



CURRENT AFFAIRS (AUGUST-SEPTEMBER, 2022) :

National

- ⇒ The indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant, which was created by the Navy's own Directorate of Naval Design was delivered to the Navy by the Cochin Shipyard. It bears the name of the Indian Naval Ship (INS) Vikrant, India's first aircraft carrier, which was an important participant in the war of 1971 against Pakistan. INS Vikrant was designed by the Warship Design Bureau (WDB), the navy's in-house design establishment and was constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).
- ⇒ The launch of foreign satellites by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) brought in \$279 million in foreign currency. Antrix, the commercial arm of ISRO, made this money by launching 345 foreign satellites from 34 different nations.
- ⇒ Jammu and Kashmir will host the 2023 meetings of the G20. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, India will hold the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022, and convene the first G20 leaders' summit in 2023. India's representation at G20 summits has been led by Prime Minister Modi since 2014. The G20 countries include Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, France, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea, Turkey, the United States and the United Kingdom.
- ⇒ The Central Government unveiled the ambitious 'Agnipath' scheme for the recruitment of youths aged between 17-and-a-half years and 21 years in the Army, the Navy and the Air Force, largely on a four-year short-term contractual basis. Those recruited under the scheme will be known as 'Agniveers'. After the completion of the four-year tenure, 25 per cent of the recruits from each batch will be offered regular service. There were protests by job aspiring youths against the scheme. Subsequently, the Union Home Ministry had announced that 10 per cent vacancies for recruitment in the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles will be reserved for the 'Agniveers'.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi participated in the first virtual 'I2U2 Summit'. The I2U2 is a four-nation grouping, where "I" stands for India and Israel, and "U" for the US and the UAE. PM Modi was joined by United States President Joe Biden, Israeli PM Yair Lapid and UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The main focus of the virtual meeting was on the food security crisis and clean energy. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) also announced an investment of \$ 2 billion to develop a series of integrated food parks across India to help tackle food insecurity in South Asia and the Middle East.

International

- ⇒ Russia has made the decision to leave the International Space Station after 2024. The declaration came amid heightened hostilities between Moscow and the West over Moscow's military action in Ukraine and several rounds of previously unheard-of sanctions against Russia.
- ⇒ As temperatures have continued to soar, the UK Meteorological (Met) Office issued the first-ever red extreme heat warning for areas of England, including London. Temperatures could reach 40 degrees Celsius, and a red warning, the maximum level used by the Met Office under its alert system, indicates a risk to life due to heat is possible.
- ⇒ The US and its allies, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the United Kingdom, have launched a new initiative called Partners in the Blue Pacific for effective and efficient cooperation with the region's small island nations in response to China's aggressive push to expand its sphere of influence in the Pacific
- ⇒ Iran and Argentina have submitted applications to become members in the group of emerging economies known as the BRICS. The BRICS group includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.
- ⇒ After the admission of Togo and Gabon, the Commonwealth of Nations now has 56 members.
- ⇒ Britain's Queen Elizabeth II, who was crowned in 1953, overtook Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej to become the world's second-longest reigning monarch in history, after France's Louis XIV. Louis XIV of France remains the longest-reigning monarch, with a 72-year and 110-day reign from 1643 until 1715.
- ⇒ Members of the European Parliament have voted to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2035. The move aims to step up the fight against climate change through the faster development of electric vehicles.
- ⇒ The United Nations has changed the Republic of Turkey's country name at the organisation from "Turkey" to "Türkiye", following a request from Ankara for the change.

Economy

- ⇒ Under the money circulation and credit control policy of the RBI, the existing rates (as on 10.09.2022) are :
 - * Repo Rate (*Repo Rate is the rate at which commercial banks borrow money from the central bank, i.e., RBI*) : 5.40%.
 - * 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*) : 5.15%



