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NATIONAL NEWS

1. Punjab CM launches 'Lok Milni' for redressal of public grievances

- Punjab CM, Bhagwant Mann has launched the first-of-its-kind public interaction programme Lok Milni to hear the grievances of people and issued directions for their redressal.
- Aim: Providing a single-window platform to the people for redressal of their complaints.
- Previously, the Lok Milni program was named 'janta darbar'.
- This event helps to facilitate the people for resolving their long-pending administrative issues

2. Tamil Nadu government notified Nanjarayan Tank as 17th bird sanctuary

- The Tamil Nadu government named the Nanjarayan lake as the 17th bird sanctuary in Tiruppur.
- The government also set up an information centre to raise awareness about the bird population in the lake.
- The Nanjarayan Tank also known as Sarkar Periyapalayam Reservoir, is located in Tirupur city near Koolipalayam, Tami Nadu.
- A Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared for setting up another wildlife sanctuary for the endangered Slender Loris in Dindigul and Karur.

3. Kerala to launch India's first state-owned OTT Platform

- Kerala government will launch a state-owned over-the-top (OTT) platform named 'CSpace' on November 1.
- Offers: An array of movies, short films and documentaries of their choice.
- This is an initiative of Kerala State Film Development Corporation (KSFDC) on behalf of the state government through video conferencing at a function in Kalabhavan Theatre.
- The films will be streamed on CSpace only after their theatrical release.

4. India to introduce "made in India" skin test for TB

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has announced to launch of a newly approved skin test for tuberculosis (TB) diagnosis called c-TB in the country while addressing the 35th board meeting of the Stop TB Partnership through video-conferencing.
- This TB Kit will be cost-effective and provide immense benefit to other high burden countries as well.
- He also announced to launch of a new initiative "Adopt people with TB".
- World TB Day: 24 March

5. PM Modi to participate in Quad Summit in Tokyo

- PM Narendra Modi will participate in the Quad Leaders' Summit in Tokyo held on the 24th of May at the invitation of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.
- The summit will be attended by US President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.
- During this meet, PM Modi will also review the India- Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with Mr Morrison and exchange views on global and regional developments.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1. India overtakes Germany to become 4th largest vehicle market

- According to the Organisation Internationale des Constructeurs d'Automobiles (OICA), India has sold 3,759,398 vehicles in 2021 as compared to 2,973,319 vehicles in Germany. This shows a difference of almost 26%.
- The most number of vehicles were sold in China (sales remained almost stagnant), followed by the US (reported growth of 4%) and Japan (market shrunk compared to both 2020 and 2019.

2. China to host BRICS Foreign Ministers meeting through video conference

- China's State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi has hosted the meeting of the BRICS Ministers of Foreign Affairs on May 19 through video conference.
- The meeting was attended by: S. Jaishankar (India), Naledi Pandor (South Africa), Carlos Alberto Franço França (Brazil) and Sergey Lavrov (Russia).
- India has handed over the BRICS Chairmanship to China from January 2022.
- Theme 2022: Foster High-Quality BRICS Partnership Usher in a New Era for Global Development

NEW APPOINTMENTS AND PERSON IN NEWS

1. Bajaj Finserv's Sanjiv Bajaj takes over as CII president

- Sanjiv Bajaj, chairman and managing director of Bajaj Finserv Limited, has assumed office as the president of CII for 2022-23, the industry body.
- He takes over from T V Narendran, CEO and managing director of Tata Steel Limited.
- Hero MotoCorp Ltd Chairman and CEO Pawan Munjal is the CII President-Designate for 2022-23, whereas TVS Supply Chain Solutions Executive Vice Chairman R Dinesh takes over as CII Vice President.

- Bajaj is an alumnus of the Harvard Business School, US.
- He is a member of the board of Indian School of Business (ISB); Member of the International Advisory Board, Allianz SE and the International Technology Advisory Panel of Monetary Authority of Singapore and Regional.

