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Start-up ranking 2021: Gujarat, Karnataka emerges as best performers

Gujarat and Karnataka emerged the “**best performers**” in the third edition of **States’ Start-up ranking, 2021**, while **Meghalaya** bagged the top honour among Northeastern (NE) states. In the second edition of the survey, which was conducted in 2020, Gujarat was the best performer.

The rankings are based on the initiatives taken to develop the startup ecosystem for promoting entrepreneurs. These initiatives include the Startup India initiative, multiple funding and incubation support, and the government announcing January 16 as Startup Day.

Key points of the report:

- Top performers among the larger states include **Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Telangana**.
- Among smaller states and UTs, **Jammu and Kashmir** was adjudged the top performer.
- **Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, and Goa** are in the leaders category.
- States and UTs in the aspiring leaders’ category include **Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Puducherry and Nagaland**.
- States and UTs with a population of more than 10 million are ranked separately from those with a lower population. UTs and states are classified into five categories based on their performance in the survey.
- They are best performers, top performers, leaders, aspiring leaders and emerging start-up ecosystems.

Ukrainian mathematician Maryna Viazovska wins prestigious Fields Medal 2022

Ukrainian maths professor, **Maryna Viazovska**, who won the top mathematics prize, **the Fields Medal 2022**. Viazovska and three other mathematicians received the Fields Medal, dubbed the Nobel prize in maths, in Helsinki after the ceremony was moved from Saint Petersburg to the Finnish capital in response to Moscow’s war.

Maryna is only the second woman to receive the award, which is awarded to mathematicians under 40, since it was created in 1936. The other female laureate, Iran’s **Maryam Mirzakhani**, died of breast cancer in 2017 just three years after winning the prize.

The four awardees of the prestigious prize include:

- France’s **Hugo Duminil-Copin** (36 years)- Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques
- US-based **June Huh** (39 years) – Princeton University
- Britain’s **James Maynard** (35 years) – University of Oxford
- Ukraine’s **Maryna Viazovska** (37 years) – Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

About the Maryna Viazovska:

Viazovska was born in 1984 in Kyiv, when Ukraine was part of the Soviet Union. In Ukraine, she studied at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, before earning a masters degree at Germany’s University of Kaiserslautern and a PhD at the University of Bonn. Since 2018, she has been chair of number theory at the Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne. Her husband **Daniil Evtushinsky** is a physicist at the Swiss institute.

What is Fields Medal?

Fields medal is the highest honor for a mathematician. The medal is awarded every four years on the occasion of the International Congress of Mathematicians. The Fields Medal is awarded to recognize outstanding mathematical achievement for existing work and for the promise of future achievement. The Fields medal award comprises a **gold medal (14 karat gold)** bearing the profile of Archimedes and a cash amount. The Fields medal and cash prizes are funded by a trust established by J.C.Fields at the University of Toronto.

Fields Medal Eligibility

Besides outstanding mathematical achievement, the chosen candidate must be below **40 years** before January 1st of the year the Field Medals are awarded.

When were Fields medals first awarded?

The Fields Medals were first awarded in **1936 in Oslo, Norway**. The Fields medals were conceived by **John Charles Fields**, a Canadian mathematician.

Malaysia Open Badminton Tournament 2022

The **2022 Malaysia Open** (officially known as the **Petronas Malaysia Open 2022** for sponsorship reasons) was a badminton tournament that took place at the **Axiata Arena, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**, from 28 June to 3 July 2022 and had a total prize of **US \$675,000**. The 2022 Malaysia Open was the **twelfth tournament** of the 2022 BWF World Tour and was part of the Malaysia Open championships, which had been held since **1937**. This tournament was organized by the Badminton Association of Malaysia with sanction from the BWF.



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List of winners:

Category	Winner
Men's singles title	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)
Women's singles title	Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)
Men's doubles champions	Takuro Hoki / Yugo Kobayashi of Japan
Women's doubles champions	Apriyani Rahayu and Siti Fadia Silva Ramadhanti of Indonesia
Mixed doubles	China's Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong

