

### France starts sending gas directly to Germany



France has started sending gas directly to Germany for the first time. It comes as Berlin strives to diversify its energy supply following the interruption of Russian gas deliveries. GRTgaz said the gas pipeline connecting both countries at the French border village of Obergailbach has begun delivering an initial daily capacity of 31 gigawatt-hours.

The move comes as Germany and other European countries seek to diversify gas imports after Russia choked off the supplies of cheap natural gas that the continent depended on for years to run factories, generate electricity and heat homes. French President Emmanuel Macron announced last month that France and Germany agreed to an energy solidarity deal.

### World Sight Day 2022:13<sup>th</sup> October



World Sight Day is observed every year on the second Thursday of October to raise awareness about vision impairment, vision care and other issues related to eyes. This year, the day is being observed today i.e. on 13 October.

Continuing the theme of last year, the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) confirmed that this year's theme will also be "Love Your Eyes".

The first World Sight Day was celebrated on October 8, 1998. The "SightFirstCampaign" of Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) was initiated on this day.

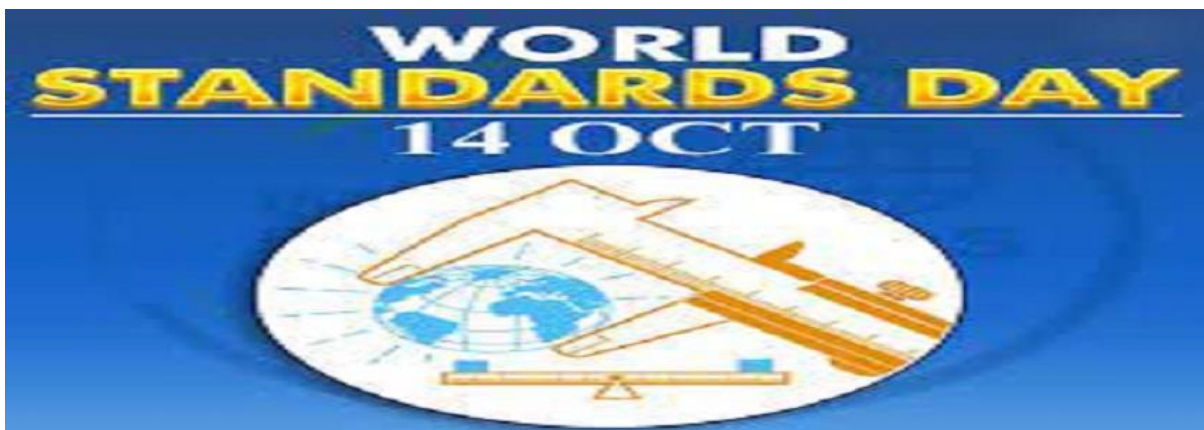
## International E-Waste Day: 14<sup>th</sup> October



Every year, International E-Waste Day is held on 14 October, an opportunity to reflect on the impacts of e-waste and the necessary actions to enhance circularity for e-products. International E-Waste Day was started in 2018 by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment recycling (WEEE) Forum to raise the public profile of waste electrical and electronic equipment recycling and encourage consumers to recycle.

International E-Waste Day (#ewasteday) 2022 will be focusing on small items of e-waste, under the slogan “Recycle it all, no matter how small!”.

## World Standards Day: 14<sup>th</sup> October



World Standards Day is marked every year on October 14 to raise awareness about the importance of using standardised measurements, technologies, and industries. e day is also used to commemorate the achievements of scientists for developing voluntary universal standards that can be used for various measurements.

The theme for World Standards Day 2022 is ‘Shared Vision for a Better World.’ The theme is part of the IEC, ISO and ITU multi-year campaign to increase understanding about how standardisation is important to achieve the United Nations’ sustainable development goals.

### Union Minister Bhupender Yadav chairs 70th Standing Committee meeting for National Board for Wildlife



Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired the 70th Standing Committee meeting for the National Board for Wildlife. The meeting deliberated on various policy matters related to wildlife conservation and protection of the Great Indian Bustard. During the meeting, State Government of Gujarat, Karnataka and Maharashtra have been requested to submit proposals for establishment of Conservation Breeding Centres for Great Indian Bustards in their respective states.

Considering the need for seamless mobile connectivity in nine tribal villages in Narmada and Vadodara districts of Gujarat and villages near Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttar Pradesh, the Standing Committee recommended construction of telecom towers and laying of Optical Fibre Cables.



## Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme Joint Statement extended till 2027



The Department of Biotechnology (DBT) is implementing a focused bilateral collaborative programme known as the Indo-US Vaccine Action Programme (VAP), jointly with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health (NIH), USA, since July 1987. The current five-year VAP Joint Statement has been extended till 2027.

Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale, the Secretary, DBT along with the Indian delegation comprising senior officials from DBT is visiting the USA for the 34th Meeting of the Joint Working Group (JWG) of VAP and other scientific consultations. The JWG provides oversight to VAP and comprises of Experts and the policy makers from India and US.

