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PM SHRI Scheme

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced that 14,500 schools across the country will be developed and upgraded under PM Shree Yojana. The scheme was announced by the Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in June 2022.

More about prime

Important Point:

These schools will become the model schools of the country, which will be in line with the core spirit of the National Education Policy and will focus on innovative methods of teaching. These schools will be equipped with modern infrastructure which includes labs, smart classrooms, libraries, sports equipments, art rooms etc., which are inclusive and accessible. These schools will be taught water conservation, waste recycling, energy efficient infrastructure and organic lifestyle in the curriculum. will also be developed as green schools with the integration of At least one PM Shree School will be established in every block of the country. So that the children of common people can also get the opportunity of good education and they do not have to go far for studies. Under this scheme, one secondary and senior secondary school will also be added in each district of the country.

Assessment at all levels of the school will be based on conceptual understanding and application of knowledge in real life situations and will be competency based. These schools will not only aim at qualitative teaching, learning and cognitive development, but will also create holistic individuals equipped with key skills of the 21st century. These schools will be established on the lines of Kendriya Vidyalaya. At the same time, the campus and structure of government schools will be made beautiful, strong, attractive according to the need. The Central Government will bear the cost of PM Shri Schools.

However, the implementation and monitoring of this scheme will be the responsibility of the state government.

INS Vikrant: An indigenous initiative of India

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the first indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant to the nation. The Prime Minister also unveiled the new flag of the Indian Navy. This flag, replaced by the colonial era flag, is a symbol of the rich heritage of the Indian Navy. Built at the Cochin Shipyard, the construction of this aircraft carrier has cost Rs 20,000 crore. It has a large amount of indigenous equipment and machinery, which includes more than 100 MSMEs along with major industrial houses of the country. With the commissioning of Vikrant, India will have two operational aircraft carriers, which will strengthen the country's maritime security. According to the Indian Navy, the 262-metre-long carrier has a full displacement of around 45,000 tonnes which is much larger and more advanced than its predecessor. With Vikrant, India joins a select group of countries that have the unique capability to design and build aircraft carriers indigenously. IAC Vikrant has 14 decks with 2,300 coaches that can carry around 1,500 sea warriors. Now the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant (INS Ajay), the first indigenous warship built in 1960 and INS Nilgiri, the first indigenous light frigate built in 1968 Vikrant), India has registered an important milestone in the path of 'Self-reliant India' towards self-reliance. With a full displacement of 45,000 tonnes, Vikrant is the largest naval ship designed and built in India and with this feat the country joins the ranks of the United States, United Kingdom, France, Russia, Italy and China who have such capability. Although the induction of indigenization in the country is now at a mature stage, there still exists a huge gap in the development of critical technologies, hi-tech components, weapons and advanced manufacturing processes.



It is imperative to identify relevant demand-side functional areas and technologies to fully harness indigenous efforts towards achieving sustainable self-reliance in state-of-the-art defense technologies.

The motto of INS Vikrant is "Jayama Sama Yudhi Competition". It is taken from Rigveda. It means "I defeat those who fight against me".

Importance of INS Vikrant from the point of view of maritime security of India:

Vikrant, which means Courageous, is named after India's first aircraft carrier, which was built by the UK. and was commissioned in the year 1961. The first INS Vikrant was a prominent symbol of national pride and played an important role in several military operations, including the Indo-Pak war of 1971, before decommissioning in 1997. India's first domestic aircraft carrier has been named after its illustrious predecessor. With its induction into the Navy, the aircraft carrier will establish the Indian Navy as a major maritime military force or 'Blue Water Force' with the capability to demonstrate its might in the distant seas.

This is particularly important in view of India's emergence as a 'net security provider' in the Indian Ocean region, where it competes with China, whose navy is focused on aircraft carriers, and the two aircraft carriers have been assigned to its military. has also joined the force. With the commissioning of INS Vikrant, India will now have two functional aircraft carriers (the other being 'INS Vikramaditya') which will strengthen the maritime security of the nation.

NATIONAL

Unveiling of the new ensign/flag of the Indian Navy



Recently the Prime Minister unveiled the new ensign/flag of the Indian Navy in Kochi to mark the launch of India's first aircraft carrier INS Vikrant. The ensign is the national flag displayed on ships and aircraft, often with a special insignia of a branch or unit of the armed forces. There was a long standing demand for a change in the Navy's flag.

-The original suggestion for change was given by Vice Admiral VEC. Barboza who had retired from the Navy as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Naval Command. The current flag is essentially the successor to the pre-independence flag of the Indian Navy, which had the Red George Cross on a white background with the Union Jack of the United Kingdom on the upper left corner.

-After independence, on August 15, 1947, the Indian Defense Forces continued with the British colonial flag and badge and on January 26, 1950, its appearance/design was changed. St. George's Cross has been removed in the new flag of the Indian Navy. Features the Indian Navy crest on a dark blue background enclosed in an octagon representing the royal seal of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

-The Prime Minister's Office had already issued a statement saying the new mark would be 'in line with the rich Indian maritime heritage far from the colonial past'. Since the independence of the country, the naval emblem has been changed four times. Now again this symbol or flag has been changed by Prime Minister Modi to get rid of the symbol of slavery mentality of colonial era.

World's largest religious monument to open in West Bengal.

Besides becoming the largest religious monument in the world, the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), will also have the world's largest dome. The Vedic Planetarium will take guests to different parts of the cosmic creation. The temple of the Vedic planetarium is in Nadia district in Mayapur, West Bengal and once completed, it will be bigger than the Taj Mahal and St Petersburg. After a delay of two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the temple will open in 2024. It will reportedly replace Cambodia's 400-acre large Angkor Wat temple complex as the

largest religious monument. The temple of the Vedic Planetarium is the vision of ISKCON founder Srila Prabhupada and is apparently inspired by the design of the Capitol building in the United States. In July 1976, Srila Prabhupada stated his preference for the exterior style of the temple.

National Nutrition Month 2022 begins



The Ministry of Women and Child Development is celebrating the 5th National Nutrition Month 2022 from 1st to 30th September, 2022. This year is being celebrated with the main focus on “Women and Health” and “Child and Education”. Special attention will be given to pregnant and lactating women, children below six years of age and adolescent girls during this month’s Poshan Maah.

Also, they will be made aware about the importance of nutrition through sensitization campaigns, outreach programs and camps. Awareness activities will be conducted at the Panchayat level by the concerned

District Panchayati Raj Officers, CDPOs, local authorities. This time a national level toy manufacturing workshop will also be organized to promote the use of indigenous and local toys for teaching children in Anganwadi centers.

Under this program the importance of rainwater harvesting will be emphasized among women at Anganwadi centers and also information related to traditional food items for healthy mother and child in tribal areas will be provided. Under the state level activities ‘Amma ki Rasoi’ of traditional nutritious dishes will also be operated. Also, extensive efforts will be made to integrate traditional food items with local festivals during Poshan Maah.

Indian Coast Guard conducts exercise SAREX 22

The Indian Coast Guard recently conducted its biennial National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX 22 off the Chennai coast. Representatives of many countries participated in this exercise. The objective of this exercise is to avoid accidents at sea and save lives by conducting rescue operations. During this, 24 observers from 16 countries participated in the

exercise organized under the theme 'Capacity Building Towards Maritime Security'. This was the 10th exercise conducted by the Coast Guard. During this exercise, new technology like remote controlled lifebuoy was demonstrated over the Bay of Bengal.

67th Filmfare Awards



The Best Indian Hindi Language Films of 2021 were awarded at the 67th Filmfare Awards ceremony presented by The Times Group. Films released in 2021 were honored at the 67th Filmfare Awards held at Jio World Center.

Best Film: Shershaah (Dharma Productions)

Best Director: Vishnuvardhan (Sher Shah)

Best Actor: Ranveer Singh (83) as Kapil Dev

Best Actress: Kriti Sanon as Mimi Rathore, Mimi

Best Supporting Actor: Pankaj Tripathi (mm)

Best Supporting Actress: Sai Tamhankar (mm)

World's largest floating solar power plant to be built in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh.



According to the recent announcement by the Ministry of Renewable Energy, the world's largest floating solar power plant is going to be built on the Omkareshwar dam of Narmada river in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh. The plant is expected to generate 600 MW of power by 2022-23 and is expected to cost over Rs 3000 crore. Khandwa will become the only district in the state to have all three components including solar, hydro and thermal with more than 4,000MW of power generation from a single district. Presently, India's largest floating solar power project is operational at Ramagundam in Telangana, which is being operated by NTPC.

Fortune Global 500 List: LIC included in the Fortune 500 list.



The recently listed Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) is included in the latest list of Fortune Global 500. At the same time, Reliance Industries has jumped 51 places in this list. At the same time, LIC is the largest insurance company in the country with revenue of \$ 97.26 billion and profit of \$ 553.8 million.

LIC has been ranked 98th in the recently released Fortune 500 list. This is LIC's first outing in the list, which ranks listed companies on the basis of sales. On the other hand, Reliance Industries jumped 51 places to 104th in the list of 2022. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) jumped 28 places to be ranked 142nd.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) climbed 16 places to 190. Two Tata group companies in this list are Tata Motors (ranked 370) and Tata Steel (ranked 435). Rajesh Exports is another private Indian company with 437th position in the list. State

Bank of India (SBI) climbed 17 places to 236th position and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited climbed 19 places to 295th position.

IOCL and Bangladesh sign MoU for emergency petroleum products supply



Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Roads and Highways in Dhaka for emergency transportation of petroleum products to the northeastern states of India through the territory of Bangladesh. The Indian High Commission in a tweet said that this is an interim setup to help in the immediate supply of petroleum products due to the damage caused by the floods in Assam this year. From Assam, the petroleum tankers will go to Tripura via Meghalaya and then through the territory of Bangladesh. As per the MoU, IOCL will bear all administrative charges and local taxes including road usage charges

for Bangladeshi territory and use of highways. Even a few years ago, transport fuel and other petroleum products were transported to the northeastern states via Bangladesh, when railway tracks and roads were badly damaged by heavy rains, floods and landslides.

Culture Ministry launches 'Badhe Chalo Abhiyan'



The Ministry of Culture has launched the 'Badhe Chalo Abhiyan' with an aim to connect with the youth of India and instil a deep sense of patriotism in them. By encouraging the youth of India to come forward to celebrate 75 years of India's independence, this campaign is designed to engage the youth of India. The objective of this campaign is to bring and connect youth and people from all parts of India on one platform. The 'Badhe Chalo' campaign will feature flash dance, where dancers will perform on the "Youth Anthem". The anthem has

been written and composed on the theme of 'Badhe Chalo'. This song encourages people to come forward and hoist the tricolor in their homes. The aim of the ministry is to spread the message and spirit of Amrit Mahotsav through these flash dances. The 'Badhe Chalo' campaign is being run daily in 10 cities from August 5 to August 10, 2022. The grand finale of this campaign will take place on 12 August 2022 at the Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi.

PM to dedicate 2G ethanol plant to the nation at Panipat on August 10.



On the occasion of World Biofuel Day, the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi will dedicate the second generation (2G) ethanol plant at Panipat, Haryana to the nation through video conferencing on August 10, 2022. The move to dedicate this plant to the nation is part of a long

series of steps taken by the government over the years to promote the production and use of biofuels in the country. This move is in line with the Prime Minister's continued efforts to make the energy sector more affordable, accessible, efficient and sustainable. This 2G ethanol plant has been constructed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) at an estimated cost of over Rs 900 crore and is located near Panipat Refinery. Based on state-of-the-art indigenous technology, the project will open a new chapter in India's efforts to make money from waste by using about two lakh tonnes of rice straw annually to produce about 30 million liters of ethanol annually.

Indian Army organizes exercise 'Skylight'



Indian Army recently conducted "Skylight Mega-Exercise" to enhance its space domain capabilities. This

was the first large-scale exercise of its kind. The Skylight exercise was aimed at testing the operational readiness of satellite communication assets and training the personnel manning these assets.

Skylight Mega Exercise was a pan-India exercise, involving Lakshadweep and Andaman Islands. It also covered the highlands of India's northern borders where the Indian Army had activated all satellite communication assets from July 25-29, 2022. During this exercise, several technical and operational scenarios in the space sector were explained. The exercise saw the participation of ISRO and other agencies responsible for space and ground sectors.

- More than 280 platforms were tested in field formation. Indian Army uses the services of several satellites by ISRO. These satellites are used to connect a variety of communication terminals, including transportable vehicle mounted terminals, stationary terminals, small form factors, etc.

Three years of 'One Nation, One Card' scheme completed.



The 'One Nation, One Card' scheme has now been implemented across the country. In this, Assam is the latest state to join in June 2022. ONORC was launched on August 1, 2019 as a pilot project in four states. It has completed three years. Under the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme, people covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA 2013) can now get subsidized food grains anywhere in the country. Even if the ration card is from another state, the poor will get the benefit of this scheme. This system will enable all NFSA beneficiaries, especially migrant beneficiaries, to get the whole or part of their entitlement food grains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country through existing ration cards with biometric/Aadhaar authentication. allows.

Nitish Kumar takes oath as Chief Minister of Bihar and Tejashwi

Yadav takes oath as Deputy Chief Minister

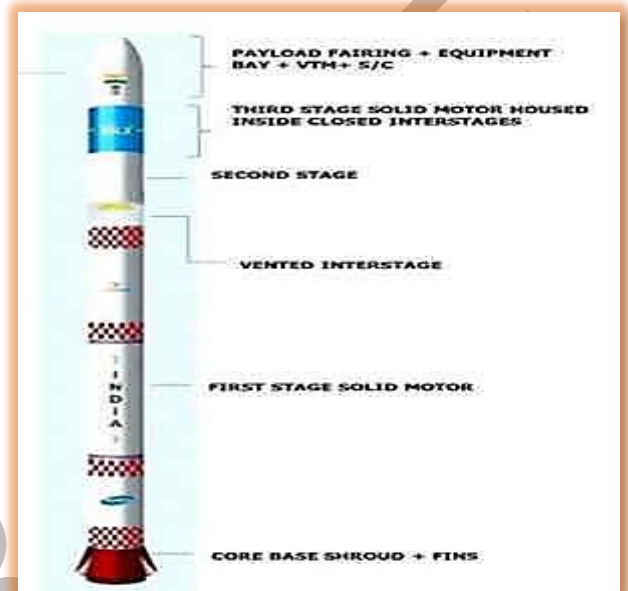


Nitish Kumar, the leader of Janata Dal United, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Bihar for the eighth time. Governor Fagu Chauhan administered the oath of office to him in a simple ceremony at the Raj Bhavan in Patna. Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav also took oath as the Deputy Chief Minister for the second time. Congress, Hindustani Awam Morcha and Left parties have extended support to the Grand Alliance government in Bihar. Before resigning, Nitish Kumar announced his separation from the NDA and staked claim to form a new government with the support of 164 MLAs. These include Rashtriya Janata Dal, Congress, Left Party and Hindustani Awam Morcha.

Election Commission to organize virtual meeting of Asian Regional Forum in New Delhi.

The Election Commission will organize a virtual meeting of the Asian Regional Forum in New Delhi. The meeting is being organized on the theme of making elections inclusive, accessible and participatory. This meeting of the forum will be followed by the Global Summit for Democracy next month. The conference will be organized by the National Electoral Institute of Mexico. The purpose of global summits and regional forum meetings is to foster synergy between international organizations and the world's electoral bodies and to promote intellectual and institutional solidarity to strengthen electoral democracy in the world. Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar and Election Commissioner Anoop Chandra Pandey will preside over the meeting of the Asian Regional Forum. The meeting will be attended by representatives of the election management bodies of Mexico, Mauritius, Philippines, Nepal, Uzbekistan and Maldives. Representatives from the World Association of Election Bodies and the International Electoral System Establishment will also attend the meeting.

ISRO launched the first flight of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)



The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) had launched the first flight of the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) carrying the earth observation satellite EOS-02 and the student-built satellite AzadiSAT. However, the mission failed to place the satellites in their designated orbits and the satellites which had already separated from the launch vehicle lost contact.

-The Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) is a three-stage launch vehicle configured as a terminal stage with three solid propulsion stages and a liquid propulsion-based Velocity Trimming Module (VTM). SSLV

is 2 meters in diameter and 34 meters in length, with a weight of about 120 tonnes.

–500 km from SSLV Satish Dhawan Space Center (SDSC). It is capable of launching 500 kilograms of satellites in a flat orbital plane of altitude. The first EOS-2 earth-observing satellite, it is an earth observation satellite designed and implemented by ISRO. This Microsat satellite series provides advanced optical remote sensing operating in the infra-red band with high spatial resolution.

