

CURRENT AFFAIRS (DECEMBER, 2022) **NATIONAL**

- Zojila Day was commemorated on 1st November, at Zojila War Memorial near Drass. Zojila Day is observed to celebrate the gallant action by Indian troops in 'Operation Bison' in 1948 which was launched on the icy heights of Zojila pass, the gateway to Ladakh. A solemn wreath-laying by Commander Drass and warriors of the Leh-based Fire and Fury Corps marks the commemoration of the day, to pay homage to the gallant Bravehearts, who have etched their names in history by liberating the Zojila pass from Pakistani Intruders.
- The year 2022 has been declared as the ASEAN-India Friendship year, as ASEAN and India commemorate 30 years of partnership. Indian media delegation is on a visit to Singapore and Cambodia under the ASEAN-INDIA Media exchange programme from 8th November to 13th November. The delegation also called on the Indian High Commissioner to Singapore Mr. P. Kumaran,
- Defence Research and development Organisation (DRDO) conducted a successful maiden flight test of Phase III Ballistic Missile Defence interceptor AD-1 missile with large kill altitude bracket from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The AD-1 is along range interceptor missile designed for both low exo-atmospheric and endo-atmospheric interception of long range ballistic missiles as well as aircraft.
- The Union Cabinet has given its approval for the naming of the new Greenfield Airport at Hollongi, Itanagar, the State Capital of Arunachal Pradesh as "Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar".
- The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Center (IN-SPACe), an autonomous agency under the Department of Space(DOS) has authorised the launch of the private rocket for the first time in India. The authorization enabled the launch of Vikram-S(VKS), a suborbital rocket by Skyroot Aerospace(a Hyderabad space start up) under the launch mission "PRARAMBH". VKS is single-stage solid fuelled rocket, built using advanced technologies including carbon composite structures and 3D printed components.
- The Central Government recently released the framework for the proposed sovereign Green Bond. Green bonds are financial instruments that generate proceeds for the investments in environmentally-suitable and climate friendly projects. These instruments have lower capital cost than regular bonds.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated India's second Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya (RAVV) in Puri. The Rashtriya Adarsh Veda Vidyalaya has been launched to spread knowledge of the Vedas among people.
- India has assumed the chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence(GPAI) an international initiative to support responsible and human centric development and use of Artificial Intelligence(AI)This comes close on the heels of India taking over the presidency of G20, a league of world largest economies at Bali, Indonesia The Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology and Skill development and Entrepreneurship , Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar represented India virtually at the GPAI meeting held in Tokyo for the symbolic takeover from France, which is outgoing Council Chair.
- The Ministry of Education announced that this year India celebrated 'Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas' in schools, and higher education institutions on 15 November 2022.
- The Supreme Court upheld the 10 per cent reservation for the economically weaker section (EWS) among forward castes in government jobs and colleges across India. A Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) U U Lalit and Justices Dinesh Maheshwari, S Ravindra Bhat, Bela M Trivedi, and J B Pardiwala delivered the judgment.
- The Union Ministry of Commerce, via its apex agricultural export promotion body, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), has formulated a plan to promote millet export from India from December 2022.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 108 feet tall bronze statue of Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowda in Bengaluru. The 'Statue of Prosperity' is made to commemorate the contribution of Nadaprabhu Kempegowda who is the founder of Bengaluru.
- The 41st edition of the India International Trade Fair (IITF) has started at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the fair. The theme of the trade fair is Vocal For Local, Local to Global.
- The first institute of Unani medicine in the Northeast region of India was inaugurated in Silchar town of Assam. The Unani medicine institute in Silchar of Assam was inaugurated by Union Ayush minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
- India has invited Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi as the chief guest for the Republic Day in 2023.Egypt is among the



nine guest countries invited to the G20 Summit under India's presidency in 2023.

- The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) presented the brand-new AI/ML chatbot Aadhaar Mitra in order to facilitate citizens' usage of the services. Both Hindi and English are available for the chatbot.
- The government is set to launch the world's longest luxury river cruise from Varanasi to Dibrugarh via Bangladesh next year. The 50 days cruise will set sail from Varanasi and pass-through Kolkata and Dhaka before reaching Bogibeel in the Dibrugarh district of Assam.
- According to a report by Knight Frank, Indian cities, namely – Hyderabad, Chennai and New Delhi, have emerged as three of the top data centre markets in the Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.

