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BANKING & FINANCE

RBI's PPI Interoperability Guidelines Achieved By LivQuik

LivQuik is an RBI authorized Prepaid Payment Instrument Issuer to become the first-ever PPI issuer to achieve all the interoperability guidelines given by RBI for its PPIs.

Highlights:

- RBI mandated all the PPI issuers to facilitate interoperability for KYC wallets by March 31, 2022, under Section 18 with Section 10(2) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.
- This allows the customers to access their payments and transactions across wallets by adding a card on Visa and RuPay platforms and UPI services.
- Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) helps facilitate goods and services conduct financial and other services against the value already there.
- There are two types of PPIs - Small PPI and Full KYC PPIs.
- LivQuik has enabled UPI on PPI in partnership with M2P Fintech, headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.
- Co-Founder and CEO of LivQuik: Mohit Lalvani
- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Axis Bank Titled Asian Bank Of the Year At IFR Asia Awards 2021

For its wide coverage and depth of competence in the Asian investment banking area, Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has been named IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year.

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- Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has been voted IFR Asia's Asian Bank of the Year for its breadth of coverage and depth of expertise in Asian investment banking.
- The bank was also named the 'Best DCM House in India' at the Finance Asia Country Awards this year.
- For the past 15 calendar years, Axis Bank has ranked first in the Bloomberg League Table and has maintained its dominance in the domestic Debt Capital Market.
At the IFR Asia Honor 2021, Morgan Stanley received the Bank of the Year award, while the JSW Group received the Issuer of the Year award. IFR Asia, a Hong Kong-based provider of financial markets intelligence, is hosting the awards.

**BPCL Offers Digital Payment To Non-Internet Users**

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched UPI 123PAY to allow non-internet users to book cylinders.

**Highlights:**

- Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched UPI 123PAY to allow non-internet users to book cylinders.
- This service will assist about 4 crore BharatGas customers in rural markets.
- BPCL is the first company to offer non-smartphone users voice-based payment.
- BPCL, a 'Maharatna' and Fortune Global 500 company, has teamed with UltraCash Technologies Pvt. Ltd. to provide BharatGas customers with a voice-based digital payment option for reserving LPG cylinders.
- Customers who do not have access to a smartphone or the internet can use this feature to book cylinders and pay via the 'UPI 123PAY' system.
- UltraCash is a mobile payment app created by UltraCash Technologies Pvt. Ltd. and approved by India's National Payment Corporation (NPCI).
- Customers can call the standard number 080 4516 3554 from a non-internet phone to reserve a BharatGas cylinder for themselves or friends in simple steps and a secure manner, thanks to the collaboration with Ultra Cash.

**On-Device Wallet Feature For UPI Users By NPCI**

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched an "on-device" wallet function for customers of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), dubbed "UPI Lite," to help with small-ticket transactions.

**Highlights:**

- The feature is intended to relieve the load on the banking system while also simplifying the transaction procedure.
- On their UPI App, users will have the option to enable UPI Lite, or 'On-
Device wallet.'

After enabling UPI Lite, the User can transfer funds from their bank account to it.

Any transaction done using UPI Lite will have a maximum value of Rs 200, and the total limit of UPI Lite e balance for an 'on-device' wallet would be Rs 2,000 at any one time.

Interest will not be paid on UPI Lite balances.

Furthermore, UPI Lite transactions will be completed without AFA, i.e., users will not be required to enter their UPI PIN.

Unless the User has deactivated app authentication, the User must first access the UPI app using an app passcode/device authentication (biometric, pattern, etc.) before executing a UPI Lite transaction.

Depending on the number of UPI applications used to access one specified bank account, UPI users can have numerous UPI Lite on-device balances. They can also enable, disable, and top up the UPI Lite at any moment, and funds will be sent between the UPI Lite and the User's bank account in real-time.

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**RBI Innovation Hub And IIT Madras Ties With Boost Fintech Startups**

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) and RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (MoU).

**Highlights:**

The IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) and RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to work together to build the ecosystem needed to support and grow fintech startups in India.

The two organizations will work together to provide incubation support to early-stage entrepreneurs with innovative and revolutionary ideas, allowing them to accelerate their scale-up path.

"India's startup ecosystem contributes considerably to the country's economic success. We strive to develop a healthy ecosystem favorable to the growth of fintech startups in the country through such incubator agreements," Rajesh Bansal, CEO of RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), said."
ICICI Bank Launched Co-branded Credit Cards

ICICI Bank established the 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Credit Card' in partnership with Emirates Skywards, the airline's and flydubai's reward program.

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With the suite of cards, customers may earn reward points known as "Skywards Miles" on travel, lifestyle, and everyday expenditures. According to the private sector lender, these cards provide best-in-class rewards and benefits and are ideal for affluent travelers who travel internationally regularly.

The first Indian bank to partner with Emirates Skywards to offer India's exclusive credit card program is ICICI Bank.

Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Emerald, Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Sapphiro, and Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Rubyx are Visa-powered co-branded credit cards.

**Features & Rewards:**

Depending on the card variant, these cards can earn up to 2.5 Skywards Miles for every Rs 100 spent, as well as a slew of other benefits like bonus Skywards Miles, complimentary Emirates Skywards Silver status, dining offers through the ICICI Bank Culinary Treats Program, and entertainment offers through BookMyShow.

Customers can use their Skywards Miles to buy everything from partner airline tickets to aircraft upgrades to hospitality at sporting and cultural events.

You can earn up to 10,000 Skywards Miles by joining and renewing your membership.

You can earn up to 2.5 Skywards Miles for every Rs 100 spend, plus you'll gain complimentary Emirates Skywards Silver status.

There is no charge for local and international airport lounges and spas.

Surcharges on gasoline transactions are no longer applied.

Culinary Treats, a program of ICICI Bank, offers unique meal possibilities.
BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Interest Rates On PF Deposits Reduced To 8.1%

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This is a 0.4 percent decrease over the previous year. In 2020-21 and 2019-20, the interest rate on PF deposits was 8.5 percent.

It's the lowest it's been in over four decades. In 1977-78, EPFO assigned an interest rate of 8.0 percent. Since then, it has been at least 8.25 percent.

Based on EPFO's expected income for the year, an interest rate of 8.1 percent has been declared, leaving the retirement fund body with a surplus of Rs 450 crore.

EPFO offered its subscribers an interest rate of 8.65 percent in 2016-17 and 8.55 percent in 2017-18.

OneUp: Primary Markets Investment Platform

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Through this platform, investments are often made in initial public offerings (IPOs), non-convertible debentures (NCDs), and sovereign gold bonds (SGBs), among others.

On the OneUp platform, the IPO applications are taken 247 and up to 3 days before the IPO bidding opens.

It enables buyers to research, transact and handle new investment alternatives, all on one single platform.
Another unique feature of the platform is that it allows investors to put bids for others also, be it friends or relations.

India Infrastructure finance company Ltd (IIFCL) has raised Rs 1,500 crore in debt to push long-term infrastructure finance in India. It raised funds through private placement of Non-Convertible Debt Securities for Rs 500 crore, and it's a greenshoe option of Rs 1,000 crore.

### SuFin: L&T Launches An MSMEs e-Commerce Platform

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has established the L&T-SuFin e-commerce platform. It's the country's first complete e-commerce platform for industrial products.

#### Highlights

Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has established the L&T-SuFin e-commerce platform.

- The platform's transaction cost is roughly 1.5 percent.
- Through its B2B e-commerce platform, the corporate aimed to empower businesses, particularly micro, small, and medium enterprises, by allowing them to get industrial items digitally and cost-effectively across India.
- With digital technology, L&T SuFin is positioned to change the Indian business landscape, resulting in the formalization of traditional supply chains and a win-win situation for suppliers and buyers.

#### Key Points

All sorts of construction and industrial products will be available on the platform. At a similar time, logistics and finance would be assisted in an attempt to sell industrial items to MSMEs across the country, in keeping with L&T's Business Head Bhadresh Pathak.

Larsen & Toubro will use the SuFIN platform to strengthen the availability chain and build better procedures for buyers and suppliers, consistent with Anoop Sahai, Corporate Strategy Head at L&T.

This will make industrial product availability straightforward for everybody. L&T SuFin provides a good selection of industrial goods in over 40 categories and financial and logistical support.

L&T SuFin gave sellers the chance to expand their markets. Consistent with the business, the platform is meant to attach buyers across
India In World Top 5 Club Of Market Capitalization

For the first time, in data on market capitalization, India's equities market has entered the world's top 5 in terms of market capitalization.

**Highlights**

As per Bloomberg's recent data on market capitalization, India's equities market has entered the world's top 5 in terms of market capitalization for the first time.

India is ranked 5th with a market capitalization of USD 3.21 trillion.

The total market capitalization of the world is USD 109.22 trillion.

With a market capitalization of USD 47.32 trillion, the United States led the list, led by China (USD 11.52 trillion), Japan (USD 6 trillion), and Hong Kong (USD 6 trillion) (USD 5.55 trillion).

The United Kingdom came in sixth with a market capitalization of USD 3.19 trillion, while Saudi Arabia came in seventh with USD 3.18 trillion.

Canada was placed eighth with a market capitalization of USD 3.18 trillion, France was ninth with a market capitalization of USD 2.89 trillion, and Germany was tenth with a market capitalization of USD 2.29 trillion.

Bharat Serums Acquires Twenty-six Percent Stake In Solar Power

Bharat Serums and Vaccines has purchased a 26% share in AMP Energy C&I One to help meet the company's green energy.

**Highlights:**

Bharat Serums and Vaccines has purchased a 26% share in AMP Energy C&I One to help meet its green energy needs at its Ambernath, Maharashtra, manufacturing site.

This investment, which aims to drive a complete sustainability roadmap for the future, will help BSV minimize carbon dioxide emissions by up to 65.60 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO2e) annually over the project's 25-year life cycle.

The solar power company's acquisition is in keeping with the Mumbai-based
A company's goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2050 and achieving water neutrality, product stewardship, and an integrated management system. It contributes to India's goal of generating 40% of its installed electrical capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030.

India's GDP Forecast For CY22 Reduced To 9.1% By Moody

Due to the negative consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Moody's has lowered India's economic growth prediction by 40 basis points to 9.1% in Calendar Year 2022 (CY2022).

Highlights:

Due to the negative consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on the global economy, Moody's has cut India's economic growth prediction downward by 40 basis points to 9.1% in Calendar Year 2022 (CY2022). Moody forecasts that India's GDP in CY2022 will be 9.5 percent in February 2022. India's GDP growth is expected to be 5.4 percent in Calendar Year (CY) 2023, according to Moody's. In a statement, Moody warned that India is particularly exposed to increased oil prices as a significant importer of crude oil. Because the country is a grain surplus producer, agricultural exports will gain from the current high prices in the short run.
INTERNATIONAL

India Becomes Largest Importer Of Arms As Per SIPRI

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- Trends in "International Arms Transfer, 2021" is the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).
- According to the research, India and Saudi Arabia were the significant arms importers between 2017 to 2021. Both countries were responsible for 11% of all worldwide arms sales.
- The following three major importers in the top five were Egypt (5.7 percent), Australia (5.4 percent), and China (4.8 percent).
- According to the research, India is at the top of the list. Three countries accounted for 85 percent of India's total imports.
- During this time, the top three significant exporters of armaments to India were Russia (46%), France (27%), and the United States (12%).

India Assists Sri Lanka To Assist Pay For Crucial Imports

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- On March 15, 2022, the Sri Lankan minister of finance Basil Rajapaksa will visit India to finalize the agreement.
- Sri Lanka is currently experiencing a severe economic crisis.
- India is extending the Line of Control to help its neighboring country combat the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigate its negative impact on its development aspirations.
- The island's foreign reserves have dropped 70% within the last two years to $2.31 billion in February, stalling critical imports, including fuel.
Finance Minister Basil Rajapaksa, who first announced the Indian credit line in February, will sign an agreement on Wednesday to pay for essentials including medicine, wheat flour, sugar, and rice.

The U.S. Revoked Russia's Status As Most Favored Nation

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Revoking Russia's PNTR status will allow the U.S. to increase and impose new tariffs on all Russian imports.

The "most favored nation" status in the U.S. is also called permanent normal trade relations (PNTR).

Only North Korea and Cuba don't enjoy the "most favored nation" status.

The main aim of this step is to punish the Russian government for its invasion of Ukraine.