- * Statutory Liquidity Ratio (*SLR is the percentage of deposits that commercial banks have to maintain with themselves*) : 18%
- * 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*) : 5.65%
- * MSF (*Marginal Standing Facility is the loan banks are permitted to avail themselves from the RBI on overnight basis, using its SLR securities*) : 5.65%.
- * 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*) : 7.75% - 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*): 6.85% - 7.75%.
- (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): 5.30% - 6.10%.
- * Savings A/c.: 2.70% - 3.00%.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the 'India International Bullion Exchange (IIBX)' at the Gujarat International Finance Tech-City (GIFT City) near Gandhinagar, Gujarat. IIBX is India's first international bullion exchange. The exchange, which was announced in Budget 2020, will sell physical gold and silver. The exchange will be open for jewellers with a net worth of Rs 25 crore and above to participate.
- ⇒ The government of Egypt and an Indian company have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to construct a green hydrogen factory in the Suez Canal Economic Zone. The MoU states that Indian ReNew Power Private Limited (RENE.BO) will invest \$8 billion to construct a facility that will create 20,000 tonnes of green hydrogen annually.
- ⇒ Ms A Manimekhalai, Union Bank of India (UBI) MD & CEO targeted to bring UBI to the third-largest Public Sector Bank position in a time of few years. Union Bank of India may even take into consideration buying a bank along the route. Manimekhalai, who became UBI's first female leader on June 7th, emphasised that the bank has set "RACE" as its aim for the year. "RACE" – grow **R**AM (retail, agriculture and MSME) loans, improve **A**sset quality, increase **C**ASA (current account, savings account deposits) and increase **E**arnings – as its goal for the year.
- ⇒ India received the highest annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows of almost \$85 billion in FY 21-22. India is rapidly emerging as a preferred country for FDI in the manufacturing sector. FDI Equity inflow in Manufacturing Sectors has increased by 76% in FY 2021-22 (\$ 21.34 billion). Foreign direct investment (FDI) is an investment made by a company or an individual in one country into business interests located in another country.
- ⇒ HDFC Bank will be among the world's top 10 most valuable banks after its merger with the parent body Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC), at the current valuations and will also be the first Indian bank to make it to the Top 10 club. The combined market cap of HDFC Bank and HDFC would be around USD 160 billion. The merger is expected to be completed by the second or third quarter of FY24.
- ⇒ According to a report by the government think tank NITI Aayog and the Institute for Competitiveness, India spends only 0.7% of its GDP, which is among the lowest R&D expenditures worldwide. Around 1.8% is the global average.
- ⇒ Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya informed the Rajya Sabha that the World Bank had granted a loan of USD \$1 billion to fund India's flagship PM Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM).
- ⇒ The Henley Passport Index has recently released the list of the World's Most Powerful Passports for the year 2022. Three Asian nations Japan, Singapore and South Korea bagged the top three positions on the list of the world's most powerful passports in 2022. India is ranked 87th on the list.
- ⇒ Mexico has topped the Expat Insider Rankings for 2022, which was released by the InterNations recently, while India has been ranked at the 36th position out of 52 countries on the list. (*An expatriate, or expat, is an individual living and/or working in a country other than their country of citizenship, often temporarily and for work reasons. An expatriate can also be an individual who has relinquished citizenship in their home country to become a citizen of another*).
- ⇒ India ranks 135th among a total of 146 countries in the Global Gender Gap Index 2022 of the World Economic Forum (WEF). Iceland has retained its position as the world's most gender-equal country, followed by Finland, Norway and New Zealand respectively. Afghanistan is the worst-performing country in the report. The Global Gender Gap Index benchmarks the current state and evolution of gender parity across four key dimensions (Economic Participation and Opportunity, Educational Attainment, Health and Survival, and Political Empowerment).



