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MOU/Agreement Countries:

- India-Armenia signed MoU on High Impact Community Development Projects in Armenia. India-Armenia Intergovernmental Commission held in Yerevan.
- Sweden and Finland signed the Accession Protocols at the NATO Headquarters. The signing comes days after the trilateral memorandum between Turkey, Finland, and Sweden.

MOU Industry/States/Others:

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) and the Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create a collaborative ecosystem for imparting skill development training in the capital goods sector. The partnership is aimed at facilitating training in several engineering trades through Qualification Packs (QPs) developed by MHI-related Sector Skill Councils (like Automotive, Infrastructure, Instrumentation, and Capital Goods) under the Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Capital Goods Sector Phase II.
- The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati has signed an MoU with the Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre of the Indian Institute of Management Shillong in New Delhi to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the North Eastern Region. The objective of this partnership is to encourage entrepreneurship, incubation, and startups in the North Eastern Region.
- Fossil collaborates with Google to make its new companion app compatible
- Department of Telecommunications (USOF), Ministry of Communications has signed an agreement with Indian Telephone Industries (ITI) Limited and Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to fund the pilot projects of E-band, LTE indigenous technologies including integration of 4G/5G prototypes with C-DoT core. The Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF), under its program for Induction of new technological developments in the telecom sector in rural and remote areas, is funding 4 pilot projects each of around Rs 10 Crore enabling the development and hardening of these technologies.
- Renewable energy major Greenko and IIT Hyderabad have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to launch India's first dedicated school for sustainable science and technology.
- An Inter-State Declaration of Intent to collaborate in the fight against human trafficking was signed by six States — Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha and Tamil Nadu, here on Saturday. The two-day Southern Regional Consultation to Combat Human Trafficking, hosted by the Telangana Government in collaboration with the nonprofits Prajwala and Shakti Vahini, concluded with the signing of this declaration.
The first of its kind agreement emphasises on cooperative efforts in intelligence gathering and sharing, witness and legal protection, and rehabilitation and care for survivors.
- Rashtriya Raksha University at Gandhinagar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with DroneAacharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited for setting up a Remote Pilot Training Centre for imparting drone flying skills. This training will be imparted to the Police and security force personnel and citizens at RRU Campus near Gandhinagar.



- With an aim to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the Northeastern Region (NER), the Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship (IIE), Guwahati, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Incubation and Enterprise Support Centre of the Indian Institute of Management Shillong (IIMS) to boost the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the northeastern region (NER).

Appointments and Resignations:

Name	Post	Other Info
Smriti Irani (Women and Child Development Minister)	Additional charge of Ministry of Minority Affairs	After Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi resigned
Jyotiraditya Scindia (Civil Aviation Minister)	Additional charge of the Ministry of Steel	After Steel Minister Ram Chandra Prasad Singh resigned
Sandeep Kumar Gupta	Chairman and Managing Director of GAIL	Succeeds Manoj Jain
Shilpi Kapoor	Chief marketing officer of Airtel Payments Bank	
Asit Rath	CEO and MD of Aviva India	
Nitin Gupta	Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)	
Eknath Shinde	20th Chief Minister of Maharashtra	
Devendra Fadnavis	Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra	
K K Venugopal	Attorney General for India	3 months extension
Shahid Kapoor	Brand ambassador of PokerBaazi	
Ajay Devgn	Brand ambassador of Insecticides India	
Ravi Shastri	Brand ambassador of Fan Code	
Kaustubh Radkar	Brand ambassador of Garmin's fitness segment, Garmin India	
Bhanu Pratap Sharma	1st chairman of Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)	
Lt. General Mohan Subramanian	Force Commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)	Succeeds Lt. Gen. Shailesh Tinaikar
Suranjan Das	President of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)	
T Raja Kumar	President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)	
Ferdinand Marcos Jr	President of the Philippines	
Yair Lapid	14th prime minister of Israel	Succeeds Naftali Benett
Ketanji Brown Jackson made history when she was sworn in as the first Black woman to serve on the US		



Supreme Court.

Resignations

Pinterest Inc. announced that Chief Executive Officer Ben Silbermann would step down and give Google Commerce Executive Bill Ready control of the social media site.

Awards and Recognitions:

Award Name	Person/Institution	Extra Knowledge
CII Quality Ratna Award 2021	Ashok Soota	He is founder and Executive Chairman of Happiest Minds Technologies
National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector	Odisha	2nd – Bihar 3rd – Haryana
Femina Miss India World 2022	Karnataka-based Sini Shetty	
Kempegowda International Award	Former Karnataka chief minister S M Krishna, Infosys founder and IT industry veteran N R Narayana Murthy, and former badminton player Prakash Padukone	
Fields Medal in mathematics	Maryna Viazovska	She is Ukrainian mathematician. Regarded as Nobel Prize for mathematics
Shiromani Award	Michelle Poonawalla	
Ayurveda Ratna award	Dr Tanuja Nesari	Awarded by UK Parliament She is AIIA Director

SVC Co-operative Bank has been conferred with the award for 100+ years of dedicated service in the co-operative banking sector by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation - Amitbhai Shah

Recognitions

The Delhi-based leading Drone enterprise platform company IG Drones has been felicitated with the “Best Drone Organization – Start-up Category” by Airwards. IG Drones has been selected for the award for its approach of helping local communities and giving access to technology to various stakeholders during natural disasters and calamities.

The winners of the 21st edition of the Transilvania International Film Festival were applauded at the Awards Ceremony, organised in the Unirii Square in Cluj-Napoca. Utama, the debut film of director Alejandro Loayza Grisi, was chosen as this year's big winner and awarded the 10,000 euro Transylvania Trophy. The Bolivian production also won over the TIFF audience, and was also awarded the Audience Award of 2,000 euro by MasterCard, as voted by the filmgoers at the Festival.

