



CURRENT AFFAIRS (JUNE-JULY, 2022) :

National

- ⇒ Bangladesh offered India to use of the Chittagong Port in Bangladesh. Access to the Chittagong Port will benefit India's north-eastern states like Assam, Tripura, Meghalaya and Mizoram. Before independence, the north-eastern part of India had access to Chittagong Port via the Brahmaputra and Barak River systems. After partition in 1947, India's Northeast lost access to the sea and had to depend on the 'chicken's neck' (a narrow strip in West Bengal) to carry out trade. The revival of pre-partition trade routes would improve the trade of the Northeast region and generate revenue for Bangladesh.
- ⇒ The Supreme Court passed an order recognizing sex work as a 'profession' and said that its practitioners across the country are entitled to equal protection as well as dignity under the law of the nation. If a sex worker is an adult and participating with consent, the police must not interfere or take any criminal action against the person. The court has said that sex workers must not be penalized, arrested, victimized, or harassed whenever the police conduct a raid on any brothel, as voluntary sex work is not illegal, only the running of the brothel is unlawful. (*The law is funny. The sex workers cannot be arrested means the services they render are legal. But a brothel can be raided means the activities of the owner and the service takers are illegal*).
- ⇒ The Olympic Values Education Programme (OVEP) of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has been launched in Odisha by the Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, in collaboration with the Abhinav Bindra Foundation Trust (ABFT). The OVEP is a practical set of resources aimed at introducing young people to the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship. It will be a values-based curriculum, to be implemented initially in 90 schools in Rourkela and Bhubaneswar, catering to about 32,000 children.
- ⇒ Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead The World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. India prepares to take over the G-20 presidency next year. The World Economic Forum also served as a platform for promoting India as a desirable investment destination, owing to its strong economic development and stable macroeconomic indicators.
- ⇒ The Supreme Court of India allowed mining companies to export iron ore extracted from mines of Ballari, Chitradurga, and Tumakuru districts in Karnataka. The highest court barred iron ore exports from Karnataka in 2012, with the goal of preventing environmental degradation and ensuring that the state's mineral resources be maintained for future generations.

- ⇒ On the invitation of Nepal's Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conducted an official visit to Lumbini, Nepal, coinciding with the auspicious event of Vaishakha Buddha Purnima. This was Mr Modi's fifth visit to Nepal as Prime Minister, and his first to Lumbini. Both the Prime Ministers paid a visit to the Mayadevi temple, which houses Lord Buddha's birthplace.
- ⇒ The Samba district In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir has become the first district in India to cover 100% of households under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (ABPMJAY) - SEHAT scheme. The ABPMJAY SEHAT scheme is the world's largest health insurance scheme fully financed by the Government. The people with Ayushman Bharat Golden Card get free treatment up to Rs. 5 lakh in all government and empanelled private hospitals across India.
- ⇒ IndiGo has become the first airline in Asia to land its aircraft using the indigenous navigation system GAGAN (GPS-aided geo-augmented navigation). This is a huge leap for Indian Civil Aviation and a firm step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat, as India becomes the third country in the world to have their own SBAS (Satellite-based Augmentation System) after the USA and Japan. GAGAN has been jointly developed by the Centre-run Airports Authority of India (AAI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ⇒ India has been elected to the United Nations Economic and Social Council's (ECOSOC) four major bodies, including the Commission on Science and Technology for Development. Preeti Saran has been re-elected to the Committee for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights.

International

- ⇒ Finland and Sweden submitted their application to join North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Although Finland and Sweden have a non-alignment policy, they were always close to NATO. The 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine prompted them to join NATO and seek its safety net. NATO is an intergovernmental military alliance consisting of 30 member states belonging to Europe and North America (28 European states, USA, and Canada). NATO takes all decisions by consensus. The last country to join NATO was North Macedonia in 2020. NATO headquarters are in Brussels, Belgium.
- ⇒ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in a secret ballot voting elected the Czech Republic to replace Russia on the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC). Russia was suspended from UNHRC by a vote in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for its human rights violations in Ukraine. Later, Russia announced that it had withdrawn from UNHRC before the voting took place.



- ⇒ The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) passed a resolution to mark May 12th as 'International Day of Plant Health' (IDPH) to raise awareness regarding the safety of plants and the importance of protecting plant health.
- ⇒ The 15th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) was held recently in Abidjan, a city in Cote d'Ivoire. The theme of COP 15 was 'Land, Life, Legacy : From Scarcity to Prosperity'. The objective of COP 15 was to bring together stakeholders from governments and the private sector to drive progress towards sustainable management of land.
- ⇒ The Quad leader summit was held recently in Tokyo. The Quad or the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue is a group made of four nations India, Japan, the US and Australia. It is a strategic forum that features semi-regular summits, information exchange, and military drills. The key focus of the summit is the development of the Indo-Pacific region.
- ⇒ Mahindra Rajapaksa, the Sri Lankan prime minister resigned from his position and sent his resignation letter to the President of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa. He has been accused of misleading Sri Lanka's economy and pushing Sri Lanka towards Bank corruption and economic crisis.
- ⇒ Israel successfully tested a new laser missile-defence system 'Iron Beam', which can destroy any airborne object including drones. Iron Beam is the world's first energy-based weapon system that uses a laser beam to shoot down incoming UAVs, rockets, mortars, long-range missiles, anti-tank missiles, etc.