- ⇒ According to the QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), Mumbai ranked at 103 and has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city. The other Indian cities in the rankings include Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 and New Delhi at 129. London (UK) has topped the list ranked 1 followed by Munich (Germany) and Seoul (South Korea) ranked 2nd and Zurich (Switzerland) ranked 4th.
- ⇒ The annual ranking of the world's most liveable cities has been released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and 2022's Global Liveability Index. The EIU, which is a sister organization to The Economist, ranked 173 cities around the world on a variety of factors, including health-care, crime rates, political stability, infrastructure and access to green space. According to the index, Vienna in Austria has got the top position followed by Copenhagen in Denmark and Zurich in Switzerland. New Delhi has been ranked 112th in the list of most liveable cities while India's financial capital Mumbai is ranked at 117th position.
- ⇒ India ranked worst (180th) in the world in terms of environmental performance. In the 2022 Environment Performance Index (EPI), an analysis by Yale and Columbia University researchers that gives a data-driven evaluation of the situation of sustainability around the world, India came in last out of 180 countries. Climate change, environmental public health, and biodiversity are among the 40 performance factors used by the EPI to rank 180 nations. Denmark came in first as the world's most sustainable country.
- ⇒ The Institute for Management Development (IMD) business school in Switzerland and Singapore released the 2022 World Competitiveness ranking. India has jumped from 43rd to '37th' position out of 63 economies. Denmark topped the list followed by Switzerland and Singapore.
- ⇒ According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), India jumped one position to the 7th among the top recipients of foreign direct investment (FDI) (\$45 billion) in 2021. The United States (\$367 billion) remained the top recipient of FDI, China (\$181 billion) at the second position and Hong Kong (\$141 billion) the third.
- ⇒ Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), London-based global higher education rating system has released the 19th edition of the world's most consulted international university rankings. The index was topped by the United States' Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) followed by the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom (UK) and Stanford University (US). Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, ranked 155th.
- ⇒ Forbes Real Time Billionaires List has been published, which featured the richest persons around the world. The chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries Ltd, Mukesh Ambani and the chairperson of Adani Group, Gautam Adani are also in the list of top 10 richest persons in the world. In the 'Bloomberg Billionaires Index', Mukesh Ambani is in the eighth spot and Gautam Adani is in the ninth spot. In the 'Forbes Real Time Billionaires' list, Mukesh Ambani is at the 6th position while Gautam Adani is at the seventh position. Elon Musk topped both the lists.
- ⇒ India ranked third globally for total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 with 15.4 GW, behind only China (136 GW) and the US (43 GW).
- ⇒ As one of the first private banks to be fully connected with the new portal, Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced the completion of its technical integration with the new income tax e-filing system.
- ⇒ Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk decided to terminate the \$44 billion takeover deal of Twitter.
- ⇒ A bancassurance agreement has been reached between the Paschim Banga Gramin Bank and SBI Life Insurance. Through the cooperation, SBI Life's assortment of protection, wealth development, credit life, annuity, and savings products will be made available at all Paschim Banga Gramin Bank branches throughout West Bengal, therefore enhancing the region's access to life insurance solutions.
- ⇒ In March 2022, banks' gross non-performing asset (GNPA) ratio decreased to a six-year low of 5.9 percent from a high of 7.4 percent in March 2021, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) most recent Financial Stability Report (FSR).
- ⇒ According to a report by the Hurun Research Institute titled Hurun India Future Unicorn Index 2022, India is predicted to have 122 new unicorns in the next 2-4 years. The total worth of these potential unicorns is currently \$ 49 billion. When a startup is valued at \$ 1 billion, it is considered to be a Unicorn.
- ⇒ The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has slapped heavy penalties in a 2015 'dark fibre' case that saw certain brokers exploiting the National Stock Exchange's (NSE's) internet infrastructure to get faster connectivity to its collocation (colo) facilities. The markets regulator has imposed a penalty of Rs 7 crore on NSE and Rs 5 crore on former Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chitra Ramkrishna.
- ⇒ The Reserve Bank of India has given the State Bank of India preliminary approval for its proposed operations support subsidiary, which aims to reduce the cost-to-income ratio.



- ⇒ ICICI Bank unveiled a digital platform named 'Campus Power' to assist students who want to pursue higher education in India and abroad. The platform meets the diverse demands of the whole student ecosystem, which includes parents, institutes, and students. The new Campus Power platform helps users find financial products that are right for them by guiding them through the process of researching bank accounts, including international accounts, education loans and their tax benefits, foreign exchange solutions, payment solutions, cards, other loans, and investments.
- ⇒ Russia has become India's second-biggest oil supplier, surpassing Saudi Arabia as refiners snap up Russian crude available at a deep discount following the war in Ukraine. After the U.S. and China, India is the world's third-largest consumer of oil, over 85 per cent of which is imported. Iraq remained the top oil supplier to India.
- ⇒ SEBI, the market regulator, has restructured its mutual fund advisory committee. According to the latest update with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the 25-member advisory council will be chaired by Usha Thorat, a former Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The committee's mission is to advise the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on problems relating to mutual fund regulation and development.
- ⇒ The government has approved 8.1 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) deposits for 2021-22, an over four-decade low for about five crore subscribers of retirement fund body Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).