–The second, AzadiSat student satellite, is an 8U CubeSat which weighs about 8 kg. It carries 75 different payloads weighing about 50 grams and carries out femto-experiments. It carried small experiments that could measure ionizing radiation in its orbit, and a transponder that worked at ham radio frequencies to enable operators to access it. Guidance was provided for manufacturing these payloads to girl students from rural areas across the country. The payload has been integrated by a team of students from “Space Kids India”.

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announces 100% NEP implementation in higher education.

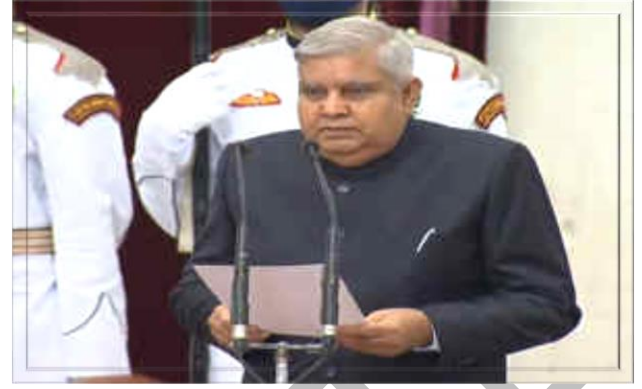
Goa Chief Minister, Pramod Sawant has announced that the state government will implement the National Education Policy (NEP) for complete curriculum in higher education institutions on the lines of the National Education Policy (NEP). The implementation of NEP has started from college to university level. From the next academic year, 100% of the curriculum in higher education institutions will be online with NEP. Sawant also talked about the skill of manpower. He confirmed that Goa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with around 35 industry associations in the state which will work on skill development. The Chief Minister also mentioned the requirement of two lakh manpower in the hospitality industry in the next five years. The manpower will be trained by the government.

Federal Bank becomes first bank to list payment gateway on new tax platform.



Kerala-based Federal Bank has become the first bank to list its 'Payment Gateway' platform on the Income Tax Department's TIN 2.0 platform. 'Payment Gateway' is an application through which online payment process becomes easy. The Tin 2.0 platform was launched from July 1 this year. It provides yet another payment option to the taxpayers through 'Payment Gateway', which enables them to make payments through credit/debit cards, UPI, NEFT/RTGS and internet banking.

Jagdeep Dhankhar takes oath as the Vice President of India.



President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to newly elected Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar took over as the fourteenth Vice President of India and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, former President Ram Nath Kovind, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and several Union ministers were present at the Rashtrapati Bhavan on the occasion. Shri Dhankhar was elected Vice President on 6 August. He got 74.03.6 percent of the vote. He defeated the opposition candidate Margaret Alva. Mr Dhankhar was appointed as the Governor of West Bengal in 2019. He resigned from the post of Governor on 17 July after the National Democratic Alliance-NDA declared the Vice Presidential candidate.

Union Cabinet approves continuation of Pradhan Mantri Shahari Awas Yojana till 31st December, 2024



The Union Cabinet has given its approval to continue the Housing for All Mission under the Pradhan Mantri Shahari Awas Yojana till December 31, 2024. Under the scheme, financial assistance is being provided to complete more than one hundred and 22 lakh houses approved by 31st March this year. This scheme to provide pucca houses to all the eligible beneficiaries in the urban areas of the country is one of the major schemes of the Central Government. States and Union Territories had requested for continuation of this scheme.

Youth Dialogue 'India@2047'

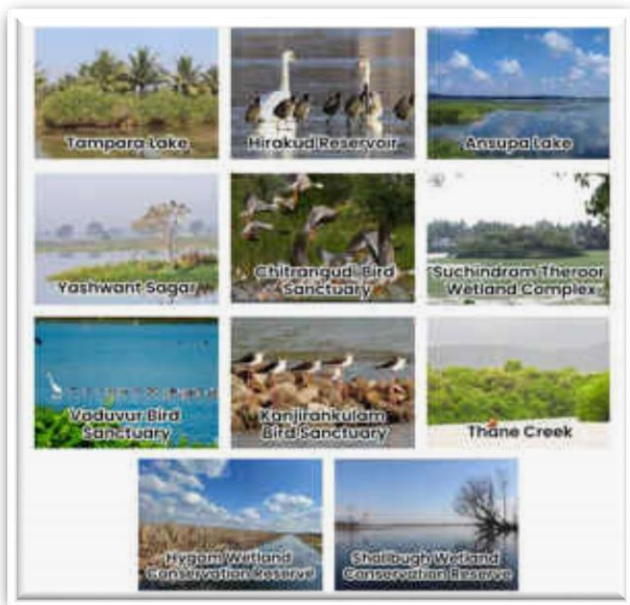
August has been allotted to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. -The program will provide an opportunity to the participating youth to express their views on



The Union Minister for Education & Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Shri Anurag Thakur, addressed Yuva Samvad India @ 2047 in New Delhi on July 12, 2022. About 400 youth including National Youth Award winners and youth representatives are participating in this program. They were sent to various countries by the Ministry of Youth Affairs to represent India as International Youth Representatives. -India, under the inspiration and guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is celebrating the Amrit Festival of Azadi on the occasion of 75 years of Independence, a glorious history of people and achievements. As a part of this festival, a week (Iconic Week) from 8th to 14th various issues of national and international importance. This year, on 15 August 2022, 75 years of the country's independence will be completed. On March 12, 2021, 75

weeks before the completion of 75 years of independence, the Central Government had launched the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence which will run till August 15, 2023.

India adds 11 more wetland areas to the list of Ramsar sites on 75 years of Independence



India has added 11 more wetland areas to the list of Ramsar sites on 75 years of independence. With this the number of these places has gone up to

75. These areas are spread over 13 lakh 26 thousand 677 hectares of land in the country. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has said that out of the 11 new sites added, four are in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu and Kashmir and one each in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. The inclusion of these sites in Ramsar sites will help in their maintenance and better utilization of the resources located here. India was one of the signatories to the Ramsar Convention in the 1971 conference in Ramsar, Iran. India signed it on 1 February 1982. From 1982 to 2013, 26 wetlands were included in the Ramsar sites. Between 2014 and 2022, 49 new sites have been added in the country. Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of 14 Ramsar sites. It is followed by Uttar Pradesh, where there are 10 Ramsar sites. Brief description of 11 wetlands designated as Ramsar sites:

WETLAND NAME	STATE
Tampara Lake	Odisha
Hirakund Reservoir	Odisha

Anshupa Lake	Odisha
Yashwant Sagar	Madhya Pradesh
Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary	Tamilnadu
Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex	Tamilnadu
Vaduvloor Bird Sanctuary	Tamilnadu
Kanjirakulam Bird Sanctuary	Tamilnadu
Thane Creek	Maharashtra
Highgham Wetland Conservation Reserve	Jammu & Kashmir
Shalbug Wetland Conservation Reserve	Jammu & Kashmir

Patriots Day celebrated in Manipur

Patriots Day was celebrated all over Manipur on August 13 in the memory of the heroes who laid down their lives in the war between the British and the people of Manipur in Manipur. This program was also organized in those areas outside the state where

the people of Manipur live. Manipur Governor La Ganesan and Chief Minister N Biren Singh participated in the state level function. Tributes were paid to the martyrs of Manipur at Bir Tikendrajit Park in Imphal. On August 13, 1891, Prince Bir Tikendrajit of Manipur and General

Thangal were hanged by the British on this day. Patriots' Day is celebrated every year on this day.

Microsoft joins India's ONDC platform

Recently, Microsoft joined the government's Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) with the aim of introducing social e-commerce in the Indian market. Microsoft is the first major technology company to tie up with the government for the ONDC platform. As a part of social e-commerce, Microsoft also plans to launch a shopping app in India. This app will allow buyers to search for the best price offered by sellers and retailers. This app will be made available on the ONDC platform. It will enable buyers and sellers to connect without relying on any e-commerce solution

Fifth Elephant Reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu



Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin expressed happiness that the state has got its fifth elephant reserve at Agasthyamalai in Tirunelveli district and said mammals play an important role in balancing the forest ecosystem. Responding to Union Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav's announcement of accepting the Tamil Nadu Forest Department's proposal to notify an area of 1,197.48 sq km as an elephant reserve, the Chief Minister said, "On World Elephant Day 2022, I am happy that Tamil Nadu has found its 5th elephant sanctuary at Agathiyamalai in Tirunelveli district. The region is located at the southernmost tip of the Western Ghats and extends across Kerala and Tamil Nadu and covers an area of 3,500 sq km. The Agasthyamalai Biosphere Reserve is 3,500.36 sq km in area. The area situated in Kerala is 1,828 sq km, and the area situated in Tamil Nadu is 1672.36 sq km.

Space Kidz India unfurled the Indian flag in the sky 30 km above the earth.



Space Kids India hoisted the Indian tricolor in the sky about thirty kilometers above the earth on the occasion of Independence Day. The national flag was hoisted on the balloon at a height of more than one lakh six thousand feet above the earth. The event was organized as a part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Space Kids India is contributing towards producing young scientists in the country. This organization recently launched a satellite in low earth orbit in connection with the 75th anniversary of the country's independence. This satellite named Azadi-SAT was developed by seven hundred and fifty girl students. More than five crore tricolor selfies have been uploaded on the Har Ghar Tiranga website. The

central government had recently announced the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan'.

Announcement of 107 Gallantry Medals for personnel of Army and Central Armed Police Forces.



President Draupadi Murmu has approved one hundred and seven gallantry awards for the Armed Forces on the occasion of Independence Day. These include 3 Kirti Chakras, 13 Shaurya Chakras, 2 Bar-Sena Medals, 81 Sena Medals, one Navy Medal and seven Vayu Sena Medals.

Mention-in-Dispatch(42) 40 for the Indian Army, 1 for the Indian Air Force and the other for Army Dog Axle (posthumous) in recognition of his significant contribution to military operations such as Operation Tirket and Operation Snow Leopard also approved by the President.

Naik Devendra Pratap Singh was awarded Kirti Chakra from the Army for his courage and dedication in

eliminating two hardcore terrorists in Pulwama. Kirti Chakra was posthumously awarded to Constable Sudip Sarkar and BSF Sub-Inspector Paotinsat Guite for their bravery off the battlefield.

8 Army personnel including two posthumously were awarded the Shaurya Chakra. It was also presented to a personnel of the Indian Navy. Out of the 8 Shaurya Chakra winners, 2 are from the Para Special Forces while the rest are from the Rashtriya Rifles in the Kashmir Valley. All gallantry awards were given for conducting anti-terrorism and anti-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir.

Army, Reserve Bank and Prime Minister are India's most trusted institutions: Survey.



According to a survey by Ipsos India, the defense forces, RBI and the Prime Minister of India are the three most trusted institutions in the country. At the same time, the Supreme Court has been placed at the fourth place

and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) at the fifth place. Defense forces are ranked first with at least two thirds of the vote. After this, about 50 percent of the people have put their trust in the Reserve Bank of India in the second place. According to this survey conducted by Ipsos India, the Prime Minister of India ranks third as an institution which is trusted by 49 percent of citizens. Whereas Parliament (33 percent) is ranked seventh, media (32 percent) in eighth place and Election Commission of India (31 percent) in ninth place.

President's Police Medal to 1082 personnel.

On the occasion of Independence Day 2022, 1082 police personnel received "Police Medal". Of these, 347 personnel received Police Medal for Gallantry, 87 Police Medal for Distinguished Service, while 648 personnel received Police Medal for Meritorious Service. This year, 109 CRPF jawans and 108 police personnel from Jammu and Kashmir have received the Police Medal for Gallantry. Besides him, 7 personnel received the President's Reform Service Medal for Distinguished Service, while 38 personnel received the Reform Service Medal for Meritorious Service. The President's Police Medal is awarded

to members of law enforcement in India. The award was instituted on March 1, 1951. It was initially called the "President's Police and Fire Service Medal". It is given for gallantry or distinguished service. Police medals for gallantry are given high priority. It is presented annually on Republic Day and Independence Day.

Arunachal's third airport named 'Doni Polo Airport'



The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in the state capital Itanagar, has been named "Doni Polo Airport" by the Arunachal Pradesh administration. According to a representative from the Chief Minister's Office, the state cabinet in its meeting adopted "Doni Polo Airport" as the airport's name. The meeting was presided over by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu. Doni Polo Airport has been developed by AAI at an estimated cost of Rs 645 crore. The airport can

accommodate 200 passengers during peak hours. It has eight check-in counters. Once operational, it will be the first airport in the state with a runway of 2,300 meters, suitable for landing and take-off of the Boeing 747, one of the largest passenger aircraft.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of Veer Durgadas Rathod.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of "Veer Durgadas Rathod" on his 385th birth anniversary in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The Defense Minister while paying a heartfelt tribute to Veer Durgadas Rathod on the occasion described him as a symbol of social harmony, honesty, bravery and devotion. He said that people irrespective of caste or religion should take inspiration from Veer Durgadas Rathod, who strived for peace and harmony against divisive elements in the society.

After the death of Maharaja Jaswant Singh in the 17th century, Veer Durgadas Rathore single-handedly maintained the rule of the Rathore dynasty over Marwar (Jodhpur). Durga Das Rathod (13 August 1638 - 22 November 1718) is credited with maintaining the Rathore dynasty in Marwar after the death of Jaswant Singh in the 17th century. To do this

he challenged the Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. His father Askaran Rathod was a minister to Maharaja Jaswant Singh. He was given special military status. Mother's name was Netkanwar Bai. Durgadas was brought up in a village named Lunawa.

–Ujjain on 22 November 1718 on the banks of Shipra, Durgadas died at the age of 81, his umbrella in red stone still stands at Chakratirtha, Ujjain, a pilgrimage for all freedom fighters and Rajputs.

Arunachal Pradesh launches 'Medicine from the Sky' project



In Arunachal Pradesh, “Medicine from the Sky” was successfully unveiled on August 15, 2022. The first flight of the drone service was conducted from Seppa to Chiang Tajo in East Kameng district. The project is inspired by the Prime Minister's vision of transforming India into a drone hub of the world. In Arunachal Pradesh, the pilot project “Medicine

from the Sky Project” is being launched in collaboration with the World Economic Forum (WEF). The “Medicine from the Sky Project” is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). It is being implemented by Redwing Labs, a start-up based in Bengaluru. The project will provide a clear vision on operational issues, regulatory issues and financial viability. Based on this, the government will formulate a policy and take steps to adopt the emerging technology in a phased manner.

Indian Railway Protection Force launched “Operation Yatri Suraksha”



Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF) has launched a pan-India campaign known as Operation Yatri Suraksha. Under this initiative, several steps have been taken to provide round the clock security to the passengers. To give impetus to Operation Passenger

Safety, a month-long pan-India campaign against criminals targeting passengers was launched by RPF in July 2022. During the operation 365 suspects were apprehended by RPF personnel and handed over to the concerned GRP for legal action based on which 322 cases of passenger crime i.e. theft of passenger baggage, drugging, dacoity, chain snatching etc. were reported. During the course of investigation of these crimes, stolen property of passengers worth more than one crore rupees was recovered from them.

Goa is the country's first Har Ghar Jal State and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu the first Union Territory



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Goa has become the first state in the country to make Har Ghar water certified. Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu have also become the first Union Territories in the country to have certified water for Har Ghar. All the villages in this State and Union Territory have

declared themselves as Har Ghar Jal Gram through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha. All two lakh 63 thousand rural households of Goa and more than 85 thousand families of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu are now getting clean and safe drinking water through taps. Jal Jeevan Mission is the flagship scheme of the Central Government, in which the target has been kept to supply water through taps to all rural households of the country by 2024.

Union Minister Gadkari inaugurated the country's first E-Double Decker AC Bus



Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that ethics, economy, ecology and environment are the four important pillars of the country. Shri Gadkari said this at the inauguration of India's first E-Double Decker AC Bus in Mumbai. Switch Mobility Limited, a subsidiary of Ashok Leyland, has manufactured

this bus. It is known as Switch Electric Vehicle-22. The bus is equipped with latest technology, state-of-the-art design, comfortable and high safety equipment.

PM Narendra Modi calls for taking 'Panch Prana' for a developed nation



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2022 called upon the people of India to take "Panch Prana" for a developed nation and aimed to fulfill the dreams of freedom fighters by the year 2047, the 100th year of India's independence.

Addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the 75th **Independence Day**, the Prime Minister talked about the five pledges that the country needs to focus on for the next 25 years. For the coming 25 years, we have to concentrate our energy on those Panch Pranas. The year 2047, when there will be 100 years of independence, will have to take up the responsibility of

fulfilling all the dreams of the freedom fighters.

First life goal: To move forward with great resolve and determination of a developed India.

Second life goal: to eradicate all traces of slavery. Even if we see little things of slavery inside or around us, we have to get rid of it.

Third life goal: We should be proud of our heritage.

