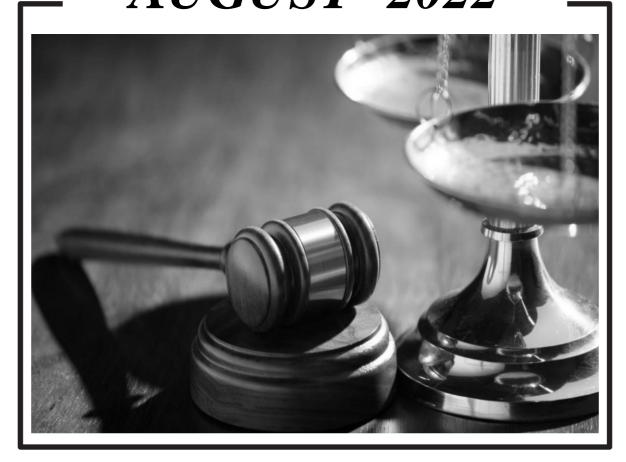


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INTERNATIONAL

World Ranger Day: 31 July

- World Ranger Day is observed every year on 31 July.
- The day is observed to honour rangers and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives while performing their duty.

International Coastal Cleanup Day (17 September):

- Every year thousands of tons of garbage winds up in the oceans, with at least 60% of that being composed of plastic material. Plastics, especially, last a very long time in the ocean and are in such abundance that there are 46,000 individual pieces of plastic litter for every square mile of ocean.
- This is a dire situation for the health of the earth's oceans, which directly impacts the health of its people.

World Water Week- 23 August to 1 September

- World Water Week 2022 will take place from August 23 to September 1.
- Since 1991, the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) has hosted World Water Week to address global water issues and related international development concerns.
- The theme of the 2022 World Water Week is: "Seeing the unseen: The value of water", which helps us view water in new and fascinating ways.
- World Water Week is a community of changemakers working together to find answers to the world's most pressing water-related issues.
- The Week also serves as a gathering space to expedite progress toward the SDGs and other international activities.
- This year's World Water Week is a significant step toward the UN Water Conference in 2023.

International Tiger Day

- International Tiger Day is an annual celebration to raise awareness for tiger conservation, held annually on 29 July.
- It was created in 2010 at the Saint Petersburg Tiger Summit in Russia. The goal of the day is to promote a global system for protecting the natural habitats of tigers and to raise public awareness and support for tiger conservation issues.
- International Tiger Day has been shown to be effective in increasing online awareness on tigers through information search.



India set to be part of 17-nation "Pitch Black" Exercise in Australia

- India will be part of a mega air combat exercise in Australia that is set to witness the participation of around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 countries.
- India's participation in the exercise, "Pitch Black", has been confirmed by the Australian government.
- The exercise is scheduled to take place from August 19 to September 6, 2022.

Auguste Tano Kouamé appointed World Bank's Country Director for India

- The World Bank has appointed Auguste Tano Kouamé as the Country Director for India.
- He replaces Junaid Kamal Ahmad who recently completed a five-year term.
- Auguste, a national of Côte d'Ivoire, most recently served as the World Bank's Country Director for the Republic of Türkiye.
- World Bank Founded: December 1945
- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., U.S.
- President: David Malpass

IISc signs MoU with Indian Navy for collaborative research

- Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Navy have signed an MoU to collaborate on aviation research and development.
- The areas of collaboration under the MoU will fall under the domain of aerospace/aeronautical engineering, including design and education technology.
- This agreement will also promote joint research programmes in areas of mutual interest.

Indian men's table tennis team clinches gold at CWG 2022

- The Indian men's table tennis team won the gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on 2 August 2022.
- India defeated Singapore by 3-1 in the final.
- This is India's third gold medal at the CWG in the men's team event having earlier won in 2010 and 2018.
- On 2 August 2022, the Indian women's lawn bowls team also won its first-ever gold at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

NBA legend Bill Russell passes away

- NBA legend William Felton Russell or Bill Russell passed away in July 2022.
- Russell also served as a player coach for the Celtics and became the first black coach of a US sports team.
- The list of accolades won by him include a hall of fame award, the most valuable player award five times, the all-star award 12 times, and an Olympic gold medal in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

Former Philippine president Fidel Ramos passes away

- Former Philippine president Fidel Ramos passed away at the age of 94 on 31 July 2022.
- Ramos served as the 12th president of the Philippines from 1992 to 1998.
- During his tenure, he was credited for renewing international confidence in the Philippine economy.
- Before becoming president, Ramos served as the chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.



South Korean spacecraft launched to the moon, country's 1st

- South Korea has launched a lunar orbiter.
- South Korea's \$180 million mission the country's first step in lunar exploration features a boxy, solar-powered satellite designed to skim just 62 miles (100 kilometers) above the lunar surface.
- If successful, it will join spacecraft from the U.S

Tania Sachdev won 44th Chess Olympiad

- Tania Sachdev registered a 2.5-1.5 win for India against Hungary in the fourth-round match of women section at the 44th Chess Olympiad in Mamallapuram, Chennai.
- Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika and R Vaishali ended with a draw in their respective encounters. She thrashed Zsoka Gaal to earn a decisive point as well as the match for the team.

Commonwealth Games: India win first-ever gold medal in Lawn Bowls

- India on 2 August 2022 clinched their firstever gold medal in Lawn Bowls after defeating South Africa in the final of the Women's Fours event at the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG).
- The quartet of Lovely Choubey, Pinki Singh, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey led India to their first-ever medal in this sport.
- It was India's fourth gold medal at the ongoing CWG 2022 in Birmingham.

Harjinder Kaur wins bronze medal at Commonwealth Games 2022

- Harjinder Kaur won a bronze medal at the women's 71kg final at Commonwealth Games 2022.
- She brought India its seventh weightlifting medal and ninth overall of the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- Harjinder's total attempt was of 212 kg (93 in snatch and 119 in Clean & Jerk).
- England's Sarah Davies won a gold medal.

246th Independence Day of USA:

- Independence Day (04th July) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.
- The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen Colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on July 4.

GLOBAL GENDER GAP INDEX, 2022

- In 2022, the global gender gap has been closed by 68.1%. At the current rate of progress, it will take 132 years to reach full parity. This represents a slight four-year improvement compared to the 2021 estimate (136 years to parity). However, it does not compensate for the generational loss which occurred between 2020 and 2021: according to trends leading up to 2020, the gender gap was set to close within 100 years.
- Across the 146 countries covered by the 2022 index, the Health and Survival gender gap has closed by 95.8%, Educational Attainment by 94.4%, Economic Participation and Opportunity by 60.3% and Political Empowerment by 22%.



- Although no country has yet achieved full gender parity, the top 10 economies have closed at least 80% of their gender gaps, with Iceland (90.8%) leading the global ranking. Iceland remains the only economy to have closed more than 90% of its gender gap. Other Scandinavian countries such as Finland (86%, 2nd), Norway (84.5%, 3rd) and Sweden (82.2%, 5 th) feature in the top 5, with additional European countries such as Ireland (80.4%) and Germany (80.1%) in 9thand 10thpositions, respectively. Sub-Saharan African countries Rwanda (81.1%, 6th) and Namibia (80.7%, 8th), along with one Latin American country, Nicaragua (81%, 7th), and one country from East Asia and the Pacific, New Zealand (84.1%, 4 th), also take positions in the top 10. Nicaragua and Germany are the new entrants in the top 10 in 2022, while Lithuania (79.9%,11th) and Switzerland (79.5%, 13th) drop out this year.
- Based on the evolution of the global average scores for each subindex over the past 16 editions for the constant sample of 102 countries, at the current rates of progress, it will take 155 years to close the Political Empowerment gender gap, 151 years for the Economic Participation and Opportunity gender gap, and 22 years for the Educational Attainment gender gap. The time to close the Health and Survival gender gap remains undefined as its progress to parity has stalled.
- Comparing this year's results against last year's by examining the 145 countries covered in both the 2021 and 2022 editions shows that the overall gender parity score rose from 67.9% to 68.1%. The Economic Participation and Opportunity subindex also increased from 58.7% to 60.3%, as did the Health and Survival subindex from 95.7% to 95.8%. The Educational Attainment subindex fell from 95.2% to 94.4% while Political Empowerment remained the same, at 22%.
- An analysis of subindex evolution over time—based on the constant sample of 102 countries included in the index since 2006—reveals that gender parity overall and for three of the four subindexes has made progress since the first edition. During the sixteen-year period since the report's inception, each subindex has shown different trends. Economic Participation and Opportunity had one period of increasing parity between 2006 and 2013, and one long period of negative evolution after 2013 until 2017. The Educational Attainment subindex also improved steadily towards parity, with step-changes in 2008 and 2015. The Health and Survival subindex has varied only slightly over time, reaching its lowest point in 2018 and recovering marginally since then, though short of its 2006 level. The Political Empowerment subindex registered significant advances towards parity between 2006 and 2016, fluctuating until 2021, after which it stalled below its 2019 peak.