The U.S. will not export luxury goods to Russia. Earlier, the U.S. has banned the import of Oil and energy from Russia.

This action will cause economic harm to Russia by damaging its ability to export to wealthier Western markets; it'll also raise costs for Americans and our trading partners that will believe affected Russian products.

Most Favored Nation:

A most favored nation status designation means two countries have agreed to trade with one another under the most effective possible terms—low tariffs, few barriers to trade, and also the highest possible imports allowed.

Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle

Mahatma Gandhi Green Triangle' has been revealed in Madagascar to mark Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.
Highlights

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Ambassador of India to Madagascar, Abhay Kumar, celebrated the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav by inaugurating a Green Triangle alongside the Mayor of Antananarivo Naina Andriantsitohaina.

The word green within the plaque signifies their commitment to sustainable development and saving the environment.

The naming of this park as Gandhi Green Triangle is an apt tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.

In the ceremony, the Ambassador of India said that the government of India had launched an initiative: Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India.

The event was attended by local government members, diplomatic service, heads of international organizations, and members of the Indian Diaspora in Madagascar.

Women On Board Of Listed Companies: Bangladesh Tops In South Asia

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Consistent with the newest figures, there was a rise in the percentage of women who are independent directors on listed companies.

It rose from five percent in 2020 to 6 percent, despite the impact of COVID-19, which has disproportionately affected women, said a release issued by the IFC.

The findings were revealed at an occasion marking International Women's Day.

The IFC, DSE, UN Women, and United Nations Global Compact organized
the program.
The IFC has partnered with the DSE, UN Women, and United Nations Global Compact to "Ring the Bell for Gender Equality" for the seventh consecutive year.

Ukraine Included In European Electricity Grid

Ukraine has been linked to an electricity grid of continental Europe. This may reduce Ukraine's dependence on Russia.

Highlights

According to the European Network of transmission system Operators (ENTSO-E), the electricity grids of Ukraine and Moldova were successfully synchronized with the Continental European power grid on an attempt basis. Preparation for grid synchronization was occurring since 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea. But because of the 2022 Russian invasion, Ukraine put an emergency request to hurry up the process, so immediately trials were started.

Now, energy suppliers within the European continental grid, which stretches from Portugal to Poland, can supply electricity to Ukraine during an emergency.

Also, Ukraine can shut down a number of its currently running coal-fired power plants to make sure grid stability and save precious fuel in wartime.

ENTSO-E

European Network of transmission system Operators (ENTSO-E) represents 39 electricity transmission system operators (TSOs) from 35 countries across Europe.

Thus its members include both European Union (EU) and non-EU member states.

ENTSO-E has its headquarters in Brussels, Belgium and it operates the world's largest interconnected electrical grid.

ENTSO-E was established in 2009 and given legal mandates by the European Union's third Package for the inner energy market to liberalize gas and electricity markets.
Poland's Karolina Bielawska Crowned Miss World

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**Highlights:**

Miss World 2021 has been awarded to Karolina Bielawska of Poland. Toni-Ann Singh of Jamaica, the 2019 Miss World, crowned her. She won the coveted title by defeating the United States, Indonesia, Mexico, Northern Ireland, and Cote d'Ivoire. Shree Saini, an Indian-American from the United States, came in second, followed by Olivia Yace from Cote d'Ivoire.

The Miss World international beauty contest hosted its 70th edition in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Toni-Ann Singh, Miss World 2019, sang 'The Prayer' at the 70th Miss World competition to show her support for Ukraine amid the Russia-Ukraine situation.

Miss India World Femina 2020 Manasa Varanasi was India's representative at the Miss World 2021 pageant. Manasa Varanasi made it to the top 13 contenders but not the top six finalists.

Elon Musk Tops Hurun Global Rich List 2022

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Elon Musk, the founder of SpaceX and Tesla, has topped the M3M Hurun Global Rich List for 2022, with $205 billion. The 2022 M3M Hurun Global Rich List is produced by Hurun India, a research and luxury publishing company, collaborating with M3M, a real estate agency.

The executive chairman of Amazon.com Inc, Jeff Bezos, came in second with $188 billion.

Bernard Arnault, the CEO of LVMH Mot Hennessy - Louis Vuitton SE, the world's largest luxury goods firm, came in third with a net worth of $153 billion.

Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), was the only
Indian to make the top ten list of the 2022 Hurun Global Rich List, emerging as India's and Asia's richest man. With a net worth of $103 billion, Ambani was ranked Ninth globally.

The M3M Hurun Global Rich List for 2022 included 3,381 billionaires from 2,557 enterprises and 69 countries.

India has surpassed China as the world's third-largest producer of billionaires.
INDIAN AFFAIRS

India In 93rd Place: 2022 V-Dem's Democracy Report

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Highlights

The latest edition of Democracy Report was released recently by the V-Dem Institute at Sweden's University of Gothenburg. The study was titled 'Democracy Report 2022: Autocratisation Changing Nature?'.

The report classifies countries into four regime types that supported their score in the Liberal Democratic Index (LDI): Liberal Democracy, Electoral Democracy, Electoral Autocracy, and Closed Autocracy.

It classifies India as an electoral autocracy, ranking it 93rd on the LDI out of 179 countries.

According to the report, India is one of the world's highest ten 'autocratisers'. India is an element of a broader global trend of an anti-plural political party driving a country's Autocratisation.

Ranked 93rd within the LDI, India figures within countries' "bottom 50%". It has slipped further down within the Electoral Democracy Index to 100, and even lower within the Deliberative Component Index, at 102.

Top 5 LDI Countries:

- Sweden
- Denmark
- Norway
- Costa Rica
- New Zealand

Indian Railways Commissioned First Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal

Indian Railways' Asansol Division has successfully commissioned Maithan Power Limited's private siding in Thaparnagar, Jharkhand.

Highlights:
According to the Ministry of Railways, the Asansol Division of Indian Railways has successfully commissioned a private siding of Maithan Power Limited at Thaparnagar, Jharkhand, following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision Gati Shakti and the Ministry of Railways' policy regarding the Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal, or GCT.

V K Tripathi, Chairman, and CEO of the Railway Board, announced at the GCT's commissioning that the Maithan Power Project began in 2009, and power generation began in 2011.

The coal for the power plant was delivered by road, with an expected monthly supply of 120 inbound coal rakes.

From the siding area, two to four outward rakes of Fly Ash are expected to be dealt with.

The railways' monthly earnings will rise by around Rs. 11 crores due to this.

**Rashtriya Raksha University in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated a new Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) campus building complex at Lavad village near Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to the nation.

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PM Modi spoke at RRU Gandhinagar's maiden convocation as a Chief Guest.

The University, a Nationally Important Institution, began operations on October 1, 2020.

According to PM Modi, Gujarat's Rashtriya Raksha University, National Law University, and National Forensic Science University should hold frequent symposiums to help improve the security environment and criminal justice system.

Gujarat, he noted, boasts the National Forensic Science University and the National Children University, both of which are the first of their kind in the world.
QR Coded Kashmir Carpets Exported To Germany

For its GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has introduced a Quick response (QR) code.

**Highlights:**

To maintain the authenticity and validity of the hand-knotted carpets, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has created a rapid response (QR) code for its GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet. The primary goal of the QR Code affixed to the GI tag is to aid in the revival of the Kashmiri carpet industry's gloss and splendor.

The QR code will include information about the artisans, the manufacturer, the weaver, the district, the raw materials utilized, and so forth.

Because the QR code label cannot be copied or misused, it will deter the creation of counterfeit carpets.

Meanwhile, on March 11, 2022, the first-ever consignment of GI-tagged hand-knotted carpets was sent from New Delhi to Germany.

Lt. Governor of Jammu&Kashmir: Manoj Sinha

Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd Gets BIS Certification

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One of the most well-known laboratory brands in the country is TPL's 'Superlab.'

The accreditation will strengthen TPL's position as the market leader and the only approved chemical seller in India.

Biodegradable detergent can be made with LAB, giving it a more sustainable option than traditional detergent formulas.

The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers, India has awarded IS12795:2020 certification to Chennai-based petrochemicals company Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd (TPL) for its product.
linear alkylbenzene (LAB).
TPL is headquartered in Chennai, India. This is a subsidiary of Singapore-based AM International, which is a significant industrial intermediate chemicals producer.

**Digital School Health Platform In Puducherry**

Under the National Digital Health Mission, Puducherry creates a digital public health ecosystem.

**Highlights**

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By the second week of August, four-building pieces of the digital ecosystem would be established and implemented within the first phase. These include creating a health identity database for the entire population, like Aadhaar, the 'Digi doctor,' a list of health professionals from various medical systems, the National Health Infrastructure Registry, and a private health record for every person who maps past and present data.

The entire ecosystem is voluntary, and data privacy and security are integrated into the architecture.

The program, implemented by the National Health Authority and led by the Union Health Ministry, aims to create a robust public health ecosystem that's citizen-centric and provides a continuum of care supported accessibility and affordability.

Tamilisai Soundararajan, the elected official of Puducherry, has launched a Digital School Health Platform for kids within the Union Territory of Puducherry.

The Department of Health, Puducherry, and Axis Bank collaborated on this platform.

The Health Department will enter the private information of all government school children onto a portal to stay track of their health records as a part of this project.

After visiting, schools for medical screening, health care personnel will submit the children's health information to the password-protected portal.
YUVIKA - Young Scientist Program By ISRO

ISRO is organizing a unique program for school children called "YUva VIgyani KAryakram" (YUVIKA) or "Young Scientist Program."

**Highlights**

The Indian Space Research Organisation is launching a unique program for school children called "YUva VIgyani KAryakram" (YUVIKA) or "Young Scientist Program."

It aims to create awareness about emerging trends in science and technology, and this program is anticipated to encourage more students to pursue research and a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

**Details Of The Program:**

The ISRO Young Scientist Program is a residential program that runs from May 16, 2022, to May 28, 2022, during the summer vacations. Invited speeches, experience sharing by famous scientists, experimental demonstrations, facility and lab tours, exclusive discussions with specialists, practical and feedback sessions are all included in this program.

A total of 150 pupils from class 9 around the country have been chosen for the program.

The program is planned at five centers of ISRO, i.e., Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, U.R. Rao Satellite Centre, Space Application Centre, National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad, and North-East Space Application Centre.

Students are taken to visit Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, towards the end of the project.

**Selection Criteria:**

Marks obtained within the Class 'VIII' examination.

Participation during a science fair (school / district / state & above level organized by school / district / state / central government authority) within the past 3 years.

Prize in Olympiad / Science competitions and similar (1 to 3 rank in last 3 years in school/district/state & above level) in past 3 years.
Winners of sports conducted by school/govt. / Institutions / Registered Sports federation (1 to 3 rank in last 3 years in school / district / state & above level) in last three years. Winners of online games won't be considered.
Member of Scout and guides / NCC / NSS within the last three years.
Performance in an online quiz.
Special recognition for students studying in schools within the Panchayat area is provided.

Khel Mahakumbh: 11th Edition Launched By PM

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PM Modi claimed that he appointed Khel Mahakumbh as Gujarat's Chief Minister in 2010.
Khel Mahakumbh, which began in Gujarat in 2010 with 16 sports and 13 lakh participants, now includes 36 general sports and 26 para-sports.
The 11th Khel Mahakumbh has received over 45 lakh registrations.
Due to COVID-19, They were not able to organize Khel Mahakumbh. Starting in 2010 with 16 sports & 13 lakh participants, Khel Mahakumbh increased to 36 general sports & 26 para-sports in 2019.

Attendees
Governor of Gujarat Acharya Devvrat
Chief Minister of the State Bhupendra Patel
Bharatiya Janata Party State President CR Patil
Minister of State for Sports in Gujarat Government Shri Harsh Sanghvi
Shri Hasmukh Bhai Patel
Shri Narhari Amin
Mayor of Ahmedabad Mr. Kirit Kumar Parmar Ji

Third Edition Of Gender Samwaad Organised By DAY-NRLM
The third edition of 'Gender Samwaad,' organized by the DAY-NRLM, drew over 3000 State Mission employees and members of SHGs from 34 states.

**Highlights:**

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During the event, SRLMs from the National and State Rural Livelihoods Missions (SRLMs) were able to hear from SHG women and share and learn from best practices.