Fourth life goal: unity and solidarity. Unity is the strength for our dreams of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Fifth life goal: Duty of citizens, in this the Prime Minister is not out, the President is not out and the Chief Minister is not there.

Wholesale inflation dips to 13.93 per cent in July.



Inflation based on wholesale prices came down to 13.93 per cent in July

on softening prices of food articles and manufactured products. Inflation based on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) was at a record high of 15.18 per cent in the previous month and 15.88 per cent in May. It was 11.57 per cent in July last year.

WPI inflation showed a declining trend since the second month of July. Earlier, it was in double digits for the 16th consecutive month since April last year. Inflation in food articles declined to 10.77 per cent in July from 14.39 per cent in June. Vegetable prices have come down to 18.25 per cent in July from 56.75 per cent in the previous month. Inflation in fuel and power stood at 43.75 per cent in July as against 40.38 per cent in the previous month. Inflation in manufactured products and oilseeds stood at negative 8.16 per cent and 4.06 per cent, respectively. The Reserve Bank of India controls inflation mainly through monetary policy.

17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2023 will be held in Indore in the month of January.



The 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held in Indore in January next year. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Arindam Bagchi gave this information in a tweet message. He informed that Secretary, Embassy, Passport and Visa Division Ausaf Sayeed and Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Iqbal Singh Bains signed the MoU to host the event. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was also present on the occasion.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is celebrated on 9 January every year to underline the contribution of Indian diaspora in the development of the country. On this day in the year 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned home from South Africa.

Celebration of Pravasi Diwas was started from the year 2003 but in the year 2015 it was modified and it was decided to celebrate it every two years. It was then a theme-based conference held each year during the interim period.

- PBD conference is held once in every two years. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2021: The 16th PBD conference was held virtually in New Delhi. The theme of which was "Contribution to Self-reliant India".

Mandla becomes India's first 'functionally literate' district



The tribal-dominated Mandla district of Madhya Pradesh has become the first "functionally literate" district in India. During the 2011 survey, the literacy rate in Mandla district was 68%. Another 2020 report highlighted that, in this district, more than 2.25 lakh people were not literate, most of them tribals from forest areas.

-The tribals were often complaining to the authorities about the money laundering they were facing. The main reason for this was that the tribals were not functionally literate. In order to make people functionally literate, a big campaign was launched on Independence Day 2020 in collaboration with the Department of

School Education, Anganwadi and Social Workers, Department of Women and Child Development to educate women and senior citizens.

With this campaign, the entire district has turned into a functionally literate district within two years. Mandla is the first district in India to reach this point, where everyone is able to write, read and count their names.

Parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of Lok Sabha to attend 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Halifax, Canada.



Parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will participate in the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPA) in Halifax, Canada. The conference will start from tomorrow and will continue till August 26. 23 presiding officers and 16 secretaries of state legislatures of the country will also participate in the conference. Many MPs including Sunita Duggal, Neeraj Shekhar, Santosh Kumar, Dr.

Kanimozhi, NVN Somu will participate in the conference. Eight workshops on various subjects will be organized during this period. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will also interact with counterparts of other Commonwealth countries during this period. Mr Birla will also interact with the business community and overseas Indians.

Launch of 'Aqua Bazaar' in "Matsya Setu" mobile app.



The Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying launched the online market place feature "Aqua Bazaar" in "MatsyaSetu" mobile app during the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) meeting on August 19, 2022. This app has been developed by Indian Agricultural Research Institute and Central Freshwater Livelihood Research Institute (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, with financial assistance from National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad

through Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). have provided.

The online marketplace will help fish farmers and stakeholders to get the services required for fisheries, inputs such as fish seeds, feed and medicines. The objective of this marketplace is to connect various stakeholders involved in the aquaculture sector.

Reliable information in terms of availability of quality input material at the right place and at the right time is very important for the success and development of freshwater aquaculture in the country. To solve these problems, ICAR-CIFA and NFDB have developed this digital platform to bring all the stakeholders on a single platform. Through this platform, any registered seller can list his/her input material.

Axis Bank signs MoU with Food Corporation of India.



Axis Bank has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) for “Ultima Salary Package”. Ultima Salary Package is best in class salary account and with this agreement, all the employees of Food Corporation of India will get special benefits and facilities. With this agreement, the Bank reiterates its commitment to provide holistic banking services to the employees of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs).

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first indigenous Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune



Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched India's first indigenous hydrogen fuel cell bus developed by KPIT-CSIR in Pune. The bus, developed by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and

private firm KPIT Limited, was showcased in Pune.

Dr. Jitendra Singh explained that fuel cell uses hydrogen and air to generate electricity to power the bus and the bus carries only water hence it is probably the most eco-friendly mode of transport.

Comparatively, a diesel bus plying on long-distance routes typically emits 100 tonnes of CO annually and there are over one million such buses in India. He said that the operating cost of hydrogen fuel cell trucks is less as compared to trucks running on diesel and this can revolutionize freight movement in the country.

Jitendra Singh says, about 12-14 percent of CO₂ emissions are from diesel-powered heavy vehicles. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles provide an excellent means to eliminate on-road emissions in this area.

India's first portal related to drug traffickers launched.

A first-of-its-kind portal has been launched for various central and state agencies tasked with enforcing anti-drug laws in the country. Through this portal, any agency can get the history, personal information of the offender, fingerprints and details of court cases related to drug trafficking from any part of the country. 'NIDAN' or 'National

Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-Offenders' has been developed by Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). This is part of the Narcotics Coordination Mechanism (NCORD) portal which was launched by Home Minister Amit Shah in Chandigarh on July 30. Diagnostics takes data from ICJS (Inter-operable Criminal Justice System) and 'e-Prison' register and plans to link it to the Crime and Criminal Monitoring Network System or CCTNS.

Union Government has given GI tag to Mithila Makhana.



The Central Government has given GI tag to Mithila Makhana. With this, the growers will get maximum value of Makhana product. This decision will benefit more than five lakh farmers of Mithila region of Bihar. If a product gets GI tag, no person or company can sell similar material under the same name. This tag is

valid for ten years and can be renewed later. Other benefits of GI registration include legal protection to that material, prevention of unauthorized use and promotion of exports.

More than one lakh villages in the country become ODF Plus.



More than one lakh villages of the country have declared themselves as ODF Plus. The Ministry of Jal Shakti has said that these villages have consistently maintained their level of open defecation free. They have put in place systems for solid and liquid waste management. These villages are working towards making themselves more clean, green and healthy. Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh are the five major states where maximum villages have been declared ODF Plus. Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the Swachh Bharat Mission eight years ago. Its

goal was to make the villages of the country open defecation free. According to the ministry, the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin has further strengthened the government's commitment to improving the quality of life of citizens and to health and sanitation.

Inauguration of Exhibition named Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi.

The Union Minister of State for Textiles, Darshana Jardosh inaugurated the exhibition named Silk Mark Expo in New Delhi. The exhibition was organized by the Central Silk Board under the Ministry of Textiles. It will be in place till August 28. Referring to the finest silk products in the exhibition, the Minister of State for Textiles said that the weavers, especially the women artisans, have put in their best efforts to create garments made of pure silk, which will appeal to the consumers from all over the country. The aim of organizing the Silk Mark Expo exhibition is to maintain the value chain of all the stakeholders along with the silk consumers. This time 39 exhibitors from 12 states are participating in the exhibition.

10th National Conference of Women Police begins in Shimla.



The 10th National Conference of Women Police is starting in Shimla. More than two hundred women police officers and personnel will participate in this two-day meeting. It is organized by the Ministry of Home Affairs and Bureau of Police Research and Development in collaboration with Himachal Police. Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai will inaugurate the conference. The main objective of the meeting is to increase the leadership capacity of women police officers and to deliberate on their problems and challenges. The new role and responsibilities of women police in the context of changing technology and modes of crime will also be considered. State Director General of Police Sanjay Kundu said that at present the strength of women personnel in Himachal Police Force is 13 per cent and women quota in police has been increased to 25 per cent.

India nominates Garba dance for inclusion in UNESCO cultural list



India has nominated Garba dance for inclusion in the cultural list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – UNESCO. UNESCO Director Eric Fault has said that India has now designated Garba for 2022 after Durga Puja was included last year in UNESCO's Invisible Cultural Heritage. He also said that the next meeting of UNESCO would be held in November and hoped that Garba, another beautiful dance related to the Indian festival, would be included in UNESCO's Invisible Cultural Heritage List. India was elected in July to the 2003 Inter-Governmental Committee on Invisible Cultural Heritage Protection. India was elected by 110 votes in a committee of 155 countries.

Home Minister Amit Shah chairs 23rd meeting of Central Zonal Council in Bhopal



Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 23rd meeting of the Central Zonal Council in Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami attended the meeting, while Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended the meeting on a virtual basis due to inclement weather. The Home Minister also inaugurated Police Residence and Administrative Buildings in Madhya Pradesh. He also laid the foundation stone of Bhopal Campus of National Forensic Science University. Shri Amit Shah also addressed two conferences in Bhopal on New Education Policy and Role of Cooperative Societies in Agricultural Marketing.

The country's bio-economy will be \$ 150 billion by 2025 - Dr Jitendra Singh



Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has said that the country's bio-economy will grow from \$70 billion to \$150 billion by the year 2025. He said that this achievement can be achieved only with the active participation of all the stakeholders in the biotechnology sector. Dr. Singh said this during the announcement of 75 "Amrit" grants for the Biotech Initiative. Dr. Singh said that the biotechnology sector will be the main part of the developed economic condition of the country in the next 25 years.

Chandigarh airport will be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.



Recently Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala have collectively decided to name Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh. Earlier, the Punjab Assembly had passed a resolution to name the airport as 'Shaheed-e-Azam Sardar Bhagat Singh International Airport, Mohali' but Haryana opposed it as it was named after Mohali. Bhagat Singh was an Indian revolutionary and a folk hero of the freedom movement, who took part in revolutionary activities against the British at a young age. He was later hanged at the age of 23. Bhagat Singh and his associate Shivram Rajguru shot John Saunders, a British police officer, in December 1928. Subsequently, Bhagat Singh (aged 23) was convicted and hanged on March 23, 1931.

Super Vasuki, the longest freight train of Indian Railways.



On the occasion of 75 years of independence of India, Amrit Mahotsav is being celebrated in the country. On this occasion, Indian Railways has made it memorable by conducting trial run of longest goods train. Indian Railways has named it Super Vasuki Train. The railway was operated by South Eastern Central Railway. The 3.5 km long Super Vasuki goods train with 295 coaches traveled between Korba in Chhattisgarh to Rajnandgaon in Nagpur carrying 27000 tonnes of coal on 15 August. Indian Railways has reported that it took about four minutes for Super Vasuki to pass through a station during this journey. According to the Railways, Super Vasuki has been prepared by combining five normal freight trains. A 3000 MW power plant can be run throughout the day with as much coal as can be carried in Super Vasuki at a time. This is almost three times more than the current freight train capacity of the Railways.

Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addresses India Healthy Festival.



Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya while addressing the Bharat Swasth Mahotsav said, “The award goes to the winner, the honor goes to those who live for the country.” Union Minister of State for Health Dr. Bharti Praveen Pawar was also present on the occasion. The event was organized to celebrate the achievements and contributions of 'Padma Award' winning doctors in the healthcare sector in India since independence. Health Secretary Shri Rajesh Bhushan, National Health Authority of India, Dr. RS Sharma, CEO, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare were also present on the occasion. The Padma Doctors Congregation has been created to recognize, celebrate and honor the Padma Doctors, the healthcare change maker, for their exemplary contribution to the healthcare landscape in post-independence India.

Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) to manufacture AK-203 assault rifles in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh



Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL), a joint venture between India and Russia, will manufacture 6.1 lakh AK-203 assault rifles at a cost of over Rs 5,000 crore in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh. Training of Indian workers of this factory will start soon and the manufacturing process will reach 100% indigenization level in three years. The AK-203 assault rifles will replace the INSAS assault rifles made in India and the old AK-47. Do-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) was set up jointly between the then Ordnance Factory Board of India OFB [now Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL)] and Munitions India Limited (MIL)] and Rosoboronexport (RoE) and Kalashnikov of Russia. was done sporadically.

India and Russia signed an agreement worth Rs 5,124 crore in December 2021. This is the biggest defense deal between the two countries in recent years. The deal also has a provision for complete technology transfer. Also rifles will be exported to friendly countries. Kalashnikov has already supplied 70,000 Russian-made rifles under a large order for AK-203 assault rifles.

Supreme Court upheld section 3(2) of the Benami Transactions Prevention Act as unconstitutional



The Supreme Court struck down the provision of the Prevention of Benami Transactions Act, 1988, which provided for a maximum punishment of three years of imprisonment and fine, or both, to a person found indulging in benami transactions. The top court held this provision unconstitutional on the ground that it was clearly arbitrary. A bench of Chief Justice

NV Ramana and Justices CT Ravikumar and Hima Kohli observed that the court held Section 3(2) of the Prevention of Benami Transactions Act 1988 as unconstitutional.

India to buy six TU-160 long-range bombers from Russia.



India is planning to buy Tu-160 bomber from Russia to increase its strategic power. This bomber is so dangerous that America was upset with its first flight. The top speed of Tupolev Tu-160 is 2220 kmph. This aircraft is capable of flying with a total weight of 110000 kg. Its wingspan is 56 meters. The first flight of the Tu-160 was conducted on 16 December 1981. The Russian army currently has 17 Tu-160 strategic bombers, which are being upgraded. Russia removed this bomber from active service in the year 1995. The

reason given at that time was that the operating cost of this bomber is very high, which Russia cannot afford. However, in 2015, the Tu-160 was upgraded and put into service again in view of the dwindling fleet of Russian strategic bombers.

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan to attend the 4th G20 Education Working Group and Education Ministers' Meeting in Bali

The Union Education Minister will participate in the 'G-20 Fourth Education Working Group and Education Ministers' Meeting' to be held in Bali, Indonesia. During this he will share India's best initiatives towards creating a more empowered, inclusive, equitable and better future through education. He will also participate in bilateral meetings with his counterparts from G-20 member countries and highlight the priority topics set by India for the next 'G-20 Education Working Group and Education Ministers' Meeting' to be chaired by India. Will keep The G-20 is an informal grouping of 19 countries and the European Union (EU), established in 1999 with representatives from the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. G-20 member countries include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, the European Union,

France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Republic of Korea, Turkey, the United Kingdom and United States is included. India, as a founding member of the G-20, has used this forum to raise important issues affecting disadvantaged people around the world.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicates India's first earthquake memorial to the nation in Kutch

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated India's first earthquake memorial Smriti Van to the nation in Bhuj, Gujarat. Smriti Van is a unique monument in which the names of more than 12,000 people who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake in January 2001 are inscribed. This monument is spread over 470 acres of land and is built on top of Bhujio hill. An earthquake simulator has been installed in the monument which will provide the real experience of earthquake to the visitors. Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually dedicated the "Veer Balak Memorial" built in Anjar city to pay tribute to the 1,85 children and 20 teachers who were buried alive in the rubble during this deadly earthquake. Shri Modi also inaugurated various projects costing more than Rs.4000 crore. These include the Regional

Science Center at Madhapar near Bhuj, the Narmada branch canal up to Mandvi, the solar powered dairy plant at Chandrani and the Babasaheb Ambedkar Convention Center in Gandhidham. He also laid the foundation stone of the Bhimsar-Anjar-Bhuj four-lane highway project with an investment of Rs 1,373 crore.

Justice Uday Umesh Lalit sworn in as the 49th Chief Justice of the country



Justice Uday Umesh Lalit was sworn in as the Chief Justice of India. President Draupadi Murmu administered the oath to him as the 49th Chief Justice of the country at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Justice U U Lalit has replaced Justice NV Ramana. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other Union Ministers were present on the occasion. Justice U U Lalit's term will continue till November 8 this year. Justice U U

Lalit was appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court in August 2014. He is the second Chief Justice after Justice Shri SM Sikri, who was made a Judge of the Supreme Court directly from the Bar. Shri Sikri became the 13th Chief Justice of the country in 1971. Justice Lalit was a member of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee for two terms. Born on 9 November 1957 in Sholapur, Maharashtra, Justice Lalit had joined the Maharashtra and Goa Bar Council as an advocate in June 1983.

Anang Tal in Delhi declared as National Monument.

A gazette notification has been issued to declare Anang Tal, located near Qutub Minar in Mehrauli, National Capital Territory of Delhi, as a national monument. Expressing happiness over this, Anant Vijay, head of the National Monument Authority, said that it is a proud moment for the people of Delhi. He has also thanked the Modi government. Anant Vijay said that when we visited Qutub Minar in November 2019, we came to know how historic Anang Tal is. It is a sign of Anang Pal Tomar, the founder and great emperor of Delhi and should have national importance. I am very happy if the Government of India has issued a gazette notification.