Format of Asia Cup 2022

- The Asia Cup 2022 is set to get underway on August 27 in UAE and as many as six teams will battle it out for the prestigious trophy.
- India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan all qualified directly for the group stages while four teams Kuwait, Hong Kong, UAE and Singapore fought for the remaining sixth position.
- The qualifiers took place recently and it was the Hong Kong side that emerged victorious in the tournament.
- It has to be noted that the six teams have been divided into two groups. India, Pakistan and Hong Kong have been placed in Group A while Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Afghanistan have been placed in Group B.
- The tournament will kick off with Sri Lanka and Afghanistan playing each other at the Dubai International Stadium in a Group B fixture while it will be followed by the much-awaited India-Pakistan game on the very next day at the same stadium in the Group A fixture.
- Coming to the format, three teams will play two games each against the members of their group and the top two sides from each group will qualify for the super four stages. The four teams in the super four stages will get to play three games in a round-robin method and the top two sides will qualify for the final which is scheduled to be held on September 11.



- The previous edition of the tournament, held in 2018, followed the ODI format and India was able to bag the title by beating Bangladesh in the finals. Meanwhile this year, a total of 13 games will be played in the tournament, which would be helpful for the selectors to have a look at their combinations for the T20 World Cup 2022 in Australua. Initially, the tournament was set to be held in Sri Lanka, however, due to the economical situation in the country, the Asia Cup 2022 was moved to UAE.
- The teams have started their training sessions ahead of the upcoming big assignments and recently, the India-Pakistan players were spotted interacting with each other ahead of their clash.

NATIONAL

'Samta Nyay Kendra'.

Under the National Legal Services Authority (Legal Services Clinics) Regulations, 2011, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), UT Chandigarh in association with Chandigarh State Aids Control Society and Association of Professional Social Workers & Development Practitioners (APSWDP), has opened a Legal Services Clinic, exclusively to provide legal services to transgender community, which is named as 'Samta Nyay Kendra'.

Jagdeep Dhankhar: 14th Vice President of India

- NDA Candidate, Jagdeep Dhankhar has become the 14th Vice President of India, after beating Margaret Alva. He is the second leader from Rajasthan to become Vice President.
- Out of 780 electors, including elected members of Lok Sabha and elected & nominated members of the Rajya Sabha, 725 electors put their votes.
- Total voter turnout reached to 92.94%.
- Jagdeep Dhankar won by 346 votes. 528 out of 725 votes were in his favour. 15 votes were termed invalid.
- On the other hand, Margaret Alva won 182 votes.

Chabahar Day conference begins in Mumbai

- Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal inaugurated the Chabahar Day conference in Mumbai on 31 July 2022.
- Union Shipping & Waterways Ministry organized this conference on the occasion of 'Chabahar Day'

Punjab govt inks pact to become member of 'Under2 coalition'

- The Punjab govt has signed an agreement for becoming a member of the prestigious Global Network called 'Under2 Coalition' to check global warming.
- With this, Punjab has become a member of the largest network of 221 states of 43 countries committed to reducing carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions.

Andal Thirunakshatram: 2 August 2022

- 2 August 2022 marked Andal Thirunakshatram or the birth anniversary of Sri Andal, a celebrated Tamil Saint-Poet, who is believed to be an incarnation of Goddess Lakshmi.
- Pooram Day of Tamil month of Aadi celebrates the birth of Andal.



- Pooram is one among the 27 Nakshatras in Hindu Astrology.
- Andal penned several verses including Thiruppavai and the Nachiyar Thirumozhi.

Competition (Amendment) Bill: What are the changes being proposed?

- Competition (Amendment) Bill, 2022 is going to be presented in the ongoing session of Parliament.
 The Bill proposes individual members of the six-member board to decide on cases.
- Businesses accused of anti-competitive practices should be allowed to settle cases by negotiating with the CCI.
- An expansion of the prohibited anticompetitive agreements to cover new-age marketing arrangements.

Bill to rename "Delhi International Arbitration Centre"

- This bill was introduced in Lok Sabha on August 5, 2022. It seeks to amend the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre Act, 2019. Act of 2019 had set up the "New Delhi International Arbitration Centre", by replacing the International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution. Act also designated the centre as an institute of national importance. Important features of the bill include:
- Bill rechristens the New Delhi International Arbitration Centre as India International Arbitration Centre.
- 2019 Act provides for Arbitration Centre to facilitate the conduct of international & domestic
 arbitration and conciliation. But the bill amends this provision by expanding it to add conduct of
 other forms of alternative dispute resolution.
- 2019 had allowed the central government to provide for removing any difficulties in implementing the act for 2 years from the date of commencement. Under the bill, this time period has been extended to 5 years.
- Bill also amends various drafting errors in 2019 act

The National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021

The National Anti-Doping Bill, 2021 was passed by Lok Sabha with amendments incorporating some changes recommended by the Standing Committee on Sports. The Bill seeks to prohibit doping in sports and provides for constituting the National Anti-Doping Agency as a statutory body. Doping is the consumption of certain prohibited substances by athletes to enhance performance. Key features of the Bill include:

- Prohibition of doping: The Bill prohibits athletes, athlete support personnel, and other persons from engaging in doping in sport. Support personnel include the coach, trainer, manager, team staff, medical personnel, and other persons working with or treating or assisting an athlete. These persons must ensure that there is no violation of antidoping rules which include: (i) presence of prohibited substances or its markers in an athlete's body, (ii) use, attempted use or possession of prohibited substances or methods, (iii) refusing to submit a sample, (iv) trafficking or attempted trafficking in prohibited substances or methods, and (v) aiding or covering up such violations.
- The Committee noted that the Bill does not make distinction between minor and adult athletes. It recommended that the distinction between a minor and adult athlete should be made in the Rules to ensure a protective mechanism for minor athletes. The amendment adds that anti-doping rules will also apply to:
- (i) 'other persons' participating or involved in sport, and
- (ii) persons specified as 'protected persons' by the central government as per the prescribed manner. As per World Anti-Doping Agency Code, a protected person is:



- ✓ below the age of 16, or
- ✓ below the age of 18 and has not participated in any international competition in open category, or
- (iii) lacks legal capacity as per their country's legal framework.
- National Anti-Doping Agency: Currently, antidoping rules are implemented by the National Anti-Doping Agency, which was established as a society. The Bill provides for constituting this National Anti-Doping Agency as a statutory body. It will be headed by a Director General appointed by the central government. Functions of the Agency include:
 - planning, implementing, and monitoring anti-doping activities,
 - investigating antidoping rule violations, and
 - promoting anti-doping research.

Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022

- Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was put in the Lok Sabha on August 3, 2022 and was passed on August 8. It seeks to amend the Energy Conservation Act, 2001. It promotes energy efficiency and conservation.
- The Bill seeks to regulate the energy consumption by equipment, buildings, appliances, and industries.
- Under it, government may ask the designated consumers to meet a minimum share of energy consumption from non-fossil sources. It might specify different consumption thresholds for nonfossil sources and consumer categories.
- The designated consumers are-
- Industries including steel, mining, textile, cement, chemicals, and petrochemicals
- Transport sector including Railways
- Commercial buildings.
- In case, designated consumers failed to meet the obligation, the bill provides for a penalty of up to Rs 10 lakh.
- Bill also empowers the central government to specify a carbon credit trading scheme. Central
 government or authorised agency would issue carbon credit certificates to entities registered under
 the scheme.
- Bill provides for 'energy conservation and sustainable building code', that specifies norms for energy efficiency & conservation, use of renewable energy, and other requirements for green buildings.
- It also empowers state governments to decrease the load thresholds.