2. Manik Saha takes oath as Tripura Chief Minister

- Manik Saha (Tripura BJP chief) has become the 12th Chief Minister of Tripura after Biplab Kumar Deb resigned from the post.
- Tripura's governor Satyadev Narayan Arya has administered the oath of office on May 15 at Raj Bhawan in Agartala (Capital city).
- Dr Saha is a dental surgeon by profession and joined BJP in 2016 after quitting Congress.
- Deb had taken oath as the CM of Tripura in 2018, ending the 25-year Communist rule in the state.

3. Nidhi Chibber appointed CBSE chairperson

- Nidhi Chibber has been appointed as the chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education(CBSE).
- She is from 1994 batch IAS officer of Chhattisgarh cadre and currently working as an Additional Secretary in Ministry of Heavy Industries.
- Vivek Kumar Dewangen from a 1993 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre has been named Chairman of REC Ltd. (Ministry of Power).
- S Gopalakrishnan has been appointed as Additional Secretary in Department of Health and Family Welfare

4. Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahayan elected President of UAE

- Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been elected as president of the
- United Arab Emirates after the death of former leader Sheikh Khalifa.
 Sheikh Mohamed was elected by the Federal Supreme Council, becoming the ruler of the oil-rich country which was founded by his father in 1971.
- 5. Pine Labs appoints Vijayalakshmi Swaminathan as Chief People Officer
 - Pine Labs has appointed Vijayalakshmi Swaminathan as the company's new Chief People Officer.
 - Before joining Pine Labs, she worked with Amazon India where she was heading the Human Resources function.
 - She was one of the founding Partners at CoCoon Consulting, a cross-sectoral boutique HR consulting firm.
 - She has also worked with FMCG major Unilever for bolstering the company's employer brand.

6. President Emmanuel Macron names Elisabeth Borne as new French Prime Minister

- President of France, Emmanuel Macron has appointed Elisabeth Borne as the nation's new Prime Minister.
- She becomes the second woman to hold this position after Edith Cresson (1991-1992) under President Francois Mitterrand.
- She joined Macron's centrist party in 2017.
- She is a former Transport, Ecology and Labour minister.
- She has succeeded Jean Castex, who had led the French cabinet since July 2020 and resigned recently.



7. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud elected as new president of Somalia

- The former leader of Somalia, Hassan Sheikh Mohamud has been elected as the new president of the country for four years, after defeating the current president, Mohamed Abdullahi Farmajo.
- Out of 328 MPs, Mohamud has received 214 votes and Farmajo won 110 votes only.
- Hassan Sheikh Mohamud, also served as Somalia's president between 2012 and 2017.

8. Former RBI deputy governor S.S.Mundra appointed as Chairman of BSE

- Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has approved the appointment of former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor SS Mundra (Public Interest Director) as the Chairman of the board of directors of the company.
- He replaced Justice Vikramajit Sen who is the current chairman.
- Mundra was appointed as Public Interest Director at BSE in January 2018.
- He retired as Deputy Governor of the RBI on July 30, 2017, and also served as Chairman and Managing Director of the Bank of Baroda.

9. Naveen Srivastava appointed as new ambassador to Nepal

• Naveen Srivastava, presently working as an additional secretary in the external affairs ministry has been appointed as the next ambassador to Nepal.

- He succeeded Vinay Kwatra, who has recently become the foreign secretary.
- He has played a key role in diplomatic and military talks with China to tackle the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC).
- During the recent visit of PM Modi to Nepal, both countries have signed six agreements to strengthen ties.

10. Dr. Kamal Bawa elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences

- A conservation biologist and President of the Bengaluru-based Ashoka Trust for Research and Ecology and Environment (ATREE), Dr. Kamal Bawa was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.
- Election to the 170-year-old Academy is a recognition of the significant contributions to science by its members.
- Dr. Kamal Bawa is also an elected fellow of the Royal Society (London) and the American Philosophical Society.

11. B Govindarajan appointed as the new CEO Of Royal Enfield

- Eicher Motors Limited (EML), the parent company of Royal Enfield, has appointed B Govindarajan as the motorcycle brand's Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- He had been serving as the Executive Director of Royal Enfield since August 2021 and prior to that, he was the Chief Operating Officer (COO) at the company since 2013.
- He will also serve as a Wholetime Director on the Board of EML.
- He has spent more than 23 years across Royal Enfield and Eicher Motors.