National Affairs

- Union Minister **Piyush Goyal** has virtually kicked off a three-day **Grand Hackathon** that the **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** is hosting in association with **NABARD**. The physical portion of this event took place at the Fort, Mumbai location of the Bombay Stock Exchange. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **NTPC Ltd** has declared the **Commercial Operations Date (COD)** of the last part capacity of **20 MW out of 100 MW Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project** in Telangana. Ramagundam Floating Solar PV Project is India's largest Floating Solar Plant commissioned by NTPC. Now the total commercial operation of Floating Solar Capacity in Southern Region has reached 217 MW. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Ministry of Steel** said that it has joined the **PM Gati Shakti Portal** and uploaded the geo coordinates of important projects in an effort to detect and address connection gaps in the infrastructure. According to a press release, the ministry registered itself on the National Master Plan portal with the help of the **Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BiSAG-N)** app. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** has inaugurated **Digital India Week 2022** at **Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat**. The theme of this Digital India Week is '**Catalyzing New India's Techade**' to transform the nation into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** unveiled a **30-foot bronze statue** of **Alluri Sitarama Raju** at **Bhimavaram** in **Andhra Pradesh's East Godavari district** on the **125th birth anniversary** of the freedom fighter. The 125th birth anniversary of Alluri Sitarama Raju, along with 100 years of 'Rampa Kranti' will be celebrated throughout the year marking 75 years of Independence. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **CBSE Board** has launched a portal called '**Pariksha Sangam**' to streamline board examination results, sample papers, and other details in one single window. According to cbse.digitaleducation.com, the newly launched Pariksha Sangam portal "will integrate various examination-related processes to be conducted by the school's regional offices and the Headquarters of the CBSE Board". ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Ministers **Smriti Irani** and **Jyotiraditya Scindia** have been assigned additional charges of **Minority Affairs and Ministry of Steel** respectively after two Union Ministers **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi** and **Ram Chandra Prasad Singh** resigned from the Union Council of Ministers, with immediate effect. Post their resignations, the President of India Ram Nath Kovind, as advised by PM Modi, accepted the resignations of Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi and Ram Chandra Prasad Singh from Union Council of Ministers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The ruling **Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)** has nominated four noted personalities from the southern states to the **Rajya Sabha**. The move is being seen as the BJP's attempt to make inroads into South India — the party's final frontier that it still has to conquer. Sports icon **PT Usha**, music maestro **Ilaiyaraaja**, spiritual leader **Veerendra Heggade**, and screenwriter **KV Vijayendra Prasad** were the four picks of the BJP for the Rajya Sabha. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India has been chosen to participate in the 2022–2026 cycle of the **UNESCO Convention** for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage, which was adopted in 2003. At the UNESCO headquarters in Paris, during the 9th **General Assembly** of the 2003 Convention, the Intergovernmental Committee elections were held. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched the **Akshaya Patra** midday meal kitchen during his first trip to his **Varanasi** district after the BJP won the Uttar Pradesh assembly election. **Modi** will inaugurate and lay the cornerstone for development projects worth Rs 1,774 crore aimed at enhancing the country's infrastructure and quality of life during his visit. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union home minister, **Amit Shah** virtually unveiled the '**Statue of Peace**' of **Swamy Ramanujacharya** in Srinagar, located in a temple in the Sonwar region. Saint Ramanujacharya, also known as Ramanuja, is considered to be a great thinker, philosopher and social reformer, a south Indian Brahmin born in Tamil Nadu's Sripurumbudur. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- On the occasion of second anniversary of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbharNidhi (**PM SVANidhi**) scheme, the Housing and Urban affairs Minister, **Hardeep Singh Puri** launched the '**SVANidhi Mahotsav**,' which will be celebrated from 9th to 31st of July. The festival will be organized in 75 cities across all states and Union Territories, and showcase various cultural activities, digital training activities and loan melas. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to a press release from the Prime Minister's Office, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** launched **Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam** on the **National Education Policy** in Varanasi. The Prime Minister told the audience that "our education system and young generation carry a large role of realising the vows of the "Amrit Kaal." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Kharchi festival**, offering prayer to 14 gods and goddess, began with thousands of devotees converging at **Khayerpur** on the eastern outskirts of the **Tripura**. **Kharchi Puja** is predominantly a tribal festival but it owes its origins to Hindu religion. Devotees and sadhus from across India and neighbouring Bangladesh have also participated in the festival.

States in the News

- Mumbai lawyer and first-time legislator, **Rahul Narwekar** has been elected as the youngest Speaker of **Maharashtra Legislative Assembly** and also becomes the youngest ever in India to hold this august Constitutional post. Narwekar scripted history to become the youngest legislator to be elected as the 16th Speaker (since 1960) and also is now the youngest ever lawmaker to occupy the coveted top legislative post in the country. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, **Jai Ram Thakur** has launched '**Naari Ko Naman**' scheme to provide 50 % concession on fares in **Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC)** buses to women commuters within the state boundaries. Seema Thakur, the first woman bus driver in the state, drove him in a state transport bus to the event venue. The chief minister had announced the 50 per cent concession on bus fares to women on **April 15, Himachal Day**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Rajasthan government** is soon likely to introduce in the **Assembly the Right to Health Bill**, "**the first of its kind in India**", which aims to commit to quality and affordable health care services through government and private health care providers. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- **The Western Railway's (WR)** longest skywalk from the **Khar Road railway station** to the nearby **Bandra Terminus** has been opened for the passengers to reach the platforms to board trains easily. The skywalk spans **314 meters long and is 4.4 meters wide**. Western Railway's noted that the skywalk will allow passengers to reach **Bandra (T)** directly by deboarding at **Khar station** & taking south Foot Over Bridge. ([Click here to read the article](#))