Sports

- ⇒ Madhya Pradesh won their maiden Ranji Trophy title, beating Mumbai by 6 wickets in the final at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.⇒ Coca-Cola has signed Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra for Limca Sportz promotion. Recently, Neeraj Chopra recently made history by winning silver in the World Athletics Championships for the first time ever by any Indian.
- ⇒ Jasprit Bumrah scored 29 runs in a single over to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket, beating the legendary Brian Lara's 18 year old record by one run. Bumrah did this feat against the bowling of Stuart Broad, who had also been hit for six sixes in an over by Yuvraj Singh in the inaugural World T20 in 2007.
- ⇒ The Asia Cup Cricket 2022, which was earlier scheduled to take place in Sri Lanka is now being held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).
- ⇒ Mithali Raj (39 years old), Indian women's cricket team captain, hailing from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, announced her retirement from all forms of International cricket.

- ⇒ The 2028 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games will be hosted by Los Angeles, United States. Los Angeles had previously hosted the Olympics in 1984 and 1932.
- ⇒ PV Sindhu won the first Super 500 title of her career when she defeated reigning Asian champion Wang Zhi Yi of China in the final of the Singapore Open.
- ⇒ Novak Djokovic of Serbia won his seventh Wimbledon men's title and 21st Grand Slam crown with a four-set triumph over Nick Kyrgios of Australia.
- ⇒ Novak Djokovic of Serbia became the first player in history to win 80 matches in all four Grand Slams when he defeated Kwon Soon in the Wimbledon tournament. The six-time champion has become the first male player in the Open Era to win 80 or more matches at all four grand slams.
- ⇒ The Indian football team gained two places to jump to 104th in the latest FIFA world rankings released. Brazil remained at the top, followed by Belgium and Argentina.
- ⇒ Indian Men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri scored his 84th International goal against Hong Kong during the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Asian Cup 2023 Qualifiers and equalled the record of Real Madrid and Hungarian Football Legend Ferenc Puskás. Sunil Chhetri has scored 84 goals in 129 appearances. He is the 3rd highest goal scorer in international football among active players, after Cristiano Ronaldo with 117 goals and Lionel Messi with 86 goals. He is also the highest active goal scorer from Asia and India.
- ⇒ Young Indian Grandmaster, R. Pragganandhaa emerged winner in the Norway Chess Group A open chess tournament here.
- ⇒ India beat Poland in the final to clinch the inaugural FIH Hockey 5s championship in Lausanne in Switzerland.

Awards

- ⇒ British Prime Minister, Boris Johnson has presented Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy with the Sir Winston Churchill Leadership Award, drawing comparisons between the two leaders in times of crisis.
- ⇒ Kaushik Rajashekara, an Indian-origin professor of engineering at the University of Houston, has won the prestigious Global Energy Prize 2022, sharing with two other scientists. Rajashekara was given the award in the New Ways of Energy Applications category for his contributions to transportation electrification and energy efficiency technologies while reducing power generation emissions.
- ⇒ Tanuja Nesari, Director of All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) was awarded with the Ayurveda Ratna Award by the UK Parliament.



- ⇒ Gujarat and Karnataka emerged the best performers in the third edition of States' Start-up ranking, 2021, while Meghalaya bagged the top honour among North-eastern (NE) states.
- ⇒ 'IG Drones', the Delhi-based leading Drone enterprise platform company has been felicitated with the 'Best Drone Organization Start-up Category' by 'Airwards'. IG Drones has been selected for the award for its approach of helping local communities and giving access to technology to various stakeholders during natural disasters and calamities.
- ⇒ The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Department, Government of Odisha has been awarded the first prize in the category 'National MSME Award 2022 to States/UTs for outstanding contribution in the promotion and Development of MSME Sector' by virtue of various developmental initiatives taken up for the development of MSMEs.
- ⇒ Former Karnataka Chief Minister S M Krishna, Infosys founder and IT industry veteran N R Narayana Murthy and former badminton player Prakash Padukone have been selected for the 'Kempegowda International Award', which has been instituted this year. Kempegowda was a great architect of Bengaluru city.
- ⇒ Vijay Amritraj has been named the 2021 recipient of the Golden Achievement Award by the International Tennis Hall of Fame and International Tennis Federation.
- ⇒ Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the Founder and Managing Director of Maithri Aquatech has been recognized by the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC) as a 'Global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Pioneer for Water Stewardship'. Ramkrishna Mukkavilli, the Founder and Managing Director of Maithri Aquatech, a Make-In-India company, was previously recognized by the UN Global Compact Network India (GCNI) as India's SDG Pioneer earlier this year for his work in promoting water security through nature-based water solutions in India and 27 other countries across Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Africa. Maithri Aquatech is an ESG firm, and their MEGHDOOT product is the only Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG) solution certified by India's Ministry of Jalshakti.
- ⇒ The Dutch documentary film 'Turn Your Body to the Sun' has won the prestigious Golden Conch award for the Best Documentary Film at Mumbai International Film Festival 2022.
- ⇒ The Meghalaya government's key initiative of e-proposal system, part of Meghalaya Enterprise Architect has won a coveted UN Award 'World Summit on the Information Society Forum' (WSIS) prize at Geneva in Switzerland. Meghalaya was declared as the best project in the category and MeghEA is the only project from India to win the Winner Award this year.