Mumbai lawyer and first-time legislator, Rahul Narwekar has been elected as the youngest Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post. Narwekar scripted history to become the youngest legislator to be elected as the 16th



Speaker (since 1960) and also is now the youngest ever lawmaker to occupy the coveted top legislative post in the country.

The Forbes list of America's Richest Self-Made Women featured five women of Indian origin including Pepsico's former chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi, Neerja Sethi, co-founder, Syntel, Neha Narkhede, co-founder and former chief technology officer of Confluent, Jayshree Ullal, president and CEO of Arista Networks and Reshma Shetty, co-founder of Ginkgo Bioworks.

President and CEO of Arista Networks, Jayshree Ullal, Indian-American CEO among richest self-made women in US

HCL Technologies was recognised at Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022, for innovation and implementing customer solutions based on Microsoft technology.

HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner).

International News:

- The UK government has partnered with businesses in India to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in Britain from September to mark the country's 75th year of Independence. This is the highest number of fully funded scholarships given by the UK for the one-year master's programme to date. HSBC, Pearson India, Hindustan Unilever, Tata Sons and Duolingo are among the businesses supporting this special initiative.
- India gave the international community the reassurance that it will keep to its goal of protecting at least 30% of "our" lands, waters, and oceans by 2030 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. India's Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, made the following remarks on behalf of the country at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon: Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, all efforts are being made to achieve the 30x30 target in a mission mode as per the COP resolutions. He stated that his purpose in attending the UN summit was to share Modi's vision for protecting and sustaining the ocean and its resources with the rest of the globe.
- The US and its allies, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the United Kingdom, have launched a new initiative called Partners in the Blue Pacific for effective and efficient cooperation with the region's small island nations in response to China's aggressive push to expand its sphere of influence in the Pacific. After China pushed for a broad, common cooperation pact with 10 Pacific states, it became obvious the planned extent of its expanding influence and the geostrategic competition in the region increased.
- In a Caribbean mangrove swamp, researchers found the largest bacterium known to science. While the majority of bacteria are tiny, this one is so large that it can be seen with the unaided eye. It is by far the largest bacterium known to date, according to Jean-Marie Volland, a marine biologist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and a co-author of a paper reporting the finding in the journal Science. The thin white thread is about the size of a human eyelash.
- According to a UN report, India's urban population is expected to reach 675 million in 2035, ranking second only to China's urban population of one billion people. The report also noted that after the Covid-19 pandemic, the world's urban population is once again on track to increase by another 2.2 billion people by the year 2050.



- The United States welcomed 661,500 new citizens as of June 15 in the fiscal year 2022, with India the second largest country of birth for naturalised American citizens in the first quarter after Mexico.

National News:

- The Ministry of Steel on Tuesday said that it has joined the PM Gati Shakti Portal and uploaded the geo locations of key projects with an aim of identifying and bridging missing infrastructure connectivity gaps. The ministry on-boarded itself on the National Master Plan portal with the assistance of Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BiSAG-N).
- Intel partnered with leading technology and transportation providers, vehicle makers, academia, and government to collaborate and bring solutions to address road safety-related challenges. The collaboration, part of the Safety Pioneers Conference that was inaugurated by Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari here, aims to serve as a platform to introduce pioneering road safety initiatives and technologies such as Internet of Things (IoT), ADAS, and other emerging technologies that can bring impact at scale.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched its Going Online As Leaders (GOAL) 2.0 programme in partnership with Meta. The initiative aims to digitally upskill 10 lakh youth by on promoting entrepreneurship amongst tribal communities of the country and opening up opportunities for them using digital technology.
- The ban on single-use plastic came into effect on July 1 even as industry associations urged the government not to impose a blanket ban but implement it in a phased manner. The Union environment ministry said that the state governments, in a bid to implement the ban on single-use plastic smoothly, will initiate an enforcement campaign and close down units engaging in the production, distribution, stocking, and sale of such items.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, in August last year.

The law would cover rigid plastic items such as plates, cups, glasses, cutlery, wrapping or packaging films, PVC banners less than 100 micron, straws, and stirrers.
- NITI Aayog and the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) made an upbeat prediction that by FY2026-27, electric two-wheelers would be completely incorporated into the Indian market. The Department of Science & Technology established the independent TIFAC in 1988 with the mission to forecast technological developments, evaluate technological trajectories, and foster innovation.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated Bosch India's first smart campus in Bengaluru built at a cost of Rs 800 crore.
- The Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)-2020 was presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi. According to the report's analysis of the Business Reforms Action Plan's execution, seven states have been named as the top achievers. Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Punjab, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu are the states in question.
- Following a 12-day exhibition at the Batsagaan Temple on the grounds of Gandan Monastery, Mongolia, in honour of Mongolian Buddha Purnima, the four Holy Relics of the Lord Buddha returned to India. The sacred relics were presented to Union Minister Shri Arjun Meghwal in Ghaziabad. Due to high demand from the Mongolian people, the presentation of the holy relics had to be extended by a few days.



