

Weekly Current Affairs

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NATIONAL NEWS

1. Gujarat becomes first State in the country to launch Balika Panchayat

- Gujarat becomes the first state in the nation to launch 'Balika Panchayat' with an aim to strengthened girl power in the state.
- This unique initiative was started in several villages of Gujarat's Kutch district.
- This initiative was started by the Women and Child Development Welfare department of the Gujarat Government under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign.
- This panchayat will be managed by people in the 11-21 age group.

2. International literary festival, Unmesh begins in Himachal Pradesh

- The three days international literary festival "Unmesh" was held at the historic Gaiety Theater in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- This festival was organised by the Union Ministry of Culture and the Sahitya Akademi in association with the state Department of Art and Culture.
- The festival was inaugurated by Minister of State for Culture, Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- This festival, is the biggest international literary festival in the country till date.

3. Union Minister Bishweswar Tudu inaugurates 20th Folk Fair and 13th Krishi Fair at Puri, Odisha

- Minister of State for Tribal Affairs and Jal Shakti, Bishweswar Tudu has inaugurated the 20th Folk Fair (National tribal/folk song & dance festival) and 13th Krishi Fair 2022 at Saradhabali in Puri, Odisha.
- Aim: At preserving tribal culture and promoting innovation in agriculture respectively
- The fair will be continued for five days and concluded on 24th June.
- The Minister has also extended all support of the Government for the upliftment of tribals in the state.

4. Health Minister addresses inaugural session at the G20 Health Ministers

- Union Health & Family Welfare Minister, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has virtually addressed the inaugural session at the G20 Health Ministers meeting at Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- Indonesia has hosted two Health Working Group Meetings in Yogyakarta and Lombok.
- Priority issues: Harmonizing Global Health Protocol Standards and Building Global Health System Resilience.

- India has pledged to End TB by 2025 (five years ahead of the global SDG target of 2030).

5.PVR-INOX merger gets clearance from stock exchanges BSE and NSE

- PVR and INOX Leisure have received clearances for their merger from bourses NSE and BSE.
- In March 2022, both multiplex operators have announced a merger to create the largest multiplex chain in the country.
- The company has received observation letter with 'no adverse observations' from BSE Ltd on June 20, 2022, and observation letter with 'no objection' from NSE on June 21, 2022 .
- **Swap ratio:** 3:10 i.e., 3 shares of PVR for 10 shares of Inox.

6.Jammu and Kashmir to host G-20 meetings in 2023

- Jammu and Kashmir has been selected to host the G-20 meetings in 2023.
- The UT government has also set up a five-member high-level committee for the coordination of G20 summit.
- Piyush Goyal (Commerce and Industry Minister) was appointed as India's Sherpa for the G20 in September 2021.
- India will take the G-20 presidency from December 1, 2022.
- India has been represented by PM Modi since 2014 in G20 summit.
- G20, 2024: Brazil
- G20, 2025: South Africa

7.Gujarat CM launches 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'

- Gujarat CM, Bhupendra Patel has launched the 17th 'Shala Praveshotsav'.
- Aim: To increase the enrollment of students in primary schools in the state.
- This is a three-day enrollment drive, starts from Memadpur primary school in Vadgam taluka (Banaskantha district).
- This drive helps to reduce the dropout rate of students.
- The drop out rate has been reduced to 3.07% from 37.22 % in 2002.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. India ranked 3rd in REN21's renewables 2022 global status report

- India ranked third in the REN21 Renewables 2022 Global Status Report (GSR 2022) globally
- India's total renewable power capacity additions in 2021 was 15.4 GW
- Top performer of the report: China (136 GW) and US (43 GW)
- India installed 843 MW of hydropower capacity in 2021, brings the overall capacity to 45.3 GW,

- India was the 2nd-largest market for new solar PV capacity in Asia and for the first time, it surpassed Germany (59.2 GW) in total installations (60.4 GW).

