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Income Tax Returns for 2021-2022 fiscal went past 5.73 crore

- Over 63.47 lakh income tax returns were filed till 10 pm on Sunday, the last day for filing ITR for the 2021-22 fiscal by salaried individuals.
- The deadline for filing I-T returns by those taxpayers who do not have to get their accounts audited for the fiscal that ended on March 31 was July 31, 2022.
- . The total number of ITRS for the 2021-22 fiscal filed till 10 pm went past 5.73 crore.

Punjab govt inks pact to become member of 'Under2 coalition'

- The Punjab govt has signed an agreement for becoming a member of the prestigious Global Network called 'Under2 Coalition' to check global warming.
- . With this, Punjab has become a member of the largest network of 221 states of 43 countries committed to reducing carbon dioxide and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Punjab is the sixth Indian state to join the 'Under2 Coalition'

Chabahar Day conference begins in Mumbai

- Union Minister Sarbanand Sonowal inaugurated the Chabahar Day conference in Mumbai on 31 July 2022.
- Union Shipping & Waterways Ministry organized this conference on the occasion of 'Chabahar Day'!
- This day is celebrated to mark the beginning of the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).
- The Chabahar port located in Iran will also be part of the INSTC.

Anahat Singh: India's youngest athlete at the 2022 Commonwealth Games

- 14 years old Squash player Anahat Singh is India's youngest athlete to participate in the ongoing 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG) in Birmingham.
- She hails from Delhi & is currently studying in Class 9.
- She was selected for the Indian team following her victory at the Asian Junior Squash in 2022.
- On 29 July 2022, Anahat won her debut match at the CWG 2022 by defeating her opponent Jada Ross.

Max Verstappen wins the 2022 Hungarian F1 Grand Prix

- Red Bull's Max Verstappen on 31 July 2022 won the Hungarian Formula1 Grand Prix.
- Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton and his teammate George Russell came at the second and third positions respectively.
- Verstappen has won 8 races in 2022 so far - Saudi Arabian GP, Emilia Romagna GP, Miami GP, Spanish GP, Azerbaijan GP, Canadian GP, French GP, & now the Hungarian GP.
- It was also his 70th podium finish.

India & Oman to hold military exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' from 1 August

- The 4th Edition of India-Oman Joint Military Exercise 'AL NAJAH-IV' will take place in the Mahajan field firing ranges in Rajasthan from August 1 to 13, 2022.
- A 60-member team from the Royal Army of Oman will join the exercise.
- The Indian Army will be represented by troops from the 18 Mechanised Infantry Battalion.
- The previous edition of this exercise was organised in Muscat in March 2019.

Sanjay Arora appointed as the new Delhi Police commissioner





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- Sanjay Arora, director general of the ITBP and a 1988-batch IPS officer, has been appointed as the next Delhi Police Commissioner.
- Arora will succeed Rakesh Asthana, whose term ended on 31 July 2022.
- Earlier, Arora was appointed the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) DG in August 2021.
- He has also been awarded the 'Police Medal for Meritorious Service' in 2004.

Jeremy Lalrinnunga wins Gold in men's 67 kg weightlifting at CWG 2022

- Indian weightlifter Jeremy Lalrinnunga on 31 July 2022 won the gold medal in the men's 67 kg category at the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.
- He lifted a total of 160kg in the clean and jerk segment to finish with a grand total of 300kg.
- This is India's second gold medal at the CWG after Mirabai Chanu delivered gold on 30 July.
- Chanu had won gold in the women's 49 kg category.

West Bengal to get seven new districts, total number to rise to 30

- Mamata Banerjee led West Bengal government has decided to carve out seven new districts in the state to simplify administrative operations.
- Earlier there were 23 districts in Bengal which has now gone up to 30.
- Six new district names are: Sunderban, Ichhemati, Ranaghat, Bishnupur, Jangipur, Behrampur.
- One more district will be named in Basirhat region.

NBA legend Bill Russell passes away

- NBA legend William Felton Russell or Bill Russell passed away in July 2022.
- Russell also served as a player coach for the Celtics and became the first black coach of a US sports team.
- The list of accolades won by him include a hall of fame award, the most valuable player award five times, the all-star award 12 times, and an Olympic gold medal in the 1956 Melbourne Olympics.

Gururaja Poojary wins bronze at Commonwealth Games 2022

- Gururaja Poojary won a bronze medal in the men's 61kg final at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 2022 in July 2022.
- Poojary successfully pulled off a combined lift of 269kg, (118kg in snatch and 151kg in clean and jerk) to ensure India's second medal of the Games.
- He had won a silver medal at the Gold Coast Games in 2018 earlier.

India's Sanket Sargar wins silver in 55kg category weightlifting

- Sanket Mahadev Sargar won the silver medal in the men's 55kg category weightlifting in Commonwealth Games 2022.
- He led in the snatch event with a lift of 113 kgs.
- He then produced a great performance in the clean and jerk too where he lifted 135kg in his first attempt and then failed at both his attempts to lift 139 kgs.
- He finished with a total lift of 248 kgs.

