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Nation Celebrates 76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022

This year India is celebrating **76th Independence Day on 15th August 2022** to mark the country's freedom from nearly two centuries of **British colonial rule**. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** is leading the celebrations from Red Fort in New Delhi and is addressing the nation from Red Fort in New Delhi. This is his **ninth address** as the prime minister. To celebrate the 75 years of Independence the Government of India has started an initiative called "**Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**".

Independence Day 2022 Is 75th Or 76th?

On March 12, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence that started a **75-week** countdown to our anniversary of independence. This means that India will celebrate its **76th Independence Day on August 15, 2022**, and mark the **end of its 75 years of freedom**.

Independence Day honours the sacrifices of our courageous leaders and freedom fighters, who gave their all for the sake of the nation and the countrymen. This day serves us the perfect opportunity to travel back in time and reflect on the history and significance of this date.

Indian Independence Day 2022: History

The Englishmen entered Surat and Gujarat in 1619 for trading purposes. After the victory of the English East India Company at the **Battle of Plassey in 1757**, the Britishers made their control over India. The British Government dominated over the people of India for almost 200 years starting from 1757. Legendary freedom fighters and leaders like **Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhar Azad, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Mahatma Gandhi** and others sacrificed everything to see India as a free nation.

The Indian Independence movement began during **World War I** and was led by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. On August 15, 1947, India got its freedom, ending an almost 200-year British rule. India's first prime minister **Jawaharlal Nehru** raised the Indian national flag above the Lahori Gate of Red Fort in Delhi on August 15, 1947. It is a tradition that has since been followed by the incumbent Prime Minister, followed by an address to the country.

What is the Indian Independence Act 1947?

Lord Mountbatten was eventually given power by the **British Parliament** to transfer power by **June 30, 1948**. However, observing the people's impatience, Mountbatten realised that if he waited until June 1948, havoc will be created, which is why he advanced the process to August 1947. This announcement was followed by the agitation by the Muslim League and the demand for the partition of the country. Congress and the Muslim League accepted the plan. The immediate effect was given to the plan enacting the **Indian Independence Act of 1947**.

Some Interesting points:

- Five other countries celebrate their independence on August 15 along with India. They are **Bahrain, North Korea, South Korea and Liechtenstein**.
- Even after India's independence, **Goa** was still a Portuguese colony. It was annexed to India by the Indian Army only in **1961**. Thus, Goa was the last state to join the Indian territory.
- While India gained independence from **British rule** on 15th August 1947, there were certain regions which still remained under European control. The **French** had control over **Puducherry**. The French transferred the territories under its control to India on **1st of November 1954**.
- The **Indian national flag** with three horizontal stripes of red, yellow and green was hoisted on **August 7, 1906**, at Parsee Bagan Square in Kolkata. The first variant of India's current national flag was designed by freedom fighter **Pingali Venkayya** in 1921.
- The current flag with saffron, white and green colours and the **Ashok Chakra** in the middle was officially adopted on July 22, 1947, and hoisted on August 15, 1947.



- The Indian flag is manufactured and supplied from only one place in the nation. The **Karnataka Khadi Gramodyoga Samyukta Sangha (KKGSS)**, located in Dharwad in Karnataka, has the authority to manufacture and supply the Indian national flag.
- According to the **Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)**, the flag is manufactured only with hand-spun and handwoven cotton khadi wafting.

Ramsar Sites: 11 more Indian wetlands have got Ramsar Recognition

India has added **11 more wetlands** to the list of **Ramsar sites** to make a total of **75** such sites covering an area of **13,26,677 hectares** in the country. **75 Ramsar Sites in 75th Year of Independence India.** The 11 new sites designated as Ramsar sites included: four sites in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu and Kashmir and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

From 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 Indian sites were added to the list of Ramsar sites, However, during 2014 to 2022, the country has added 49 new wetlands to the list of Ramsar sites. During this year itself, a total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites.

The 11 Indian wetlands which have been designated as new Ramsar sites:

- Tampara Lake in Odisha;
- Hirakud Reservoir in Odisha;
- Ansupa Lake in Odisha;
- Yashwant Sagar in Madhya Pradesh;
- Chitrangudi Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
- Suchindram Theroor Wetland Complex in Tamil Nadu;
- Vaduvur Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
- Kanjirankulam Bird Sanctuary in Tamil Nadu;
- Thane Creek in Maharashtra;
- Hygam Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir;
- Shallbugh Wetland Conservation Reserve in Jammu and Kashmir.

What is the Ramsar site?

A Ramsar site is a wetland site designated to be of international importance under the Ramsar Convention, also known as “**The Convention on Wetlands**”, an intergovernmental environmental treaty established in **1971 by UNESCO**, which came into force in 1975. It provides for national action and international cooperation regarding the conservation of wetlands, and wise sustainable use of their resources.

Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) Awards 2022 announced

The **13th edition** of the **Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM) 2022** began on August 12 and will conclude on August 30. The event, held annually in Australia, celebrates the Indian film industry by screening some of the most prominent and acclaimed films, TV shows, and web series from the country. One of the highlights of the festival is the awards night, where select awards are given to the best performers from Indian cinema and the OTT scene from the previous year.

The event hosted by **Rithvik Dhanjani**, the event saw big wins for Kabir Khan’s sports drama 83 and its star Ranveer Singh, as well as the Prime Video web series Mumbai Diaries 26 and the film Jalsa. The two films that had the most nominations: **Jai Bhim and Gangubai Kathiawadi**—failed to win a single award.

Check out the full list of winners from the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2022 awards:

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1	Best Film	83
2	Best Director	Shoojit Sircar (Sardar Udham) and Aparna Sen (The Rapist)
3	Best Actor	Ranveer Singh (83)
4	Best Actress	Shefali Shah (Jalsa)
5	Best Series	Mumbai Diaries 26/11
6	Best Actor in a Series	Mohit Raina (Mumbai Diaries 26/11)
7	Best Actress in a Series	Sakshi Tanwar (Mai)
8	Best Indie Film	Jaggi
9	Best Film from the Subcontinent	Joyland
10	Lifetime Achievement Award	Kapil Dev
11	Disruptor in Cinema Award	Vaani Kapoor (Chandigarh Kare Aashiqui)
12	Equality in Cinema Award	Jalsa
13	Leadership in Cinema Award	Abhishek Bachchan

PM Modi announced 'Panch Pran' goal for the next 25 years

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** spoke to the nation from the Red Fort for the ninth time in a row on August 15, 2022. **PM Modi**, in his 88-minute speech, outlined his "Panch Pran Targets" (Five Resolves) to make India a developed country by the time it celebrates its 100th Independence Day in 25 years. Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** discussed the **Panch Pran** Goal.

Panch Pran: India's developed standards

- Cleanliness campaigns, vaccinations, electrical connections, the elimination of open defecation, and the usage of solar energy are all examples of established India standards according to the **Panch Pran**.
- A prime illustration of "liberation from the concept of servitude" is the New National Education Policy.
- Women's rights, gender equality, and India First are national emblems of solidarity and unity.
- India would advance if its citizens carry out obligations like saving power, practising chemical-free agriculture, and making the most of the available irrigation water.

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PM Modi requested every individual to follow **Panch Pran**. The **Panch Pran** are as follows:

- Advance with greater conviction and the determination of a developed India
- Get rid of any signs of slavery
- Take pride in India's history.
- the power of unity
- duties of citizens, such as those of the PM and CMs.



Panch Pran: PM Important Mentions:

- According to the **PM Modi**, when the nation celebrates 100 years of independence in 2047, these five resolutions (**Panch Pran**) will be important for a developed country.
- The prime minister's vision of "Vishwaguru India" is also one of these five resolutions (**Panch Pran**). On reaching 100 years of independence, **PM Modi** wants to transform India into the "Vishwaguru."