2. India and EU re-launch negotiations for India-EU free trade agreement

- India and European will be re-launching negotiations for India-EU Free Trade Agreement, after a gap of 9 years
- Negotiations for an Investment Protection Agreement and GI Agreement has also been launched at a joint event at the EU headquarters in Brussels.
- Among the most significant FTAs for India as the EU is its 2nd largest trading partner,
- India-EU merchandise trade registered an all-time high value of 116.36 Billion dollars in 2021-22 with a year-on growth of 43.5%

3. Bengaluru Airport voted as the 'Best Regional Airport in India & South Asia'

- Bengaluru Airport recognized as the 'Best Regional Airport in India & South Asia
- The Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru has been awarded the 'best regional airport in India and South Asia' title in the 2022 skytrax World Airport awards.
- The award is based on the customer experience from check-in to arrivals, transfers, shopping, security, immigration and arrangements in the departures gates.
- Skytrax, is a UK-based, global consultancy firm that runs an airline and airport review and ranking site.
- Airports Authority of India HQ: Delhi

4. India ranks 4th in global gold recycling in the world

- According to a World Gold Council (WGC) report, India has emerged as the fourth largest recycler in the world and the country has recycled 75 tonnes in 2021.
- **WGC report titled:** Gold refining and recycling.
- **Top three:** China (recycled 168 tonnes), followed by Italy (80 tonnes) and the US (78 tonnes in 2021).
- The gold refining capacity of India has been increased by 1,500 tonnes (500%) in 2021.
- World Gold Council Headquarters: London, UK; Founded: 1987; CEO: David Tait

5. India recognized as 'country of the year' by Europe's Vivatech

- The Europe's biggest start-up conference, Vivatech 2020 has recognized India as the "country of the year."
- The country has been recognised with this honour, due to the global contribution of Indian start-ups.
- The start-up ecosystem of India is growing rapidly and has over 100 unicorns.
- India has participated in Vivatech is to showcase Indian start-ups are solving global problems and innovating for the world.

NEW APPOINTMENTS AND PERSON IN NEWS

1.Ex-SC judge Ranjana Prakash Desai is new Press Council of India chief

- Former Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai (72-years) has been appointed as the Chairperson of Press Council of India
- She succeeded former Supreme Court judge Justice CK Prasad, who held the office from 2014 to 2022.
- She became the first women chairperson of Press Council of India
- She was a judge of the Supreme Court from 2011 to 2014
- She also headed the Delimitation Commission on J&K
- PCI: statutory regulatory watchdog of the press, founded in 1966

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2.Hamza Abdi Barre appointed as PM of Somalia

- Somalia's President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has appointed a former chairman of the Jubaland state election commission, Hamza Abdi Barre as the Prime Minister. The 48-year-old Hamza Abdi Barre from the semi-autonomous state of Jubaland replaced Mohamed Hussein Roble. Barre served in a number of public and political roles and from 2011 to 2017 was secretary-general of the Peace and Development Party (PDP), the precursor to the Union for Peace and Development (UDP) now led by Mohamud.
- Mohamud won the presidency for the second time in May, having previously served from 2012 to 2017, after a long-delayed election that took place against a backdrop of the worst drought in 40 years and a bloody armed rebellion.

3.Gustavo Petro elected Colombia's first leftist president

- Leftist party, Gustavo Petro has won presidential election of Colombia and becomes the first-ever leftist president in the history of country.
- He defeated construction magnate, Rodolfo Hernandez with a margin of more than 700,000 votes.
- Petro is a former mayor of capital Bogota and current senator.
- He was also a former member of the M-19 guerrilla movement.
- Francia Marquez has become the first Black woman Vice President of Colombia.

4.Shri Hardeep S. Puri launches National Initiative for Promotion of Upskilling of Nirman workers (NIPUN)

- Minister of Housing & Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Hardeep Singh Puri has launched an initiative for skill training of construction workers called 'NIPUN'.
- NIPUN refers National Initiative for Promoting Upskilling of Nirman workers.
- MoHUA has launched this initiative under its flagship scheme of the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).
- Aim: To train over 1 lakh construction workers, through fresh skilling and upskilling programmes.