- The Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying (DAHD) launched the One Health pilot in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The programme is aimed at bringing stakeholders from animal, human and environment health on a common platform to address challenges. DAHD in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) as implementation partner is implementing the One-Health Framework undertaking project in the states of Karnataka and Uttarakhand, the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- India's largest floating solar power project is now fully operational. NTPC declared commercial operation of the final part capacity of 20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, Telangana with effect from 1st of July.
With the operationalisation of the 100-MW Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, the total commercial operation of floating solar capacity in the Southern Region rose to 217 MW.
- The Central Government has approved a proposal of the Journalist Welfare Scheme Committee to provide financial relief to the families of 35 journalists who have lost their lives. This includes 16 families of journalists who died of Covid-19. The families will be provided with the assistance of up to five lakh rupees. The Journalist Welfare Scheme, JWS Committee headed by Secretary, Information and Broadcasting Ministry, Apurva Chandra also recommended assistance to two journalists suffering from permanent disability and to five journalists for their medical treatment of major ailments as per the JWS guidelines. The committee approved total assistance of one crore and 81 lakh rupees during the meeting.
- Green energy firm ReNew Power has partnered with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and Self-Employed Women's Association of India (SEWA) to train 1,000 low-income women salt-pan workers to work in the renewable industry.
Under 'Project Surya' initiative, women salt-pan workers, who work in the challenging and extreme temperatures at Rann of Kutch marshes, will be trained as solar panel and solar-pump technicians at Dhokavada village in the Patan district of Gujarat.
- Indian Railways, with a history of almost two centuries and a network of tens of thousands of kilometres, is often touted as the lifeline of the country. This giant railway network has connected some of the most far apart places in the country. The farthest that the Indian Railways has bridged through a single route is 4,247 kilometres.
The Vivek Express, running from Dibrugarh in Assam to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu, currently holds the title of the longest train route in the country, both in terms of distance and time. The train, along its way, crosses a total of nine states. With 58 stops, the train goes through Assam, Nagaland, Bihar, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.
- NITI Aayog and World Food Program launched a report titled 'Take Home Ration-Good Practices across the State/Union Territories'. The report was released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman K. Bery in the presence of Member (Health) Dr. V.K. Paul and CEO Amitabh Kant.
The report presents a set of good and innovative practices adopted in the implementation of the Take Home Ration value chain by the States and UTs. Government of India provides Take Home Ration under the Supplementary Nutrition component of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) to fill the gap in nutrition among children as well as pregnant and lactating women (PLW).



- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a bronze statue of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju, at a special programme on his 125th birth anniversary celebrations, in Bhimavaram, Andhra Pradesh.
- The electronics and IT ministry has approved a total of 314 applications with proposed investments of Rs 86,824 crore under a modified special incentive package scheme till May 31, 2022
- Schloss Elmau, the venue of G7 summit in Germany, has a deep Indian connection with visitors being welcomed by Lord Ganesha and a motif of elephant running through the facility.
- Ministry of Consumer Affairs has said that no hotels or restaurants can add service charge automatically or by default to the food bill. In this regard, the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) has issued guidelines for preventing unfair trade practices and violations of consumer rights.
The Ministry said that the consumer may lodge a complaint against the violator hotel or restaurants on the National Consumer Helpline, NCH by calling 1915 or it's NCH mobile app.
- Govt handed over Nilachal Ispat Nigam Limited to Tata Steel Long Products Limited.
The disinvestment transaction was completed today with the transfer of 93.7 per cent shares of the Joint Venture partners namely, MMTC, NMDC, BHEL, MECON- all four Central Public Sector Enterprises and two PSUs of Government of Odisha namely, OMC and IPICOL to the strategic buyer Tata Steel Long products Limited at an enterprise value of 12100 crore rupees.
- Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat are among the top Indian plastic waste producers, according to a Kotak Institutional Equities that has cited the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in its recent note.
- Zee News TV anchor Rohit Ranjan was detained from his home near Delhi after the channel reportedly broadcast a misleading video of Rahul Gandhi, which showed the Congress leader referring to the accused in Udaipur killing as children. Ranjan had earlier apologised for the same.
- The CBSE Board launched a portal called 'Pariksha Sangam' to streamline board examination results, sample papers, and other details in one single window. According to cbsedigitaleducation.com, the newly launched Pariksha Sangam portal "will integrate various examination-related processes to be conducted by the school's regional offices and the Headquarters of the CBSE Board".
The Pariksha Sangam has been divided into three main sections: Schools (Ganga), Regional offices (Yamuna), and Head office (Saraswati).
- The Union Home Ministry has amended certain rules related to the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) allowing Indians to receive up to Rs 10 lakh in a year from relatives staying abroad without informing the authorities.
The earlier limit was Rs 1 lakh.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Digital India Week 2022 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar. The theme of this Digital India Week is 'Catalyzing New India's Techade' to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Addressing a gathering after inaugurating Digital India Week 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Digital India has made life so easy for those born in 21st century. We solved the queue system by going online.
Mr. Modi has also launched 'Digital India Bhashini' that will enable Indians an easy access to the internet and digital services in vernacular languages. He also launched 'Digital India GENESIS' – Gen-next Support for Innovative Startups- a national deep-tech startup platform. The total budget of 750 crore rupees has been envisaged for these schemes. The Prime Minister has also dedicated 'MyScheme', which will provide access to government schemes at a single place.



- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the inaugural flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator. The exercise, DRDO said in its statement, was carried out at the Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka.
- India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, TiHAN was inaugurated by Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science & Technology at the IIT Hyderabad campus.
Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation 'smart mobility' technology.
The minister said that the vision of TiHAN-IITH is to become a global player for next generation smart mobility technologies and the Ministry of Science & Technology has come forward to support this initiative, which will be a trendsetter for others as well.
- The National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA) Climate Centre for Cities (NIUA C-Cube), World Resources Institute India (WRI India) and their partners launched India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS) at the 11th World Urban Forum in Poland.
- The Desert Corps of the Indian Army organised the "Suraksha Manthan 2022", on aspects of Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur (Rajasthan).
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- India's urban population is estimated to stand at 675 million in 2035, the second highest behind China's one billion, the UN has said in a report, noting that after the covid-19 pandemic, the global urban population is back on track to grow by another 2.2 billion by 2050.
- India will have 122 new unicorns--startups valued each at more than \$1 billion--in the next two to four years, according to the ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022.
- Father and daughter pair Flying Officer Ananya Sharma, who was commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021, and Air Commodore Sanjay Sharma, an experienced fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force (IAF), made aviation history by flying in the same jet formation. At Air Force Station, Bidar, they flew in the same formation of Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT).
- RattanIndia Enterprise announced that Throttle Aerospace Systems (TAS) has been shortlisted for the PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme for Drones and Drone components by Govt. of India.