Persons

- ⇒ Roshni Nadar Malhotra, HCL Technologies' Chairperson, has retained her position as the richest woman in India, for the second year in a row, according to the third edition of 'Kotak Private Banking Hurun – Leading Wealthy Women List'. The total net worth of Roshni Nadar stood at Rs 84,330 crore.
- ⇒ Indermit Gill has been appointed chief economist and senior vice-president for development economics in the World Bank.
- ⇒ Former Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has been sworn in as Sri Lanka's 9th president while Dinesh Gunawardena has been appointed new and 15th Prime Minister of the country.
- ⇒ Draupadi Murmu, a tribal woman from Odisha has been elected 15th President of India.
- ⇒ La Ganesan is the new governor of West Bengal, following the resignation of Jagdeep Dhankhar, who has been elected Vice President of India.
- ⇒ R Dinesh, Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions has been chosen as the Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) President Designate for the years 2022–2023.
- ⇒ Rahul Narwekar, a Mumbai based lawyer has been elected youngest Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly and has also become the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post at the age of 45 years.
- ⇒ Sini Shetty has won the title of Femina Miss India 2022. She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant. Shetty was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, Manasa Varanasi at JIO World Convention Centre in Mumbai.
- ⇒ Yair Lapid has been officially became the 14th Prime Minister of Israel, after replacing the 3rd Alternative Prime Minister Naftali Benett.
- ⇒ Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the son of late dictator Ferdinand Marcos Sr, has been sworn in as the 17th President of the Philippines.
- ⇒ Eknath Shinde, a rebel Shiv Sena MLA, has been sworn in as the new chief minister of Maharashtra.
- ⇒ Akash Ambani is the new chairman of Jio Infocomm's board, the digital division of Reliance industries. He replaced Mukesh Ambani who will continue to serve as chairman and managing director of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) and as the chairman of Jio Platforms Ltd.
- ⇒ Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the new Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) chairman.
- ⇒ Parameswaren Iyer has been appointed new Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog for 2 years. He succeeded Amitabh Kant. The full form of NITI Aayog is National Institution for Transforming India Aayog.



- ⇒ Singer Justin Bieber has revealed that he is suffering from a health condition called Ramsay Hunt Syndrome, which has caused full facial paralysis on one side of his face.
- ⇒ Ruchira Kamboj, currently Indian ambassador to Bhutan, has been appointed next Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations at New York.
- ⇒ Sachin Tendulkar will continue as United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) 'Goodwill Ambassador' for a record 20th year, working for the welfare of underprivileged children.

Died

- ⇒ Atulananda Goswami, veteran Assamese litterateur and winner of the Sahitya Akademi Award has passed away.
- ⇒ Shinzo Abe, the Ex-Prime Minister of Japan, died in hospital after he was shot at a political campaign event. Abe was shot at twice while he was giving a speech on a street in the city of Nara in Japan.
- ⇒ Brijendra K Syngal, former Chairman of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd (VSNL), passed away. Syngal was acknowledged as the father of the Indian Internet.
- ⇒ Tarun Majumdar, the veteran Bengali film director, has passed away.
- ⇒ Peter Brook, one of the world's most innovative theatre directors who perfected the art of staging powerful drama in bizarre venues, has died. He brought a stunning nine-hour adaptation of the Sanskrit epic 'The Mahabharata' from France to New York in 1987.
- ⇒ Pallonji Mistry, the veteran business tycoon, has passed away at the age of 93. He was the Chairman of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, one of the largest business firms in India.
- ⇒ Chowalloor Krishnankutty, a noted lyricist, author and journalist of Kerala passed away.
- ⇒ Dr V Krishnamurthy, former chairman of public sector undertakings such as Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Steel Authority of India (SAIL) and Maruti Udyog (now Maruti Suzuki), passed away.
- ⇒ Hari Chand, the long distance runner and double Asian Games gold medallist, passed away in Jalandhar.
- ⇒ Bhajan Sopori, the santoor maestro and Padma Shri awardee, has passed away.
- ⇒ Bhim Singh, the J & K based National Panthers Party Chief Professor, passed away.
- ⇒ KK (Krishnakumar Kunnath) who mesmerized music lovers for over three decades is no more. The 53-year-old singer died in Kolkata after a live performance.