Modi world's most popular leader : The Morning Consult.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again been elected as the world's most popular leader. According to a survey by American data intelligence firm 'The Morning Consult', Prime Minister Narendra Modi has surpassed leaders of 22 countries of the world, including US President Joe Biden and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, in the approval rating. PM Modi's approval rating is 75%. He has remained at the top of this rating for the last two consecutive years. In this list, US President Biden is at number 11 with a rating of 41%. Last time he was at number six. At the same time, British PM Boris Johnson slipped from 10th to 20th place this time. Second in the report was Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who was voted by 63% of the people. At the same time, at number three is the Prime Minister of Australia, Anthony Albanese, who was liked by 58% of the people. The survey was conducted from August 17 to August 23 this year.

One Nation One Fertilizer Scheme: All types of fertilizers will be sold under the same brand name 'Bharat'



One Nation One Fertilizer scheme is going to be implemented in the country from October 2, 2022. Under this scheme all types of fertilizers will be sold in India under the same brand name 'Bharat'. Also, the government has changed the name of the fertilizer subsidy scheme to Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna (PMBJP). After the implementation of this scheme, Bharat Urea, Bharat DAP, Bharat MOP and Bharat NPK will be available in the market under single brand names like Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK etc. It has been said in this plan that private and public sector companies will have to name their products as India and the bag will also have the logo of the Prime Minister's Indian Fertilizer Project (Pradhanmantri Bhartiya Janurvarak Pariyojna - PMBJP). This new brand name and logo, along with the subsidy title, will be on two-thirds of the printable area

on the bag, while one-third will be used for fertilizer companies' details and its emblem as well as other information as per the regulations.

Feel free to make payments through UPI in UK too, NIPL ties up with PayXpert



NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) has tied up with UK-based payments solutions provider PayXpert. NIPL is actually a wholly owned subsidiary of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), which has developed the world's largest real time payment solution - Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and RuPay card scheme. NPCI has said that after this tie-up with PayXpert, the Indian payment solution will be available at all UK stores with PayXpert Android Point of Sale devices. Initially, Indians will be able to make payments in the UK through a UPI-based QR code. Later this facility will also be available to RuPay card holders.

UPI is considered to be one of the most successful Real-time Payment (RTP) systems in the world. In 2021, through this, \$ 940 billion (39 billion transactions) was done, which

is 31 percent of India's gross domestic product (GDP). RuPay is a domestically developed global card payment network. So far 700 crore RuPay cards have been issued.

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75th anniversary of India-Egypt diplomatic relations.



Egypt released a postage stamp to commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations with India. Diplomatic relations between India and Egypt began when Egypt recognized India's independence on 18 August 1947, three days after India's independence. The two countries became even closer in the 1950s, resulting in a historic friendship treaty in 1955. Egypt is one of the largest investment destinations for India in the region with current

Indian investments of \$3.15 billion. In addition, there are 50 Indian companies operating in Egypt, making a total investment of \$3.15 billion and creating 38,000 jobs. They are in the clothing, agriculture, chemical, energy, automotive and retail sectors.

South Korea breaks world's record for lowest fertility rate.



South Korea has again broken its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate. According to census data, the fertility rate of this country declined to 0.81 in 2021.

Experts predict that the fertility rate will drop further this year. Fertility rates have been declining since the 1970s. The fertility rate at that time was 4.53. It declined sharply after the year 2000. In the year 2018, the fertility rate was less than one percent. After six consecutive years of decline, the fertility rate declined to just 0.81 in 2021. This year it may come down to 0.8. The fertility rate in America is 1.66 and in Japan is 1.37. Fertility rate is the average number of children born to a woman during the reproductive year. According to the report of the fifth round of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) released a few months ago in India, the total fertility rate in the country has come down from 2.2 to 2.0. This shows significant progress in population control measures.

Bangladesh-origin painter and story writer Fahmida Azeem selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize.



Bangladesh-born illustrator and story writer Fahmida Azeem, who works for the US-based online magazine 'Insider', has been selected for the 2022 Pulitzer Prize. He is being given this award for the category of Illustrated, Interpretive Reporting and Commentary. Fahmida Azeem, including four Insider magazine reporters—Anthony Dale Col, Josh Adams and Walt Hickey—have been selected to work on the persecution of Uighurs in China. Fahmida Azim was born in Bangladesh and settled in America. His work focuses on themes of identity, culture and autonomy. His works have been published in many international magazines like NPR, Glamour, Scientific American, The Intercept, Vice, The New York Times. The Pulitzer Prize is America's highest award in the field of journalism, which began in 1917. Joseph Pulitzer had said in his will to start this award. Pulitzer is considered the most prestigious award in journalism not only in America but in the whole world.

UN General Assembly President Abdullah Shahid arrives in New Delhi on a two-day visit



Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra called on the President of the United Nations General Assembly, Abdullah Shahid, in New Delhi. Mr. Kwatra congratulated him for his visionary leadership in the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly. The two leaders also discussed further deepening of India's strong bilateral ties with Maldives. UN General Assembly President Abdullah Shahid arrived in New Delhi on a two-day visit to India. As Foreign Minister of Maldives, Mr. Shahid visited India in July last year. During the visit, he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Dr Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. India supported Mr. Shahid's candidature for the post of President of the United Nations General Assembly.

Queen Maxima of the Netherlands on a three-day visit to India.



President Draupadi Murmu discussed various aspects of India-Netherlands relations with Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands. Queen Maxima is on a three-day visit to India. The two leaders discussed the Universal Financial Inclusion Initiative. Queen Maxima appreciated the progress made in India in this direction over the years. President Draupadi Murmu said the 'water partnership' launched during the India-Netherlands virtual summit last year and progress have been made in bilateral ties.

Russia-China partnership in the Arctic



Recently the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) warned of Russian military build-up and Chinese interest in the Arctic region. According to various reports, China has deepened strategic partnership with Russia in the Arctic region. Russia has established a new Arctic command and opened hundreds of new and former Soviet-era Arctic military sites, including airfields and deep-water ports. Using the Arctic region as a test site for new bases, significant Russian military construction with new weapon systems and its most advanced weapons, including hypersonic missiles. China has declared itself a near-Arctic nation. China plans to build the world's largest icebreaker and is spending billions of dollars on energy, infrastructure and research projects in the Arctic's northern region.

Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad, top technology hubs in Asia-Pacific after Beijing

Bengaluru ranks second after Beijing in the list of top technology hubs in the Asia-Pacific region. This information has been given by property consultant Cushman & Wakefield. Cushman & Wakefield's

latest report titled 'Tech Cities: The Global Intersection of Talent and Real Estate' identifies technology markets based on 14 criteria related to real estate and business environment. According to the report, Beijing is followed by Bengaluru, Chennai, Hyderabad and Delhi as the top technology hubs in the Asia-Pacific region, the property consultant said in a statement. Bengaluru was the leader in India with 2,30,813 technology job creation during the last financial year. It was followed by Chennai (1,12,781 jobs), Hyderabad (1,03,032 jobs) and Delhi (89,996 jobs).

Vertical Launch Missile - VL-S. R. S. A. M. Successful trial.



Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and Indian Navy have launched Short Range Surface-to-Air Vertical Launch Missile - VL-S.

R. s. a. Successfully tested M. It was released from the Integrated Test Range off the Chandipur coast of Odisha. The missile is manufactured and developed by DRDO.

The Defense Ministry has said that it was tested from an Indian Navy ship to hit unmanned high-speed air targets, to demonstrate its vertical launch capability. Dr. D. O. Chairman Dr. Satheesh Reddy has congratulated the team members involved in this successful test.

He said that this test has proved the firepower of the weapon system. He said that they will further enhance the capability of the Indian Navy to engage in short-range strikes, including during high seas, so that it can hit various celestial targets.

India and UK have agreed to exchange information about the working of the arbitration and alternative dispute settlement mechanism in commercial courts.



India and the UK have agreed to exchange their experience and practices regarding the working of the Arbitration and Alternative Dispute Settlement Mechanism in commercial courts. The Ministry of Law and Justice said in a release that a comprehensive agreement was reached at the India-UK Joint Consultative Committee meeting.

The meeting was held in New Delhi on 18 August. It was also agreed to organize training and capacity building programs in reputed institutions for legal advisors, judicial officers, prosecutors and legal professionals. The Indian delegation was led by Dr. Nitin Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Law.

The Government of India and the UK signed a Memorandum of Understanding on July 10, 2018 to promote cooperation between the two countries in the field of law and justice. In the context of that MoU, a Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) has been set up to determine the future steps to be taken in the area of cooperation to meet the objectives. The third meeting of JCC was held in person on 18th August, 2022 in New Delhi.

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar inaugurates the newly constructed Indian Embassy building in Paraguay

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar inaugurated the newly constructed Indian Embassy building in the capital Asuncion during his official visit to Paraguay. Dr Jaishankar said that this is a symbol of the strong mutual ties and long-standing multilateral cooperation between India and Paraguay. Earlier, the External Affairs Minister unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Asuncion.

He paid tributes to the national heroes who contributed to the building of Paraguay and the martyrs who made sacrifices for the nation. During this, Dr Jaishankar met the President of Paraguay, Mario Abdo Benítez. He also had a meeting with Foreign Minister Julio Cesar Ariola there.

India and Paraguay recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations. This is the first visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to Paraguay.

India sent 21 thousand tonnes of chemical fertilizers to the troubled neighboring country Sri Lanka

India has handed over 21,000 tonnes of chemical fertilizers to the troubled neighboring country Sri Lanka. The High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka has formally handed over the consignment under special support to Sri Lanka. Earlier, India had supplied 44 thousand tonnes of material last month, which is worth about US \$ 4 billion. In a series of tweets, the Indian High Commission in Colombo has said that India will continue to contribute to fertilizer food security in the interest of Sri Lankan farmers. The High Commission has said that this reflects India's close relationship and mutual trust and goodwill for the people of Sri Lanka. India has been at the forefront of providing financial assistance to Sri Lanka as per their requirements and is one of the countries which has provided maximum assistance in times of need.

South Korea and the US begin their largest joint military exercise Ulchi Freedom Shield.



South Korea and the US have started their largest joint military exercise. Both countries have started this exercise with the resumption of field training. According to reports, the annual summer exercise has been renamed Ulchi Freedom Shield. This exercise will continue till the 1st of next month. For the first time in four years, the two armies are conducting this exercise to prepare to respond to an attack by North Korea. South Korea also launched a separate four-day Ulchi civil defense exercise. It has been organized to enhance the preparedness of the government for the first time since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic. The military and civilian exercises are aimed at improving preparedness to adapt to the changing modes of warfare, along with combating cyber threats at key facilities such as chip factories and supply chains.

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh on a three-day visit to Tashkent in Uzbekistan.



Defense Minister Rajnath Singh will be on a three-day visit to Tashkent in Uzbekistan to attend the Annual Meeting of Defense Ministers of the SCO. At the annual meeting, the member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization will discuss issues of defense cooperation. Shri Rajnath Singh will address the annual meeting.

During the visit, the Defense Minister will meet the Defense Minister of Uzbekistan, Lieutenant General Bakhodir Qurbano, a Defense Ministry statement said. Apart from this, he is also scheduled to have a meeting with the Defense Ministers of some other member countries of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in which issues of bilateral and mutual interest will be discussed.

During his stay in Tashkent, Shri Rajnath Singh will pay tribute at the

memorial of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri and will also meet the Indian diaspora in Uzbekistan.

External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar unveils bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Paraguay.



External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar unveiled the bust of Mahatma Gandhi at Asunción, Paraguay. He appreciated the decision of the Asanshion Municipality to place this statue at the main site of the city. Dr Jaishankar said in a tweet that this is an expression of our solidarity, which was expressed even more strongly during the Kovid epidemic. The foreign minister also visited the historic Casa-de-la Independencia, where Paraguayan's independence movement began two centuries ago. The External Affairs Minister said that this is a fitting testimony to our shared struggle and developing relationship.

BIMSTEC Secretary General Tenzin Lakphel to arrive in Delhi on a four-day official visit



BIMSTEC Secretary General Tenzin Lakfel will arrive in Delhi on a four-day official visit. He is visiting India at the invitation of Saurabh Kumar, Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Secretary-General Tenzin Lakfel will hold discussions with senior officials from India on how to take the BIMSTEC organization forward. India leads the security cooperation on the BIMSTEC platform which includes disaster management, maritime cooperation and energy security. The BIMSTEC leaders of seven countries had approved the BIMSTEC Charter during the 5th Summit held in Colombo on 30 March this year. The Secretary General of the BIMSTEC Group, Tenzin Lakphel, will be visiting India from 22 to 25 August. The BIMSTEC grouping includes

Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand.

India-China to participate in Vostok 2022 military exercise in Russia



China said that its troops will take part in the Vostok 2022 military exercise to be held in Russia later this month. Indian Army is also participating in this military exercise. China's Defense Ministry said in a press release that in accordance with the annual cooperation plan between the Chinese and Russian armies and agreed between the two sides, the 'Chinese People's Liberation Army' (PLA) is expected to participate in the military exercise to be held in the near future. Will send some soldiers to Russia. It said that India, Belarus, Tajikistan, Mongolia and other countries will also take part in the exercise.

Moscow Conference on International Security 2022 held



The Moscow Conference on International Security was held from August 15 to August 17, 2022. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the virtual plenary session on 16 August. In his address, the Defense Minister emphasized on bringing about comprehensive reforms in the structure of the United Nations. He said that the worrying shortfall in the UN system highlights its structural inadequacies.

The reform of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) is based on India's call for multilateralism. He said that, in order to provide leadership around the world, the UNSC should be transformed into a more representative organization for developing countries. He also highlighted the possible geopolitical fault-line in the maritime domain, particularly in East Asia.

With regard to the Indo-Pacific region, he said that India, being a central country to the Indian Ocean,

is committed to a free, open, inclusive and secure Indo-Pacific region.

Visit of Chief of Royal Malaysian Navy to India



Royal Malaysian Navy Chief Admiral Tan Sri Mohamed Reza bin Mohamed Sani is on an official visit to India from 16-19 August 2022 at the invitation of Admiral R Hari Kumar, Chief of the Indian Navy. Admiral Mohamed Reza met Navy Chief Admiral R Hari Kumar and discussed the progress of bilateral relations in the maritime domain. He was also briefed about the wide range of foreign cooperation activities being pursued by the Indian Navy.

The two military leaders identified a number of new avenues to further strengthen bilateral naval cooperation and also expressed their commitment to support for upholding the principle of collective responsibility for maritime security in the Indian Ocean region.

Admiral Mohammad Reza is a proud alumnus of INS Dronacharya, the premier Gunnery Training Establishment of the Indian Navy in Kochi, from where he graduated as an artillery specialist in 1990. The two navies have recently concluded the bilateral exercise Samudra Laxman on 22 May and Navy to Naval Staff Talks in June 22. Malaysian Navy Ship KD Lekiu and a high level delegation had earlier participated in 'Milan' organized by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam on 22 February.

India handed over Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lankan Navy.



India gifted Sri Lanka a Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft that will enable the island nation to tackle a range of challenges such as human and drug trafficking and other organized crimes in its waters. Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe was also present at the ceremony. The celebrations took place at a time

when India is celebrating its 76th Independence Day. Vice Admiral SN Ghormade, Vice Chief of the Indian Navy, along with Indian High Commissioner to Colombo Gopal Baglay handed over a maritime reconnaissance aircraft to the Sri Lanka Navy at a base of Sri Lanka Air Force at Katunayake near Colombo International Airport.

Vietnam and India bilateral military exercise Vinbax 2022 concluded at Chandimandir.



The bilateral military exercise WinBAX 2022 between Vietnam and India concluded at Chandimandir with an impressive display of Multi Agency Humanitarian Assistance in Disaster Relief (HADR) and equipment display showcasing the Make in India and Self-reliant India initiative. The exercise began on August 01 and focused on the deployment of Army engineer and medical teams to UN peacekeeping operations. What made

this exercise special and unique was that it was the first time that the Vietnam People's Army (VPA) was conducting a field training exercise with a foreign army. This thing highlights the importance of mutual relations between the two countries. The next edition of WinBacks will be held in Vietnam in 2023.

External Affairs Minister inaugurates 'Indian Embassy Residential Complex' in Bangkok



The External Affairs Minister of India inaugurated the 'Indian Embassy Residential Complex' along with the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Thailand in Bangkok on August 17, 2022. External Affairs Minister is on a visit to Thailand to participate in the 'Ninth Joint Commission' meeting of India-Thailand. Earlier, he also met the Prime Minister of Thailand and conveyed his best wishes. External Affairs Minister also visited M. Rald

Buddha Temple in Bangkok. The ninth meeting of the India and Thailand Joint Commission also concluded in Bangkok on 17 August. The meeting was jointly chaired by the Foreign Minister of India and the Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Thailand. In this meeting, discussions were held to further strengthen all bilateral ties. The two sides also discussed enhancing ties in political, economic, security as well as defence, connectivity and health areas and cooperation in ASEAN and BIMSTEC. During this, India and Thailand also shared views on the Indo-Pacific plan.