National Affairs

- In his last year's Independence Day speech, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** declared **August 14** to be observed as "**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**" to remind the nation of the sufferings and sacrifices of Indians during the partition in 1947. The day, which coincides with Pakistan's Independence day, will be observed in memory of the "**struggles and sacrifices of our people**". ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The golden joint of the **world's highest railway bridge over River Chenab** was inaugurated. For the first time ever since independence, Srinagar will be linked to the rest of India after the overarch deck on the world's highest single-arch railway bridge over River Chenab. The bridge will be **35 meters higher than the Eiffel Tower**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **government of India** has notified the appointments of another **11 High Court Judges** in the **Punjab and Haryana High Court**. The appointments include the names **Nidhi Gupta, Sanjay Vashisth, Tribhuvan Dahiya, Namit Kumar, Harkesh Manuja, Aman Chaudhary, Naresh Singh, Harsh Bunger, Jagmohan Bansal, Deepak Manchanda and Alok Jain**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India has donated \$ 400,000 (more than Rs 3 crore) to as many as four **Voluntary Trust Funds**, according to information released by the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in Geneva. It went on to say that the donation to **Voluntary Trust Funds** was made to show India's commitment to the global advancement and protection of human rights as well as its support for the UN Human Rights Council. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The government of India unveiled the “**Manthan**” platform to drive collaboration between the industry and research institutes to implement technology-based social impact innovations and solutions in the country. The launch of Manthan, a platform that promises to augment our efforts to build and nurture industry participation in R&D, is also a testimony of our commitment to the UN’s SDG goals. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India’s demand for petroleum products like petrol and diesel will **grow by 7.73 per cent in 2022, the fastest pace in the world**. India’s oil demand remained healthy at 0.7 millions barrels per day (million b/d), about 16 per cent y-o-y growth in June, after an annual growth of 0.8 million b/d in May. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) organised the event “**Yamuna Par Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**” at the water sports club in New Delhi. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, presided over the gathering of **Yamuna Par Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- A **first-of-its kind database of arrested narcotics offenders has been made operational** for use by various central and state prosecution agencies tasked to enforce anti-drugs laws in the country. The **portal-NIDAAN or the National Integrated Database on Arrested Narco-offenders**—has been **developed by the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Odisha Government has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Chennai-based National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) for the protection of coastal areas** from various natural calamities like flood, cyclone, soil erosion and high tide, etc. The Odisha coastal areas face natural calamities every year due to the effects of climate change. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- ‘**Medicine from the sky**’ pilot project drone service launched by the **Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh Pema Khandu**. ‘Medicine from the sky’ is also a part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, initiated by **Prime Minister Narendra Modi**. The first successful flight was conducted from Seppa to Chaoyang Tajo in the East Kameng district. This pilot project was a result of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision to introduce new technologies in the health care sector of India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Meghalaya** is all set to host the upcoming **2nd edition of the North East Olympics** from 30th October. **Meghalaya Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, and the North East Olympic Association** was held last evening to finalize the list of sports disciplines. The first edition of the Games was held in Manipur in 2018, with 12 disciplines. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Transport Minister, **Nitin Gadkari** has launched **India’s first electric double-decker bus at YB Centre** in south Mumbai. The name of the bus is “**Switch EiV 22**”, the double-decker bus will be run by the Mumbai civic transport body from September. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The people of all the villages in **Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu (D&NH and D&D)** declared their village to be a “**Har Ghar Jal**” through a resolution passed by the Gram Sabha, certifying that all households in the villages have access to safe drinking water through taps and ensuring that “**No One is Left Out.**” ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Border Road Organization (BRO)** will build **Steel Slag Road in Arunachal Pradesh** based on the Pilot project. The **Steel Slag Road** is the first of its kind Project which aims to make durable roadways that can withstand heavy rain and adverse climatic conditions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Chief Minister Eknath Shinde** announces that ‘**Dahi-Handi**’ will be recognized as an official sport in Maharashtra. The state is set to organize a ‘**Pro- Dahi Handi**’ completion. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

States in the News

- **The third airport in Arunachal Pradesh, which is now under construction in Itanagar, the state capital, has been given the name “Donyi Polo Airport” by the Arunachal Pradesh administration.** According to a representative of the Chief Minister’s Office, the state cabinet adopted “Donyi Polo Airport” as the name of the airport at its meeting. Pema Khandu, the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, presided over the gathering. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA)** in association with the **Seafood Exporters’ Association of India (SEAI)** will hold the **23rd edition of India International Seafood Show (IISS)** in Kolkata, the City of Joy from February 15 to 7 next year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

International Affairs

- Kenyan Deputy President, **William Ruto** is now the country's president-elect after he was declared the winner of the last presidential election over five-time contender **Raila Odinga**. Before **Wafula Chebukati**, the chair of Kenya's electoral commission could announce Ruto's victory. Ruto received **50.49%** of the vote, the chairman said, while Odinga received **48.85%**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- British health authorities stated that the UK has become the first nation to approve a bivalent **Moderna Covid booster vaccination**. Covid booster vaccination targets both the original strain of COVID-19 and the more recent Omicron version. The **Moderna Covid booster vaccination** was approved by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) as a "sharpened instrument" against the new coronavirus after it was determined to meet its requirements of safety, quality, and effectiveness. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- UN Secretary-General **Antonio Guterres** has named India's Electronics and Information Technology Secretary, **Alkesh Kumar Sharma** to a panel of eminent experts on internet governance. Internet pioneer **Vint Cerf** and Nobel Prize-winning journalist **Maria Reesa** were also appointed to the 10-member **Internet Governance Forum (IGF) Leadership Panel**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Scotland** are now required by law of **Scotland** to offer free sanitary products (**Period Products**) like tampons and pads to anyone who needs them. As the Period Products Act takes effect in **Scotland**, goods will be supplied through councils and educational institutions. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Agreements/MoUs Signed