Parliament passes Weapon of Mass Destruction Amendment Bill

- Parliament has passed the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022.
- It seeks to amend the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005.
- The 2005 Act prohibits unlawful activities such as manufacturing, transport or transfer related to weapons of mass destruction.

Partition of Bengal - Impact

- After Curzon announced the partition, there was widespread political unrest in the province.
- Rabindranath Tagore wrote the famous song 'Amar Sonar Bangla,' which later became Bangladesh's national anthem.
- The Indian National Congress objected to the move to divide the province along communal lines.



• The majority of Bengalis in the western part of the province protested this move.

Puneeth Rajkumar to be conferred Karnataka Ratna posthumously

- Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar, who died 2021, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously, on November 1, 2022.
- The day happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day.
- He will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian honour.

Justice Uday U Lalit to be the 49th Chief Justice of India

- Justice Uday U Lalit is set to take over as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on August 27, 2022 with the incumbent, NV Ramana recommending the former as his successor.
- Lalit will have a short tenure of fewer than three months.
- He is only the second judge after justice SM Sikri elevated directly from the bar who will go on to become the CJI.
- Sikri was CJI between 1971 and 1973

India's first-ever Digital Lok Adalat to be held in August 13

- India's first-ever end-to-end Digital Lok Adalat will be held on August 13, 2022.
- It will be held by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) and Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA).
- This Digital Lok Adalat was launched during the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet held in Jaipur in July 2022.

The government launched the Aqua Bazaar feature of the Matsya Setu App:

- Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairy presented the "Aqua Bazar" online marketplace feature in the "MatsyaSetu" mobile app during the 9th general body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board.
- The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Hyderabad, and the ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, utilized funds from the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to develop the MatsyaSetu app.
- The Aqua Bazar online market will help fish farmers and other interested parties find the inputs (such as fish seeds, feed, medicines, etc.) and services required for fish farming.
- On the Aqua Bazar market, farmers may also sell their table-size fish.
- All stakeholders involved in aquaculture are intended to be connected by the Aqua Bazar marketplace.

17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 to be held at Indore:

- The 17th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas 2023 will take place in Indore in January of next year, according to Arindam Bagchi, a spokeswoman for the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Every year on January 9th, the celebration of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas honors the contribution of the Indian diaspora to the advancement of India.
- It also honors Mahatma Gandhi's trip back to India from South Africa on January 9, 1915.
- The 16th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was held during 21–23 January 2019 in Varanasi, India.
- The Prime Minister of Mauritius, Prayind Jugnauth, was the guest of honor.



Indian Railways longest freight train: Super Vasuki

- The Super Vasuki, the Indian Railways' newest train, underwent a test run.
- The Indian Railways' South East Central Railway (SECR) zone runs the Super Vasuki.
- Vasuki and Trishul, two record-breaking long-distance freight trains, were run by the SECR last year.
- The 2.8 km SheshNaag train came before them. Five cargo trains were combined into one unit to create the Super Vasuki.
- The freight train has a length of 3.5 kilometers.
- The Super Vasuki carries enough coal to run a 3000 MW power plant for a whole day.
- The train took 11.20 hours to cover a distance of 267 km.

'Udyami Bharat'

- 'Udyami Bharat' is reflective of the continuous commitment of the government, right from day one, to work towards the empowerment of MSMEs.
- The government has launched several initiatives from time to time like MUDRA Yojana, Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme, Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) etc. to provide necessary and timely support to the MSME sector, which has helped benefit crores of people across the country.

Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY

- Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) is an entitlement-based scheme. Eligible beneficiaries can directly visit any empanelled public or private hospital to avail cashless treatment.
- Ayushman cards are issued to the beneficiaries to create awareness about the scheme. National
 Health Authority in association with State Health Agencies has fast-tracked the process of issuance
 of cards to the beneficiaries across the country.
- Healthcare services including primary, secondary and tertiary are provided free to all citizens of the country in Central/State Government hospitals.
- PMJAY's beneficiary database is defined. 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families (bottom 40 percent population) identified on the basis of SECC 2011 data are entitled to receive free treatment under the scheme.
- Further, States/UTs have the flexibility to run their own health protection schemes in alliance with AB-PMJAY at their own cost. Accordingly, States/UTs have expanded the scheme coverage to 14.75 crore beneficiary families at their own cost.
- To cover each eligible person as per the 2011 Census under the scheme, guidelines are issued to States/UTs to identify beneficiaries as per deprivation/occupational criteria of SECC and to meet the shortfall in terms of number of eligible beneficiary households vis-à-vis those already identified/verified using their own datasets.

SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF WOMEN:

The Government is implementing several schemes/programmes for welfare, rehabilitation, empowerment, education and providing employment to destitute women which inter-alia include the following:

• SwadharGreh Scheme:

The Scheme caters to primary needs of women in difficult circumstances— women and girls rendered homeless due to family discord, crime, violence, mental stress, social ostracism or are being forced into



prostitution and are in moral danger. The scheme through the provisions of shelter, food, clothing, counselling, training, clinical and legal aid aims to rehabilitate such women in difficult circumstance economically and emotionally. Under SwadharGreh Scheme vocational and skill upgradation training is provided for economic rehabilitation of women.

Home for Widows:

A Home for widows has been set up in Vrindavan, Uttar Pradesh with a capacity of 1,000 inmates to provide widows a safe and secure place of stay, health services, nutritious food, legal and counselling services.

One Stop Centres

One Stop Centres (OSCs), popularly known as Sakhi Centres, aim to facilitate women affected by violence (including domestic violence) with a range of integrated services under one roof such as Police facilitation, medical aid, legal aid and legal counselling, psycho-social counselling, temporary shelter, etc.

• Women Helpline (WHL) Scheme

Women Helpline (WHL) Scheme provides 24 hours emergency and non-emergency response to women affected by violence, both in public and private spaces by linking them with appropriate authority such as Police, One Stop Centre, Hospital, Legal Services, etc. WHL also supports women in distress with rescue van and counselling services in addition to providing information about women welfare schemes and programs across the country. Women can dial 181 short code to avail services from Women Helpline.

Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme:

Under this scheme, widow pension is provided to the widows belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) households. This is a sub-scheme under National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) of Ministry of Rural Development. Under the scheme, central assistance @ Rs. 300/- per month is provided to widows in the age group of 40-79 years and the pension amount is enhanced to Rs 500/- per month on attaining 80 years.

• Atal Pension Yojana (APY):

This scheme is implemented with an objective to create a universal social security system for all Indians, especially the poor, the under privileged and workers in the unorganized sector. The scheme is open to all citizens of India between 18-40 years of age having a saving bank account in a bank or post office.

The country's first indigenous monkeypox test kit has been launched:

- The first RT-PCR kit for monkeypox illness testing to be created locally was in India.
- Ajay Kumar Sood, a principal scientific adviser to the center, revealed the kit, which was created by Transasia Bio-Medicals.
- The package would assist in better managing the virus, which the WHO has classified as a global public health emergency.
- While clinically less severe than smallpox, monkeypox is a viral zoonosis—a virus that spreads from animals to people.
- The typical symptoms of monkeypox include fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes, and it can cause a variety of medical issues.



Assam CM Launches 'Vidya Rath- School On Wheels' Project For economically weaker kids

• Assam Chief Minister Shri Himanta Biswa Sarma has launched a project 'Vidya Rath- School on Wheels' at a function held at the premises of Gauhati High Court in Assam.