State News:

Delhi

- At Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology (NSUT), an artificial intelligence centre was inaugurated. In his remarks at the Center's opening, Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia said universities must abandon conventional thinking and adopt an innovative approach if they are to advance the nation.

Goa

- The Goa state tourism department will launch a helpline for tourists and tourism stakeholders so that visitors to the state can avail information about tourism activities and places to visit besides registering their grievances if they have any, while stakeholders will be able to lodge their complaint.



Himachal Pradesh

- Henceforth, the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC) will charge women travellers only half the fare for their travel within the state.
Launching the 'Naari Ko Naman' scheme at the Government College Auditorium in Daramshala, Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur also issued concessional tickets to women.

Jammu & Kashmir

- Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the 'statue of peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar. Ramanujacharya revived the Bhakti movement, and his preachings inspired other Bhakti schools of thought. He is considered to be the inspiration for poets like Annamacharya, Bhakta Ramdas, Thyagaraja, Kabir, and Meerabai

Karnataka

- The Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCOM has developed EV Mitra mobile app to provide information about EV charging stations in Bengaluru. The information on charges in each station for the electric vehicles to recharge are also mentioned in the app.
- Karnataka is set to be the first state in the country to have an exclusive Research & Development Policy (R&D).

Kerala

- Kerala state government has issued orders regarding the implementation of a medical insurance "MEDISEP" scheme for government employees and pensioners and the deduction of premium from the salary of June 2022 and pension of July 2022. MEDISEP scheme is applicable to government employees, pensioners/family pensioners and their eligible family members and employees and pensioners of universities that receive grant in aid from the state government and the local self-government institutions.
- Laying the foundation for a solar power project at a Milma dairy plant in Kochi, Union Minister of State, who holds the Information, Broadcasting, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development portfolios, L Murugan said it is on its way to become the country's first fully solar powered dairy plant and expressed confidence that the facility would be a model for the country as a whole.

Maharashtra

- The Aurangabad Smart City Development Corporation Limited (ASCDCL) has launched 'Know Your City' tour to make citizens aware of different works undertaken since the launching of the smart city mission seven year ago.
- Maharashtra State Cabinet cleared the decisions to rename Aurangabad and Osmanabad districts to Sambhajinagar and Dharashiv respectively and also passed the proposal to extend name of farmer leader late D.B. Patil to under construction Navi Mumbai international airport.

Nagaland

- During his visit to Nagaland, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar, officially inaugurated the Dimapur Honey Testing Laboratory. The honey testing facility will support beekeepers and producers in testing their produced honey.



Punjab

- Punjab Cabinet gave final approval for the policy governing the decision to provide 600 units of free power to every household per billing cycle in the state with effect from July 1, 2022. As per the decision Scheduled caste (SC), Non-SC BPL, Freedom fighters of Punjab and their grandchildren and Backward Class (BC) domestic consumers who are currently eligible for free 400 units of power will also get a subsidy of 600 units now.

Rajasthan

- NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd (NREL) and Rajasthan Government signed an MoU for a 10 GW ultra mega Renewable Energy Power Parks (UMREPP) to be developed in Rajasthan.
- The Rajasthan government is soon likely to introduce in the Assembly the Right to Health Bill — the first of its kind in India — which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. The state has also ensured health security of every family by providing free treatment up to Rs 10 lakh to the people through Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana. Along with this, an accident insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh is being given to the families registered in the scheme.

Tamil Nadu

- The prominent global player in semiconductor industry, IGSS Ventures, has signed an agreement with the Tamil Nadu Government for establishing a semiconductor park.
- Tata Power revealed that it has reached a deal with the Tamil Nadu government to invest Rs. 3000 crore in the construction of a new solar cell and module manufacturing facility in the state's Tirunelveli district.
- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin on Monday unveiled the Life Sciences Policy and the R&D Policy-2022 that aim to attract investments to the tune of Rs 20,000 crore investments into the state.

Telangana

- Ratan Tata, an Industrialist, applauded the Telangana government's most recent T-Hub opening in Hyderabad. The Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao received congratulations from the chairman emeritus of Tata Sons on the new T-hub facility in Hyderabad, which will significantly improve the Indian startup ecosystem.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the Open Language Learning Resources (OLLRs) in five languages at the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) in Hyderabad today. The university developed the tools to learn 5 languages easily and free of cost from anywhere. The OLLRs launched include Chinese, French German, Japanese and Spanish.

Uttra Pradesh

- Uttar Pradesh has become the first state in the country to connect One District One Product (ODOP) mart with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) platform, an initiative aiming at promoting open networks for all aspects of exchange of goods and services over digital or electronic networks. With the onboarding of odopmart.com, the ODOP products will be displayed on all e-commerce portals and apps that are associated with ONDC.
- Airports Authority of India (AAI) has signed an Operation & Management agreement for operationalisation of five airports owned by the Uttar Pradesh Government for a period of 30 years. These five airports are Aligarh, Azamgarh, Chitrakoot, Muirpur and Shravasti.



- E-commerce giant Amazon India announced a series of initiatives to digitally enable lakhs of local stores, entrepreneurs, traders, artisans and weavers across Uttar Pradesh and help them grow their business by selling to customers across India and the world.