Ajit Doval holds meeting with his Russian counterpart Nikolai Petrushev in Moscow



National Security Advisor Ajit Doval held a meeting with his Russian counterpart Nikolai Petrushev in Moscow. The two advisors held talks on bilateral, regional and global

issues. The two sides discussed issues related to mutual cooperation in the field of security. Apart from this, talks were also held on regional and international agenda. In the last few months, India has increased the import of crude oil from Russia. Since April, India's oil imports from Russia have increased 50 times and it is about 10 percent of the total oil imports.

India and Thailand Joint Commission meeting held in Bangkok



The ninth meeting of the India and Thailand Joint Commission concluded in Bangkok today. Foreign Minister Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Thailand Don Pramudavinai jointly chaired the meeting. Dr Jaishankar said in a tweet message after the meeting that discussions were held to further strengthen all bilateral ties. The two sides also discussed enhancing relations in

areas such as political, economic, security as well as defence, connectivity and health. Dr Jaishankar also said that the two countries also exchanged views on Myanmar's situation as Myanmar's neighbours. He added that the two sides also discussed cooperation in ASEAN and BIMSTEC. Dr Jaishankar said that India and Thailand also shared views on the Indo-Pacific plan. The External Affairs Minister said in a tweet message that a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in health and broadcasting has been signed, which will enhance the relations between the two countries. Both the countries are celebrating 75 years of establishment of diplomatic relations. Dr. Jaishankar began his visit to Thailand with a meeting with the Indian community.

HAL signs MoU to open its office in Kuala Lumpur



Hindustan Aeronautics Limited–HAL has signed a Memorandum of Understanding

to open its office in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. Ajay Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Defense and BN Reddy, High Commissioner of India to Malaysia were present on the occasion. The opening of the office in Malaysia will enable HAL to meet the requirements of the Royal Malaysian Air Force in the development of Su-30MKM fighters and Hawk helicopters including the Light Combat Aircraft–Fighter Lead-in Trainer and enable the company to expand its business base. New opportunities will come. Along with this, HAL will also help fulfill India's promise to manufacture aircraft for Malaysia's defense forces and support the defense industry. The opening of the office in Kuala Lumpur will give HAL a market for equipment manufacturing and services not only in Malaysia, but also throughout South-East Asia. HAL had sent a proposal to this effect to the Ministry of Defense in October 2021 after it was awarded the contract to supply 18 Fleet Light Combat Aircraft to the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

President Joe Biden signs climate and health legislation in America.



US President Joe Biden has signed legislation on climate change and health care spending. The purpose of this law is to bring changes in the prices of medicines. According to reports, corporations will be taxed at least 15 per cent. According to the White House, the \$740 billion bill represents the largest commitment to combat climate change in the country's history. The government will invest about \$375 billion over a decade to tackle climate change. The White House has claimed that Biden's Inflation Reduction Act will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by about a billion tons in 2030.

UK becomes first country to approve Omicron vaccine



The United Kingdom has authorized the first ever COVID-19 vaccine for the Omicron variant. It is the first country to do so. Authorizing the vaccine would now pave the way for an autumn booster campaign using Moderna's two-strain shot. Conditional authorization for this vaccine was granted by the "Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Authority". It was also the first authority worldwide to have approved the original COVID-19 vaccine. It is authorized for use among people over the age of 18. Now the UK will focus its booster program on people over the age of 50 and who are highly vulnerable to the development of COVID.

WHO names monkeypox variant

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) has named variants of monkeypox virus. This was done to

avoid any cultural or social crime. The name of the monkeypox variant has been changed to “Clades I, IIa and IIb”. The phylogeny and nomenclature of known and new monkeypox virus variants or clades were reviewed by experts in pox virology and representatives from research institutions around the world. The former Congo Basin (Central African) clade has been renamed to Clade One (I), while the former West African clade has been renamed to Clade Two (II). Clade II also includes two subclasses. Monkeypox is a viral infection that appears a week or two after exposure to the virus. Common symptoms include fever, followed by rash with sores.

India–Oman joint military exercise Al Najaf IV



The joint military exercise conducted between India and Oman concluded at the Al Najaf IV Mahajan Field Firing Range. The exercise reached its culmination with a concluding

ceremony. This platoon level 13 days military exercise started on 1st August 2022. The objective of the exercise was to achieve interoperability and familiarize each other with operational procedures and combat exercises in a counter-terrorism environment under the mandate of the United Nations. Both the armies were able to achieve the stated objectives. The Indian contingent was from the 18th Battalion of the Mechanized Infantry Regiment and the Royal Army of Oman was represented by the Sultan of Oman Parachute Regiment.

ILO releases Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022 report



According to the report “Global Employment Trends for Youth 2022”, the rare unemployment among youth in the age group of 15–24 has reached 15.6% worldwide. This is three times the unemployment rate among adults. This report has been released by the International Labor Organization

(ILO) as part of a global call to action for “human-centred recovery from Covid-19 pandemic”. According to this report, the number of unemployed youth population has come down from 75 million in 2021 to 73 million in 2022. However, this number is still 6 million more than the number before the Covid-19 pandemic. The unemployment rate in Africa is 12.7%, lower than the global average of 14.9%. This figure highlights that young people have withdrawn from the labor markets. Schools were closed in India for 18 months. Of the 240 million school-going children, just 8% in rural areas and 23% in urban areas had access to online education. As a result, 92% of children on average have lost a basic ability in language. 82% of children have lost at least one basic ability in math.

India and Japan partnership on climate change.



The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has partnered with the Government of Japan and the United Nations Development Program on Climate Change (UNDP). He has launched an initiative to accelerate climate action in 10 states and union territories in India. This initiative will support Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to achieve net-zero emissions. The initiative will also ensure climate-resilient development.

This initiative will be launched in collaboration with IMD in the Ministry of Earth Sciences and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE). Following its launch, India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) has been approved by the Cabinet, which will be sent to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. They will promote climate mitigation by placing clean energy infrastructure and low-emission technologies in critical sectors such as health, transportation, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), and agriculture.

The initiative will also reveal resilient climate planning at the ground level through climate information flow systems in 30 gram

panchayats. It aims to promote green jobs and green entrepreneurship in sectors such as renewable energy by providing skills and training to over 2000 people. Japan has provided a climate grant of USD 5.16 million to UNDP India for this project.

China and Nepal give their consent for the Trans-Himalayan Network



China and Nepal have recently given their consent for the construction of "Trans-Himalayan Multi-Dimensional Connectivity Network". China will also provide a grant assistance of USD 118 million to Nepal to undertake several projects in 2022. Under this agreement, China will finance the feasibility study of the China-Nepal cross-border railway. Experts from China will go to Nepal to conduct a survey in 2022.

The Trans-Himalayan Multi-Dimensional Connectivity Network will be built under China's Belt and Road

Initiative. Under this, railway and communication network will be built. This network is also called "Trans-Himalayan Network". It is an economic corridor between Nepal and China under the Belt and Road Initiative. This network includes several transport infrastructure projects, one such project is the "China-Nepal Railway".

Indian Air Force contingent reaches Malaysia for joint exercise Udarshakti



The Indian Air Force contingent has reached Malaysia for the joint exercise Udarshakti with the Malaysian Air Force. The Indian contingent left the airport directly for its destination, the RMAF base in Kuantan. This is the first bilateral military exercise between the Indian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force. The Air Force will participate in this exercise with Sukhoi 30, MKI

and C-17 aircraft while the Malaysian Air Force will participate in the exercise with Sukhoi-30 MKM aircraft. During the four days, the Air Force of both the countries will conduct various types of warfare exercises in the air.

4th India-Bangladesh Annual Defense Dialogue held in New Delhi



The 4th India-Bangladesh Annual Defense Dialogue was co-chaired by Dr. Ajay Kumar, Defense Secretary, and Lieutenant General Walker-uz-Zaman, Principal Staff Officer, Bangladesh Armed Forces, in New Delhi. In the conversation, he reviewed the ongoing defense cooperation between the two countries and expressed satisfaction at the increasing cooperation despite the difficulties of the Kovid epidemic. Dr. Ajay Kumar also invited Bangladeshi delegation for the upcoming Def-Expo 2022 and said that there is great potential for

cooperation in defense trade, co-development and joint production between the two countries in the field of defense industry.

Padang, a site associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Singapore, declared as the 75th National Site



Padang, a site associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Singapore, was declared the 75th National Site. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from Padang gave the slogan of Delhi Chalo in July 1943. Singapore celebrated its 57th National Day on 9 August. The National Heritage Board of Singapore said in a release that due to its strong national, historical and social importance, Padang will henceforth be protected and will receive a high level of protection under the Sites Conservation Act. Notification has been issued for this. Padang has special significance

for the Indian community living in Singapore. Here the Indian soldiers had established their first camp. From this place, Netaji addressed thousands of soldiers of the Azad Hind Fauj several times and gave the slogan of 'Dilli Chalo'. After the war, Netaji established the Azad Hind Fauj Memorial in the south of Padang.

Joint exercise "Vajra Prahar, 2022" with US Special Forces begins in Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh



The 13th edition of the Indo-US Joint Special Forces Exercise "Vajra Prahar, 2022" began at Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh (Himachal Pradesh). The American contingent was represented by personnel from the First Special Forces Group (SFG) and Special Tactics Squadron (STS) of the US Special Forces, and the Indian contingent was formed by evacuating Special Forces led by the SFTS. The joint exercise of the series of Vajra Prahar is aimed at improving

interoperability as well as sharing of best practices and experiences in areas such as joint mission planning and operational strategies between the special forces of the two countries. India and the US have alternately hosted this annual exercise. Its 12th edition took place in October 2021 at Joint Base Lewis McCord, Washington (USA).

IDF World Dairy Summit 2022 to be held in New Delhi



The International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit (IDF WDS 2022), is scheduled to be held in New Delhi from 12 September. India would like to improve its milk productivity per animal by taking lessons from advanced countries. After two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2022 edition of the summit will be held in person from 12-15 September. According to the leaders of the dairy sector, this summit with the theme of "livelihood and nutrition" will be a significant achievement for the

country. Earlier, India had hosted the International Dairy Congress in 1974. It should be noted that India is the largest milk producing country in the world.

India to host special meeting of UNSC Counter Terrorism Committee

India will host diplomats from 15 countries of the United Nations Security Council on 29 October in a special meeting against terrorism. India's two-year term of non-permanent membership of the Security Council is set to end this December, when India will chair the powerful Security Council for this month. India is chairing the Anti-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council for 2022. The United Nations Security Council, the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), in collaboration with its Executive Directorate in India, has decided to hold a special meeting on the subject in view of the growing threat posed by the misuse of new and emerging technologies.

Sheikh Hasina on a 4-day visit to India from September 5



Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will be visiting India from 5 to 8 September. The Spokesperson in the Ministry of External Affairs, Arindam Bagchi, said in New Delhi today that the Prime Minister of Bangladesh will meet President Draupadi Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar. Mr. Bagchi informed that Ms. Hasina will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on issues of mutual interest. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar will also call on her. Smt. Hasina is also scheduled to visit Ajmer. Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is visiting India for the second time since October 2019. The Spokesperson said that the partnership between the two countries has been maintained at a high level in recent years. He said that the visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will further strengthen the historical, cultural, multifaceted ties based on mutual

trust and understanding between the two countries.

IMF agrees to provide additional assistance of \$ 2 billion 90 million to Sri Lanka



The International Monetary Fund has agreed to provide an additional \$2 billion to 900 million dollars over the next four years to deal with the severe economic crisis and corruption in Sri Lanka. The move was taken after weeks of talks between the International Monetary Fund and Sri Lankan officials. The International Monetary Fund Commission, headed by Peter Breuer and Masahiro Nozaki, was present in Sri Lanka from 24 August to 1 September. They discussed in detail the International Monetary Fund's aid to Sri Lanka and the administratively comprehensive economic reform programs. The International Monetary Fund said in a release that this facility will help

in re-establishing economic and debt stability in Sri Lanka.

Bloomberg Billionaires Index: Gautam Adani becomes world's third richest person



According to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, India's legendary billionaire and Adani Group owner Gautam Adani has become the third richest man in the world. He has overtaken French businessman Bernard Arnault. Adani currently has total assets of \$ 137.4 billion (about 11 lakh crores). Adani is followed by two US billionaires Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos, who are at number one and second place respectively.

India and UAE reiterate their commitment to achieve the target of USD 100 billion in bilateral trade



India and the UAE have reiterated their commitment to achieve the target of USD 100 billion of bilateral trade over the next five years. In the 14th meeting of the 14th India-UAE Joint Commission, the two countries also discussed the possibility of linking Tatkal payment platforms in any country through India's United Payments Interface.

The meeting was chaired by Foreign Minister Dr S Jaishankar and UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan yesterday in Abu Dhabi. Two MoUs were also signed on the occasion. Bilateral relations have strengthened in all areas in recent years.

Both sides are also strengthening their cooperation in new areas of renewable energy, start-ups and fintech. UAE is India's third largest trading partner. About 3.5 million Indians living in the UAE are playing a major role in its economic development.

External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar arrives in Dubai to co-chair the India-UAE Joint Commission meeting



External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar has reached UAE. He will co-chair the 14th meeting of the India-UAE Joint Commission. He will also participate in the India-UAE Special Dialogue with UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had visited Abu Dhabi in June this year and met the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Earlier, a virtual meeting was held between the two leaders in February this year, in which the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement was signed. Both the leaders had also participated in the I to You conference in July this year.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Goodwill Day: 20 August



Every year August 20 is celebrated as Sadbhavna Diwas. The day is celebrated to pay tribute to former

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and spread the spirit of goodwill. This year on 20 August 2022, we are celebrating the 78th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The Indian National Congress instituted the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Award in 1992, a year after his death. On this day close family members of Rajiv Gandhi, senior Congress party members pay tribute to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

- The Indian National Congress instituted the Rajiv Gandhi

Sadbhavana Award in 1992, a year after his death. Former Prime Minister of India, Rajiv Gandhi was born on 20 August 1944. Rajiv Gandhi was the youngest Prime Minister of the country. He became the Prime Minister at the age of 40.

His maternal grandfather was Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. Former Prime Minister of India Indira Gandhi was his mother. Rajiv Gandhi became the Prime Minister after the assassination of Indira Gandhi. As Prime Minister, he served the country from 1984–89.

Renewable Energy Day 2022: 20 August

Renewable Energy Day is celebrated every year on 20 August to raise awareness about the developments related to the adoption of renewable energy in India. Renewable Energy Day was established in 2004 with the goal of supporting renewable energy development programs and promoting their use instead of using conventional sources of energy. The first event of 2004 was held in New Delhi. In it, the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh released a commemorative postage stamp with 12,000 school children forming a human chain to promote the use of efficient and green energy sources among the masses.

15 August: Independence Day



Independence Day is celebrated in the country on 15th August every year. It is a proud day and very special for every Indian. India got independence on 15 August 1947 after the subjugation of the British. But let us tell you that the day of 15 August is not only special for India, which celebrates this day as Independence Day, but there are many other countries, where 15 August is celebrated as Independence Day.

Let us now have a look at those countries which got independence only on 15th August. The only similar public event celebrated by North and South Korea is called the 'National Liberation Day of Korea'. On 15 August 1945, US and Soviet forces ended the Japanese occupation of the Korean Peninsula. This day is also called Gwangbokjeol... which means Time of the Restoration of Light... ie the time of the return of light...

Bahrain declared its independence from the British on 15 August 1971. K utenstein... The sixth smallest

nation in the world celebrates its Independence Day on 15 August. On this day in 1866, Liechtenstein gained independence from German rule. Congo has celebrated National Day on 15 August since 1960. The country got complete independence from France only on 15 August after 80 years of subjugation.

World Water Week 2022: 23 August to 1 September.



World Water Week 2022 has been organized from 23 August to 1 September. World Water Week is an annual event organized by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) since 1991 to address concerns related to global water issues and international development. The theme of World Water Week 2022 is Seeing the unseen: The value of water.

Bangladesh National Mourning Day

Bangladesh observed National Mourning Day on 15 August. Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family

members were brutally murdered on 15 August 1975. Political leaders, social workers, students, dignitaries from foreign missions and the general public paid tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman across the country. India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Dorai Swamy paid tributes to the Father of the Nation of Bangladesh Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in the capital Dhaka. Shri Dorai Swamy in a tweet message said that Bangabandhu was always a hero to all Indians.