Sikkim CM launches schemes for women's welfare

- Sikkim Chief Minister Shri Prem Singh Tamang announced schemes for the welfare of women at Bhaichung Stadium in Namchi, Sikkim.
- Sikkim Aama Sashaktikaran Yojana (SASY) Under Aama Yojana all unemployed mothers in the state will receive Rs 20,000 annually which will be deposited in their bank accounts.
- Chief Ministers Vatsalya Yojana Under this, an aid of Rs 3 lakh will be provided to childless women for in vitro fertilization treatment.
- The financial assistance of Rs 3 lakh for IVF treatment will be given in two phases Rs 1 lakh in the 1st and Rs 2 lakh in the 2nd and last phase.
- Mukhya Mantri Swasthya Suvidha Yojana a health insurance for MR (Medical Representative) /Adhoc/Contractual/Probationary Employees
- He announced year-long maternity leave for women employees of the state beginning in place of the six-month leave which was the practice so far.
- He also launched the mobile village clinic program to provide accessible medical facilities to people in remote areas in all six districts.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath launches 'Radio Jaighosh' to mark Kakori Train Action anniversary

- As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Shri Yogi Adityanath launched 'Radio Jaighosh' to mark the anniversary of Kakori Train Action.
- Radio Jaighosh will be available at 107.8 MHz and will broadcast programs from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from the newly renovated studio of the Sangeet Natak Akademi in Lucknow.
- Daily shows on the radio will include 'Parakram' that will revolve around gallant soldiers of the pre and post-Independence era and unsung heroes, while 'Shaurya Nagar' will promote folktales from all the 75 districts of the state.

IRDAI set to roll out an upgraded version of IGMS as 'Bima Bharosa'

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) is set to roll out an upgraded version of the Integrated Grievance Redressal System (IGRS), a revamped grievance redressal mechanism as Bima Bharosa.
- About 'Bima Bharosa': 'Bima Bharosa' will take care of customers' needs in a more time-bound manner.
- SMSes will be sent to the complainant's registered mobile/e-mail ID after registration of the complaint and upon attending by the insurance company.

India's largest floating Solar Power Project

- 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 00:00 hours of July 01, 2022.
- With the operationalisation of 100-MW Solar PV Project at Ramagundam, total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region rose to 217 MW. Earlier, NTPC declared Commercial operation of 92 MW Floating Solar at Kayamkulam (Kerala) and 25 MW Floating Solar at Simhadri (Andhra Pradesh). The 100-MW Floating Solar project at Ramagundam is endowed with advanced technology as well as environment friendly features. Constructed with financial implication



- of Rs. 423 crores through M/s BHEL as EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) contract, the project spreads over 500 acres of its reservoir. Divided into 40 blocks, each having 2.5 MW. Each block consists of one floating platform and an array of 11,200 solar modules.
- The floating platform consists of one Inverter, Transformer, and a HT breaker. The solar modules are placed on floaters manufactured with HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) material. The entire floating system is being anchored through special HMPE (High Modulus Polyethylene) rope to the dead weights placed in the balancing reservoir bed. The power is being evacuated up to the existing switch yard through 33KV underground cables. This project is unique in the sense that all the electrical equipment including inverter, transformer, HT panel and SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) are also on floating ferro cement platforms. The anchoring of this system is bottom anchoring through.

RATHA YATRA

- Ratha Yatra is a Hindu festival associated with Lord Jagannath held at Shri Kshetra Puri Dham in the state of Odisha, India.
- It is the oldest Ratha Yatra, whose descriptions can be found in Brahma Purana, Padma Purana, and Skanda Purana and Kapila Samhita. Rath Yatra or Jatra is the celebration of the Lord Jagannath, who is believed to be the Lord of Universe's journey towards his aunt's house. The festival commemorates Jagannath's annual visit to Gundicha Temple via Mausi Maa Temple (maternal aunt's home) near Saradha Bali, Puri. This annual festival is celebrated on Ashadha Shukla Paksha Dwitiya (second day in bright fortnight of Ashadha month).

PAYMENTS VISION 2025

- The journey of payment systems in India has been phenomenal in the recent couple of years. The Payments Vision 2025 promises to further elevate our payment systems towards a realm of empowering users with affordable payment options accessible anytime and anywhere with convenience. As this journey towards less-cash and less-card society unfolds, concomitant expansion in the basket of digital payment options with credence and confidence would ensure sustenance of Reserve Bank's approach of facilitating users with a seamless digital payment experience. This will also reinforce India's position as the global leader in digital payments domain. Considering the current geo-political developments across the world, the Payments Vision 2025 document also seeks to address the potential risks arising out of any adverse situation that may arise.
- The Payments Vision 2025 document is presented across the five anchor goalposts of Integrity, Inclusion, Innovation, Institutionalisation and Internationalisation. Resilience to operational and security concerns would continue to be at the heart to withstand and recover from the evolving threat landscape. Integrity of payment systems shall be non-negotiable for buttressing customer confidence. With the change / shift in customer behaviour towards embracing digital and touchless modes of payments, partly due to the CoVID, there is a spike of 50% in mobile banking users, indicating inclusion of first-time users into the digital fold. The challenge to make this an irreversible shift, eventually seeking convenient and tailored payment solutions, would be pursued.
- Inclusion would be promoted through collection and publication of disaggregated payment data leading to policy enhancements, where required; customer awareness transcending geographies, participant members and customer segments; identifying spatial penetration of digital payment acceptance infrastructure across states / districts; reviewing the scope of PIDF Scheme, etc. To further spur innovation, UPI like system for cards and an enabling framework for Internet of Things (IoT) based payments would be explored.
- It is also considered opportune to showcase India's achievements at the international fora. Increased involvement in discussions of global standard-setting bodies, including interlinkage with fast



payment systems of other jurisdictions with focus on adjoining corridors, will be furthered; this could also be expected to improve trade and commerce and reduce cost and time for remittances. Higher adoption of digital payments and associated less-cash outcome is expected to reduce costs associated with usage of cash or near-cash substitutes. This would enhance the share of digital payments to GDP and contribute towards improved transparency in transactions.

Justice UU Lalit takes oath as 49th Chief Justice of India

- Justice Lalit will become the second Chief Justice of India to be directly elevated to the Supreme Court from the Bar, after Justice SM Sikri, who served as the 13th CJI in 1971.
- Justice Ramana had recommended Justice Lalit as his successor in keeping with convention and norms of seniority. The President subsequently confirmed Justice Lalit's appointment as the new CJI.
- Justice Uday Umesh Lalit took oath as the 49th Chief Justice of India on Saturday at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- President Droupadi Murmu to administer the oath of Office of the Chief Justice of India to Justice
 Uday Umesh Lalit at Rashtrapati Bhavan today. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister
 Narendra Modi and Union ministers were present at the ceremony. Justice Lalit's predecessor, Justice
 N V Ramana, was also present.
- Justice Lalit enrolled as an Advocate in June 1983 and practised in the High Court of Bombay till December 1985.
- Justice Lalit, who shifted his practice to Delhi in 1986, was appointed Judge of the Supreme Court in August 2014.

Filing RTI a constitutional right: Officials

- The former information commissioners, at a webinar held by National Campaign for People's Right to Information, called on citizens to fight for their fundamental right that is in danger.
- The webinar was organised by the National Campaign for People's Right to Information, a body
 working for RTI Act after commissions in Punjab, Gujarat and Andhra had banned applicants on
 charges of filing repeated RTI applications terming them "frivolous" and "vexatious".
- "Even the Supreme Court cannot ban a person from filing an RTI. The attitude of commissions and commissioners is key. They are meant to protect the interests of citizens. They should work for governance and not the government," said Habibullah.

Supreme Court's proceedings live-streamed for the first time in history

- On the last working day of outgoing Chief Justice of India (CJI) NV Ramana on Friday, the Supreme Court (SC) proceedings were live-streamed for the first time in history.
- On September 26, 2018, a three-judge bench of Supreme Court had allowed live-streaming of the hearings in the apex court, barring hearings related to sexual offences and matrimonial disputes.

Mumbai: Tata hospital to set up national digital library

With the aim of collating patients' records in all the 270 hospitals across India under the National Cancer Grid (NCG), the Tata Memorial Hospital (TMH) has decided to set up a national digital library in its building, which will be the main hub for all data records.

'Atal Bridge' over Sabarmati River released; PM Modi says 'isn't it spectacular'

Pictures of the 'Atal Bridge' over the Sabarmati River were released ahead of its inauguration by PM Narendra Modi in Ahmedabad on Saturday. "Doesn't the Atal Bridge look spectacular," PM Modi said



about the 300-metre foot-over bridge named after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The pictures show the bridge lit up with LED lighting at night.