West Bengal

- West Bengal authorities, in collaboration with Indian Electrical & Electronics Producers Affiliation (IEEMA), will probably be establishing a devoted electrical and digital industrial park within the state. The state authorities is scouting for land ranging to 1000 acres for the park which is prone to open up enormous funding alternatives.
- Making a revolutionary step towards reducing carbon emission in the water transport sector, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd, a leading warship building company in the country, has signed a contract with West Bengal government for design and construction of next-generation electric ferry. This 'Green' vessel has the potential to replace the conventional diesel engine driven ferries operated in Hooghly river. The arrival of electric ferry shall transform the inland water transport system in National Waterway- 1(NW-1) which is being developed from Haldia to Varanasi under the Ministry of Shipping.

Finance and Banking News:

- The Reserve Bank said the bad loans of banks are expected to further decline to 5.3 per cent of total advances by March 2023 from a six-year low on the back of growth in credit and declining trend in the stock of NPAs.
- State Bank of India's gold loan portfolio has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore for the first time, chairman Dinesh Khara said. On its foundation day, stateowned SBI announced the launch of WhatsApp banking and a new segment for managing assets above Rs 20 lakh. SBI has an about 24% market share in gold loans.
- State Bank of India (SBI) has renewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force for the Defence Salary Package (DSP) scheme. Under this scheme, it will offer various benefits and features to all serving and retired Air Force personnel and their families.
- A report titled "India's Booming Gig and Platform Economy" was released by NITI Aayog. Suman Bery, vice chairman of NITI Aayog, Amitabh Kant, and Dr K Rajeswara Rao, special secretary, released the report. The study, which is a first of its kind, offers in-depth viewpoints and suggestions on the gig-platform economy in India. CEO Amitabh Kant emphasised the industry's potential to generate jobs in light of India's growing urbanisation, and widespread access to the internet, digital technology, and cellphones.
- NITI Aayog released 'Mitigation and Management of COVID-19: Compendium of Ayush-Based Practices from Indian States and Union Territories'
- Frauds in the banking sector involving sums of over ₹100 crore have declined significantly, with banks reporting cases worth ₹41,000 crore in 2021-22 compared to ₹1.05-lakh crore in the previous year. According to official data, the number of fraud cases in private as well as public sector banks (PSBs) dropped to 118 in FY22 from 265 in 2020-21.
- Financial Services Institution Bureau: New entity with wider mandate to replace BBB
The Centre has decided to set up Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB) as a single entity for making



recommendations for appointments of Wholetime Directors and Non-Executive Directors in public sector banks (PSBs), public sector insurers (PSIs) and financial institutions (FIs), said sources.

This new entity, which will be headed by former Banks Board Bureau Chairman Bhanu Pratap Sharma for two years, will also make recommendations for selection of General Managers and Directors in non-life PSIs.

- The Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC) will pay the eligible depositors of Shankarrao Pujari Nutan Sahakari Bank, Ichalkaranji, and Harihareshwar Sahakari Bank, Wai next month. DICGC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the RBI, provides an insurance cover of up to Rs 5 lakh on bank deposits. Depositors of the two Maharashtra-based banks will get the amount credited to the alternate bank account specified by them, or on their consent, to their Aadhaar-linked bank accounts.
- Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions shrank in terms of both volume and value in June as compared to May, showed data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The volume of UPI transactions fell to 5.86 billion in June from 5.96 billion in May, and the value of transactions declined to Rs 10.14 trillion from Rs 10.41 trillion in the previous month.
- Public sector Indian Bank has inked a pact with the Government of Haryana towards distribution of mobile phones to consumers through e-unified payment interface system.
- In March 2022, banks' gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio decreased to a six-year low of 5.9 percent from a high of 7.4 percent in March 2021, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) most recent Financial Stability Report (FSR). According to stress testing, the GNPA ratio of commercial banks may go from 5.9% in March 2022 to 5.3 percent by March 2023 due, among other things, to higher-than-anticipated bank loan growth and a downward trend in the stock of GNPA's, according to the research.
- Government authorised SBI to issue and e-cash electoral bonds
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) published guidelines ordering banks to test their currency sorting equipment every three months. Following the release of the new series of banknotes, the central bank updated the preexisting standards for authentication and sorting. The Reserve Bank stated that vendors will need to re-calibrate the equipment in the event of inconsistencies during the sorting.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1.05 crore and Rs 1 crore on Kotak Mahindra Bank and IndusInd Bank, respectively, for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. In case of Kotak Mahindra Bank, the RBI found that the private lender failed to maintain margin on advances to stock brokers; credit (shadow reversal) the amount involved in the unauthorised electronic transactions to the customers' account within 10 working days from the date of notification by the customer. As for IndusInd Bank, the monetary penalty was imposed on it as it failed to adhere to customer due diligence procedure in the accounts opened using OTP based e-KYC, in non-face-to-face mode.
- Payments provider Cashfree Payments announced that its tokenization solution, 'Token Vault' will offer interoperability in card tokenization. Token Vault's interoperability feature will help businesses who use multiple payment gateways to process tokenized card transactions across any payment gateway and card network of their choice. As per RBI, with effect from 30th September, 2022, businesses and payment aggregators are required to tokenize a customer's card while offering the saved card option.



