian arm acquires Peripheral Expressway



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

The purchase of the Toll Operate Transfer (TOT) project from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is the largest road transaction under the government's asset monetisation programme this year.

The 135-km, six-lane express highway has been operational since 2018 and was designed to decongest Delhi of commercial traffic. It runs through Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, down the eastern side of the NCR.

## Asian Airgun Championship: India's Mehuli Ghosh bags Gold medal in Daegu, South Korea



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

The junior women's gold was bagged by Tilottama Sen who beat compatriot and qualification topper Nancy 17-11 in the 10-meter air rifle event.

In the youth women's event, India's Gautami Bhanot won Gold, Yukthi Rajendra Silver and Hazel won Bronze medals. The trio also won the youth team gold, beating Korea 16-6. The Indian youth team also bagged the gold, beating Korea 16-8.

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



International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the venue for Under-19 Men's and Women's T-20 World cup.

ICC said the 2024 Under -19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia.

The 2025 Under -19 women's T20 World Cup will be held in Malaysia and Thailand, and 2027 Under -19 women's event will be jointly hosted by Bangladesh and Nepal.