Economy

- ⇒ Under the money circulation and credit control policy of the RBI, the existing rates (as on 01.07.2022) are :
 - * Repo Rate (*Repo Rate is the rate at which commercial banks borrow money from the central bank, i.e., RBI*) : 4.90%.
 - * Fixed Reverse Repo Rate (*Reverse Repo Rate is the rate at which the commercial banks deposit their surplus money to the central bank*) : 3.35%
 - * Standing Deposit Facility (*SDF allows the RBI to absorb excess cash from the economy by sucking liquidity from commercial banks without giving government securities in return to the lenders*) : 4.65%
 - * Statutory Liquidity Ratio (*SLR is the percentage of deposits that commercial banks have to maintain with themselves*) : 18.00%
 - * CRR (*Cash Reserve Ratio is the proportion of deposits which the banks have to keep with the central bank*) : 4.5%
 - * Bank Rate (*Bank rate is the rate at which central bank, i.e. RBI, rediscounts the bills of exchange of commercial banks*) : 5.15%

- * MSF (*Marginal Standing Facility is the loan banks are permitted to avail themselves from the RBI on overnight basis, using its SLR securities*) : 5.15%.
 - * Base Rate (*Base Rate reflects the actual cost of banks that has to be covered through lending. Banks cannot lend money below the Base Rate, which varies from bank to bank*) : 7.25% - 8.80%.
 - * MCLR (*The Marginal Cost of Funds Based Lending Rate refers to the minimum interest rate of a bank below which it cannot lend, except in some cases allowed by the RBI*) : 6.70% - 7.30%.
- (Difference: Base Rate is governed by the average cost of funds while MCLR is governed by the current cost of funds. MCLR replaced the Base Rate on April 1, 2016. Under the MCLR regime, banks must adjust their interest rates as soon as the repo rate changes. Earlier it was not so).
- * Term Deposit (Fixed Deposit) Rate (more than 1 year): 5.00% - 5.75%.
 - * Savings A/c.: 2.70% - 3.00%.

- ⇒ The United States overtook China to become India's top trading partner in 2021-22, reflecting strong economic ties between the two countries. According to commerce ministry data, in 2021-22, bilateral trade between the US and India stood at \$119.42 billion while that between China and India aggregated at \$115.42.
- ⇒ Public sector banks (PSBs) more than doubled their net profit last year. During the financial year 2021-22, the aggregate profit of 12 state-owned banks was Rs 66,539 crore, up 110 percent from Rs 31,816 crore in the previous year. For the first time in many years all 12 state-owned banks made profits.
- ⇒ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) established a six-member committee to assess and review customer services in regulated firms with the goal of safeguarding customers' interests. The committee will also examine the adequacy of customer service standards and provide recommendations to improve customer service. The six-member committee will also make recommendations for improvements. Former RBI deputy governor BP Kanungo will lead the committee, which will deliver its report three months after its first meeting.
- ⇒ IDBI Bank has sold its remaining 25% stake to private sector life insurer 'Ageas', one of the few foreign insurers to increase its stake in its Indian insurance joint venture to 74 percent after the government raised the FDI cap in the insurance sector. Ageas, a European insurer, has already expanded its stake in the Indian insurer from 26% to 49% in December 2020. Federal Bank's shareholding in the company remained at 26%. The insurer's name was changed from IDBI Federal Life Insurance to Ageas Federal Life Insurance as a result of this.