International Affairs

- Leader of Yesh Atid Party, **Yair Lapid** has been officially became the **14th prime minister of Israel**, after replacing the **Naftali Benett**. He is a former journalist who serving as PM of Israel since 1 July 2022. Yair Lapid's term could be the short one as he take over the caretaker government ahead of Israel's election which was scheduled to take place on November 1. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the **NATO** Headquarters, Sweden and Finland signed the accession protocols. **Pekka Haavisto** of Finland and **Ann Linde** of Sweden, both foreign ministers, were present for the signing. Days have passed since the trilateral agreement between **Sweden, Finland, and Turkey** was signed. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- According to the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**, Ukraine's economy could shrink by up to **35%** in 2022 due to the effects of the war with Russia. The IMF warned Ukraine with an initial assessment, that the loss of life, damage to critical infrastructure, trade disruption, and an outflow of refugees would lead to the gross domestic product failings by a minimum of 10% in 2022. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **United Kingdom** Prime Minister, **Boris Johnson** has announced his resignation as **Conservative Party** leader after he was abandoned by his close allies in the wake of a series of scandals that rocked his government, triggering a leadership election for a new Tory leader who will go on to become his successor. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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Agreements/MoUs Signed

- For the distribution of its health insurance options, the insurer and **IDFC FIRST Bank** have inked a corporate agency agreement. In accordance with this strategic partnership, **Star Health** and Allied Insurance Company will use **IDFC FIRST Bank's** cutting-edge digital platform and extensive distribution network to offer its best-in-class health insurance products to the Bank's customers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **bancassurance agreement** has been reached between the **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** and **SBI Life Insurance**. Through the cooperation, **SBI Life's** assortment of protection, wealth development, credit life, annuity, and savings products will be made available at all **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** branches throughout West Bengal, therefore enhancing the region's access to life insurance solutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the presence of Chief Minister **M.K. Stalin**, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between **Tamil Nadu** and the Singapore-based M/s. **IGSS Ventures Pte Ltd** to build a 300-acre semiconductor high-tech park in the State with an investment and grants of 25,600 crore. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Avanse Financial Services**, an NBFC with an emphasis on education, and **Edelweiss General Insurance (EGI)** have teamed to offer student travel insurance to international students who are supported by **Avanse**. Student travel insurance from **Edelweiss General Insurance** covers medical costs and guards against emergencies and financial losses. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tata Power** revealed that it has reached a deal with the **Tamil Nadu government** to invest Rs. 3000 crore in the construction of a new solar cell and module manufacturing facility in the state's **Tirunelveli** district. According to the agreement, both parties will endeavour to promote the switch to renewable energy and the creation of jobs in the state. ([Click here to read the article](#))



Books and Authors

- **Hachette India** has announced the expanded paperback edition of five-time world chess champion **Viswanathan Anand's** widely acclaimed memoir "**Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life**". The book, featuring a bonus chapter on how to navigate uncertainty and rapidly changing realities in the wake of the pandemic, will hit the stands on **July 15**. It is written by Anand with author-journalist **Susan Ninan**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Young YouTuber **Prarthna Batra's** debut book '**Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success**' launched by sporting icon Sakshi Malik. In **Getting the Bread: The Gen-Z Way to Success**, Prarthna Batra shares her worldview as well as her experiences of interviewing eminent leaders, entrepreneurs, and media personalities for her popular YouTube channel. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** published guidelines ordering banks to test their currency sorting equipment every three months. Following the release of the new series of banknotes, the **central bank** updated the preexisting standards for **authentication** and **sorting**. The **Reserve Bank** stated that vendors will need to re-calibrate the equipment in the event of inconsistencies during the sorting. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Axis Bank**, a private lender, has announced the introduction of **Dining Delights** for bank clients in collaboration with **EazyDiner**, a top platform for table reservations, cuisine discovery, and restaurant payments. Numerous advantages will be provided by the service, including the ability to select from over 10,000 upscale restaurants in **India** and **Dubai**, fast confirmation of table bookings, and special discounts for reservations made through the **EazyDiner app**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Gross GST collection in June 2022** is the second-highest collection next to the April 2022 collection. GST collection crosses **Rs 1.40 lakh crore** mark 5th time since the inception of GST; 4th month at a stretch since March 2022. The gross GST collection in June 2022 is the 2nd highest collection subsequent to the April 2022 GST collection of **Rs 1,67,540 crore**. The total GST revenue collected in the month of June 2022 would be **Rs 1,44,616 cr.** ([Click here to read the article](#))