- The Reserve Bank said it has launched the next round of its order books, inventories and capacity utilisation survey (OBICUS) of manufacturing companies, results of which provide valuable inputs for monetary policy formulation.
The 58th round of the OBICUS is for April - June 2022 period.
Selected manufacturing companies will be approached by the RBI for the survey, the central bank said.
The information collected in the survey includes quantitative data on new orders received during the reference quarter, backlog of orders at the beginning of the quarter, pending orders at the end of the quarter, and total inventories with a breakup between finished goods, among others.
The RBI has also launched the 2021-22 round of its Survey on International Trade in Banking Services (ITBS).
- The country's unemployment rate has shot up at 7.80 per cent in June with the loss of 13 million jobs, mainly in the agriculture sector, according to the data released by economic think-tank Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE).
- The Paschim Banga Gramin Bank has joined hands with SBI Life Insurance for a bancassurance pact.
- The South Indian Bank has signed an agreement with Kerala's Forest and Wildlife Department to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State.
- SBI General Insurance has launched the Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks, said the firm in its statement.
- The Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) said it had concluded a \$100 million loan agreement with Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), along with three Japanese private financial institutions MUFG Bank, the Bank of Kyoto and the Hachijuni Bank on the side-lines of the Quad Summit.
- Bank of Baroda announced the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Air Force (IAF) for Salary Savings Accounts. Under the MoU, Bank of Baroda will offer Baroda Military Salary Package for Uniformed Personnel and Veterans of the Indian Air Force. The MoU covers special benefits including enhanced free comprehensive Personal Accident Insurance cover (PAI), attractive offers on Retail Loans and a host of other benefits.
- IndusInd Bank announced a strategic partnership with MoEngage, the insights-led customer engagement platform to deliver a differentiated digital experience across multiple customer journeys.
As part of the partnership, IndusInd Bank will leverage MoEngage's technology platform to deliver 'Gen Z' digital banking experience to its customers.
- Bank of Baroda has partnered with Women's World Banking (WWB), a global non-profit committed to giving low-income women access to financial tools for long-term financial security and prosperity, to roll out the third and broader phase of the 'Baroda Jan Dhan Plus' programme across 25 districts of Uttar Pradesh and all 13 districts of Uttarakhand.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank announced that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), enabling it to disburse funds for a Central Sector Scheme to the National Centre for Earth Science Studies (NCESS), Trivandrum.



Business News:

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has slapped heavy penalties in a 2015 'dark fibre' case that saw certain brokers exploiting the National Stock Exchange's (NSE's) internet infrastructure to get faster connectivity to its colocation (colo) facilities. The markets regulator has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 crore on NSE and Rs 5 crore on former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chitra Ramkrishna.
- Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Google's proposed acquisition of a minority stake in telecom major Bharti Airtel.
- Acemoney has launched UPI 123Pay payment and wearable ATM cards. The UPI 123Pay payment allows people to carry out cashless transactions without smartphones or internet connections using feature phones. The wearable ATM cards are gadgets designed as key chains and rings that enable people to carry out cashless transactions without ATM cards and phones.
- Zomato (Online food delivery platform) has announced the acquisition of Blink Commerce (Blinkit), earlier known as Grofers India. The company's Board of Directors approved a proposal to acquire cash-strapped quick commerce company Blinkit for Rs 4,447 crore.
- Avanse Financial Services, an NBFC with an emphasis on education, and Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI) have teamed to offer student travel insurance to international students who are supported by Avanse. Student travel insurance from Edelweiss General Insurance covers medical costs and guards against emergencies and financial losses.
The Edelweiss General Insurance plan ensures students have a worry-free time while studying and staying by providing comprehensive coverage against medical, lodging, and travel inconvenience-related covers.
- Edelweiss General Insurance has launched SWITCH, a comprehensive motor insurance product under Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (Irdai) Sandbox initiative.
SWITCH is a completely digital, mobile telematics-based motor policy. The app detects motion and automatically activates insurance when the vehicle is driven, making it convenient and hassle-free for customers.
- SBI Cards and Payment Services announced that it has entered into a strategic partnership with Aditya Birla Finance (ABFL), the lending subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital for the launch of 'Aditya Birla SBI Card'.
- ICICI Securities (I-Sec) announced the launch of ICICIdirect iLearn, a learning app for customers to easily access content curated around several financial products and stock market topics.
- Max Life Insurance Company Ltd. ("Max Life" / "Company"), has rolled out a smart solution, 'Insta confirmation of insurance (Insta-COI)', to customers buying the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan' (UIN: 104N123V01), a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan on Max Life website or Policybazaar platform.
- India's services sector logged its fastest growth in over 11 years after June month's service activities improved further as per the S&P Global India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey. The seasonally adjusted S&P Global India Services PMI Business Activity Index rose from 58.9 in May to 59.2 in June its highest mark since April 2011.
- Apollo Hospitals announced a collaboration with Singapore-based ConnectedLife to integrate its cardiovascular risk assessment tool with the latter's digital wellness solutions. Under the partnership, Apollo's

AICVD tool which can predict the risk of cardiovascular disease will be integrated with ConnectedLife's digital solutions for wellness, condition management and other health-focused applications.

- Amadeus signed pact with Air India for providing passenger service system
- Shriram Transport Finance has received approval from equity shareholders and secured and unsecured creditors for its merger with Shriram City Union Finance (SCUF).

The merger of the two entities will create Shriram Finance, the country's largest retail NBFC





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Economy News:

- Power consumption in the country grew by 17.2 per cent year-on-year to 134.13 billion units (BU) in June, amid severe heat and spurt in economic activities. Power consumption in June last year was recorded at 114.48 BU, which was higher than 105.08 BU in the same month of 2020, according to power ministry data.
- Domestic rating agency Crisil lowered its real GDP growth forecast for India to 7.3 per cent in FY23 from 7.8 per cent estimated earlier. It attributed the downward revision to higher oil prices, slowing of export demand and high inflation.
- Retail investors may use UPI, or the unified payments interface mechanism, to apply in the public offering of REITs and InvITs for application values up to Rs 5 lakh, according to capital markets regulator Sebi. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) stated in two separate circulars that the new framework, which aims to further streamline the procedure, will be applicable to public issue of units of Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) and real estate investment trust (REIT).
- While permitting states to issue an e-way bill for the intra-state movement of gold and precious stones, authorities said the GST Council authorised modifications to tax rates on specific items and services. Along with approving a GoM report on high-risk tax payers to avoid cheating, the Council, presided over by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and made up of state equivalents, also approved a number of compliance processes for GST-registered enterprises.