INTERNATIONAL

- Russia pulled out of the Black Sea Grain Deal which was an agreement between Russia and Ukraine with Turkey and the United Nations. Under this agreement, export of grain, food and fertilizers will be allowed to resume from Ukraine via a "safe maritime humanitarian corridor" from three key Ukrainian ports i.e., Chornomorsk, Odesa, and Yuzhny/Pivdennyi.
- The Australian Parliament recently approved the free trade agreement with India. In India, such agreements require approval from the Union Cabinet. The Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (AI-ECTA) was signed by the two countries on April 2, 2022. This free trade agreement eases trade between India and Australia by reducing customs duties, regulatory laws, subsidies and quotas on products under import-export.
- The first-ever World Wildlife Trade Report was released at the 19th Conference of Parties to CITES, which is being held in Panama. This conference is the fourth such meeting to be held in Central and South America and the Caribbean since the CITES came into force in 1975. It is the first COP to CITES to be held in the region since 2002.
- The World Health Organization unveiled a new strategy to combat antimalarial drug resistance in Africa. It was launched during the World Antimicrobial Awareness Week – the annual international campaign that raises awareness about antibiotic resistance.
- For the first time in the history of the UN's climate negotiations, loss and damage funding became part of the official agenda for the COP27 that is being held at Sharm-El-Sheikh in Egypt. The Methane Alert and Response System (MARS) was also launched at the conference. Other key additions to the agenda include "matters related to the least

developed countries" and "long-term finance".

- Former Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu sealed his return to power, as his far-right allies a clear majority in parliament. Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party had earned 32 seats in Israel's 120-seat parliament, the Knesset.
- The 26th edition of the multinational maritime exercise MALABAR 2022 culminated in the seas off the Japan. This edition also marked the 30th anniversary of the exercise and was hosted by the JMSDF. The Indian Navy was represented by eastern fleet ships Shivalik and Kamorta. The Malabar series of exercises began as an annual bilateral naval exercise between India and the US in 1992. Japan joined the Naval exercises in 2015.
- The eighth edition of the Garuda Shakti Exercise commenced on November 21, 2022. The Garuda Shakti Exercise is a bilateral joint special force exercise between India and Indonesia. This joint military exercise is being organized as part of the bilateral defence cooperation between Indonesia and India. It has been held since 2012, involving Para Special Force of the Indian Army. It covers counter-terrorism, close-quarter combat and other special operations.
- The Netherlands has emerged as the top destination for India's petroleum product exports such as petrol and diesel in the first half of the current fiscal year. This change comes in the wake of the Ukraine war, with India continuing to buy discounted crude oil from sanctions-hit Russia
- Artemis 1 was successfully launched by NASA from Kennedy Space Centre, Florida. Artemis is the most powerful rocket ever designed by NASA. Artemis 1 is the first integrated flight test of NASA's Deep Space Exploration Systems – the six-person Orion spacecraft and Space Launch System (SLS) rocket. Artemis 1 will not land on the moon but the space craft will orbit nearby before returning to Earth in 26 days.
- Indian-American woman Aruna Miller has become the first immigrant to hold the office of Lieutenant Governor in Maryland, Mid-Atlantic region of the United States.
- Late Hollywood actress and fashion icon Anna May Wong is set to become the first Asian American to feature on US Currency. A quarter dollar coin featuring a close up image of Wong's face chin resting on her hand as the fifth coin in the American Women Quarters Program.
- Ghana assumes the rotating monthly Presidency of the United Nations Security Council. The presidency of the Council is held by each of the members in turn for one