- ⇒ The central government has given its approval for the revised guidelines of its key scheme named Micro and Small Enterprises-Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP). This is to be implemented during the 15th Finance Commission cycle, i.e., FY22 to FY26.
- ⇒ The Union Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the sale of the government's remaining stake of 29.5% in Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL) at the current market price of Rs 38,062 crore. The sale of a stake in Hindustan Zinc is part of the government's divestment objectives. As there is a delay in the strategic sale of Pawan Hans, the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI), IDBI Bank, and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd (BPCL), the government is considering other options to meet disinvestment targets. Recently, LIC IPO has raised around Rs 20,560 crore. The government is also planning to offload its 7.91% stake in ITC. The government's disinvestment target for FY2022-23 stands at Rs 65,000 crore.
- ⇒ The Reserve Bank of India has eased the norms for non-bank entities for setting up Bharat Bill Payment Operating Units by reducing the net worth from Rs 100 crore to Rs 25 crore. This was done with the aim of encouraging more stakeholders to participate in this segment.
- ⇒ The State of the Global Climate Report 2021 has been released by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). According to the report, four key climate change indicators which are sea-level rise, greenhouse gas concentrations, ocean acidification, and ocean heat set new records in 2021. The report has confirmed that the past seven years, i.e., from 2015 to 2021 were the warmest seven years that have been recorded. In 2021, the average global temperature was around 1.11°C (± 0.13) above the pre-industrial level. The 27th United Nations Climate Change Conference, more commonly known as COP27 will be held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt in November 2022.
- ⇒ India has banned wheat exports with some exceptions. This announcement came days after the central government had announced that this year record shipments of wheat are being targeted. This decision has been taken viewing the skyrocketing domestic prices, manage India's overall food security and support the needs of the vulnerable and neighbouring countries.
- ⇒ Larsen & Toubro (L&T) announced the merger of its two software companies, Larsen & Toubro Infotech (LTI) and Mindtree.
- ⇒ 'Open', a Bengaluru-based neobank platform has become the 100th unicorn start-up in India. A Unicorn is a start-up company that is privately held and has been valued at more than \$ 1 billion. This term was made popular by venture capitalist Aileen Lee who is the founder of Cowboy Ventures. India has 100 unicorn start-ups but only 23 of them are churning profits.
- ⇒ The New Development Bank (NDB), the BRICS countries' multilateral bank based in Shanghai, will open its first regional office in India at the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) in Ahmedabad to address the country's infrastructural and sustainable development needs. The NDB was founded in July 2015 by the BRICS countries of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Since then Bangladesh, the UAE, Egypt, and Uruguay have joined the bank.
- ⇒ India has recorded the highest ever annual FDI inflow of \$83.57 billion during FY22. In 2020-21, the inflow stood at \$81.97 billion. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for foreign investments in the manufacturing sector. FDI equity inflow in manufacturing sectors has increased by 76 per cent in 2021-22.
- ⇒ According to the Global Air Powers Ranking of 2022 by the World Directory of Modern Military Aircraft (WDMMA), the Indian Air Force has emerged as the third strongest Air Force in the world after America and Russia. The Indian Air Force has not only overtaken the Chinese Air Force but also the Japan Air Self-Defence Force, the Israeli Air Force and the French Air and Space Force in terms of strength, as per the report. The report also says that the Indian Air Force (IAF) currently counts 1,645 total units in its active aircraft inventory.
- ⇒ The World Economic Forum (WEF) ranked India at 54th position (down from 46th in 2019) in its Travel and Tourism Development Index 2021. However, India remains the top performer in South Asia. Japan has topped (1) the global chart, followed by the USA and Spain.
- ⇒ According to the report released by the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), India has surpassed Germany to become the 4th largest vehicle market in the world. The 1st position was occupied by China, followed by the US and Japan. Despite the Covid-19 pandemic, India sold 37,59,398 vehicles in 2021.
- ⇒ Forbes' Global 2000 list of Public Companies Worldwide 2022 has been announced. Forbes used four metrics : sales, profits, assets and market value. Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries Ltd has got 53rd position in Forbes' Global 2000 list of Public Companies Worldwide 2022. Reliance is the top-ranked Indian firm in the list, followed by State Bank of India at No. 105, HDFC Bank at No. 153 and ICICI Bank at No. 204. Berkshire Hathaway took the No. 1 spot for the first time since Forbes started publishing the Global 2000 in 2003, dethroning the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, which was dropped to No. 2 after nine consecutive years at the top of the list. Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) took the 3rd Spot.



- ⇒ India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues hit a new high of Rs 1.68 lakh crore in April 2022. For the first time, gross GST collection has crossed the Rs 1.5 lakh crore mark.
- ⇒ Reporters Without Borders (RSF) has released the 20th World Press Freedom Index 2022, which assesses the state of journalism in 180 countries and territories. India's ranking in the Index has fallen down to 150th position.
- ⇒ According to the Sweden-based think-tank Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, titled 'Trends in World Military Expenditure Report 2021', India's military expenditure is the third highest in the world behind the US and China. Military spending in India is amounting to \$76.6 billion in 2021.
- ⇒ Elon Musk, the Tesla and SpaceX founder, topped Forbes' Billionaires 2022 list for the first time ever with a net worth of \$219 billion, followed by Amazon chief Jeff Bezos at \$171 billion. Mukesh Ambani ranked at the 10th position on the global list, followed narrowly by fellow industrialist and Adani Group founder Gautam Adani.
- ⇒ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has constituted a committee for advising on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) related matters in the securities market. The committee is chaired by Navneet Munot. The terms of reference of the committee include Enhancements in business responsibility and sustainability report, ESG ratings, and ESG investing.
- ⇒ The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has expanded the 'SVANidhi se Samridhhi' programme to 126 cities in 14 states and union territories. the Quality Council of India (QCI) is the implementing partner for the programme. It is an additional Programme of PMSVANidhi, launched in January 2021 in 125 cities. It assesses beneficiaries' potential eligibility for 8 Central welfare schemes and facilitates the linkages to these schemes. In Phase 1, it covered approximately 35 lakh street vendors and their families. Phase 2 aims to cover 28 lakh street vendors and their families.
- ⇒ According to the official data, the import of gold in India has been rose by 33.34% to Rs 46.14 billion on account of higher demand in 2021-22. The import of gold in 2020-21 was about Rs 34.62 billion. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced norms for facilitating the physical import of gold through India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX) or any authorized exchange by Qualified Jewellers in India. IIBX was set up at International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) at GIFT City in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. (Add to Economy).