5.Ruchira Kamboj appointed Permanent Representative to UN

- Indian ambassador to Bhutan, Ruchira Kamboj has been appointed as the Permanent Representative of India to UN.
- She will replace T S Tirumurti.
- She has joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1987, was the All India women's topper of the 1987 Civil Services batch and the topper of the 1987 Foreign Service batch.
- She worked in Paris (France) as the third Secretary in the Indian Embassy to France from 1989-91.
- She was also posted as ambassador to UNESCO Paris in 2014.

6.Droupadi Murmu set to be elected first tribal woman President of India

- Droupadi Murmu, an Odisha-based Santhal, as its nominee for the highest constitutional position, India may ultimately elect its first tribal president. After the legislative board of the party endorsed what is widely seen as Prime Minister Narendra Modi's pick for Rashtrapati Bhavan, BJP leader JP Nadda announced Murmu's candidacy.
- Additionally, BJP officials are hoping to win over the AIADMK. Given the tense relations with senior JD(U) leader and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, Nadda's claim that all NDA allies had been contacted over Murmu's candidacy is crucial.

- Murmu checks many political boxes for the BJP as a candidate. The party's message regarding the PM's sympathy for tribals, Dalits, and women is expected to be amplified by her candidacy and the likely promotion.

BANKING

1.RBI 'Payments Vision 2025' seeks 3-fold jump in digital payments

- RBI increase the number of digital payment transactions by more than 3X by 2025 and to curb volume of cheque-based payments to less than 0.25% of total retail payments
- Core theme of vision documents: E-Payments for Everyone, Everywhere, Everytime (4Es)
- It covers 47 specific initiatives and 10 expected outcomes
- It provide users with safe, secure, fast, convenient, accessible, and affordable e-payment options
- It also envisages annualized growth of 50% for UPI payments

2.RBI raises limit of e-mandates for transactions up to Rs 15,000

- The Reserve Bank of India has increased the Additional Factor of Authentication (AFA) limit for e-mandates on cards, Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs) and UPI for recurring transactions.
- The limit has been raised from Rs 5,000 to Rs 15,000 per transaction.
- An e-mandate means, that the cardholder giving a standing instruction to the merchant platform to deduct a certain amount of money for recurring transactions.

3. Fitch revises rating outlook on 9 Indian banks from 'Negative' to 'Stable'

- Fitch Ratings has shift the rating outlook of nine Indian banks which include SBI, ICICI Bank and Axis Bank, from negative to stable.
- The other banks are: Bank of Baroda (BOB), Bank of Baroda (New Zealand) Ltd, Bank of India, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank (PNB) and Union Bank of India.
- The Fitch's Issuer Default Ratings (IDR) are based on assessment of high to moderate probability of extraordinary state support for these banks.

4.Australia provides financial support of USD 50 million to Sri Lanka

- Australia has announced to provide 50 million US dollars support to Sri Lanka for meet urgent food and health care needs.
- Presently, Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis in 70 years, which leads to food shortage, medicine and fuel.

- Australia will provide 22 million dollars to the World Food Programme (WFP) for emergency food assistance to meet their daily nutritional needs and 23 million dollars in development assistance to Sri Lanka in 2022-23.

5.ONDC joins hands with NABARD to activate e-commerce in agri tech

- Open Network for Digital Commerce has joined hands with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to activate e-commerce in the agriculture domain.
- ONDC and NABARD have come together to host the NABARD-ONDC Grand Challenge to establish market linkages for the enabled players with market ready Farmers Producers Organisations.
- Aim: To promote development of innovative solutions that are likely to aid adoption of e-commerce in the agriculture domain.

6. RBI extends date for implementation of provisions concerning card issuance

- The Reserve Bank of India has notified that it has extended the timeline for implementation of a few provisions under its master directions on credit card and debit card issuance.
- The timeline has been extended by three months from July 1, 2022, to October 1, 2022.
- Provisions: Card-issuers shall seek OTP based consent from the cardholder for activating a credit card, if consent is not received then card issuers shall close the credit card account without any cost.