World Breastfeeding Week 2022: 1-7 August

- World Breastfeeding Week 2022 is being observed from 1-7 August.





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- In order to support and encourage breastfeeding, WHO and United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) created a memorandum in 1990.
- Following this, the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) was established in 1991.
- The inaugural World Breastfeeding Week was observed in 1992.

Achinta Sheuli wins third gold medal for India

- Achinta Sheuli won a gold medal - the country's third in the men's 73kg final in - the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- He lifted a highest of 143kg in snatch - which is a Games record - and 170kg in Clean & Jerk series, combining for an impressive and record-breaking 313 kg.
- This was India's sixth medal at the CWG 2022.

Vietnam-India bilateral army exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" begins

- The 3rd Vietnam-India Bilateral Army Exercise "Ex VINBAX 2022" began on 1 Aug'22 at Chandimandir.
- It will continue till 20 Aug'22.
- The exercise a sequel to previously conducted bilateral exercise in Vietnam in 2019.
- The theme of Ex VINBAX - 2022 is employment and deployment of an Engineer Company and a Medical Team as part of United Nations Contingent for Peace Keeping Operations.

Odisha partners with FICCI for upcoming 'Make in Odisha' conclave

- Odisha & the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) signed an MoU making FICCI the National Industry Partner for the Make in Odisha (MIO) Conclave 2022.
- To attract investors & entrepreneurs from around the world, the 3rd edition of the MIO conclave is scheduled to be held from November 30th to December 4th, 2022.

Shushila Devi wins silver medal in judo 48kg final at the CWG 2022

- Indian judoka Shushila Devi Likmabam on 1 August 2022 won a silver in the women's judo 48 kg final at the ongoing 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- Sushila came up short against South Africa's Michaela Whitebooi in the final.
- While in men's category, Vijay Kumar Yadav won a bronze medal in the judo - 60kg final.
- India has so far won 9 medals which include 3 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze.

Point 5140 at Drass in Kargil Sector named as 'Gun Hill'

- To commemorate the victory of Indian armed forces and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice of the Gunners in "Operation Vijay", Point 5140 at Drass in Kargil has been christened as 'Gun Hill'
- The capture of Point 5140 by the Indian armed forces, was the key factor in the early completion of the 1999 Kargil war.
- On July 26, 1999, the Indian Army declared victory in 'Operation Vijay'.

Tania Sachdev won 44th Chess Olympiad

- Tania Sachdev registered a 2.5-1.5 win for India against Hungary in the fourth-round match of women section at the 44th Chess Olympiad in Mamallapuram, Chennai.
- Koneru Humpy, Dronavalli Harika and R Vaishali ended with a draw in their respective encounters.





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- She thrashed Zsoka Gaal to earn a decisive point as well as the match for the team.

Harjinder Kaur wins bronze medal at Commonwealth Games 2022

- Harjinder Kaur won a bronze medal at the women's 71kg final at Commonwealth Games 2022.
- She brought India its seventh weightlifting medal and ninth overall of the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- Harjinder's total attempt was of 212 kg (93 in snatch and 119 in Clean & Jerk).
- England's Sarah Davies won a gold medal.

England beat Germany to win UEFA Women's Euro 2022

- England on 31 July 2022 won the 2022 UEFA European Women's Football Championship at Wembley Stadium in London.
- England defeated the eight-time champions Germany by 2-1 in the final.
- It is the first time since 1966 that England won an international trophy.
- The Euro 2022 was the 13th edition of the UEFA Women's Championship which took place from 6 July to 31 July 2022 in England.

Nitin Gadkari inaugurates six National Highway projects in MP

- Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 6 National Highway projects of 119 km worth Rs 2300 cr in Indore, MP.
- The development of the Dhar-Pithampur Industrial Corridor will create new employment opportunities.
- An MoU was signed between the state govt and NHAI for the construction of ropeways at 14 selected places in MP.

Parliament passes Weapon of Mass Destruction Amendment Bill

- Parliament has passed the Weapon of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Amendment Bill 2022.
- It seeks to amend the Weapons of Mass Destruction and their Delivery Systems (Prohibition of Unlawful Activities) Act, 2005.
- The 2005 Act prohibits unlawful activities such as manufacturing, transport or transfer related to weapons of mass destruction.

CCI approves acquisition of stake in IDFC by Bandhan Fin Holdings

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Rs 4,500 crore deal wherein the Bandhan Financial Holdings led consortium will buy stakes in IDFC Asset Management and IDFC AMC Trustee.
- This includes acquisition of 99.96% stake in IDFC Asset Management Company Ltd and 100% shareholding in IDFC AMC Trustee Company Ltd.
- IDFC AMC is the asset management company of IDFC Mutual Fund.

IFS officer Shweta Singh appointed as Director in PMO

- Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Shweta Singh was on 2 August 2022 appointed as a director in the Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
- Singh is a 2008-batch IFS officer.





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- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved Singh's appointment for a period of three years from the date of her joining.