- The government has transformed **Banks Board Bureau (BBB)**, the headhunter for directors of state-owned banks and financial institutions, into **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** by making some amendments. Guidelines for selection of general managers and directors of public sector general insurance companies have been made part of FSIB. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Bengaluru Electricity Company BESCO** has developed **EV Mitra mobile app** to provide information about EV charging stations in **Bengaluru, Karnataka**. The information on charges in each station for the electric vehicles to recharge are also mentioned in the app. The user-friendly app can be used by electric vehicle users to book in advance a slot in the station. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A **bancassurance agreement** has been reached between the **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** and **SBI Life Insurance**. Through the cooperation, **SBI Life's** assortment of protection, wealth development, credit life, annuity, and savings products will be made available at all **Paschim Banga Gramin Bank** branches throughout West Bengal, therefore enhancing the region's access to life insurance solutions. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** has imposed a monetary penalty of **Rs 1.05 crore and Rs 1 crore** on **Kotak Mahindra Bank** and **IndusInd Bank**, respectively, for deficiencies in regulatory compliance. RBI's these penalties are based on deficiencies in regulatory compliance and are not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** between **State Bank of India (SBI)** and the **Indian Air Force** for the **Defence Salary Package (DSP)** plan has been extended, according to **SBI**. All active-duty and former members of the Air Force, as well as their families, will be eligible for a number of advantages and features under this programme from the nation's largest lender. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The South Indian Bank** has signed an agreement with **Kerala's Forest and Wildlife Department** to enable digital collection of payments at eco-tourism centres, Vanasree shops, mobile Vanasree units and eco-shops across the State. The Forest Department has set up Vanasree shops and units with the objective of marketing forest products, conserving and managing biodiversity, protecting the rich and sensitive ecosystem and uplifting the living standards of the tribals working in the area. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Irdai and National Health Authority (NHA)** will develop a **National Health Claims Exchange** as a digital platform to settle health claims. The National Health Claims Exchange will be developed as a digital platform, for settling the health claims. Chairman of IRDAI, **Debasish Panda**, has also proposed for creation of a working group with representation from industry. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In accordance with the **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority's (Irdai)** Sandbox programme, **Edelweiss General Insurance** has introduced **SWITCH**, a comprehensive motor insurance product. The motor insurance policy **SWITCH** is entirely digital and telematics-based. Customers will find the app convenient and hassle-free because it immediately activates insurance when the car is driven and senses motion, according to a statement from the insurer. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In order to undertake field research for the July 2022 cycle of the consumer confidence and inflation anticipation surveys, the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** announced that it had chosen to partner with the Mumbai-based **Hansa Research Group**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **SBI General Insurance** has launched the **Cyber VaultEdge insurance plan**, a comprehensive cyber insurance cover for individuals that provides protection against financial losses arising from cyber risks and attacks. Individuals exposed to any form of cyber risks can buy this policy for themselves and their family. **Family includes self, spouse, and 2 dependent children (up to 18 years of age)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Tech Giant, **Google** launched the **Startup School India initiative**, which aims to gather relevant information on startup building into a systematic curriculum to help 10,000 startups in Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities. The nine-week virtual programme will involve fireside chats between Google leaders and collaborators from across the startup ecosystem. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Public sector bank, **Punjab National Bank (PNB)** has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with **the Indian Air Force (IAF)** under its flagship scheme, **PNB Rakshak Scheme**. The MoU focus on providing a bouquet of benefits along with specially designed products for the IAF personnel, including personal insurance cover. ([Click here to read the article](#))


Appointments/Resignations

- **T. Raja Kumar** of Singapore has been appointed as the president of **Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**, the anti-money laundering watchdog. Kumar has replaced **Marcus Pleyer** who was holding the post till now, and will discharge his service for next two years. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former team India coach and cricketer, **Ravi Shastri** has been appointed the new brand ambassador for **FanCode**, a live content, sports statistics and e-commerce marketplace. FanCode is set to host some of the best cricketing action with exclusive rights to India's tour of the West Indies and ECB's The Hundred; and Shastri will bring out FanCode's 'fan-first' proposition by leading the upcoming campaigns for these properties. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **PokerBaazi.com**, a poker platform, has onboarded actor **Shahid Kapoor** as its brand ambassador. PokerBaazi.com has launched its new brand campaign '**You Hold the Cards**' featuring brand ambassador, actor Shahid Kapoor. The company said this association with the actor comes in line with its commitment to popularise and create awareness amongst the masses about poker. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Aviva India** has appointed **Asit Rath** as **chief executive officer and managing director**. Rath will succeed **Amit Malik** who is leaving the business after 10 years. The appointment will come into effect on July 11. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's Lieutenant General, **Mohan Subramanian** has been appointed the Force Commander in the **United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)**. He succeeds Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar of India. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced the appointment on July 5. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **R Dinesh**, Executive Vice-Chairman of TVS Supply Chain Solutions, has been chosen as the **Confederation of Indian Industry's (CII) President Designate** for the years 2022–2023. **Sanjiv Puri**, Chairman and Managing Director of ITC, was elected as the Vice-President of CII at a meeting of the CII National Council held in Delhi. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor, **Suranjan Das** was appointed as the president of the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU)**. His tenure as president will be for one year from July 1. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- Private non-life insurer **SBI General Insurance** had appointed **Paritosh Tripathi** as managing director and chief executive officer, effective July 5. He succeeds **P.C. Kandpal**, who has been posted as Deputy Managing Director (DMD)-(P&RE) at the Corporate Center, State Bank of India (SBI). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Senior bureaucrat **R K Gupta** was appointed as the **deputy election commissioner**, an order issued by the Personnel Ministry said. He comes in place of **T Sreekanth**. Gupta, a Central Secretariat Service (CSS) officer, will serve as deputy election commissioner (Joint secretary level) till 28 February next year, the date of his superannuation.