- **Paytm** partnered with **Samsung stores** across **India** to facilitate smart payments as well as its loan service Paytm Postpaid through the deployment of point-of-sale devices. The partnership will enable consumers purchasing **Samsung devices** like **laptops, smartphones, television, smart watches etc**, from any authorised store in the country to pay through Paytm payment instruments, including UPI, wallet, buy now pay later scheme, debit cards and credit cards. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Yes Bank** has announced its partnership with **SellerApp** which is a seller-centric intelligence platform. This partnership between Yes Bank and SellerApp will encourage the seller segment of its client base to adopt Open Network Digital Commerce (ONDC) and also help them to expand their digital commerce footprint. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Mastercard** announced that Badminton players **Lakshya Sen, Kidambi Srikanth, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty** will come on board as brand ambassadors of the company in India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)** has partnered with a subsidiary of Financial Institutions, Inc. '**Five Star Bank**' on its digital transformation journey. This partnership enables it to determine lending risk and deliver hyper-personalized customer experiences using the TCS Customer Intelligence & Insights (CI&I) analytics platform. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Books and Authors

- Former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has a memoir coming out this fall. "**Bibi: My Story**" will be published November 22, in Israel. Born a year after the founding of the Jewish state, I have dedicated my life to combat the forces that seek its destruction and make peace with those that do not," . ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Banking/Economy/Business News

- The largest lender in the nation, **State Bank of India (SBI)** has introduced a unique term deposit programme called "**Utsav Deposit Scheme**". This fixed deposit scheme has higher interest rates and is only available for a limited time. This programme is introduced on the occasion of the nation's **76th year of Independence**, celebrated as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Kotak Mahindra Bank** has launched a lifestyle-focused salary account named "**Kotak Creme**". This account will offer an upgraded experience to its customers working in **MNCs, retails, law firms, unicorns etc**. The account will be available to all corporates in India and will also come with a host of privileges and rewards across **lifestyle, travel, healthcare, dining, skilling and learning experiences**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- India may become a **USD five trillion economy by 2028-29 only if the GDP grows at nine per cent per annum consistently for the next five years**, former RBI Governor D Subbarao said on Monday. Speaking at Federation of Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry on India @75- Marching Towards USD 5 Trillion Economy on the occasion of 75 years of Indian Independence. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India will start **supplying petrol with 20 per cent ethanol at select petrol pumps** from April next year and will ramp up supplies thereafter as it looks to cut oil import dependence and address environmental issues. **E20 petrol (petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol)** in some quantity will be available from April 2023 and the rest to be covered by 2025. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- On the occasion of 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, **Karnataka Bank** has introduced a new Term Deposit Scheme, **KBL Amrit Samridhi** under **Abhyudaya Cash Certificate (ACC)** and **Fixed Deposit for a tenure of 75 weeks (525 days)**. The interest rate for this Deposit Scheme is **6.10%** per annum. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Satish Kashinath Marathe, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, Revathy Iyer, and Sachin Chaturvedi** have all been renominated by the national government to serve as part-time, non-official directors on the **RBI's central board** or central board of the Reserve Bank of India. The RBI said on its website that **Gurumurthy and Marathe** have been renominated for another term of four years, until further instructions for **RBI's central board**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- According to figures issued by the commerce ministry, **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)**-based inflation in India decreased to 13.93% in July. The **WPI** inflation rate dropped from a record-breaking 16.63 percent in May to 15.18 percent in June. **Wholesale Price Index (WPI)** inflation was 11.57 percent in July 2021. The wholesale price index increased by double digits in July, marking the 16th consecutive month that the **WPI** has risen above the 10-percent threshold. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The country's largest lender, **State Bank of India (SBI)** has launched its first branch dedicated to start-ups in **Koramangala, Bengaluru**. SBI Chairman **Dinesh Khara** launched the branch in Koramangala near HSR Layout and Indiranagar which are the biggest start-up hubs in the city. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Subscribers of National Pension System (NPS) and Atal Pension Yojana (APY) can now contribute to their accounts through Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**, the country's instant real-time payment system. The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) has launched a UPI handle for depositing contributions through D-Remit for the benefit of subscribers. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Union Cabinet approved the enhancement in the limit of the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) by Rs 50,000 crore to Rs 5 lakh crore**, with the additional amount being earmarked exclusively for enterprises in hospitality and related sectors. ECLGS is a continuing scheme and the additional amount of Rs. 50,000 crore would be made **applicable to enterprises in hospitality and related sectors** till validity of the scheme in March 31 next year. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Shiprocket**, a logistics technology platform supported by **Zomato**, raised \$33.5 million (about Rs 270 crore) in a fundraising round co-led by Temasek and Lightrock India, **Shiprocket** becoming the 106th unicorn in India. With the new capital, **Shiprocket** was valued at about \$1.2 billion. Since its founding in 2017, **Shiprocket** has tripled in size and serves more than 66 million clients annually. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- **IRDAI**, the insurance regulator, in order to safeguard the interests of policyholders, has asked organisations to provide technologically advanced new solutions for automated death claim settlement, reducing miss-selling, and other components of the insurance ecosystem. The **Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)** is accepting applications for **Bima Manthan 2022**, its inaugural hackathon, with the topic “Innovation in Insurance.” ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **HDFC Bank** launched a new campaign called “**Vigil Aunty**”. **Vigil Aunty Campaign** attempts to motivate citizens all around the nation to adopt secure banking practices. This will go along with the bank’s “**Mooh Band Rakho**” campaign, which implores consumers to keep their banking information private. A campaign to promote **Vigil Aunty** and persuade people to follow her on social media and/or WhatsApp will be run for four to six weeks. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India’s third largest private sector bank, **Axis Bank** has signed an MoU with **Food Corporation of India (FCI)** to provide “**Ultima Salary Package**”, a best-in-class salary account with exclusive benefits & features to all its employees. With this MoU, the Bank has reinstated its commitment to offering holistic banking services to the employees of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSU) sector. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The asset management firm (AMC) **Edelweiss Mutual Fund (Edelweiss MF)** is slated to introduce India’s first programme that provides exposure to gold and silver through a single fund. The **Edelweiss Gold and Silver ETF Fund of Fund (FoF)** by **Edelweiss MF** new fund offer will expire on September 7. **Bhavesh Jain** and **Bharat Lahoti** are the fund managers for the scheme of **Edelweiss MF**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Ratan Tata**, a pioneer in the field, unveiled **Goodfellows**, a firm that offers senior folks companionship services. **Ratan Tata**, the Chairman Emeritus of **Tata Sons**, provided seed money for the platform in an unknown amount. **Goodfellows** completed a successful beta test over the past six months, and the service is now available in **Mumbai**. **Pune**, **Chennai**, and **Bangalore** are the next target cities. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **RBI** said the licence of **Deccan Urban Co-operative Bank**, **Karnataka**, has been cancelled as the lender does not have adequate capital and earning prospects. As per the data submitted by the bank, **more than 99 per cent of the depositors are entitled to receive the full amount of their deposits from Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation (DICGC)**, the central bank said in a release. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **HDFC Bank** inaugurated an all-women branch in **Kozhikode**, north **Kerala**. **Mayor** of the city **Corporation Beena Philip** opened the branch of **HDFC Bank**. As of **March 31, 2022**, women made up **21.7% (21,486)** of the workforce, according to the bank. By **2025**, the private lender wants to raise it to **25%**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Appointments/Resignations