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



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

The Param Kamrupa, one of its kind supercomputers in the North East region, installed under the National Supercomputing Mission.

### Interest-free loans for 100K rural families of Rajasthan for non-agri work



As many as 100,000 families residing in rural areas of Rajasthan for the past five years will get interest-free loans for non-agricultural works in the year 2022-23.

The Rajasthan state government has set aside Rs 2,000 crore for the Rajasthan Rural Family Livelihood Loan Scheme. It will give an interest subsidy of Rs 100 crore for such kinds of loans, which will be provided by commercial banks (55,158, rural families) regional rural banks (36,741), the cooperative banks (5,949), and small finance banks (2,152).

The approved credit limit will be renewed every year. After the completion of one year, the beneficiary would get a fresh credit limit on depositing the outstanding amount in the account.

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



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

IMF's Deputy Director of Fiscal Affairs Department, Paolo Mauro said that while there is a lot to learn from countries across the globe, India's DBT scheme is quite impressive. Mauro said that the way DBT programme that seeks to help people who are at low-income levels reach hundreds of millions of people is a logistical marvel.

IMF's chief economist Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said that India has emerged as a bright light at a time when the world is facing imminent prospects of a recession.

## Karur Vysya Bank re-appoints KG Mohan as board member for 3 yrs

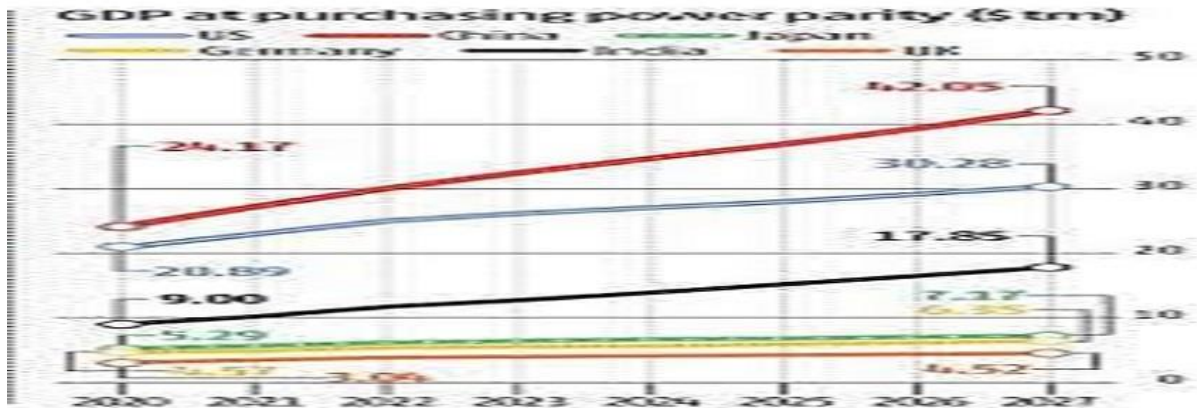


Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) has re-appointed non-executive independent director KG Mohan for three years on its board.

He was re-appointed by the board in its meeting on September 22, 2022, for the second term of three years with effect from October 12, 2022, as an additional director under the independent category.



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



India would become a \$3.47-trillion economy, while the UK's would be \$3.2 trillion in the current financial year (2022-23), according to the data provided by the IMF. By FY26, India's economy would be \$4.55 trillion, equal to the size of Germany's which was bigger than the former by over \$1 trillion in FY22, according to the International Monetary Fund's (IMF's) World Economic Outlook.

By 2026-27, India's economy would not be \$5 trillion as hoped by the finance ministry, but close enough. It would be \$4.94 trillion that year.

The following year, India's economy would hit the \$5.36-trillion mark, higher than Japan's at \$5.17 trillion. That year, India would become the third-largest economy.

## ISSF World Championship: India bags bronze medal in Shooting



India began their ISSF World Championship campaign with a bronze in the women's 25m pistol team junior competition in Cairo, Egypt.

The trio of Esha Singh, Naamya Kapoor, and Vibhuti Bhatia demolished team Germany 17-1 in the bronze medal match to get India on the medal tally on day one of the competition.

### Asia Cup women's cricket: India beat Thailand to enter finals



In Asia Cup women's cricket, India advanced into finals with a comfortable win over Thailand in the first semifinal match played at Sylhet in Bangladesh. This is the eighth time when India secured a place in the Asia Cup's final.

Put in to bat first, India scored 148 runs in 20 overs with the help of Shafali Verma's 42 and Harmanpreet Kaur's 36 runs. Chasing a target of 149 runs set by India, Thailand could manage only 74 runs for the loss of 9 wickets in the stipulated 20 overs.

India will take on Sri Lanka in the final of Asia Cup women's cricket at Sylhet International Cricket Stadium in Bangladesh.