- ⇒ According to government data released, India's trade imbalance increased by 87.5 percent to \$192.41 billion in 2021-22, up from \$102.63 billion the previous year. While total exports hit a new high of \$417.81 billion last fiscal year, imports also hit a new high of \$610.22 billion.
- ⇒ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its latest report said that India was one of the worst-hit nations during the Covid-19 pandemic and that it will take up to 13 years for India to fully recover from the scars of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- ⇒ Reliance Industries become the first Indian company to record annual revenue of more than a whopping \$100 billion.

Sports

- ⇒ The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2022 ended with Gujarat Titans (GT) lifting the trophy by defeating inaugural champions Rajasthan Royals (RR) at the Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.
Some of the awardees :
 - Aramco Purple Cap Winner Of The Season: Yuzvendra Chahal (27 Wickets)
 - Aramco Orange Cap Winner Of The Season: Jos Buttler (863 Runs)
 - Player Of The Match (Final): Hardik Pandya (Gujarat captain)
 - Upstox Most Valuable Player Of The Season: Jos Buttler (Of Rajasthan Royals, from England).
- ⇒ Punjab Kings opening batter Shikhar Dhawan has become the first player to hit 700 fours in the history of the Indian Premier League (IPL).
- ⇒ Australia beat England in the finals to claim their seventh Women's World Cup Cricket on at Hagley Oval in Christchurch, New Zealand.
- ⇒ Odisha women's team has won its first-ever gold in Senior Nationals as they defeat Karnataka 2-0 in the final of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Bhopal.
- ⇒ Indian GM Praggnanandhaa defeated the world champion Magnus Carlsen for the second time in 3 months when he stunned the Norwegian at the Chessable Masters online rapid chess tournament. Abhimanyu Mishra, the youngest Grand Master in the world, was also part of the 16-men tournament.
- ⇒ Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh has emerged as champion in the 1st Chessable Sunway Formentera Open 2022 chess tournament in Punta Prima. It was a hat-trick of titles for him after he had previously won the La Roda tournament and the Menorca Open, all in Spain in recent weeks.
- ⇒ Indian Grandmaster Dommaraju Gukesh has clinched the 48th La Roda International Open chess tournament title in Castile-La Mancha, Spain.



- ⇒ R Pragganandhaa has won the prestigious Reykjavik Open chess tournament in Reykjavik, Iceland.
 - ⇒ Adani Sportsline, a division of the diverse Adani Group, has created history by gaining the rights to own and manage a franchise in the UAE's top T20 competition. The UAE T20 League will include six franchise teams participating in a 34-match tournament. The line-ups of various teams are likely to include top players from all cricket-playing countries. The league would be Adani Sportsline's first significant international step, connecting and engaging with cricket fans from around the world. The Adani Group, which includes port management, electric power production and transmission, renewable energy, mining, airport operations, natural gas, food processing, and infrastructure, is now ready to promote Sports. The Adani Group operates in 50 countries with a market capitalization of over \$222 billion.
 - ⇒ Nikhat Zareen beat Thai Olympian Jutamas Jitpong to become the fifth Indian woman to win a boxing world title at the Women's World Championships, Istanbul. Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL and Lekha KC are the other Indian boxers to win a gold at the World Championships.
 - ⇒ India's men's badminton team wins the Thomas Cup title for the first time ever with a stunning 3-0 win over the 14-time winner Indonesia in the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok, Thailand.
 - ⇒ Priyanka Mohite has become the first Indian woman to climb five peaks above 8000 metres. Priyanka achieved the milestone after climbing Mount Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak on Earth in May 2022. In 2020, she won the prestigious Tenzing Norgay Adventure Award. She climbed Mount Everest in 2013, Mount Lhotse in 2018, Mount Makalu in 2019 and Annapurna 1 in 2021.
 - ⇒ The Asian Games 2022, due to be held in Hangzhou, China in September, has been postponed to 2023 due to rising COVID-19 cases in the country.
 - ⇒ Kerala beat West Bengal to win the 75th Santosh Trophy 2022 at the Manjeri Stadium in Malappuram, Kerala.
 - ⇒ At the 35th Edition of Asian Wrestling Championships 2022 held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Indian wrestlers secured a total of 17 medals (1-Gold, 5-Silver, and 11-Bronze medals). Ravi Kumar Dahiya is the only Gold medallist representing India in the men's 57kg freestyle category. Ravi Kumar became the first Indian to win 3 Gold medals in Asian Wrestling Championships which includes 2020 in New Delhi, India, 2021 in Almaty, Kazakhstan and now 2022 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia respectively.
 - ⇒ Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has unveiled the logo of the 2023 FIH Men's Hockey World Cup at the Kalinga stadium in the capital Bhubaneswar. The tournament is to be held in the twin cities of Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, where the country's largest hockey stadium is being constructed.
 - ⇒ South Korea defeated China to win the Uber Cup 2022 (Badminton) in Thailand (Bangkok).
- Awards**
- ⇒ Balkrishna Vithaldas Doshi was bestowed with the prestigious Royal Gold Medal 2022. Royal Gold Medal, one of the world's highest honours for architecture, is given by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), London.
 - ⇒ Mamata Banerjee, the Chief Minister of West Bengal received the Bangla Academy Award for her 'relentless and literary pursuit'. The award, introduced this year by Sahitya Academy, was presented to Banerjee for her book 'Kabita Bitan'.
 - ⇒ The Border Roads Organisation's (BRO) engineering marvel, Atal Tunnel, built-in Rohtang in Himachal Pradesh, received the Indian Building Congress' (IBC) 'Best Infrastructure Project' award. The tunnel, built using the New Austrian Tunnelling Method (NATM), was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 3, 2020.
 - ⇒ Noted snow leopard expert and wildlife conservationist Charudutt Mishra has won the prestigious Whitley Gold Award for his contribution to involving indigenous communities in the conservation and recovery of big cat species in Asia's high mountain ecosystems. This is his second Whitley Fund for Nature (WFN) Award. He got the first in 2005. Mishra is co-founder of Mysore (Karnataka)-based Nature Conservation Foundation and executive director of the Snow Leopard Trust.
 - ⇒ Well-known Indian economist and political commentator, Prabhat Patnaik has been selected for the Malcolm Adiseshiah Award 2022. The award is annually given by the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust to an outstanding social scientist selected from nominations received by a specially constituted national jury.
 - ⇒ Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu has presented the International Gandhi Awards for Leprosy, 2021 to Dr Bhushan Kumar of Chandigarh under the Indian nomination (individual) category and Sahyog Kushtha Yagna Trust, Gujarat under the institutional category.
 - ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been honoured with the inaugural Lata Deenanath Mangeshkar Award which is instituted in the memory of the veteran singer Lata Mangeshkar. The award ceremony marked the 80th death anniversary of Master Deenanath Mangeshkar (Lata's father).