7.Govt to collaborate with SBI for creation of integrated pension portal

- Government's Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) will collaborate with the State Bank of India (SBI).
- Aim: to create an integrated pension portal, which helps to enhance ease of living of pensioners.
- It was decided during the special session, that immediate efforts are needed for the creation of pension portal by linking the existing portals of the DoPPW and the SBI.

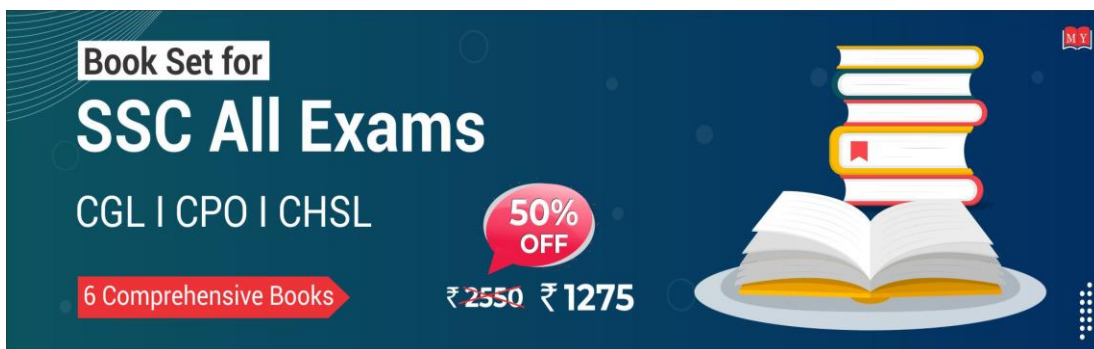
8. Sebi forms advisory panel to hybrid securities to enable larger retail play

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has set up 20-member advisory committee under the chairmanship of K V Kamath.
- Aim: recommends for giving a fillip to the growth of such instruments, including measures focusing on ease of issuance and attracting domestic and global capital.
- Sebi has reconstituted its research advisory committee of 16 members, chaired by V Ravi Anshuman.

- Aim: promotion, development, maintenance of databases relevant for regulation research.

9.Red Bull driver, Max Verstappen wins 2022 Canadian Grand Prix

- Red Bull's driver, World champion Max Verstappen has clinched the 2022 Canadian Grand Prix title.
- Ferrari driver, Carlos Sainz and Seven-time world champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) have finished at second and third respectively.
- Azerbaijan GP: Max Verstappen
- Monaco GP: Sergio Pérez
- Sabinsh GP: Max Verstappen
- Miami GP: Max Verstappen
- Emilia Romagna GP: Max Verstappen
- Australian GP: Charles Leclerc
- Saudi Arabian GP: Max Verstappen



10.PM Modi inaugurates 'Vanijya Bhawan', new premises of Commerce Ministry

- PM Modi has inaugurated the new premises of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, 'Vanijya Bhawan' in New Delhi.
- He has also launched a new portal named NIRYAT (National Import-Export Record for Yearly Analysis of Trade).
- The portal was developed as a one stop platform to get all the required information related to India's foreign trade.
- Vanijya Bhawan, will be used by Department of Commerce and Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade DPIIT.

11. South Indian Bank launches EXIM trade portal, SIB TF Online

- South Indian Bank has launched a new portal for its corporate EXIM customers named 'SIB TF Online'.
- This portal provides a platform for trade-related payments to foreign entities remotely.
- Through this portal, customer can initiate the payment request on SIB TF Online, after uploading the relevant documents for the transaction.

- The bank launch SIB TF Online in phases.

12.CARD91 announces strategic partnership with YES BANK and RuPay

- CARD91 has joined hands with YES BANK and RuPay, to create a card management system that will allow companies to launch a variety of co-branded card instruments.
- This will enable CARD91 to expand its presence in the Indian payments market.
- CARD91 is a global payment infrastructure powering B2B payments.
- It was designed to help businesses launch co-branded cards and simplify payments.