- Bank deposit growth (y-o-y) moderated to 10.0 per cent in March 2022 as compared with 11.9 per cent a year ago; current, savings and term deposits increased by 10.9 per cent, 13.3 per cent and 7.9 per cent, respectively, during 2021-22.
- The government kept interest rates unchanged on small savings schemes, including NSC and PPF, for the second quarter of 2022-23 amid high inflation and rising interest rate.
Public Provident Fund (PPF): 7.1%
National Savings Certificate (NSC): 6.8%
One-year term deposit scheme: 5.5%
Savings Deposits: 4%
Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana: 7.6%
Term deposits of one to five years: 5.5-6.7%, to be paid quarterly
Five-year recurring deposits: 5.8%
Five-year senior citizens' savings scheme: 7.4%
- The gross GST revenue collected in the month of June 2022 is Rs. 144,616 crore of which CGST is Rs. 25,306 crore, SGST is Rs. 32,406 crore, IGST is Rs. 75887 crore and cess is Rs. 11,018 crore. The gross GST collection in June 2022 is the second highest collection next to the April 2022 collection of Rs. 1,67,540 crore.
- Finance ministry released the fourth instalment of revenue deficit grant of Rs 7,183 crore to 14 states for the current fiscal.
The states for which Post Devolution Revenue Deficit Grant has been recommended by the 15th Finance Commission during 2022-23 are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura, Uttarakhand and West Bengal.

Science & Technology:

- Three Singaporean satellites were successfully launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as part of a commercial mission for the New Space India Limited. This was the space agency's second launch of the year; its first, had put an Indian Earth Observation Satellite in orbit. The space agency also carried six in-orbit experiments mounted on the fourth stage of the rocket on the current mission in addition to the commercial satellites.
- FIFA announced that semi-automated offside technology (SAOT) will be used at the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to enable referees to make faster, more accurate offside decisions at the world's biggest football gala.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) announced the successful flight test of ABHYAS - the High-Speed expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) in Odisha.

Defence News:

- Twenty-six nations, including the United States as the host, took part in the Rim of the Pacific 2022 (RIMPAC 2022) exercise near the Hawaiian Islands and Southern California.
- Iran has launched a solid-fueled rocket into space. Zuljanah, a 25.5 meter-long rocket, is capable of carrying a satellite of 220 kilograms that will ultimately gather data in low-earth orbit and promote Iran's



space industry. Zuljanah is named for the horse of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad.

Summits/Conferences

Summit/Conference	Place	Other news
4th Synergy Conference between Indian Army and Defense Accounts Department (DAD)	New Delhi	
National conference on Food and Nutrition Security in India	New Delhi	
ONDC-NABARD Grand Hackathon	Mumbai	
5th Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC)	Mumbai	
Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh	
2022 NATO Madrid Summit (32nd)	Madrid, Spain	
UN Ocean Conference 2022	Lisbon, Portugal	Theme: Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions
G7 Summit 2022	Bavaria, Germany	
G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)	Bali, Indonesia	

Sports News:

Tournament	Winner	Other news
British Grand Prix 2022	Ferrari's Carlos Sainz	

Sports:

- Postponed several times due to different reasons, the National Games will be held in multiple cities in Gujarat in September-October this year.
- Neeraj Chopra bagged Silver in Stockholm Diamond League, set New National Record. Reigning world champion Anderson Peters won the event
- Adani Sportsline, the sports arm of the Adani Group, has become an official partner with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for the upcoming Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022, Hangzhou Asian Games 2022, and Paris Olympic Games 2024. This is the second time that the Adani Group has come on board with IOA. The earlier association was in 2021 when the group sponsored the Indian Contingent during the Tokyo Olympics.
- Novak Djokovic became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon-woo 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Centre Court for his 80th win in Wimbledon.
- Stand In India captain Jasprit Bumrah smashed Stuart Broad for 29 runs to create a world record for maximum runs in a single over in Test cricket.



The Indian skipper was not out on 31 off 16 balls with four boundaries and two sixes. With this, he has surpassed legendary West Indies batter Brian Lara, who hit South Africa's Robin Peterson for 28 in an over in 2003.

- Ace sprinter Sekar Dhanalakshmi ran her personal best time to win 200m gold at the Qosanov Memorial Athletics. Dhanalakshmi ran a creditable sub-23 second, clocking 22.89s to better her earlier personal best of 23.14s she had come up last year. Dhanalakshmi is only the third Indian woman to run sub-23s after national record holder Saraswati Saha (22.82s) and Hima Das (22.88s).
- Indian runner Parul Chaudhary smashed the national record at the Sound Running meet in Los Angeles as she became the first athlete from the country to clock a sub-nine minute time in the women's 3000m event.
- IAU 24H Asia and Oceania Championships: Led by the formidable Amar Singh Devanda, the Indian men's team clocked a combined total of 739.959 km over the scheduled 24 hours, to comfortably clinch the gold medal.
- Reigning Youth World Boxing champions Alfiya Pathan and Gitika have won gold medals at the Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan.
- India men and Uruguay women crowned champions of the inaugural Hero FIH Hockey5s Lausanne 2022!
- Paytm T20I Series: India and South Africa Shared the Trophy Due to Tie-Break In The Decider
- The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) appointed two-time Olympic medallist shooter Munkhbayar Dorjsuren as the chief foreign coach of the national pistol team ahead of the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, Korea beginning on July 9.
- Badminton: HS Prannoy Moves to 19th Spot in Men's Singles Ranking, Lakshya Sen Only Indian in Top 10
- Young Anahat Singh clinched the German Junior Open Squash Championship Super Series event at Hamburg.
- 2019 World Cup-winning UK captain Eoin Morgan announced his retirement from international cricket.