- **IAS officer** of the **Nagaland cadre**, **Piyush Goyal** has been appointed by the **Central Government** as the new **CEO of NATGRID (National Intelligence Grid)**. Along with this, the **Central Government** has also issued an order to post **26 other officers** on the post of **Additional Secretary**. **Piyush Goyal** is currently serving as **Additional Secretary** in the **Union Home Ministry**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **UN Secretary-General António Guterres** has appointed **Simon Stiell** as the new **Executive Secretary** of the **United Nations Climate Change Secretariat** based in **Bonn, Germany**. The appointment has been endorsed by the **Bureau of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Centre** and the board of the **National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)** has appointed **Rajkiran Rai G** as its **managing director (MD)** for the next five years. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)** suggested **Mohammad Mustafa** to lead **NABARD**. **Mohammad Mustafa** is recommended by the bureau for the position of **Chairman** at the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**, according to a statement from the **FSIB**. **Mohammad Mustafa** served as the **Small Industries Development Bank of India’s Chairman and Managing Director (CMD)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Bajaj Electricals**, part of business conglomerate Bajaj Group, has elevated its Executive Director **Anuj Poddar** to **Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)**. The company has separated the post of Chairman & Managing Director and its patron **Shekhar Bajaj** will continue as **Executive Chairman** of the company. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Defence News