Defence News

- The Desert Corps of the **Indian Army** organised the "**Suraksha Manthan 2022**", on aspects of **Border & Coastal Security at Jodhpur (Rajasthan)**. During the course of the discussions, aspects of interoperability, operational cohesion and logistics were ironed out in order to enhance overall security along the International Boundary (IB) and coastal sectors. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** successfully carried out the **Maiden flight of Autonomous Flying Wing Technology Demonstrator** from Aeronautical Test Range at **Chitradurga in Karnataka**. The flight operated in a fully autonomous mode. The aircraft exhibited a perfect flight, including take-off, way point navigation and a smooth touchdown. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Father and daughter pair Flying Officer **Ananya Sharma**, who was commissioned as a fighter pilot in December 2021, and Air Commodore **Sanjay Sharma**, an experienced fighter pilot in the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**, made aviation history by flying in the same jet formation. At Air Force Station, Bidar, they flew in the same formation of **Hawk-132 Advanced Jet Trainers (AJT)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))



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- **Rashtriya Raksha University** at Gandhinagar has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with **DroneAcharya Aerial Innovations Private Limited** for setting up a **Remote Pilot Training Centre** for imparting drone flying skills. This training will be imparted to the Police and security force personnel and citizens at RRU Campus near Gandhinagar. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Directorate General Defence Estates (DGDE)** has developed a **Artificial Intelligence-based Change Detection Software** that can automatically detect unauthorised constructions & encroachments on the defence land using Satellite Imagery, demonstrating once again how technology has benefited the country's defense-related issues. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In the presence of **Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta**, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, **Indian Naval Air Squadron 324 (INAS 324)** was commissioned into the Indian Navy at **INS Dega** in Visakhapatnam. The squadron is the first naval squadron on the eastern seaboard to use helicopters that were designed and constructed domestically, the **Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) MK III (MR)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Defence ministry** gave three private sector banks permission to offer financial support to it for the purchase of military equipment abroad. These banks include **ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC Bank Ltd.** For services like the issuance of letters of credit and direct bank transfers to the ministry for overseas purchase, only authorised public sector banks have been used up until now. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Sini Shetty** has won the title of **Femina Miss India 2022**. She will now represent India at the 71st Miss World pageant. Shetty was crowned Femina Miss India World 2022 by her predecessor Miss India 2020, **Manasa Varanasi** at JIO World Convention Center in Mumbai. Femina Miss India 2022's first runner-up is **Rubal Shekhawat** from Rajasthan, while the second runner-up is **Shinata Chauhan**, who hails from Uttar Pradesh. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In honour of India's first President, **Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Award** in Public Administration has been established, according to Science and Technology Minister **Dr. Jitendra Singh** in New Delhi. Dr. Singh presided over a meeting of the Executive Council of the **Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India-born **Gita Gopinath** became the **first woman and second Indian** to feature on the 'wall of former chief economists' of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)**. The first Indian to achieve the honour was **Raghuram Rajan** who was Chief Economist and Director of Research of IMF between 2003 and 2006. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **The Polish government** has honoured the **maharajas of Jamnagar and Kolhapur** and others who sheltered Polish refugees fleeing the **Soviet Union invasion of Poland** during **World War II**. Honouring the invite, the Indian government sent a delegation of former royals, including **Yuvraj Sambhaji Raje and Sanyogitaraje Chhatrapati** of Kolhapur and representatives of Jamnagar royalty, to Poland. Poland's deputy PM **Piotr Glinski** also participated in the Warsaw event. Recalling their memories of living in India, Polish residents showcased pictures of the Indian kings' generosity. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- **HCL Technologies** was recognised at **Microsoft Partner of the Year Awards 2022**, for innovation and implementing customer solutions based on **Microsoft technology**. HCL Tech bagged Microsoft Partner of the Year Award for Healthcare and Life Sciences (global winner) and the 2022 UK Microsoft Partner of the Year Award (country winner). ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Tanuja Nesari**, Director of **All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA)** was awarded with the **Ayurveda Ratna Award** by the **UK Parliament**. The UK's All-Party Parliamentary Group on Indian Traditional Sciences (ITSappg) conferred the award recognising her contribution to promoting the growth of Ayurveda in India and abroad. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Summit and Conference