146th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya: 2 August 2022

- On 2 August 2022, the 146th birth anniversary of freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya was celebrated across the country.
- Venkayya, a freedom fighter and staunch Gandhian, was the first to draw up a rudimentary design of the national flag in 1921.
- His design for the National Flag was finally approved by Mahatma Gandhi in Vijayawada in 1921.
- Venkayya breathed his last on 4 July 1963.

IISc signs MoU with Indian Navy for collaborative research

- Bengaluru-based Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Indian Navy have signed an MoU to collaborate on aviation research and development.
- The areas of collaboration under the MOU will fall under the domain of aerospace/ aeronautical engineering, including design and education technology.
- This agreement will also promote joint research programmes in areas of mutual interest.

Blockchain network 5ire signs pact with Goa Police

- Goa Police on 2 August 2022 signed an MoU with blockchain network, 5ire, to take its processes digital.
- With this MOU, Goa will become the first police state in India to go completely paperless.
- This agreement with 5ire will help Goa Police to implement a smart policing solution to improve transparency and efficiency in policing.

Airbus & GMR form partnership for aircraft maintenance engineering

- European aerospace company Airbus on 2 August 2022 signed a contract with GMR Group to provide aircraft maintenance training to young aviation engineers in India.
- As per the agreement, Airbus will provide all the necessary software and courseware to train the engineers at the GMR School of Aviation in Hyderabad.
- In addition, Airbus will also provide training to GMR instructors.

PSBs have written off loans worth Rs 10 lakh crore in last 5 years

- Banks have written off loans worth about 10 lakh crore in the last five financial years.
- During 2021-22, the write-off amount came down to 1,57,096 crore compared to ₹2,02,781 crore in the previous year.
- The highest write off in five years was recorded in 2018-19 at 2,36,265 crore.
- As per the RBI's CRILC data, total number of willful defaulters in the last four years stood at 10,306.

Indian men's table tennis team clinches gold at CWG 2022

- The Indian men's table tennis team won the gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham on 2 August 2022.
- India defeated Singapore by 3-1 in the final.
- This is India's third gold medal at the CWG in the men's team event having earlier won in 2010 and 2018.





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- On 2 August 2022, the Indian women's lawn bowls team also won its first-ever gold at the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Hardeep Singh Puri inaugurates 4th ONGC Para Games in New Delhi

- Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri on 2 August 2022 inaugurated the 4th ONGC Para Games in New Delhi.
- Nearly 275 Persons with Disabilities (PWD) from across the country are participating in these Games.
- These all are employees of 8 central oil & gas public enterprises. . The first edition of the ONGC Para Games was held in 2017.

Auguste Tano Kouamé appointed World Bank's Country Director for India

- . The World Bank has appointed Auguste Tano Kouamé as the Country Director for India.
- He replaces Junaid Kamal Ahmad who recently completed a five-year term.
- Auguste, a national of Côte d'Ivoire, most recently served as the World Bank's Country Director for the Republic of Türkiye.

Commonwealth Games: India win first-ever gold medal in Lawn Bowls

- India on 2 August 2022 clinched their first-ever gold medal in Lawn Bowls after defeating South Africa in the final of the Women's Fours event at the 2022 Commonwealth Games (CWG).
- The quartet of Lovely Choubey, Pinki Singh, Nayanmoni Saikia and Rupa Rani Tirkey led India to their first-ever medal in this sport.
- It was India's fourth gold medal at the ongoing CWG 2022 in Birmingham.

3-day Monetary Policy Committee Meeting begins in Mumbai

- The three-day Monetary Policy Committee Meeting began on 3 August 2022 in Mumbai in the presence of RBI Governor Shaktikant Das and other MPC members.
- The MPC will announce its bi-monthly monetary policy on 5 Aug.
- The MPC will discuss the policy for financial year 2022-23.
- After keeping the policy rates unchanged for almost 2 years the apex bank has continued the rate hike cycle for 2022.

India achieves milestone with over 75,000 start-ups recognised so far

- Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has recognized more than 75,000 startups which is a milestone coinciding with 75th year of independence.
- Out of the total recognized startups, around 12% cater to IT services, 9% to Healthcare and Life Sciences, 7% to education, 5% to professional and commercial services and 5% to agriculture.

Trade deficit at record \$31 billion in July

- India's merchandise trade deficit widened sharply to a record \$31.02 billion in July, pushed by a rise in crude oil and coal imports.
- The trade deficit stood at \$10.63 billion in same month a year earlier.
- This is the third month in a row that the monthly trade deficit had breached previous records - May had clocked a deficit of \$24.3 billion, followed by \$26.2 billion in June.





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SVC Bank partners with SIDBI for empowering MSMEs

- SVC Co-operative Bank (SVC Bank) and Small Industries Development Bank in India (SIDBI) have announced a partnership through an agreement.
- As per the agreement, SIDBI will extend Refinance facility to SVC Bank to facilitate an improved flow of credit to MSMEs.
- SIDBI is the Principal Financial Institution for Promotion, Financing and Development of the MSME sector.