- **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Satpura** reached the **San Diego Harbour North American Continent** on 13th August to celebrate the 75 years of Independence of India. The INS Satpura conducted a **75 Lap Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Run** at the San Diego US Navy Base on the Independence Day of India. The ship hoisted the Indian Tricolour flag in the presence of the Indian diaspora and distinguished local dignitaries in the North American Continent on the historic occasion of 75 years of Independence of India. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** has unveiled the Statue of “**Veer Durgadas Rathore**” on his **385th** birth anniversary in **Rajasthan’s Jodhpur**. The Raksha Mantri paid glowing tribute to Veer Durgadas Rathore on the occasion, terming him as the symbol of social harmony, honesty, bravery and devotion. He stated that people, irrespective of caste or religion, should take inspiration from Veer Durgadas Rathore, who strived for peace and harmony against divisive elements in society. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Defence Minister of India, **Rajnath Singh** handed over to the **Indian Army** the much-awaited **Future Infantry Soldier as a System (F-INSAS)** at the unveiling ceremony of various defence and strategic systems held in Delhi. The full gear of the F-INSAS includes an AK-203 assault rifle, which is a Russian-origin gas-operated, magazine-fed, select-fire assault rifle. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India on August 15 gifted a **Dornier maritime reconnaissance aircraft to Sri Lanka** which will enable the island nation to tackle multiple challenges like human and drug trafficking, smuggling and other organised forms of crime in its coastal waters more effectively. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- The People’s Liberation Army of **China** will take part in the **Vostok-2022** strategic command and staff exercise in **Russia**, which also includes the armies of **India**, Belarus, Tajikistan, and Mongolia, according to the country’s defence ministry. **China’s** People’s Liberation Army will send some troops to **Russia** to participate in the **Vostok-2022 (East)** strategic exercise, in accordance with the two countries’ yearly military cooperation plan and agreement. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **The Border Security Force (BSF)** has signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** with the **Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC)** to ensure the safety and security of booking data under its air e-ticket service for the troops of India’s border guarding force. The pact will ensure the facility of **extra baggage, lounge, cargo** and less cancellation or reschedule charges for authorised BSF personnel. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India intends to purchase **Tu-160 bomber** from Russia, in order to boost its strategic force. America objected to its initial flight because of how hazardous this bomber is in nature. Tupolev **Tu-160 bomber** can reach a peak speed of 2220 kmph. The maximum weight that this aircraft can carry while flying is 110,000 kg. It has a 56-meter wingspan. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)** inked a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)** to establish its first international marketing and sales office in Kuala Lumpur in anticipation of a potential agreement for the **Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas** in Malaysia. The change has taken place because Tejas is being considered by Malaysia as a Fighter Lead-in Trainer (FLIT) aircraft for the Royal Malaysian Air Force. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Awards and Recognitions

- President of India, **Droupadi Murmu** has approved **107 Gallantry awards** to Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2022. The awards include three **Kirti Chakra**, 13 **Shaurya Chakras**, two **bar to Sena Medals (gallantry)**, 81 **Sena Medals (gallantry)**, one **Nao Sena Medal (gallantry)** and seven **Vayu Sena Medals (gallantry)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- London home of **Dadabhai Naoroji** will get a ‘**Blue Plaque**’, an honour that is reserved for notable personalities who have lived and worked in London. Naoroji was the first Asian who was elected as a **Member of Parliament in Britain**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The Union ministry of home affairs (MHA) has awarded **1,082 police personnel** from CAPFs and state forces with various categories of service medals, including for gallant action on the eve of Independence Day. The decorations include **347 police medals for gallantry (PMG), 87 President’s police medals** for distinguished service and **648 police medals for meritorious service**. ([Click here to read complete article](#)).
- As the first recipient from the global south and the first South Asian, renowned Bangladeshi architect, researcher, and educator **Marina Tabassum** received the prestigious **Lisbon Triennale Millennium bcp Lifetime Achievement Award**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Ranks and Reports

- **Defence forces, RBI and Prime Minister of India** are the three most trusted institutions in the country, according to a **survey by Ipsos India**. The Supreme Court of India came fourth and it was followed by the **Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)**. **Defence Forces** with at least 2 in 3 (65 per cent of respondents) reposing faith in them was ranked first, followed by **Reserve Bank of India** with 1 in 2 (50 per cent). **Prime Minister of India** as an institution was at the third spot with **49 per cent citizens** having trust in it, the survey said. ([Click here to read complete article](#))



- Full-service **Vistara** emerged as the second biggest airline by domestic market share last month with a **10.4% pie of the sky**, distantly second to the market leader **IndiGo at 58.8%**. The airline is Tata Sons’ joint venture with Singapore Airlines. The number three, four and five positions saw airlines separated by just decimal points — **Air India (8.4%), GoFirst (8.2%) and SpiceJet (8%)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Sports News

- The Bureau of the **FIFA Council** has unanimously decided to suspend the **All India Football Federation (AIFF)** with immediate effect due to undue influence from third parties, which constitutes a serious violation of the **FIFA Statutes**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Malaysia’s premier men’s hockey tournament, the **Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2022** will be held from **November 16 to 25 in Ipoh**. The tournament is making a return after a two-year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. World No 1 **Australia**, fifth-ranked **Germany, India, New Zealand, and Canada** have been invited to the tournament. All matches will be played at the Azlan Shah Stadium in the city of Ipoh in Malaysia, which is the permanent venue of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Asia’s Oldest Football Tournament Durand Cup** has begun. The **131st edition** of the **Durand Cup 2022** has been kicked off, the **Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Chief Army Staff General Manoj Pande** will visit Manipur to be a spectator of the inaugural match. The inaugural match will be held at the **Khuman Lampak Stadium in Imphal**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Ireland** all-rounder **Kevin O’Brien** has announced his **retirement from international cricket** after falling out of contention for this year’s T20 World Cup in Australia. O’Brien played three Tests, 153 one-day internationals and 110 T20 internationals during a 16-year international career and had spells with a number of English county clubs and T20 franchise sides around the world. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Bengaluru will host the **FIBA U-18 women’s Asian Basketball Championship** beginning on September 5. According to Dr. Narayanagowda, the minister of sports and youth empowerment for Karnataka, Bengaluru will host the **FIBA U-18 women’s Asian Basketball Championship** from September 5 to 11. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Schemes and Committees News