- month, following the English alphabetical order of the Member States names. 2022.
- Celebrating the 175th anniversary of Switzerland's first railway, the country's railway operators came together to create the new Guinness World Record-holding train which tows 100 carriages, weighs 2,990 tons, and measures 1.91 km (1.19 miles) long. The train carried 150 passengers on its journey.
 - Natasa Pirc Musar, won the second round of Slovenia's Presidential elections. She becomes the first female President of the country.
 - Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has been invited by the Election Commission of Nepal as an international observer for the forthcoming elections to Nepal.
 - Shri Bandaru Wilsonbabu, presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Madagascar, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Union of the Comoros. The Comoros is an independent country made up of 3 islands in southeastern Africa.
 - New Zealand's voting age has been ruled discriminatory by the country's highest court. The case was brought by advocacy group make it 16 in 2020, in a bid to lower the voting age from 18 to 16.
 - Russia has become India's biggest fertilizer supplier, overtaking China, previously India's largest supplier for the first time.
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 - Pakistan has been dropped from the 'grey list' of money laundering watchdog FATF(The Financial Action Task Force based on Paris).
 - Brampton city in Canada got its first turbaned Sikh deputy mayor with the appointment of Harkirat Singh.
 - The United Nations General Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution to develop an International tax cooperation framework or instrument based on a UN intergovernmental process. Nigeria submitted this resolution on behalf of a consortium of 54 African countries.
 - Anwar Ibrahim has been sworn in as the Malaysia's new prime minister, after several days of post-election deadlock. The new leader was appointed by King Sultan Abdullah. His appointment concludes the five-day political impasse caused after no party managed to secure a majority to form the government for the first time since the independence in 1957.

- In Nepal, Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba has elected for the consecutive 7th time from the home district of Dadeldhura. He is currently holding the post of Prime Minister for the fifth term.
- Mauna Loa, the world's largest volcano, erupted for the first time in 38 years. Mauna Loa is among the 5 volcanoes that together make up the Big Island of Hawaii – the Hawaiian archipelago's southernmost island. Its name means "long mountain" in Hawaiian. This volcano takes up more than 50 per cent of the Big Island's land mass and it rises 30,000 feet from the bottom of the sea, much higher than the Mount Everest. It is the largest (not tallest) volcano in the world. The tallest volcano is Mauna Kea.
- The UN's nuclear watchdog International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) recently initiated investigations on Russia's allegations accusing Ukraine of producing dirty bombs.

ECONOMY

- Under the money circulation and credit control policy of the RBI, the existing rates (as on 20.11.2022) are :
 - Repo Rate (Repo Rate is the rate at which commercial banks borrow money from the central bank, i.e., RBI): 6.25%.
 - 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) : 6.00%
 - 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) : 6.5%
 - MSF (Marginal Standing Facility is the loan banks are permitted to avail themselves from the RBI on overnight basis, using its SLR securities) : 6.5%.
 - 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): 8.10% - 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): 7.30% - 8.15%. (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): 6.10% - 7.25%.
- Savings A/c.: 2.70% - 3.00%.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been commenced pilot launches of the digital rupee from November 1. RBI has shortlisted State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank, HDFC Bank and Yes Bank. State Bank of India (SBI), ICICI Bank, IDFC First Bank, HDFC Bank and Yes Bank to work on the retail pilot project of the central bank digital currency (CBDC).
- The deadlock between the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the European Securities and Market Authority (ESMA) over the inspection of Indian financing clearing houses may be broken by a new-age product – the central bank digital currency (CBDC).
- After getting a nod from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), nine special vostro accounts have been opened in order to facilitate foreign trade in the rupee.
 - To accept payments in rupees, authorized dealer banks will be able to open special Rupee Vostro accounts. A Rupee Vostro account is a foreign bank's account with an Indian bank in rupees in India. For example, HSBC holding an account with the State Bank of India in the Mumbai branch, denominated in rupees, is called a Rupee Vostro account. Foreign parties will be able to send and receive money from Indian exporters and importers via these Rupee Vostro accounts.
- Paytm Payments Bank (PPBL) management has received an RBI-mandated IT auditors report and the central bank's observation on it, more than six months after it was asked to pause on boarding new customers.
- Export-Import Bank of India has concluded a Master Risk Participation Agreement for supporting trade transactions with FirstRand Bank (FRB) Limited. The agreement was signed in Johannesburg on the sidelines of the India-Southern Africa Regional Conclave.
- Government has decided to provide longer tenure to Managing Director and other whole-time directors of the public sector banks. Now the appointment can be made

initially for up to 5 years, which can be extended for the 5 more years.

- Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman approves the final Sovereign Green Bonds framework of India. This approval will further strengthen India's commitment towards its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) targets.
- India's retail inflation, which is measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell to a three-month low of 6.77% in October, down from 7.41% in September, due to weaker food price rises and a strong year-on-year base.
- The US Department of Treasury removed India along with Italy, Mexico, Thailand and Vietnam from its Currency Monitoring List. China, Japan, Korea, Germany, Malaysia, Singapore, and Taiwan are the seven economies that are a part of the current monitoring list.
- Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) using Unified Payments Interface (UPI) recorded a new high in September this year with over 700 crore transactions, to the tune of Rs 12 lakh crore, the highest ever since its inception in 2016.
- Karnataka came at the top position while comparing the total installed capacity of grid-interactive renewable power of all the states of the country. The state had a total installed capacity of 15,463 megawatts (mw), according to an RBI publication.
- The panel of state finance ministers is likely to recommend a uniform GST levy of 28 percent on online gaming irrespective of whether it is a game of skill or a game of chance.
- Risk and vulnerability management company TAC Security announced that it is the official cyber security partner for the stock exchange-BSE.
- Online payments firm Razorpay wins Startup of the Year award at Economic Times Startup Awards.

SPORTS

- Indian junior men's hockey team defeated Australia to win the Sultan of Johor Cup 2022 at the Taman Daya Hockey Stadium in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. This is the third time India has won the Sultan of Johor Cup.
- Spain won the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup against the first-time finalists Colombia in the Patil Sports Stadium.
- Jyothi Yarraji becomes first Indian woman to clock sub-13 seconds in 100m hurdles at the National Open Athletics Championships in Bengaluru.
- Virat Kohli and Surya Kumar Yadav have been named in 'Most Value Team' of 2022 T20 World Cup.



- England has won the T20 world cup held in Australia by outplaying Pakistan.
- Kerala is set to host the Track Asia Cup 2022 Cycling Tournament. Track Asia Cup is one of the biggest cycling events and will be held at LNCPE Outdoor Velodrome .
- Top-seeded Indian Grandmaster, R Praggnanandhaa and compatriot P V Nandhidhaa won the titles in the Open and women's sections respectively in the Asian Continental Chess championship, in New Delhi.
- The Indian men's team, led by the seasoned Saurav Ghosal, clinched its first-ever gold at the Asian Squash Team Championships in the final.
- Suryakumar Yadav has become the first Indian player to score 1,000 T20 International runs in a calendar year.
- Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass won gold medals in singles at the BWF Para-Badminton World Championships in Tokyo.
- India to host the IBA Women's World Boxing Championship 2023. In a press conference held in New Delhi.
- Danish player, Holger Rune has defeated Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Men's single, 2022 Masters Title in Paris.
- PV Sindhu has launched the mascots "Toofan and Toofani" for Fit India Movement's Fit India School Week initiative for the year 2022.
- The Kabaddi World Cup will be held in the West Midlands region of the United Kingdom. The Kabaddi World Cup 2025 will be hosted out of Asia for the first time announced by the World Kabbadi Federation (WKF).
- ICC announced that the 2024 Under -19 men's T-20 World Cup will be hosted by Sri Lanka while the 2026 edition will be staged in Zimbabwe and Namibia.
- The Phrygian cap, the symbol of the French republic but wearing sneakers as a nod to the present, was unveiled as the mascot for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The Olympic Phryge ((pronounced fri-jee-uhs) is a bit smaller, the Paralympic Phryge is a bit slimmer and has a blade on his right leg because it is a Phyrge with an impairment.
- Shiva Narwal won the gold medal in the 10m men's air pistol competition. India's gold tally at the Asian Airgun Championship in Daegu, South Korea.
- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) president Gianni Infantino is getting four more years in charge of football's governing body.
- Novak Djokovic won the sixth ATP Finals singles title win beating Casper Ruud from Norway.