Nagaland gets 2nd railway station after nearly 120 years

Nagaland on Friday got its second railway station after nearly 120 years, with services starting at Shokhuvi. Before this, the state only had Dimapur Railway Station, which was inaugurated in 1903. CM Neiphiu Rio flagged off the Donyi Polo Express from Shokhuvi Railway Station. The train, which used to run between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh, will now connect Shokhuvi.

Bharat Brand: One Nation One Fertiliser

- One Nation One Fertilizer Scheme is going to be implemented in the country from 2nd October 2022. Under this scheme all types of fertilizers will be sold in India under the same brand name 'Bharat'. Also, the government renamed the fertilizer subsidy scheme as Pradhanmantri 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.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Govt. extends Mr. Meenesh Shah's as NDDB Chairman for another 6 Months

- The Center has extended the tenure of Mr. Meenesh C Shah, an executive director of the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), to hold a charge as the Chairman of NDDB for another six months until November 30, 2022.
- It will be the second extension after the first on January 4, 2022.
- Shah has been holding the NDDB Chairman position since June 1, 2021.
- The post of Chairman NDDB fell vacant when Dilip Rath demitted office after being elected to the Board of International Dairy Federation (IDF).
- In addition to that, India will host the world's largest dairy conference, the International Dairy Federation (IDF) World Dairy Summit 2022, in New Delhi from September 12 to 15,2022, with the theme "Dairy for Nutrition and Livelihood."

Veteran filmmaker Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala Passes away

• Veteran film producer Abdul Gaffar Nadiadwala passed away on Monday at the age of 91.

India's 1st Indigenous Monkeypox RT-PCR Testing Kit Launched

- India has developed the first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease at the Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone (AMTZ)
- The kit was developed by Transasia Bio-Medicals in a tie-up with Erba Mannheim.
- It was unveiled by Principal Scientific Adviser to the Center Mr. Ajay Kumar Sood.
- The Transasia-Erba monkeypox RT-PCR kit is highly sensitive, but an easy-to-use test with uniquely formulated primer and probe for enhanced accuracy.
- The kit would help in early detection and better management of the infection which the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a public health emergency of international concern.



Padmanabha Pillai Gopinathan Nair

- Padmanabha Pillai Gopinathan Nair was an Indian social worker, Gandhian, independence activist, and the chairman of Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Trust (popularly known as Gandhi Smarak Nidhi). He participated in the Quit India movement of 1942 and worked alongside Vinoba Bhave to promote Bhoodan and Gramdan movements. He was the initiator of the camp movement, a student program that was part of the Construction Movement of Mahatma Gandhi. He was a recipient of the Jamnalal Bajaj Award, among other honors.
- The Government of India awarded him the fourth highest civilian honour of the Padma Shri, in 2016, for his contributions to society.

Dr Sushovan Banerjee

- Dr Sushovan Banerjee died on 26 July 2022 also known as One Rupee Doctor, was an Indian physician and politician.
- He was known for treating needy people for one rupee.
- In 1984, he was the MLA of Bolpur. In 2020, he was awarded the Padma Shri by the Indian Government for his contribution in the field of medicine.
- In 2020 he held his name in the Guinness World Records for treating the maximum number of patients in a lifetime.

Bhupinder Singh

- Bhupinder Singh (6 February 1940 18 July 2022) was an Indian musician, chiefly a ghazal singer and also a Bollywood playback singer.
- His famous songs include "DilDhoondtahai", "Do diwaneshaharmein", "Naam gum jayega", "Karogeyaad to", "Meethebol bole", "Kabhi kisi ko mukammal", "Kisi nazar ko tera intezaaraajbhi", and "Ek akela is Shehar Mein". He sang the song Duniya Chute Yaar Na Toote picturized on Rajesh Khanna. R. D. Burman made him sing songs like RaatBanoo Mein GeetBano Tum, Naam Gum Jayega, Kahiya Kahan Se Aana Hua and Beete Na Bitaai Raina which made him famous.

Yair Lapid

- Yair Lapid (born 5 November 1963) is an Israeli politician and former journalist who has been serving as the 14th prime minister of Israel since 1 July 2022.
- He previously served as the alternate prime minister of Israel and minister of Foreign Affairs from 2021 to 2022. Lapid is the chairman of the centrist YeshAtid party, and was Leader of the Opposition from 2020 to 2021, and Minister of Finance from 2013 to 2014.
- Before entering politics in 2012, Lapid was an author, TV presenter and news anchor. The centrist
 YeshAtid party, which he founded, became the second-largest party in the Knesset by winning 19
 seats in its first legislative election in 2013.
- The greater than anticipated results contributed to Lapid's reputation as a leading centrist. Lapid
 became the Prime Minister of Israel on 1 July 2022 after Bennett stepped down as prime minister
 following the dissolution of the Knesset.
- Lapid will remain the prime minister until a new government is formed after the next election.

Shinzo Abe

• Shinzo Abe (21 September 1954 – 8 July 2022) was a Japanese politician who served as Prime Minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from 2006 to 2007 and again from 2012 to 2020.



- He was the longest-serving prime minister in Japanese history. Abe also served as Chief Cabinet Secretary from 2005 to 2006 under Junichiro Koizumi and was briefly the opposition leader in 2012.
 On 8 July 2022, Abe was assassinated by a former member of the Japan Maritime Self.
- Defense Force while delivering a campaign speech in Nara two days before the 10 July upper house elections; he was later pronounced dead in hospital.

Uwe Seeler

- Uwe Seeler (5 November 1936 21 July 2022) was a German footballer and football official. As a striker, he was a prolific scorer for Hamburger SV and also made 72 appearances for the West Germany national team. Usually regarded as one of the greatest players in German football history, Seeler was named one of FIFA's 100 greatest living players by Pelé in 2004. He was the first football player to be awarded the Great Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany.
- The DFB (German FA) made him the second honorary captain of the German national team in 1972 (the first being Fritz Walter). In 2003, he became an honorary citizen of his hometown Hamburg; the first time the honor was bestowed on a sportsman. That year he also published his memoirs Danke, Futball ("Thank you, football"). 2005 saw the unveiling of a giant monument in front of the Hamburger SV stadium depicting his right foot.

SPORTS NEWS

- Manisha Kalyan becomes 1st Indian to play in the UEFA league:
- When Manisha Kalyan, a young striker for Apollon Ladies FC, made her debut in the European Club competition in Engomi, Cyprus, she became the first Indian player to compete in the UEFA Women's Champions League.
- The 20-year-old made history in November 2021 when she scored the first goal ever by an Indian football player in the AFC Women's Club Championship.
- For the national team and Gokulam Kerala in the Indian Women's League, Kalyan put on spectacular displays (IWL).
- After Dangmei Grace joined FC Nasaf of Uzbekistan, Kalyan is the second player from Gokulam, Kerala, to sign with an international team.
- She just received the honor of being named the 2021–22 AIFF Women's Footballer of the Year.

Satwik-Chirag win bronze, India's first-ever men's doubles medal in World C'ships history

- The Indian pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty on Saturday 27/08/2022 bagged bronze medal in the men's doubles event at Badminton World Championships.
- This is the first time that India have bagged a medal in the men's doubles category at the championships. Satwik-Chirag lost the semi-final against Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik 22-20, 18-21, 16-21 in 77 minutes.

'Dahi-Handi' - Maharashtra's Official Sport

Like Kho-Kho and Kabaddi, Dahi Handi has now been given the status of a game in Maharashtra. It will be considered as a type of adventure sports.



Serena Williams announces retirement

- Iconic Tennis Star, Serena Williams announced her retirement on August 9, 2022.
- She will say goodbye to tennis after US Open, which is scheduled to take place from August 29 to September 11, 2022.
- She announced her retirement as she wants to focus on her family life.

CWG 2022: Indian Team wins gold in Lawn Bowl

- The Commonwealth Games 2022 is being held in Birmingham, England from July 28-August 8 2022.
- India is participating for the 18th time in the Commonwealth Games, with the contingent comprising of 322 members.
- So far, India has won 9 medals, comprising of 3 Golds, 3 Silvers, and 3 Bronze medals.
- Most of the medals are from weightlifting category.
- India's first gold medal came for Mirabai Chanu in Weightlifting women's 49kg category.
- In this edition of the Commonwealth Games, women's cricket has been included for the first time. Indian women's Cricket team has lost the first match against Australia. However, they defeated Pakistan by 8 wickets.
- In the Medal Tally, India is at 6th place currently. Australia is ranked first with 52 medals, including 22 Gold medals, 13 silver medals, and 17 Bronze medals.