- The Indian Olympic Association has been directed by the Delhi High Court to set up a **three-member Committee of Administrators(CoA)** to take over its affairs. According to PTI, the court took the decision after the IOA's "**persistent recalcitrance**" to comply with the Sports Code. A bench of Justices Manmohan and Najmi Waziri said the CoA to run IOA's day-to-day affairs will comprise former Supreme Court judge Justice **Anil R Dave**, former **Chief Election Commissioner Dr S.Y Quraishi**, and former **Secretary of Ministry of External Affairs Vikas Swarup**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Union Minister of Earth Sciences, **Jitendra Singh** has launched India's first saline water lantern, '**Roshini**', which uses seawater to power **Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps**. The minister unveiled the first-of-its-kind lantern during his visit to **Sagar Anveshika**, a coastal research vessel operated by the **National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) Chennai** for marine research. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App** were launched by the **Union Minister of State for Health, Bharti Pravin Pawar** in Mumbai. The launch of the **Paalan 1000 National campaign and Parenting App** aims to reduce the child mortality rate and take care of the first 1000 days a child after birth. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- The American space agency, **NASA** has rolled out its giant new Moon rocket, surrounding the **Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft**, the vehicle was moved to **Pad 39B** at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida ahead of the expected lift-off on **29 August**. The near 100m-tall (328ft) SLS rode an immense tractor to the pad. The SLS will be used under the **Artemis mission** that will take humans back to the Moon his time with plans for a longer presence on the surface. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Science and Technology News

- Researchers in Hyderabad have successfully 3D-printed an artificial cornea (**3D-printed Human Cornea**) and placed it in a rabbit eye for the first time ever in India. A **3D-printed Human cornea** made from human donor corneal tissue has been created by

researchers from the **L V Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)**, **Indian Institute of Technology-Hyderabad (IIT-H)**, and the **Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB)**. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **The Indian national flag** was unfurled in space at an altitude of over **30 km** as the country marked its **75 years of Independence**. The tricolour was sent to the edge of space on a balloon by **Space Kidz India**, which describes itself as an aerospace organisation creating young scientists for the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (**HAL**) handed two pieces of space equipment to the Indian Space Research Organization (**ISRO**) for use in the **Gaganyaan mission**. This is the second crew module fairing (CMF) that India's top space agency has purchased from HAL for the mission ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Important Days News

- Every year, **Parsi New year** is celebrated on the **16th of August**. This year also on Parsi New Year 2022, India will observe a regional holiday which marks the beginning of the new year according to the '**Shahenshahi**' calendar. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Photography Day** is celebrated on **August 19** each year. The aim of World Photography Day is to create awareness, share ideas and encourage people to take up photography. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Humanitarian Day** is celebrated on **August 19** every year to recognise all aid and health workers who volunteer to help victims of disasters and crises against all odds. The day aims to spread awareness about the need for humanitarian assistance worldwide. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- India celebrates **Sadbhavna Diwas** in memory of **Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary**. **Sadbhavna Diwas 2022** commemorates the **78th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi** on 20th August 2022. **Sadbhavna Diwas** was instituted after the death of Rajiv Gandhi in **1992**, by Congress. **Sadbhavna Diwas** promotes **peace, harmony, empathy, and unity** among all citizens of India. On this several cultural events and contests are organized across the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- Every year on the 20th of August India observes **Akshay Urja Diwas or Renewable Energy Day**. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022 or Renewable Energy Day aims to spread awareness about the **development and adoption of renewable energy** in India. Akshay Urja Diwas 2022, marks its importance by promoting and lining up the alarming rate of depletion of Natural resources. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **World Mosquito Day**: The monsoon season is when mosquito-borne illnesses including malaria, dengue fever, and chikungunya are most prevalent. **World Mosquito Day** reminds us of the Millions of people worldwide are in danger of dying from it, despite the fact that it is treatable and preventable. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Obituaries