India set to be part of 17-nation "Pitch Black" Exercise in Australia

- India will be part of a mega air combat exercise in Australia that is set to witness the participation of around 100 aircraft and 2,500 military personnel from 17 countries.
- India's participation in the exercise, "Pitch Black", has been confirmed by the Australian government.
- The exercise is scheduled to take place from August 19 to September 6, 2022.

Indian Oil signs MoU with National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)

- Indian Oil has signed an MoU with National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) for transcontinental relocation of 'Cheetah' in its historical range in India.
- Under this project, a source population of 8-10 Cheetahs will be flown in from Namibia and South Africa and will be introduced at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- It is a national project involving NTCA and the govt of MP.

Cabinet approves India's updated NDC to UNFCCC

- The Union Cabinet has approved India's updated Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to be communicated to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- India now stands committed to reduce Emissions Intensity of its GDP by 45% by 2030, from 2005 level and achieve about 50% cumulative electric power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy resources by 2030.

EAM S Jaishankar reaches Cambodia for India-ASEAN Ministerial meeting

- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is on a visit to Cambodia from August 3-4, 2022.
- He will attend the ASEAN-India ministerial meeting in Phnom Penh during which he will take stock of the ASEAN-India partnership.
- The year 2022 is being celebrated as the ASEAN-India Friendship Year as announced by ASEAN and Indian leaders at the 18th ASEAN-India Summit in October 2021.

Suresh N Patel sworn in as Central Vigilance Commissioner

- Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N Patel has been appointed as the Central Vigilance Commissioner, a year after the post fell vacant.
- Patel has been working as the acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC) since June 2022.
- Former Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Sanjay Kothari had completed his term as the CVC on June 24, 2021.

NIESBUD joins hands with Hindustan Unilever Limited





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- National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD) and Hindustan Unilever Limited (HUL) has signed an MOU.
- It has been signed for developing entrepreneurial skills among the youth and identifying other aspects for mutual collaboration.
- Under the partnership, both the entities will collaborate to organise training programmes, develop course curriculum, etc.

Amazon ties up with Indian Railways to boost delivery of packages

- Amazon India has engaged with Indian Railways to boost its delivery services in the country.
- Through this partnership, Amazon will be able to transport packages on more than 110 inter-city routes, ensuring one to two-day delivery for its customer.
- It became the first online delivery company to work with the Indian Railways to build an express transportation product via rail in 2019.

Vodafone Idea names Ravinder Takkar as Chairman

- Ravinder Takkar, the MD and CEO of telecom operator Vodafone Idea Limited (Vi), will replace Himanshu Kapania as the telco's new chairman from 19 August, 2022.
- Kapania will step down as non-executive chairman of the board with effect from 18 August.
- B However, he will continue to be a part of the VIL board as a non-executive director.

LIC enters Fortune 500 list; RIL jumps 51 places

- LIC entered the Fortune Global 500 list for the first time.
- Meanwhile, Reliance Industries which is the largest company in terms of market capitalization in India, jumped 51 places.
- However, LIC was at the top of the list from India.
- A total of nine Indian companies have entered the list, out of which, five of them were state-owned and four were private sector firms.

Parliament passes National Anti-Doping Bill 2021

- Parliament has passed the National Anti-Doping Bill 2021.
- The Bill prohibits athletes, athlete support personnel and other persons from engaging in doping.
- Under the new legislation, violation of anti-doping rules may result in disqualification of results including forfeiture of medals, points and prizes, ineligibility to participate in a competition or event for a prescribed period, etc.

Lovepreet Singh wins bronze medal in Commonwealth Games

- Lovepreet Singh has bagged a bronze medal at Commonwealth Games in men's 109kg weightlifting while setting a national record in the clean and jerk round.
- He lifted a personal best of 355 kg, including a new national record of 192 kg in clean and jerk, to finish third on the podium.
- Nyabeyeu of Cameroon claimed the gold medal while Jack Opeloge of Samoa bagged the silver.





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10 more Indian wetlands sites get Ramsar tag Part I

- India adds 10 more wetlands designated as Ramsar sites to make total 64 sites covering an area of 12,50,361 hectares in the country.
- The 10 new sites include: Six sites in Tamil Nadu and One each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. Recently in July, 5 wetland sites achieved the same recognition.
- With 10 New Protected Wetlands, India Equals China In Having Most Ramsar Sites.

Ministry of Culture releases the third comic book

- Ministry of Culture has released the third comic book on stories of 20 Tribal Freedom Fighters.
- It recalls the sacrifices of some of the bravest men and women who inspired their tribes and gave up their lives to fight British rule.
- Ministry of Culture as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKM) has released pictorial books on 75 freedom fighters in collaboration with Amar Chitra Katha (ACK).

Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 comes into effect

- The Criminal Procedure (Identification) Act, 2022 has come into effect from 4 August 2022.
- The new act authorises taking measurements of convicts and other persons for the purposes of identification and investigation in criminal matters and to preserve records.
- It provides legal sanction for taking appropriate body measurements of persons who are required to give such measurements.