BANKING

1. India tops the World Bank foreign remittance recipient

- India has topped the foreign remittance list by receiving USD 89 billion followed by Mexico at USD 54 billion, and China at USD 53 billion in 2021.
- The officially recorded remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) are expected to increase by 4.2% in 2022 to reach USD 630 billion.
- Bangladesh was the 7th highest recipient of remittance from abroad in 2021.
- Report: Migration and development brief

2. Union Bank launches 'Trade nxt' for export-import transactions

- Union Bank of India (UBI) has launched a digital solution named 'Trade nxt' to enable corporates as well as MSMEs to transact all cross-border export-import transactions.
- This online platform offers absolute entry and processing of letters of credit (LoC), bank guarantees, export and import bills, disbursement of export credit, outward & inward remittances, dealer financing, and much more.

3.Exim Bank provide additional LoC of USD 190 million to the SBM (Mauritius)

- Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) will extend its financial support of USD 190 million to the SBM (Mauritius) Infrastructure Development Company Ltd (SBMIDCL).
- Projects: Metro Express Project and other infrastructure projects in Mauritius
- The credit facility is an additional tranche to the existing Credit of USD 500 million which has been extended to SBMIDCL on the terms and conditions contained in the Dollar Credit Line Agreement dated May 27, 2017.

4. Reliance top-ranked Indian firm on Forbes Global 2000 list

- Reliance Industries has climbed two spots to No. 53 on Forbes' latest Global 2000 list of public companies worldwide, followed by State Bank of India (105), HDFC Bank (153) and ICICI Bank (204).
- Other Indian Firms: ONGC at 228 ranks, HDFC at 268, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) at 357, TCS at 384, Tata Steel at 407 and Axis Bank at 431.
- The Forbes Global 2000 ranks the largest companies in the world on the basis of four metrics: sales, profits, assets and market value.

5. Adani become India's second-biggest cement maker company

- Adani Group has acquired a controlling stake in Swiss-based Holcim AG's cement businesses in India in a \$10.5 billion deal.
- The Group has acquired 63.19% of Ambuja Cements Ltd and its subsidiary ACC in the bidding with companies.
- With this deal, Adani becomes the second biggest cement producer in the country after the Aditya Birla Group-owned UltraTech Cement.
- The divestment of India businesses by Holcim is to reduce its reliance on carbon-intensive cement production.

6. RBI imposes Rs 59 lakh penalty on KEB Hana Bank

• RBI has imposed a penalty of Rs 59 lakh on KEB Hana Bank for non-compliance with certain norms related to the interest rates on deposits.

- The bank has been penalised under the "Reserve Bank of India (Interest Rate on Deposits) Directions, 2016".
- The RBI has conducted a statutory inspection for supervisory evaluation of KEB Hana Bank with reference to its financial position as of March 31, 2020.

7. WPI inflation at record high of 15.08% in April on price rise across all items

- Wholesale price-based inflation has risen to 15.08% in April on rising prices across segments from food to commodities.
- The WPI-based inflation was 14.55% in March 2022 and 10.74% in April 2021.
- Reason: due to the rise in prices of mineral oils, basic metals, crude petroleum & natural gas, food articles, non-food articles, food products etc.
- The WPI inflation has remained double-digit for the 13th consecutive month since April 2021.

8. RBI appoints Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan as executive directors

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Sitikantha Pattanaik and Rajiv Ranjan as executive directors with effect from May 1.
- Ranjan will serve as an ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) while Pattanaik will serve as the Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR).
- Prior to being promoted, Pattanaik was an Adviser in the DEPR and Ranjan served as Adviser-in-Charge of Monetary Policy Department and Secretary to the MPC.

9. PNB MetLife launches India's first dental health insurance plan

- PNB MetLife India Insurance Company has launched a dental health insurance plan.
- A dental health insurance plan is the first insurance plan in India that covers fixed-benefit outpatient expenses and provides financial assistance with costs related to overall dental health.
- PNB MetLife has tied up with more than 340 dental clinics to help customers to manage their dental health.
- PNB MetLife MD & CEO: Ashish Kumar Srivastava

10. PSBs frauds decline by 51% to Rs 40,295 crore

• According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Public sector banks have reported over a 51% dip in the amount involved in frauds to Rs 40,295.25 crore during the financial year ended March 2022.