- At the Novotel Mumbai Juhu Beach in Mumbai, **Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi**, Union Minister for Minority Affairs, officially inaugurated the fifth **Global Film Tourism Conclave (GFTC)**. In collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, the **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)** organised the fifth GFTC with the subject "Unleashing the Power of Cinematic Tourism." ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting (FMM)** will be held in **Bali, Indonesia**, and it will be attended by External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar**. According to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs, the meeting's foreign ministers will discuss topics of current relevance, such as advancing multilateralism and current global concerns, such as the security of food and energy. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- During his visit to Varanasi, his Lok Sabha district, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is anticipated to launch development projects worth more than Rs. 1,774 crore. He has been to the city twice in the last four months. Nine topics designated for higher education in the **National Education Policy 2020** will be the subject of panel discussions. Modi will also inaugurate the **Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Samagam**, which is being organised by the Union Education Ministry at the international cooperation and convention centre **Rudraksh**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, **Parshottam Rupala** inaugurating **First India Animal Health Summit 2022**, he called for greater use of Ayurveda for ensuring better animal health. First India Animal Health Summit 2022 was held at NASC Complex, New Delhi understanding the significance of animal health towards the broader objective of the country's food and nutrition security, rural incomes and prosperity and overall economic development. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change will be organizing "**Hariyali Mahotsav**" on 8th July, 2022 at **Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi** in the spirit of "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". The mahotsav is being organized by **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** in collaboration with the State Governments, Police Institutions and Schools of Delhi for undertaking plantation drives on the occasion. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The former CEO of Niti Aayog, **Amitabh Kant**, will take on the role of G-20 Sherpa. **Piyush Goyal**, a Union Minister, would be replaced by **Kant** because he is expected to resign owing to workload. Later this year, India will preside over the G-20. It should be highlighted that the nation requires a full-time **G-20 Sherpa**, which **Goyal** is unlikely to provide as he already holds a number of cabinet positions. ([Click here to read the article](#))

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Ranks and Reports

- According to the **QS Best Student Cities Ranking 2023**, released by global higher education consultancy Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), **Mumbai** ranked at 103 has emerged as India's highest-ranked student city. The other Indian cities in the rankings include **Bengaluru at 114, Chennai at 125 and New Delhi at 129**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Odisha** has topped in the state ranking for implementation of the **National Food Security Act (NFSA)** through ration shops, followed by **Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh**. Union Food and Consumer Affairs Minister Piyush Goyal released the '**State Ranking Index for NFSA**' 2022 during a conference of state food ministers on food and nutrition security in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- In June, the services industry in India had its highest level of activity in 11 years because to growing demand, capacity development, and favourable economic conditions. The **S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)** for services increased to 59.2 in June from 58.9 in May, which is the highest level since April 2011. The results demonstrate a solid rebound in the services sector, which is reflected in good **GST** receipts. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Indian-American **Jayshree Ullal**, CEO of Arista Networks, an American computer networking company, and a member of the board of directors of Snowflake, was ranked near the top of **8th annual Forbes' America's Richest Self-Made Women**, with a net worth of **\$1.7 billion** as of May 2022. The list, released in June 2022, ranks her at **#15**, below Alice Schwartz, co-founder of Bio-Rad Laboratories, and above reality TV star Kim Kardashian. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- The **Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)** released a report according to the figures, the nation's jobless rate increased to 7.83% in April from 7.60% in March. According to the figures issued, the jobless rate in urban areas was higher at 9.22% compared to 8.28% in **March**. India's unemployment rate increased to 7.80 percent, with **Haryana and Rajasthan** at top in list in unemployment rate. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- India's population of 224.3 million **undernourished** people has decreased over the past 15 years according to the UN report. However, the number of obese adults and anaemic women has increased in the world's second-most populous nation. According to the State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2022 report, which was released by the **World Health Organization (WHO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP), and Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)**. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Sports News

- India captain **Jasprit Bumrah** bludgeoned a hapless **Stuart Broad** for **29 runs** to create a world record for maximum runs off a single over in Test cricket, beating the legendary Brian Lara's feat by one run. The world record stayed with Lara for 18 years, he had hit South African left-arm spinner Robin Peterson for **28 runs** in a Test match in 2003-04, which included four fours and two sixes off six legal deliveries. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Ferrari's **Carlos Sainz** registered his first Formula One win at **British Grand Prix 2022**, with the Spaniard finishing ahead of the Red Bull driver **Sergio Perez** and Mercedes' **Lewis Hamilton**. Carlos Sainz claimed his first Formula One victory in his 150th race. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Reigning Youth World Boxing champions **Alfiya Pathan and Gitika** have won **gold medals** at the **Elorda Cup in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan**. Two other Indian female boxers Kalaivani Srinivasan and Jamuna Boro signed off with silver medals. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Schemes and Committess News