Miscellaneous

- ⇒ A joint venture to produce high-speed passenger trains has been established by BF Infrastructure Ltd., a fully owned subsidiary of Bharat Forge Ltd. and Talgo India Pvt Ltd., a fully owned subsidiary of Spanish manufacturer Patentes Talgo S.L.
- ⇒ Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh, popularly known as the 'Darwaza of Dakhin', has become the first certified 'Har Ghar Jal' district in the Country.
- ⇒ The Flag Code of India 2002 was revised by the Ministry of Home Affairs to permit the flying of the national flag even at night as the federal government begins its Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. The flag could previously only be flown between sunrise and sunset.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has unveiled Varuna, India's first passenger drone at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. Varuna, India's first drone can carry a 130 kg payload and has 25-33 minutes of flight time.
- ⇒ Dr. Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, announced that ISRO has signed six agreements with four nations for the launch of foreign satellites between 2021 and 2023. According to the Minister, the Indian Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) has successfully launched 342 foreign satellites from 34 countries since 1999 on commercial basis.
- ⇒ According to the chief ministers of both states, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh have taken a step toward settling their seven-decade-old boundary dispute by signing the Namsai Declaration. Following their third round of discussions on the matter, the Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and his Assam colleague Himanta Biswa Sarma signed the declaration in Namsai.
- ⇒ The General Assembly declared International Moon Day, a United Nations-designated international day to be observed annually on 20 July.
- ⇒ The Delhi government celebrated Happiness Utsav to honour the fourth anniversary of its Happiness Curriculum for schools. At a special session held for pupils on this occasion, life coach Gaur Gopal Das discussed the intricacies of happiness. Students' mindsets have undergone a revolutionary shift as a result of Happiness Classes.
- ⇒ Rajasthan has introduced the first digital Lok Adalat in India. The oldest pending case in the nation was recently resolved by a district court in Bihar after 108 years of deliberation. The NITI Aayog report also estimated that it would take 324 years to resolve all cases now outstanding in India.