Indian Judoka Tulika Maan claims silver medal

- Indian Judoka Tulika Maan bagged the silver medal in the women's 78 kg final against Sarah Adlington of Scotland.
- This took India's medal tally at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games 22 to 16.
- Indian weightlifter Gurdeep Singh bagged the bronze medal in the men's 109-plus kg final with a combined weight of 390kg.
- India's Saurav Ghosal clinched the bronze medal in squash men's singles.

Govt sets target of increasing Natural Gas in energy mix by 15%

- The Government has set a target of increasing Natural Gas in the primary energy mix by 15% by 2030.
- At present, the use of Natural Gas is only 6.3%.
- To increase the Natural Gas usage, initiatives like the expansion of National Gas Grid to 33,500 km, setting up of Liquefied Natural Gas terminals and allocation of domestic gas to CNG for transport and PNG for domestic purposes are taken.

Adani, AD Ports sign MoU for joint infra investments in Tanzania

- Adani Ports and SEZ and AD Ports Group have signed an MOU for strategic joint investments in end-to-end logistics infrastructure and solutions.
- These include rail, maritime services, port operations, digital services, an industrial zone, and the establishment of maritime academies in Tanzania.





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- Adani Ports is the country's largest integrated ports and logistics company.

National Health Authority joins hands with Quality Council of India

- The National Health Authority (NHA) has onboarded the Quality Council of India (QCI) for six months.
- It has been done so to accredit and rate HMIS (Health Management Information System)/ LMIS (Laboratory Information Management System) solutions that have integrated with Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM).

DRDO successfully test fires indigenously developed laser-guided ATGMs

- The indigenously developed Laser-Guided Anti-Tank Guided Missiles (ATGM) were successfully test-fired from Main Battle Tank MBT Arjun by DRDO and Indian Army on 4 Aug'22.
- It was tested at KK Ranges with support of Armoured Corps Centre and School, Maharashtra.]
- It employs a tandem High Explosive Anti-Tank HEAT warhead to defeat Explosive Reactive Armour ERA protected armoured vehicles.

1st session of India-Mauritius High-Powered Joint Trade Committee held

- India and Mauritius held the 1st session of India-Mauritius High-Powered Joint Trade Committee on 1-3 August 2022 in New Delhi.
- The High-Powered Joint Trade Committee had been constituted as per the mandate of the India-Mauritius Comprehensive Economic Cooperation and Partnership agreement (CECPA).
- CECPA is the first trade agreement signed by India with a country in Africa.

Indian Navy's all-women aircrew creates history

- In a rare feat, five women officers of the Indian Navy carried out the first independent maritime reconnaissance and surveillance mission in the North Arabian Sea onboard a Dornier aircraft, in August 2022.
- The aircraft was captained by Mission Commander, Lt Commander Aanchal Sharma.
- The INAS 314 is a frontline naval air squadron based at Porbandar, Gujarat.

Justice Uday U Lalit to be the 49th Chief Justice of India

- Justice Uday U Lalit is set to take over as the 49th Chief Justice of India (CJI) on August 27, 2022 with the incumbent, NV Ramana recommending the former as his successor.
- Lalit will have a short tenure of fewer than three months.
- He is only the second judge after justice SM Sikri elevated directly from the bar who will go on to become the CJI.
- Sikri was CJI between 1971 and 1973.

Bank Of England raises rate by most since 1995, warns of pain

- Bank of England (BOE) raised the U.K's bank rate by half a percentage point to 1.75%, marking the biggest interest rate increase since 1995.
- The U.K. economy is projected to go into recession from the fourth quarter of 2022, the BoE warned.
- This is due to near doubling of wholesale gas prices since May, owing to Russia's restriction of gas supplies to Europe and the risk of further curbs.

India's FY23 fiscal deficit may come around 6.5%: SBI Ecowrap





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- SBI Research Ecwrap released a report that said India's fiscal deficit in the current financial year is expected to come around 6.5 per cent, as against the budget estimate of 6.4 per cent.
- Furthermore, higher nominal GDP will provide a cushion.
- The report has also revised current account deficit (CAD) estimates from 3.2 per cent of GDP to 3.7 per cent of GDP in the current financial year.

South Korean spacecraft launched to the moon, country's 1st

- South Korea has launched a lunar orbiter. South Korea's \$180 million mission - the country's first step in lunar exploration - features a boxy, solar-powered satellite designed to skim just 62 miles (100 kilometers) above the lunar surface.
- If successful, it will join spacecraft from the U.S. and India already operating around the moon, and a Chinese rover exploring the moon's far side.

K-DISC inks MoU with LinkedIn

- LinkedIn has signed an MoU with the Kerala Development and Innovation Strategic Council (K-DISC) and the ICT Academy of Kerala (ICTAK).
- It has been signed as part of the Connect Career to Campus (CCC) campaign under the Kerala Knowledge Economy Mission (KKEM) initiative.
- K-DISC is a strategic think-tank and advisory body constituted by the Government of Kerala.