- Manika Batra, the Indian Table Tennis player, became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Asian Cup Table Tennis Tournament.
- Canada won their first Davis Cup title after Felix Auger-Aliassime beat Australia's Alex de Minaur.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 53rd Edition of IFFI is coming back in Goa on 20-28th Nov, 2022 to celebrate and promote cinema through events like Film Bazaar, Indian Panorama, & more.
53rd IFFI, Major Award Winners:
 - Golden Peacock Award for Best Film: I Have Electric Dreams.
 - Best Actor (Male): Vahid Mobasheri for No End.
 - Best Actor (Female) : Daniela Marin Navarro for I Have Electric Dreams.
 - Best Director: Nader Saeivar for No End.
 - Best Debut Feature Film of a Director: Asimina Proedrou for Behind the Haystacks.
 - Special Jury Award: Lav Diaz for When The Waves Are Gone.
 - Special Mention to a Debut Feature Film of a Director: Praveen Kandregula for Cinema Bandi.
 - ICFT UNESCO Gandhi Medal: Payam Eskandar for Nargesi.
- India-origin Nobel laureate Venki Ramakrishnan has been awarded the prestigious Order of Merit- an exclusive mark of honour conferred by the british sovereign in recognition of his distinguished service to science.
- The West Bengal government's Lakshmir Bhandar scheme has bagged the SKOCH award in the women and child development category. The West Bengal government had launched the scheme in August 2021 to provide financial support to a woman head of a family in the age group of 25-60 years.
- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina conferred the prestigious 'Friends of Liberation War' honour on former US Senator Edward M Kennedy posthumously in Dhaka for his contribution to the liberation of Bangladesh. The honour was handed over to his son Edward M Ted Kennedy Junior.
- Carnatic vocalist, Aruna Sairam has been honoured with the French government's highest honour, Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des award.
- Malayalam fiction writer, Sethu (A. Sethumadhavan) has been selected for the Kerala government's prestigious 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram' this year in recognition of his overall contribution to the Malayalam language and literature.
- Indian physician and scientist, Dr. Subhash Babu has received the prestigious Bailey K.



Ashford Medal for 2022 and the Fellow of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (FASTMH) award 2022. This award is given to him for his outstanding research and contributions to tropical medicine.

- The Gandhi Peace Foundation has announced the award of its prestigious Kuldip Nayar Patrakarita Samman for 2022 to The Wire's senior editor Arfa Khanum Sherwani.
- Google announces Shlok Mukherjee as the winner of the 2022 Doodle for Google competition. Shlok Mukherjee is from Kolkata and he was declared the winner for India for his inspiring Doodle titled 'India on the Centre State'. He has showcased India's scientific achievements and advancements through his doodle.
- Table Tennis player Achanta Sharath Kamal gets Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2022. This award is given for the spectacular and most outstanding performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over the period of the previous four years.
- The 14th Dalai Lama was conferred the Gandhi Mandela Award 2022 at Thekchen Choeling in Dharamshala's McLeodGanj by Himachal Pradesh governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.
- Kathak exponent Dr. Uma Sharma has received the prestigious 'Sumitra Charat Ram Award' for Lifetime Achievement in recognition of her contribution in the field of Indian classical music and dance.
- e-Panchayat Mission Mode Project (eGramSwaraj and AuditOnline) of Ministry of Panchayati Raj has won the GOLD AWARD under the category "Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation" of the National Awards for e-Governance.
- Iranian film Nargesi by Director Payam Eskandari has won the ICFT-UNESCO Gandhi Medal at the 53rd edition of International Film Festival of India, given for a film that best reflects Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence. The film is about a man with Down's syndrome and the burden and consequences it creates in his life.
- Shehan Karunatilaka, the Sri lankan author won Britain's Booker Prize for fiction for his work 'The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida'.

PERSONS

- Indian Foreign Service officer, Dr Rajesh Ranjan has been appointed as the next Indian Ambassador to the West African nation of Cote d'Ivoire or Ivory Coast.
- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Dr CV Ananda Bose as the Governor of West Bengal.

- The Indian government has nominated Department of Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi as a director on the Reserve Bank of India's central board.
- Former Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Ritu raj Awasthi appointed chairperson of the 22nd Law commission.
- Subhrakant Panda has been named as the president of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry(FICCI).
- Achanta Sharat Kama became first Indian to be elected in International Table Tennis Federation(ITTF).
- The Uttarakhand government has named Prasoon Joshi, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of McCann Worldgroup India, the state's brand ambassador. Padma Shri awardee Prasoon Joshi is currently the Chairman of the Central Board of Film Certification (Censor Board).
- Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) CEO, Mohammad Tayyab Ikram of Macau was elected as the new president of the International Hockey Federation (FIH), succeeding India's Narinder Batra as its full-time chief.
- Senior-most Supreme Court judge and Chief Justice of India-designate Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud has become the 50th head of the Indian judiciary.
- Switzerland Tourism has appointed Olympic Gold medalist Neeraj Chopra as the 'Friendship Ambassador'.
- Greg Barclay, an Auckland-based commercial lawyer, was elected unopposed following the withdrawal of Zimbabwe's Tavengwa Mukuhani from the process. He was unanimously re-elected as chairman of the International Cricket Council (ICC) for a second two-year term.
- Lula Da Silva elected as the Brazil's new president after he incumbent President Jair Bolsonaro.
- Senior IAS officer Gaurav Dwivedi was on Monday appointed the Chief Executive Officer of public broadcaster Prasar Bharati. A 1995-batch officer of Chhattisgarh cadre, Dwivedi will have a five-year tenure from the date he assumes charge.
- Former Chief Economic Advisor, Arvind Virmani has been appointed as a full time member of NITI Aayog. The other existing Members of NITI Aayog are VK Saraswat, Ramesh Chand and VK Paul.
- President Droupadi Murmu has appointed retired IAS Arun Goel as the Election Commissioner in the Election Commission with effect from the date he assumes the office.
- PT Usha was elected to become the president of the Indian Olympics Association (IOA).