- ⇒ A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Namibia has been signed. Its aim is to bring back cheetahs to the country after nearly seven decades. The first eight cheetahs will be deployed in Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park.
- ⇒ Varanasi, showcasing India's culture and traditions over the ages has been declared as the first 'Cultural and Tourism Capital' of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation under a new rotating initiative by the eight-member organisation to promote people-to-people contacts and tourism among the member states.
- ⇒ Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) have entered into a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of athletics in India.
- ⇒ Vadodara (in Gujarat) based National Rail and Transportation Institute has been upgraded to a central university. The university has been renamed as Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya.
- ⇒ The 12th National Plastic Surgery Day will be observed on the 15th of July and the Burn and Plastic Surgery Department of AIIMS, Delhi will host the APSI Sushruta Film Festival (ASFF 2022) in conjunction with the Association of Plastic Surgeons of India (APSI).
- ⇒ Students of the Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU) will now have access to job opportunities, thanks to a new pilot project the Delhi government announced with United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF). DSEU and UNICEF have introduced 'Career Awareness Sessions' for students.
- ⇒ Uttarakhand has become the first state in the country to initiate the process of implementing the Centre's New Education Policy. Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami has initiated this process by inaugurating 'Bal Vatikas' at Anganwadi Kendra across the state to strengthen the pre-primary education system. It offers children an opportunity to pursue choice-based education. They can now study the subjects of their choice in the language they are conversant with.
- ⇒ The state of Kerala and Ahmedabad, the capital of Gujarat – these two locations from India have been named among '50 extraordinary destinations to explore' this year by TIME Magazine.
- ⇒ According to the Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, the Dwarka Expressway, which is being developed as the first elevated urban expressway in India, will be operational in 2023.
- ⇒ The Leh airport is being built as a carbon-neutral airport, a first in India. A 'Geothermal system' in hybridization with Solar PV Plant will be provided in the new Airport Terminal Building for heating and cooling purposes.
- ⇒ The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and Maharashtra Metro achieved the world record for constructing the longest double-decker viaduct with a length of 3.14 km in Nagpur.
- ⇒ Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually unveiled the 'Statue of Peace' of Swamy Ramanujacharya in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region. Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer born in Tamil Nadu's Sriperumbudur.
- ⇒ Tech Giant 'Google' launched the Startup School India initiative, which aims to gather relevant information on startup building into a systematic curriculum to help 10,000 startups in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. The nine-week virtual programme will involve fireside chats between Google leaders and collaborators from across the startup ecosystem.
- ⇒ The Polish government has honoured the maharajas of Jamnagar and Kolhapur and others who sheltered Polish refugees fleeing the Soviet Union invasion of Poland during World War II.
- ⇒ Delhi will host its first ever government-backed shopping festival from January 28 to February 26 next year. The festival will have 200 concerts for entertainment, food walks and will also offer huge discounts on products. This will be the biggest ever shopping festival in India.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 30-foot bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju at Bhimavaram in Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district on the 125th birth anniversary of the freedom fighter.
- ⇒ NTPC Ltd has declared the Commercial Operations Date (COD) of the last part of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Project in Telangana. Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project is India's largest Floating Solar Plant.
- ⇒ NITI Aayog and the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) made an upbeat prediction that by FY2026-27, electric two-wheelers would be completely incorporated into the Indian market.
- ⇒ The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar launched the Honey Testing Laboratory at Dimapur in Nagaland.
- ⇒ 'Dak Karmayogi', an e-Learning portal of the department of posts was launched on 28 June 2022. This portal has been developed under the vision of mission Karmayogi which was initiated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with a view of bringing efficiency in the actions of all the employees of the Government of India and transforming the efficiency of bureaucracy with minimum Government and maximum governance.



- ⇒ The United Kingdom government has announced a partnership with leading businesses in India to offer 75 fully funded scholarships for Indian students to study in the UK from September, in celebration of the 75th anniversary of India's independence. Additionally, the British Council in India is offering around 18 scholarships for women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) covering over 12,000 courses across more than 150 UK universities.
- ⇒ Four-day Ambubachi Mela, a Hindu festival has been celebrated at the Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati, Assam.
- ⇒ Tata Power Solar Systems, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Power, has accomplished a remarkable feat by commissioning India's largest floating solar power project in Kayamkulam, Kerala.
- ⇒ IRCTC tourist train under the Bharat Gaurav Scheme of Indian Railways has been launched. The train, originating from Safdarjung railway station, covers the distance of approximately 8,000 kilometres between India and Nepal on the Shri Ramayana Yatra Circuit. According to IRCTC, the train with a capacity of 600 persons, covers major cities including Ayodhya, Buxar, Janakpur, Sitamarhi, Kashi, Prayagraj, Chitrakoot, Nasik, Hampi, Rameshwaram, Kanchipuram and Bhadrachalam. The duration is of 18 days.
- ⇒ Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated a 'Mango Festival' in Brussels, Belgium to raise awareness among Europeans and establish a market for Indian mangoes in Europe.
- ⇒ Europe's biggest startup conference, 'Vivatech 2020' has recognized India as the Country of the Year. This is due to the contribution of the Indian startups to the world.
- ⇒ The Border Roads Organization will build 75 outlets along various route segments in 12 states and union territories under the name 'BRO Cafes', as permitted by the Ministry of Defence. These are designed to offer fundamental comforts and amenities to visitors, increase economic activity in border regions, and create jobs for the local population.
- ⇒ The Global Skills Report (GSR) 2022 by Coursera states that India's proficiency in data science has reduced from 38% in 2021 to 26% in 2022, leading to a 12-rank drop. In terms of overall skills proficiency, India has slipped 4 places to be ranked 68th globally and 19th in Asia.
- ⇒ Grammy and Oscar-winning music composer AR Rahman has composed the 'Vanakkam Chennai' (Welcome Anthem) for the recently concluded International Chess Olympiad, 2022. The music video was directed by Vignesh Shivan.
- ⇒ Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi has become the first airport in the country to run entirely on hydro and solar power, in a major step toward achieving the ambitious goal of becoming a Net Zero Carbon Emission Airport by 2030.
- ⇒ The country's first-ever, 'Balika Panchayat', has started in five villages of Gujarat's Kutch district. The initiative aims to promote the social and political development of the girls and ensure their active participation in politics.
- ⇒ Tamil Nadu replaced Bihar and West Bengal to become the largest state in terms of outstanding portfolio of microfinance loans.
- ⇒ Filmmaker Srijit Mukherji has made a film 'Shabaash Mithu', a Taapsee Pannu-starrer biopic on former India women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj.
- ⇒ Yoga Mahotsav was organised by the Ministry of Culture in partnership with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) at Purana Qila in the national. The event was held as part of the celebrations for the International Day of Yoga 2022 on June 21.
- ⇒ Microsoft announced the retirement of 27-year-old 'Internet Explorer 11' as the firm's oldest browser was completely phased out from June 15. Internet Explorer was launched in 1995 as an add-on package for Windows 95. Microsoft later started providing the app for free as part of the package. This is a reminder that Microsoft plans to retire and end support for the Internet Explorer 11 (IE11) desktop application on most versions of Windows 10 on June 15, 2022
- ⇒ India's first private train service was flagged off between Coimbatore and Shirdi by a private operator 'South Star Rail' in the Indian Railways' southern zone, under the 'Bharat Gaurav' scheme of the Indian Railways.
- ⇒ Google announced a startup accelerator program for women founders 'Google for Startups Accelerator India – Women Founders'. The program will help them address challenges such as fundraising and hiring.
- ⇒ The India government has finalized deals with South Africa and Namibia to get the planet's fastest animals, cheetahs that became extinct in India and will be released into the wild at Kuno Palpur, Madhya Pradesh, by the end of 2022. There will be 12 cheetahs from South Africa and 8 from Namibia and more will be followed in subsequent years.
- ⇒ Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar has launched the country's first homegrown COVID-19 vaccine 'Anocovax' for animals, developed by Haryana-based ICAR-National Research Centre on Equines (NRC).