- The 12 PSBs had reported frauds worth Rs 81,921.54 crore in the preceding fiscal 2020-21.
- But, the number of fraud cases has fallen slightly as a total of 7,940 frauds were reported by the PSBs in 2021-22, against 9,933 incidents reported in FY21.

11. World bank sanctions USD 350 billion to Gujarat' SRESTHA-G project

- The World Bank has approved USD 350 million as financial aid for the Systems Reform Endeavors for Transformed Health Achievement in Gujarat -SRESTHA-G project.
- The project will include transforming key health delivery systems in the state.
- Focus area: Improve the quality, equity, and comprehensiveness of primary healthcare, services for adolescent girls and the capacity of disease surveillance systems.



12. SEBI notifies rules to strengthen the regulatory framework for CIS

- Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has enhanced the net worth criteria and track record requirements with an aim to strengthen the regulatory framework for collective investment schemes.
- The SEBI has mandated a minimum of 20 investors and a subscription amount of at least Rs 20 crore for each Collective Investment Scheme (CIS).
- SEBI has put a cap on cross-shareholding in Collective Investment Management Company (CIMC) to 10% to avoid conflict of interest.

13. C-DOT and Vodafone Idea sign MoU for cooperation in area of IoT/M2M

- Centre for Development of Telematics(C-DOT) has signed an MoU with Vodafone Idea Limited on the occasion of "World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD)".
- Aim: To help both the organizations leverage each other's expertise in their respective domains to develop and deploy IoT/M2M solutions in India.
- C-DOT is a telecom R&D organization under the Ministry of Communications, Government of India.

14. S&P cuts India growth forecast for FY23 to 7.3%

- S&P Global Ratings cut India's GDP projection for the current fiscal to 7.3% from 7.8% on rising inflation and the Russia-Ukraine conflict.
- S&P Global Ratings suggestions: Central banks to raise rates more than what was currently priced in, risking a harder landing which includes a larger hit to output and employment.
- Revised estimates:-
- World Bank: 8%
- International Monetary Fund: 8.2%
- Asian Development Bank: 7.5%
- Reserve Bank of India: 7.2%

15. Nirmala Sitharaman chaired 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB(New Development Bank)

- Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired the 7th Annual Meeting of Board of Governors of NDB through video-conferencing in New Delhi.
- Theme 2022: "NDB: Optimising Development Impact".
- FM Sitharaman has mentioned that India's economic growth in the current financial year has been robust and is estimated to be 8.9%.
- Attended by: Brazil, China, Russia, South Africa and the newly joined members Bangladesh and UAE.

16. GeM signs MoU with SEWA to boost Women-led Enterprises

- Government eMarketplace (GeM) and Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) have signed an MoU for the advocacy, outreach, mobilization and capacity-building of last-mile women-led enterprises.
- The MoU was signed by the Chief Executive Officer of GeM P. K. Singh and Vice-President of SEWA Rehana Riyawala.
- GeM will train SEWA members to assist and enable women-led small enterprises with GeM processes related to seller registration and onboarding on the platform.

17. G7 countries approves to provide financial support to Ukrain

- Group of Seven (G7) countries have agreed to provide financial support to Ukraine to meet its immediate financing needs.
- The US Senate has approved a USD 40 billion package of military, economic and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.
- Christian Lindner (German Finance Minister) has announced a contribution of USD 1.1 billion to Ukraine's budget.
- The European Commission has pledged up to USD 9.5 billion of macrofinancial assistance in the form of loans.

18. RBI directs banks to provide a cardless cash withdrawal facility

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed banks and ATM operators to provide cardless cash withdrawal facilities at all ATMs.
- All banks, automated teller machine (ATM) networks, and White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) may provide the option of ICCW at their ATMs.
- The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has been advised to facilitate Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration with all banks and ATM networks.