The 2022 Wimbledon Championships

- The 2022 Wimbledon Championships was a Grand Slam tier tennis tournament that took place at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet (AELTC) Club in Wimbledon, London, United Kingdom. Novak Djokovic successfully defended his gentlemen's singles title to claim his 21st major title, defeating Nick Kyrgios in the final. Ashleigh Barty was the reigning ladies' champion, but did not defend her title after retiring from professional tennis in March 2022. The ladies' singles title was won by Elena Rybakina, who defeated OnsJabeur in the final.
- This year, the AELTC barred Russian and Belarusian tennis players from competing, because of the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine. In reaction, the WTA, ATP, and ITF withdrew ranking points from the tournament.

Major winners are-

- Men's singles- Novak Djokovic (Serbia) def. Nick Kyrgios (Australia), 4–6, 6–3, 6–4, 7–6(7–3)
- Women's singles- Elena Rybakina (Kazakhstan) def. OnsJabeur (Tunisia), 3–6, 6–2, 6–2
- Men's doubles-
- Matthew Ebden / Max Purcell (both Australia) def. Nikola Mektić / Mate Pavić (both Croatia), 7–6(7–5), 6–7(3–7), 4–6, 6–4, 7–6(10–2)
- Women's doubles- Barbora Krejčíková / Kateřina Siniaková (both Czech Republic) def. Elise Mertens (Belgium)/ Zhang Shuai (China) 6–2, 6–4
- Mixed doubles- Neal Skupski (UK)/ Desirae Krawczyk (USA) def. Matthew Ebden / Samantha Stosur (both Australia), 6–4, 6–3

India's Sanket Sargar wins silver in 55kg category weightlifting

- O Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the silver medal in the men's 55kg category weightlifting in Commonwealth Games 2022.
- He led in the snatch event with a lift of 113 kgs.



- He then produced a great performance in the clean and jerk too where he lifted 135kg in his first attempt and then failed at both his attempts to lift 139 kgs.
- o He finished with a total lift of 248 kgs

Sudhir wins India's first Gold medal in Para Powerlifting

- o In the Commonwealth Games, Parapowerlifter Sudhir clinched gold medal in the men's heavyweight final with the best weight of 212 kg.
- o Sudhir won India's first gold in ParaPowerlifting at Commonwealth Games.
- He defeated Nigeria's Ikechukwu Obichukwu by 0.9 points as his final score read a games record 134.5 points for the gold.

Rupal Chaudhary: 1st Indian to win two medals at U20 Athletics C'ships

- Rupal Chaudhary has become the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the World U20 Athletics Championship.
- After winning a 4x400m relay race silver, she won bronze in the women's 400m race.
- Rupal clocked 51.85 seconds to finish third behind Yemi Mary John (51.50) of Britain & Damaris Mutunga (51.71) of Kenya on 4 August 2022.
- On 2 August, she had won a silver in the 4x400m relay race.

44th International Chess Olympiad to be inaugurated by PM

- The 44th Chess Olympiad is scheduled to be conducted from July 28 to August 10, 2022.
- It will be conducted at Poonjeri Village in Mamallapuram district of Chennai.
- The International Chess Olympiad is scheduled to held in India, for the first time, after it moved out of Russia.
- It is attracting a huge number of entries. 188 entries have been registered under open section and 162 in Women section.
- Three teams will participate from India in the Open and Women's section.
- Viswanathan Anand will mentor the players.
- India's 'A' team (Open section) comprises of P Harikrishna, Arjun Erigaisi, LK Narayanan, Vidit Gujrathi and K Sasikiran.
- India's 'A' team (Women's section) comprise of Koneru Humpy, D Harika, Bhakti Kulkarni and R Vaishali.
- The event is organised by the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE).
- The 44th chess Olympiad was originally scheduled to be organised at Khanty-Mansiysk, along with the Chess World Cup 2019. However, it later moved to Moscow for 5 to 17 August 2020. However, it was postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic. Finally, the event was relocated to Chennai, in the aftermath of Russian invasion of Ukraine. France's International Arbiter Laurent Freyd will be the Chief Arbiter of the event.

ISSF World Cup 2022 in Changwon: India medal winners

- Arjun Babuta gold men's 10m air rifle
- Shahu Tushar Mane/Mehuli Ghosh gold 10m air rifle mixed team
- Prithviraj Tondaiman, Vivaan Kapoor and Bhowneesh Mendiratta silver men's trap team
- Shiva Narwal and Palak bronze 10m air pistol mixed team
- Arjun Babuta, Shahu Tushar Mane and PaarthMakhija gold men's 10m air rifle team
- EavenilValarivan, Ramita and Mehuli Ghosh silver women's rifle team



- Shiva Narwal, Naveen, Sagar Dangi silver men's pistol team
- Rhythm Sangwan, YuvikaTomar and Palak silver women's 10m air pistol team
- Aishwary Pratap Singh gold men's 50m rifle 3P
- Anjum Moudgil bronze women's 50m rifle 3P
- Chain Singh, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Sanjeev Rajput silver men's 50m rifle 3P team
- Mairaj Ahmad Khan gold men's skeet
- Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra and AshiChouksey bronze women's 50m rifle 3P team
- Anish Bhanwala, Rhythm Sangwan bronze 25m rapid fire pistol mixed team
- Anish Bhanwala, Vijayveer Sidhu and Sameer silver men's 25m rapid fire pistol team

FIFA revokes AIFF's suspension, U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 to be held in India as planned

- World football governing body FIFA has lifted the ban on All India Football Federation (AIFF). The
 decision was taken after FIFA received confirmation that mandate of the committee of administrators
 set up to assume the powers of AIFF Executive Committee had been terminated, FIFA said. FIFA
 added Under-17 Women's World Cup 2022 can now be held in India as planned.
- The Bureau of the FIFA Council has decided to lift the suspension that was imposed on the All-India Football Federation (AIFF) due to undue third-party influence.
- The decision was taken after FIFA received confirmation that the mandate of the Committee of Administrators that was set up to assume the powers of the AIFF Executive Committee had been terminated and that the AIFF administration had regained full control of the AIFF's daily affairs, the FIFA said in a release on Friday.
- "FIFA and the AFC will continue to monitor the situation and will support the AIFF in organising its elections in a timely manner," the release further said.
- As a consequence, the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2022 scheduled to take place from October 11-30, 2022 will be held in India as planned.

BOOKS AND AUTHOR

- Netanyahu's Autobiography 'Bibi: My Story' Due Out in November
- This September, Benjamin Netanyahu, a former prime minister, will publish a memoir.
- In Israel, "Bibi: My Story" will be released on November 22.
- I have dedicated my life to battling the forces who seek the Jewish state's eradication and establishing peace with those who do not, having been born one year after its foundation.
- My narrative is one of sorrow and victory, failures and victories, knowledge gained, and valued loved ones.
- It is intertwined with that of Israel, which has demonstrated how perseverance and faith can beat overwhelming challenges to create a glorious future Nibiyahu, age 72, said in a statement.



DEFENCES

Indegenous Aircraft Acrrier (IAC) Vikrant:

- Indian Navy has created maritime history by taking delivery of the prestigious Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC) 'Vikrant from her builder Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- With the delivery of Vikrant, India has joined a select group of nations having the niche capability to indigenously design and build an Aircraft Carrier.
- Vikrant has been built with high degree of automation for machinery operation, ship navigation and survivability, and has been designed to accommodate an assortment of fixed wing and rotary aircraft. The ship would be capable of operating air wing consisting of 30 aircraft comprising of MIG-29K fighter jets, Kamov-31, MH-60R multi role helicopters, in addition to indigenously manufactured Advanced Light Helicopters (ALH) and Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) (Navy).
- Using a novel aircraft-operation mode known as STOBAR (Short Take- Off but Arrested Landing), the IAC is equipped with a ski- jump for launching aircraft, and a set of 'arrester wires' for their recovery onboard.
- The ship has large number of indigenous equipment and machinery, involving major industrial houses in the country viz. BEL, BHEL, GRSE, Keltron, Kirloskar, Larsen & Toubro, Wartsila India etc. as well as over 100 MSMEs. The indigenisation efforts has also led to development of ancillary industries, besides generation of employment opportunities and bolstering plough back effect on economy, both locally as well as panIndia.
- A major spin-off of this is the development and production of indigenous warship grade steel for the ship through a partnership between Navy, DRDO and Steel Authority of India (SAIL), which has enabled the country to become self-sufficient with respect to warship steel. Today all the warships being built in the country are being manufactured using indigenous steel.
- Several design iterations, including use of 3D Virtual Reality models and advanced engineering software were used by the Directorate of Naval Design in shaping the design of the carrier. CSL had also upgraded their shipbuilding infrastructure as well as enhanced productivity skills during the building of the ship.