- ⇒ USA-based IT services & IT consulting company 'Information Data Systems' (IDS) has unveiled the Bharat Blockchain Network (BBN) (Academic Blockchain Consortium) & Polyversity (Educational Metaverse). Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan, launched the initiatives in the presence of officials from the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) in New Delhi. Polyversity is India's Largest Educational Metaverse, with over 100 academic partners establishing virtual campuses to make education more accessible, immersive and meaningful.
- ⇒ China has released a new geological map of the moon, which it says is the most detailed to date, registering even finer details of the lunar surface than mapped by the US in 2020.
- ⇒ India's leading sports and Management institute, the International Institute of Sports & Management (IISM) in Mumbai, launched India's first-ever book on Sports Marketing titled 'Business of Sports: The Winning Formula for Success' authored by noted Sports author Vinit Karnik.
- ⇒ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched a special series of coins that are also 'visually impaired friendly'. The coins of Re 1, Rs 2, 5, 10 and 20 denominations will have the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) design.
- ⇒ Indian Army participated in a multinational exercise 'Ex Khaan Quest 2022' where 16 other countries also took part in Mongolia. President of Mongolia, Ukhnaagiin Khurelsukh inaugurated the Exercise as the host. Indian Army was represented by a contingent from the LADAKH SCOUTS. The 14-day exercise was aimed at enhancing interoperability, building military to military relationships, developing peace support operations and military readiness among participating nations.
- ⇒ India-Bangladesh bilateral defence cooperation, a joint military training exercise Ex SAMPRITI-X was conducted recently at Jashore Military Station in Bangladesh.
- ⇒ A heritage centre to showcase the role of the Indian Air Force in various wars and its overall functioning will come up at Chandigarh.
- ⇒ The first liquid mirror telescope in the country and the largest in Asia – was commissioned atop Devasthal, a hill in Uttarakhand. This will now keep a watch on the overhead sky to identify transient or variable objects such as supernovae, gravitational lenses, space debris, and asteroids.
- ⇒ Dr S Somanath, the chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), inaugurated ANANTH Technologies' spacecraft manufacturing unit at Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) Aerospace Park. The new state-of-the-art spacecraft manufacturing facility can conduct assembly integration and testing of four large spacecraft simultaneously. This is a first of its kind facility in India, adding that since its establishment in 1992, Ananth Technologies has contributed to the manufacturing of 89 satellites and 69 launch vehicles built/launched by ISRO.
- ⇒ The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations adopted June 1 as World Milk Day.

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