- BSE Ltd announced that the market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved Sundararaman Ramamurthy as the managing director (MD) and chief executive officer (CEO) of the exchange.
- Andhra Pradesh cadre IAS officer and former health secretary, Preeti Sudan has taken the oath of office and secrecy as Member, UPSC. The oath was administered to her by the UPSC chairman Dr Manoj Soni.

OBITUARIES

- Assam's eminent artist, Neel Pawan Baruah has passed away after a prolonged illness. An alumnus of Santiniketan's Kala Bhawan, Baruah was a versatile artist with his oeuvre ranging from painting, pottery, mask-making and writing poetry.
- Jamshed J Irani, also known as the "Steel Man of India", passed away aged 86 at Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur. Irani retired from the Board of Directors at Tata Steel in June 2011
- 85-Year-old Renowned mathematician and great scholar Padma Shri Awardee Shri Rangasami Lakshminarayan Kashyap or RL Kashyap passed away. RL Kashyap translated around twenty-five thousand Sanskrit mantras into English language.
- The former India basketball captain and Arjuna awardee, Gulam Abbas Moontasir, passed away in Mumbai.
- The founding chairman of the popular drink Rasna, Areez Pirojshaw Khambatta has passed away.
- The country's first voter 105 year old Master Shyam Saran Negi passed away.
- Ela Bhat, the founder of SEWA (self employed Women's Association) died in Ahmedabad.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The University Grants Commission has written to vice-chancellors and principals of all universities and colleges to promote Indian languages. All higher education institutions in India must observe a 'Bharatiya Bhasha Divas' on December 11 every year to create "language harmony".
- Uttar Pradesh government announced that Mathura-Vrindavan, one of India's largest pilgrimage centers, aims to become a "net zero carbon emission" tourist destination by 2041.
- Indian Air Force (IAF) and French Air and Space Force (FASF) have participated in a bilateral exercise, named 'Garuda VII' at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
- India's national grid operator 'Power System Operation Corporation Ltd (POSOCO)' has announced that it has changed its name to 'Grid Controller of India Ltd'. The name has been changed to reflect the critical role of

grid operators in ensuring integrity, reliability, economy, resilience and sustainable operation of the Indian electricity grid.

- Reliance Jio to extend its Jio True 5G services to Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Reliance has already successfully Beta-launched Jio True-5G in major cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Varanasi, and Nathdwara.
- The Cambridge Dictionary has revealed its word of the year for 2022 as "homer", saying that it was inspired by the global word game sensation, Wordle. The word "homer" was searched for nearly 75,000 times during the first week of May 2022, when it was an answer in the word game Wordle. In the context of the game, "homer" doesn't refer to the Greek poet and author, or a character from Simpson, but refers to an informal American English word for a 'home run' in baseball.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first Greenfield airport in Arunachal Pradesh – the Donyi Polo Airport at Itanagar – and dedicated the 600 MW Kameng Hydro Power Station to the nation. Northeast India will now have 16 airports.
- Cuttack Baliyatra festival has made it into the Guinness World Record after achieving the feat of making 22,000 paper boats in 35 minutes. During the Baliyatra, more than 2,100 students from 22 schools made paper boats and created a world record at an event organized at Barabati Stadium by the district administration and Cuttack Municipal Corporation.
- Mumbai has become the first Indian city to be added to the A-list in the 5th Annual Cities Report published by CDP, a non-profit organisation that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states, and regions – recognises the important role that cities play in taking bold actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change.
- The 3-day long celebrations of the 400th birth anniversary of Ahom commander Lachit Barphukan began in New Delhi. Union Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman inaugurated the exhibition on the occasion highlighting the life and achievement of the Ahom dynasty and Lachit Barphukan among others.
- Prasar Bharati celebrated the silver jubilee or 25 years of its establishment on 23 November, 2022. It was on this day in 1997, that it came into being as a statutory autonomous body set up by an Act of Parliament. It comprises the Doordarshan and All India Radio. Prasar Bharati CEO Gaurav Dwivedi said, Prasar Bharati has stood firmly with the people during the challenges faced by the country and the world.