Rankings:

- Bengaluru, ranked eighth globally, has emerged as the strongest startup ecosystem in India, increasing by two spots this year and solidifying its position in the global top 10 cities, according to a report. The Startup Ecosystem Report 2022, released by Israel-based organisation Startup-Blink, showed that India continues to improve its standings in the global index, and is now ranked 19th after an increase of one spot this year. India is the fourth highest-ranked country in the Asia-Pacific region, after Singapore, Australia, and China.
- States' startup ranking 2021: Gujarat and Karnataka have been ranked as the best performers in developing startup ecosystem for budding entrepreneurs, according to the ranking of states and Union territories by the department for promotion of industry and internal trade (DPIIT). Among smaller states having population of less than one crore, Meghalaya has been adjudged as the best performer. The rankings are based on the initiatives taken to develop the startup ecosystem for promoting budding entrepreneurs.



- Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Telangana are among the seven states categorised as top achievers in the ranking of states and Union Territories based on the implementation of the business reform action plan 2020, according to a report released by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, and Madhya Pradesh are the other states categorised as achievers in the ranking.
- Of the top eight cities in the country, Ahmedabad was the most affordable for home buyers in the first half of calendar year 2022, finds Knight Frank India's latest proprietary study Affordability Index. Following Ahmedabad are Pune and Chennai, at 26 per cent each, even as the Knight Frank India study found that all markets have seen a decline in affordability due to the recent rise in home loan rates triggered by the 90 BPS rise in repo rates.
- Mumbai and Delhi rank among the top 40 most expensive cities in Asia for expatriates, and Kolkata is the least expensive city, says a report.
According to Mercer's 2022 Cost of Living survey, Mumbai (127) is the costliest city in India in terms of both living expenses and accommodation costs. This is followed by New Delhi (155), Chennai (177), Bengaluru (178), and Hyderabad (192), while Pune (201) and Kolkata (203) are the least expensive Indian cities in the ranking.
- In the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, London has emerged as the best city for students looking to study abroad in terms of affordability, student facilities, and university standard among other factors. Seoul and Munich are at second place followed by Zurich and Melbourne at fourth and fifth positions, respectively.
India's highest-ranked student city is Mumbai at 103 spot which scored for affordability but struggles with student mix and desirability. It is followed by Bengaluru at 114 ranks. Chennai and Delhi have made their entries to the list this year at 125 and 129, respectively.
- Odisha has topped in the state ranking for implementation of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) through ration shops, followed by Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' 2022 during a conference of state food ministers on food and nutrition security in India.
Among the special category states (the North Eastern states, Himalayan states, and the Island states), Tripura has obtained the first rank. Himachal Pradesh and Sikkim are at the second and third positions.
- Bengaluru ranks 14th in the list of top 20 cities in Asia Pacific in terms of compliance with sustainability norms in the development of commercial real estate, according to Knight Frank.
Singapore, Sydney, Wellington, Perth, and Melbourne have been ranked as the top five green-rated cities in commercial real estate in the Asia-Pacific region.
Four Indian cities -- Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad and Mumbai -- also made it to the list of top-twenty sustainable cities as per the APAC Sustainability Index 2021 that rated 36 cities based on parameters like urbanisation pressure, climate risk, carbon emissions and government initiatives.

Loans from Banks/Countries:



- The World Bank has approved loans totalling USD 1.75 billion (about Rs 13,834.54 crore) to fund India's PM Ayushman Bharat scheme and private investment to boost the economic growth. Of the total loan, USD 1 billion will go towards the health sector, while the rest USD 750 million will be in the form of development policy loan (DPL) to fill the financing gaps through private sector investment in the economy. The World Bank Board of Executive Directors approved two complementary loans of USD 500 million each to support and enhance India's health sector.

Deadlines/ Important Dates/Years:

- Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has extended the deadline for the introduction of Demat Debit and Pledging Instruction (DDPI) system to September 1. The earlier deadline for implementation was July 1. However, depository firms tasked with readying the backend for the new system asked the regulator for an extension as the "changes to the systems are still under process".

Books:

Book	Author	Other Info
Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life	Viswanathan Anand and author-journalist Susan Ninan	It is memoir of world chess champion Viswanathan Anand

1Obituaries:

Name	Profession	Other Info
Ambika Rao	Malayalam actress and assistant director	
Dr V Krishnamurthy	former chairman of public sector undertakings such as Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog (now Maruti Suzuki)	Also known as Father of Indian PSUs
Kishor Das	Assamese actor	
Tarun Majumdar	Bengali film director	
EN Sudhir	Former Footballer	
Narendra Singh	Politician (Former Bihar agriculture minister)	
P. Gopinathan Nair	Freedom fighter	
Peter Brook	British theatre and cinema director	
Leonardo Del Vecchio	Italian businessman	Ray-Ban's billionaire owner

Important Days:

Date	Day	Extra Info
1 July	National Doctor's Day	Theme 2022: Family Doctors on the Front Line



		Birth anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy
1 July	Chartered Accountants Day	known as ICAI Foundation Day
2 July	World Sports Journalist Day	
2 July	World UFO Day	
2 July	100th International Day of Cooperatives	Theme 2022: Cooperatives Build a Better World first Saturday of July
3 July	International Plastic Bag Free Day	
6 July	World Zoonosis Day	
7 July	World Chocolate Day	
7 July	World Kishwahili Language Day	

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