August 14: Memorial Day of Partition



Partition Vibhishika Memorial Day was celebrated on 14 August. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced on August 14, 2021 that August 14 will be celebrated as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. With the liberation from British rule, India was partitioned and Pakistan came into existence. The partition of India on the basis of religion was followed by incidents of violence on a large scale, due to which lakhs of people had to be displaced and innumerable

people died in the violence. In memory of the struggle and sacrifice of those people, it has been decided to celebrate 14th August as 'Bhajan Vibhishika Memorial Day'.

13 August: World Organ Donation Day

World Organ Donation Day is celebrated every year on 13 August across the world. It is celebrated with the aim of raising awareness about organ donation. Apart from this, "National Organ Donation Day" is celebrated every year on 27 November in India. The day is celebrated to dispel the myths surrounding organ donation. It wants to encourage people to donate their healthy organs after death as it will save more lives.

It aims to help people realize that many people lose their lives due to unavailability of healthy organs. Thus, voluntarily donating your healthy organs can change the lives of many people.

In 1953, the first temporarily successful transplant of a human kidney was performed by Jean Hamburger in Paris. Kidney was transplanted from the mother to a 16-year-old boy. However, the first long-term successful kidney transplant was performed in the US in 1954.

Ronald Lee Herrick donated a kidney to his twin brother Richard Herrick.

This successful transplant was performed by Dr. Joseph Murray. For this, the doctor received the "Nobel Prize for Physiology and Medicine" in 1990.

Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles celebrates 8th National Handloom Day in Manipur



Directorate of Handlooms and Textiles in Manipur celebrated the 8th National Handloom Day at the City Convention Center in Imphal. On this occasion, the State Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry, Nemcha Kipgen, launched the Cluster Development Program in Manipur. The Minister of State also distributed awards to outstanding handloom weavers and handicraft artisans for their contribution. Two lakh to four lakh forty thousand rupees were provided to the state and national award winners. Three Padma Shri awardees were also felicitated and presented with a cash prize of Rs one lakh each and a shawl.

Hiroshima Day 6 August



Hiroshima Day is observed every year on 6 August to promote the politics of peace and to raise awareness about the effects of the bombings on Hiroshima. The city of Hiroshima was attacked with a nuclear weapon, which immediately killed thousands on August 6, 1945. It was the first city to be attacked with an atomic bomb. The United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima on 6 August 1945 at around 8 am. As soon as the explosion happened, more than 80 thousand people died in one stroke. On the third day after the attack on Hiroshima, the second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki, Japan. On August 9, 1945, when America dropped the bomb on Nagasaki at 11 am, 40 thousand people fell asleep there in an instant. After suffering a nuclear threat, Japan resolved to use nuclear power peacefully and never to build an atomic bomb, but the nuclear race continues around the world.

August 8: Anniversary of Quit India Movement



Every year 8 August is celebrated in India as August Kranti Diwas, in which tribute is paid to the revolutionaries who sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle against the regime. Also the teachings given by the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi are remembered. On this day in 1942, the foundation of Quit India Movement launched by Mahatma Gandhi was laid.

Since independence, 8 August is known as Kranti Diwas and in Bombay where it was started by hoisting the flag, it is known as Kranti Maidan. When the British did not fulfill their promise to liberate India even after taking help from India in the Second World War and when the Cripps Mission (March 1942) also failed, on 8 August 1942, Mahatma Gandhi decided to end British rule. Called for and started Quit India Movement. The resolution for this movement was passed at the Bombay session of the All India Congress Committee on 8 August, which paved the way for a mass movement to

achieve independence. As the Quit India Movement was launched in the month of August, it is also known as August Movement or August Kranti.

– On 8 August 1942, as a harbinger of India's independence, the Quit India Movement was launched at the historic Gowalia Tank Maidan in Mumbai, now known as August Kranti Maidan.

Nagasaki Day: August 09



Nagasaki Day is celebrated on 9 August every year. On 9 August 1945, the US dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki, Japan. The bomb was code-named "Fat Man" because of its wide, round shape. According to one figure, about one lakh forty thousand people were killed in this. Let us tell you that on August 6, the US dropped a uranium bomb named 'Little Boy' on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, in which about 20,000 soldiers and 70,000 civilians were killed.

10 August: World Biofuel Day



Every year 10 August is observed as World Biofuel Day with an aim to create awareness about the importance of non-fossil fuels as an alternative to conventional fossil fuels. It is being celebrated by the Union Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas since 2015. They are eco-friendly fuels derived from renewable bio-mass resources. The use of biofuels will address global concerns about the reduction of carbon emissions. Being environmentally friendly, they provide a strategic advantage for promoting sustainable development. They complement conventional energy sources to meet the rapidly growing demand for transportation fuels. Use of biofuels can reduce import dependence on crude oil, clean environment, additional income to farmers and employment generation in rural areas. The biofuel program is in sync with Make in India, Swachh Bharat and central government initiatives to increase farmers' income. The theme for World Biofuel Day 2022 is 'Promoting the use of

biofuels over conventional energy resources’.

12 August: International Youth Day



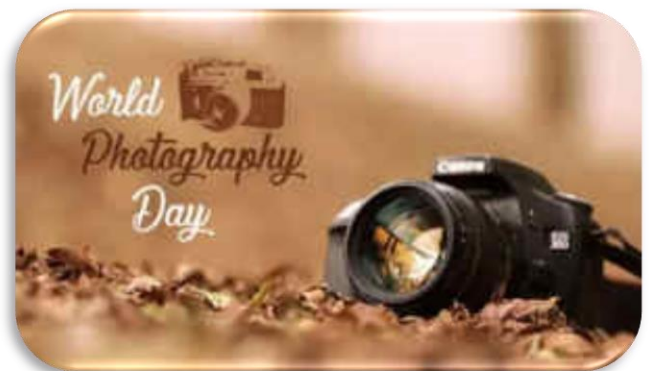
International Youth Day is celebrated every year on 12 August in honor of the contribution of youth in the development of society. The purpose of celebrating this day is also to raise voice against the injustice done to the youth across the world. Youth are not only the leaders of tomorrow but they are also making a big difference in the society even today. According to the United Nations, the purpose of International Youth Day is to spread the message widely that all generations need to work to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Its purpose is also to ensure that no person is left behind in the race for development. This year, the day is being observed under the theme “Intergenerational solidarity: Creating a world for all ages”. The

practice of discrimination on the basis of age of a person is called ageism or ageism. This is also the theme of International Youth Day.

The United Nations General Assembly began actively working in 1965 to educate and inspire youth. The Sangh had accepted the declaration of the value of peace, respect for others and promotion of intellectual understanding.

August 19: World Photography Day



Every year World Photography Day is celebrated across the world on 19 August. This time World Photography Day 2022 is being celebrated under the theme “Pandemic Lockdown through the lens”. The day is celebrated annually and focuses on the art, craft and science of photography. The day celebrates how a photograph captures the essence, emotion and mood of the times. It is an annual event, which is celebrated all over the world. It is a celebration of the history of arts, crafts, science and photography. Today, photography has become a growing medium for people

all over the world to express and appreciate. It creates memories to cherish and see again.

August 19: World Humanitarian Day

World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on 19 August to pay tribute to those who risked their lives in humanitarian service across the world. It was declared by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2008 by passing resolution A/63/L.49. It was sponsored by Sweden and passed by UNGA. Since 2009, the day has been observed annually by the humanitarian community around the world to ensure the safety of humanitarian aid workers and the well-being, survival and dignity of those affected by the crisis. The day marks the death of Sergio Vieira de Mello, the then Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq, and 21 of his associates who were killed in the August 19, 2003 bombing of Baghdad, Iraq.

National Small Industries Day

National Small Industries Day is organized every year on 30 August to recognize the importance of small and small scale industries in Indian society. This day recognizes the

importance of small businesses in providing employment to the common people and is dedicated to encourage them. In a developing country like India, small scale industries play an important role in economic development. Keeping in view the strategic relevance of such areas, special emphasis has been laid on the need for their development. As a result, the trend of government policy assistance to small industries has been beneficial and conducive to the development of small enterprises. A comprehensive policy package for the small scale sector was launched on August 30, 2000, with the aim of providing significant support to small firms in India. On August 30, 2001, the Ministry of Small Scale Industries organized a 'Small Industries Conference' for small entrepreneurs in New Delhi, along with national awards for small scale industries were also presented, since then on 30 August every year 'National Small Industries Day' is organized.

APPOINTMENTS

Indian scientist Sameer V Kamat appointed as Chairman of DRDO



Eminent scientist Sameer V. Kamat has been appointed as Secretary, Department of Defense Research and Development and Chairman of Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO). This information was given in an order issued by the Ministry of Personnel. Kamat, presently Director General, Naval Systems and Materials Division of DRDO and is the Director General of G. Satheesh Reddy, who has been appointed as Scientific Adviser to the Defense Minister. Kamat will hold the post till he attains the age of 60 years or until further orders. Dr Sameer V Kamat is serving as Director General (Naval Systems and Materials) in DRDO since 1 July 2017. His full name is Dr Sameer Venkatapathy Kamat.

William Ruto declared victorious in Kenya's presidential election



Kenya's Vice President William Ruto has been declared the winner of the presidential election. According to the official results, he defeated his rival Raila Odinga by a very small margin. Ruto got 50.5% of the votes. The election results were announced amid controversy and supporters of Odinga alleged rigging in the counting of votes. Mr Odinga's party agent had alleged irregularities and mismanagement in the election. Mr. Ruto has served as Vice President for ten years.

IAS officer Piyush Goyal appointed as CEO of NetGrid



The Union Government has appointed Piyush Goyal, a 1994 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of Nagaland cadre, as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NETGRID. Along with this, the Central Government issued an order to post 26 other officers in the rank of Additional Secretary. The post of CEO of NetGrid was lying vacant since June after Indian Police Service (IPS) officer Ashish Gupta was appointed as Additional Director General in the Border Security Force (BSF). Goyal is currently working as Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs. NATGRID or National Intelligence Grid is a federal intelligence organization set up to enhance India's counter-terrorism capabilities.

Bill Gates Foundation nominates Ashish Dhawan to its board of trustees



The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has announced the appointment of Ashish Dhawan, founder, CEO and Indian philanthropist of the Convergence Foundation, to its board of trustees. Apart from these, the board of trustees of the Foundation has also been announced to include Dr. Helen D. Gayle, President of Spelman College of America. Prior to becoming the president of Spelman College, Gail was the president and chief executive officer of the Chicago Community Trust.

Rear Admiral of Argentina appointed as head of UNMOGIP



Recently, the UN Secretary-General has appointed Argentine Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Ríos as the Head of Mission and Chief Military Observer of the United Nations Military Observer Group (UNMOGIP) in India and Pakistan. Uruguay's Major General José Eladio Alcán stepped down as head of mission to Argentine Rear Admiral Guillermo Pablo Río and chief military observer for UNMOGIP, whose task is nearing completion.

James Marep re-elected Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea



Papua New Guinea's parliament has again nominated Prime Minister James Marep to the top post after the country's election. At the first meeting of parliament after the election, Marepp was nominated unopposed to lead the next coalition

government, the Australian Broadcasting Corp reported.

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor to get France's highest civilian honor

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor will be honored with France's highest civilian honor 'Chevalier de la Legion de Honour'. Leaders of several parties congratulated Tharoor for this prestigious honour. The French government has honored Tharoor with this honor for his writings and speeches. French Ambassador to India Emmanuel Lennon has informed Tharoor about the honour, in writing.

Unity Small Finance Bank appoints Inderjit Kaimotra as its MD and CEO



Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) Limited (Unity Bank) has appointed Inderjit Kaimotra as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO) of the bank. A senior banker with over 25 years of experience across India, Kaimotra has held various leadership positions at Standard Chartered Bank. In January

2022, the bank appointed former CAG of India Vinod Rai as its chairman. Camotra did his MBA from Clarkson University in New York. Kaimotra was previously the Executive Director of Centrum Financial Services Limited, and has been instrumental in the transformation of the company into a bank.

Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi became the first woman Director General of CSIR



Senior scientist Nallathambi Kalaiseelvi has become the first woman Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). CSIR is a consortium of 38 research institutes across the country. According to the Personnel Ministry, she will succeed Shekhar Mande, who retired in April. After Mande's retirement, Rajesh Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology, was given additional charge of CSIR.

Vodafone Idea's current CEO Ravinder Takkar will be the new chairman of the company



The Board of Directors of Vodafone Idea has appointed Ravinder Takkar, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company as the new Chairman of the company. Ravinder Takkar will replace Himanshu Kapania on August 19. However, he will continue to be a part of the VIL board as a non-executive director. Vodafone Idea said in a statement about two weeks ago that it has decided to appoint Akshay Mundra as its next Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Akshay Mundra will take over on 19 August 2022 and will replace the current CEO Ravindra Takkar.

Mr. Praveen Kumar Srivastava and Mr. Arvind Kumar takes oath as Vigilance Commissioner

Shri Praveen Kumar Srivastava and Shri Arvind Kumar took oath as Vigilance Commissioners. The Central Vigilance Commissioner, Shri Suresh N Patel administered the oath to him at the office of the Central Vigilance

Commission, Vigilance Bhawan, New Delhi. Both of them were appointed as Vigilance Commissioners in the Central Vigilance Commission by the Hon'ble President by warrant dated 21st July, 2022.

Under the Central Vigilance Commission Act, 2003, there is a provision for the appointment of a Central Vigilance Commissioner and two Vigilance Commissioners in the Central Vigilance Commission. The term of the Vigilance Commissioner is four years or till the incumbent attains the age of 65 years. Earlier, President Smt. Draupadi Murmu administered the oath of office to Shri Suresh N. Patel as Central Vigilance Commissioner at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Shri Suresh N Patel was appointed as Vigilance Commissioner on 29th April 2020 and was serving as Central Vigilance Commissioner with effect from 24th June, 2021.

Rajkiran Rai named as the new MD of NaBFID



The Center and the board of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) have appointed Rajkiran Rai as its Managing Director (MD) for the next five years. The board of NaBFID on July 30 approved Rai's appointment based on the approval by the Nomination and Remuneration Committee of RBI, Central and Development Finance Institutions (DFIs). As per the appointment details, he took over as the MD of DFI on August 8 and will hold the top post till May 18, 2027.

Dr. Vasudha Gupta, senior officer of Indian Information Service, appointed as Director General of News Services Division of All India Radio



Dr. Vasudha Gupta, a senior officer of the Indian Information Service, has been appointed as the Director General of News Services Division of All India Radio. Principal Director General of News Services Division and Director General of All India Radio N. Venudhar Reddy retired. Dr. Vasudha Gupta, a 1989 batch officer,

has worked in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in various capacities in her tenure of more than 32 years.

Prior to being appointed as the Director General of News Services Division, she was working as Director General in the Press Information Bureau-PIB. Dr. Vasudha Gupta was instrumental in designing and ensuring implementation of new technology to meet the challenge of information transmission during the COVID pandemic. He has also played an active role in developing Feedback Dashboards for the Government of India.

Dr Vasudha Gupta, a PhD degree in Finance from Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, had earlier taken the initiative to develop social media platforms in regional languages while working as Additional Director General in All India News.

RBL Bank appoints Gopal Jain, Dr. Shivakumar Gopalan as non-executive directors

RBL Bank has appointed Gopal Jain and Dr. Shivkumar Gopalan as non-executive directors. RBL Bank is working on engaging a diverse group of leaders with relevant experience to accelerate its 2.0 strategy. With the new additions, the board of the bank will have 14 members. The board of RBL Bank approved raising up to Rs

3,000 crore through issue of debt securities on private placement basis "from time to time".

IDFC appoints Mahendra Shah as MD & CEO



Private bank IDFC (IDFC) said that it has appointed Mahendra Shah as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023. The bank said that the appointment is subject to the approval of the shareholders. Mahendra Shah will replace the current MD and CEO Sunil Kakkar. Whose term will end on September 30, 2022.

Former CEA KV Subramaniam appointed India's executive director at IMF



Former Chief Economic Adviser of India KV Subramaniam has been appointed as the Executive Director of India at the International Monetary Fund (IMF). KV Subramaniam will replace eminent economist Surjit S Bhalla, who was appointed as India's executive director on the board of the IMF in 2019. Subramaniam's term will begin from November and will continue for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Let us inform that the tenure of eminent economist Surjit S Bhalla as ED IMF is ending on October 31, 2022. Bhalla was appointed as the Executive Director of India on the board of IMF in the year 2019. He succeeded Subir Gokarn, former deputy governor of RBI, who passed away in the US on July 30.

Vikram Doraiswamy appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to England



Veteran diplomat Vikram Doraiswamy has been appointed as the new High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom. It is considered an important appointment in view of the growing strategic ties between the two countries. Giving information about this, the Ministry of External Affairs said that soon Vikram Doraiswamy will take over as the High Commissioner of India to Britain.