Shri Nagendra Nath Sinha, Secretary of Ministry of Rural Development, spoke at the online event and emphasized the power of women's collectives to promote behavior change and service access. "SHG ladies played a crucial role in raising COVID-19 awareness among over 5.5 crore rural families across the country," he said.

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**World Peace Center To Be Established In Gurugram**

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**Highlights**

Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti organization established by Ambassador of Peace, Eminent Jainacharya Dr. Lokeshji, will establish India's first World Peace Center in Gurugram, Haryana.

The Haryana Government has allotted a plot to the organization in Sector 39 of Gurugram opposite Medanta Hospital and adjacent to Delhi-Jaipur Highway.

'World Peace Center' will work to establish peace and harmony within the world.

The Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti had got the plot by depositing the entire amount within the Government treasury.

The development work of about 25000 square feet is completed in two years. He expressed his gratitude to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattarji.

**Peace Center:**

The voice of this center of Gurugram is heard all over the globe by its work, including the United Nations and the World Religion Parliament.
'World Peace Center' is a significant world-class center for personality building. Various dimensions like Personality Development of Youth, Empowerment of girls, and Sanskar Development in Children through Meditation, Yoga, Indian Culture, and Jain lifestyle-based scientific programs also will be conducted here.

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It is promoted by a not-for-profit foundation created by the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, with a seed capital of 230 crores from the State and Central governments.

ARTPARK (A.I. and Robotics Technology Park) and A.I. Foundry will launch a $100 million venture fund to support A.I. and robotics innovations in India.

The fund is backed by the govt, private companies, and V.C.s. The lab has technical teams working together with multiple labs at IISc.

It will also work with other technical institutes and bodies, including the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur, IIT Jodhpur, the University of Aalto in Finland, the Indian Council of Medical Research, and also the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.

The ARTPARK:

ARTPARK intends to use futuristic technologies to attach the unconnected will work with a spotlight on creating a globally leading Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Innovation ecosystem in India.

The ARTPARK aims to channel innovations to form a societal impact by executing ambitious mission-mode R&D projects in healthcare, education, mobility, infrastructure, agriculture, retail, and cyber-security to solve problems unique to India.
Kerala Records Lowest Maternal Mortality Ratio

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Kerala has achieved the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals of MMR within the year 2020 itself.

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Kerala, Telangana, and Maharashtra are included within the top 3 states with all-time low MMR in India.

The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has worsened in West Bengal, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Chhattisgarh.

The maternal mortality ratio (MMR) has drastically improved in UP, Rajasthan, and Bihar.

Italy, Norway, Poland, and Belarus have all-time low MMR within the world.

Biggest Coal Producing Company In India: Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

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In 2021-22, the corporate reported it produced 157 million tonnes of coal.
The business also generated 7.62 lakh tonnes of dry fuel on March 12. In a statement, the corporation stated that it had been the most significant production during a single day during this financial year. OP Singh, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the firm, complimented all officials, workers, contracted company employees, and other stakeholders for their contributions in making MCL the country's biggest coal producer. In his congratulatory message to the staff, the CMD stated, "MCL must play an even bigger role in maintaining energy security for the nation."

MCL has delivered over 166 MT dry fuel to consumers, a 22 percent increase over the previous financial year, and has removed 195 MCuM (million cubic meters) of overburden, a 19 percent increase over the previous fiscal year, in line with an announcement.

**New CM Of Punjab: Bhagwant Mann**

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The Aam Aadmi Party romped home, winning 92 seats within the 117-member Punjab Assembly, decimating the Congress and the SAD-BSP combined.

Chanting 'Jo Bole So Nihal' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai,' Bhagwant Mann thanked those who attended the swearing-in ceremony.

Mann ended his speech with 'Inquilab Zindabad' (long live the revolution).

Besides newly-elected AAP MLAs, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and other senior party leaders were also present at the ceremony.

Among other leaders present at the ceremony are Deputy CM of Delhi Manish Sisodia and Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai.

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**Digital Water Data Bank**

Digital Water Data Bank will be understood as a curated list of Water Data' from all institutions and sources that may further aid in tackling some common development challenges.

The digital water data bank also provides insights and evidence from research and analytics thereby providing fundamental reliable information for tackling water pollution.

When it involves making a water-secure world, data-driven decisions can greatly improve service delivery, sustain water resources and build resilience.

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Finance Minister Presented Rs 1.42 Lakh Crore Budget For Jammu & Kashmir
For the fiscal year 2022-23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman requested a budget of Rs 1.42 lakh crore for the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

**Highlights:**

Despite opposition requests for extra time to evaluate the proposals, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman submitted a Rs 1.42 lakh crore budget for the union region of Jammu and Kashmir in the Lok Sabha. Sitharaman also presented the Union Territory's additional demands for the fiscal year 2021-22, totaling Rs 18,860.32 crore, and a motion suspending specific rules to allow the House to debate the matter the same day.

Both the Congress's Manish Tewari and the RSP's N K Premachandran objected to Sitharaman's motion, stating that Rule 205 is a component of the basic norms of procedure that cannot be waived. Some regulations are beyond the ability of the House to alter. MPs required additional time to evaluate the government's budget suggestions for Jammu and Kashmir, according to Tewari, a Congress member from Anandpur Sahib.

According to Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Arjun Ram Meghwal, the debate will begin after two hours. The Lok Sabha's responsibility is complicated, according to Tewari, because it is adopting the responsibility of the Jammu and Kashmir legislature, which should have taken up the issue. The government had not issued budget papers, he stated, recommending that the meeting be rescheduled for Tuesday to allow members to read the ideas and offer reasoned objections.

Premachandran, a member from Kollam, stated that the minister had also demanded a joint debate on the budget plans and the supplemental funding needs, which would violate the regulations.

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The 90-meter-long, 26-meter-wide flotilla, with a 2.1-meter draught,
accomplished the feat on March 15, 2022, when it conducted a pilot run of heavy freight movement from Haldia's Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port to Guwahati's Pandu Port.

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping & Waterways (PSW), Sarbananda Sonowal, flagged the cargo vessel off from the Haldia Dock in Kolkata with two barges (DB Kalpana Chawla and DB APJ Abdul Kalam) on February 16, 2022, and it moored at Pandu port in Guwahati on March 15, 2022. The vessel traveled from Haldia to Pandu via Bangladesh on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route, carrying 1793 metric tonnes of steel rods (IBPR).

**Nitin Gadkari Inaugurates India's 1st Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV**

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The Toyota Mirai is India's first Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV) that runs entirely on hydrogen.

Toyota Kirloskar Motor Pvt Ltd and the International Center for Automotive Technology (ICAT) have introduced the Toyota Mirai as part of a pilot project to investigate and assess the vehicle's performance on Indian roads and in different climates.

This first-of-its-kind project in India will enable India to become "energy self-reliant" by 2047 by creating a green hydrogen-based ecosystem.

**Indian Army Dedicates Chair Of Excellence To Late Gen. Bipin Rawat**

The Indian Army has dedicated "chair of excellence" in honor to the late chief of defense staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat's memory at the United Service Institution of India on the day of his 65th birthday.

**Highlights:**
On the 65th anniversary of General Bipin Rawat's birth, the Indian Army established a chair of excellence in his honor at the United Service Institution of India (USI), the country's oldest think tank, created in 1870. Veterans of three services and civilians with competence in the subject of national security will be eligible to apply for the Chair.

The General Bipin Rawat Memorial Chair of Excellence at USI will pursue research on strategic issues affecting the armed services, focusing on Jointness and Integration. The research topic for 2022 will be Jointness and Integration in the Context of Land Warfare in India. The Chief of Army Staff, Gen MM Naravane, presented Maj Gen BK Sharma (Retd), Director, USI, with a cheque for Rs 5 lakhs, which will be paid as honorarium to the chosen Chair of Excellence.

**International Geological Congress Is Set To Be Held In New Delhi**

On a virtual platform, the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) will be placed here on March 20-22, 2022, with the topic "Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Future."

**Highlights:**

- The 36th International Geophysical Congress collaborates with the Ministries of Mines and Earth Sciences, the Indian National Science Academy, and the Science Academies of Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.
- The IGCs termed the "Olympics of Geosciences" are conducted every four years under the International Union of Geological Congress (IUGS), the IGCs' Scientific Sponsor.
- The conference will provide a unique forum for knowledge and experience sharing in the geosciences and professional networking and information on the latest technology in mining, mineral exploration, water, mineral resource, and environmental management.
- On the occasion of the 36th IGC, three commemorative Postage Stamps will be issued and a First Day Cover.

**CCI Approves South Elm Investments's Acquisition Of Micro Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd.**
The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has approved South Elm Investments B.V.‘s acquisition of Micro Life Sciences Private Limited (SEI).

**Highlights:**

SEI is a publicly-traded investment holding company based in the Netherlands.

SEI is owned by a group of private equity funds managed by Warburg Pincus LLC.

Micro Life is an Indian company that primarily engages in the following business activities in India, through subsidiaries: manufacture and sale of medical devices in various categories such as stents, Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty catheters, heart valves, orthopedic implants, and endo-surgery products (such as sutures, staplers, meshes, and intrauterine devices) in-vitro diagnostics analyzers and reagents over the counter (OTC) pr.

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**Telecom And Commonwealth Telecommunications Highlights Of India In ICTs**

The Telecom Department of India and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization are hosting an event to celebrate India's achievements in adopting effective ICTs.

**Highlights:**

The Government of India's Department of Telecommunications and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization (CTO) jointly organized an online event called "Digital Transformation Center Stage (DTCS) - India" to showcase and highlight India's achievements inadequate Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs).

India is a member of the CTO, which has 33 countries as members.

Representatives from CTO member nations heard about the success stories of Aadhar (unique digital identifier) and the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) System, both of which are essential components of the Digital India Programme.

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) presented how the UPI System benefits customers, banks, fintech, and merchants highlighting aspects like 4.52 billion transactions in February 2022 and other use-cases.
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ICG's Saksham Offshore Patrol Vessel Commissioned In Goa

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Goa Shipyard Limited designed and built the 105-meter offshore patrol vessel (OPV), equipped with advanced technology, navigation and communication systems, sensors, and machinery.

The ship will be equipped with one twin-engine helicopter and four high-speed boats, including two inflatable boats for boarding, search and rescue, law enforcement, and maritime patrol.

Saksham is also equipped to control oil spills at sea with limited pollution response equipment.

Karnataka Introduced Dishaank App For Land Records

The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) department of Karnataka's tax department ensures quick access to authentic land records by introducing the
Dishaank app. **Highlights:**

The app was created as part of the Karnataka State Remote Sensing Applications Center's Geographical Information System (GIS) program (KSRSAC). They provide satellite data to agencies like the SSLR for more creative purposes.

The app was developed with the latest digital technology, scanned, and geo-referenced maps.

The app gives information about the land, such as the proprietor's name, the size of the area, the type of ownership, the type of land, its categories, and any other current land transactions.

With the help of the app, people can have quick access to information about the land stored in the Bhoomi database. This would assist in reducing land disputes and ensure that land records are kept transparently.

The main objective of this initiative is to provide details on the status of any The **Bhoomi Project** is a project that digitizes and updates land records taken in Karnataka. The project is co-funded by the Indian government and the Karnataka government. The National Informatics Center designed and implemented the project (NIC). The project's goal is to remove the problem of inefficiency and corruption in land record management, particularly at block-level offices.
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Solid Fuel-Based Booster Stage Of SSLV Successfully Tested By ISRO

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Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) has completed the ground test of the solid fuel-based booster stage (SS1) of its new Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV).

The test happened at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, in Andhra Pradesh.

It completes the ground testing of all three stages of the launch vehicle.

The vehicle is now ready for its first development flight, scheduled for May 2022.

Other stages of SSLV like SS2 & SS3 have successfully undergone necessary ground tests and are ready for integration.

The launch of small satellites has been dependent on 'piggy-bank' rides with big satellite launches on the PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) of ISRO, which has completed around 50 successful launches.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time (DST), also called summertime in some countries, could be a mechanism to save lots of energy and it involves resetting the clocks.

Highlights

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of advancing clocks (typically by one hour) during spring (spring forward) and setting the clocks back by one hour in autumn (fall back) to return to standard time.

Thus, the clock timings are changed twice a year in some countries.

In summer, the sun rises earlier and sets later, thus there'll be more sunlight hours.