RBI retains GDP growth forecast; repo rate now above pre-Covid levels

- The monetary policy committee of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to increase repo rate, the main lending rates to banks, by 50 basis points to 5.4% with immediate effect.
- The Standing Deposit Facility rate and the Marginal Standing Facility Rate were accordingly adjusted higher by the same quantum to 5.15% and 5.65%, respectively.
- RBI retained GDP growth forecast at 7.2%.

NPCI and IIT Kanpur inks MoU for research collaboration

- IIT Kanpur and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has signed an MOU.
- It has been signed for sharing knowledge on innovative ideas and to collaborate on the development of indigenous digital payments solutions.
- The collaboration will help in the augmentation of cybersecurity controls for NPCI and its subsidiaries' products and services.

Puneeth Rajkumar to be conferred Karnataka Ratna posthumously

- Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has announced that Kannada film star Puneeth Rajkumar, who died 2021, will be conferred with the 'Karnataka Ratna' award posthumously, on November 1, 2022.
- The day happens to be Kannada Rajyotsava, the state's formation day.
- He will be the 10th recipient of the state's highest civilian honour.

Sudhir wins India's first Gold medal in Para-Powerlifting

- In the Commonwealth Games, Para-powerlifter Sudhir clinched gold medal in the men's heavyweight final with the best weight of 212 kg.





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- Sudhir won India's first gold in Para-Powerlifting at Commonwealth Games.
- He defeated Nigeria's Ikechukwu Obichukwu by 0.9 points as his final score read a games record 134.5 points for the gold.

Assam's eminent Sattriya danseuse Garima Hazarika passes away

- Eminent exponent of Assam's classical Sattriya dance Garima Hazarika passed away at the age of 83 on 5 July 2022.
- Credited with pioneering the entry of women Sattriya dancers on the stage, Hazarika was also proficient in Odissi and kathak dance forms.
- Hazarika was conferred with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2006.
- She was also the dance director in 16 Assamese films.

Unity Bank appoints Inderjit Camotra as MD & CEO

- Unity Small Finance Bank (SFB) on 5 July 2022 appointed Inderjit Camotra as its managing director and chief executive officer.
- Unity SFB is a digital-first bank which was recently elevated to a 'Scheduled Bank' by RBI.
- The bank commenced its operation in November 2021.
- In January 2022, the bank also appointed Vinod Rai, the former CAG of India, as its Chairman.

Anshu Malik wins silver in 57kg wrestling at Commonwealth Games 2022

- Wrestler Anshu Malik on 5 July 2022 won a silver medal in the Women's Freestyle 57kg category final at the Commonwealth Games 2022.
- She came up short against Odunayo Folasade Adekunle of Nigeria by 3-7 in the final.
- Earlier, Anshu had beaten Irene Symeonidis of Australia in the quarterfinal.
- In 2021, Anshu became the first Indian woman to win a silver at the World Wrestling Championships.

Indian Navy inks pact with ISRO's Space Applications Centre

- The Indian Navy on 5 July 2022 inked a pact with ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC) on data sharing and cooperation on Satellite-based Naval Applications in Oceanology and Meteorology.
- As per the agreement, the scientific advancements of the SAC would be synergised into the Indian Navy's efforts to protect the country's maritime interests.
- ISRO Chairman: Sreedhara Panicker Somanath

Indian Army organise first ever 'Machhal Women's Cricket League'

- In north Kashmir, the Indian Army along with local authorities organised the first ever Machhal Women's Cricket League.
- The Indian Army organised this league to engage the youth of border districts, residing along the line of control (LOC), in sports activities.
- The girls from Machhal, Pushwari and Dudi villages participated in the game.

Centre gives cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba one-year extension

- The Government on 5 July 2022 approved a one-year extension in service for Union cabinet secretary Rajiv Gauba.





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- This is his second extension on the post.
- Gauba, former Union Home Secretary, was in 2019 appointed as cabinet secretary for 2 years.
- He was given a one-year extension in August 2021.
- Mr Gauba is said to be the key architect of the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019.

L&T inks pact with Gujarat govt to establish IT-ITES Park

- Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Ltd has signed an MoU with the Gujarat govt to set up an IT and IT-enabled Services (ITeS) Park in Vadodara.
- The park is being set up under the recently announced IT/ITES policy of the state government.
- This policy was launched in February 2022 with an aim to generate one lakh 'high-skilled jobs' in the IT sector in the next five years.
- Gujarat CM: Bhupendrabhai Patel

Federal Bank becomes 1st to list Payment Gateway on new tax platform

- Kerala-based Federal Bank has become India's first bank to list its Payment Gateway platform on the TIN 2.0 platform of the Income Tax (IT) Department.
- With this, taxpayers will get one more option to make payments using modes such as Credit/Debit Card & Internet Banking.
- Tax Information Network (TIN) is an initiative by the IT Department to modernise the tax collection system.

Rupal Chaudhary: 1st Indian to win two medals at U20 Athletics C'ships

- Rupal Chaudhary has become the first Indian athlete to win two medals at the World U20 Athletics Championship.
- After winning a 4x400m relay race silver, she won bronze in the women's 400m race.
- Rupal clocked 51.85 seconds to finish third behind Yemi Mary John (51.50) of Britain & Damaris Mutunga (51.71) of Kenya on 4 August 2022.
- On 2 August, she had won a silver in the 4x400m relay race.

Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik And Deepak Punia clinch gold medal at CWG

- On 5 July 2022, Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Deepak Punia delivered gold medals for India in wrestling at the 2022 Commonwealth Games Birmingham.
- In the men's 65kg final, Bajrang defeated Canada's Lachlan McNeil while in the women's 62kg final, Malik beat Canada's Ana Godinez Gonzalez.
- Deepak defeated Pakistan's Muhammad Inam in the men's 86kg final to clinch his first Commonwealth gold.

Tamim Iqbal becomes first Bangladeshi batter to score 8000 runs in ODI

- ODI skipper Tamim Iqbal became the first batter of Bangladesh to score 8000 runs in the ODI during the first ODI being played against Zimbabwe in Harare.
- He accomplished this achievement after playing 239 matches with a career average of 37.20.
- He has also scored 14 ODI centuries.
- Tamim has now joined the list of players like Sachin Tendulkar who have scored over 8000 runs in ODIs.

Karnataka govt approves investment proposals worth Rs 34,432 crores





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- The Karnataka State High-Level Clearance Committee headed by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has cleared 18 projects with total investments of Rs 34,432.46 crores.
- The approvals came at the Committee's 59th meeting.
- The projects include 8 new industrial establishments including one from Toyota and 10 additional investment proposals from existing units.

India's first-ever Digital Lok Adalat to be held in August 13

- India's first-ever end-to-end Digital Lok Adalat will be held on August 13, 2022.
- It will be held by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RSLSA) and Maharashtra State Legal Services Authority (MSLSA).
- This Digital Lok Adalat was launched during the 18th All India Legal Services Authorities' meet held in Jaipur in July 2022.

India beat Bangladesh 5-2 to lift SAFF Under-20 football championship

- India lifted the SAFF U-20 football championship trophy by defeating Bangladesh 5-2 in the final at Kalinga stadium in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 5 August 2022.
- India won this championship for the second consecutive time.

Mohit Grewal, Divya Kakran win bronze medals

- Mohit Grewal has won a bronze medal in the men's freestyle 125 kg category at the Commonwealth Games 2022 in Birmingham.
- He defeated Jamaica's Aaron Johnson.
- The Indian wrestler clinched the medal in only 3 minutes and 30 seconds.
- Indian wrestler Divya Kakran won a bronze medal in the women's 68 kg freestyle category in the Commonwealth Games 2022.

Hiroshima Day: 6 August

- Every year August 6 is observed as Hiroshima Day to mark the atomic bombing of the Japanese cities during World War II.
- The first nuclear bomb was dropped over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, & 3 days later the second bomb was dropped over Nagasaki killing millions of people in an instant.
- Hiroshima Day is observed every year to remind the world about the devastating results of nuclear weapons.

Vinesh Phogat wins gold in freestyle wrestling at CWG 2022

- India's Vinesh Phogat on 6 August 2022 won gold in women's 53kg freestyle wrestling at the ongoing Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.
- She defeated Sri Lanka's Chamodya Keshani Maduravilage in the final.
- This is the third consecutive time Phogat has won gold in Commonwealth Games.
- Besides Phogat, India's Ravi Dahiya also won a gold medal in the men's 57kg wrestling.

Jagdeep Dhankhar elected 14th Vice President of India

- Former West Bengal governor & National Democratic Alliance (NDA) candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected the 14th Vice President of India on 6 August 2022.





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- Mr Dhankhar defeated the Opposition's candidate, Ms Margaret Alva, by a margin of 346 votes.
- He will succeed M Venkaiah Naidu.
- Mr Dhankhar will take the oath of office on 11 August 2022.

Rajasthan Special

lakes of rajasthan

- Salt water lakes – The salt water lakes are the remains of the ocean. This district is the largest in Nagaur in Rajasthan.
- Fresh water lakes – These are also called fresh water lakes. These are formed by rain water. Most of the fresh water lakes are located in Udaipur.

salt water lakes

1. Sambhar (Jaipur)
2. Pachpadra (Barmer)
3. Didwana(Nagore)
4. Nawa (Nagore)
5. Degana(Nagore)
6. Kuchaman (Nagore)
7. Lunkaran Sagar (Bikaner)
8. Kavod (Jaisalmer)
9. Phalodi(Jodhpur)
10. Rewasa (Sikar)
11. Kachor (Sikar)
12. Tal Chhapar (Churu)

Sambhar Lake (Jaipur)

- Producer- Vasudev Chauhan (according to Bijolia inscription)
- Kyaar - The salt obtained from sambar is called
- Eight percent of India's salt is obtained from Sambhar Lake and more than 80% of Rajasthan's salt is obtained from this lake. But the company receiving salt from Sambhar is Sambhar Salt Limited (1964) which is under Hindustan Salt Limited.
- Sambhar lake was declared as Ramsar site in 1990. Ramsar Site- Wetland where birds and animals are protected There are two Ramsar sites in the state-