- ⇒ Veteran Bengali author Amar Mitra was awarded this year's O.Henry Prize for a short story he wrote 45 years back. He bagged the award for his short story titled 'Gaonburo' – a Bengali short fiction, which was translated into English (The Old Man Of Kusumpur) earlier.
- ⇒ Noted poet and litterateur Prof Ramdarash Mishra has been awarded the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2021, for his collection of poems 'Mein to Yahan Hun', the KK Birla Foundation announced. Instituted in 1991, Saraswati Samman is one of the most prestigious literary awards in the country. It is given every year to an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language by an Indian citizen and published within the last 10 years.
- ⇒ Aarefa Johari was awarded the Chameli Devi Jain Award for an Outstanding Woman Media person 2021.

Persons

- ⇒ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus was re-elected as Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). He is from Ethiopia.
- ⇒ Om Prakash Chautala, former Haryana Chief Minister has been sentenced to four years rigorous imprisonment by the Delhi High Court after he was found guilty in a disproportionate of assets case.
- ⇒ Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia has been re-appointed Director General of World Health Organization (WHO) for the second term. His re-election was confirmed during the 75th World Health Assembly in Geneva.
- ⇒ Anthony Albanese, Australia's Labor Party leader, was sworn in as the country's new Prime Minister. Albanese replaced Scott Morrison.
- ⇒ AG Perarivalan, a convict in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, has been released by the Supreme Court, using its extraordinary powers to 'do complete justice in any cause or matter pending before it.'
- ⇒ Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, has been elected President of the UAE. He has replaced Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, who died at the age of 73.
- ⇒ Manik Saha is the new Chief Minister of Tripura, following the resignation of Biplab Kumar Deb.
- ⇒ Campbell Wilson has been appointed new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) of Air India.
- ⇒ Rajiv Kumar has been appointed next Chief Election Commissioner.
- ⇒ Salil S. Parekh has been reappointed Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD) of Infosys.
- ⇒ Yoon Suk-yeol was sworn in as South Korean president. He succeeded Moon Jae-in.

- ⇒ Nand Mulchandani of Indian-origin has been appointed first-ever Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the first line of defence for the United States.
- ⇒ Sangeeta Singh has been given additional charge of Chairman, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), after incumbent JB Mohapatra retired as the head of the direct taxes administration body.
- ⇒ Vinay Mohan Kwatra took charge as India's new Foreign Secretary, succeeding Harsh Vardhan Shringla.
- ⇒ Deepika Padukone has been selected in the 75th Cannes Film Festival 2022 as a member of the jury. The actress-producer has attended the prestigious film festival several times in the past, in the capacity of an ambassador of the beauty brand L'Oreal. Deepika Padukone has become a part of a select group of Indian stalwarts who served in the same role in the past, including Sharmila Tagore, Nandita Das, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, and Vidya Balan.
- ⇒ Krishnan Ramanujam, President, Enterprise Growth Group at Tata Consultancy Services has been appointed Chairperson of the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom).
- ⇒ Lieutenant General Manoj Pande has been appointed new Chief of the Army Staff. He took over from General MM Naravane.
- ⇒ Shehbaz Sharif, Pakistan's opposition leader and Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N) Chief, has been elected unopposed as the 23rd Prime Minister of the country replacing Imran Khan of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf.
- ⇒ The United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) has appointed Dr Ian Fry as the world's first independent expert for human rights and climate change. Dr Fry has been appointed for a period of three years. He holds dual citizenship of Tuvalu and Australia.
- ⇒ Ms Aprajita Sharma has been selected as vice-chairperson of the International Telecommunication Union's (ITU) Council Standing Committee on Administration and Management. Geneva of Switzerland is the headquarter of ITU.

