

### 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. She also served as a youth minister in Berlusconi's 2008-2011 government before founding the Brothers of Italy in 2012.

### 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. The measure, which contains more than 400 articles, was approved by 66.9% to 33.1%, the president of the National Electoral Council. The code would allow surrogate pregnancies, broader rights for grandparents in regard to grandchildren, protection of the elderly and measures against gender violence.

### President Vladimir Putin grants Russian citizenship to former US security contractor Edward Snowden



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. Snowden, a former contractor with the US National Security Agency, has been living in Russia since 2013 to escape prosecution in the US after leaking classified documents detailing government surveillance programs. He was granted permanent residency in 2020 and said at the time that he planned to apply for Russian citizenship, without renouncing his US citizenship.

### Iran arrests more than 1,200 as protests rage



Iran has arrested more than 1,200 protesters in its lethal crackdown on 10 nights of unrest driven by outrage over the death of Kurdish woman Mahsa Amini in morality police custody. At least 41 people have been killed as Iran has heavily deployed security forces against nationwide demonstrations.

## Switzerland, voters accept government's pension reform plan



In Switzerland, voters accepted the government's pension reform plan by a narrow margin. The plan would raise the retirement age for women from 64 to 65. This brings it in line with the retirement age for men. According to the Swiss government figures, the pension system changes had won by 50.57 percent of the vote, with counting having been finalized in all cantons. According to the Economy Ministry, women received, on average, nearly 35 percent smaller pensions than men in 2020.

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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. It provides an opportunity to educate the public and their leaders about the real benefits of eliminating such weapons, and the social and economic costs of perpetuating them.



## World Tourism Day 2022: 'Rethinking Tourism'

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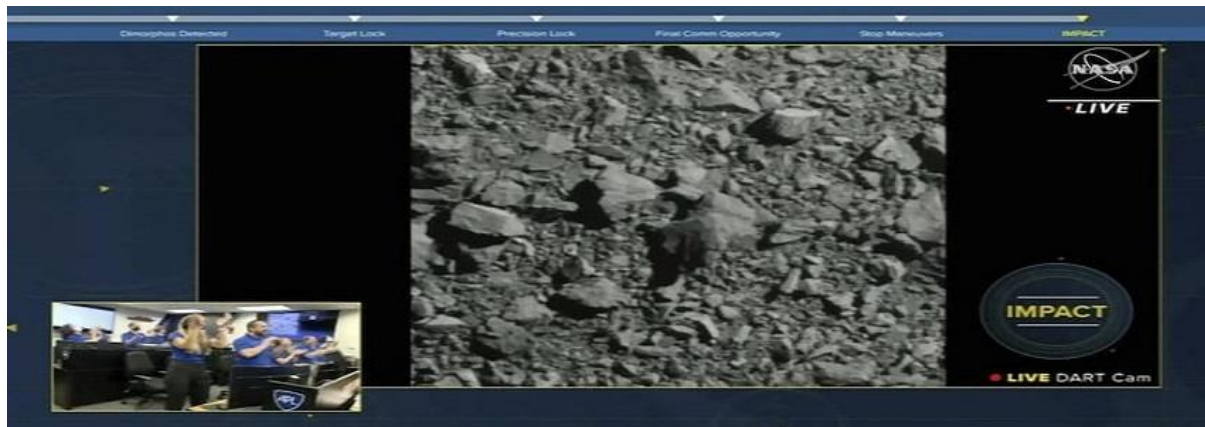
World Tourism Day is being observed on September 27. This day is celebrated every year to foster awareness among the international community on the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political and economic value. The theme for this year is 'Rethinking Tourism' and will be highlighting the tourism sector being recognized as an important pillar for development. Tourism helps provide employment to millions of people to an extent that few countries are completely dependent on the tourism sector for financial stability.

## South Korea, United States begin 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. The four-day exercise on South Korea's east coast will involve more than 20 vessels and an assortment of aircraft, which will conduct drills on anti-ship and anti-submarine warfare operations, tactical manoeuvres and other maritime operations.

## 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 at breakneck speed. The target was Dimorphos, a 160-metre-tall asteroid. DART slammed into the harmless asteroid 9.6 million kilometres away at 22,500 kilometres per hour. The DART mission intentionally crashed on an asteroid to test a unique defence technology. The crash is aimed at giving Earth a defence tool against future asteroids headed our way. The 325-million-dollar project was the first attempt to move a natural object in space but it will take days or perhaps weeks to assess how much the asteroid's path was altered.