SCIENCE TECH & DEFENCE

1. ISRO successfully tests human-rated HS200 solid rocket for Gaganyaan

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully test of the human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for Gaganyaan at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.
- HS200 is part of the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle MkIII (GSLV Mk III) rocket that will carry Indian astronauts to space.
- Stages of GSLV MK III: The first stage is powered by solid fuel, the second by liquid fuel and the third by liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen.

2. Department of Telecommunication Launches "GatiShakti Sanchar" Portal

- Ashwini Vaishnaw (Union Minister for Communications, Electronics & IT and Railways) has launched the "GatiShakti Sanchar" portal (www.sugamsanchar.gov.in) for Centralised Right of Way (RoW) approvals in line with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.
- The portal has been developed keeping in view the vision areas of the National Broadband Mission (NBM).
- NBM was set up by the Department of Telecommunication in 2019.

3.Collaboration between MoRD and Amazon for online marketing of SHG products through MoU Signing and Exchange

- Ministry of Rural Development has signed an MoU with Amazon Seller Services Private Limited at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Aim: To promote products listed by SHGs through the Saheli Storefront.
- With the help of this MoU SHG entrepreneurs under NRLM can be able to offer their products to buyers across India through AmazonSaheli Storefront.
- MoRD will conduct workshops for awareness creation and assist the sellers in listing their products with Amazon.

4. India to host key SCO anti-terror meet

- India will be hosting the meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization's (SCO's)- Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) in New Delhi from May 16th to 19th.
- The Security Advisers of the National Security Councils of India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan participated in the meeting.
- India has taken the chairmanship of the Council of Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure of SCO last year for a period of one year.

5. Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary notified as 52nd Reserve Forest for Wild cats

- Bhupender Yadav (Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change) has announced that Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve in Rajasthan has been notified as the 52nd Reserve of India.
- It will help to conserve biodiversity and bring ecotourism and development to the area.
- The newly notified tiger reserve includes the tiger habitat between Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve.
- Rajasthan Governor: Kalraj Mishra; Chief minister: Ashok Gehlot

6. Rajnath Singh inducts two indigenously built warships into Indian Navy

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched the two frontline warships of the Indian Navy at Mazgaon Docks Limited, Mumbai which will mark a significant milestone in their construction.
- The first ship is Surat, which is the fourth and last of the stealth destroyers under the 'Project 15B' programme.
- The second ship is Udaygiri, part of the 'Project 17A' frigate programme. It is the third ship of Project 17A frigates.

7.DRDO & Indian Navy conduct successful maiden flight-test of indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile off Odisha coast

- Defence Research and Development Organisation and Indian Navy successfully conducted the flight test of the indigenously-developed Naval Anti-Ship Missile.
- The missile was launched from a Naval Helicopter from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur off the coast of Odisha.
- It is the first indigenous air launched anti-ship missile system for the Indian Navy.
- Recently, Rajnath Singh has launched two frontline warships of the Indian Navy: INS Surat and INS Udaygiri.

8. Tesla removed from S&P 500 ESG Index, prompting Musk pushback

- Tesla Inc has been excluded from S&P Dow Jones Indices' widely watched S&P 500 ESG Index, citing issues such as racial discrimination accusations and crashes tied to its autopilot vehicles, a move that provoked a series of angry tweets from Tesla CEO Elon Musk.
- Tesla's lack of disclosed details relating to its low-carbon plan or business behaviour norms were also significant factors, according to Margaret Dorn, the organization's head of ESG indices for North America, in an interview.



9. HANSA-NG Aircraft successfully completed Engine Relight test in Air

- HANSA-NG (flying trainer Aircraft) has successfully completed an inflight engine relight test at DRDO's Aeronautical Test Range (ATR) facility, Challakere, Karnataka.
- The aircraft was designed & Developed by CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL).
- The flight test was carried out at an altitude of 7000-8000 feet with a speed range of 60 to 70 knots by Wg Cdr K V Prakash and Wg Cdr NDS Reddy.