WENTIAN LABORATORY CABIN MODULE

- Wentian laboratory cabin module, is a major module of the Tiangong space station.
- It is the first Laboratory Cabin Module launched, and the first module to extend the existing Tianhe core module of the station.
- It was launched into orbit from the Wenchang Spacecraft Launch Site on 24 July 2022, successfully docking with Tianhe on the same day.
- On 25 July 2022, the crew of Shenzhou 14 opened the hatch and entered the module for the first time.
- Tiangong space station is a space station being constructed by China in low Earth orbit between 340 and 450 km (210 and 280 mi) above the surface. Being China's first long term space station, it is the goal of the "Third Step" of the China Manned Space Program.
- Once completed, Tiangong will have a mass between 80 and 100 t (180,000 and 220,000 lb), roughly
 one-fifth the mass of the International Space Station and about the size of the decommissioned
 Russian Mir space station.



Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS)

The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), has introduced Paper Import Monitoring System (PIMS) by amending the import policy of major paper products from 'Free' to 'Free subject to compulsory registration under PIMS'. PIMS shall come into effect from 1st October, 2022. However, the online facility of registration will be available from 15th July 2022.

AUTONOMOUS FLYING WING TECHNOLOGY DEMONSTRATOR

- Maiden flight of the Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator was carried out successfully by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the Aeronautical Test Range, Chitradurga, Karnataka on July 01, 2022. Operating in a fully autonomous mode, the aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including takeoff, way point navigation and a smooth touchdown.
- This flight marks a major milestone in terms of proving critical technologies towards the
 development of future unmanned aircraft and is significant step towards self-reliance in such
 strategic defence technologies.
- The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle is designed & developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), Bengaluru, a premier research laboratory of DRDO. It is powered by a small turbofan engine. The airframe, undercarriage and entire flight control and avionics systems used for the aircraft were developed indigenously.

UDAAN (Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking)

- The IAF Centre of Excellence for Artificial Intelligence under the aegis of UDAAN (Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking) was inaugurated by Air Marshal Sandeep Singh, Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS), on 10 July 2022 at Air Force Station Rajokri, New Delhi.
- A Big Data Analytics and Al Platform has been commissioned in the IAF's Al Centre, for handling all aspects of Analytics, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Neural Networks and Deep Learning algorithms. The high-end compute requirements would be undertaken by the latest Graphical Processing Unit powered servers.

Samudrayaan Mission

- Samudrayaan Mission is aimed to develop a self propelled manned submersible to carry 3 human beings to a water depth of 6000 meters in the ocean with a suite of scientific sensors and tools for deep ocean exploration. It has an endurance of 12 hours of operational period and 96 hours in case of emergency.
- The manned submersible will allow scientific personnel to observe and understand unexplored deep sea areas by direct interventions. Further, it will enhance the capability for deep sea man rated vehicle development. The projected timeline is five years for the period 2020-2021 to 2025-2026.
- National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, an autonomous institute under MoES, has
 developed 6000m depth rated Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) and various other underwater
 instruments such as Autonomous Coring System (ACS), Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV)
 and Deep Sea Mining System (DSM) for the exploration of deep sea.



CURRENT OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

- 1. Under which act, the minutes of the Monetary Policy Committee Meeting are released?
 - (a) Banking Regulation Act
 - (b) Reserve Bank of India Act
 - (c) Monetary Policy Act
 - (d) Payment and Settlement Act
- 2. Which company has developed India's first indigenously-developed RT-PCR kit for testing monkeypox disease?
 - (a) Biocon
 - (b) Bharat Biotech
 - (c) Transasia Bio-Medicals
 - (d) Serum Institute of India
- 3. Which country is the host of the 'Pitch Black' air combat exercise?
 - (a) USA
 - (b) Australia
 - (c) France
 - (d) Japan
- 4. The passengers returning from which country are to be screened for novel Corona virus (nCov), in selected Indian airports?
 - (a) Indonesia
 - (b) China
 - (c) Thailand
 - (d) Japan
- 5. A Herpetofauna (amphibians and reptiles) survey was conducted simultaneously in six protected areas of which wildlife division?
 - (a) Gir National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary
 - (b) Munnar Wildlife Division
 - (c) Ranthambore National Park
 - (d) Pakke Wildlife Sanctuary
- 6. What is the theme of the 'World Day against Trafficking in Persons' in 2022?
 - (a) Use and abuse of technology
 - (b) Leaving No one Trafficked
 - (c) Rehabilitation of the Trafficked
 - (d) Fellow Human Beings
- 7. Which country has announced to launch a new joint international semiconductor research hub with Japan?
 - (a) USA
 - (b) Australia
 - (c) India
 - (d) Germany
- 8. Who is the head of the task force recently set up by the Centre to monitor monkey-pox situation in India?
 - (a) Amitabh Kant
 - (b) V K Paul



- (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (d) Bharati Pawar
- 9. Who has been acknowledged as the father of the Indian Internet, passed away recently?
 - (a) Durgesh Patel
 - (b) Nirpakh Tutaj
 - (c) Anant Pai
 - (d) Brijendra K Syngal
- 10. The Delhi government has joined hands with which organization to create employment opportunities for students of the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)?
 - (a) United Nations
 - (b) UNICEF
 - (c) ISO
 - (d) ILO
- 11. In which state, Union cabinet has approved the setting up of the Gati Shakti University?
 - (a) Uttar Pradesh
 - (b) Gujarat
 - (c) Rajastha
 - (d) Maharashtra
- 12. Who has resigned as President of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA)?
 - (a) Sonam Dixit
 - (b) Vipin Chandra
 - (c) Narinder Batra
 - (d) Ram Yadav
- 13. Which Ministry is associated with the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems Amendment Bill 2022?
 - (a) Ministry of Home Affairs
 - (b) Ministry of Defence
 - (c) Ministry of External Affairs
 - (d) Ministry of Shipping, Ports and Waterways
- 14. Achinta Sheuli, who clinched gold medal for India in the Commonwealth Games 2022, is associated with which sport?
 - (a) Weight lifting
 - (b) Boxing
 - (c) Table Tennis
 - (d) Lawn Bowls
- 15. Which is the first Indian city to publish the transportation emissions data in collaboration with Google?
 - (a) Pune
 - (b) Chennai
 - (c) Aurangabad
 - (d) Guwahati
- 16. Which is the venue of 'International Telecommunication Union's Regional Standardization Forum for Asia and Oceania region'?
 - (a) Mumbai
 - (b) New Delhi
 - (c) Mysuru
 - (d) Hyderabad



- 17. Who is the recipient of the '2022 dPal rNgam Duston' award, the highest civilian honour of Ladakh?
 - (a) Narendra Modi
 - (b) Dalai Lama
 - (c) Draupadi Murmu
 - (d) Venkaiah Naidu
- 18. Which country won the gold medal in the open section of 44th Chess Olympiad?
 - (a) India
 - (b) Ukraine
 - (c) Uzbekistan
 - (d) Russia
- 19. When is the 'World Lion Day' observed every year?
 - (a) August 10
 - (b) August 12
 - (c) August 14
 - (d) August 16
- 20. Which Indian Armed Force conducted a large-scale exercise named 'Skylight'?
 - (a) Indian Air Force
 - (b) Indian Navy
 - (c) Indian Army
 - (d) Indian Coast Guard
- 21. Gustavo Petro has been sworn in as the President of which country?
 - (a) Australia
 - (b) Chile
 - (c) Colombia
 - (d) New Zealand
- 22. Which is the location of the '12th edition of the Defence Expo'?
 - (a) Mysuru
 - (b) Gandhinagar
 - (c) Pune
 - (d) Vishakhapatnam
- 23. Which is the first global Big Tech Company to join the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)?
 - (a) Google
 - (b) Microsoft
 - (c) Meta
 - (d) Apple
- 24. 'Intergenerational solidarity: creating a world for all ages' is the theme of which international day celebrated in August?
 - (a) International Youth Day
 - (b) International Senior Citizens Day
 - (c) International Adolescent children Day
 - (d) International Gen-Z Day
- 25. Which Indian state/UT implements the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana'?
 - (a) Punjab
 - (b) Rajasthan
 - (c) Gujarat
 - (d) Karnataka