13.Max Life, Policybazaar launch life insurance savings plan

- Max Life Insurance Company Ltd has launched the 'Max Life Smart Fixed-return Digital Plan' with Policybazaar.
- It is a non-linked, non-participating, individual life insurance savings plan.
- This plan helps customers to meet their short-term financial goals.
- The plan also offers guaranteed tax-free returns up to 6.14%.
- Monthly premiums: ₹3000
- Minimum tenure: five years
- The plan is also available to purchase on Max Life's website and Policybazaar.com.

14. Freo starts offering savings account with Equitas Small Finance Bank

- Freo has launched a digital savings account offering 'Freo Save' in association with Equitas Small Finance Bank.
- With this launch, Freo has become the first consumer neobank in the country to provide full-stack neo-banking products.
- It includes smart savings account, credit and payments products, cards and wealth-growth products.
- The digital savings account has been integrated with Equitas' infrastructure on the Freo Save App.
- Freo Co-Founder: Anuj Kacker

15.Adani pledges ₹60,000 crore for social causes

- Asia's richest person, Gautam Adani and his family have pledged to donate ₹60,000 crore to a range of social causes to celebrate the 60th birthday of Gautam Adani on June 24.
- This will be administered by the Adani Foundation, it is also to mark the birth centenary year of his father Shantilal Adani.
- As per the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, the net worth of Adani is almost \$92 billion.

- The Forbes real-time billionaires has placed him at 6th rank (\$95 billion).

16. NDB appoints ex-bureaucrat Dr D J Pandian to head its India Regional Office in GIFT City

- Former bureaucrat, Dr D J Pandian has been appointed as the Director-General of New Development Bank (NDB), India Regional Office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- In May 2022, the NDB had announced to set up IRO in the Gift city.
- The NDB has also approved 20 projects in India worth of USD 7.2. billion.
- The IRO will support the effective and efficient implementation of these projects and work closely with Project Implementation Agencies.

17. AU Small Finance Bank launches customisable credit card, LIT

- AU Small Finance Bank has launched customised Credit Card product named AU Bank LIT (Live-It-Today).
- This credit card offers a unique value proposition to cardholders.
- Cardholders can choose the features and time period according to their wish.
- Through the AU0101 app, cardholders can track their saving/earnings daily to maximize their benefits.
- Cardholders can get the best of both Cashbacks and Reward Points by using the features.

18. Karnataka Bank launches video-based customer identification process for account opening

- Karnataka Bank has launched 'Video-based Customer Identification Process (V-CIP)'.
- It is an online savings bank (SB) account opening facility.
- This facility will enable in the corporate website of the bank, strengthen the prospective customers to open an SB account through online process and complete KYC verification through a video call.
- This is a end-to-end paperless digital process.
- It also reduces the turnaround time of account opening.

SCIENCE TECH & DEFENCE

1. Agniveers to get 10% reservation in Defence Ministry's job vacancies and in CAPF and Assam Rifles

- Ministry of Home Affairs has decided to reserve 10% vacancies for recruitment in Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles for Agniveers under Agnipath scheme
- Ministry has also decided to give 3 years age relaxation beyond the prescribed upper age limit to Agniveers
- Age relaxation will be for 5 years beyond for the first batch of agniveer
- The scheme will not only empower, discipline & skill youth with military ethos in civil society

2.India, Bangladesh to hold first physical Joint Consultative Commission Meet

- India and Bangladesh will hold first physical Joint Consultative Commission Meeting in New Delhi
- JCC meet will be co-chaired by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Bangladesh counterpart A. K. Abdul Momen.
- It will review the entire gamut of bilateral relations, including cooperation in the wake of COVID-19, border management and security, trade and investment, connectivity, energy, water resources, development partnership and regional-multilateral issues.

3.China launches third most advanced domestically built aircraft carrier 'Fujian'

- China has launched its third aircraft carrier named 'Fujian', which is the most advanced as well as the first fully domestically built naval vessel of China
- Its launching ceremony was held at the Shanghai's Jiangnan Shipyard.
- Fujian is the name of eastern coastal province of Fujian, China
- China's first aircraft carrier, Liaoning, is so far the only Chinese aircraft carrier with the initial operational capability or the basic level of combat readiness.