Vikram K Doraiswamy is a 1992 batch Indian Foreign Service officer and is currently serving as the Indian High Commissioner to Bangladesh.

BOOKS AND AUTHOR

Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu releases book titled New India on Arun Jaitley's death anniversary.



Former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled New India on the death anniversary of former Union Minister and Padma Vibhushan Arun Jaitley in New Delhi. This book is a compilation of selected articles by Arun Jaitley. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Naidu said that Shri Jaitley had dreamed of a new, strong, stable, prosperous and peaceful India. He said that Shri Jaitley also dreamed of a progressive nation, where there is no poverty, urban-rural divide and gender inequality and social discrimination.

Dr. Jitendra Singh releases book 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds'



Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Science and Technology released a poetry book titled 'Rusty Skies and Golden Winds' written by 11 year old Sannidhya Sharma, a Class VII student, in Jammu. The book is published by Blue-Rose Publishers. The Union Minister appreciated the efforts of the little writer in crystallizing his thoughts as a rare achievement in his collection of poems at this young age and wished him a bright future.

Minister of State for AYUSH Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai released a book titled "Science Behind Surya Namaskar"



Dr. Munjpara Mahendrabhai Kalubhai, Minister of State for AYUSH, Women and Child Development released a book titled "Science Behind Surya Namaskar", a collection of evidence-based research on Surya Namaskar, one of the most famous yoga asanas, at All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA). The program was organized by the Departments of Swastvrit, Panchakarma and Dravyaguna in association with Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth (RAV), New Delhi. "Science Behind Surya Namaskar" has been compiled by the Department of Health and Yoga, AIIA. Releasing the book, Dr. Mahendrabhai congratulated the faculty and

scholars of the institute for their hard work and efforts to throw light on the scientific basis of Indian traditions and practices.

SPORTS

India won the Under-18 Asian Volleyball medal after 14 years.



The Indian men's volleyball team won a medal after 14 years in the tournament by defeating South Korea in the bronze medal match of the 14th Asian Under-18 Championship 2022 held in Tehran, Iran. The Indian team won the bronze medal by defeating South Korea 25-20, 25-21, 26-28, 19-25 15-12 in a thrilling five-set match. Ashish Swain, Aryan Balyan Khush Singh and Karthik Sharma played important roles in India's victory. This is India's fifth medal in the Asian Under-18 Volleyball Championship. Earlier, India had won

a bronze medal here in 2008 as well. With this, India has also qualified for the FIVB World Under-19 Championship.

The pair of Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had to be content with the bronze medal at the World Badminton Championships.

Satwik Sairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had to settle for a bronze medal at the BWF World Badminton Championships in Tokyo. In the semi-finals, the Indian pair lost 22-20 18-21 16-21 to Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik.

India's judo player Linthoi Chanambam creates history; Won gold medal at World Cadet Judo Championships in Sarajevo.



Indian judo player Linthoi Channambam has created history by winning a gold medal in the women's 57 kg category at the 2022 World Cadet Judo Championships in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. 16-year-old Linthoi Channambam from Manipur is the first Indian to win gold in any category at the World Judo Championships.

Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games started in more than 11 thousand panchayats in Rajasthan



Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games started in more than 11 thousand panchayats in Rajasthan. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the state level program organized in Pal Panchayat of Luni block of Jodhpur district. About two lakh 25 thousand

teams are participating in these games. Around 3 million players will showcase their talent. The state government claims that the Rural Olympics is one of the biggest sporting events in the world. These games are being organized in coordination with the Sports Department, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, Education Department, Health Department and local administration. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot unveiled the mascot of these games, Sheru, at the indoor hall of Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur with the theme song "Chalo-Chalo Re Sathida, Sara Milke Khelo... Gaon-Gaon Lagelo Khelen Ro Melo,,,," be released.

BWF World Championship 2022

Denmark's Viktor Axelsen defeated Thailand's Kunlavut Vitidsern 21-5, 21-16 in the final to clinch the men's singles title at the BWF World Championships 2022. With this win, Axelsen now holds the Olympics, the World Championships, the BWF World Tour Finals and the last three Super 1000 titles at the same time. Akane Yamaguchi of Japan has become the world badminton champion. World No. 1 Yamaguchi has won the BWF World Championships title for the second time in a row. Yamaguchi won 21-12, 10-21, 21-14 against fourth seed Chen Yu Fei of China in the final of the

competition being held in Tokyo, the capital of Japan.

England's James Anderson became the most successful fast bowler in international cricket

England's James Anderson has become the first fast bowler to complete 950 wickets in international cricket. He achieved this historic feat on the third day of the second Test against South Africa. He broke the record of Glenn McGrath of Australia (949 wickets). The most successful bowlers in international cricket are Sri Lankan spin magician, Muttiah Muralitharan (1,347 wickets), late Australian spin great Shane Warne (1,001 wickets) and Indian spin great Anil Kumble (956 wickets).

India stood third in International Astronomy and Astrophysics Olympiad with 3 gold, 2 silver



India has secured the third position in the medal tally of the 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy

and Astrophysics (IOAA). India finished joint third with Singapore with the students winning three gold (Mehul Borad, Mohd. Sahil Akhtar, Raghav Goyal) and two silver (Atharv Nilesh Mahajan, Malay Kedia) medals.

The 15th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics (IOAA) was held in Kutaisi, Georgia from 14 to 21 August 2022. This year 209 students from 37 main and 6 guest teams participated in IOAA. In addition, 24 students from 6 countries took part online. This year's competition was earlier scheduled to be held in Kyiv, Ukraine, but was moved to Kutaisi, Georgia in March 2022 due to the war in Ukraine.

In the medal table, Iran's official team got 5 gold, guest team got 4 gold and 1 silver medal. After this, India was jointly third with Singapore. Overall 28 Gold, 38 Silver and 55 Bronze medals were awarded in this IOAA. Raghav Goel won the special award for the best solution to the most challenging theoretical question.

Pritam Siwach Academy topped in the first phase of 'Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16)'



Pritam Siwach Hockey Academy, Sonapat has topped the first leg of 'Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16)' that concluded at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium on Tuesday. Coached by Kuldeep Siwach, the girls at this academy won all their 7 pool games with an incredible goal difference of +134; This team had to concede defeat only thrice while earning a total of 21 points.

HAR Hockey Academy, Haryana secured second position, while Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy stood third. Both of them scored 19-19 points, but HAR Academy registered a better goal difference.

The Sports Authority of India has allocated a total amount of Rs 53.72 lakh for the 3 phases of this hockey league, which includes a prize money of Rs 15.5 lakh.

Manisha Kalyan becomes first Indian footballer to play UEFA Champions League



Indian women's footballer Manisha Kalyan has created history by debuting in the Women's Champions League of the European Club Tournament (UEFA). She made her debut for Apollon Ladies FC against Latvian club Rigas FC. In this qualifying match, Manisha of India got a chance to play as a substitute in place of Marilyn Georgia of Cyprus in the 60th minute. In this match, Apollon defeated Rigas 3-0. Apollon will now face FC Zurich Frauen on 21 August. After this spectacular match, India's young striker Manisha Kalyan became the first Indian footballer to play the UEFA Women's Champions League. Twenty-year-old Kalyan is the fourth Indian woman to sign a deal with a foreign club. She did well for the national team and for Gokulam Kerala in the Indian Women's League. Kalyan made headlines by scoring a goal against Brazil in an international friendly match in Brazil itself.

Under Twenty World Wrestling Championships in Bulgaria



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has congratulated Indian players for winning 16 medals at the Under Twenty World Wrestling Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria. The Prime Minister said that our wrestlers have made us proud again. He said that this is India's best performance till date and it shows that the future of Indian wrestling is in safe hands. The Indian team bagged a total of 16 medals including one gold (Anim Panghal), four silver (Sonam Malik, Priya Malik, Mahendra Gaikwad and Priyanka) and 11 bronze medals in different categories at the Under Twenty World Wrestling Championships.

R. Pragyandada did the F.A. in Miami. T. X. Defeated World Champion Magnus Carlsen in the final round of the Crypto Cup



India's young Chess Grand Master Rameshbabu Pragyandada defeated world chess champion and world number one Magnus Carlsen in the FTX Crypto Cup. 17-year-old Pragyandada defeated Magnus Carlsen 4-2 in the final round of the competition held in Miami, USA. Pragyandada finished second in the competition with fifteen points, while Carlsen finished first with sixteen points.

India won the gold medal in the doubles match of the Thailand Para Badminton International Tournament



India's Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam won the gold medal in the

doubles match of the Thailand Para Badminton International Tournament in Pattaya. The Indian para badminton pair defeated Indonesian pair of Dwyoko Dwyoko and Freddy Setiawan 21-18, 21-13 in the final. In men's singles, Bhagat and Kadam lost their respective finals and won a silver medal. In mixed doubles, the pair of Ruthik Raghupati and Mansi Joshi lost to the French pair of Lucas Mazur and Faustin Noyle in the final. In women's singles, Mandeep Kaur won the gold medal by defeating Mansi in the final. Manisha Ramdas also won the gold medal by defeating Kaide Kamiyama of Japan in the final. Nitya Shrey Sumati Sivan also won the gold medal as she defeated England's Rachel Choong in the final. In women's doubles, Mansi and Santhiya Viswanathan lost to Thailand's Nipada Sayensupa and Chanida Srinavakul and had to settle for a silver medal. In this tournament, India got a total of 17 medals including four gold, five silver and eight bronze medals.

Rahul Jakhar won gold, Avni Lekhara won silver and Pooja Aggarwal won bronze in the Shooting World Cup in South Korea.



Rahul Jakhar has won gold, Avni Lekhara silver and Pooja Agarwal bronze medal in the ongoing Shooting World Cup in Changwong, South Korea. In men's section Rahul Jakhar won gold medal in 25m pistol event, while Pooja Agarwal got bronze medal in women's section of the same category. Avni, a two-time Paralympic medalist, won a silver medal in the 10m air rifle event.

Ireland's star all-rounder Kevin O'Brien retires from international cricket



Ireland all-rounder Kevin O'Brien announced his retirement from international cricket. Debuting for Ireland in 2006, O'Brien proved to be

a key player in his career spanning nearly two decades as a key player to propel Ireland from associate member to Test status. O'Brien was Ireland's leading wicket-taker in the ODI format with several batting records. He took 114 wickets at an average of 32.68 and an economy rate of 5.20.

Sultan Azlan Shah Cup in November

The Sultan Azlan Shah Cup International Men's Hockey Tournament will be held in Ipoh, Malaysia after two years from 16 to 25 November. The prestigious tournament could not be organized for the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was last held in the year 2019 when South Korea won the title by defeating India in the final. An official of the Asian Hockey Federation told PTI that we are ready to organize the Azlan Shah Cup in November this year. We have invited six teams including India and Australia and we are hopeful that they will accept our invitation. The best player of the tournament was Surendra Kumar. Australia has won the most Azlan Shah tournament (10 times) then India comes with 5 titles. Pakistan, South Korea have won 3 titles.

Asia's oldest football competition Durand Cup begins

The 131st season of the Durand Cup football tournament will begin. In

Group A, the defending champions F. C. Goa will face Mohammedan Sporting Club. The tournament will involve 20 teams, all divided into four groups of five teams each. Durand Cup will be organized for the first time in several cities of West Bengal, Assam and Manipur.

FIFA suspends Indian Football Federation



FIFA suspended the All India Football Federation (AIFF). FIFA alleges that the AIFF is acting under the undue influence of third parties, which is a serious violation of FIFA law. FIFA said in a statement that the suspension would be lifted after a committee of administrators for the AIFF Executive Committee was formed. With this, the hosting of the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup, to be held in India from October 11 to 30, is also in danger. FIFA has said that the suspension will come into force with immediate effect. FIFA said in a

statement that the suspension would be lifted only when the decision to replace the AIFF Executive Committee with the Committee of Administrators was withdrawn and the AIFF administration would be given full control of the day-to-day operations of the federation.

Star badminton player PV Sindhu ruled out of the upcoming BWF World Championships due to a left leg injury



Star Indian shuttler PV Sindhu has been ruled out of the upcoming BWF World Championships due to a left leg injury. In a statement, Sindhu has confirmed that she will not be able to participate in the 2022 World Championships. The competition is to be held in Tokyo from August 21 to August 28. Sindhu had won a gold medal in the women's singles event at the recently concluded Commonwealth Games. Sindhu won the gold medal in

the Commonwealth Games by defeating Michelle Lee of Canada.

First edition of Women's IPL to be held in March 2023



The women's Indian Premier League (IPL) will be launched in a one-month window in March 2023 and is likely to feature five teams, a senior Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) official confirmed. Top BCCI officials discussed the issue and the March window for the tournament, which follows the Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa, was deemed appropriate.

Kieron Pollard became the first cricketer in the world to play 600 T20 matches



Former West Indies captain and star all-rounder Kieron Pollard has achieved a very special achievement in T20 cricket. Pollard has become the first cricketer in the world to play 600 T20 matches. He recently made this unique record while playing for London Spirit in the match of The Hundred tournament. In this match played against Manchester Originals at Lord's ground, he batted brilliantly in 11 balls and remained unbeaten on 34. Pollard hit one four and four high-rise sixes during his innings.

UEFA Super Cup 2022: Real Madrid beat Frankfurt to win the title



The final match of the UEFA Super Cup 2022 was played between Real Madrid

and Eintracht Frankfurt. Where Real Madrid defeated Frankfurt to win the title. Notably, Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti set a new record. The UEFA Super Cup is an annual football match organized by UEFA for the winners of the two main European club competitions, namely the UEFA Champions League and the UEFA Europa League. Last season's Champions League winners Real Madrid defeated Europa League winners Eintracht Frankfurt to win the title for the fifth time.

India B team (Men) and India A team (Women) won bronze medals at 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai



The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has congratulated the India B Team (Men) and India A Team (Women) for winning the Bronze Medal at the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai. He also praised the people and government of Tamil Nadu for hosting the 44th Chess Olympiad, welcoming the world and showcasing our excellent culture and hospitality.

India 'B' beat Germany 3-1 in their final match to finish third. In the open category, Uzbekistan surprised everyone by defeating the Netherlands 2-1 to win the gold medal. The strong Armenian team finished second in the Open category. In the women's section, top seed India 'A' lost to the United States in the 11th and final round, sabotaging her gold medal hopes.

The team led by Koneru Humpy finished third. The war-torn Ukraine team won the gold medal by defeating Georgia in the women's section. Team Georgia won silver. The 44th Chess Olympiad was organized by the International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation (FIDE) in Chennai, India from 28 July to 09 August 2022. India hosted the Chess Olympiad for the first time. This included open and women's tournaments.

Sunil Chhetri and Manisha Kalyan named AIFF Footballer of the Year



India's national football team captain Sunil Chhetri has been voted the All India Football Federation's

(AIFF) Men's Footballer of the Year for the 2021-22 season, while Manisha Kalyan received the honor in the women's category. Chhetri has received this award for the seventh time, while Manisha was selected for this award for the first time. Chhetri, the third highest goalscorer among active international players, was first selected for the award in 2007. He subsequently won this award in the 2011, 2013, 2014, 2017 and 2018-19 seasons as well.

Major Dhyan Chand Stadium to host first leg of Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16)



Following the success of the Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-21), which was held in three phases in New Delhi and Lucknow earlier this year, another league of the same type for U-16 girls will be held in the national capital Delhi on August 16. Major Dhyan Chand Stadium. The first phase of the Pehle Khelo India Women's Hockey League (U-16) will be held from August 16 to 23, in which a

total of 16 teams from across the country are participating. A total of 56 matches will be played in the first phase and more than 300 players will participate in it. The Sports Authority of India has allocated a total of Rs 53.72 lakh for the 3 phases of the competition. This amount also includes prize money of Rs 15.5 lakh.

2nd North-East Olympic Games in Shillong from 30th October to 6th November



All preparations have been made to organize the second North-East Olympic Games in Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya. These games will be held from 30 October to 6 November this year. A joint meeting of the North-East Organizing Committee, Meghalaya's Sports and Youth Department and the North-East Olympic Association was held in which the list of sports events was finalised. The first edition of these games was held in Manipur in the year 2018 in which twelve sports events were organized. Meghalaya is

celebrating its 50th year of establishment this year. In these games, about four thousand participants from eight states of the Northeast will participate in 18 competitions at 13 places.

American tennis player Serena Williams announces retirement from professional tennis



American tennis player Serena Williams, who has won 23 Grand Slam titles, has announced her retirement from professional tennis. In an article for Vogue magazine, this 40-year-old player informed about saying goodbye to tennis due to family reasons. She said she wanted to focus on growing her family. Serena's target is the US Open tennis tournament starting on August 29. This could be his last tournament. For 319 weeks, she was the number one player in the Women's Tennis Association-WTA women's singles rankings.