- 'Yaanam,' a non-feature film, was screened under the Indian Panorama section at the 53rd edition of the International Film Festival at Goa. It is based on the autobiographical book "My Odyssey: Memoirs of the Man Behind the Mangalyaan Mission" by former space chairman Padma Bhushan Dr K. Radhakrishnan. 'Yaanam' movie portrays India's dream project Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan).
- Uttar Pradesh is set to have its fourth Tiger Reserve and 53rd tiger reserve in India. Union Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate change Bhupendra Yadav confirmed the development.
- A fish museum, the first of its kind in the Northeast, would soon be built in Arunachal Pradesh, Fisheries Minister Tage Taki. The museum in the NorthEast region (NER), with all fish species across the district from Tawang to Longding, to attract tourists, fish lovers and the museum will also serve as a training centre for fish farmers.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'CM Dashboard' portal that will have real-time data of all departments and decisions taken on major schemes. The 'CM Dashboard' portal will provide live monitoring of every department at the block, district, and panchayat levels.
- Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain, the city of Mahakal will soon boast the world's first Vedic clock which will be synced with the position of the Sun. After laying the foundation stone at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in Ujjain, the state higher education minister Mohan Yadav said through this project, people will become familiar with the Vedic time calculation.
- Vadodara became the second city in India to issue a municipal bond with assistance from the US Treasury Department's Office of Technical Assistance. The US Embassy and US Treasury officials joined counterparts from India's Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, the city of Vadodara, and the Securities and Exchange Board to celebrate the successful issuance of Vadodara's first-ever municipal bond. Pune was the first city to issue such a bond in 2017.
- Kerala becomes the first state in India to launch uniform gold prices based on the bank rate. The decision to introduce a uniform price on 916 purity 22-carat gold has been taken at a meeting between officials of Malabar Gold and Diamonds and key members of the All Kerala Gold and Silver Merchants Association.
- Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik announced that the Odisha government aims to make Odisha slum-free by the end of 2023. The CM of Odisha has launched a survey using drones to facilitate a process to provide land

deeds to slum-dwellers in five municipal areas across Odisha. The land survey was taken in Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Berhampur, Rourkela, and Sambalpur civic body areas under the state government's 'Jaga Mission program.

- Wangala Festival of Meghalaya is one of the most popular festivals among the Garos of Meghalaya. Wangala Festival is a harvest festival that is held in honor of Saljong, the Sun-God of fertility.
- International Gita Mahotsav has been organized in Haryana at Kurukshetra. President Draupadi Murmu will attend this grand festival of Holy Gita. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that the President will participate in the Gita Yagya at Brahma Sarovar.
- The Uttarakhand High Court will be shifted from Nainital to Haldwani. This decision was taken in a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami in Dehradun.
- Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated the UNESCO-India-Africa Hackathon 2022 at the Gautam Buddha University in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The Hackathon has been organized by the Union Ministry of Education and students from 22 African countries are participating in the Hackathon.
- In a bid to ensure complete eradication of anaemia problem among women and children in Odisha, Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched AMLAN- 'Anaemia Mukta Lakhya Abhiyan' in the state. The state has formulated a multi-pronged approach for accelerated reduction of anaemia among targeted groups.
- Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar launched the Har Ghar Gangajal Project in Rajgir. The Har Ghar Gangajal Project is a unique and ambitious initiative to provide Ganga water on tap in the parched areas of the state. Indore with a strong environmental record is planning to issue the nation's first local government bond targeting individual investors, with proceeds used to fund a solar power project.

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