1. Ghana Bird Sanctuary (Bharatpur) - Siberian Crane





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2. Sambhar (Jaipur)- Birds Flamingo and Kurja Birds

Pachpadra Lake (Barmer)

- The salt of this heart is the most saline because it contains 98% sodium chloride (nacl)
- For this reason it is called the best salt
- Kharwal- Salt receiving species
- Using the twigs of Fife bush, they do the work of making salt crystals
- Koshia- Salt making well at Pachpadra

Didwana (Nagaur)

- The salt of this heart is of the worst kind because instead of sodium chloride, sodium sulfate is found in it.
- Therefore it is used in the glass industry, the paper industry
- Rajasthan State Chemical Works chemical factory is located here fresh water lakes

Jaisamand Lake (Udaipur)

- Producer- Maharana Jai Singh
- Construction period – 1665 to 1691
- River – Gomti
- 7 islands are located on Jaisamand Lake, Bada Island - Baba's Bhakra
- The small island is called Pyari
- The tribe living on these islands is Bhil Meena
- Jaisamand Lake is the largest man-made lake in Rajasthan
- The palace of the queen is painted on the banks of this lake.
- Shyampura- Bhat Nehre (extracted from Jaisamand lake for irrigation)

Nakki Lake (Mount Abu)

- Creation- according to folk proverbs by nails of gods
- It is a crater lake (Volcano Lake)
- Highest lake in Rajasthan (1200 m)
- The only frozen lake in Rajasthan
- This is the deepest lake in Rajasthan (35 m)
- Rocks found near it-
- Toad Rock - A frog-like rock.





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- River Rock- Rock like the bull of Shiva.
- Nun Rock - rock like veil and bride.
- Sunset Point is famous here.
- It is a good hill station.
- The Garasiya tribe immerses the ashes in this lake.

Rajsamand Lake (Rajsamand)

- Producer- Raj Singh
- Construction period – 1662
- River - Gomti
- It is considered to be the country's first famine relief lake
- Most people (about 60,000) contributed to the making of this deal
- Nine Chowki Pal (Stairs) is in Rajsamand Lake
- Dwarkadhish temple and Jeevan Mata ki Chhatri are built on the banks of this lake.
- Recently, the remains of the sun clock have been found on the banks of this lake.

Lake Pichola (Udaipur)

Construction – 1388

Producer- Banjara (at the time of Rana Lakha)

River – Sisarma, Boojda

Famous construction in Pichola-

1. Jag Mandir - the world's first
 2. Jag Niwas- Jagat Singh II
 3. Natni's platform (Rana Lakha)
- Shah Jahan took refuge on this lake during his rebellion.
 - Inspired by the Jagmandir, Shah Jahan built the Taj Mahal
 - Swaroop Sagar Canal- It connects Pichola and Fateh Sagar
 - Excess water of Pichola goes to Fateh Sagar
 - The first boat powered by solar power was driven in this lake

Fatehsagar (Udaipur)

- Nehru Garden





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- Solar Energy Vaidya Sala- This Dil Ke Paas is made in collaboration with Gujarat
- Taylor- This lake has been built in collaboration with Belgium

Uday Sagar (Udaipur)

- Producer- Uday Singh
- Construction period – in 1559
- River- Aon River (This river is called Bichar after falling in Uday Sagar)

Anasagar Lake (Ajmer)

- Construction - 1136-37 AD
- Producer – Arnav Rajya

• River Bandi

• Famous-

1. Daulatabad or Subhash Udyan (built by Jahangir)
2. Barhadari (built by Shah Jahan)

Pushkar Lake (Ajmer)

- Nickname- Crater Lake / Jwalamukhi Lake / Fifth Tirtha / Shrine of Pilgrims / Tirtharaj / 52 Ghata Jeel / Crescent Lake / Mama of Pilgrimages
- Pushkar Lake is the largest natural lake of Rajasthan
- This is also the most polluted lake of Rajasthan
- Cleanliness work is being carried out in Pushkar Lake of Rajasthan with the help of Canada.
- The ashes of Gandhiji and Bal Thackeray were immersed in this lake.
- A fair is organized on the banks of Pushkar Lake on Kartik Purnima, which is called the Rangila Mela of Rajasthan.

Faisagar (Ajmer)

- Construction– 1891 -92
- The second lake of Rajasthan built for famine relief (the first is Rajsamand)

Kolayat District (Bikaner)

- Famous- Kapil Muni's ashram is situated on the banks of this lake.
- There is a tradition of donating lamps in Pushkar and Kolayat on Kartik Purnima.
- Baran caste does not go to see this lake

Gajner (Bikaner)





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- Famous- Gajner lake is also called the pure mirror of water because the water of this lake is very clean.

Kaylana Lake (Jodhpur)

- The only lake in Rajasthan in which water is fed from Indira Gandhi Canal (through Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal)

Talab Shahi Lake (Dholpur)

- Built during the period of Jahangir



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