Thus if the clocks are advanced within the summer months, there'll be more...
usable hours of daylight. Individuals will start their day an hour earlier and also will complete their daily work routines an hour earlier. Hence, there'll be longer evening daytime or an additional hour of daylight for activities, which ensures lower consumption of electricity and other kinds of energy. In fall or autumn, as the duration of daylight becomes shorter, clocks are set back to standard time. Currently, DST is followed by around 70 countries twice a year. On March 15th, the U.S. Senate passed a law (Sunshine Protection Act) to make daylight-saving time (DST) permanent.
ENVIRONMENT

Mumbai Targets Net-Zero Carbon Emissions By 2050

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Mumbai, Maharashtra announced its detailed framework to 'zero out carbon emissions by 2050' and has become the first South Asia to line such a target. Mumbai's target is 20 years before India's target to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070. Targets also include a 30% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and a 44% reduction by 2040. Mumbai set several short-term goals for decarbonization measures like electrifying public transport, and it plans to adopt 2,100 electric buses by 2023 at a value of 130 billion rupees (USD 1.7 billion). Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has devised the Mumbai Climate Action Plan (MCAP) as a part of its commitment to building a climate-resilient city.
DEFENCE

AARC And CLAWS Tie Up

The Australian Army Chief visited the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), an Indian Army Thinktank in New Delhi.

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Vice Chief of Army Staff Lt Gen Manoj Pande, Chairman, Board of Governors, CLAWS, and Director CLAWS, Lt Gen Dr. Ranbir Singh met with Lt Gen Richard Burr (Retd).

The visiting General was briefed on CLAWS' research and outreach initiatives.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on the margins of the tour between both the Australian Army Research Centre (AARC) and the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS) to promote academic collaboration and participation.
AWARDS AND HONOURS

National Award for SHG Bank Linkage 2022 Won By J&K Bank

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Kirti Sharma, Zonal Head, Delhi, J & K Bank, accepted the award on the Bank's behalf from Union Minister Giriraj Singh.

The award was presented during the event organized as a part of International Women's Day (8th March 2022) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi.

In line with the Bank's commitment to increase banking facilities and financial services in the under-banked areas of Jammu and Kashmir, J&K Bank has commissioned 4 Business Units (BUs) within the region.

The event was accompanied by diverse women self-help groups who conveyed their success stories and praised the Bank for timely support in gaining self-sufficiency and earning livelihoods for others.

International Booker Prize Nominee Geetanjali Shree

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It is the first Hindi language work of fiction. To get it to the long list of the...
prestigious literary prize. The book was initially published as 'Ret Samadhi' and translated into English by Daisy Rockwell.

It tells the story of an Indian woman who, at the age of 80, slips into depression after her husband's death and travels to Pakistan to confront. It'll compete for the GBP 50,000 prize, which is split evenly between the author and translator.

Born in Mainpuri in India in 1957, Shree spent her childhood in several towns within the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, where her father was posted as an official.

She moved to Delhi for her college education, studying modern Indian history. Shree burst into the Hindi literary scene with her story collection Anugoonj in 1991.

Her works have received various awards and are translated into English, French, German, Serbian, and Korean.

Her latest novel, Tomb of Sand, marks the first time a translation of a book from a South Asian language, not just Hindi, has been nominated for the International Booker Prize.

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Writing With Fire' had won Audience and Jury Awards at the Sundance festival last year.

it's produced by Ticket Films and directed by filmmakers Rintu Thomas and Sushmit Ghosh. Khabar Lahariya' is a newspaper founded in May 2002 in Chitrakoot, Uttar Pradesh.

Other nominees within the category are: Ascension, Attica, Flee, and Summer of Soul (Or, When the Revolution couldn't Be Televised).
The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held on March 27.

Writing With Fire
The film follows this ambitious group of Dalit wonder women led by their chief reporter, Meera as the team switches from print to digital in order to remain relevant.

Armed with smartphones and also the courage and conviction one must change state with, they investigate the incompetence of the local police, listen to and stand by victims of caste and gender violence, and challenge long-standing, harmful practices that result in injustice and intimidation.

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He received this award for his contribution to the state's economic recovery and the community's joint efforts to improve society's well-being despite the difficult epidemic times.
The prize was presented at the Chief Minister's house by the Asia One Magazine team.
This honor is given to all of Haryana's COVID-19 warriors who, without worrying about their own life, serviced the patients and raised awareness about the Pandemic at all hours of the day and night.
SPORTS

ICC Players Of The Month February 2022

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Shreyas Iyer won the ICC Player of the Month award for his outstanding white-ball performances in the home series against the West Indies and Sri Lanka last month.

Amelia Kerr of New Zealand won the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for February 2022.

Following her outstanding consistency with both bat and ball throughout the home white-ball series against India, Amelia Kerr, a 21-year-old New Zealand all-rounder, was named the Women's POTM.

Lakshya Sen Bags Silver Medal In German Open Badminton 2022

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From start to finish, the Thai player dominated, capturing the match and the championship in just 57 minutes.

The German Open is a BWF World Tour Super 300 badminton competition

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ICE Players Of The Month February 2022: Shreyas Iyer And Amelia Kerr

India's star all-format batter Shreyas Iyer and White Ferns all-rounder Amelia Kerr were voted ICC Players of the Month for February 2022.

Highlights

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced India's star all-format batter Shreyas Iyer and White Ferns all-rounder Amelia Kerr were voted ICC Players of the Month for February 2022. Fans can still vote each month for their favorite male and female cricketers across all formats of international cricket as part of the ICC Player of the Month initiative.

Shreyas Iyer, the fast-rising India batter, has won the ICC Men's Player of the Month for February 2022. Shreyas Iyer earned the ICC Player of the Month award on the back of his brilliant white-ball exploits during the home series against West Indies and Sri Lanka, respectively, last month.

New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr bagged the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for February 2022. The 21-year-old New Zealand all-rounder Amelia Kerr was named the Women's POTM, following her supreme consistency with bat and ball during the home white-ball series against India. Kerr was chosen before fellow nominees, India captain Mithali Raj and all-rounder Deepti Sharma.
The FIFA World Cup 2022, the 22nd edition of the quadrennial international men's football championship, will happen in Qatar.

**Highlights:**

The FIFA World Cup 2022 is the 22nd edition of the quadrennial international men's football championship, which national teams from FIFA member countries will contest.

It will happen in Qatar from November 21 to December 18, 2022.

This will be the first World Cup within the Arab world and the second World Cup to be held entirely in Asia, following the 2002 tournament in South Korea and Japan.

In addition, the tournament is the last to feature 32 teams, with a 48-team tournament set for the US, Mexico, and Canada in 2026. France is the current World Cup champion.

Because of the intense heat in Qatar during the summer, the World Cup is held from late November to mid-December, making it the first tournament not to be hosted in May, June, or July; it'll be played over a shorter period, roughly 28 days.

Before completing the qualification, the final draw is held in Doha, Qatar, on April 1, 2022.

**FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)**

FIFA's mission is to manage and develop football around the world.

Since 2016, the organization has been rapidly evolving into a body that may better serve our game for the good thing about everyone in the world.

In every way, the new FIFA is modernizing football to create it more global, accessible, and inclusive. Not just on a few continents but all over the globe.

**FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 In Chennai**

India has been picked as the host nation for the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022.

**Highlights**

The 44th edition of the Olympiad is scheduled to be held in Chennai, from 26th July 2022 to 8th August 2022.

This is the first time that India will host the FIDE Chess Olympiad since its
inception in 1927. The event was originally scheduled to be held in Russia, but FIDE pulled out from there following the Ukraine invasion. The Four Points by Sheraton Mahabalipuram Resort & Convention Center is the venue, 60 kilometers south of central Chennai. It's located in Mamallapuram, one of the famous tourist sites in India and a UNESCO World Heritage Site of seventh- and eighth-century Hindu monuments. During the previous 43 instances when the official FIDE Chess Olympiad has been organized since 1927 India has not once been able to be the host nation.
OBITUARY

Rupiah Banda: Former Zambian President Passed Away

The former President of Zambia, Rupiah Banda, has passed away after a two-year battle with cancer.

Highlights

The former President of Zambia, Rupiah Banda, has passed away after a two-year battle with cancer. He was 85. Banda had served as the fourth president of Zambia from 2008 and 2011.

Banda had held senior diplomatic posts under first President Kenneth Kaunda before being eventually named VP in 2006 by then-President Levy Mwanawasa.

Banda served as acting president in mid-2008 when Mwanawasa suffered a stroke. Banda narrowly won the October elections the same year on a ruling party ticket.

Rupiah Banda married his first wife, Hope Mwansa Makulu, in 1966, and the couple had three sons together.

Hope Mwansa Banda died in South Africa on October 11, 2000.

His second wife, Thandiwe Banda, a political science teacher, was over thirty years younger than Banda.

Thandiwe Banda was the First Lady of Zambia during his presidency from 2008 to 2011.

Ms. Kumudben Joshi, Former AP Governor Passed Away

The former Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Kumudben Manishankar Joshi has passed away. She was 88.

Highlights

The former Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Kumudben Manishankar Joshi has died. She was 88.

She died in Changa Dhanori village near Gandevi on 14 March 2022 at the age of 88.
Ms. Joshi served as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh from 26 November 1985 to 7 February 1990. She was the second female Governor of the state after Sharda Mukherjee. Joshi had been a member of the Rajya Sabha thrice. She was the second female Governor of the state after Sharda Mukherjee. Kumudben Manishankar Joshi also became Deputy Minister of information and Broadcasting (October 1980 January 1982) and Deputy Minister of Health and Family Welfare (January 1982 December 1984).

**Former Maharashtra Minister Shankarrao Kolhe Passes Away**

Shankarrao Kolhe, Former Minister of Maharashtra, passed away at 92 on 16 March 2022.

**Highlights:**

Shankarrao Kolhe, a former Maharashtra minister, died in Nashik of old age-related diseases.

He was 93 years old when he died.

Between 1989 through 1993, Kolhe was the minister of agriculture, cooperatives, revenue, and transportation.

He founded the Sanjivani Group and a cooperative sugar factory.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored him in 2017 at the Vasantdada Sugar Institute for his contributions to the cooperative sector.
SCHEMES

Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa Scheme

Tripura Government has announced a particular scheme, 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa' for tea workers.

Highlights

Tripura Government has announced a particular scheme, 'Mukhyamantri Chaa Srami Kalyan Prakalpa' for tea workers.
A unique scheme, allotting Rs. Eighty-five crores for its implementation, as a step towards bringing the 7000 tea garden workers of Tripura under the Social Security net.
This scheme would ensure housing, rations, and support to the garden workers by integrating the facilities entitled to them by the state and central governments.
Women are over 75 percent of the 7000 tea garden employees, who produce nearly 90 lakh kilos of tea across 54 tea estates and 21 tea processing companies.
The North, Sepahijala, Unakoti, and West Tripura districts produce the majority of the tea.
The year 2022 Women Empowerment Campaign was launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
Chief Minister launched the Shramik Kalyan Prakalp scheme for the ladies of Tripura on the occasion of International Women's Day & has also laid the foundation stone for the National Forensic Sciences University in Agartala, capital of Tripura.

MSME Innovative Scheme And Idea Hackathon 2022

Shri Narayan Rane, Union Minister for MSME, announced the MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design, and IPR) as the MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022.

Highlights

MSME Union Minister, Narayan Rane, has announced the MSME
Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design, and IPR) as the MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022. Shri Rane, speaking on occasion, stated that MSMEs play an essential role in Atmanirbhar Bharat. He claims that these programs will assist entrepreneurs in launching new businesses.

In line with the Minister of State for MSME Shri Bhanu Pratap Verma, MSME Innovation Scheme will develop and foster latent innovation within the MSME sector.

MSME Innovative may be a comprehensive approach that unifies, synergizes, and converges three sub-components and interventions to attain one goal.

MSME Innovative is an idea that mixes incubation, design intervention, and IPR protection during a single-mode approach to lift awareness about India’s innovation and drive MSMEs to become MSME Champions. This will concentrate on innovation efforts, enabling and transforming ideas into viable business propositions that benefit society and can be successfully commercialized.

**CGSSD Extended To 2023 March**

Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) extended upto 31.03.2023.

**Highlights**

Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt (CGSSD) is extended upto 31.03.2023.

On the 13th of May, 2020, the govt announced the launch of the Distressed Assets Fund Subordinate Debt for Stressed MSMEs as a part of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package.