BOOKS AND AWARDS

1. Mamata Banerjee received Special Bangla Academy Award

- Chief Minister of West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee has been awarded the Bangla Academy Award for her "relentless literary pursuit".
- Mamata Banerjee's 'Kabita Bitan' was launched at the 2020 Kolkata Book Fair.
- The book contains 946 poems written by the TMC supremo.
- Mamta Banerjee was given the award at the "Ravi Pranam" function organised by the government's information and culture department on the occasion of Rabindranath Tagore's birth anniversary.

2. Drake wins Billboard Music Awards 2022 in Top Artist category

- Drake has won the Billboard Music Awards 2022 in the top artist, male artist, rap artist, rap male artist and rap album (for Certified Lover Boy) category.
- BTS has also won three awards in the Top Duo/Group, Top Selling Song, and Top Song Sales Artist categories.
- Top New Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- **Top Female Artist:** Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Billboard 200 Artist: Taylor Swift
- Top Radio Songs Artist: Olivia Rodrigo
- Top Billboard Global 2022 Artist (New): Olivia Rodrigo

3. Cecile Ndjebet wins 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions' Award

- Cameroon activist, Cécile Ndjebet has received the 2022 Wangari Maathai Forest Champions Award in recognition of her contribution to preserving forests and improving the lives of people who depend on them.
- The award has been presented by the Collaborative Partnership on Forests (CPF), which is chaired by the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- This award was established in 2012 in memory of Kenyan environmentalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai.

SPORTS

1. India beats Indonesia 3-0 to win maiden Thomas Cup title

- Brimming with confidence, India took on 14-time winners Indonesia in the final of the Thomas Cup in Bangkok on May 15, 2022 and lifted the title defeating the defending champions by 3-0.
- Lakshya Sen opened the campaign for India and won the match against Anthony Sinsuka Ginting 8-21, 21-17, 21-16. With Sen's win India was leading against Indonesia by 1-0.
- In the second match, Satwik and Chirag took on Indonesian pair of Ahsan and Sukamuljo. Like the earlier match, the pair lost the first set but came back strongly to defeat the Indonesian pair by 18-21, 23-21, 21-19.
- In the third game, K. Srikanth thrashed Jonathan Christie in straight sets to bring glory for India. Srikanth fought hard to beat Christie in the third match to win 21-15, 23-21.

2. Sift Kaur Samra clinched Gold at ISSF Junior World Cup in Germany

• India's Sift Kaur Samra won the individual women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) like Prone, the Standing and the Kneeling positions, event to take India's gold medal tally to 10 at the ISSF Junior World Cup 2022 in Suhl, Germany.

- She beat Julie Johannessen (Norway) by 17-9 in the final.
- India's Ashi Chouksey has also won bronze in the same event.
- Presently, India leads the tally with 25 medals which include 10 gold, 12 silver and 3 bronze.

3. India won eight gold in the 2021 Deaflympics

- India has won 16 medals (including eight golds, one silver and seven bronze) at the Deaflympics 2021 in Caxias do Sul, Brazil.
- India has finished in the ninth position in the medal tally.
- India won three gold in shooting, three in Badminton, and each in Golf and Tennis.
- **Shooting**: Dhanush Srikanth, Abhinav Deshwal, Dhanush Srikanth/Priyesha Deshmukh, Shourya Saini, Vedika Sharma
- Badminton: Jerlin Jayaratchagan, Abhinav Sharma
- Tennis: Prithvi Sekhar/Dhananjay Dubey

4. Eintracht Frankfurt beat Rangers to win UEFA Europa League

- Eintracht Frankfurt (German club) has won their first European trophy in 42 years after defeating the Rangers by 5-4 on penalties in Seville, Spain.
- Goalkeeper, Kevin Trapp has saved at the end of extra time and another in the shootout to help give Frankfurt the 5-4 win on penalties.
- Rangers (Scottish club) was also trying to win its first European title since the Cup Winners' Cup in 1972.
- Man of the Match: Kevin Trapp (Eintracht Frankfurt)

5. Nikhat Zareen wins gold at Women's World Boxing Championships

- Indian boxer Nikhat Zareen won the gold medal in 52kg (Category) after defeating Thailand's Jitpong Jutamas at the 2022 IBA Women's World Boxing Championships, Istanbul.
- Nikhat became the fifth Indian woman to secure a gold medal at the World Boxing Championships after Mary Kom, Sarita Devi, Jenny RL, and Lekha KC.
- It was also India's first gold medal since boxing great Mary Kom won it in 2018.
- **Bronze winners:** Manisha Moun (57 kg), Parveen Hooda (63 kg).

