



## Current Affairs

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### Today's Important News

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#### 1. Syngenta launches unique biodiversity sensor project to monitor farm insects

- Syngenta India has announced a launch of Biodiversity Sensor Project, a biodiversity monitoring technology in association with IIT Ropar.
- Syngenta also flagged off India's first Drone Yatra, that will travel 10,000 kms to create awareness on drone spraying among 10,000 farmers.
- The Yatra will travel to 13 states to demonstrate and educate farmers on use of drones.



#### Foot Notes:

##### About Syngenta:

**Headquarters:** Basel, Switzerland

**CEO:** J. Erik Fyrwald

**Founded:** 13 November 2000

#### 2. Delhi University's Miranda House retains top slot in NIRF college rank

- National Institute Ranking Framework, NIRF Colleges Ranking 2022 have been released online on July 15, 2022 by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.
- Miranda House outshined all colleges to get the top spot.
- Hindu College was ranked second while Presidency College was ranked third.
- Lady Shri Ram College was ranked fifth.



### 3. Joy Bhattacharjya appointed Dir Gen Federation of FIFS

- The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS) has announced the appointment of Joy Bhattacharjya as its director general.
- Bhattacharjya is the CEO of the Prime Volleyball League and is a cricket analyst.
- The Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS), was established to protect consumer interest and create standardised best practices in the Fantasy Sports industry.



### 4. Edtech startup Stemrobo partners with AIC IIT Delhi to launch tech entrepreneurship program

- STEMROBO Technologies has announced the launch of a Tech Entrepreneurship Program in association with AIC IIT Delhi for 8-18 years of age group.
- This program is focused on embedding skills like Robotics, 3D printing, the Internet of Things, Artificial Intelligence, Coding, and Blockchain.
- Students will participate in 64 hours of live online and live offline sessions



### 5. IIT Madras tops India Rankings 2022, IISC-Bengaluru bags second spot

- IIT Madras has emerged as the best educational institution while Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru is best university in India Rankings-2022 which were released by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in New Delhi on 15 July 2022.
- IIM, Ahmedabad is the best management institute in the country followed by IIM, Bangalore, and IIM, Calcutta.
- AIIMS, New Delhi is the best medical college.



### 6. Israel sells Haifa Port to Adani Ports for \$1.2 billion

- Israel sold Haifa Port, a major trade hub on its Mediterranean coast, to winning bidders Adani Ports of India for \$1.2 billion.
- Haifa Port said the new group will operate the port until 2054.
- Adani Ports, the largest transport utility in India, is targeting expansion and seeks to become the premier global port group.
- Adani Ports CEO: Karan Adani
- Headquarters: Ahmedabad



#### Foot Notes:

##### About Israel:

**Prime Minister:** Yair Lapid

**Capital:** Jerusalem

**President:** Isaac Herzog

**Currency:** Israeli Shekel

### 7. Union Agriculture Minister Shri Tomar launches Platform of Platforms (POP) under eNAM

- Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar on 14 July 2022 launched the Platform of Platforms (POP) under the National Agriculture Market (e-NAM).
- It was launched on the sidelines of the State Agriculture and Horticulture Ministers' Conference in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- With the introduction of POP, farmers will be facilitated to sell the produce outside their state borders.



### 8. UAE to invest \$2 bn to develop integrated food parks across India

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) will invest \$2 bn to develop a series of integrated food parks across India.
- This decision was announced during the first virtual summit of the 'I2U2' (India, Israel, US and UAE) group, held on 14 July 2022.
- The investments from UAE will help maximise crop yields and, in turn, help tackle food insecurity in South Asia & Middle East.



#### Foot Notes:

##### About UAE:

**President:** Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

**Capital:** Abu Dhabi

**Currency:** United Arab Emirates dirham

**Prime Minister:** Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

## 9. Vedanta collaborates with company started from IIT Madras

- In order to implement safety incident detection, metal and oil and gas company Vedanta has partnered with Detect Technologies, a startup established at IIT Madras, and deployed T-Pulse HSSE Monitoring System across all of its business units. The partnership is consistent with the Vedanta Group's objective to achieving zero harm through the implementation of AI-enabled safety monitoring of workplaces, which is a key priority in its roadmap for digital transformation.
- The solution will make use of and recognise Vedanta's infrastructure for relaying, analysing, and reporting feeds. The module will be used to spot harmful behaviours and environments.
- The technological stack offered by T-Pulse is centralised, scalable, and intended for plug-and-play implementation.



### Foot Notes:

#### About Vedanta:

**Founder:** Dwarka Prasad Agarwal

**Number of employees:** 76,752 (2019)

**Founded:** 25 June 1965

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

## 10. RIL tie-up with Athletics Federation of India to support Indian Athlete

- Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) have announced a long-term partnership to enable the holistic growth of athletics in India.
- This partnership aims to discover, nurture and develop Indian athletes from across the country and provide them support by leveraging RIL's ecosystem.
- It will have a special focus on girl athletes in the country.



### Foot Notes:

#### About RIL:

**CEO:** Mukesh Ambani

**Founder:** Dhirubhai Ambani

**Founded:** 8 May 1973, Maharashtra

**Headquarters:** Mumbai

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