As a result, the govt approved the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt' on June 1, 2020, and also the scheme was launched on June 24, 2020, to supply credit to the promoters of stressed MSMEs viz. SMA-2 and NPA accounts are eligible for restructuring as per RBI guidelines on the books of the lending institutions through lending institutions. Initially, the plan was only valid until March 31, 2021.
Key Points:

The government had already extended this scheme till 31.03.2022 to keep up avenues of support accessible for strained MSME Units.
The government has now agreed to prolong the plan until 31.03.2023, supported proposals from the scheme's stakeholders.
The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) was also extended until March 31, 2023, in line with the minister of finance Nirmala Sitharaman.
According to the India Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), there are around 6.3 crore MSMEs in India.
This industry, second only to agriculture in terms of job creation, is one of the most important within the country. according to specialists, this industry has been the hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic.
**APPOINTMENTS / RESIGN**

**Gabriel Boric Font: Youngest President Of Chile**

Gabriel Boric Font has been elected as the new and 36th President of Chile.

**Highlights**

Gabriel Boric Font was appointed as the new and 36th President of Chile On 11 March 2022.

The 36-year-old leftist is the youngest leader to carry the office in Chile's history. He succeeds Sebastin Piera.

Boric will hold the office for the period between 2022-2026.

As a student representative, Boric became one of the leading figures of the 2011-2013 Chilean student protests.

Boric was twice elected to the Chamber of Deputies representing the Magallanes and Antarctic district, first as an independent candidate in 2013 than in 2017 as a part of the Broad Front, a left-wing coalition he created with several other parties.

As a law student, Boric came to prominence when he became the President of the University of Chile Student Federation from 2011 to 2012.

Though Gabriel Boric never graduated from the school of law, he's the founding member of Social Convergence, which was formed in 2018 and is one of Broad Front's constituent parties.

New President Boric was also critical politicians to barter the agreement that paved the way for a referendum to alter the Constitution.

The 31-year-old Chilean President was just four when the democracy seeped into his country and has been a staunch supporter of the concept ever since.

**New Chairman Of National Financial Reporting Authority Appointed**

For three years, the National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) appointed Ajay Bhushan Pandey as its new chairman.

**Highlights:**

The National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA) has nominated Ajay Bhushan Pandey for a three-year term.
In February of last year, Pandey, a 1984-batch Maharashtra cadre IAS official, retired as revenue secretary. Former revenue secretary ABP Pandey has been appointed chairwoman of NFRA by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) for three years from the date of assumption of duty or till the incumbent reaches the age of 65. The NFRA is a non-profit organization that regulates the auditing profession. The body has the authority to examine a company's financial statements, request explanations, and investigate accounting and auditing problems. In May 2018, the Cabinet approved the formation of the NFRA, which was mandated by the Companies Act of 2013.

**Tapan Singhel's Tenure Extended 5 Years**

The contract of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance's managing director and CEO, Tapan Singhel, has been extended for another five years. **Highlights:**

Tapan Singhel, the MD and CEO of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, has been given a five-year extension. According to Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, the new period will begin on April 1, 2022. The company has developed to become one of the largest and most successful private general insurers in the country under Singhel's leadership, ensuring growth, profitability, and customer-centricity. During his ten years as MD and CEO, the company has made a cumulative underwriting profit of over Rs 350 crore, grown revenue at a CAGR of 16%, grown net profit (PAT) at a CAGR of more than 30%, and more than quadrupled its solvency ratio from 156 to about 350 percent. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance was founded in 2001, and it is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra.

**N Chandrasekaran Appointed As Chairman Of Air India**

Air India appointed the chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran as its new chairman for the second term of five years.
Highlights:
N Chandrasekaran, the present chairman of Tata Sons, has been appointed as the chairman of Air India.
N Chandrasekaran was appointed as the chairman of Tata Sons for a second five-year term in February 2022.
Tata Sons will name a new MD and CEO for Air India soon to replace Ilker Ayçi, who was supposed to take over next month but quit due to his appointment's controversy.
Chandrasekaran is also the non-executive chairman of Tata Consultancy Services, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Tata Chemicals, and Tata Consumer Products, among other Tata Group firms.
Last month, he was reappointed for another five years as executive chairman of Tata Sons.

Ranjit Rath Appointed As Chairman & MD Of Oil India Ltd

Oil India Limited (OIL) has appointed Ranjith Rath as its next chairman and Managing director.

Highlights:
Oil India Limited has selected Ranjit Rath as its new Chairman and Managing Director (OIL).
He will succeed Sushil Chandra Mishra, the current chairman, and managing director, who will retire on June 30, 2022.
Rath is currently the chairman and CEO of Mineral Exploration Corporation Ltd. (MECL).
Under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Oil India Limited is India's second-largest crude oil and natural gas-producing corporation.
Rath received the President of India's coveted National Geosciences Award in 2016. He co-authored the book "Underground Storage Technologies," as well as other technical articles and presentations at conferences in India and abroad.
Oil India Ltd. was founded on February 18, 1959, and is presently headquartered in Noida.
IMPORTANT DAYS

World Rotaract Day On 13 March

World Rotaract Day is well known on 13 March each year to acknowledge the services provided by the rotaractors across the world.

Highlights

- World Rotaract Day is well known on 13 March each year to acknowledge the services provided by the rotaractors across the world.
- The theme of World Rotaract Day 2022 is "Rotary Making a Difference."
- World Rotaract Week is held from 11 March 2022 to 18 March 2022. Rotary Club is a community service organization for young men and women.
- They participate in international service projects in a global effort to bring peace and international understanding to the globe.

Rotaract

- Rotaract means rotary in action. Rotary is a corporation of businesses and professionals who unite worldwide to produce humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards all told vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.
- World Rotaract Day is commemorated to honor the first such Club, Rotary Club, in 1968 in North Carolina, USA.
- Now it's transformed into a significant Rotary-sponsored organization with over 9,539 clubs spread worldwide.

March 14 Is The International Day of Mathematics

International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed globally on 14 March each year.

Highlights

- International Day of Mathematics (IDM) is observed globally on 14 March each year.
- The Pi Day also called the mathematical constant (pi), will be rounded to 3.14.
It aims to coach people about the essential role of mathematics in science and technology, improve quality of life, empower women and girls, and contribute to sustainable development.

This is a comparatively new event created just some of the years back. The theme for 2022 IDM is "Mathematics Unites! ".

The proclamation of 14 March as the International Day of Mathematics was adopted within the 205th session of the UNESCO's council.

The day was then assumed in the 40th session of the Final Conference of UNESCO in November 2019.

Later in 2020, the first International Day of Mathematics was celebrated on 14 March 2020.

March 15 Is Consumer Rights Day

World Consumer Rights Day is well known on March 15 each year.

Highlights

World Consumer Rights Day is well known on March 15 each year. The day marks a chance to urge that every one consumer's rights be recognized and safeguarded and protest market abuses and social injustices that jeopardize those rights.

The day shows the power of consumers and their rights for a good, safe and sustainable marketplace for everybody.

This year International Consumer Rights Day is celebrated on "Fair Digital Finance."

The Department of Consumer Affairs will commemorate this present day with multiple events held in New Delhi.

History:

World Consumer Rights Day is inspired by President John F Kennedy's special message to the United States Congress delivered on March 15, 1962.

In this message, he formally addressed the problem of consumer rights, becoming the first world leader to try and do so.

The consumer movement first marked that date in 1983 and now uses the day each year to mobilize action on important issues and campaigns.
Rights Of Consumers
Right to Safety
Right to be Informed
Right to Choose
Right to be Heard
Right to Seek redressal
Right to Consumer Education
The Right to satisfaction of basic needs
The Right to a healthy environment

Consumer Protection Organisations
Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat
Consumer Guidance Society of India
All India Consumer Protection Organization
The Consumers Eye India
United India Consumer's Association
Grahak Shakti Bengaluru Karnataka
Consumer Awareness, Protection, and Education Council
The Consortium of South India Consumer Organisations

International Day Of Action For Rivers 2022 Celebrated On 14 March
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The International Day of Action for Rivers will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2022.
The day's goal is to promote awareness about rivers' value and importance and bring people from all over the world together to discuss and share knowledge about river conservation, river management, pollution, and fair access to clean, flowing water.
"The Importance of Rivers for Biodiversity" is the theme for 2022.
Significance:
'The International Day of Action for Rivers is a day dedicated to solidarity - when diverse communities around the world come together with one voice to say that rivers matter,' according to the International Rivers organization. The day is dedicated to raising and spreading awareness about the importance of rivers in our lives.
It focuses on river restoration and maintenance and freshwater ecosystems (rivers) as a supply of safe drinking and agricultural water.

History:
The First International Meeting of People Affected by Dams, held in March 1997 in Curitiba, Brazil, adopted the International Day of Action for Rivers. The fundamental goal is to unite voices against destructive water development projects, reclaim watershed health, and demand equitable and sustainable river management.

March 16 Is National Vaccination Day

In India, the National Vaccination Day (also called National Immunisation Day (IMD)) is observed on March 16.

Highlights
In India, the National Vaccination Day (also called National Immunisation Day (IMD)) is observed on March 16 each year to convey the importance of vaccination to the entire nation.
The day was first observed within the year 1995.
In 2022, National Immunization Day is significant since the govt. India has started the COVID-19 vaccination for youngsters between 15 to 18 years aged and booster for senior citizens.
The theme for National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day 2022 is "Vaccines Work for all."

History
In 1995, India started the heartbeat Polio Program, and the first dose of Oral Polio Vaccine was given.
In line with the World Health Organization, immunization is a process through which an individual's system becomes fortified against foreign harm-
Vaccination

Vaccination is the best method of preventing highly infectious diseases. Vaccination is usually responsible for the universal eradication of smallpox and the containment of illnesses like polio, measles, and tetanus in a large portion of the world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approved vaccinations are currently available to help prevent or control twenty-five avoidable illnesses.

March 15 Declared International Day To Combat Islamophobia By UN

The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution to proclaim March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia each year, starting from 2022.

Highlights

The U.N. General Assembly approved a resolution to proclaim March 15 as the International Day to Combat Islamophobia each year, starting from 2022.

The resolution, adopted by the 193-member UN General Assembly, was introduced by Pakistan's ambassador Munir Akram on behalf of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), on March 15, 2022.

It marks the day when a gunman entered two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, killing 51 worshippers and wounding 40 others in the terror attack. The resolution was introduced by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Objective:

The main objective of International Day to Combat Islamophobia is to curb systematic hate speech and discrimination against Muslims; respect for religious symbols and practices, and eliminate all sorts of intolerance and discrimination supported by religion or belief.

India's stands

India expressed concern over phobia against one religion being elevated to the extent of an international day, saying there are growing contemporary sorts of religiophobia, especially anti-Hindu, anti-Buddhist, and anti-Sikh
World Sleep Day 2022 Celebrated On 18th March

Every year on the Friday before the March equinox, World Sleep Day is marked to raise awareness about the need of good sleep.

**Highlights:**

Every year on the Friday before the March equinox, World Sleep Day is marked to raise awareness about the need for good sleep. It falls on March 18 this year.

World Sleep Day is a celebration of sleep as well as a call to action on major sleep-related topics such as medicine, education, social difficulties, and driving.

It is conducted by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society with the goal of reducing the social cost of sleep disorders through better prevention and management.

**Theme of the day**

The Theme of the day is Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World. This year the day is focused to raise awareness about the importance and impact of sleep on the mind and body.

**Significance of World Sleep Day**

The day was developed by somnologists and sleep specialists all across the world to combat misconceptions about the importance of sleep and its general disregard. While some successful people claim to attempt to get close to the required 8 hours of sleep each night, others, including certain spiritual leaders, brag about sleeping less than half of that.

**History of the day**

World Sleep Day was first commemorated in 2008 and is organized by the World Sleep Society. Since then, it has become an annual awareness event. The goal of the first World Sleep Day was to bring together sleep healthcare practitioners from all around the world to share sleep-related information.

Global Recycling Day 2022 Observed On 18th March

On March 18th, Global Recycling Day is commemorated to recognize the importance of recycling as a resource rather than a waste.

**Highlights:**

On March 18th, Global Recycling Day is commemorated to recognize
the importance of recycling as a resource rather than a waste. The goal of the day is to persuade world leaders that recycling should be a global concern and inspire people to be inventive rather than wasteful when it comes to the items they encounter.