Died

- ⇒ Sidhu Moose Wala, a famous Punjabi singer was shot dead by unidentified assailants in Jawaharke village of Mansa district, Punjab.
- ⇒ Andrew Symonds, the former Australian all-rounder, has been killed in a car crash.
- ⇒ UAE President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed away.
- ⇒ Elvera Britto, former Indian women's hockey team captain, passed away.
- ⇒ James Dringwell Rymbai, the former Chief Minister of Meghalaya, passed away.



Miscellaneous

- ⇒ Filmmaker Shaunak Sen's documentary 'All That Breathes', which was India's only entry at Cannes Film Festival 2022, has won the 2022 L'Oeil d'Or, the festival's top prize for documentaries. L'Oeil d'Or goes to a film that, in a world of destruction, reminds us that every life matters, and every small action matters. All That Breathes had also won the World Cinema Grand Jury Prize: Documentary at the 2022 Sundance Film Festival.
- ⇒ Border Road Organisation (BRO) has completed the excavation work of the Nechipu Tunnel in Arunachal Pradesh. This tunnel is being built by BRO under Project Vartak. The Nechipu Tunnel is a 500-metre-long tunnel and will have a single tube double lane on the Balipara-Charduar-Tawang (BCT) Road, West Kameng District, Arunachal Pradesh.
- ⇒ India recently joined a global public-private partnership initiative called the 'First Movers' Coalition. The initiative was launched by President of the USA Joe Biden and the World Economic Forum (WEF) at COP26. It was joined by 50 new corporate members with a collective market capitalization of \$ 8.5 trillion. The First Movers Coalition aims to decarbonize the most carbon-intensive sectors such as the heavy industry and long-distance transport sectors, which are responsible for 30% of global emissions.
- ⇒ Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's interactions with the business leaders at the World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos culminated in the clinching of many business deals for the State. Officials of the Industries Department and AP-Economic Development Board (AP-EDB) signed MoUs in a wide range of sectors.
- ⇒ The National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC) and the Film Development Corporation (FDC) of Bangladesh have jointly produced a film 'Mujib-the Making of a Nation'. Shyam Benegal has directed this film which is set to be released in September, 2022. Mujibur Rahman was the first President of Bangladesh and the Father of the Nation, popularly known as Bangabandhu.
- ⇒ West Central Railway has developed a battery-operated dual-mode locomotive named 'Navdoot'. This engine runs on both modes i.e. battery and electricity. Currently, it is being used during the shunting of trains at Jabalpur, Mudwara, and other stations on a trial basis. This Dual Mode Locomotive has also received the Best Innovation Award from the Railway Board.
- ⇒ A prehistoric rock paintings site, dating back at least 10,000 to 30,000 years was recently discovered on at Kasipeta in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district (Telangana).
- ⇒ The Election Commission has announced that it will be leading the 'Democracy Cohort on Election Integrity' as part of the 'Summit for Democracy' in association with 100 democratic countries. At this summit expertise and experience will be shared with the poll management bodies of various countries. The Indian Election Commission will be providing capacity building and training programmes to the various Election Management Bodies (EMBs) across the globe as per the needs of the various EMBs.
- ⇒ The first Incredible India International Cruise Conference (IIICC) was organized in Mumbai. It was a two-day event jointly organized by the Union Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI). Strategies for developing India as a cruise hub, port infrastructure, and the potential of river cruise tourism in India were some of the issues focused on at the conference
- ⇒ The World Bank has approved \$ 350 million for the Systems Reform Endeavours for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat (SRESTHA-G project). Under this project, the state government will be undertaking several initiatives to improve the state's health system quality by expanding the health services to the urban as well as the rural population of the state. The government is also looking to strengthen the state's epidemic prevention system.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin said that Mayiladumparai is the oldest Iron Age site currently found in India. Radiocarbon dating of excavations from the Mayiladumparai site confirmed that it is the oldest Iron Age site currently found in India.
- ⇒ A rocket carrying NASA's Endurance mission was launched recently to find out why the planet Earth supports life, whereas other planets like Mars and Venus do not. A wet planet like Earth will be suitable for life to exist. Venus was once a watery planet but it dried out later for unknown reasons. If we understand why Venus dried out, our knowledge regarding habitable planets will increase.
- ⇒ The first 'Amrit Sarovar' in India was inaugurated at Patwai, Rampur, Uttar Pradesh. Under this mission, 50,000 water bodies will be created, at least one in each district of India as a part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration and each of these water bodies will be an Acre or more in size. Every individual Amrit Sarovar will have at least 10,000 cubic meter water holding capacity.
- ⇒ Recently, the surviving soldiers of 'Operation Dudhi' were felicitated by Assam Rifles. In 1991, 72 militants were eliminated by a team of 15 soldiers of Assam Rifles in a single counter-insurgency operation that was conducted in Jammu & Kashmir.