- 11th World Urban Forum in Poland, the **National Institute of Urban Affairs' (NIUA's) Climate Centre for Cities (C-Cube)**, **World Resources Institute India (WRI India)**, and other partners inaugurated India's first national coalition platform for urban nature-based solutions (NbS). Ecosystem-based services and nature-based solutions are quickly becoming viable, affordable options for tackling climate change-related problems such as heat waves, urban flooding, pollution of the air and water, and storm surges. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Science and Technology News

- In order to establish a school where students would be trained toward sustainable goals like climate change mitigation, circular economy, energy transition, among others, the renewable energy company **Greenko** has partnered with **IIT-Hyderabad**. The **Greenko School of Sustainable Science and Technology (GSSST)** will open toward the end of this year, according to a statement from the company, and by June 2023, the first batch of students will be admitted for the MTech and Ph.D. programmes in sustainable science and technology, followed by the BTech programme. ([Click here to read the article](#))

- India's first Autonomous Navigation facility, **TiHAN** inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Jitendra Singh at the **IIT Hyderabad campus**. Developed at a budget of Rs. 130 crores by the Union Ministry of Science & Technology, TiHAN (Technology Innovation Hub on Autonomous Navigation) is a multidisciplinary initiative that will make India a global player in the futuristic and next generation 'smart mobility' technology. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At **Netaji Subhash Institute of Technology (NSUT)**, an artificial intelligence centre was inaugurated. In his remarks at the Center's opening, Deputy Chief Minister **Manish Sisodia** said universities must abandon conventional thinking and adopt an innovative approach if they are to advance the nation. According to **Manish Sisodia**, universities today take pride in having a Center of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence. It exhibits the lofty thinking of the young people leading the university and acting pro-actively. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Important Days

- **The International Plastic Bag Free Day** is held on **July 3** around the world to spread awareness that a plastic bag free world is possible and that sound environmental alternatives to single use plastic bags are available. 2022 is the **13th edition** of the celebrations. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Zoonoses Day** is marked annually on **6 July** to commemorate the first vaccination administered against a zoonotic disease like **influenza, ebola and West Nile virus**. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Chocolate Day** is celebrated on **July 7** every year to commemorate the invention of chocolate. This special day allows people around the world to indulge in their favourite treat without any guilt. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **World Kiswahili Day** is celebrated on the **7th of July** every year following a declaration by UNESCO member states in this regard. Kiswahili is one of the most widely spoken languages in Africa and the most widely spoken in sub-Saharan Africa. This first celebration of the World Kiswahili language day will be held under the theme '**Kiswahili for peace and prosperity**'. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Obituaries

- **Peter Brook**, one of the world's most innovative theatre directors who perfected the art of staging powerful drama in bizarre venues, has died aged 97. The British director mounted productions ranging from challenging versions of Shakespeare through international opera to Hindu epic poems. He brought a stunning nine-hour adaptation of the Sanskrit epic **"The Mahabharata" from France to New York in 1987.** ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Former India international **EN Sudhir**, who played as a goalkeeper for India in the 1970s, died in Mapusa, Goa. Sudhir, who made his international debut against Indonesia in Rangoon (currently Yangon) in the Olympic qualifiers in 1972, represented India in 9 matches. He was also part of the national team in the 1973 Merdeka Cup and the Asian Games squad in 1974. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Veteran Bengali film director, **Tarun Majumdar** has passed away at the age of 92. Tarun Majumdar was known for helming popular Bengali films such as **Smriti Tuku Thak, Shriman Prithviraj, Kuheli, Balika Badhu, Dadar Kirti, Chander Bari**, among others in his lifetime. He created a significant impact in uplifting the Bengali film industry during the 60s, 70s and 80s. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** Secretary-General, **Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo**, passed away. He was born in April 1959 in northeast Nigeria's Adamawa state, Barkindo assumed the office of the OPEC Secretary-General in 2016. His tenure was scheduled to expire in July. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- Freedom fighter **P. Gopinathan Nair** has passed away at the age of 100. He was known for following Gandhian ideology in his life and was honoured with the Padma award. He had participated in the freedom struggle. He had taken part in the **Quit India Movement of 1942** and had worked alongside **Vinoba Bhave** to promote Bhoodan and Gramdan movements. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Shinzo Abe**, Former **Japan's Prime Minister**, who was shot at during an election campaign in western **Japan's Nara city**, has passed away. The Nara fire department had earlier said that the 67-year-old Abe was in cardiopulmonary arrest before he was taken to the hospital. They said that he had been wounded on the right side of the neck and the left clavicle. ([Click here to read the article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- In 2021, **India's faunal database** gained 540 new species, bringing the overall number of animal species to 1,03,258. Additionally, in 2021, 315 taxa were added to the **Indian flora**, bringing the total number of floral taxa in the nation to 55,048. Of the 540 species of **fauna**, 134 are new records for **India**, while 406 are new finds. Also in 2021, thirteen new genera were found. One **mammal** species, 35 reptile species, and 19 species of fish are among the newly identified species. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Delhi** will host its first ever government-backed **shopping festival** from January 28 to February 26 next year, chief minister **Arvind Kejriwal** announced. The festival will have 200 concerts for entertainment, food walks and will also offer huge discounts on products. This will be the biggest ever shopping festival in India. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- A team from **National Monuments Authority** led by **Shri Tarun Vijay**, Chairman, National Monuments Authority, submitted a report on declaring **Mangarh hillock in Rajasthan** as a monument of National Importance in the year of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. This report carries relevant details about the Mangarh hillock and recommendations by National Monuments Authority. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- At the **Rashtrapati Bhavan Museum, Rashtrapati Bhavan** has organised a workshop on "Disaster Management of Museums and Heritage Buildings" in collaboration with the **National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)**. The President's Secretariat announced today that the goal of this training is to raise knowledge of disaster management among Rashtrapati Bhavan staff and other stakeholders, with a special focus on heritage buildings, museums, and cultural heritage. ([Click here to read the article](#))
- **Manish Sisodia**, the deputy chief minister of Delhi, started **Mission Kushal Karmi** to help construction workers improve their abilities. According to a formal press release, the Delhi government developed this programme with assistance from the **Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU)** and **Delhi Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board.** ([Click here to read the article](#))