**The Theme for the Day**
The "recycling fraternity" - individuals who put themselves on the front lines to collect garbage and recycling during the many lockdowns will be the event's centerpiece this year.

**Significance of Global Recycling Day**
The Global Recycling Foundation, formed by Ranjit Baxi, the creator of International Recycling Ltd, an international company that ships waste materials from Europe and the United States for recycling into new products in Asia, established Global Recycling Day in 2018. It’s a day to promote awareness about the necessity of recycling in conserving our natural resources and ensuring our planet's future.

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**March 20 - 26 Marks International Adolescent Health Week**

The International Adolescent Health Week will take place from March 20th to March 26th, and it will begin on March 17th.

**Highlights:**

- It's an annual international week of dynamic interactive events to motivate health care practitioners, policymakers, administrators, the media, and adolescents and their communities to campaign for a successful transition to adulthood.
- The Adolescent Health Academy of the Indian Academy of Pediatrics is in charge of organizing the national celebrations of International Adolescent Health Week.
- This year's topic is "Transitions," a natural development process.
- The purpose is to raise awareness of teenage health issues and encourage adolescents to participate in their own health decisions.
- Adolescents require a safe and clean environment at home, school, and the workplace.

**India's Ordnance Factories Day Observed On 18 March**

Every year on March 18th, Ordnance Factories Day is commemorated. On the 18th
of March, 1802, the manufacturing of India's oldest Ordnance Factory, located in Cossipore, Kolkata, began.

**Highlights:**

Ordnance Factories Board (OFB) is the world's 37th largest defense equipment maker, Asia's 2nd most prominent, and India's most significant. Rifles, cannons, artillery, ammunition, and other weapons are displayed in displays around India to commemorate the day. The festivities begin with a parade, an exhibition featuring images from various mountaineering adventures.

The "Fourth Arm of Defense" and the "Force Behind the Armed Forces" of India are terms used to describe the OFB.

OFB is managed by the Ministry of Defense's Department of Defense Production.

The Indian Ordnance Factories supply items to all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces: the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Arms and ammunition, weapon spares, chemicals and explosives, parachutes, leather, and clothing are shipped to over 30 nations worldwide.

OFB was established in 1775 and is headquartered at Kolkata's Ayudh Bhawan. OFB comprises 41 ordnance factories, 9 training institutes, 3 regional marketing centers, and 5 regional safety controllers located throughout India.
Minister Of Labor And Employment Bhupendra Yadav Unveiled A Book

Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Labour and Employment and MoEFCC, has released a book titled "Role of Labor in India's Development."

Highlights:

Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Labour and Employment and MoEFCC, has released a book titled "Role of Labor in India's Development."
The book was published by the V V Giri National Labour Institute. The book's release is part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav's Iconic Week' events.
The book 'Role of Labour in India's Growth' contains 12 pieces that detail the role of labor in India's development.
The book is published by V V Giri National Labour Institute and contains essays prepared by specialists in the subject.
The Ministry of Labour and Employment's V V Giri National Labour Institute is autonomous.
It was founded in 1974 as top labor research, training, and education organization.
The institution's current Director-General is Dr. H. Srinivas.
**AGREEMENTS MOU**

**BRO Signs An MoU With GRSE To Launch Double Lane Modular Bridges Of IRC**

Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the manufacture, delivery, erection, and launch of 27 double carriageway lanes galvanized modular bridges with IRC Load Class 70.

**Highlights:**

- Director-General BR Lt Gen Rajeev Chaudhry and Officiating Chairman & Managing Director of GRSE Commodore P R Hari IN (Retd) signed a two-year contract for roughly Rs 60 crore in New Delhi.
- Last year, the BRO successfully trialed GRSE Ltd's "Indigenous 140 feet Double Lane Modular Bridge" of IRC Load Class 70.
- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh dedicated the first of its indigenous type bridge to the nation.
- The bridge was built by Karamyogis of Project Swastik in February 2021 at 11,000 feet on the key "Flag Hill-Dokala" road in Sikkim.
- The timing issue will play a role in the MoU since these bridges might be launched within 45 days of the units handing over the site.
Digital Shopping Global Investment 2021 Ranks India In 2 Place

Analyzed By London & Partners of Dealroom. Co-investment data, India is the second-largest global venture capital investment hub for digital shopping companies.

Highlights

According to the London & Partners analysis of Dealroom.Co investment data, India is the second-largest global venture capital investment hub for digital shopping companies, growing by 175% from $8 billion in 2020 to $22 billion in 2021.

On a worldwide scale, India came in second to the US last year, which attracted $51 billion in investment, followed by China at third with $14 billion and the UK at fourth with $7 billion.

Within India, Bengaluru comes out on top globally with $14 billion worth of venture capital (VC) investments in digital shopping in 2021, followed by Gurugram at No. 7 with $4 billion and Mumbai at No. 10 with $3 billion.

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RailTel Ranked 124th In 8th Edition Fortune India The Next 500 List

RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), owned by the Indian Railways Ministry of Railways, has ranked 124th within the 8th Edition Fortune India the next 500 (2022 edition).

Highlights:

RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), owned by the Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways, has ranked 124th within the 8th Edition Fortune India the next 500 (2022 edition) of top midsize companies.
operating in India.
It is the sole Telecom Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) of the govt of India (GoI) on the list.
It was ranked 197 within the 2021 list of top midsize companies operating in India.
Apart from RailTel, IRCTC is the only Railway PSU featuring within the list, at 309.
This Fortune India, the next 500 is published annually by Fortune India English Monthly magazine.
RailTel is one of the immense neutral telecom infrastructure services providers.
RailTel was founded in September 2000 with headquarters in Gurgaon, Haryana;
The Current RailTel CMD is Puneet Chawla
QUIZ CORNER

1) When was World Rotaract Day first celebrated?
A. 1966  
B. 1968  
C. 1988  
D. 1986

**Answer B**

**Explanation** World Rotaract Day is commemorated to honor the first such Club, Rotary Club, in 1968 in North Carolina, USA.

2) When does World Rotaract Week end?
A. 18 March 2022  
B. 8 March 2022  
C. 10 March 2022  
D. 11 March 2022

**Answer A**

**Explanation** World Rotaract Week is held from 11 March 2022 to 18 March 2022.

3) When was The International Day of Mathematics first adopted by UN?
A. 2020  
B. 2018  
C. 2019  
D. 2021

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The day was then assumed in the 40th session of the Final Conference of UNESCO in November 2019.

4) What is the Value Of Pi?
A.3.10
B.3.11
C.3.15
D.3.14

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Regardless of the circle's size, this ratio will always equal pi. In decimal form, the value of pi is approximately 3.14.

5) **Where will be the National Forensic Sciences University built In India?**

A. Tripura  
B. Manipur  
C. Assam  
D. Arunachal Pradesh

**Answer A**

**Explanation** Chief Minister launched the Shramik Kalyan Prakalp scheme for the ladies of Tripura on the occasion of International Women's Day & has also laid the foundation stone for the National Forensic Sciences University in Agartala, capital of Tripura.

6) **Who launched the 2022 Women Empowerment Campaign?**

A. Anurag Thakur  
B. Rajnath Singh  
C. Nirmala Sitaraman  
D. Amit Shah

**Answer D**

**Explanation** The year 2022 Women Empowerment Campaign was launched by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.

7) **When did MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022 begin?**

A. March 14  
B. March 10
As part of the incubation scheme, the government also announced the launch of an MSME Idea Hackathon to invite ideas from MSMEs, innovators and students through host institutes from March 10 to March 24, 2022.

8) When was MSME innovative scheme launched?

A. 11 March  
B. 14 March  
C. 10 March  
D. 12 March

**Answer C**

Union Minister for MSME Shri Narayan Rane today launched the MSME Innovative Scheme (Incubation, Design and IPR) along with the MSME IDEA HACKATHON 2022 on 10 March 2022.

9) When did Lt Gen Richard Burr, the Chief of the Australian Army visited India?

A. 18 March  
B. 8 March  
C. 10 March  
D. 11 March

**Answer B**

From 8 March to 10 March 2022, Lt Gen Richard Burr, the Chief of the Australian Army, was in India for 3 days.

10) What is CLAWS?

A. Centre for Land Warfare Studies  
B. Centre for Land War Studies  
C. Centre of Land Warfare Studies

**Answer A**
Centre for Land Warfare Study

**Answer A**

**Explanation** The Australian Army Chief visited the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS), an Indian Army Thinktank in New Delhi.

11) How much is India in the Deliberative Component Index under the 2022 V-Dem's Democracy Report?

A. 100 
B. 101 
C. 111 
D. 102 

**Answer D**

**Explanation** It has slipped further down within the Electoral Democracy Index to 100, and even lower within the Deliberative Component Index, at 102.

12) Who is the new chairman of NFRA?

A. Vijay Sampla 
B. Atul Bhatt 
C. Ajay Bhushan Pandey 
D. Mirabai Chanu 

**Answer C**

**Explanation** Former revenue secretary ABP Pandey has been appointed chairwoman of NFRA by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) for three years from the date of assumption of duty or till the incumbent reaches the age of 65.

13) Where did the first Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal commissioned?

A. Maharashtra 
B. Jharkhand 
C. Gujarat 
D. Rajasthan
Indian Railways' Asansol Division has successfully commissioned Maithan Power Limited's private siding in Thaparnagar, Jharkhand.

14) Where is the Rashtriya Raksha University dedicated?
A. Haryana
B. Delhi
C. Telengana
D. Gujarat

Answer D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated a new Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) campus building complex at Lavad village near Gandhinagar, Gujarat, to the nation.

15) Where did the QR-coded Kashmir Carpets are exported?
A. Germany
B. Russia
C. Netherlands
D. Canada

Answer A

For its GI-tagged Kashmiri carpet, the Government of Jammu and Kashmir has introduced a Quick response (QR) code. On March 11, 2022, the first-ever consignment of GI-tagged hand-knotted carpets was sent from New Delhi to Germany.

16) Which LAB firm gets the BIS certification?
A. HPJ EXIM Private Ltd.
B. New India Detergents Ltd.
C. Tamilnadu Petroproducts Ltd.
D. Shree Shyam Industrial Corporation

Answer C

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has approved TPL (Tamilnadu Petroproducts
Ltd.) as the world's first linear alkylbenzene (LAB) manufacturing firm.

17) How many percent interest rate has been reduced by EPFO for the year 2021-22

A.1.4%
B.0.3%
C.1.3%
D.0.4%

Answer D

Explanation Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), the retirement fund authority, has lowered the interest rate on provident fund deposits to 8.10 percent for 2021-22. This is a 0.4 percent decrease over the previous year. In 2020-21 and 2019-20, the interest rate on PF deposits was 8.5 percent.

18) Which PPI has became the first ever issuer to fulfill all the RBI guidelines?

A.Amazon Pay
B.LivQuik
C.DigitSecure India Pvt Lted
D.One Mobikwik

Answer B

Explanation LivQuik is an RBI authorized Prepaid Payment Instrument Issuer to become the first-ever PPI issuer to achieve all the interoperability guidelines given by RBI for its PPIs.

19) Who unveiled the book "Role of Labor in India's Development"?

A.Nitin Gadkari
B.Nirmala Sitharaman
C.Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
D.Bhupender Yadav

Answer D

Explanation Bhupender Yadav, Minister of Labour and Employment and MoEFCC, has released a book titled "Role of Labor in India's Development."
20) When was World Consumer Rights day first celebrated?

A. 1988  
B. 1983  
C. 1982  
D. 1984  

**Answer B**

**Explanation** The consumer movement first marked that date in 1983 and now uses the day each year to mobilize action on important issues and campaigns.

21) When did JFK deliver his speech on consumer rights that inspired the World consumer rights day?

A. March 1, 1962  
B. March 11, 1962  
C. March 15, 1962  
D. March 10, 1962  

**Answer C**

**Explanation** World Consumer Rights Day is inspired by President John F Kennedy's special message to the United States Congress delivered on March 15, 1962.

22) Who creates the Digital School Health Platform in Puducherry?