- ⇒ A memorandum of understanding (MoU) has been signed between the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and DP World of UAE so as to develop a Skill India International Centre at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. DP World is a company owned by the government of Dubai in the UAE. The aim of the Skill India International Centres is to provide the Indian youth with high-quality training. These centres will be hosting training facilities, that will provide skills to the youth of the country as per the demand of various international employers
- ⇒ According to Mercom's India Solar Project Tracker, Rajasthan became the first state in the country to surpass 10 GW of cumulative large-scale solar installations.
- ⇒ Recently, a Flow Chemistry Technology Hub (FCT Hub) was opened in Hyderabad. It is located at Dr. Reddy's Institute of Life Sciences (DRILS), Hyderabad. The hub is initiated by the Telangana government. 'Flow chemistry', also known as 'continuous flow chemistry' is the process of performing chemical reactions in a tube or pipe. Here, a chemical reaction is run in a continuously flowing stream rather than in batch production.
- ⇒ The first two-day International Research Conference on Insolvency and Bankruptcy was recently organized in India. The conference was organized by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI), jointly with the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad (IIMA). (*Insolvency is a situation that arises due to the inability to pay off the debts due to insufficient assets to meet the liabilities. Bankruptcy is a situation wherein an application is made to an authority declaring insolvency and seeking to be declared bankrupt. Thus, insolvency is a state and bankruptcy is a conclusion.*)
- ⇒ Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh has inaugurated the country's first 'Lavender festival' at Jammu's Doda district, which is the birthplace of India's purple revolution. Lavender has changed the fortunes of farmers in Jammu and Kashmir under the 'Aroma Mission or Purple Revolution'.
- ⇒ Nirdeshak, the second of the four Survey Vessels (Large) (SVL) project, being built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in collaboration with L&T shipbuilding for the Indian Navy has been launched at Kattupalli, Chennai.
- ⇒ Kolkata is the first metro city in the country to prepare a detailed register of biodiversity. Kolkata Municipal Corporation released the People's Biodiversity Register (PBR), a document with details about the floral and faunal varieties in the city as well as its land use and human activities. Chandigarh and Indore are other important cities which have prepared the document.
- ⇒ India joined a dozen other nations to launch the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF), a US-led trade initiative meant to counter China's aggressive expansion in the region. Among the 13 countries backing the initiative are Australia, Brunei, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam.
- ⇒ The 250th birth anniversary of Raja Ram Mohan Roy was celebrated and commemorated by the Ministry of Culture under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
- ⇒ National Geographic Society has installed the "world's highest weather station" on Mount Everest at an altitude of 8,830 metres to automatically measure various meteorological phenomena.
- ⇒ Kerala will become the first state in India to have a state-owned OTT platform. The Kerala government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named 'CSPACE' on November 1, offering film lovers an array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- ⇒ PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched India's first dental health insurance plan. This is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.
- ⇒ Union Cabinet Minister of Electronics & Information Technology, Communications and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw has inaugurated the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) Centre Leh, with Extension Centre at Kargil and IT Enabled Incubation Centre for Handicraft and Handloom Sector at Leh.
- ⇒ National Cyber Forensic Laboratory' (NCFL) has been launched on the premises of the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL) in Hyderabad.
- ⇒ Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified as Rajasthan's 4th and India's 52nd tiger reserve.
- ⇒ A new virus known as 'tomato flu' has been detected after the covid-19 pandemic in a few parts of Kerala. Almost 80 children in Kollam city of Kerala have been diagnosed with tomato flu and all the cases that are confirmed have been diagnosed in children below 5 years.
- ⇒ The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) discovered a 5000-year-old jewellery-making factory in Rakhi Garhi, Haryana. Rakhi Garhi is a village in Haryana's Hisar district and one of the oldest Indus Valley Civilisation archaeological sites.