OBITUARIES

1. UAE President Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan passed away

• The United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al-Nahyan died aged 73 after battling illness for several years.

- He took over as the UAE's second president in November 2004 after his father as the 16th ruler of Abu Dhabi.
- He also rescued Dubai when it was hit by the global financial crisis in 2009.
- The UAE ministry has announced 40 days of mourning, with flags and work suspended in the public and private sectors for the first three days.

2. Former Australian cricketer Andrew Symonds dies

- Former Australia cricketer and two-time World Cup winner Andrew Symonds died in a car crash at 46.
- He made his first-debut for Queensland in 1994-95 season.
- He was a right-handed batter, who was known for scoring runs at a quick pace and has a career strike rate of 92.44 in 198 ODI matches.
- He was a part of the Ricky Ponting-led side that won the ICC Men's World Cup in 2003 and 2007.
- He has played IPL for Deccan Chargers and Mumbai Indians.

IMPORATNT DAYS

1. International Day Of Families 2022: May 15

- Every year, on May 15, the world celebrates the International Day of Families. The main goal of the day is to raise awareness about issues that families face and to increase understanding about all the other factors that influence a family as a whole.
- The day also takes into account the economic, demographic, and social dynamics that affect families in multiple ways.
- The United Nations, which leads the International Day of Families celebrations, has chosen "Families and Urbanisation" as the theme for 2022. The objective is to raise awareness about the importance of family-friendly, sustainable urban policies.

2. Vesak Day or Buddha Purnima 2022 celebrates on 16 May 2022

- This year Vesak Day or Buddha Purnima has celebrated on 16 May 2022. "Vesak", the Day of the Full Moon in the month of May, is the most sacred day to millions of Buddhists around the world. It was on the Day of Vesak two and a half millennia ago, in the year 623 B.C., that the Gautama Buddha was born. It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment, and it was on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha in his eightieth year passed away.
- The birth of Gautama Buddha is commemorated by Buddhists and Hindus all over the world as the major festival of Buddha Purnima in countries like India, Nepal, Bhutan, Burma, Thailand, Tibet, China, Korea, Laos,

Vietnam, Mongolia, Cambodia, Singapore, Indonesia and Sri Lanka (where it is called Vesak) but every country celebrates it differently.

3. World Hypertension Day 2022: May 17

- World Hypertension Day is observed on May 17 every year to raise awareness about the symptoms of hypertension.
- The theme of WHD for 2022 is Measure Your Blood Pressure Accurately, Control It, Live Longer.
- Hypertension or high blood pressure occurs when the blood pressure rises to an unhealthy level of 140/90.
- Hypertension is a major cause of cardiovascular disease and premature death worldwide.
- World Hypertension Day was first observed in May 2005.

4. International Museum Day 2022: 18 May

- International Museum Day is observed annually on May 18, it is coordinated by the International Council of Museums.
- The 2022 theme of International Museum Day is "Power of Museums".
- The International Council of Museums has been organizing International Museum Day every year since 1977 for the museum community.

The National Gallery of Modern Art has also organised special activities and programs to mark the celebration of Museum Day from May 16-20.

5. World Bee Day: 20 May

- World Bee Day is observed annually on May 20 across the world with an aim to recognise the importance of bees and other pollinators in the ecosystem.
- The theme 2022: "Bee Engaged: Celebrating the diversity of bees and beekeeping systems".
- The United Nations mark May 20 as World Bee Day to celebrate the birth anniversary of beekeeping pioneer Anton Jansa.

• The Government of Slovenia has proposed the idea of celebrating May 20 as World Bee Day in 2016.



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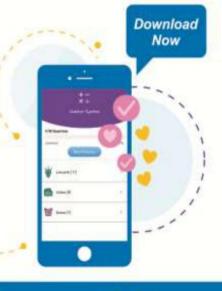








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