A. The Department of Health, Puducherry  
B. Government of India  
C. Government Of Tamilnadu  
D. None of the above  

**Answer A**

**Explanation** The Department of Health, Puducherry, and Axis Bank collaborated on creating this platform.

23) Who is the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry?
A. Smt. Anandiben Patel  
B. Shri Satyadeo Narain Arya  
C. Shri R. N. Ravi  
D. Tamilisai Soundararajan

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Tamilisai Soundararajan, the Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry, has launched a Digital School Health Platform for children in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

**24) When does Young Scientist Program By ISRO begin?**

A. May 11, 2022  
B. May 16, 2022  
C. May 10, 2022  
D. May 6, 2022

**Answer B**

**Explanation** The ISRO Young Scientist Program is a residential program that runs from May 16, 2022, to May 28, 2022, during the summer vacations.

**25) Where is Satish Dhawan Space Centre?**

A. Uttar Pradesh  
B. Andhra Pradesh  
C. Arunachal Pradesh  
D. Madhya Pradesh

**Answer B**

**Explanation** Satish Dhawan Space Centre or Sriharikota Range is a rocket launch centre operated by Indian Space Research Organisation. It is located in Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. Sriharikota Range was renamed in 2002 after ISRO's former chairman Satish Dhawan.

**26) When was the company London & Partners established?**

A. 1 April 2011  
B. 11 April 2011
C.10 April 2011
D.12 April 2011

**Answer A**

**Explanation** London & Partners was established in 1 April 2011

27) Which country has the top rank in Digital Shopping Global Investment 2021?
A. China  
B. The UK  
C. USA  
D. Japan

**Answer C**

**Explanation** On a worldwide scale, India came in second to the US

28) When was Khel Mahakumbh established?
A. 2012  
B. 2010  
C. 2011  
D. 2002

**Answer B**

**Explanation** PM Modi claimed that he appointed Khel Mahakumbh as Gujarat's Chief Minister in 2010.

29) How many registrations did the 11th edition of the Khel Mahakumbh receive?
A. 45 lakh registrations  
B. 40 lakh registrations  
C. 55 lakh registrations  
D. 44 lakh registrations

**Answer A**
**Explanation** The 11th Khel Mahakumbh has received over 45 lakh registrations.

**30) When was National Award for SHG Bank Linkage 2022 Won By J&K Bank?**

A. 18th March 2022  
B. 6th March 2022  
C. 8th March 2022  
D. 16th March 2022  

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The award was presented during the event organized as a part of International Women's Day (8th March 2022) at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, Delhi.

**31) When was tomb of sand first published?**

A. 12 August 2012  
B. 12 August 2021  
C. 12 August 2020  
D. 12 August 2001  

**Answer A**

**Explanation** Tomb of sand was first published in 12 August 2021.

**32) Which country and India were the two significant importers of Arms 2017-2021?**

A. Russia  
B. Saudhi Arabia  
C. Iraq  
D. USA  

**Answer B**

**Explanation** According to the SIPRI research, India and Saudi Arabia were the significant arms importers between 2017 to 2021. Both countries were responsible for 11% of all worldwide arms sales.
33) Who is the MD & CEO of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance?

A. Shri Shanti Lal Jain  
B. Prakash Chandra Kandpal  
C. Tapan Singhel  
D. Amitabh Chaudhry

Answer C

Explanation Tapan Singhel, the MD and CEO of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance, has been given a five-year extension.

34) Which edition of Gender Samwaad was organised in 2022?

A. 1st  
B. 2nd  
C. 3rd  
D. 4th

Answer C

Explanation The third edition of 'Gender Samwaad,' organized by the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM), Ministry of Rural Development, drew around 3000 State Mission personnel and members of Self-Help Groups (SHGs) from 34 states.

35) Who is the female ICC player of February 2022?

A. Ellyse Perry  
B. Amelia Kerr  
C. Smriti Mandhana  
D. Heather Knight

Answer B

Explanation Shreyas Iyer, India's ace all-rounder, and White Ferns all-rounder Amelia Kerr have been named ICC Players of the Month for February 2022, according to the International Cricket Council (ICC).
36) Who is appointed as the new chairman of Air India?

A. Natarajan Chandrasekaran  
B. Banmali Agrawala  
C. Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum  
D. M. Damodaran

Answer A

Explanation Air India appointed the chairman of Tata Sons, N Chandrasekaran as its new chairman for the second term of five years.

37) Who is appointed as the chairman & MD of OIL?

A. Shrikant Madhav Vaidya  
B. Shri Manoj Jain  
C. Sandeep Kumar Gupta  
D. Ranjith Rath

Answer D

Explanation Oil India Limited (OIL) has appointed Ranjith Rath as its next chairman and Managing director.

38) When is International Day Of Action For Rivers 2022 celebrated?

A. March 15  
B. March 14  
C. April 15  
D. April 14

Answer B

Explanation On March 14th, the International Day of Action for Rivers is commemorated. The International Day of Action for Rivers will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2022.

39) Who won the silver medal in German Open Badminton 2022?

A. Kunlavut Vitidsarn  
B. Chen Yufei
C.Nur Izzuddin
D.Lakshya Sen

**Answer D**

**Explanation** After losing to Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand, 18-21, 15-21, in the men's singles final at the German Open 2022, Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen had to settle for silver.

**40) When was National Vaccination Day first celebrated?**

A. 1994  
B. 1995  
C. 1996  
D. 1999

**Answer B**

**Explanation** The day was first observed within the year 1995.

**41) What is the theme for National Vaccination Day 2022?**

A. Vaccines for all  
B. Vaccines Work for all  
C. Vaccination Work for all  
D. Vaccinations Work

**Answer B**

**Explanation** The theme for National Vaccination Day or National Immunisation Day 2022 is "Vaccines Work for all."

**42) How much line of Credit is India giving to Sri Lanka for Crucial Imports?**

A. USD 2 billion  
B. USD 1 billion  
C. USD 3 billion  
D. USD 1.1 billion

**Answer B**
The Indian government has issued a USD 1 billion line of credit (LoC) for Sri Lanka to aid in importing food, necessary products, and medicine.

43) How much did the Sri Lanka's foreign reserves drop within 2 years?

A. 80%
B. 70%
C. 60%
D. 75%

**Answer B**

The island's foreign reserves have dropped 70% within the last two years to $2.31 billion in February, stalling critical imports, including fuel.

44) What is IIFCL?

A. India Infrastructure financial company Ltd
B. India Infrastructure finance company Ltd
C. International Infrastructure finance company Ltd
D. India Infrastructure finance Ltd

**Answer B**

India Infrastructure finance company Ltd is called IIFCL

45) When was IIFL Securities Limited established?

A. 1996
B. 1999
C. 1995
D. 1994

**Answer C**

IIFL was founded on October 18, 1995, by Nirmal Jain, a 1986 graduate from University of Mumbai and an alumnus of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.
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A. 125th  
B. 124th  
C. 126th  
D. 127th  

**Answer B**

**Explanation** RailTel Corporation of India Limited (RailTel), owned by the Indian Railways Ministry of Railways, has ranked 124th within the 8th Edition Fortune India the next 500 (2022 edition).

47) When was RailTel found?

A. 2000  
B. 2001  
C. 2002  
D. 2004  

**Answer A**

**Explanation** RailTel was founded in September 2000 with headquarters in Gurgaon, Haryana.

48) When was Larsen & Toubro established?

A. 1933  
B. 1983  
C. 1938  
D. 1988  

**Answer C**

**Explanation** Larsen & Toubro was established in 7 February 1938.

49) Where is Larsen & Toubro headquarters?

A. Delhi  
B. Mumbai
C. Kolkata
D. Chennai

**Answer B**

**Explaination** Larsen & Toubro Ltd, commonly known as L&T, is an Indian multinational conglomerate, with business interests in engineering, construction, manufacturing, technology and financial services, headquartered in Mumbai.

**50) When did Hope Mwansa Banda die?**

A. October 10, 2000  
B. October 11, 2000  
C. October 12, 2000  
D. October 13, 2000  

**Answer B**  

**Explaination** Hope Mwansa Banda died in South Africa on October 11, 2000.

**51) When was Gender Samwaad in India started?**

A. April 15, 2021  
B. April 16, 2021  
C. April 18, 2021  
D. April 14, 2021  

**Answer B**  

**Explaination** As part of the ongoing Amrut Mahotsav to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence, Gender Samvaad was launched on April 16, 2021 with around 1400 participants including rural women, state representatives, CSOs and academia from across India.

**52) Who was nominated for the ICC Players of the Month February 2022 from India?**

A. Harleen Deol  
B. Neha Tanwar  
C. Mithali Raj  
D. Priya Punia
Answer C

Explanation Kerr was chosen before fellow nominees, India captain Mithali Raj and all-rounder Deepti Sharma.

53) When does Qatar FIFA World Cup 2022 begin?

A. November 20  
B. November 21  
C. November 22  
D. November 23

Answer B

Explanation Qatar FIFA World Cup 2022 will happen in Qatar from November 21 to December 18, 2022.

54) Where will be the first World Peace Center established in India?

A. Manipur  
B. Haryana  
C. Arunachal Pradesh  
D. Tripura

Answer C

Explanation Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti organization will establish India's first World Peace Center in Gurugram, Haryana.

55) Where is India's first ARTPARK?

A. Chennai  
B. Bengaluru  
C. Kochi  
D. Hyderabad

Answer B

Explanation The country's first A.I. & Robotics Technology Park (ARTPARK) was launched in
56) What are the other countries that doesn't enjoy the Most Favored Nation trade status?
A. England  
B. Pakistan  
C. Cuba  
D. India

Answer B

Explanation Only North Korea and Cuba don't enjoy the "most favored nation" status.

57) What is Kerala's Maternal Mortality Ratio 2022?
A. 40  
B. 42  
C. 30  
D. 32

Answer C

Explanation Kerala's Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) has dropped from 42 to 30.

58) How much coal did Mahanadi Coalfields Limited produce in 2021-2022?
A. 158 million tonnes of coal  
B. 157 million tonnes of coal  
C. 156 million tonnes of coal  
D. 155 million tonnes of coal

Answer B

Explanation In 2021-22, the corporate reported it produced 157 million tonnes of coal.

59) Who is the Delhi environment Minister?
A. Aaditya Thackeray
Among other leaders present at the ceremony are Deputy CM of Delhi Manish Sisodia and Delhi environment minister Gopal Rai.

60) How much amount was presented to J&K by Finance Minister of India?

A. Rs.1.42 lakh crores
B. Rs.1.40 lakh crores
C. Rs.1.24 lakh crores
D. Rs.1.36 lakh crores

Answer A

Explanation For the fiscal year 2022-23, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman requested a budget of Rs 1.42 lakh crore for the union territory of Jammu and Kashmir.

61) When did the terror attack happen in 2 mosques in New Zealand?

A. 15 March 2009
B. 15 March 2019
C. 15 March 2011
D. 15 March 2020

Answer B

Explanation Two consecutive mass shootings occurred at mosques in a terrorist attack in Christchurch during Friday Prayer on 15 March 2019.

62) Where did the MV Ram Prasad Bismil sail?

A. Ganga to Gomti
B. Gomti to Brahmaputra
C. Brahmaputra to Yamuna
D. Ganga to Brahmaputra
Answer D

Explanation The MV Ram Prasad Bismil has sailed from the Ganga to the Brahmaputra for the first time.

63) When was Organisation of Islamic Cooperation launched?

A. 25 September 1966  
B. 25 September 1996  
C. 25 September 1999  
D. 25 September 1969

Answer D

Explanation The Organisation of Islamic Cooperation began on 25 September 1969

64) Who inaugurated India's 1st Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell EV?

A. Amit Shah  
B. Nitin Gadkari  
C. Kiren Rijiju  
D. Anurag Thakur

Answer B

Explanation Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, has unveiled the Toyota Mirai, the world's most sophisticated technology-developed Green Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (FCEV).

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Electric Vehicle (FCEV).

66) When is the birth anniversary of Gen. Bipin Rawat?

A. March 15  
B. March 16  
C. March 17  
D. March 18

Answer B

Explanation On the 65th anniversary of General Bipin Rawat's birth, the Indian Army established a chair of excellence in his honor at the United Service Institution of India (USI), the country's oldest think tank, created in 1870.

67) What is CGSSD?

A. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt  
B. Credit Guaranteed Scheme Subordinate Debt  
C. Credit Guarantee Scheme of Subordinate Debt  
D. Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordination Debt

Answer A

Explanation Credit Guarantee Scheme for Subordinate Debt is CGSSD

68) What does R stands for in GRSE?

A. Research  
B. Replant  
C. Roads  
D. Reach

Answer D

Explanation GRSE stands for Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.