- ⇒ Lok Sabha (LS) Speaker Om Birla has launched the one-of-its-kind literary initiative Kalam website of the Prabha Khaitan Foundation (PKF) to support and encourage vernacular literature. The aim of Kalam website is to popularize Hindi literature and provide a platform for veteran and young authors and poets to talk about their writings and love for vernacular literature.
- ⇒ World's Largest Glass Bottom Bridge was opened in Vietnam. It is called as Vietnam's Bach Long pedestrian bridge, which is 632m (2,073ft) long.
- ⇒ A three-member Delimitation Commission redrawing the electoral map of Jammu and Kashmir allotted 47 Assembly seats for Kashmir division and 43 for Jammu. The panel was led by retired Supreme Court judge Ranjana Prakash Desai.
- ⇒ India was the official 'Country of Honour' at the Marche' Du Film, organized alongside the 75th edition of the Cannes Film Festival, in France. In another highlight of India's participation at this edition of the Cannes Film Festival was the World Premiere of the Movie 'Rocketry', produced by Shri. R. Madhavan.
- ⇒ The Department of Prisons and Maharashtra State Cooperative Bank have jointly started a loan scheme named 'Jivhala' for prisoners across Maharashtra. The credit scheme Jivhala is primarily for inmates who are undergoing a prison sentence of more than three years. In the initial phase of this scheme, a Rs 50,000 loan will be given. The interest rate that will be applicable is 7%. Out of the interest that will be earned by the bank, 1 per cent will be contributed to the prisoners' welfare fund. For issuing this loan no guarantor or mortgage is required.
- ⇒ India's first indigenous hydrogen-fuelled electric vessels is being developed and built at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- ⇒ Bihar's Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has inaugurated India's first ethanol plant in Purnia district, Bihar. It is the country's first grain-based ethanol plant.
- ⇒ The Indian Army has started providing residential coaching to children from economically disadvantaged and deprived areas in Manipur to prepare them for all-India competitive tests such as engineering and medical admission. The Indian Army's Red Shield Division has inked a tripartite Memorandum of understanding with enterprise partner State Bank of India Foundation and mentoring partner National Integrity and Educational Development Organization to develop the Red Shield Centre for Excellence and Wellness.
- ⇒ Alstom has handed over the first train-set manufactured at its plant in Vadodara's Salvi taluka in Gujarat to the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) for India's first regional rapid transit system (RTS) corridor between Delhi and Meerut.
- ⇒ Jamtara in Jharkhand has become the only district in the country where all gram panchayats have community libraries. Jamtara has a population of about eight lakh, distributed in 118-gram panchayats under six blocks and each panchayat has a well-equipped library that is open for students from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- ⇒ Netflix India, in collaboration with the Information & Broadcasting Ministry, has released a series of short video series under an initiative called 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniya', highlighting the role of women achievers.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated a 500 KV solar plant to the nation at Palli in Jammu and Kashmir's border region of Samba, making it the country's first 'carbon neutral panchayat.'
- ⇒ Biliti Electric Inc (Biliti), based in California, United States of America, has announced its intention to establish the world's largest electric three-wheeler manufacturing facility in Telangana.
- ⇒ A new book titled "The Boy Who Wrote a Constitution: A play for Children on Human Rights" authored by Rajesh Talwar, a fact-based drama on Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar's own recollections of his childhood has been released.
- ⇒ The Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi has unveiled a 108 ft statue of Lord Hanuman ji in Morbi, Gujarat at the Bapu Keshvanand ji Ashram on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti. This statue is the second among the four statues being built in the four directions across the country, as part of the 'Hanumanji Char Dham' project. The first such grand statue of Hanuman Ji was inaugurated in the North in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh in 2010. The statue at Morbi has been set up in the West. The third statue will be set up in the South at Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu. Similarly, the final statue will be established in the East in West Bengal.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's biggest drone festival 'Bharat Drone Mahotsav 2022' in New Delhi.
- ⇒ Indonesia has stopped imports of agricultural products from India, citing a failure by New Delhi officials to register laboratories that evaluate food safety and issue certificates of analysis (COA).
- ⇒ India's first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired, named 'Radio Aksh' has been launched in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The channel will be available on various internet radio platforms for free.



- ⇒ The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Arbor Day Foundation have jointly recognised Mumbai and Hyderabad as the '2021 Tree City of the World'.
- ⇒ Ecuador, a South American Country, became the first country in the world to give legal rights to wild animals.
- ⇒ Sarhul festival has recently been celebrated as the New Year in the state of Jharkhand by the tribal communities as part of the local Sarna religion.
- ⇒ The Gangaur festival is celebrated in Rajasthan and some parts of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and West Bengal. It is one of Rajasthan's most important festivals.
- ⇒ YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, inaugurated 13 new districts in the state. As a result, there are a total of 26 districts in the state.
- ⇒ The Minister of State for Culture and External Affairs, Meenakshi Lekhi has launched a website 'Temple 360', under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Temple 360 is a digital platform where anyone can visit or do darshan of 12 Jyotirlingas and Char Dhams from any location.
- ⇒ Agra has become the first city in the country to have vacuum-based sewer systems.
- ⇒ The Indian Air Force recently organised a conclave at Air Force Station, Hakimpet to commemorate 60 years of glorious service by Chetak Helicopter in IAF. The Chetak helicopter is the oldest operational flying machine with the Indian Air Force. It is made by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) under the licence agreement. The Chetak Helicopter was inducted into the Indian Air force in 1962.
- ⇒ The largest electric cruise ship in the world named 'Yangtze River Three Gorges 1' has made its maiden voyage in the Yichang river in China. It is a 100 per cent electric cruise ship that has been developed and built in China.
- ⇒ Uttar Pradesh has become the top producer of vegetables, getting back its first position by demoting West Bengal to the second position, with a difference of a million tonnes in production in 2021–22 Crop Year.
- ⇒ The Chief Justice of India NV Ramana unveiled the 'Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records' (FASTER), a digital platform that allows the supreme court to send interim orders, stay orders, and bail orders to the appropriate authorities via a secured electronic channel.
- ⇒ A team of scientists from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Indian Army and Indian Air Force (IAF) jointly conducted the successful flight test of the indigenously developed helicopter launched Anti-Tank Guided Missile 'HELINA' at high-altitude ranges.

Books & Authors

- ⇒ Listen to Your Heart : The London Adventure -- Ruskin Bond
- ⇒ A Place Called Home -- Preeti Shenoy
- ⇒ Not Just A Nightwatchman : My Innings in the BCCI -- Vinod Rai, former(11th) Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) India.
- ⇒ Tomb of Sand' -- Geetanjali Shree.
- ⇒ Indian writer Geetanjali Shree and American translator Daisy Rockwell won the International Booker Prize for "Tomb of Sand". The former won the prize for writing it and the latter for translating it in English.