## Centre launches competition for toys made out of waste



The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry launched a nationwide competition for individuals and groups to come up with ideas for making toys out of waste. The Ministry said in a statement that it was launching the 'Swachh Toycathon' in response to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "clarion call for making the toy industry environment-friendly".

Swachh Toycathon is a convergence between the National Action Plan for Toys (NAPT) 2020 and Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) 2.0. It seeks to explore solutions for use of waste in the manufacturing of toys. The competition is open to individuals and groups to bring forth innovation in toy designs using dry waste. It will focus on efficient designs that can be replicated at a larger scale. For the initiative, the Center for Creative Learning (IIT Gandhinagar) is the knowledge partner.



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



As many as 23 Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) in the country will come together for a mega fair on Research and Development (R&D) on October 14 and 15 with an aim to inculcate “innovation-driven” outlook and encourage development of affordable technologies in line with the “Make in India” and “Digital India” initiatives. The R&D fair called “Inventiv” is being organised as part of ‘Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav’ to commemorate 75 years of India’s Independence. Apart from creating awareness of research and innovation work by the IITs, the fair will provide an opportunity for universities to explore avenues for collaboration. The event would display 75 projects across 10 themes including defence and aerospace, healthcare, environment and sustainability, smart cities and infrastructure, robotics, sensors and actuators.

## **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. The Bench of Justice Debabrata Dash went on a marathon pronouncement of judgments, helping clear the backlog to a certain extent. A majority of the 32 cases listed for judgment were second appeals.

## France to hold education fairs next month in four big cities



France will host a series of education fairs in India called “Choose France Tour 2022” from October 11 to October 16 to attract students for higher education. The fairs will be held in Kochi, Bengaluru, Mumbai and New Delhi and representatives of 37 leading universities, Grandes Ecoles, and colleges will be participating. Students can get free counselling sessions and receive information regarding scholarships, visa opportunities and student life in France. French President Emmanuel Macron has set a target of welcoming 20,000 Indian students by 2025, a four-fold increase from the current levels.

## OBCs not on Central list can apply under EWS for Union government posts: DoPT



People belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC) communities in the State list but not in the Central list will be eligible to apply for posts and services of the Government of India under the EWS quota criteria, provided they fulfill all other requirements, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) has said in a list of FAQs it has put out on how to recruit under the 10% reservation provided for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).

## 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. In addition to the iPhone 14, the company has already been manufacturing iPhone SE, iPhone 12 and iPhone 13 models locally. The company though continues to import all the Pro models. Apart from the authorized resellers and ecommerce marketplaces, the iPhone 14 can be bought from the company's online store in India. Apple launched its online store in India in September 2020.

Three Apple contract manufacturers –Foxconn, Wistron and Pegatron – are making iPhones in India. All the three are selected under the production-linked incentive (PLI) for smartphone manufacturing. While Foxconn and Wistron have met the targets for FY 22 and are in the process of applying for the benefits, Pegatron has commenced production recently and will be seeking incentives for FY 23.

## 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. In its Economic Outlook for Asia Pacific, S&P said India's growth next year would get support from domestic demand recovery after the coronavirus pandemic.

Earlier this month, Fitch Ratings slashed the growth estimate to 7 per cent for the current fiscal from 7.8 per cent pegged earlier. India Ratings & Research, too, had reduced its projections to 6.9 per cent from 7 per cent earlier.





## 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.” HCL Tech also announced its new brand positioning of ‘Supercharging Progress’ and employee value proposition – ‘Find Your Spark’.

## 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. The exporters and industry bodies have strongly urged the government to extend the policy in view of volatile global economic scenario and geo-political situation. Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20 was unveiled in 2015. The policy provides a framework for increasing exports of goods and services keeping Make in India vision of Prime Minister in focus. It also emphasizes on improving the ease of doing business.

## 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 on Sunday.

## 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. The Americans, who led 11-7 entering the 12 final singles matches, improved to 12-1-1 in the all-time rivalry and have never lost on home soil.

With 10 of the world's 16 top-ranked players, the US team was a heavy favourite over a global side that lost British Open champion Cam Smith and several other top players who jumped from the PGA Tour to LIV Golf, making them ineligible.



## **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. Now, Kohli has 16,004 runs across T20I and ODI formats. These runs have come in 369 matches in white-ball cricket across 352 innings at an average of 55.95.

The first one to score 16,000 runs in white-ball cricket is legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar. Tendulkar played a total of 463 ODIs, scoring 18,426 runs at an average of 44.83. 49 centuries and 96 half-centuries came from his bat, with the best score of 200\*.