- Veteran stock market investor, **Rakesh Jhunjhunwala** passed away at the age of 62. Often referred to as **'India's Warren Buffett' and the Big Bull of Indian markets**, Jhunjhunwala's net worth was **\$5.8 billion**. An investor with a Midas touch, Jhunjhunwala was the 48th richest man in the country. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- An Indian American journalist, **Uma Pemmaraju** has passed away at the age of 64. She was a part of various shows such as **The Fox Report, Fox News Live, Fox News Now, and Fox On Trends**. She has been awarded many Emmy Awards in her career for investigative reporting and journalism. ([Click here to read complete article](#))
- **Amitabh Chaudhary** the former **BCCI acting secretary** and president of **Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA)** has passed away. He served as acting secretary of the BCCI until 2019. He entered cricket administration in 2004 and served as the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) president for over a decade. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Miscellaneous News

- **Indian Railway Protection Force (RPF)**, have launched a pan-India operation known as **Operation Yatri Suraksha**. Under this initiative, several steps are taken to provide round-the-clock security to passengers. To kickstart Operation Yatri Suraksha, the RPF launched a month-long pan-India drive against criminals who loot passengers in July 2022. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

- **Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal** has formally unveiled his **Aam Aadmi Party's** national ambition with the launch of the **'Make India No 1' campaign**. At an event organised at Talkatora stadium here, he proposed a five-point vision for good governance. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor termed the campaign a "national mission" and appealed to the masses to join. ([Click here to read complete article](#))

Static Takeaways

- FIFA President: Gianni Infantino;
- FIFA Founded: 21 May 1904;
- FIFA Headquarters: Zürich, Switzerland.
- NATGRID Formed: 2009;
- NATGRID Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- SBI Chairperson: Dinesh Kumar Khara.
- SBI Headquarters: Mumbai.
- SBI Founded: 1 July 1955.
- Minister of Railways: Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO: Uday Kotak;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Kotak Mahindra Bank Founded: February 2003.
- Kenya Capital: Nairobi;
- Kenya Currency: Shilling.
- MHRA Chief Executive: Dr June Raine
- Chair of the Commission on Human Medicines: Professor Sir Munir Pirmohamed
- Karnataka Bank Headquarters: Mangaluru;
- Karnataka Bank CEO: Mahabaleshwara M. S;
- Karnataka Bank Founded: 18 February 1924.
- Chairman of the Mahindra & Mahindra group: Anand Mahindra
- Chairman of Zydus Lifesciences: Pankaj Patel
- TVS Motors Chairperson: Venu Srinivasan
- National Institute of Ocean Technology Founded: 1993;
- National Institute of Ocean Technology Director: Dr Gidugu Ananda Ramadass;
- National Institute of Ocean Technology Parent agency: Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- IRDAI Founded: 1999;
- IRDAI Headquarters: Hyderabad;
- IRDAI Chairperson: Debasish Panda.
- Bajaj Group Founder: Jamnalal Bajaj;
- Bajaj Group Founded: 1926;
- Bajaj Group Headquarters Location: Pune, Maharashtra.

- Meghalaya Capital: Shillong;
- Meghalaya Governor: Satya Pal Malik;
- Meghalaya Chief minister: Conrad Sangma.
- NASA administrator: Bill Nelson;
- Headquarters of NASA: Washington D.C., United States;
- NASA Founded: 1 October 1958.
- Maharashtra Capital: Mumbai;
- Maharashtra Chief Minister: Eknath Sindhe;
- Maharashtra Governor: Bhagat Singh Koshyari.
- MD and CEO of Paytm: Vijay Shekhar Sharma;
- Paytm Founded: August 2010;
- Paytm Headquarters: Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.
- 13th and Current FIBA President: Hamane Niang
- FIBA Asia President: Saud Ali. Al-Thani
- Axis Bank Founded: 1993;
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra;
- Axis Bank Chairman: Rakesh Makhija;
- Axis Bank MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhary;
- Axis Bank Tagline: Badhti Ka naam Zindag.
- Managing director and CEO, Edelweiss MF: Radhika Gupta
- Sebi-registered investment adviser and co-founder of MyWealthGrowth: Harshad Chetanwala
- Mastercard Founded: 16 December 1966, United States;
- Mastercard Headquarters: New York, United States;

- Mastercard CEO: Michael Miebach;
- Mastercard Executive Chairman: Ajay Banga.
- Founder and general manager of Goodfellows: Shantanu Naidu
- Tata Consultancy Services CEO: Rajesh Gopinathan;
- Tata Consultancy Services Headquarters: Mumbai;
- Tata Consultancy Services Founded: 1 April 1968.
- Border Security Force Director General: Pankaj Kumar Singh;
- Border Security Force Founded: 1 December 1965;
- Border Security Force Headquarters: New Delhi, India.
- ISRO Chairman: S Somanath
- HAL Chairman: Mihir Kanti Mishra
- Union Space Minister: Jitendra Singh