4.Use of ICT in school education in India wins 2021 UNESCO Award

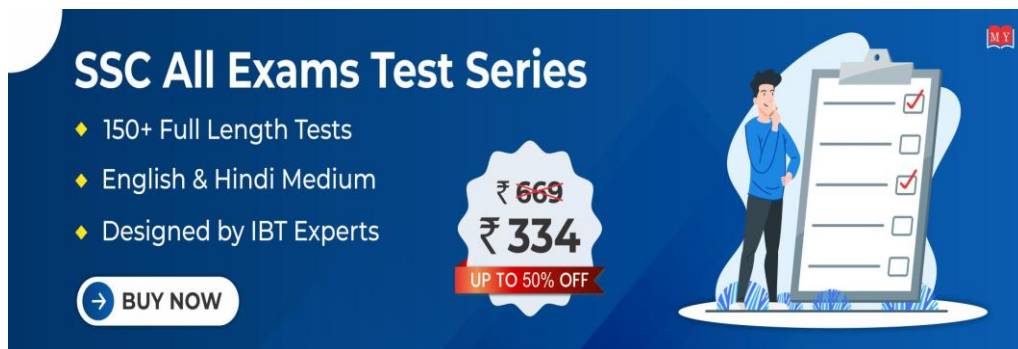
- Initiative of Ministry of Education, to use the ICT under a PM eVIDYA during the COVID-19 has received the UNESCO's recognition.
- The PM eVIDYA was started as part of Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyaan by the Ministry of Education in 2020 with an aim to use technology to minimise learning losses.
- National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been awarded with the UNESCO's King Hamad Bin Isa Al-Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education for the year 2021.

5. Indian Coast Guard inducts new Advanced Light Helicopter Squadron 840 CG

- The Eastern Region of Indian Coast Guard has inducted the indigenously designed and developed Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Mark III, the first aircraft of the newly created “840 Squadron”.
- The new squadron will be stationed at the headquarters of the Eastern Region of the Coast Guard, Chennai.
- ICG will add three more ALHs to the inventory of ‘840 Squadron’ soon.
- The aircraft is equipped to carry out target neutralisation.

6. Apollo Hospitals to operate & manage 375 beds tertiary hospital in Chittagong, Bangladesh

- Apollo Hospitals has signed an agreement with Imperial Hospital Ltd to operate and manage the latter's 375 bedded multi-specialty tertiary care hospital in Chittagong, Bangladesh.
- The state-of-the-art facility in Chittagong was built with the support of World Bank and will be rebranded as Apollo Imperial Hospital.
- The hospital will have experienced clinicians, medical staff and administrative staff.
- Apollo will also manage daily operations, clinical service delivery.



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7. ISRO launches India's Communication satellite 'GSAT-24' from French Guiana

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched India's communication satellite, 'GSAT-24' from Kourou in French Guiana.
- It is built by ISRO for NewSpace India Limited (NSIL).
- It was launched by French company Arianespace.
- It is a 24-Ku band communication satellite, weight 4180 kg, pan-India coverage for meeting DTH application needs.
- This is the first demand driven communication satellite mission undertaken by NSIL after space sector reforms.

8. Indian Navy conducts 38th coordinated patrol with Indonesian Navy

- India has conducted 38th edition of the Coordinated Patrol with Indonesian Navy (IND-INDO CORPAT) from 13-24 Jun 22.

- INS Karmuk (indigenously built missile corvette) is based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, along with a Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft.
- While the Indonesian Navy is being represented by KRI Cut Nyak Dien, a Kapitan Pattimura (PARCHIM I) class corvette.
- The closing ceremony is scheduled at Sabang, Indonesia on 23 June 22.