Commonwealth Games 2022: India won a total of 61 medals including 22 gold, 16 silver and 23 bronze

In the Commonwealth Games 2022, India has won a total of 61 medals including 22 Gold, 16 Silver and 23 Bronze. India finished their campaign at the fourth position in the medal tally. At the same time, Australia stood first with a total of 178 medals, including 67 gold, 57 silver and 54 bronze.

England finished second with 176 medals including 57 gold, 66 silver and 53 bronze and Canada third with 92 medals including 26 gold, 32 silver and 34 bronze. India's Achanta Sharath Kamal and Nikhat Zareen were the flag bearers in the closing ceremony. This performance is great for India as shooting was not included in this year's Games.

In the year 2018 Gold Coast Games, India won 66 medals with shooting. Sanket Mahadev Sargar won India's first medal at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games by winning a silver medal in the 55kg category of weightlifting. Weightlifter Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 after topping the 49kg category.

Paddler Sharath Kamal won India's last gold medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022 with a gold medal in the table tennis men's singles event. The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games

have now officially concluded. Now the next edition will be held in Victoria, Australia in 2026.

BJP MP Anurag Sharma elected treasurer of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association



Delegates from 55 countries attended the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Halifax Canada. During this, Anurag Sharma, MP from Jhansi-Lalitpur parliamentary constituency, has been elected as the International Treasurer of the association. The CPA is the largest and oldest international parliamentary association in the world. In this one more seat was added for India, bringing the total Indian tally to four delegates.

V Pranav becomes India's 75th Chess Grandmaster

Chess player V Pranav became the 75th Grandmaster of India by winning a tournament in Romania. Pranav, 15, from Chennai achieved his third and

last Grandmaster norm by winning the Lymperia Open in Bia Mare, Romania. He achieved Grandmaster Norm by scoring seven points in nine rounds.



MCQ (National, International)

- Which of the following Union Minister has chaired the 23rd meeting of the Central Zonal Council in Bhopal?
(a) Narendra Modi (b) Rajnath Singh
(c) Piyush Goyal (d) Amit Shah
- Which state government will set up 300 rural industrial parks in the state to boost and strengthen the rural economy?
(a) Tripura (b) West Bengal
(c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Chhattisgarh
- The Punjab and Haryana governments have agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali after _____.
(a) Shaheed Bhagat Singh (b) Chandra Shekhar Azadi
(c) Sukhdev Thapri (d) Shivaram Rajguru
- Which country is hosting the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPA)?
(a) France (b) Russia (c) UK (d) Canada
- Which bank has signed MoU with FCI to provide "Ultima Salary Package" ?

- (a) State Bank of India (b) Axis Bank
(c) Yes Bank (d) HDFC Bank
6. PM Narendra Modi set 'Panch Prana' target for the next _____.
(a) 10 years (b) 15 years
(c) 20 years (d) 25 years
7. Border Roads Organization (BRO) will construct a pilot road using steel slag in which state?
(a) Tripura (b) Jammu and Kashmir
(c) Assam (d) Arunachal Pradesh
8. Which regulatory body is organizing its first hackathon "Bima Manthan 2022" with the theme 'Innovation in Insurance' on 8th August 2022?
(a) NABARD (b) RBI (c) IRDAI (d) SEBI
9. Which bank has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru?
(a) State Bank of India (b) Axis Bank
(c) Yes Bank (d) HDFC Bank
10. This year India is celebrating ____ Independence Day on 15 August 2022 to mark the country's independence from nearly two centuries of British colonial rule.
(a) 73rd (b) 74th (c) 75th (d) 76th
11. How many police personnel have been awarded Police Medals on the occasion of Independence Day, 2022?
(a) 1062 (b) 1072 (c) 1075 (d) 1082
12. Which of the following became the first country in August 2022 to approve a COVID booster vaccine targeting the original and Omicron strains?
(a) USA (b) India (c) UK (d) China
13. Which of the following series won "Best Series" at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022?

(a) Asura (b) Mirzapur (c) Jalsa (d) Mumbai Diary 26/11

14. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of "Veer Durgadas Rathore" on his _____ birth anniversary in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
(a) 85th (b) 185th (c) 285th (d) 385th
15. The recently launched "Manthan" platform is related to which of the following?
(a) Train Tracking System in Railways
(b) Better industry and R&D cooperation
(c) Indigenous products in the Indian Army
(d) Cooperation of private players in space technology
16. Which of the following oil and gas refining company has launched its first cow dung based compressed biogas project?
(a) Reliance Industries Limited
(b) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited
(c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited
(d) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
17. Which company has partnered with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to promote and protect the intangible cultural heritage of India?
(a) Ashok Leyland (b) Royal Enfield
(c) Mahindra & Mahindra (d) Tata Motors
18. The government has approved the proposal to give distinctive names to all _____ on the basis of regional heroes, freedom fighters, historical events.
(a) NIT (b) airport (c) IIM (d) AIIMS
19. Which district has been declared as the best aspirational district in India?
(a) Ayodhya (b) Varanasi (c) Haridwar (d) Puri
20. The world's largest religious monument, in which state of India is the temple of the Vedic planetarium?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Kerala
(c) Maharashtra (d) West Bengal

21. Which of the following bank has partnered with NPCI to launch RuPay credit card?
(a) ICICI Bank (b) HDFC Bank
(c) Yes Bank (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank
22. Which state government has signed an MoU with US-based 'Parle for the Oceans' on plastic waste management in the state?
(a) Gujarat (b) Maharashtra
(c) Odisha (d) Andhra Pradesh
23. Which of the following tops the list of government departments that do not comply with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC)?
(a) Bank of India (b) Delhi Jal Board
(c) SIDBI (d) Ministry of Railways
24. Which country has for the first time called it "militarization of Taiwan Strait", a rare example?
(a) India (b) Russia (c) Pakistan (d) Bangladesh
25. Which of the following country has once again broken its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate?
(a) Japan (b) Monaco (c) Maldives (d) South Korea

MCQ (IMPORTANT DAYS, SPORTS, APPOINTMENTS)

1. Which edition of Asia's oldest football tournament- Durand Cup began in Kolkata on 1st August 2022?
(a) 100th (b) 110th (c) 131st (d) 150th
2. Which of the following country will host the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022?
(a) Malaysia (b) Indonesia (c) India (d) South Korea
3. William Ruto, has recently been elected as the next President of which country?
(a) South Africa (b) Brazil (c) Egypt (d) Kenya

4. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of NaBFID?
(a) Sumita Dawra (b) Pankaj Jaini
(c) Nalin Negi (d) Rajkiran Rai Go
5. World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on _____ to recognize all aid and health workers who volunteer to help the victims of disasters and crises against all odds.
(a) August 20 (b) August 19 (c) August 18 (d) August 17
6. Which company has partnered with badminton players to promote digital payments in India?
(a) Amazon Pay (b) Mastercard (c) Digicash (d) Google Pay
7. Who has defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen in the FTX Crypto Cup in Miami?
(a) Viswanathan Anandi (b) R Pragyanand:
(c) Vidit Santosh (d) Gukesh D
8. World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on _____.
(a) 21st August (b) 22nd August
(c) 23 August (d) August 24
9. The Board of IDFC Limited has approved the appointment of _____ as its Managing Director in August 2022.
(a) Rakesh Sharma (b) TN Manoharan
(c) Manoj Sahay (d) Mahendra N Shahi
10. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO)?
(a) Rajesh Verma (b) Sameer V Kamato
(c) Rajiv Kumar (d) Meenesh C Shahi
11. What is the theme of Women's Equality Day 2022?
(a) gender equality and human rights in climate action and renewable energy

- (b) Planet 50–50 by 2030: Take the Steps for Gender Equality
- (c) Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow
- (d) Now is the time: Rural and urban activists are changing the lives of women

12. "Free Fall: My Experiments With Living" is an upcoming self-help memoir by _____.

- (a) Nambi Narayanan
- (b) Subhashini Ali
- (c) Sonal Mansingh
- (d) Mallika Sarabhai

13. Who has become the only player to play 100 matches in all formats for his country?

- (a) Rohit Sharma
- (b) Shikhar Dhawan
- (c) Hardik Pandya
- (d) Virat Kohli

14. Who has won the coveted title of Miss Diva Supranational 2022?

- (a) Arya Valvekar
- (b) Divita Rai
- (c) Pragya Ayyagar
- (d) Pallavi Singh

15. In India, National Nutrition Week is celebrated every year from _____.

- (a) September 1–7
- (b) September 2–8
- (c) September 3–9
- (d) September 4–10

16. Who has been appointed as the Director General of News Services Division of All India Radio?

- (a) Dr. Vasudha Gupta
- (b) Rajeev Kumar
- (c) Dixit Joshi
- (d) RK Gupta

17. Nagesh Singh has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to which country?

- (a) France
- (b) Thailand
- (c) UK
- (d) USA

18. Name the author of the book 'India's Economy from Nehru to Modi: A Brief History'.

- (a) Shiva Sundarami
- (b) Sanjay Bhagto

- (c) Vijay Krishnan (d) Pulapre Balakrishnan
19. National Sports Day or National Sports Day is celebrated in India as a tribute to hockey legend _____.
(a) Arjun Halappa (b) Gagan Ajit Singh
(c) Major Dhyhan Chand (d) Viren Rasquinha
20. "International Day for People of African Origin" is observed every year on which day?
(a) 28 August (b) 29 August (c) 30 August (d) 31st August
21. Name the author of the book "Indian Banking in Retrospect - 75 Years of Independence".
(a) Ashutosh Raravikar (b) Mohit Sharma
(c) Deepak Joshi (d) Sunil Takkar
22. Who among the following won the "Best Actor" in the popular award category at the 67th Filmfare Awards 2022?
(a) Pankaj Tripathi (b) Ranveer Singh
(c) Vicky Kaushal (d) Ayushmann Khurrana
23. The 50th All Shung Leela Festival 2021-2022 started in which state?
(a) Himachal Pradesh (b) Sikkim
(c) Tripura (d) Manipur
24. Which day of the year is dedicated to celebrate every year as World Organ Donation Day?
(a) 11 August (b) 12 August
(c) 13 August (d) 14 August
25. The first Khelo India Women's Hockey League Under-16 is scheduled to be held at Major Dhyhan Chand Stadium in _____.
(a) Bhubaneswar (b) New Delhi
(c) Mumbai (d) Gurugram



ANSWERS



MCQ (NATIONAL, INTERNATIONAL)

1. (d)
Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the 23rd meeting of the Central Zonal Council in Bhopal.
2. (d)
Chhattisgarh government will set up 300 rural industrial parks in the state to boost and strengthen the rural economy.
3. (a)
The Punjab and Haryana governments have agreed to name the Chandigarh International Airport in Mohali after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
4. (d)
65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference to be held in Canada. An Indian parliamentary delegation led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will participate in the 65th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPA) in Halifax, Canada.
5. (b)
Axis Bank has signed an MoU with Food Corporation of India (FCI) to provide "Ultima Salary Package" with special benefits and facilities to all its employees.

6. (d)
PM Narendra Modi targets 'Panch Prana' for next 25 years, says 'big goal' is developed India.
7. (d)
The Border Roads Organization (BRO) will build a pilot road in Arunachal Pradesh using steel slag, which can withstand heavy rains and adverse climatic conditions.
8. (c)
Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is organizing its first hackathon "Bima Manthan 2022" with the theme 'Innovations in Insurance' .
9. (a)
The country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in Koramangala, Bengaluru.
10. (d)
This year India is celebrating the 76th Independence Day on 15 August 2022 to mark the country's independence from almost two centuries of British colonial rule.
11. (d)
The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has awarded Seva Medals of various categories to 1,082 police personnel of CAPFs and state forces, including for gallant action, on the eve of Independence Day.
12. (c)
The UK became the first country to approve a COVID booster vaccine targeting the original and Omicron strains.
13. (d)
Mumbai Diaries 26/11 has won the "Best Series" award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022.

14. (d)
Defense Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled the statue of "Veer Durgadas Rathore" on his 385th birth anniversary in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
15. (b)
The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to enhance our efforts to build and nurture industry participation in R&D, is also a testimony to our commitment to the UN SDG goals.
16. (c)
State-run Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has launched its Cowdung to Compressed Biogas project in Sanchore, Rajasthan.
17. (b)
Royal Enfield has partnered with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) to promote and protect India's intangible cultural heritage.
18. (d)
The government has approved a proposal to give unique names to all AIIMS on the basis of regional heroes, freedom fighters, historical events or monuments of the region, or their unique geographical identity.
19. (c)
NITI Aayog has declared the holy city of Haridwar in Uttarakhand as the best aspirational district.
20. (d)
The world's largest religious monument, the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium in West Bengal, which will serve as the headquarters of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), will also have the world's largest dome.
21. (a)

ICICI Bank has announced its partnership with National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to launch multiple credit cards on indigenous payment network RuPay.

22. (d)
The Andhra Pradesh government has signed an MoU with US-based Parle for Oceans to clean the state's coasts and make Andhra Pradesh plastic-free by 2027.
23. (d)
According to the latest annual report of the CVC, the Ministry of Railways tops the list of government departments that did not follow the advice of the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) against corrupt officials and disposed of cases as per their disciplinary procedures.
24. (a)
India has for the first time called it the "militarization of the Taiwan Strait", a rare instance of New Delhi commenting on China's actions towards Taiwan.
25. (d)
South Korea has once again broken its own record for the world's lowest fertility rate.

MCQ (IMPORTANT DAYS, SPORTS, APPOINTMENTS)

1. (c)
Asia's oldest football tournament Durand Cup has started. The 131st edition of Durand Cup 2022 has started.
2. (a)
Malaysia's premier men's hockey tournament, the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022, will be held in Ipoh from 16 to 25 November.

3. (d)
Kenya's election commission chairman has declared Vice President William Ruto the winner of a close presidential election over five-time contender Raila Odinga.
4. (d)
The Center and the board of the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NABFID) have appointed Rajkiran Rai as its Managing Director (MD) for a period of five years.
5. (b)
World Humanitarian Day is observed every year on 19th August to recognize all the aid and health workers who volunteer to help the victims of disasters and crises against all odds.
6. (b)
Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, and Chirag Shetty have been signed as the brand ambassadors of Mastercard to promote digital payments in India.
7. (b)
17-year-old Indian chess master Rameshbabu Pragyanand defeated world champion Magnus Carlsen in the FTX Crypto Cup at the International Chess Championship Miami.
8. (d)
World Gujarati Language Day 2022 is celebrated every year on 24 August. This day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of the great writer of Gujarat 'Veer Narmad'.
9. (d)
The Board of IDFC Limited has approved the appointment of Mahendra N Shah as Managing Director in August 2022.
10. (b)

Eminent scientist Sameer V Kamat was appointed as Secretary, Department of Defense Research and Development and Chairman of Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

11. (c)
The theme of Women's Equality Day 2022 is "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow".
12. (d)
Acclaimed classical dancer and activist Mallika Sarabhai explains it all in her upcoming self-help memoir, "Free Fall: My Experiments With Living". The book will hit the stands on August 30 and is published by Speaking Tiger.
13. (d) Virat Kohli
Virat Kohli has played his 100th T201 match for his country and has become the only Indian player in history to play 100 matches in all formats for his country.
14. (c)
Telangana's Pragya Ayyagar was declared Miss Diva Supranational 2022.
15. (a)
Every year in India, the first week of September is celebrated as National Nutrition Week. The week is celebrated every year from 1-7 September.
16. (a)
Senior Indian Information Service officer Dr. Vasudha Gupta has been appointed as Director General, News Services Division of All India Radio.
17. (b)
Nagesh Singh, a 1995 batch Indian Foreign Service officer has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Thailand.

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The book titled "India's Economy from Nehru to Modi: A Brief History" by Pulapre Balakrishnan.
19. (c)
National Sports Day or National Sports Day is celebrated in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, who was born on this date in 1905.
20. (d)
International Day for the People of African Origin is observed globally on 31 August.
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Ashutosh Rarawikar, Director, Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR), Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has authored a new book titled "Indian Banking in Retrospect – 75 Years of Independence".
22. (b)
Actor Ranveer Singh received the Filmfare Award for Best Actor for his role in Kabir Khan's '83.
23. (d)
The 50th All Manipur Shumang Leela Festival 2021–2022 began at Iboyama Shumang Leela Shangalen, Palace Compound, Imphal.
24. (c)
World Organ Donation Day is celebrated globally on 13 August. This day is celebrated to spread awareness about the importance of organ donation. It also plays an important role in clearing various misconceptions about organ donation.
25. (b)
The first Khelo India Women's Hockey League Under-16 is scheduled to be held from 16 to 23 August 2022 at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in New Delhi.

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