Static Takeaways

- MD and CEO of IDFC FIRST Bank: V. Vaidyanathan
- MD of Star Health: Prakash Subbarayan
- Founder, EazyDiner: Kapil Chopra
- President & Head- Cards & Payments, Axis Bank: Sanjeev Moghe
- HCL Technologies CEO: C Vijayakumar (Oct 2016-);
- HCL Technologies Founded: 12 November 1991;
- HCL Technologies Headquarters: Noida.
- Director, Zoological Survey of India ((ZSI): Dhriti Banerjee
- Union Minister for Minority Affairs: Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- NTPC Ltd Founded: 7 November 1975;
- NTPC Ltd Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- Israel Capital: Jerusalem;
- Israel Currency: New Shekel;
- Israel President: Isaac Herzog.
- General manager of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank: Arun Kumar Patra
- Regional director of SBI Life, West Bengal: Jayant Pandey
- Union Minister of Steel: Sh. Ram Chandra Prasad Singh
- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari;
- Maharashtra Chief minister: Eknath Shinde;
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai.
- General manager of Paschim Banga Gramin Bank: Arun Kumar Patra
- Regional director of SBI Life, West Bengal: Jayant Pandey
- Himachal Pradesh Capital: Shimla (Summer) , Dharamshala (Winter);
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister: Jai Ram Thakur;
- Himachal Pradesh Governor: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.
- MD & CEO, Avanse Financial Services: Amit Gainda
- Executive director & CEO, Edelweiss General Insurance: Shanai Ghosh
- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu: Shri M. K. Stalin
- Industries Minister of Tamil Nadu: Thangam Thennarasu
- Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu: V. Irai Anbu
- DRDO Founded: 1 January 1958;
- DRDO Headquarters: New Delhi;

- DRDO Chairman: G. Satheesh Reddy;
- DRDO Motto: Strength's Origin is in Knowledge.
- Tata Power CEO & MD: Shri Praveer Sinha
- IRDAI Founded: 1999;
- IRDAI Headquarters: Hyderabad;
- IRDAI Chairperson: Debasish Panda.
- Managing Director of Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy: Mahesh Vyas
- Minister of Commerce & Industry: Piyush Goyal
- Chief of the Air Staff: Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
- Chief of the Naval Staff: Admiral R. Hari Kumar
- Executive director & CEO, Edelweiss General Insurance: Shanai Ghosh
- Chairman and Managing Director of ITC: Sanjiv Puri
- Chairman and Managing Director of Bajaj Finserv Ltd: Sanjiv Bajaj
- Association of Indian Universities Secretary General: Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal;
- Association of Indian Universities Formation: 1925 as Inter-University Board.
- SBI General Insurance Headquarters location: Mumbai;
- SBI General Insurance MD & CEO: Paritosh Tripathi;
- SBI General Insurance Founded: 24 February 2009.
- Google CEO: Sundar Pichai;
- Google Founded: 4 September 1998;
- Google Headquarters: Mountain View, California, United States.
- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra;
- Rajasthan Capital: Jaipur;
- Rajasthan Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot.

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