9.South Korea launches homegrown Nuri rocket carrying satellites into orbit

- South Korea has successfully launched satellites into orbit with its homegrown Nuri rocket.
- This is a crucial step for the country's space program expansion after a failed attempt last year.
- With this launch, South Korea becomes the 10th country to place a satellite with its own technology.
- Nuri is a three-stage rocket, more than 47 meters (154 feet) long and weighing 200 tons,.
- It was launched from the Naro Space Center.
- Development cost: 2 trillion won (\$1.5bn)

10.Indian Oil unveils indoor solar cooking stove ‘Surya Nutan’

- Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has unveiled a stationary, rechargeable cooking stove named Surya Nutan.
- It is a kitchen-connected cooking stove that uses the sun's energy to cook food.
- This was developed by IOC's research and development division at Faridabad.
- It captures solar energy through a PV panel that placed outdoor or on the roof.
- The cost of base model is ₹12,000, while the top model will cost ₹23,000.

BOOKS AND AWARDS

1.Ram Bahadur Rai's book titled ‘Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani’ released

- PM Narendra Modi has released the book titled, Bhartiya Samvidhan: Ankahi Kahani’, written by Ram Bahadur Rai.
- This book of Shri Rai will be in the tradition of New India’s effort to remember the forgotten thoughts to ensure that in the India of the future, consciousness of the past remains strong.
- The book with the history of independence and the untold chapters of our constitution will give a new thinking to the youth of the country.

2.American Canadian writer Ruth Ozeki wins 2022 Women’s Prize for Fiction

- American Canadian writer, Ruth Ozeki has won the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction for her novel 'The Book of Form and Emptiness'.
- This is her fourth novel, which depicts the story of a thirteen-year-old boy who, starts to hear the voices of objects to talk to his father, after the tragic death of his father.
- She was received £30,000 prize at a ceremony in London.
- Other books: A Tale for the Time Being, plus the novels My Year of Meats and All Over Creation

SPORTS

1. Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar wins bronze medals in Asia Oceania Open

- Indian para-powerlifters Manpreet Kaur and Parmjeet Kumar have won bronze medals in World Para-powerlifting 2022 Asia Oceania Open Championships at Pyeongtaek in South Korea
- Manpreet Kaur (women's category) won bronze medal in the 41 kg category and had the best lift of 88 kg and the total lift of 173 kg.
- Parmjeet Kumar (men's category) also won the bronze medal in 49 kg category and lifted 160 and 163 kilograms in two rounds which were his lifetime best lifts.

2. India beat Argentina in FIH Women's Hockey Pro-League Tournament

- Indian women's hockey team has won FIH Women's Hockey Pro-League Tournament after defeating Argentina by four-goal to three.
- In stipulated time both the teams scored three goals, but in the shoot-out, India strike two to one.
- First match of the tournament was played at Rotterdam in the Netherlands.
- Indian team is currently placed at the third position in the points table with 22 points in 10 games
- Argentina team is at the top with 38 points in 14 matches.

3. Neeraj Chopra clinches gold in 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland

- Javelin thrower, Neeraj Chopra has clinched gold in the 2022 Kuortane Games in Finland. He threw 86.69 metres.
- Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad has settled for silver with a throw of 86.64 metres.
- Anderson Peters has won the bronze with a throw of 84.75 metres.
- Sandeep Chaudhury from India got eighth position in the standings with a throw of 60.35 metres.

- Earlier, He broke his national record and settled for silver medal at the Paavo Nurmi Games in Finland.

4.PM flags off first ever torch relay for Chess Olympiad, plays a mini match with Koneru Humpy

- PM Narendra Modi has flagged off the first ever-torch relay for the 44th Chess Olympiad, which will be held in Mahabalipuram between 28 July and 10 August.
- The International Chess Federation (FIDE) has instituted the torch relay for the very first time.
- President of FIDE, Arkady Dvorkovich handed over the torch to PM Modi, who gave it to Viswanathan Anand.
- The torch will be taken to 75 cities over a span of 40 days before reaching in Mahabalipuram.

5. Manu and Shiva win at Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting competition

- The team of Manu Bhaker and Shiva Narwal has won the 10m air pistol mixed team title at the 20th Kumar Surendra Singh Memorial Shooting competition.
- They beat the duo of Amanpreet Singh and Shweta Singh of ONGC by 16-8 to clinched the gold medal.
- Esha Singh (Telangana), had teamed up with Kaushik Gopu to win bronze in both the senior and junior mixed team competitions.
- Meena Kumari (Haryana) has clinched the women's 50m rifle title.