69) When was CGSSD Launched?
A.13 May 2020  
B.12 May 2020  
C.11 May 2020  
D.10 May 2020

**Answer A**

**Explanation** On the 13th of May, 2020, the govt announced the launch of the Distressed Assets FundSubordinate Debt for Stressed MSMEs as a part of the Aatma Nirbhar Bharat Package.

70) **When was Ms. Kumudben Joshi the Deputy Minister of Health and Family Welfare?**

A.1982-1983  
B.1982-1985  
C.1982-1984  
D.1981-1983

**Answer C**

**Explanation** Kumudben Manishankar Joshi also became Deputy Minister of information and Broadcasting (October 1980 January 1982) and Deputy Minister of Health and Family Welfare (January 1982 December 1984).

71) **Where will be the International Geological Congress meet held?**

A.Maharashtra  
B.Telengana  
C.Assam  
D.Delhi

**Answer D**

**Explanation** International Geological Congress Is Set To Be Held In New Delhi

72) **When was Ms. Kumudben Joshi Deputy Minister of information and Broadcasting?**

A.1982-1984  
B.1980-1985
C.1980-1982
D.1984-1986

Answer C

Explanation Kumudben Manishankar Joshi also became Deputy Minister of information and Broadcasting (October 1980 January 1982) and Deputy Minister of Health and Family Welfare (January 1982 December 1984).

73) With whom did BRO signs an MoU to launch Double lane Modular Bridges?
A.L&T
B.ITC
C.GRSE
D.TATA

Answer C

Explanation Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the manufacture, delivery, erection, and launch of 27 double carriageway lanes galvanized modular bridges with IRC Load Class 70.

74) Where is India's first Digital Water Bank launched?
A.delhi
B.Luknow
C.Bengaluru
D.Chennai

Answer C

Explanation Indias First Digital Water Bank, AQVERIUM has been launched in Bengaluru, Karnataka which is an innovative initiative aimed at better water management.

75) Late Minister Shankarrao was a minister of which state?
A.Gujarat
B.Rajasthan
C. Haryana
D. Maharashtra

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Shankarrao Kolhe, Former Minister of Maharashtra, passed away at 92 on 16 March 2022.

**76) How many FIs had the CESL impaneled?**

A. 6
B. 7
C. 8
D. 5

**Answer A**

**Explanation** CESL has impaneled six Financial Institutions (FIs) Mahindra Finance, Akasa Finance, Mannapuram Finance, RevFin, and Prest Loans to provide loans to EVs at attractive terms.

**77) How much benefits will the consumers avail from My EV Portal initiatives?**

A. INR 2500
B. INR 2000
C. INR 5000
D. INR 25000

**Answer D**

**Explanation** The consumer is able to avail of up to INR 25,000 additional benefits.

**78) When will the FIDE Chess Olympiad 2022 begin?**

A. 22 July 2022
B. 25 July 2022
C. 26 July 2022
D. 24 July 2022
79) When will Oscars 2022 happen?

A. March 26
B. March 27
C. March 28
D. March 29

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The awards ceremony is scheduled to be held on March 27.

80) Which bank won the Asian Bank of the Year Award at IFR Asia Awards 2021?

A. Indian Overseas Bank
B. Axis Bank
C. Bank Of Baroda
D. Punjab National Bank

**Answer B**

**Explanation** For its wide coverage and depth of competence in the Asian investment banking area, Axis Bank, India's third-largest private sector bank, has been named IFR Asia's Asian Bank of The Year.

81) Who is the CEO of Axis Bank?

A. Amitabh Chaudhry
B. Sunit Malhotra
C. Ashwani Bhatia
D. Arijit Basu

**Answer A**

**Explanation** Amitabh Chaudhry is the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer (MD &
CEO) of Axis Bank Limited.

82) Who won the Sankara Award 2022?
A. Aadhyaa Aravind Shankar  
B. Shankar Mahadevan  
C. Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa  
D. Mahesh Sharma

**Answer C**

**Explanation** This year's 'Sankara Award' was given to India's teen Grandmaster Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa in Kalady.

83) Which firm accepts UPI payments for non-internet users?
A. BPCL  
B. Reliance Petroleum Limited  
C. HPCL  
D. Indian Oil Corporation

**Answer A**

**Explanation** Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has launched UPI 123PAY to allow non-internet users to book cylinders.

84) Which body launched On-Device Wallet for UPI users?
A. SBI  
B. Axis Bank  
C. NPCI  
D. Kotak Mahindra Bank

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched an

85) Who gets the Covid Commitment Award?
A.Bhagwant Mann
B.Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma
C.Yogi Adityanath
D.Manohar Lal Khattar

Answer D

Explanation Asia One Magazine has given Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar the Covid-19 Commitment Award.

86) Who commissioned Saksham Offshore Patrol Vessel?

A.Ajay Kumar
B.Rajnath Singh
C.Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
D.Dr G. Satheesh Reddy

Answer A

Explanation Defence Secretary Ajay Kumar commissioned the Indian Coast Guard's sixth offshore patrol vessel, the 'Saksham,' in Goa.

87) How much percent stake did Bharat Serums acquire from Solar Power?

A.13%
B.24%
C.26%
D.19%

Answer C

Explanation Bharat Serums and Vaccines has purchased a 26% share in AMP Energy C&I One to help meet the company's green energy.

88) When was the preparation for linking Ukraine to ENTSO-E begin?

A.2015
B.2017
C.2014
D.2018

Answer C

Explanation Preparation for grid synchronization was occurring since 2014 when Russia annexed Crimea.

89) How many European countries does the ENTSO-E represent?
A.39
B.30
C.35
D.33

Answer C

Explanation European Network of transmission system Operators (ENTSO-E) represents 39 electricity transmission system operators (TSOs) from 35 countries across Europe.

90) How many countries follow DST?
A.60
B.75
C.80
D.70

Answer D

Explanation Currently, DST is followed by around 70 countries twice a year.

91) When was Sunshine Protection Act launched?
A.March 15th 2020
B.March 15th 2022
C.March 15th 2021
D.March 15th 2019

Answer B

Explanation On March 15th, the U.S. Senate passed a law (Sunshine Protection Act) to make
daylight-saving time (DST) permanent.

**92) When is the New SSLV first development flight scheduled?**

A. March 2022  
B. May 2022  
C. April 2022  
D. June 2022

**Answer B**

**Explanation** The vehicle is now ready for its first development flight, scheduled for May 2022.

**93) Where did the Solid Fuel-Based Booster Stage Of SSLV Successfully Tested ?**

A. Vishakapatnam  
B. Sriharikota  
C. Cochin  
D. Dehra Dun

**Answer B**

**Explanation** The test happened at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota, in Andhra Pradesh.

**94) What is the total market capitalization of the world?**

A. USD 3.21 trillion  
B. USD 3.19 trillion  
C. USD 109.22 trillion  
D. USD 5.55 trillion

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The total market capitalization of the world is USD 109.22 trillion.

**95) Which is the 6th highest market capitalization country?**
A. UK
B. Germany
C. France
D. France

**Answer A**

**Explanation** The United Kingdom came in sixth with a market capitalization of USD 3.19 trillion, while Saudi Arabia came in seventh with USD 3.18 trillion.

96) How many electric buses is Mumbai planned to adopt by 2023?

A. 2110
B. 2000
C. 2111
D. 2100

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Mumbai set several short-term goals for decarbonization measures like electrifying public transport, and it plans to adopt 2,100 electric buses by 2023 at a value of 130 billion rupees (USD 1.7 billion).

97) How much Greenhouse gas reduction has Mumbai planned to reduce by 2030?

A. 40%
B. 20%
C. 30%
D. 50%

**Answer C**

**Explanation** Targets also include a 30% reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and a 44% reduction by 2040.

98) When was international finance corporation established?

A. 1956
B. 1950
C.1945  
D.1955

**Answer A**

**Explanation** international finance corporation was established on 20 July 1956

99) What is the capital of Madagascar?  
A. Ambalavao  
B. Ambatoboeny  
C. Ambanja  
D. Antananarivo

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Antananarivo is the capital and the largest city of Madagascar. It is located in the highlands region, very near to the geographic center of the island.

100) Who was crowned Miss world 2021?  
A. Karolina Bielawska  
B. Toni-Ann Singh  
C. Shree Saini  
D. Olivia Yace

**Answer A**

**Explanation** Miss World 2021 has been awarded to Karolina Bielawska of Poland.

101) Which state has introduced the Dishaank app?  
A. Andhra Pradesh  
B. Arunachal Pradesh  
C. Karnataka  
D. Rajasthan

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The Survey Settlement and Land Records (SSLR) department of Karnataka's tax
department ensures quick access to authentic land records by introducing the Dishaa app.

102) What is the theme of World Sleep Day 2022?

A. Regular Sleep, Healthy Future
B. Better Sleep, Better Life, Better Planet
C. Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World
D. Good Sleep is a Reachable Dream

Answer C

Explanation The Theme of the day is "Quality Sleep, Sound Mind, Happy World." This year the day is focused on raising awareness about the importance and impact of sleep on the mind and body.

103) When is Global Recycling Day 2022?

A. March 20
B. March 27
C. March 19
D. March 18

Answer D

Explanation On March 18th, Global Recycling Day is commemorated to recognize the importance of recycling as a resource rather than a waste.

104) How many basis points has been reduced in India's GDP by Moody?

A. 20
B. 40
C. 50
D. 30

Answer B

Explanation Due to the negative consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, Moody's has lowered India's economic growth prediction by 40 basis points to 9.1% in Calendar Year 2022 (CY2022).
105) What is the theme of Global Recycling Day 2022?

A. Recycling fraternity  
B. Recycle and Reuse  
C. Recycling Heroes  
D. Recycle For Future

**Answer A**

**Explanation** The "recycling fraternity" - individuals who put themselves on the front lines to collect garbage and recycling during the many lockdowns will be the event's centerpiece this year.

106) Where did Miss World 2021 held?

A. London  
B. Sanya  
C. France  
D. Puerto Rico

**Answer D**

**Explanation** The Miss World international beauty contest hosted its 70th edition in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

107) What is the India's GDP forecast by Moody for CY22?

A. 9.4%  
B. 9.3%  
C. 9.2%  
D. 9.1%

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Due to the negative consequences of the Russia-Ukraine conflict on the global economy, Moody's has cut India's economic growth prediction downward by 40 basis points to 9.1% in Calendar Year 2022 (CY2022).

108) Who tops the list of Hurun Global Rich list 2022?
A. Jeff Bezos  
B. Elon Musk  
C. Bernard Arnault  
D. Bill Gates

**Answer B**

**Explanation** Elon Musk, the founder of SpaceX and Tesla, has topped the M3M Hurun Global Rich List for 2022, with $205 billion.

109) What is the rank of Mukesh Ambani in Hurun Global Rich List 2022?

A. 13th  
B. 6th  
C. 11th  
D. 9th

**Answer D**

**Explanation** Mukesh Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL), was the only Indian to make the top ten list of the 2022 Hurun Global Rich List, emerging as India's and Asia's richest man. With a net worth of $103 billion, Ambani was ranked Ninth globally.

110) When is India's Ordnance Factories Day?

A. March 15  
B. March 18  
C. April 1  
D. March 2

**Answer B**

**Explanation** Every year on March 18th, Ordnance Factories Day is commemorated. On the 18th of March, 1802, the manufacturing of India's oldest Ordnance Factory, located in Cossipore, Kolkata, began.

111) Which bank is in partnership with Emirates Skywards and launched co-branded credit cards?

A. Bank of Baroda
B. State Bank Of India  
C. ICICI Bank  
D. Indian Overseas Bank

**Answer C**

**Explanation** ICICI Bank established the 'Emirates Skywards ICICI Bank Credit Card' in partnership with Emirates Skywards, the airline's and flydubai's reward program.

112) When is the International Adolescent Health week?

A. March 1 to 7  
B. April 10 to 16  
C. March 20 to 26  
D. April 17 to 23

**Answer C**

**Explanation** The International Adolescent Health Week will take place from March 20th to March 26th, and it will begin on March 17th.

113) With which institute RBI Innovation tied up to boost Fintech startups?

A. IIT Delhi  
B. IIT Kanpur  
C. IIT Gandhinagar  
D. IIT Madras

**Answer D**

**Explanation** A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between IIT Madras Incubation Cell (IITMIC) and RBI Innovation Hub (RBIH), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (MoU).
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