- 26. Which is the venue of the 'SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting' held in 2022?
 - (a) Beijing
 - (b) Tashkent
 - (c) Shanghai
 - (d) Nursultan
- 27. 'New India: Selected Writings 2014-19', which was released recently, is a book of compiled writings of which leader?
 - (a) Sushma Swaraj
 - (b) Arun Jaitley
 - (c) Manohar Parikkar
 - (d) Atal Behari Vajpayee
- 28. Who received the 2022 UNESCO Peace Prize in recognition of efforts to welcome refugees?
 - (a) Joe Biden
 - (b) Narendra Modi
 - (c) Angela Merkel
 - (d) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- 29. Which country plays host to the 'Asia Cup 2022'?
 - (a) India
 - (b) Sri Lanka
 - (c) UAE
 - (d) Bangladesh
- 30. Which country celebrates the 'Women's Equality Day' on August 26?
 - (a) India
 - (b) USA
 - (c) Australia
 - (d) Germany
- 31. What is the name of India's first Indigenous Aircraft Carrier (IAC-1)?
 - (a) Vikram
 - (b) Vikrant
 - (c) Vidyut
 - (d) Vikas
- 32. An interest subvention of 1.5 per cent per annum has been approved for agriculture loan up to which limit?
 - (a) Rs 1 lakh
 - (b) Rs 2 lakh
 - (c) Rs 3 lakh
 - (d) Rs 5 lakh
- 33. Who has resigned as the Chief minister of Maharashtra?
 - (a) Bhagat Singh Koshyari
 - (b) Devendra Fadnavis
 - (c) Aaditya Thackeray
 - (d) Uddhav Thackeray
- 34. Which space organisation researchers successfully launched CAPSTONE spacecraft to the moon from New Zealand?
 - (a) NASA
 - (b) ISRO
 - (c) European Space Agency
 - (d) JAXA



35.	Which state government has launched 'Kashi Yatra' scheme? (a) Gujarat (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Odisha (d) Karnataka
36.	Which of the following country has applied to become a member of group of emerging countries, BRICS? (a) Iraq (b) Pakistan (c) Iran (d) Qatar
37.	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla along with Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari gave away National Highways Excellence Awards-2021. This award ceremony was held in which city? (a) New Delhi (b) Jammu & Kashmir (c) Chandigarh (d) Ladakh
38.	Report 'Forecasting Penetration of Electric Two-Wheelers in India' by NITI Aayog and TIFAC, forecast 100 per cent penetration of electric two-wheelers in the Indian market by (a) FY2024-25 (b) FY2027-28 (c) FY2025-26 (d) FY2026-27
39.	Who among the following has won the President election of Philippines? (a) Rodrigo Duterte (b) Ferdinand Marcos Jr (c) Benigno Aquino III (d) Gloria Macapagal Arroyo
40.	Ashok Soota has been conferred with CII Quality Ratna Award 2021. He is the founder and Executive Chairman of which company? (a) Happiest Minds Technologies (b) Mphasis (c) Wipro Limited (d) Hexaware Tech Ltd
41.	Who among the following was sworn in as the first Black woman to serve on the Supreme Court? (a) Ona Judge (b) Ketanji Brown Jackson (c) Maya Angelou (d) Audre Lorde
42.	United Nations-Habitat's World Cities Report 2022 says India's urban population is estimated to stand at in 2035. (a) 625 million (b) 645 million (c) 655 million (d) 675 million



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43.	Jasprit Bumrah broke Brain Lara's world record for most runs in a single over in test match. Bumrah scoredruns against to break this 19-year old record of Brian Lara. (a) 29, James Anderson (b) 34, James Anderson (c) 29, Stuart Broad (d) 34, Stuart Broad
44.	Where is India's largest floating Solar Power Project commissioned? (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Kerala (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Telangana
45.	Who launched a three-day "Grand Hackathon" on Agriculture domain to promote open eCommerce network? (a) Piyush Goyal (b) Narendra Singh Tomar (c) Amit Shah (d) Narendra Modi
46.	Who has received the Shiromani Award at NRI World Summit 2022 in the United Kingdom for her contribution to the field of art? (a) Vandana Shiva (b) Sunita Narain (c) Michelle Poonawalla (d) Charudutt Mishra
47.	Who was the winner at the Femina Miss India 2022? (a) Shinata Chauhan (b) Sini Shetty (c) Rubal Shekhawat (d) Gargee Nandy
48.	Name the editor of the book "Gandhi and the Champaran Satyagraha: Select Readings". (a) Sanjeev Tripathi (b) Vikram Joshi (c) Suranjan Das (d) Sonam Tyagi
49.	Which two states emerged the "best performers" in the third edition of States' Start-up ranking, 2021? (a) Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan (b) Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand (c) Gujarat and Karnataka (d) Punjab and Tamil Nadu

- 50. Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 30-foot-tall bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh recently. Alluri Sitarama Raju was associated with which of the following?
 - (a) Paika rebellion
 - (b) Manyam rebellion
 - (c) Vellore mutiny
 - (d) Malabar rebellion



51.	Name the author of the book "Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life". (a) Susan Ninan (b) Manjoot Singh (c) Gitika Tripathi (d) Sanjay Tiwari
52.	Gopinath Nair, who has passed away recently. He was a famous (a) Architect (b) Social Worker (c) Politician (d) Freedom Fighter
53.	National Monument Authority declaring Mangarh hillock as a monument of National Importance. Mangarh hillock is located in (a) Gujarat (b) Madhya Pradesh (c) Odisha (d) Rajasthan
54.	Name the author of the book 'Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success'. (a) Ashoka Sharma (b) Rashmi Verma (c) Mohit Joshi (d) Prarthna Batra
55.	Which state rolled out the country's first online taxi service owned by a State government? (a) Odisha (b) Telangana (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Kerala
56.	What is the name of the Online Market Place feature of the 'MatsyaSetu' mobile app, which was recently launched? (a) Aqua Bazaar (b) Matsya Bazaar (c) Fisheries India (d) Matsya Bharat
57.	When is the 'World Photography Day' celebrated? (a) August 15 (b) August 19 (c) August 20 (d) August 22
58.	When is the World Humanitarian Day (WHD) observed every year? (a) August 9 (b) August 12 (c) August 19 (d) August 22
59.	Which Indian has been appointed to the UN Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel? (a) Alkesh Kumar Sharma (b) Nandan Nilekani (c) K V Kamath



(d) Kris Gopalakrishnan

60.	Former NITI Aayog CEO to be new Sherpa of G-20 summit. (a) Narendra Modi (b) Suman Bery (c) Amitabh Kant (d) Parameswaran Iyer
61.	Which of the following state will soon launch, first of its kind in India – 'Right to Health Bill' in assembly? (a) Andhra Pradesh (b) Rajasthan (c) Haryana (d) Chhattisgarh
62.	Who unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region? (a) Manoj Sinha (b) Narendra Modi (c) Amit Shah (d) G Kishan Reddy
63.	Who has been appointed as the deputy election commissioner of India Recently? (a) R K Gupta (b) T Sreekanth (c) Vipin Chandra (d) Kapil Mishra
64.	Which of the following state to host 36th National Games of India? (a) Goa

(b) Gujarat (c) Haryana (d) Odisha





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6	A	31	В	56	A			
7	A	32	C	57	В			
8	В	33	D	58	C			
9	D	34	A	59	A			
10	В	35	D	60	C			
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