6.Indian women's Wrestling team wins Under-17 Asian Championship with total of eight gold in Kyrgyzstan

- Indian women's Wrestling team has clinched five medals to claim the Under-17 Asian Championship, held at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
- India has lifted the title with a total of 235 points (eight golds, one silver and one bronze).
- With 143 points, Japan finished at second and Mongolia at third with 138 points.
- Indian women including: Ritika(gold in 43 kg), Ahilaya Shinde (gold in 49 kg), Siksha (gold in 57 kg), Priya (gold in 73 kg), Pulkit (Silver medal in 65 kg).

7.Ranjit Bajaj Made Chairman of Advisory Panel Formed by CoA to Oversee AIFF Functioning

- The former owner of I-League side Minerva Punjab FC, Ranjit Bajaj, has been appointed as the chairperson of the 12-member committee formed by the Committee of Administrators (CoA).
- The CoA took charge of the AIFF, after the Supreme Court removed the Praful Patel led office bearers for not holding elections on time.
- Aim: To look the day-to-day matters of various departments of the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

8. Rumeli Dhar announces retirement from international cricket

- The India seam-bowling all rounder, Rumeli Dhar has announced her retirement from international cricket at 38.
- She has played her last international match in the tri-nation women's T20I series between India, Australia and England at Brabourne (2018).
- She has been featured in four Tests, 78 ODIs, and 18 T20Is.
- She has scored 1328 runs and took 84 wickets across formats.
- She was also the part of the 2005 World Cup final, South Africa, India lost to Australia by 98 runs.

OBITUARY

1. Renowned photojournalist, R. Raveendran passed away

- Well-known photojournalist, R. Raveendran has been passed away at the age of 69.
- He was known for his iconic photo of Rajiv Goswami setting himself on fire during the Mandal agitation in the Capital.
- He has been awarded various photography awards.
- He has worked in AFP and ANI.
- Initially, he worked as a teleprinter operator in AFP 1973 and then became a photographer. He was presently working with ANI as Photo Editor.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Refugee Day 2022 observed on 20 June

- World Refugee Day is celebrated every year on 20 June. World Refugee Day was designated as an International Day by the UN (United Nations). The day is being celebrated to honour the refugees around the world. Refugees are people who are being forced to leave their homeland due to terror, conflicts, wars, prosecutions, or any other crises. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

Theme:

- While the theme of World Refugee Day 2022 has not been rolled out, last year it was 'Whoever, Whatever, Whenever.' Everyone has a right to seek safety. This year the theme is based on the right to seek safety and all the refugees across the world should be treated with dignity in whatever place they belong to.

2. 8th International Day of Yoga is being observed across the world on June 21

- The 8th edition of International Day of Yoga is being observed on 21st June.
- Aim: To raise awareness worldwide of the many benefits of practicing yoga.
- 2022 theme: 'Yoga for Humanity'
- PM Modi will lead the mass Yoga demonstration at Mysuru in Karnataka.
- To mark the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the Yoga Day is being celebrated in 75 iconic places across the country.
- The United Nations in 2014 has declared the 21st of June as the International Day of Yoga.

3. International Olympic Day: 23rd June

- International Olympic Day is observed annually on June 23 across the world to commemorate the birth of modern Olympic games.
- The International Olympic Committee (IOC) was founded on 23 June 1894.
- The theme for the International Olympic Day 2022 is "Together For A Peaceful World".
- A member of the IOC, named Doctor Gruss has submitted a report suggesting at the 41st session of the International Olympic Committee in Stockholm, to celebrate the Olympic Day.

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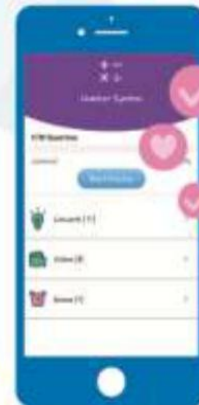


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